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"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and power of the Holy Ghost."—I Nephi 3:187.

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Twelve Unfilled Cups

Evalena Sills.

At the stroke of the midnight clock
Both life and death stood near—
The death of Nineteen Sixty-Two,
The birth of a grand new year.
Despite regret and due respect,
The past shall never be;
But faith and hope and high resolve
Greet Nineteen Sixty-Three.

The measured months, like empty cups,
Are placed for each to fill.
We may fill them with wheat or chaff,
According to our will.
With wheat or chaff, with good or bad—
The wholesome or corrupt;
Unaltered the divine decree
We fill each empty cup.

Wholesome be each cup's deep filling;
Zestful be its flavor.
May it quench the Spirit's thirst;
Scented be its savor.
May love and joy and wisdom's ale
Brim the empty chalice,
But never envy's bitter brew,
Nor searing hate nor malice.

May the milk of human kindness
Fill each portioned measure—
The warming wine of charity
Add its priceless treasure.
Let the sparkling waters of truth
Spill forth to every one,
That when each cup has reached its full
Our Lord may say, "Well done!"

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EDITORIAL

"For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are three score and ten; and if by reason of strength they be four score years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. . . . So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Psalms 90:9-12.

We are on the threshold of a new year, and as we face it there are three questions uppermost in our minds: what does the future hold in store for me, will I be happy and prosper, or will my days be written off in tragedy and sorrow? We would treasure as priceless any formula which would guarantee to us, peace of mind, contentment of soul, and prosperity.

There are those who would spend money to ask the palmist to read their life line, the crystal ball gazer to tell them what lies ahead and they listen intently to every word from the card fortune-teller, or even rely on tea leaves for a glimpse of the future. What does it hold for them?

Have we forgotten that the magic formula for our assured happy future was given many years ago and is still potent today? Christ said: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." There are many formulas but only one that promises an ABUNDANT life.

Paul gives us a cue to this formula when he says: "But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." The past is dead and to live in the past is living death. We should not look to the past and think: oh if I could do that over again or retrace my steps! We can use the past to direct our course for the future but we cannot return or turn back the clock of time for one tiny second.

We must learn the formula for living that assures us the result we want. There are those who say: "Eat,

drink and be merry for tomorrow we die." Is that the formula we want—the one that will assure us the abundant life?

My good wife sometimes decides to make a cake to use up certain ingredients she happens to have in the ice box. She carefully examines recipes, then discards them all and makes it according to her own whim or according to the ingredients on hand. It sometimes turns out remarkably well, considering, but many times has been a complete failure. Certainly it is only by following in minute detail the right recipe that a good cook can hope to create time and time again, the same fine baked goods. In the same manner, we must follow the right recipe accurately if we want the coming year to be a happy one for us.

Living is often spoken of as, "Navigating the sea of life." It is an apt comparison and there are many dangerous and treacherous places in both our life and the sea. As navigators, who are only men following a tried and proven formula, there are certain things we must know.

First—position. Do we know our position today? Are we in deep water—are we close to shoals—are we in the path of a storm?

Second, the direction to be traveled. Do we know where we are going? A navigator could sail around the world just to reach the other side of an island, if he was going in the wrong direction. We must not only know our destination but the direction we are traveling.

Third, we must know the time and how much of it we have. How much time do I have left? I hope for many more years, but I am sure only of this moment. Paul said, "Behold **now** is the accepted time; behold **now** is the day of salvation." Do we dare to wait, put off working for our salvation? No man knows the day nor the hour when he will go through the dark curtain. This moment is the only moment we possess. We hope the new year will be ours but there is no guarantee given to any of us that it will be. Today only is ours to possess!

Fourth, the navigator must know his speed. How fast are we traveling? This is determined by the rate of change in our position. How fast are we overcoming our tendency to anger, to hate, to spite? How fast are we training our hearts and minds to love? Can we like a good navigator, reverse motors and draw the ship back in time to avert disaster?

If we know our position, our destination, the direction we are traveling, how much time we have and the speed we are going, then the correction of error in any of them is the only guarantee of safe arrival at our chosen destination. No other person can know what exists inside the person we speak of as "I". We alone must evaluate our own position and use our own intelligence to correct it.

Lighthouses exist for the sole purpose to guide the seafarer on his way. Each light spells its own message to the mariner, telling him where he is and what dangers are in the vicinity. There are times when fog ob-

scures the lights. In spite of this, the mariner knows that the lights will shine again. The course of his ship may be retarded, sometimes halted, but when the fog lifts he will be on his way again.

Lighthouses of warning have been raised by the voices of God's servants through all ages of time. Only by observing our position and direction of travel in regards to them can we press toward the mark of our goal.

Finally let me mention some of the danger spots that the lighthouse of God's word exposes. Self-satisfaction perhaps comes closer to hitting each of us than any other one thing. We are satisfied with ourselves just as we are. Oh the preacher tells me all these things, the formula for a happy life, but my life is all right as it is and I'm not about to change it. I think I'm a good enough Christian, I'm serving and doing the things I think important and I'm satisfied with myself just as I am. To become satisfied with ourselves is to become careless and to become careless is to court disaster. We remember the story of the Titanic, a classic example of self-satisfaction. The Titanic was spoken of as the unsinkable ship, yet it went down because of carelessness.

Cruelty, is another danger spot. Sometimes we are cruel to those whom we love the most, by not taking time to listen or having patience to understand them. Envy, jealousy, hate, malice, greed and the lack of diligence, are other danger spots, hidden rocks that can wreck our bark of life.

The New Year before us is as an empty treasure chest. It will hold only that which is put into it. There are some things over which we have no control and which will find their way into our chest, but the great majority of its contents will be the things which we ourselves put into it. Will it be a treasure chest of happiness of a life well lived or will it be a box of rubbish fit only for destruction. The answer is entirely up to us. "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

I AM THE NEW YEAR

From Memorial Salesman

"I am the New Year. I am unused, unspotted, without blemish. I stretch before you three hundred and sixty-five days long. I will present each day in its turn, a new leaf in the Book of Life, for you to place upon it your imprint.

It remains for you to make of me what you will; if you write with firm, steady strokes, my pages will be a joy to look upon when the next New Year comes. If the pen falters, if uncertainty or doubt should mar the page, it will become a day to remember with pain.

I am the New Year. Each hour of the three hundred sixty-five days, I will give you sixty minutes that have never known the use of man. White and pure, I present them; it remains for you to fill them with sixty jeweled second of love, hope, endeavor, patience, and trust in God.

I am the New Year. I am here—but once past, I can never be recalled. Make me your best!"

O. A. C.

VISION

After reading the August Advocate, we notice, there is a close unity of thought brought together from each writer. We are using the combined thoughts of these writers as a basis for this communication.

Some of their thoughts bring out the beauty of nature created by God, and express thanks in prayer to Him, for it creates within them a vision. This is just one little phase of His greatness. He created this visual beauty for a purpose.

Let us say there are at least three different phases of the greatness of God; the first is physical; the second is physical and spiritual; the third is purely spiritual.

Many do not look beyond this physical beauty, not realizing there is greater beauty which can be enjoyed, which is both physical and spiritual, also, not realizing beyond these two phases, we have access to a phase which is purely spiritual, which can only be visualized through the eye of faith, if we will enlarge our vision to the greatest extent.

Many who profess to be Christians, are perishing spiritually, because they will not let their spiritual vision develop along with their physical vision.

The word of God and the Holy Spirit are both physical and spiritual, for we can see and feel their power. That which is purely spiritual, which is beyond mere human visuality, must be accepted through faith, for only through this medium, along with prayer, can we rightly live to develop our spiritual vision (see I Cor. 2).

