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Again We Say:

WE MUST CHOOSE!

The world must choose—and soon—between the man with the gun and the Man with the Cross. America has that choice. You have it. I have it.

No matter what Russia does, we have the choice of going to war or living at peace. If we go the human way, the world’s way, the way we’re going now—we will go to war. If we go Christ’s Way, we can be at peace.

We always have the choice, no matter what others may do, of following the ways of the world or following Christ.
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"If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

GUEST EDITORIAL

LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

Honorable Harry S. Truman,
President of the United States,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

Greetings in the name of His Divine Majesty, Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

As an accredited minister of His Divine Majesty, I present to you at His command, the following protests and proposals in behalf of all the citizens of the Eternal Kingdom of God, now resident within the boundaries of the United States of America, who are being presently tormented mentally, spiritually and physically by the varied abnormal world conditions stemming from the foreign policy of the United States.

I am authorized to inform your Excellency that the foreign policy of the government of the United States of America, insofar as it is attempting to impose upon other sovereign states by threat of force and carnal methods of warfare its concept of democracy and freedom, is an abomination in the sight of His Divine Majesty Jesus Christ. At no point in the revealed will of the Prince of Peace can there be found the slightest justification for those procedures which the government of the United States has adopted in its attempt to impose upon the world its peculiar formula for peace.

It is the stated principle of His Divine Majesty’s expressed will concerning armed conflict that

"ALL THEY THAT TAKE THE SWORD SHALL PERISH BY THE SWORD."

—and that stated principle applies equally to individuals, nations, and confederations of nations.

The government of the United States of America has repeatedly and deliberately violated His Majesty’s divine law of peace and love. That law, enunciated by His Majesty when He was here in the flesh, is found in three simple words, viz:

"LOVE YOUR ENEMIES."

That law His Divine Majesty has never repealed, rescinded or revised. Neither has He repealed or annulled the direct command from Sinai, namely:

"THOU SHALT NOT KILL."

His Divine Majesty has also on record this command, viz:

"FOLLOW PEACE WITH ALL MEN."

The foreign policy of the United States of America directly and flagrantly violates all these divine laws as well as numerous other commands and injunctions amplifying and supporting them.

Since the United States of America professes to be a Christian nation, His Divine Majesty is concerned for the glaring discrepancy between the country’s profession and its practices. A nation professing to be Christian should certainly adhere to the principles and obey the laws of Christ, unless that nation is so shameless, in its brazen hypocrisy as to care nothing for the opinion of its neighbors. The lip-service of most so-called Christian nations to the laws of Christ is in no small measure responsible for the sweeping successes of godless Communist doctrine. Therefore, His Divine Majesty is moving upon the government to demand of the people of the United States of America that they align their practices with His principles and laws or relinquish their claim to the Christian title.

It is also the earnest desire of His Divine Majesty that you, as the chief magistrate of the United States come to a complete realization of the utter folly of attempting to bring peace to the world by force of arms. Peace will come to the people of the world ONLY by adopting and adhering to His Majesty’s Divine laws as they have been revealed and are recorded in the Bible. Conversely be sure of this:

"NO CONFEDERATION OF NATIONS, AND NO LEGISLATION SUCH A CONFEDERATION MAY ENACT, AND NO AMOUNT OF FORCE SUCH A CONFEDERATION MAY ASSEMBLE TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE ITS DECREES WILL EVER BRING PEACE TO THE EARTH."

The infallible truth of the foregoing declaration has been amply demonstrated throughout the course of recorded history, and your Excellency well knows the details of the most recent proofs accorded the world in the failure of the League of Nations and the Briand-Kellogg Peace Pact to accomplish their stated purposes. And it is being presently proved in your own experience by the current failure of the United Nations to impose its concept of peace upon the nations of the world.

Therefore, I am instructed to inform you that ONLY when men forsake their sins, believe the gospel of His Divine Majesty Jesus Christ and are converted by that belief, and unreservedly follow Him and abide by His commandments, will peace come to deceived and strife-torn nations of this world. THIS IS THE ONLY FORMULA THAT WILL PRODUCE PEACE. For it is written in the Divine Record:

"THERE IS NO PEACE, SAITH THE LORD, TO THE WICKED."

I am instructed to call to your mind that which your Excellency already knows, namely, that the United States of America was one of the principals in the series of conferences which dismembered the nation of Korea, and gave the northern half of that country into the jurisdiction of the godless Communists. That base betrayal of a helpless nation is a revealing example of what is being presently proved in your own experience by the current failure of the United Nations to impose its concept of peace upon the nations of the world.

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citizens would not be surprised if the Communists popped up in Kansas City, or Anchorage, or Fort Worth, any day now, with a million men, tanks, and jet planes to take over. Press and pulpits and radio have lost themselves to this ridiculous deception in the interests of patriotism. Even the public schools are being invaded by the fear-mongers, who are alarming six and seven-year old children with the suggestion that they might be killed with atomic bombs. But no one is telling the people of the United States these simple truths:

1. Nations are conquered and subjugated ONLY by armies of men on the ground.

2. Communist naval forces are so insignificant and obsolete that they could not convey one troopship across the Pacific or Atlantic to the shores of the United States in event of war.

3. The Communists haven't enough transports to embark three infantry divisions for an expedition to the shores of the United States.

4. The Communist merchant marine which would have to supply a Communist expeditionary force, is the same size as the insignificant merchant marine of the Republic of Panama.

