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Bethlehem, the "City of David". The tower in the foreground is part of the Church of the Nativity, the magnificent basilica of which was built by the Roman emperor Constantine in 330 A.D., over the small cave with its stone manger, which is the traditional place where Christ was born.

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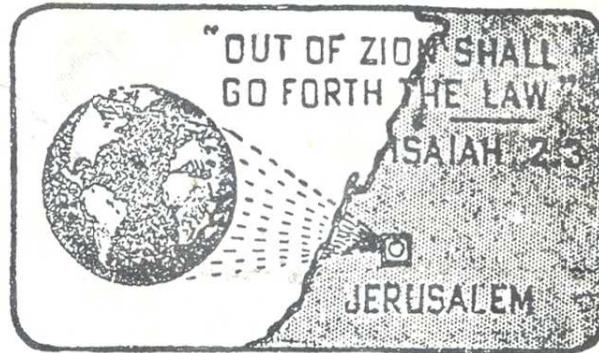
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JERUSALEM

"For the Lord hath chosen Zion: He hath desired it for His habitation" (Psalms 132:13). "The Lord of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem" (Isaiah 24:23). "They shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord" (Jeremiah 3:17). "But I have chosen Jerusalem, that My Name might be there" (2 Chron. 6:6). "The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem" — Joel 3:16.

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God Is Light

by Pastor U.E.A. Essien

"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all." 1 John 1:5. This harmoniously corresponds to the Psalmist's claim in Psalms 92:15, "To show that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him." In 1 John 3:11, 12, we read, "For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another."

This message is a direct concern to the true remnants of the Holy Family of God. The actions love and light are interchangeable with an effective result. God as the creator of all things has an inherently radiant light because He created light first for illumination (Genesis 1:3-5). The divinely radiant light reveals the depth of God's love for His creation. Brother John emphasizes that light and love attribute God's character in dealing with mankind and His universal dominion. This illustrative dealing with mankind indicates God's definite benevolence, literal and figurative meaning of divine distribution of the Heavenly Father's loving kindness, blessings and goodness towards His universal creation.

God is light and love (1 John 4:7-12). If we are truly members of the heavenly family, we must love because we are born of God. When we love as He loves, we bestow His divine nature and attributive works. "He who does not love does not know God. . for God is love." Brother John's further statement in 1 John 3:17, 18, holds us captive. Love is the fulfilling of the law and this is the radiant light of our conduct. (Romans 13:8-10).

"But if any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart to him (does not lend his brother a helping hand) how does God's love abide in him?" "Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and truth." This is exactly what Brother James means (in James 2:8-18) of profession of faith without works. "So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty."

Therefore the Messiah's affirmative assertion, "If ye continue in my word, then ye are my disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. . For the commandment is a lamp, and the law is light, and reproofs of instruction are the way of life." John 8:31, 32; 6:14; Proverbs 6:23.

He further states this in John 8:12, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Our Saviour became a light bearer because He was submissive to His Father's commandments and commanded His followers to do the same. "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you, abide in my love. If ye keep my commandments, continue ye in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love."

When we strictly and sincerely obey the Lord and keep His commandments it automatically attaches us to the love of the Father and His Son. "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments." 1 John 5:2, 3. By showing the work of the Messiah's faith in

His Father, He says, "For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45.

Our Heavenly Father grants us His Holy Spirit – a force that instigates and enlivens our actions to love. God's Holy Spirit is an indwelling person, part of His divine power working in our individual human lives to finish God's real purpose in our lives. "*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and ye shall see the Father, and he will give you another comforter that he may abide with you forever. . . But the comforter, which is the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*" John 14:15, 26.

As we have noted before, love and light have an interchangeable effect in their action. When we obey, it produces light, and light conforms us to the sonship of God. "*Let your light so shine before men, that they see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*" Matthew 5:16.

Acts 5:32, proves that obedience is a medium through which we gain the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In all Scriptures, love is a significant factor recommended for our services to God. "*Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God, the Lord is one, and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your mind, and with all your strength: The second is this, you shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.*" Mark 12:29-31.