Phillips Brooks gives a good basis to begin with, that we might develop both our physical and spiritual vision to the uttermost. "Bad will be day for every man when he becomes absolutely contented with the life he is living, with the thoughts that he is thinking, with the deeds that he is doing; when there is not forever beating at the doors of his soul some great desire to do something larger, which he knows that he was meant and made to do because he is still, in spite of all, the child of God." (see Matt. 25:14, etc.; Philip 3:20-21).

"Either we are in a driverless car going nowhere, or there is someone behind the wheel taking us to a destination he has in mind. Either we are free to destroy ourselves, or the issues of life are in the hands of God who plans to complete His creation." We are free to make our own choices, both physically and spiritually. Some seek for and have a wise driver behind their wheel of life, guiding them both physically and spiritually, who will eventually take them to the destination they are hoping to reach. Some have no driver at all, which will get them nowhere in this life spiritually, whose destination is both physical and spiritual death; this is speaking of those who prefer this kind of life while here on earth (see Matt. 10:28; Alma 19:45-47). Again, there are those who do not have a wise driver behind their wheel of life, for various reasons, and unless they change to a wise driver their destination will not be that which they are

hoping for. In other words, if their physical and spiritual vision is not properly developed, their spiritual vision becomes warped, therefore, they can not see clearly; the development of their spiritual vision is denied.

Everyone is a rare gem to begin with, for all are created in the image of God. If the proper effort is put forth to develop the physical and spiritual vision, one can become a rare polished jewel, which will be to the honor and glory of God. (see Mal. 3:16 etc.).

If we are to gain eternal life to the uttermost, we must develop our physical and spiritual vision to the greatest extent through accepting and living by the word of God; we will then "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ". (Heb. 7:25, James I; II Peter 3). We will then "be meek and lowly of heart"; we will rejoice in the truth; we will have charity which "is the pure love of Christ, and it endureth forever; and whoso is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with them."

God has spoken his word to those of many nations, and to many within our own nation (see II Nephi 12:31-39, 55-78; I Nephi 3:190-191). Much evidence has been brought forth, proving the word of God in the Bible and the Book of Mormon. To me, there is new evidence brought to light through Sister Hening, concerning the former inhabitants of this western hemisphere.

We feel safe in saying that all saints of the Restoration will believe this, along with many other evidences brought to light by others. These, we might term as physical visions brought to light through the Spirit, but it is mostly through our physical vision that we accept these facts. These are treasures to be cherished, but along with these, we must realize there are purely spiritual treasures contained in the words of Christ; treasures that must be searched out, and must be protected by those who have sought to ever enlarge their physical and spiritual vision, against those whose spiritual vision has been warped because many "harden their hearts against the Holy Spirit, that it hath no place in them; wherefore, they cast many things away which are written, and esteem them as things of nought" (II Nephi 15:2). These purely spiritual treasures must be brought to light and must be used as a sentinel to guide others, that it might be the means of helping them to develop their spiritual vision that we might be able to look upon its brilliancy without being blinded. The combined physical and spiritual treasures contained in the words of Christ, is the only guide we must accept if we are to be prepared to withstand the cleansing that is soon to take place in the sanctuary of God.

This cleansing shall be brought about with the word of God; it shall be a physical and spiritual cleansing. It shall come through those of the seed of Abraham; those who are called a HOLY seed. It shall come at the time of the refreshing which shall come from the presence of the Lord (Acts 3:19, etc.). Peter calls it "the day of visitation"; it shall come through "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood"; "an holy priesthood"; "a spiritual house shall be built by them, that spiritual

sacrifices might be offered up, which will be "acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." (I Peter 2:1-12).

If Bro. Bell's conclusions are correct as to the time this cleansing shall begin, the physical and spiritual vision of the Gentile saints must be quickly developed that our whole being might be cleansed from all unrighteousness. Those who will have repented and hearkened unto the words of Christ at this time, "shall come in unto the covenant, and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob"; Christ's church shall be established among them; they will assist this part of the seed of Abraham to "build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem; etc. (III Nephi 9:93, etc.; 10:1-32).

If we develop our physical and spiritual vision, we will have charity, which "is the pure love of Christ." Paul also tells us what charity is (I Cor. 13.) He says that charity will cause us to believe all things; meaning, we will believe all things contained in the words of Christ; it will establish an enduring hope within us. Those who have charity will "Feast upon the words of Christ" (II Nephi 14:4, etc.); we will not harden our hearts against the Holy Spirit, so that it has no place in us; we will not "cast many things away which are written, and esteem as things of nought" (II Nephi 15:1-2).

God made a covenant with Abraham which was for all nations; only those who will accept the terms of that covenant are those who have given their physical and spiritual vision a chance to fully develop.

We have received a warning of the cleansing which shall soon take place. God does not give warning without giving us knowledge and wisdom to be ready for it; the consequences of that warning is up to each of us: if we have developed our physical and spiritual vision correctly, the consequences will be good.

I Cor. 12. God gives gifts to men, "dividing to every man severally as he will." To some is given the gift of studying out the different phases of the words of Christ and connecting them up with historical facts. This has been proven through Bro. Bell's article. There is another phase of this gift found in another article titled HOW SHALL GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM BE FULFILLED? The first two parts of this article is printed in August 1961 Advocate. There are three more parts to it, which we hope the editors will see fit to print, as a guide in helping others to enlarge their physical and spiritual vision. Then there is another article titled GOD'S ONE GREAT PLAN, which is in the hands of the editors, that reveals and explains the different gospel cycles contained in the words of Christ.

II Tim. 3:16-17. "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 be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

To be perfect, and "thoroughly furnished unto all good works", it is absolutely necessary to completely develop our physical and spiritual vision.

Your Humble Sister in Christ,

Mrs. Lucinda Scott

POLYGAMY NOT OF GOD

By Marvin Ely

"And now I make an end of speaking unto you concerning this pride. And were it not that I must speak unto you concerning a grosser crime, my heart would rejoice exceedingly, because of you. But the word of God burthens me because of your grosser crimes. For behold, thus saith the Lord, This people begin to wax in iniquity; they understood not the scriptures: for they seek to excuse themselves in committing whoredoms, because of the things which were written concerning David, and Solomon his son." Jacob 2:29-32. The first part of the above quotation speaks concerning pride for Jacob had just spoken to the people about those who had obtained more abundantly than their brethren and were lifted up in the pride of their hearts (Jacob 2:16), because they supposed that they were better than those who had less. To be lifted up in pride is a grievous error, but Jacob is speaking of a grosser crime for this people were excusing themselves in committing whoredoms because of what was written concerning David and Solomon. By reading Jacob 1:15 we learn that the people of Nephi began to grow hard in their hearts for they desired many wives like unto David and Solomon of old.

"Behold, David and Solomon truly had many wives and concubines, which thing was abominable before me, said the Lord." Jacob 2:33. If we turn to I Kings 11:3-4 we would find that Solomon had seven hundred wives, princesses, and 300 concubines and his wives turned away his heart. Also in this passage we learn that when Solomon was old that his wives turned away his heart after other gods. This alone would show the inadvisability of having more than one wife. There are those who believe that the reason Solomon's actions were abominable was because he took wives of other nations and not of his own nation. "But King Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; Of the nations concerning which the Lord said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love." I Kings 11:1-2. The above passage is used to support the idea that Solomon's taking wives of the above nations was the reason for his erring and not because he had more than one wife.

"Wherefore, thus saith the Lord, I have led this people forth out of the land of Jerusalem, by the power of mine arm, that I might raise up unto me a righteous branch from the fruit of the loins of Joseph. Wherefore, I, the Lord God, will not suffer that this people shall do like unto them of old." Jacob 2:34-35. God caused that a small group of people should be led away from Jerusalem in order that he might raise up a righteous branch and this could not be accomplished if they did like unto them of old by having more than

one wife. Also it was necessary that they keep the other commandments as well. "And it came to pass that the Lord spake unto me, saying, Blessed art thou Nephi because of thy faith, for thou hast sought me diligently, with lowliness of heart. And inasmuch as ye shall keep my commandments, ye shall prosper, and shall be led to a land of promise; yea, even a land which I have prepared for you; yea, a land which is choice above all other lands." I Nephi 1:53-54. In this choice land they were to keep the commandments including the one concerning one wife only.