5. Lacking the ships needed to transport an army overseas, and to supply it if it ever got here, and lacking the naval power required to convey the transports and supply ships if they had them, the Communists cannot now, nor any time within the next 50 years, land an army on the shores of the United States.

6. Until the year 1950 Russian naval forces were so insignificant that the country did not even have a separate and distinct governmental agency to administer her naval affairs. But in 1950 Russia created a governmental agency which she now calls the Ministry of the Navy.

Your Excellency is fully cognizant of the truth of the foregoing statements. Your admirals and joint chiefs of staff will not challenge them. They know, and you know that the Communists couldn't land an expeditionary force on the shores of the United States. You know, and all your military and naval advisors know, and His Divine Majesty knows, that the United States of America is not now, nor is it at any time in the foreseeable future, threatened with a Communist invasion. And it is the present will of His Divine Majesty that the people of the United States shall know this with the same certainty that you know it.

To further expose the fallacy of the propaganda which would dupe the people of the United States into the belief that their country is in imminent danger from a foreign foe, His Divine Majesty cites your excellency to the fact that the combined military and naval forces of the United Nations have been striving for 18 months to take and subjugate North Korea, a weak, underprivileged half-of-a-nation, with a total ground area less than that of the state of Pennsylvania. The net result to date is a stalemate, with only a few square miles of North Korean territory wrested from its defenders. This has cost the United States a staggering sum in blood and treasure. Admitting that China has supplied the manpower and Russia has furnished the equipment to balk the United Nations forces, the fact remains that the mightiest naval power on earth has not been able to deliver on his ground an army capable of conquering Korea. Who, then, would be so stupid as to believe that the Communists, without a navy, without transports, without a merchant marine, AND WITHOUT GOD, can pose a threat to the peace and freedom of the United States?

It is now my pleasure, Mr. President, to submit in the name of His Divine Majesty Jesus Christ, the following proposals, drawn in harmony with the revealed will of God, to realign the government and the people of the United States of America with those Christian principles and divine laws which alone are capable of abolishing war and ushering in the millennium of peace.

PEACE PROPOSALS OF HIS DIVINE MAJESTY JESUS CHRIST FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Since the people of the United States of America are commonly called Christians, and they publicly profess a desire to have peace established throughout the whole world, and especially evince a willingness to be at peace with all men, and they are presently engaged in the most stupendous war-effort any nation has ever attempted in recorded history, and millions of their choicest youth are being brutalized by indoctrination in the techniques of mass murder, and the people as a whole are powerless to oppose the militaristic program of a government hopelessly enmeshed in the spirit of anti-christ, His Divine Majesty Jesus Christ, in mercy and loving kindness, presents the following 10 proposals to deliver the people of the United States from the snare into which they have fallen, and to set their feet upon the road to that peace which shall never end.

Therefore, let all the honest-hearted people of the United States, who desire peace at home and abroad, unequivocally accept and put into practice the following 10 proposals:

1. Repent and believe the gospel, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

2. Turn to Jesus Christ, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and make His laws and commands your first consideration, and prove your sincerity in this turning to God by severing at once all ties with the abominable confederation called the United Nations, for the Lord has commanded that Christians "be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath unrighteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel."

3. Demand of the government that it recall all the armed forces of the United States from every country where they are now stationed and deployed, and demobilize 60 per cent of them as soon as they arrive home, releasing first all those who desire to sever their connection with the military.

4. Demand of Congress the enactment of a law exiling all Communists and all advocates of totalitarian principles and doctrines.

5. Demand of the government that it immediately employ every available means and resource in the construction of coastal and border defenses, including a radar screen integrated with an anti-aircraft defense that will make the boundaries of the United States so impregnable and invulnerable that no foe or combination of foes will be able to penetrate those defenses by land, sea, or air.

6. Demand of the Congress that it re-enact the Neutrality law of 1939, and demand that the government make that law the cornerstone of the country's foreign policy.

7. Renounce war forever by constitutional amendment, and demand legislation restricting all military service to the defense of the continental boundaries of the United States, and placing all military service on a voluntary basis.

8. Require the government of the United States to relinquish sovereignty over all territorial possessions outside the realm of continental defense.

9. Require the Congress to withdraw by specific legislation all federal protection from nationals who place their person and/or business beyond the continental limits of the United States.

10. Demand the enactment of legislation enabling adjacent nations to enter the union as states when the electorate of such nations officially express themselves in a plebescite wherein two-thirds of the qualified voters ratify the proposed entry of their country into the union.

With boldness and confidence I present the foregoing proposals at the command of His Divine Majesty, assuring you that they are a sure means of delivering the United States of America from the doom presently overtaking all nations now pursuing the chimera of world dominion through the man of sin, whether he be the dictator of a single great nation or the supreme head of a confederation of nations.

Thanking you for an immediate and thorough examination of these proposals with a view toward their speedy espousal on your part, I am,

A. R. Ganoe
Ambassador of His Divine Majesty JESUS CHRIST
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

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Radio Message given on Words of Life Program over KNOW, Austin, Sunday, June 2, 1952, 4:15 P.M.

Good evening, friends: I have some wonderfully good news for you today about the Holy Bible. The Gospel is rightly called Good News. But the best news of all about the Word of God is that it is true—all true, and always true, yesterday, today and forever.

Did you know that when the Word of God says that "whosoever will may come"—come to Jesus and receive forgiveness, have his sins washed away in the blood of the Lamb, become a new man—that it means exactly that; that you will be literally a new man?