Brother Paul, who knows well the development and function of love, declares in 1 Corinthians 13:8, that prophecies, tongues and knowledge are imperfect and will, in time, pass away. But in verse 13 he says three things form good characteristics of Christian conduct: faith, hope and love; but the greatest among the three is love. It was by God's perfect love that He sent His beloved Son to save the world from sin – the transgression of God's immutable law (1 John 3:4).

The Saviour's statement in John 8:12, proves His Father's love and illuminating light (compare John 3:16; 9:5). This embodies and manifests His characterable act.

When the early disciples of Messiah accepted the endorsement of the version of this process, they brought love and unity into action, thereby, generating the wave of the ingredient of the light of their lives. Ananias and Saphira his wife were the exception. They kept back from the Lord part of the price of their sold possessions. How many good and honest Christians today think they sell all to the Lord; yet bring not the price of their possessions to lay at His feet for use in His work? (Acts 4:32-37; Philippians 2:1-10).

We must be careful that we are putting our talents and possessions to use in His work, that we are being truly shining lights for Him: The Scriptural command is: "*You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored. It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden underfoot by men. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. . . For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and pharisees (the hypocritically religious sects who did not practice what they preached) you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven.*"

Because "love is the fulfilling of the law" true conversion generates love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, and this is what the Bible calls the fruit of the Holy Spirit of God (Galatians 5:22, 23). The components of love are joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Christ the Saviour of the world was sent through God's love, and He became the light of the world (Acts 10:38, 39; Luke 24:19-21). We are to be bearers of this light. His loyalty and submission to His Father's commandments afforded Him to perform healing works, miracles, benevolence, and finally gave Him the courage to give up His life as a ransom for all. His obedience to His Father's commandments gave Him victory over the agony of death on the cross, thus bringing the ultimate reward of God's salvation to mankind. The early apostles, through their obedience to His commandments, received the spiritual endowments – love, healings, miracles and finally the rendering of the New Testament Scriptures as a complete testimony of the Word of God (Revelation 1:1-3; 22:13).

Though many do not believe that the practice of love, which is the most Christian obligatory act, is to be exercised from the cradle to the grave by all the true disciples of Messiah, down to our age, once we are aware of the fact that we are in the last days (Joel 2:28, 29), all the spiritual manifestations mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:1-21; 13:1-13; must come into full operation. "*He who does not love does not know God: for God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we love God but that he loved us and sent his son to be the expiation for our sins. Beloved if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. . . If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.*" 1 John 4:8-12.