"Wherefore, my brethren, hear me, and hearken to the word of the Lord: For there shall not any man among you have save it be one wife; and concubines he shall have none: For I, the Lord God, delighteth in the chastity of women. And whoredoms are an abomination before me: thus saith the Lord of hosts." Jacob 2:36-37. This would appear to make it very clear that God does not approve of men having more than one wife for he delights in the chastity of women. In Matthew 19:3 Jesus had a Pharisee ask him this question, "Is it unlawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?" Jesus answered thus, "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." Matthew 19:4-6. This mentioned that man was to cleave to his wife and not wives, and also it would be impossible for a man with more than one wife to be called twain.

"Wherefore, this people shall keep my commandments, saith the Lord of hosts, or cursed be the land for their sakes. For if I will, saith the Lord of hosts, raise up seed unto me, I will command my people: otherwise, they shall hearken unto these things." Jacob 2:38-39. One group of people today interprets the 39th verse above as follows: For if I will raise up seed unto me I will command my people to have more than one wife; otherwise, they shall hearken unto these things to have save it be one wife; and concubines he shall have none. The train of thought being this, that in order to raise up seed (especially quickly) it would be necessary to have more than one wife; but if it was not necessary to do this then should have only one wife and no concubines. Now let us look at the same passage of scripture from another standpoint. For if I will, saith the Lord of hosts, raise up seed unto me (meaning to raise up a "righteous branch" Jacob 2:34), I will command my people (to "have save it be one wife, and concubines he shall have none" Jacob 2:36); otherwise, they shall hearken unto these things (of having more than one wife which thing David and Solomon did which was abominable before the Lord. Jacob 2:33).

If there ever was a time for any people to have more than one wife it would have been when Lehi and his family left Jerusalem to come to America for they were only few in number, but let us look at the record.

"And now I would that ye might know, that after my father Lehi had made an end of prophesying concerning his seed, it came to pass that the Lord spake unto him again, saying, that it was not meet for him, Lehi, that he should take his family into the wilderness alone; but that his sons should take daughters to wife, that they might raise up seed unto the Lord in the land of promise." I Nephi 2:7. "And it came to pass that I, Nephi, took one of the daughters of Ishmael to wife; and also, my brethren took of the daughters of Ishmael to wife; and also, Zorman took the eldest daughter of Ishmael to wife." I Nephi 5:7. The above quotations show that each one had only one wife for nowhere did it mention wives. Now if God had desired that they each take more than one wife in order that they might increase more rapidly, he would have commanded them to do this while they were still in the vicinity of Jerusalem where more women were available; but he did not desire this. Earlier we read that God delights in the chastity of women and also he wanted to raise up a righteous branch from the fruit of the loins of Joseph. It would have been impossible to raise up a righteous branch if they had taken more than one wife because they would have been committing whoredoms.

"For behold, I, the Lord, have seen the sorrow, and heard the mourning of the daughters of my people in the land of Jerusalem; yea, and in all the lands of Jerusalem; yea, and in all the lands of my people, because of the wickedness and abominations of their husbands. And I will not suffer, saith the Lord of hosts, that the cries of the fair daughters of this people, which I have led out of the land of Jerusalem, shall come up unto me, against the men of my people, saith the Lord of hosts; For they shall not lead away captive, the daughters of my people, because of their tenderness, save I shall visit them with a sore curse, even unto destruction; For they shall not commit whoredoms, like unto them of old, saith the Lord of hosts. And now behold, my brethren, ye know that these commandments were given to our father Lehi; wherefore, ye have known them before; and ye have come unto great condemnation: for ye have done these things, which ye ought not to have done. Behold, ye have done greater iniquity than the Lamanites, our brethren. Ye have broken the hearts of your tender wives, and lost the confidence of your children, because of your bad examples before them; and sobbings of their hearts ascend up to God against you." Jacob 2:40-46. The foregoing passage definitely shows the consequences of taking more than one wife and the grief it can cause. Fathers are supposed to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (see Ephesians 6:4) and this would be difficult if they had more than one wife because they would be breaking one of the commandments which is to have one wife only.

"O all ye that are pure in heart, lift up your heads and receive the pleasing word of God, and feast upon his love; for ye may, if your minds are firm for ever.

But wo, wo, unto you that are not pure in heart; that are filthy this day before God; for except ye repent, the land is cursed for your sakes; And the Lamanites which are not filthy like unto you, (nevertheless, they are cursed with a sore cursing,) shall scourge you even unto destruction." Jacob 2:50-52. "Behold, the Lamanites, your brethren, whom ye hate, because of their filthiness and the cursings which hath come upon their skins, are more righteous than you; For they have not forgotten the commandments of the Lord, which were given unto our fathers, that they should have, save it were one wife: and concubines they should have none; and there should not be whoredoms committed among them. And now this commandment they observe to keep; wherefore because of this observance in keeping this commandment, the Lord God will not destroy them, but will be merciful unto them; and one day they shall become a blessed people." Jacob 2:54-56. Even though the Lamanites had a curse upon them we can see that they will become a blessed people because of their diligence of keeping this one commandment of having save it be one wife and no concubines. The Lamanites skin of darkness came upon them because of their iniquities (see II Nephi 4:31-35); nevertheless, their keeping the commandments of one wife and no concubines should show to all how important it is that we do have more than one wife.

In Jacob 2:57 we can read that the Lamanites love their wives, and their wives love their husbands and also that the husbands and wives love their children. Now this indeed is a beautiful state which could not exist if the Lamanites had had more than one wife. In Jacob 2:60 a commandment was given unto the Nephites that they were to no more revile against the Lamanites because of their skin of darkness or their filthiness. "But ye shall remember your own filthiness," (which filthiness came because of their having more than one wife) "and remember that their filthiness came because of their fathers. Wherefore, ye shall remember your children, how that ye have grieved their hearts because of the example that ye have set before them; And also, remember that ye may, because of your filthiness, bring your children unto destruction, and their sins be heaped upon your heads at the last day." Jacob 2:61-63. If for no other reason than setting a bad example before his children, a man should not have more than one wife.

The foregoing should indicate to all how abominable it is to have more than one wife and or to have concubines. It is one of the most grievous sins that can be committed by man. And the Lord can not look upon sin with the least degree of allowance. (See Alma 21:17-18).

A man has to live with himself, and he should see to it that he always has good company.

—Charles Evans Hughes.

THE FACE OF YOUR ENEMY

By Forest E. Maley

Part Two

The enemy of our souls has another idea to peddle to the unwary. "I am no devil, for there is none." II Nephi 12:27. And one is also likely to hear, "There is no right, no wrong, no good, no bad, so a man need not feel ashamed of what he does." There is only the average behavior or "norm" of your environment and society."

Here is the scripture fulfilled about taking the righteousness of the righteous from him; robbing him of his hard won battles with sin and temptation by claiming there is no such thing as sin, and therefore no temptation. And you find it coming from some of our "most respected institutions."

Here is a direct quote from American Mercury, Oct. 1961, page 70.

"Dr. Chisholm, the W. H. O. spokesman (U. N. World Health Organization) and author of "mental health", attacked the idea of self-defense as a "neurotic reaction" and "perversion" produced by "morality" and "the concept of right and wrong." He added: "We have swallowed all manner of poisonous certainties fed us by our parents, our Sunday and day school teachers. . . ."

"If the race is to be freed from its crippling burden of good and evil it must be psychiatrists who take the original responsibility. . . ."

Related to such things one discovers that tuberculosis and polio are on the decline, and now the "do-good-ers" have all sorts of rare diseases on which they wish to focus our attention and for which they desire our sympathies and our money. No doubt there are many worthy causes and many sincere, self-sacrificing and dedicated people engaged in these things. But let us pay particular heed to the push on "mental health." After being blasted by the advertising, it is all too easy to begin noticing little behavior traits in those around us and cataloguing them as candidates for a state institution. I think this is no accident.