Did you know that when James says, "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him," (James 5: 14-15) that is true, literally true, today, for you and me?

Did you know that when Paul says in Philippians 4: 19, "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus," that He will supply your every need if you ask and trust Him for it?

Did you know that when God says in Isaiah 30: 21, "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left," that He meant exactly what he says; that you can come to Jesus and find out what you should do about your particular problem, about your vacation, your business, your eating, your Christian service, your life?

Did you know that when Peter said on the day of Pentecost, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call," (Acts 2: 38-39) that this promise of His blessed Gift—the empowering Holy Ghost—is for you and me, now, today?

Did you know that when Paul said in Romans 8: 37, "In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us," that he literally meant that you can have the victory over your temptations and defeats, your weakness and your fears; and live the life of an overcomer—live as a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, here and now?

My friends, don't let anyone tell you these promises are not true, that they are not for you—if you really want them. They are promised you in God's eternal Word. Thousands, today, are living witnesses that these promises are true, that His Word is true, today, as always.

Thousands today are finding forgiveness for their sins and peace for their souls in the mighty campaigns of Billy Graham and others.

Thousands, today, are learning that God is a God of love, and that He does hear and answer prayer, under the teachings of Glenn Clark, Rufus Moseley, and many others.

Thousands today are witnesses to the victorious power of the Holy Ghost that has delivered them from bondage to liquor, tobacco and other devilish habits.

And thousands, today, are living testimonies to the promise of Jesus, "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence... (and) ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me." (Acts 1: 5, 8)

Friends, don't let anyone tell you that these things passed away with the Apostles and the first century. Jesus Christ is the same, "yesterday, and today, and forever." (Hebrews 13: 8) His Word is as true today as when it was written by His inspired prophets. It will be true a thousand years from now, and ten thousand years, and forever. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Word shall not pass away." (Matt. 24: 35)

This Word of God is for you. These promises are yours. What is your trouble? Is it sickness, want, sin, weakness? He has the answer. He has Victory for YOU!

How can you get it? How receive these things you need? "Only Believe." (Mark 5: 36) "Ask, seek, knock" (Matt. 7: 7), but most of all—Believe. Jesus said, "According to your faith be it unto you." (Matt. 9: 29) He said:

"Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea: and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that these things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." (Mark 11: 22-24)

But perhaps you say, "Yes, I know some folks receive these things: healing, supply of every need, guidance, the Holy Ghost; but I just don't have the faith."

What is Faith? Faith is simply believing that God told the Truth when He wrote His Word. Faith is believing that God doesn't lie. Faith is believing that God can be trusted to keep His Word.

Or perhaps you say, "But I'm not good enough for Him to answer my prayer, to heal me, to fill me with His Holy Spirit."

Friends, you are not healed or filled because you are good enough, no one is good enough; but because God is good enough and because we are in such need. You are given these things because you believe Him;

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Soon thereafter Agrippa, King of a small district east of the Jordan river, with his sister Bernice, arrived at Caesarea and visited with Festus. Festus was not entirely clear about the charges laid against Paul by the Jews. He knew that it concerned their religion and that Agrippa was more familiar then was he with Jewish beliefs. He therefore recounted the story of Paul and the charges made by the Jews and of Paul's appeal to Rome, and to his royal visitor.

Agrippa was quite familiar with the Jews and their religion. He was the son of Herod who had tried to suppress this very sect by killing the Apostle James and imprisoning Peter, only to have the latter mysteriously disappear in the night. He was a nephew of the Herod who had caused the be-heading of John the Baptist, and who had mocked Jesus before His crucifixion. He was the great-grandson of the Herod who had sought to kill Jesus as a baby in Bethlehem. It was natural that Agrippa was curious about Paul and his religion and he expressed a desire to hear him. Festus promised an opportunity on the morrow.

The next day, in honor of King Agrippa and Bernice, Festus arranged a gathering of the army officers and the leading citizens of the town and ordered Paul to be brought in. The hearing was quite formal and ceremonial, suited to so distinguished a company.

Festus briefly stated the reason for this hearing. Paul had been accused by a multitude of Jews of being unworthy to live, but upon the trial the charges had not been proven. Paul had then appealed to the Roman Emperor and Festus had determined to send him to Rome but had no indictment to send with him. He had therefore ordered this hearing before Agrippa that after examination of Paul he would have some charge to send with the prisoner.

King Agrippa gave Paul permission to speak. This Paul was glad to do. At last he stood before one in authority who was familiar with his people and their religion, someone who might understand. He held up his hand for silence and began:

"I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews; especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.

"My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews: which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee. And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers: unto which promise our twelve tribes instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, King Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.

"Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you that God should raise the dead? I verily thought with myself that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which thing also did I in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them. And I persecuted them, and I sold them, and I gave my voice to their death. And to this day I am the servant of my people's God, serving them and their God, and do as the vision of the Almighty, which was to me in the vision of the sun, shining about me and them which journeyed with me. And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And I said Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. But rise and stand upon thy feet; for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in which I will appear unto thee, delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."

"Whereupon, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: but shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance. For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me.

A frank attempt to learn from Paul how Christians should face the problems of today,
“Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come: That Christ should suffer, and that he should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.”

At this point Festus interrupted and with a loud voice said, “Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad!”

Paul resumed: “I am not mad most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness. For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely; for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.” The king replied, “Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.”