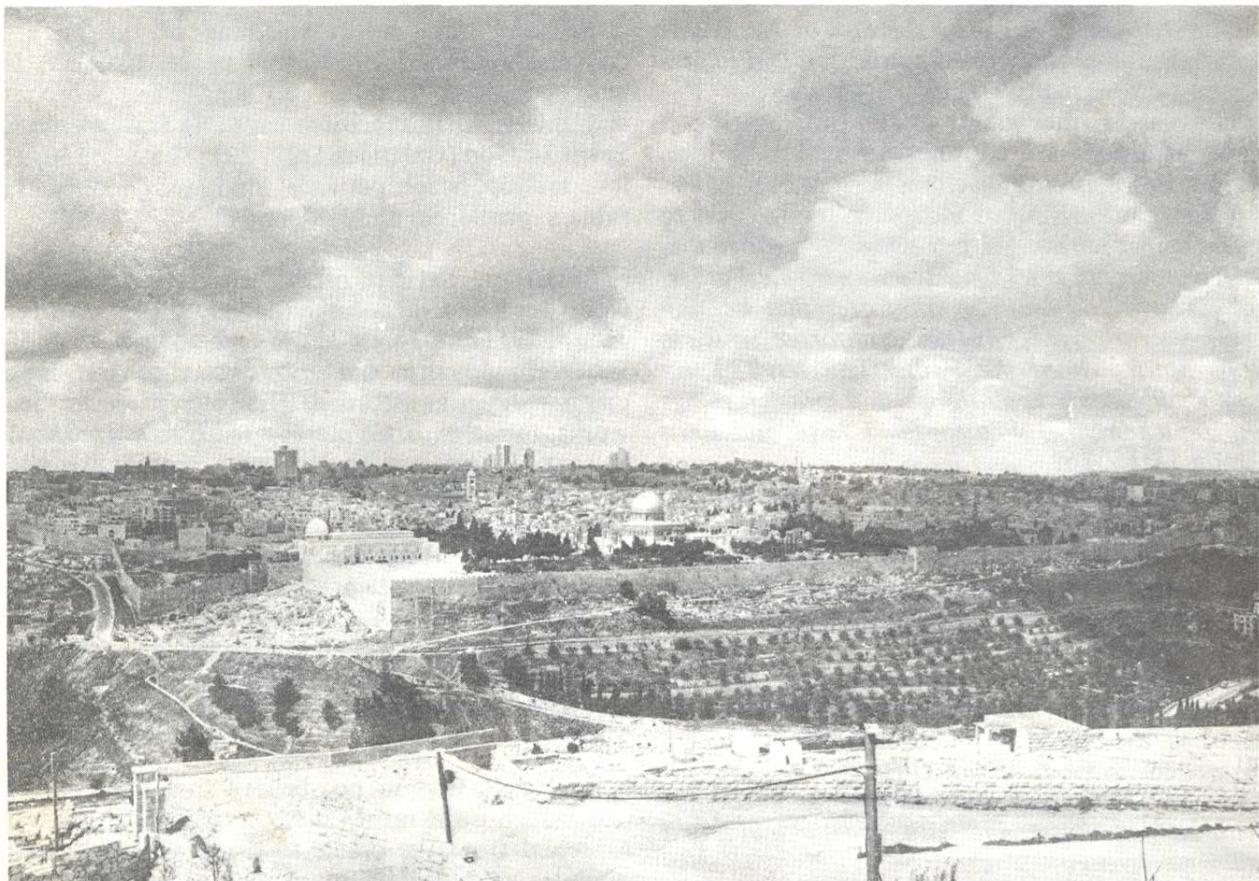
When these operative manifestations of the spiritual gifts show their full forces, the true remnants of Jesus must bring to the dark world of our days the fruit of the righteousness of God's law, which is the product of the nine qualities of the fruit of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22, 23).

What is also required here is not the level of the theoretical love, but practical love, which is truly practical Christianity. John asks, "*But if any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him how does God's love abide in him?*" 1 John 3:13, 14. He responds, "*Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and truth,*" (verse 18) – in obedience to the law of loving our neighbours as ourselves. □



LIFT UP YOUR HANDS

"Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. The Lord that made heaven and earth BLESS THEE OUT OF ZION." – Psalms 134:2, 3.



Jerusalem in the 1980's: The Strife and the Hope

by Elizabeth Gay Gerrish

The Tremendous Strife

Jerusalem, the city of peace, is a paradox in that it is also the city of age-old strife. Over the past milleniums no city has been coveted and fought over as often as Jerusalem. The Babylonians, Macedonians, Seleucids, Romans, Byzantines, Persians, Crusaders, Mongols, Turks, British, and Jordanians are only some of the conquerors whose names have fluttered across the pages of its bloody and anquished past.

Jerusalem's strife may be mostly attributed to the fact that she is a sacred city. According to scripture, Jerusalem is the one place on earth chosen by the Creator for His dwelling and for the place of His throne. This fact alone would explain why the city, throughout the ages, has been the center of spiritual conflict, as the powers of darkness have challenged the Creator's desires and plan. Because the roots of Jerusalem's strife are spiritual in their nature and extend back thousands of years, they are not easily solvable. The scriptures seem to indicate that the strife will become even greater, and worldwide in scope, before peace finally comes to this city. Zechariah, the prophet, explains that, *'in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it*

shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.'

Perhaps there is no place on earth where religious feelings run higher than in Jerusalem. This city has spawned the three great monotheistic religions of the world: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The city today holds, in its small area, major shrines of all three of these religions. As a result, the tension between them is felt more here than any place else. Even today, just a careless word or act has the potential to set off a religious riot.