Consider the ease with which a citizen can be clapped in a mental institution without due process of law, or any legal counsel whatever. Neither is this any accident.

It should be sufficient to recall the story which was carried in the newspapers about a woman office worker in Washington, D. C., whose supervisor and herself had charge of some files containing material on the activities of Billie Sol Estes, whose activities had come under the scrutiny of the newspapers. One morning she showed up of work as usual to find her supervisor transferred, their files gone, and herself without duties. As a result of her remonstrations about the situation, she was seized and hustled off to a mental hospital without permission to call either a lawyer or a friend. Over a week she languished until the curiosity of a lawyer friend led him to seek and obtain her release through the courts. The consummate ease with which it was done is the thing which is frightening.

If the citizenry are watching each other for signs of

mental breakdown, they are less apt to object if the men in white coats come and haul someone away in an ambulance. And if this could be done in concert, anyone seeking to disorganize resistance to the subversion of the country could have all the key resistance people put quietly away, and the courts not even know where they were. And there are those, if we are accurately informed, who would make it possible to even move a "mental patient" out of the state without revealing their whereabouts nor subject to habeas corpus proceedings.

How better to hamper the worship of God, than to systematically put the ministers of churches under lock and key without having to tell it to some judge. Admittedly it sounds "far out" and wild.

Nevertheless, Czarist Russian censors are reported to have thought the ravings of German Karl Marx so ridiculous that no man in his right mind would give them a second thought, and so let them pass into the country. However, the country was in ferment and Marx was used as a convenient vehicle to ride to power. And the whole world suffers.

Our Enemy is no amateur. He has many faces and many disguises. He means business. He desires to sift us all through his fingers as a man would grains of wheat. He works from outside, but his work on the inside through infiltration is the more insidious and deadly, and affects all levels of our society. The central aim is to confuse and demoralize. He even tries to pass himself off as an angel of light.

One of Satan's high altitude attacks is through our "most respected institutions" of higher academic learning. The implication is that all true intellectuals (and those who wish to be mistaken for intellectuals) must morally support the conclusions of these inhabitants of the "ivory tower" whose "great minds" and multiple degrees of education are enlightening the world. This must be done without a whimper, else one shall be sneered upon from that Olympian height and made to feel small. It is generally conceded that a university can do no wrong, unless it is to have a losing athletic team, and the word issuing therefrom under the name of "science" is more to be regarded and followed than the Scripture which points to life eternal and to God.

An evaluation of this high-flying clique is revealed by an eminent editor (himself a college man) of a prominent trade periodical, Product Engineering, in the editorial of the issue of Sept. 17, 1962, page 11. Mr. Tangerman begins by commenting about how much of the knowledge a college trained engineer needs is changing almost too fast for text books, and we quote.

"I mention all this because it suggests that we have forgotten . . . or ignored . . . an associated subject that concerns not only all of engineering but also all of the cultural subjects as well. It's a sort of basic bridge between disciplines. The subject? Strength of Morals, or Strength of Immaterials, if you prefer."

The editor goes on to outline the basis of the course text being from the Bible, other religious works, the Magna Carta, the U. S. Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and philosophers. He continues.

"The engineer's mind is not at all like the metals he will some day shape. Flex and strain a beam often enough and it will crack and break. Flex a man's moral fibers often enough and they become more resilient, more reliable.

Such a course needn't be dull. It would have to be taught by a competent teacher rather than a pedantic pedagogue. And there'd be some immediate difficulty in selecting which department would offer it in the curriculum, because a number of engineering educators consider their opposite numbers in liberal arts overly liberal, immoral, amoral or unmoral, even pinkish and inclined to the lunatic fringe. Such problems could be resolved by giving the course as a crash seminar to the professors themselves.

A really good course on Strength of Morals would be very valuable in professions other than engineering, judging by current newspapers, and valuable to the layman as well. It should probably be taught first in the schools of education. . . . If we don't have moral educators, we don't have anything . . . but it will have to be watched. We musn't let them change it to Theory of Morals, or just Morals, because it will then degenerate into the same pap the arts colleges have been dishing out for years under the name of Philosophy.

Once the educators are re-educated, the seepage into medicine, law, engineering, business, and even government will follow naturally. We can even visualize the graduate schools taking it up."

It is easy to see why philosophy departments have such an impact on the student come to school to learn wisdom. Being wide open of mind and relatively unsophisticated it is difficult to keep from being "unhorsed" when confronted by a system of thought based primarily on Greek concepts. To my sorrow, I can name at least two of our young people who have lost their religion after having been exposed to the Godless brainwashing machine in which right and wrong are considered only relative quantities. And if you raise a questioning eyebrow you get the "most respected institutions" dodge. It is small wonder that Paul counselled in Colossians 2:8.

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

To see the inroads certain of the many "kook" (for cuckoo) ideas have made on the thinking of the average man, it may be enlightening to consider the experience of a Baptist Church in the Kansas City area. This was reported by one of the participants of the circumstance.

While reading the Sunday School quarterly of a class of 14 year old boys in preparation for Sunday, a man teacher became puzzled by seemingly foreign material inserted into the otherwise excellent text of the study material. It seemed to promote the idea that, though a lot of good stories emphasizing high morality were in it, the Bible was simply a collection of unfounded legend, tradition and untrue fiction. Further check revealed some twenty such idea planting passages in the balance of the quarterly.

The pastor of the church was consulted and the quarterly pulled out of use. The Sunday School teaching staff in five days fully read through the entire set of study materials and found them shot through with the same notion . . . that the Bible was more fable than

fact. This was a "bomb" to the Baptist group who regard the Bible with awe, if not superstition.

The next step was to inform the quarterly publisher in Nashville, Tennessee, who in turn made investigation. As a result, 22 of the publisher's staff were summarily fired, and a plaque of appreciation was presented to the one little congregation who had caught the deviation and made an issue of it. Originally, the whole housecleaning began because **one** man of that congregation was alert, and decided the issue was worth some trouble and some of his time. This establishes a ratio of 22 of the "enemy" downed by one man; not at all bad.

Yet, what might have happened with the normal Sunday School teacher? How many would have dared (or gone to the personal trouble) to question the propriety of statements in the quarterly they'd been handed for class use? How many would have considered it worthwhile to be thought a trouble maker and be found opposed to "authoritative sources?" How many would rather say, "It is no concern of mine. Let our officials handle it?"

It is customary for people, including Christians, to leave everything in the hands of paid experts. This practice has led our fathers, us and our children to the brink of a situation which is unwholesome, if not downright dangerous to our spiritual well-being.

It is what is known as the pyramid effect. It affects religious as well as political organizations. Officials are piled on officials until great power is concentrated in the hands of a few at the top from whom all those below take orders, without question. Such a structure can easily be taken over by picking off the top few and substituting puppets and the rest of the "machine" is left intact and functioning. This gambit was used for hundreds of years by one of the world's great churches to maintain a dominant position through a system of royalty. The tendency to all-powerful central government in this country embodies the same danger, when it leaves the states weak and dependent. Rather than conquer a whole country, you have only to conquer or convert a few men at the head, and the rest will follow, and you save lots and lots of ammunition.

Churches can be taken over the same way. Satan needs only to "sell" the leadership. The rest will follow unless there is some maverick in the herd who insists on seeing where he is going, but even he can be fooled, if the process is gradual enough.

Freedom and righteousness can be lost just as effectively and finally through the installment plan as by a lump sum transaction.

If the Christian is not to be gradually stifled by the gradual and incessant deterioration of his environment, steps taken now may save many steps later.