Paul concluded his address: “I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.”

King Agrippa, Bernice, Festus and the others on the judgment seat dried aside for a consultation and agreed that Paul was not guilty. Agrippa then gave his opinion to Festus, “This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Caesar.”

Paul had made a decision that was to change all world history to follow. To win freedom or win Rome? He had chosen Rome and as a result of his preaching there the Roman Empire became a Christian Empire.

CHAPTER SIX

PAUL AT ROME

(Acts 27:1 — 28:31)

Paul, together with some other prisoners was turned over to the centurion Julius for delivery to Caesar’s court at Rome. The party sailed north to Myra in the province of Lycia and there transferred to a vessel which was leaving for Italy. The winds were against them and the ship made slow progress. Coming to the island of Crete they waited for more favorable sailing conditions. The winter season drew near, when sailing was dangerous and Paul warned them not to go on. “Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.”

But the centurion took the advice of the captain and owner of the ship rather than of his prisoner, and because the harbor there was not a good place in which to winter, they determined to try to reach Phenice, a little further west. Deceived by a soft south wind they set sail, but soon a tempest beat down upon them from the north east and they were driven into the open sea. The crew undergirded the ship, struck sail and let the ship drive with the wind. The storm grew worse the next day and part of the freight was thrown overboard in order to lighten the laboring vessel. The third day more lightening was necessary and the prisoners helped cast overboard the ship’s tackles.

The storm raged unabated for many days; days and nights of darkness, when they saw neither sun nor stars. They were powerless to reckon their course and lost hope of surviving the storm. But Paul had not been idle. He had been fasting and praying, and his prayers were not in vain. After long abstinence he stood up and said, “Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss. And now I exhort you to be of god cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man’s life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying, Fear not, great roads the Romans built
That man might meet,
And walls to keep strong men:
Apart, secure.

Now centuries are gone
And in defeat
The walls have fallen,
But the roads endure.
— Ethelyn Hartwick

Paul: thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore sirs, be of good cheer for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me. Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island.”

After two weeks in the storm, about midnight the sailors realized they were approaching some shore. Soundings confirmed their fears and they cast four anchors out of the stern of the ship to prevent them being driven upon a rocky coast. The sailors, pretending to let down an anchor from the foreshore, were lowering a boat in which they intended to desert the ship, when Paul saw their purpose and warned the centurion, “Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved.” The soldiers thereupon cut the ropes and let the boat fall into the sea, thus keeping the seamen aboard ship.

While they waited for daybreak, Paul urged all on board to eat something, “this day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing. Wherefore I pray you to take some meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you.” Then he took bread, gave thanks to God in the presence of Roman soldiers, fellow prisoners and pagan seamen, and began to eat. The ship’s company were cheered by Paul’s assurance and the 276 persons on board all ate something. After eating they cast out the rest of the ship’s load of wheat into the sea to further lighten the ship, no doubt by now leaking badly. When daylight came they faced a strange island but saw the opening of a creek and a shore upon which they decided to try to beach the ship. The anchors were taken up, rudders loosed, mainsail hoisted, and the ship steered towards the beach. But the ship ran aground before reaching shore and was broken in two by the waves. The soldiers desired to kill all the prisoners lest they swim out and escape, but the centurion, wishing to save Paul’s life, stopped them and commanded that those who could swim should strike for shore while the rest came in holding to planks from the broken ship. All landed safely on the island of Melita.

The natives of the island received the shipwrecked company kindly and built a fire to warm and dry this be-drugged group. Paul was not above helping in a common task and he gathered a bunch of sticks and threw them on the fire. A poisonous viper fastened itself to his hand but Paul shooed it off into the fire and felt no pain, a direct fulfillment of the Master’s promise to His disciples, “They shall take up serpents and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them.” (Mark 16:18)

When the natives saw the beast bite Paul they thought that he no doubt was a murderer and though he had escaped death at sea, was now reaping the vengeance of the gods to lose his life by this poisonous viper. But when they watched and waited in vain for Paul to swell up or to fall dead from the poison, they changed their minds and decided he was a god. The chief man of the island, Publius, lived nearby and he took part of the stranded company and lodged them for three days. His father was quite sick and Paul prayed and laid his hands on the sick man and he was healed. This caused the other islanders to bring their sick to Paul and they were all cured. As a result Paul and his companions were highly honored and presented with many gifts for their voyage when they departed.

With the coming of spring Julius loaded his prisoners on a ship that had wintered at Melita and soon thereafter delivered them safely at Rome. As a result of Paul’s demeanor on the journey, of his fasting and prayer and advice, which had undoubtedly saved the entire ship’s company from death and of his life having in turn been spared because of the centurion, of his activities on the island, Paul came to Rome a strange prisoner indeed. He came, pronounced innocent by Festus and Agrippa, highly recommended by his guarding officer and high in the esteem of his travelling companions. This no doubt was the reason Paul was given the comparative freedom of living
his own private house with but a single Roman guard in attendance.

Paul soon called a meeting of the leading Jews of the city and explained to them the circumstances of his imprisonment and of his appeal to Caesar. They expressed a desire to hear more about the Way that he taught and a day was set for an all day meeting. On this day many Jews came to his house and Paul preached to them that Jesus was the Christ and the fulfillment of the law and the prophets.

The Jews did not agree on these teachings and before they left him Paul had this final word:

"Weßpake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it."

Paul remained for two years in his rented house and taught all who came to see him, "Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him."

At last Paul was preaching the gospel at the capital of the Roman Empire. His dream had been realized though hardly as he had anticipated. But as he afterwards wrote to his friends at Philippi, his imprisonment had helped rather than hindered the gospel. (Phil. 1:12-14)

Guarded safely, he was for the time being in no bodily danger. Guards, slaves, visitors, some even of Caesar’s household came to hear this strange prisoner and went away knowing Christ. Like his Master Paul laid down his life a ransom for many. Though he spent many years of his life in prison he set thousands free. He proved the saying of the Christ whom he followed, "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." (Matt. 16:25)

Though Paul came to Rome a prisoner rather than a prince, in chains instead of a chariot, he conquered Rome for Christ more surely than had the Roman Legions conquered it for Caesar.

Here the curtain falls on the life of Paul the Defendant. Court is adjourned, with no decision rendered in his case.

Why?

(Continued Next Month)
The Law Of Love

Radio message given on Words of Life Program over KNOW, Austin, Texas, Sunday, June 8, 1952, 4:15 P.M.

Good evening, friends. Today, I want to bring you a message from God's Eternal Word. Turn with me to the fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel. This is the beginning of Christ's Sermon on the Mount, the greatest Sermon ever preached in all the earth.

Twice in Man's history has God come down upon a mountain to give His Words of Life, His divine Law, to man. Once on Mount Sinai God came down in clouds and smoke and called His servant Moses up there to talk to Him. There He gave man the Ten Commandments and the Law of Moses. The laws that ruled the lives of God's people for fifteen centuries and still are the foundation stones upon which nations and governments are build, including our own.

Then, when the laws of Moses were no longer good enough, and when man was thought ready for something better, God came down from Heaven to another mountain in the person of His Son Jesus. And gave man a higher law by which to live—the Law of Love—which is called the Sermon on the Mount, and from that day to the Law of Love—which is called the Sermon on the Mount, and from that day to the Law of Love—which is called the Sermon on the Mount, and from that day to this God has commanded all who believe in Jesus Christ to rise above the law of Moses, and to live by the perfect law of Love, as set forth by Jesus in this wonderful Sermon.

Our lips are not worthy to repeat these words which came from the pure lips of the Son of God. So, we ask your prayers and God's grace as we bring you Christ's Sermon on the Mount, and from that day to the Law of Love—which is called the Sermon on the Mount, and from that day to the Law of Love—which is called the Sermon on the Mount, and from that day to this God has commanded all who believe in Jesus Christ to rise above the law of Moses, and to live by the perfect law of Love, as set forth by Jesus in this wonderful Sermon.

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that would borry of thee, turn not thou away.

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye might be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."  

Thus did Jesus speak in the first part of His Sermon on the Mountain as recorded in the fifth chapter of Matthew. The sixth and seventh chapters give the remainder of this great sermon. But we have read enough to indicate that, if taken literally and seriously by devoted followers of Jesus, this new code of Christian behaviour, this higher law of love, would be like a charge of dynamite or an atom bomb in our churches, our community, our nation, our world, our moral standards and our behaviour.

This is the most revolutionary and radical standard of living ever uttered. It is utterly the opposite of what most church people believe or do. Think of it: The meek shall inherit the earth—not the strong! Think of it: Rejoice when men persecute you, instead of feeling sad about it! Think of it: When you call someone a fool, you are in danger of hell fire! Think of it: Adultery can be committed in heart as well as in the body! Think of it: Whoever divorces his wife, except for the sin of fornication, or whoever marries a divorced person commits adultery! Think of it: Rejoice when men praise you, rather than weep when wronged! Think of it: “Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them which despitely use you and persecute you”.

What does this do to our codes of moral behaviour, our divorce courts, our law courts, our foreign policy, our armies and navies and atom bombs? What, if taken seriously and obeyed literally, would these commands of Jesus do to your life, your Christian witness, your treatment of others? In 1936, Franklin D. Roosevelt wrote these words in a letter to an international church convention: “The one solution to the problems that face a distraught world, is the return, by nations as well as individuals, to the principles of Christianity as summed up in the Sermon on the Mount.” Roosevelt was not always right, nor did he always speak or act in line with Jesus; but here he was right, he said what Jesus said, what Jesus died that men might know. Jesus said, “I have not spoken of myself, but the Father which sent me, he gave because you take Him at His Word; because you Trust Him to do what He said He would do; because you step out on His promises—Standing on His Promises you Trust and Obey.

But you say, “Preacher, tell me how to get Faith. I’ve prayed for it but I don’t have the kind of Faith that brings results.”

You don’t get Faith so much by praying for it. Paul says, “Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10: 17) Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Read the Word of God, read His promises; read it morning, noon and night; read it more than you read the newspaper or those cheap magazines you have your house filled with. And go where you hear the Word of God preached, the Word of Faith preached. Quit listening to those who would leave you in your chains of sickness, sorrow and defeat.

Hear the Word of God preached in Faith. Hear the testimony of those who have experienced healing at God’s mighty hand, who have heard God’s guiding voice, who have enjoyed God’s providing bounty as He cares for them like He feeds the birds of the air and clothes the grass of the field. Go where you can hear the Word of God preached and testified to by those who have experienced the blessed Baptism of the Holy Ghost that Jesus and Peter promised and that the early Christians experienced.