For some reason, perhaps because of the doctrine of separation of church and state, many Christians feel it their duty to hold aloof from the political life of the community . . . being in the world but not of it. Is it

therefore to be entirely by some mysterious osmosis that the Christian is to "leaven the whole lump?" It will be difficult at best to show a shred of Scripture which forbids the Christian from holding public office, or of impressing Christian moral value on the accepted standards of the place where he or she plans to live. Can he or she find excuse for failing to utilize the P. T. A., Chambers of Commerce, political organizations, etc., to help counter the sinister attacks being made against the liberties of the country under which the worship of God is a matter of free choice? Shall he fear to join battle with the forces of evil because of the opinions of his neighbors? Shall he seek peace at any price? Shall he placidly accept the smooth, gradual undermining of his precious liberty because it has been touted as the product of "great intellects" in behalf of the "working class?"

The Book of Mormon calls the turn of this problem in Alma 21:47.

"And he said surely God shall not suffer that we, who are despised because we take upon us the name of Christ, shall be trodden down and destroyed, until we bring it upon us by our own transgressions."

There is a siren song being sung throughout the world wherever people will give ear.

"From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs.

The greatest good to the greatest number."

Many there are, who are charmed by these "good sounding" words. And as the little creatures who madly followed the Pied Piper of Hamelin, they merrily go skipping and tripping and tumbling one over the other . . . to their doom. Oh, the journey is very pleasant, greased with many fine promises; it's only the end—the unavoidably end—makes it rough.

From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs sounds to many like a lifetime free pass on the gravy train, with nothing to do but ride. Better than a hand full of credit cards. And so, on a beautiful-sounding, but unguaranteed, promise we are enticed to step on a one-way toboggan ride . . . down into hell.

The big assertion (also unconfirmed) of the Marxian theory is that the mind and physical make-up of man is entirely the result of his economic environment and nothing else. Not even God. Not even the Devil. The implication is that man is a helpless victim of his circumstance and needs saving from it. From that springboard the rest of the Communist splash follows. The well-being of these victims is so high an objective that it justifies any action which is thought to be in that direction . . . even killing off a few million innocent people, or stooping to any moral depth.

Knowing the face of one's enemy is fine. Knowing his character and ruses is better. Thwarting his purposes is better still. And saving others from his clutches is about as high a purpose as can be named by man.

Having the Spirit of God working in one's life to give insight and warning forearms the Christian so as

not to be taken in by the devilishly clever attacks and soft-talk of Lucifer and his dupes.

Those who profess to follow Christ must watch continually, outside and inside. Even as eternal vigilance is the price of liberty in political and military affairs; so is alert vigilance the price of freedom and advancement in religious and spiritual matters.

So watch.

It's some trouble. A few pleasures may have to be sacrificed in order to do so.

It may seem harsh and uncharitable to check into the root and source of the ideas thrust at us for immediate acceptance by some claiming to be our friends. However, a person of real good will should not object.

Furthermore, watch your civic and governmental officials. On them pivots your privilege of worshipping God as you choose. Make it a business to know what they are doing in the legislature and be sure to let them know what you think. A bonafide letter from no more than six—repeat—SIX constituents blocked the appointment of one politician to a very valuable office. The power of the constituent is tremendous, and the constant erosions of our liberties must stop.

The country's current president was elected by the slimmest kind of a margin of popular votes. A few people would have tipped the balance in the opposite direction. So, vote in every election. Check up on the performance of those whom you elect, from the P. T. A. to your club, church, and public officials.

Keep your eyes open. Occasionally get your mouth open and let the "experts" know what you think or feel about public issues. Let your presence in the community be felt. Let your newspapers and magazines know how you feel. In this country and its institutions there are always ears cocked to see how their policies are going over with the public. Your voice is far more effective than you could dream, both in governmental and your church affairs. Resist the temptation to huddle in a helpless, bleating herd, saying nothing can be done.

Like the sentry, challenge those ideas which do not ring true. Be on guard. All who give the friendly password are not necessarily friends.

The stakes are high—your life, liberty and privilege of worshipping God after the manner of your own choosing. You cannot afford to let someone and their finespun "kook" theories explode your concept of right and wrong, God and the Devil and hence shatter your will to live in freedom and righteousness.

"And what I say unto you, I say unto all. **Watch.**" Mark 13:37.

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The quotation from Product Engineering, a McGraw-Hill publication, was made with the kind permission of the editor, Mr. Tangerman, whose incisive thinking has been a pleasure to read in these days when so much of what is offered in reading is slanted toward some particular "ism."

Further information on the communist conspiracy may be had by the reading of "Masters of Deceit" by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Likewise "A Nation of Sheep" by one of the co-authors of the "Ugly American." These are available in paperback on most drugstore reading racks. These are only a few of many such revealing books on the same topic. There is no excuse for not being informed and acquainted with the face of your enemy.

THOUGHTS ON THE NEW YEAR

By Larry Shaw

We must admit the **need** of change before we resolve to **do** better in making our New Year resolutions.

We must be repentant of the mistakes of the past before we make new resolutions.

It is a pity that resolutions come but once a year. They should be made any hour of any day when the need is evident.

Time is like a ring—no beginning or end. The time ahead of us is all we can use. The time we look back on, is useless to us, except to keep those memories we wish to treasure.

Our religion is a positive religion and we should be so busy doing good that we have no time to fall into forbidden paths.

If improvements are made in the new year in world affairs, in our own land, in our church, and in our own little family circle, what part will we have played in them? Maybe all we can do to improve world affairs is to pray, but "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Are our prayers fervent? Are we righteous?

The New Year 1963 is a challenge—let us resolve to improve.

DISAGREEMENT AND DISAGREEABLENESS

"In none of these fields—politics, religion, peace, medicine, as well as others, can we ever expect to find total agreement. As long as people think, they will differ from each other, not only on minor matters, but on those of major concern. We should not hope to abolish disagreement but we can hope to diminish disagreeableness."

Roger J. Williams.

"—A MORE EXCELLENT WAY"

In the 8th chapter of Deut. Moses tells the children of Israel to remember how the Lord had led them for forty years, that their hardships had been to prove them and to keep them humble. He asked them to remember that it was God who gave them their wealth and prosperity and that it was not just of their own doing, and that if they forgot to give thanks to God and worshiped other gods, they would surely perish.

Looking over the experiences of the past year we should not grieve over our mistakes but should remember to give God the credit for all the good that came our way. Many of us like the Israelites had to suffer some to know that man does not live by bread alone but by every word of God. As a father chasteneth his son so God chasteneth us. Our punishment is not to give God satisfaction but is for our profit. Punishment is an act of love to help us realize our guilt and determine not to make the same mistake again.

As good parents sending their children to school to achieve success do not forsake them when they make mistakes, so God does not forsake us when we make mistakes. When the ancient Israelites achieved success they forgot God and had to be reminded of who had fed them, given them water in the desert and mana from heaven when they were hungry. Likewise we should be mindful of how God has cared for us during the past year—how He has led us through bad experiences and given us the essentials of life.

Before 1963 is any older we should remember to thank God for His help through sickness and trouble, in giving us strength to support our families, etc.

Have you come to the "Red Sea" place of life? Then wait on the Lord—His hand shall lead you through—no wave can touch you—your fears as well as your foes shall pass. There is no way back, only through. Whether our experiences of the past year were good or bad we should give thanks to God for seeing us through.

Paul said: "that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." Can we be asleep? Yes even though this is an age of industrial boom when a Jet plane can cross the nation at the speed of sound—when an Astronaut can circle the globe in 90 minutes—there are other things just as important going on closer to us. Crime is increasing with a greater cost than the cost of our scientific advancement. Many people put a monetary value on happiness, they can't afford the things they want or think they have to have, so they cheat and rob to obtain them. It has been said that what a man pays for is the measure of his life. Many people put a new car before a home—consider the filling of the liquor cabinet before obtaining food for their children and many unessentials before tithing their income. Examining the stubs of our check book, might reveal some surprising things. We might start the new year with a short inventory of our spiritual and temporal affairs. Are we too busy making money to guide our children?