These things are true! They are for you! If you really want them enough to turn from the world and its ways and ask, seek, knock. When you are ready to believe God’s Word instead of the words of men.

me a commandment, what I should say and what I should speak.” (John 12: 49)

This Sermon, of which I have repeated a part for you today, is God’s will for men. It is His commandment to you, if you would be a Christian. It is His command to the Church if it would be His Church. It is His command to America if America would survive. Otherwise, we will perish as all disobedient, rebellious men and nations have been destroyed.

How does your life measure up to the standards set forth in Christ’s Sermon? Do you believe His commands? Are you making an earnest effort, by His grace, to follow His mountain top way?

And, now, let us pray: “Our Father, we are grateful that you so wanted us to know your Way that you came down to earth and spoke to us the eternal Words of God through the lips of your Son. Help us to hear and heed; to believe and obey them. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.”

Folks, this thing works. It is working in the lives of thousands today; it will work in your life if you will let it. If you really want it; if you learn to believe.

Today, there is a great hunger in the hearts of men and women for the reality of Christianity; a hunger to see the Word of God live today, in them! That’s why they are flocking to hear anyone who seems to have this reality. They are fed up with sterile, dead, theoretical church worship. They want life—abundant, triumphant, life. You can have it, with Jesus living in you!

That is the purpose of the House of Prayer, of the Texas Herald, of this Words of Life radio program; to tell you the good news: that God is a good God, that He tells the Truth, that His Word can be believed and trusted.

That is the kind of speakers we invite to the House of Prayer: men who have experienced these things in their own lives; men to whom Christianity is not a theory or a set of good principles, but to whom Christianity is alive and real—because Christ is alive and real, in them!

And now let us pray: “Heavenly Father, forgive us for having made Christianity merely a religion instead of a reality. May Jesus come into our lives, not as a dead teacher, but as a living Christ. Help the people to believe your Holy Word. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Heaven’s Reversa

Oh, Lawd in Heaben, ah is tired
Of scrubbin’ white folks’ floors;
Uh waitin’ on ‘em han’ an’ foot;
Ob goin’ in back doors.

Ah’s tired rub eatin’ chicken wings,
When dey all get de breast;
An’ washin’ dishes; cleanin’ house,
When dey lies down to rest.

Ah wonders up in Heaben, Lawd,
If yo’ won’t change up things,
An’ let us eat de white meat while
Dey git de feet and wings.

Ah wonder if de white fokes
Up in Heaben won’t be black;
An maybe when we goes in frough
De front, de’ll use de back.

An’ while we’s feastin’ it would help
If dey washed pots an’ pans;
And if you didn’t hyar when dey
Complained rub dish pan hands.

Ub course, ah knows you’ll had a plan,
Oh, Lawd, for white an’ black;
But ah think this one’s purey good;
Jes’ use it if yo’ lak.

—Geneva Andrews
CHRIST
AND THE HEADLINES

An earnest attempt to look at today's events through the eyes of Jesus.

WE HAVE THE ANSWER

"He hath not dealt so with any nation." (Ps. 147:20)

A century and a half ago America was handed the torch of Christian civilization; to her was given the soul-stirring task of challenging the world to believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

Founded by God-fearing men, America's Declaration of Independence and Federal Constitution cited to all the listening world that here in the United States the God-given rights of liberty and equality were of first importance. Government existed for man's benefits, not man for government. Man had the divinely given right to express his views, to work for his betterment, to expect his government to protect these rights, and, if the government failed to do so, he had the right to change the government so that it would protect them.

This amazing declaration of man's dignity and his heritage startled the world. Men everywhere recognized the American "experiment" as akin to their own inner desires. From every race, nation and continent men were attracted to this land of liberty under a government of, by and for the people.

America was no accident. In the fulness of time it was God's pleasure to call out His oppressed people from old world tyrannies, as He once called out His chosen Israelites from their Egyptian bondage and led them to the milk and honey of the Promised Land of Canaan.

On these shores God planted something He wanted all the world to see and know. Liberty and Equality are not for Americans alone; they are the God-given inheritance of everyone of His creation. This new continent became the promised land for oppressed men and women everywhere. They flocked to the land of Opportunity, of Equality, of Justice and Liberty.

Our customs, our laws and our freedoms became the goal and pattern of little people everywhere.

When the infringement of these rights was threatened by outside interference, the once famous but now forgotten Monroe Doctrine was formulated, which became our foreign policy for a century.

From this land of prodigious wealth flowed to the ends of the earth: trade ships, machinery, missionaries, everywhere spreading the good news that men were meant for freedom, for equality and for plenty.

Such was the role of the United States up until four decades ago.

But, beginning with the first World War and continuing rapidly until the present moment, America has changed her foreign policy almost completely. She has continued to mouth platitudes about being the champion of the poor and oppressed, but she has thrown her weight and influence, her millions and her men, on the side of the status-quo, on the side of feudalistic and oppressive governments instead of with the oppressed common people seeking their independence.

America seems to have forgotten her struggle for independence from the foreign rule of Great Britain to the extent that she now actually aids tyrannies in their fight against the rising tide of independence and nationalism that rocks the world, in Asia and Africa and the Middle East.

We have exchanged our banners of Truth and Justice and Liberty for the hypocritical and base excuses of Allies, Expediency, Security.