We cannot correctly measure our progress as a church by large membership or attendance. Those who do come, gain—those who do not, are the losers. But there is much room for improvements in 1963 in our church, and we will accomplish them if every one puts his hand to the plow. Our church needs the help of every member before we can be assured of success. You get out of life just what you put into it and the same is true concerning the church. Many of us want gifts and blessings of God but we don't want to sacrifice our time or money to get them. Things worth having are never cheap. Peace and happiness do not come easy. They are only obtained through service.

Christ said, seek ye first the kingdom of God. King Benjamin said, we serve God by serving our fellowmen. Paul said it was high time to awake out of sleep. Serving God can become a habit. We should make a sincere promise for the future to use our talents for a good work, to contribute to and attend our church. We don't have to worry—the things we need will come to us if we serve God. Our resolutions if made with prayer will bloom and bear good fruit.

Paul said: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." That is a good goal and my sincere wish is that each of us during the coming year will press on toward that goal.

"May you have enough happiness to keep you sweet.

Enough trials to keep you strong
 Enough sorrow to keep you human
 Enough hope to make your heart sing.
 Enough labor to keep you from rust;
 Enough leisure to make you broad;
 Enough religion to make you value the best.

Enough of the love of Christ in your soul to make you glad to serve.

—Selected.
 E. J. M.

OBITUARY

Edward W. Neufarth passed away at his home, 1313 East Seventh Street, South Newton, Iowa, November 10, 1962 at 10:45 P. M., at the age of 83 years. He was born September 24, 1879 at Albia, Iowa, the son of Henry William and Sophia Grosman Neufarth.

He was married November 1, 1908 at Wichita, Kansas, to Marjorie Fortner. To this union were born three children, one daughter Miss Adeline and Paul Henry and Roy J. Neufarth, all of Newton. Mr. Neufarth has lived in and around Newton since 1925. He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters.

Mr. Neufarth was a member of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot). Those who mourn his passing are his wife, one daughter and two sons, three grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Services were held at the Toland Funeral Home Newton, Iowa. Conducted by Elder J. A. Sweern of Hamilton, Mo. Interment Palo Alto Cemetery.

J. A. Sweern.

LOCAL NEWS

Greetings from the Church of Christ, Phoenix, Arizona: Our Fall program is well under way with two Sunday morning services and one on Wed. night. The mid-week service alternates between a prayer meeting, a round-table discussion and family night. These services, plus the occasional social get-togethers keep us feeling like the big family we desire to be.

A Christmas Program is now being prepared under the direction of John Jones, Sharon Kelley and Patty Shaw. The production which will feature the youngsters, is called "Greater than Gold." It will be on Sunday evening December 23.

We are happy to welcome a new couple into our church circle. It is Bro. Alfred Voorhies and his friendly wife, Velma, formerly of Iowa. They have been in Phoenix for some time but just recently were able to locate the Church of Christ here and began regular attendance. Brother Alfred is manager of a food market and cannot always come, but is always present when he is free. He is a Priest and preached his first sermon **for us** Sunday, November 25. They brought four fine looking grandchildren to church with them last Sunday. They are Gary, Sharon, Ricky and Debra Voorhies. We welcome them also to our group.

Larry, Patty, Chuck and Rhonda Shaw had a month's vacation on the Co-op farm at Preston. While there they left the babies with Grandma Louise, and took a three day trip into Mississippi. When they returned to the farm they had the happy experience of enjoying a nice visit with the Dick Wheaton family, from Independence, Mo. Velma Wheaton was still recuperating from recent health problems. We have news that surgery is required and that she will enter the hospital Dec. 4th. to have it done. Our good wishes and prayers will go with her in that trying ordeal.

We have news that Rhonda and Irene Shaw have sold their ranch at Colbran, Colorado, and have bought a farm near Louisburg, Missouri, which is only about 25 miles from the Co-op farm at Preston. The purchase included a nearly new, furnished two bedroom home, and 200 acres. The Church of Christ at Collins, Mo., will welcome the Shaws into their group, I am sure.

Reporter, Evelena Sills.

THE HUMAN VOICE

"How wonderful is the human voice! It is indeed the organ of the soul! The intellect of man sits enthroned visibly upon his forehead and in his eye; and the heart of man is written upon his countenance. But the soul reveals itself in the voice only, as God revealed himself to the prophet of old, in "the still, small voice" and in a voice from the burning bush. The soul of man is audible, not visible. A sound alone betrays the flowing of the eternal fountain, invisible to man!"

Longfellow.

FROM THE TOWER TO THE PYRAMIDS

Time: About 5,000-6,000 B.C.

In the Bible charts of the Old Testament, it states there was no fixed system of chronology, in either the Old Testament or in ancient history. Events were dated from the reign of some king, the fall of some city, or other notable occurrence. The writers of the Old Testament have given us many isolated figures, but they had no system of useful chronology that can be fixed to true date. The Book of Mormon, in the Book of Ether, chapter 1:1, we find that Moroni gives account of the ancient peoples who were destroyed from the face of the north country. In I Sam. 24:13, it says, "As saith the proverbs of the ancient, Wickedness, proceeded from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon thee," and in Psalms 119:100, we find it says, "I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts."

The Carbon 14 test has pushed civilization back thousands of years as to the archeologists who use this way of telling the age of things that are found.

The land of Ur of the Chaldees, from whence Abraham came, is a magic name in the Bible, and it was not till recent times that the scholars knew where Ur was, or who the Chaldeans were. These people were the Sumerians of Sumer, the Sumerians came down from the north country and arrived at the sites of the Rivers Tigris and Euphrates about 6,000 years ago. Then at that time had their systematic means of writing.

When the Sumerians arrived at the sites of the rivers they found a savage tribe that wore no clothing and did eat grass and drink water like sheep. Hence, the start of a new civilization, called Babylon. The Assyrian, and other nations owe their knowledge of the cuniform writing, medicine, the arch, astrology, and the use of the slide rule to the people of Sumer. The system of "Twelves" and "Sixties", that of telling time, the story of Noah's Ark and of the great flood comes to us from the people of Sumer.

The old civilization passes the knowledge to the new, and Babylon come into its own, and to its own it sure did. Babylon was a walled city and fortress that no enemy at that time could take. It had huge avenues, one that was 80 feet wide, it had an inner wall 22½ feet thick, the outer wall was 25 feet thick, and a wall 12 feet thick along the line of the moat. Babylon was the greatest walled city ever to have been built, with a watch tower every 160 feet. The Tower of Babel was 288 feet square and 288 feet high. It was this Tower that was a public shrine. They had over 400 shrines to their gods, and worshiped another eight or nine hundred others, a Tower of Babel it was.

"Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech, So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of **all** the earth: and they left off to build the city." Genesis 11:7-8.

The Bible tells us that the confusion of languages was of **about** the year 2,218 B. C., and thus died one of the greatest cities and civilizations of that era.

From the Book of Ether, of the Book of Mormon, we are also given another account of the people, "Then Jared said unto his brother. Cry again unto the Lord, and it may be that He will turn away His anger from them who are our friends, that He confound not their language." Now begins a migration over strange lands, across the seas, to a land which is choice above all the earth.

Now many years have passed, the country is dotted with great cities and roads that span thousands of miles. The language and writing is of the reformed Egyptian, the Lord hath prepared means of interpretation thereof. Some cities sunk into the sea, others were burned or destroyed.

The language and writing was of the reformed Egyptian, known only to them, but if we check some names and places we can still find them today, here are but a few that can be translated into Egyptian.

1. Peru	Per-oh	Great House
2. Missouri	Per-oh	Children of Ra
3. Niagara	Nga-ra	Bull of Ra
4. Massachusetts	Nga-ra	Children of Red One
5. Tennessee	Nga-ra	Land of Isis
6. Tabasco	Nga-ra	Land of the Basques
7. Guatemala	Wa-tem-ra	Way of the Setting Sun
8. Honduras	Hondu-ra	Descent of Ra into Abyss
9. Campeche Bay	Kham-petche	(Kham is the oldest name of Egypt, Petche means a curving body of water.)
10. Nicaragua		Way of the Dying Sun

The translation of some of these are from the Indian to the Spanish to the Egyptian, while others are pure Egyptian.

Then, too, one may well ask who discovered America, from what books I could find and do some research on, this is what I came across:

1. The Cro-Magnon people who live in the Canary Islands, their ancestors who came from Southern Spain.
2. The Chinese in the 5th Century, the Buddhist priest, by the name of Hwei-Shin.
3. There are some who think the people of Crete, Babylon, the Sumerians, the Etruscans, the Greeks, and the Romans.
4. The Phoenicians who sailed the Mediterranean and the south Atlantic left inscriptions found near the Amazon River, but it states, a running form of hieratic-like hieroglyphics like that of Egypt to Phoenician, or that of both.
5. Then in the Old Testament, the name of Ophir is used as a place of a city where huge quantities of gold came from, it is believed that Ophir is an inversion of Peru, and ancient name of Peru. Ophir is spoken of in connection with Solomon's Temple, built about 1,000 B.C.
6. One of the best documented of all is the voyage of an Afghan Buddhist monk, Hwiu Shan, who with five others discovered America in 455 A.D.

The voyage taking them up the China Coast, over to Korea, to the Aleutians, on to Alaska, and down the coast to Mexico, Hwiu Shan wrote of the new land and describing with some accuracy the climate, the people, the coast, the customs, the land, and the cities in great detail. (Chinese Encyclopedia, Vol. 231.)

7. The Romans were acquainted with America as the coins of various Roman Emperors were found far inland in North America. Rome knew of a land that was larger than Asia, Libya, and Europe together. There are a hundred or more references of about the 4th Century B.C.
8. The discovery of Picts Houses along the Old Indian Trail from Connecticut to New York is back up by the Carbon 14 test. This proves the Irish were here in 600 B.C. Iron-smelting furnaces were and are still being found in the Ohio Valley.
9. The Norse did not arrive until after Lief's discovery of "Vinland", in 1,000 A.D. and the Viking furnaces have been found in about the same area.
10. Columbus visited Iceland in 1477 and learned about the sailing maps which showed the way to America, the maps were copies from other maps that were copies many times over, and were very surprisingly accurate and shows the coast line of Eastern America, and of the interior of Hudson Bay, west to Alaska, and the Great Slave Lake.
11. There are hundreds of Celtic words in most all the Algonquin tongues, that retained the ancient root forms. The Irish bishop, St. Ferghil of Salzburg, wrote to Pope Zachary (741-752 A.D.) that the Irish had for centuries been in communication with a great land far to the West of the great sea.
12. Here is another discovery of which there is record, one of Hee-li's, whose junk was blown off course in 217 B.C., landing in the San Francisco Bay. The ship's captain returned home and described the country well enough for the place where he landed to be identified, and Chinese coins about 4,000 years old have been found around Puget Sound.
13. The Jews are often credited with having discovered America, as the Spanish priests found many Indians with religious beliefs, as to the Virgin birth of the Teacher (Quetzalcoatl) in Mexico, Kukulcan in Yucatan, Gucumatz in Guatemala, Bochica in Colombia, and Xue in Venezuela, who told the people to forsake their sins and their idols, and worship the Divine Father in Heaven, the veneration of the Cross; baptism, and the remission of sins. It also states that it was possible that St. Thomas or St. Bartholomew, had come here to teach the gospels. Also adding that, the Indians had descended from the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel,

whom the Assyrians deported from Palestine in 722 B.C. The Jews were never a maritime people, outside of the tribe of Dan, which bordered Phoenicia. The tribe of Dan is often credited with the exploration of the Dan-ube, and the settling of Dan-mark, etc.

One writer after many days of research and many books later states this, and I now quote, "The Book of Mormon says that all Indians are descended from Jews who came to this country after a long migration under the leadership of a son of Zedekiah, last king of Judea, arriving here some time after 586 B.C. That this is fallacy is amply proved by remains from Minnesota to Argentina, especially in the region between our own Southwest and Peru or Bolivia, where many remains thousands of years old are found."

Now that writer says he read the Book of Mormon for research, among many others. Well, if that writer read the Book of Mormon then he must have just scanned through the Book, or there were a lot of pages missing. But, in any case, he did not do a honest research on the Book of Mormon. So just in case that he ever reads this, I'll do some for him.

I will not quote word for word as it would take too much space, but will give an outline. In the Book of Mosiah, of the Book of Mormon, the king sent forty-three of his people into the land of the north for help, the little band became lost in the vast land of many waters (rivers, lakes, etc.). They had to return to the starting point and told the king of a land to the north which was covered with bones of men, and of beasts, and also covered with ruins of cities, and the people numbered many thousands. They brought back twenty-four pure gold plates, also large breast-plates which were of brass and copper. They also brought swords, the hilts of which had rusted away and the blades which were also rusted. There was no one who could interpret the language or engravings on the plates. Now the king wanted to know what was on the plates, and what caused their destruction. But there was one man who had the gift from God who could translate the plates, King Mosiah. King Mosiah found that the people that were found in the land of bones came from the Tower of Babel. (About 2218 B.C.)

If **that** writer had read the **entire** Book of Mormon, he would know that from the time of the Tower of Babel until present times is well over 4,000 years.

The Etruscans appear in history about 1,000 B.C. when they came into Italy as a result of a great tribal migration that brought enormous changes in the Mediterranean World. They were at their height of power in the 6th and 7th centuries B.C. when their navies ruled just about the whole of the Mediterranean Sea, and their great **three masted** ships traded with Egypt, Palestine, Asia Minor, and the Greeks. They sailed into the Black Sea to the east, and as far west as Tartessus, and traded for tin for their bronze with Britain.

The Etruscans did beautiful work in ivory and gold and many craftsmen today say their work in metals has never been equalled. The jewelry was fabulous

and some of their work in metals called "granulation", consisting of tiny gold beads soldered onto a gold locking **cannot** be duplicated to this day. For a people who had a **three masted ship** (that was not re-invented until much later in history) could have sailed across the Atlantic.

The Phoenicians may have been one of the first to come to America, as figurines depicting many races, including Semitic ones have been found in at least three places in America. One site about thirty miles northwest of Mexico City, over thirty feet underground, buried beneath remains of two cities. Another was off the Ecuador Coast, in water fifteen feet deep, in remains of a civilization so ancient that despite the slow rise of the Andes, it has not yet risen from the sea.

The third was found near San Meguil de Allenge, Mexico on a ranch of Senor Luis Ferro, by peons, who dug out large numbers of buried urns, and figurines of a Semitic type of people. While common to the Phoenicians, such things as lutes, chairs, riding animals, and mermaids, were totalling unknown to any Indian tribe.

Also it has been reported that agri beads have been found embedded in the flesh of mummied forms. Their secret of manufacture was known only to the Phoenicians, of all ancient peoples. The secret was jealously guarded, and the Incas did not know how to make glass. Any nation that could sail the Mediterranean Sea, with its sudden and violent storms, could as no great feat sail to the Americas.

The Egyptians usually are believed to have been land lubbers for the most part, but this has been proven otherwise. For ships were first invented in Egypt as river boats. Yet Snifru (who died in 3,000 B.C.) built a fleet of 60 ships, each 167 feet long, and brought logs from Lebanon, and marble and other woods from Britain. The Egyptians plied their trade from the Tigris, along both shores of the Mediterranean, and along the Atlantic Coast both north and south from the pillars of Hercules.