We send American guns and know-how to help the Dutch try to scotch the war of independence in Indonesia. We send armaments and millions to aid the French in subduing the Indo-Chinese in their like struggle for freedom. We refuse to allow the claims of Tunisia for increased self-rule to be discussed before the Security Council of the United Nations, because we know we are wrong and are afraid of being defeated in the court of world opinion.

We help the Greek Monarch quell rebellion among his subjects; we send aid to Tito, the Communist dictator of Yugoslavia; we make a deal with Franco, the Fascist dictator of Spain; all in the name of Expediency.

American foreign policy has sunk to such a low level of morality that even our own foreign press correspondents have denounced it. And William O. Douglas, Supreme Court Justice, in an article in the New Republic of April 28, 1952, has deplored this policy of the "rightness of power" and calls America back to its original belief in the "power of righteousness."

There was a day when Americans said and BELIEVED that "right makes might" in opposing the old-world pattern of "might makes right." That day is past.

Today, led by little politicians instead of statesmen, America's foreign policy is patterned after that of other nations; Great Britain, Germany, Russia. All because of fear of Russian Communism.

No wonder we are becoming despised by millions whom we would like to have as our friends. We have sold our birthright for a mess of international potage. We have long since renounced the Monroe Doctrine, which forbade any foreign power from setting foot in our hemisphere, and we have set foot and meddled with the internal and foreign affairs of Korea, Germany, France, England, Greece, Indonesia, Indo-China, Iran, Egypt, Japan and anywhere else we say our "security" is affected.

We no longer carry the torch of Liberty, Equality, and Freedom which God gave us to carry—the reason for our existence as a Democracy. We have adopted the enemies' weapons—because we are afraid.

We have the answer to the world's trouble: Christian Democracy. Christ has the answer to every domestic and foreign problem, if we were not too stubborn to accept and follow His commands.

We have a better way than the Communists to win the hungry millions of the world who are determined, somehow or other, to have the things we have previously showed them are their heritage too. The world will never be won by guns and planes and bombs and marching soldiers, all in the name of "Democracy." It will only be won to democracy by democratic and Christian means, by showing ourselves the true friend in deed as well as word to the needy people who once looked to us for deliverance. Many of these hungry millions, hungry for freedom and equality and the good things of life which we enjoy, are embracing Communism because America is taking sides with their oppressors, while Russia claims to be their liberator. Frank Lauback, who is over there and who knows, says all of Asia will go Communist in five years unless we change our blind foreign policy and begin DOING the things which God put us here to do: show His love and mercy and sharing to the trodden-down millions and stop aiding the feudalistic governments which refuse to let their subjects go free.

Make no mistake about it, these peoples will be free from their foreign rulers within a very few years, in spite of our wealth and power and our atom bombs. And if we continue to hinder and oppose their drive for independence we will be the object of their hate and revenge when they do get free. And, if we continue to play into Russia's hands by allowing them to come in and play the part of the friend of the under-privileged while we help their masters, we will deserve to have them all on Russia's side.

If American principles of true democracy, liberty and justice cannot be protected except by the lying technique of the Communists, then we deserve the destruction that we are inviting upon us.

"The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." (Matt. 21:43)

Because of her Godlessness and her sin, America has lost
SNATCHING OUR BANNER

We are losing much ground in our struggle against communism because we will not face the nature of the Marxist appeal. In plain words, they take what we urge as the ultimate aims of God's kingdom—and which we often do little in a practical way to accomplish—but they offer to fulfill these aims here and now. However, human society cannot be changed so quickly and unalterably without violence, oppression and tyranny, so the Communists freely admit the use of these forces. We make much of their evil excesses but often dodge the fact that their basic premise is but a distortion of the aims and promises emblazoned on our banners. To meet their violence with more violence, their tyranny with the surrender of our freedom to military extremism and political fanaticism will bring us no victory. Inasmuch as we devote ourselves to the fulfillment of God's kingdom and that is to bring the nation and that is the man called Christ, the embodiment of God, spiritual values and divine purpose in our lives and affairs. There is only one man who can save us, save the peace, restore the world and that is the man called Christ, the embodiment of God, faith in God's protecting care and put her trust in armies and atom bombs, forgetting that:

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

"Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

I challenge the freedom-loving, justice-loving, God-fearing people of the United States to repudiate our short-sighted, unrighteous and un-American foreign policy and to demand that we, the people be heard and obeyed in a return to the original aims and attitudes of the United States of America, towards its own citizens and towards all other people of the world.

Only by such a reversal of our present mad policy can we regain the respect and confidence of the people of the world and the favor and protection of God who brought this nation into existence for His honor and His glory.

In the words of George Washington during the Constitutional Convention of 1787:

"Let us raise a standard to which the wise and good can repair; the event is in the hands of God."

WANTED — A PRESIDENT

One of the discouraging things at the present dark hour in world affairs is the realization that no one on the political horizon promises to have the qualities necessary to turn America back from its mad scramble towards ruin, to the path and purpose of God.

General Eisenhower is committed to the foreign policy of President Truman: the re-arming of Europe, though it means economic bankruptcy for Europe and America, as well. Senator Taft is committed to a larger entanglement in Asia, Korea and Formosa.

General MacArthur is committed to his original extension of the war in Manchuria and China.

Senator Kefauver and Averill Harriman have not expressed any intention of changing President Truman's present foreign policy.

Harry Truman is not to be ruled out as a presidential possibility, for he may well run again if Taft is nominated by the Republicans or if the Democrats threaten to nominate Kefauver. And if re-elected we are in for more of the mess we are now in.