There are many place-names in England that are purely Egyptian (along the south coast of England and on the Isle of Wight), proving that Egyptians once lived there. The Egyptian records tell of prolonged voyages, such as rounding the Cape of Good Hope during the reign of Necho, and as I have said before, there are a few place-names in America that prove that the Egyptians were here before the time of Christ.

Also in Guatemala is a river called Nil, or Nile, on whose banks are found ruins of pyramids, and the deities of Egypt. The idols were solar ones, such as Horus, Ra, and Amen, all of them symbolized by the Hawk. In all lands where some primitive civilization existed so early, is found the totem of the hawk (which in North America is the eagle, and in South America the condor—the Bird of Kon). There are too many similarities in cultures and beliefs in Egypt and America at that time to be dismissed as coincidences.

So all these peoples who landed in the Americas were absorbed by the Indians and vanished into the Indian tribes. The Mapuche they differ physically from other tribes. The Mapuche differ physically from other they spoke a secret language. One of the wonders of the world (which few people know about) is that the Pyramid at Cholula Mexico is larger than the Pyramid at Cheops Egypt. The Pyramid at Cholula has a cubic capacity of 38,820,000 cubic yards, and that of Egypt is 35,402,790 cubic yards. But, in any event, every book that I did research on has not proved that there was any mass migration except the Book of Mormon which covers over 4,000 years. As for me I'll go along with Lord Kingsborough and the Book of Mormon.

Yet in Central America, the pure blooded Indians belonged to the same tribe and spoke the same language as the long-dead sculptors in stone and the master builders of pyramid stairways, and terraces. Where did these Indians come from? Did they belong to the same stock as the North Americans? Some thought that in the remote past the Mayas migrated to Central America from the ancient Far East, others over the land bridge, or were survivors of Atlantis, but there were others who thought they were one of the lost tribes of Israel. The pyramids point definitely to connection with Egypt, but the strong account of Christian elements were of the Cross symbol and they knew of the Flood. Their God Kukulcan had played a messianic-like role, an evidence pointing to the Holy Land of the Middle East.

It seems that just about everywhere in the Mayan art that was sculptured in stone related to some specific date, and every construction was part of a great calendar in stone. The ornamentation on the ramp of the hieroglyphic stairway of Copan was repeated about fifteen times, and the seventy-five steps in the stairway stood for the number of elapsed intercalative days, the other stood for leap years: the Mayan calendar was and is the best in the world. The blocks of stone were hauled to the site without use of carts or draft animals, the wonderful sculpture and beliefs were chiseled with stone implements! The results attained by the Mayan craftsmen were as good as the Egyptian pyramid-builders, or may have been superior.

How much is known of the Mayas, the Aztecs, and the Toltecs? Only that the cultures are related. They built pyramids with steps and were located according to astronomical lines of sight, and were erected under calendrical dictate.

One of the great gods was the wise Quetzalcoatl, who was called Kukumatz in Guatemala, and Kukulcan in Yucatan, and the legend tells how Quetzalcoatl came from the "Land of the Rising Sun." He wore a long white robe and had a beard! He taught the people crafts and customs and laid down wise laws, but for some reason he had to leave, taking his laws, his writings, his songs, and went the way he had come. In Cholula he tarried, and once more gave the people the benefits of his wisdom. Then he went to the seashore, where he began to weep, and ended

by immolating himself in fire, and his heart became the morning star; all the legends of Quetzalcoatl agree that he promised to come again.

There has been so many legends in history that have been validated that the dismissing of this story would be a great mistake, or to dismiss this legend as a mere poetic invention would also be a great mistake. Of the theories, some regard him as one of the early Catholic missionaries, or others see him as the Apostle Thomas.

What was the reason that these peoples left their cities, temples, or the pyramids? Was it hunger due to inadequate agricultural, a severe epidemic, or some natural catastrophe?

There have been writers and more writers, and more and more archeologists asking what happened to those people who once lived in the great cities. There is no mystery to how or why they abandoned their cities, they were driven out of the land onto the sea; and to the islands. Those who were left or stayed, killed each other off to about the last man. To prove this we have to go to the Book of Mormon.

In the book of Alma of the Book of Mormon, chapter 30, verse 5, it says, "And it came to pass that in the thirty and seventh year of the reign of the Judges, there was a large company of men, even to the amount of five thousand and four hundred men, with their wives and their children, departed out of the land of Zarahemla, into the land which was northward. (Zarahemla was located in the north western part of South America, not far from Central America) and it came to pass that Hagoth, he being an exceeding curious man, (adventurous) therefore he went forth, and built him an exceeding large ship, (or ships) on the borders of the land Bountiful, by the land Desolation, (between South America and Central America) and launched it forth into the west sea, (Pacific Ocean) by the narrow neck which led into the land northward. And behold there were many of the Nephites who did enter therein, and did sail forth with much provisions, and also many women and children; and they took their course northward. And the first ship did also return, and many more people did enter into it; and they also took much provisions, and set out again to the land northward. And it came to pass that one other ship also did sail forth; and whither she did go we know not. (Perhaps to the islands). And it came to pass that in this year, (57-53 B.C.) there were many people who went forth into the land northward.

Here is the story, or I should say only a small part of mass migration to North America and perhaps to the islands in the Pacific, they became sick of one war after another, leaving their cities with only a few people who couldn't or wouldn't go for one reason or another. So I say to those of the archaeological profession, if you want to know what happened to all those people, read the **Book of Mormon**.

Lawrence John Ballard

A Thought

(Contributed by one of our younger church members, Miss Diana Patterson, of Phoenix, Arizona. Diana is attending Phoenix College this year).

As I walked beside the sea of life
I beheld the footprints of a man—
Mute evidence of a life—
Impressed upon the sands
Of time.
O, wash them not away in a sea
Of cares, and forgetfulness!
He lived. He dreamed. He worked.
Look at his footprints—
And remember.

I know not from whence these footprints
Came. I know not where they lead.
I know not his race
Or his creed. But stop! O ye men of terror—
Crush them not!
Let his feet tread gently lest they
Wound the weak—
Let them speak
Out—and let them be firm to tread the path
Of his convictions!

His task may be a lonely one—
Lonely—and full of troubles
And obstacles.
And so, he who left these footprints—
Let him find
His God
To lean on!
For understanding let him work; for then
We shall have peace
On earth.

Let him not find misunderstanding—
His work unappreciated.
O, let him not work
Alone, or his work die with him!
Walk beside him—yet after him—
To help lift
The burden—
To push, bit by bit
His idealism
Of peace
And good will.

O, may the many, many footprints
Walking, walking, steadily
Beside the sea of life, walk firmly—
And more firmly
Toward that Utopian goal where
All men can stand up free
And unafraid!

What Do We Learn?

What do we learn as the years go by—
To sing and smile, or to fret and cry?
To do our part in a great big way,
To work and wait, and hope and pray?
For years have wings, and how they fly!
What do we learn as the years go by?

What do we dream as the years go by,—
The dreams that count, and are pure and high?
The dreams that live in a lovely creed;
For dreams live on till they mount the sky,—
What do we dream as the years go by?

What do we speak, as the years go by,
The words of truth, or the words that lie?—
The words that sting, and that bring the tear,
Or words that comfort, and words that cheer?
For words are things that can never die,—
What do we speak, as the years go by?

Author Unknown.

LOOK TO THIS DAY

Look to this day,
For it is the very life of life.
In its brief course lie all the
Verities and realities of your existence:
The glory of action,
The bliss of growth,
The splendor of beauty,
For yesterday is but a dream and
Tomorrow is only a vision;
But today well lived makes every
Yesterday a dream of happiness,
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Look well, therefore, to this day.

—Attributed to the Sanskrit.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I take this opportunity through the pages of the Advocate, to thank my many friends for their kind expressions of concern and prayers in my behalf, during my recent surgery.

God has answered your prayers with a great blessing to me. I am thankful to God who hears and answers prayers, and for friends who remembered my need.

Velma A. Wheaton.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. I Cor. 13:1.

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