Where is a leader whom the Christians of America could put their confidence in, whom God could trust to do His Will?

To our shame we seem to have sunk to the level of the world about us. We have no one who can save us or the world, because we have repudiated the Saviour and His way to Peace.

If Jesus, Himself, stood in Washington today and all men cried out to Him for deliverance, His words would be the same as to the Jews 1900 years ago:

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." —J.A.D.

SEEKING A MAN

ALL THIS FRANTIC SEEKING FOR A MAN, "a man who can save us," "save the nation," "save the peace," and "save the party," is a confession that we now put all our trust in human agencies and human leadership and at the same time we are haunted by the fact of human inadequacy. We have lost the sense of spiritual values and divine purpose in our lives and affairs. There is only one man who can save us, save the peace, restore the nation and that is the man called Christ, the embodiment of God, spiritual truth and divine purpose.

—Charles A. Wells, in Between The Lines, July 1, 1952.

The Monkey's Viewpoint

Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree,
Discussing things as they're to be,
Sad one to the other; "Now listen, you two,
There's a certain rumor that can't be true
That man descended from our noble race;
The very idea is a disgrace.

"No monkey ever deserted his wife,
Starved her babies and ruined her life;
And you've never known a mother monk
To leave her babies with others to bunk,
Or pass them on from one to another
Till they scarcely know who is their mother.

"And another thing you will never see;
A monk build a fence 'round a cocoanut tree,
And let the cocoanuts go to waste,
Forbidding all other monks a taste.
Why, if I'd put a fence around a tree,
Starved her babies and ruined her life;
Said one to the other, "Now listen, you two,
There's a certain rumor that can't be true
That man descended from our noble race;
The very idea is a disgrace.

"Here's another thing a monk won't do,
Go out at night and get on a stew;
Or use a gun, a club or knife,
To take some other monkey's life.
Yes, Man descended, the ornery cuss.
But, Brother, he didn't descend from US!"

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In Haggai 2:7 we read these remarkable words, “The desire of all nations shall come.” You will remember that the people were seeking to build a house for God when this great Messianic promise was given them, and they were discouraged. They grieved as they saw the poverty of the work in comparison with the glory of the former temple.

It was to a people in this condition of mind that the prophet foretold the coming of another day in which there should be the shining of a new glory. Notice that in this little sentence the prophet overlooks all the boundaries of nationality. “The desire of all nations shall come.” The temple and the departed glory had been the joy of that particular nation; it may have been the envy of the surrounding nations as they visited it. But the prophet foretold a coming day and a coming glory which would go far beyond the bounds of Jewish nationality.

Now the Hebrew in the text is a little difficult of translation from the grammatical standpoint, because you have a singular noun combined with a plural verb. The word “desire” is singular, but the verb is plural. And so the revisers took the singular “desire” and rendered it in the plural making it mean “desirable things.” Thus we read, “The desirable things of all nations shall come,” and I think this translation is perfectly justified. I do not object to the word “desire” because it fastens attention upon the Person of our Lord; but the thought in the mind of the prophet, I believe, was not only of the Person but also of the things which would result from the presence of that One in human history.

What are the desirable things of all nations—the nations at war, the nations at peace, the nations that we consider backward and those we regard as highly civilized? What are the underlying, persistent, universal cravings of humanity? It craves for three things—happiness, peace, and righteousness. There is no human being in the world that does not want to be happy. And all humanity wants peace; there may be men, as the Psalmist said, who delight in war, but they do not represent the wish of the masses anywhere. Humanity, taken as a whole, also wants righteousness. There is a widespread recognition of the value of rectitude in human conduct; and the man who may seem to object to restraint, nevertheless has an admiration for rectitude and righteousness.

So there came to men this promise in Haggai’s prophecy, “The desirable things of all nations shall come”—a promise that there should be the coming of One who should fulfill the universal craving of the human heart.

In fullness of time a Child was born, a Son was given; and in that hour these desirable things—happiness, peace, and righteousness—were given. There was no fanfare of trumpets when He arrived; there was no marching of armies when He came. Yet He brought to humanity the possibilities of the fulfillment of those things that constitute the deepest desires of human nature.

The time came when Jesus began to preach, and what was His message? “Repent ye, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.” In the midst of His public ministry, when once they tried to persuade Him to stay in one city, He made this sublime significant statement: “I must preach the gospel of the Kingdom, for thereunto I was sent.”

Take these two statements. What was His mission? To preach the Kingdom of God; to tell people that the Kingdom of God was an abiding fact, and that it was to be made available to them in spite of their wickedness. Christ came to announce the Kingdom of God and to show men and women the way into it. His one great passion was to bring people into the kingdom. What is the Kingdom? “The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.” Romans 14:17.

Notice the close association between those three things and what I have said the cravings are craving—happiness, and peace, and righteousness. The very things for which humanity craves are found in the Kingdom of God.

But you will see that there is a reversal of the order. Humanity is seeking, first, for happiness; and then it is seeking for peace; and lastly for righteousness. But the Kingdom of God is righteousness first, and then peace, and lastly happiness.

The truth of these words is sounding down the centuries. “There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.” The desirable things, the basic cravings of humanity, are found in Him; they are made possible in and through Him. There can be no peace that is based upon compromise with evil. Peace, in all the fullness of the term, is found only among men in whom God is well pleased. That means that there must first be peace with God, based on righteousness. Then there can be peace among men, and the result will be happiness.