A second area of Jerusalem's strife can be found in the cultural realm. While walking the city's streets one can hear almost every language and observe dress and customs from nearly every nation on earth. The great differences in the cultural backgrounds of the residents of this city can often be measured in hundreds of years. An example of this is the donkey carrying gas cans past a service station, or the peasant farmer cutting grain with a hand sickle while the modern combine works in the next field. Also, the Jews have come from all over the world, from different societies, from highly mechanized to backward countries. All these cultural differences have a tendency to produce a

certain amount of strife and conflict, not only between Jew and Arab but also between Jew and Jew.

In recent years we have seen a third area of Jerusalem's strife manifesting itself — the economy. The economic weights and pressures on the peoples' backs are becoming staggering. In April the annual inflation rate was running at 160%. In response to this the past few months have seen the salt workers, garbage collectors, postal workers, doctors, bakers, municipal workers, teachers, bus drivers, and weathermen go on strike. Largely because of the economy more than 300,000 Israelis, or some 15% of the total number of immigrants to Israel, have left the country since 1948.

No appraisal of Jerusalem's problems would be complete without some emphasis upon the political and military aspects. As was before mentioned. Jerusalem has always been a city of warfare. It has been conquered some twenty times. Today, even before the war in Lebanon is concluded, there is a shadow of war with Syria. The Bible states in Matthew that: "*There shall be wars and rumors of wars.*" Also, in Zechariah, we are promised that the military agitation will not cease until all nations of the earth are gathered against Jerusalem to battle.

The strife and turmoil of Jerusalem, both past and present, could be a dismal and depressing subject, were it not for the fact that Jerusalem is the city of *hope*. This hope is reflected from the mouth of Moses, from Israel's ancient prophets, and from the New Testament.

The Tremendous Hope

As my friend, Gloria Brereton, so aptly stated, "It's one thing to see history in the making, but it's quite another to see prophecy being fulfilled before your very eyes." Much of the hope of Jerusalem has already been fulfilled. The Bible says in Amos that, "*I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them: and they shall plant vineyards and drink the wine thereof: they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be plucked up out of the land which I have given them.*" Long ago God spoke through the prophet Isaiah these words of comfort to Jerusalem: "*Thou shalt be inhabited. . . I will raise up the decayed places.*" Surely, as we look at Jerusalem's bursting population of over 400,000, we must agree that these scriptures have been fulfilled without our being quite aware of it.

When the Israeli forces broke through Lion Gate in 1967 and captured the area of the Western Wall, that may have been a fulfillment of scripture that escaped many. On that day General Shlomo Goren stood in front of the wall, clutched the Torah, and exclaimed, "We have taken the city of God. . . we are entering the Messianic era for the Jewish people."

As exciting as it is to see these scriptures already fulfilled, there are vast numbers of scriptures remaining to be fulfilled. It is in these scriptures that the real hope of Israel lies. Today I mention only a few. The Psalmist says that Jerusalem is to be the "*Joy of the whole earth*" — not the grief of it as it is today. Isaiah states that "*Joy and gladness shall be found in her.*" The Bible says of Jerusalem that it's "*The place of My throne*" and "*Out of Zion will go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.*"

Isaiah also explains that Jerusalem is to be an undisturbed habitation. "*No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the Redeemer shall walk there: And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion with songs, and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*"

As the world becomes blacker by sin, Jerusalem shall become brighter and brighter, "*And the Redeemer shall come to Zion.*" "*Arise, shine; for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and the kings to the brightness of thy rising.*"

It is recorded in Isaiah that Jerusalem is also to be like Eden. "*For the Lord shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste-places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.*"

The Psalmist tells us that "*The Lord has chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation. This is My rest forever; here will I dwell; for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread. I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.*"

Isaiah states that Jerusalem is to be the religious center for all the world. "*The Word which Isaiah the son of Amos saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. Now it will come about that in the last days, the mountain of the house of the Lord will be established as the chief of the mountains and will be raised above the hills; and all the nations will stream to it. And many peoples will come and say, 'Come, let us go to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that He may teach us concerning His ways, and that we may walk in His paths.' For the law will go forth from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And He will judge between the nations, and will render decisions for many peoples; and they will hammer their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war.*"

For 3500 years God has been working with the Jews — One hundred generations. One hundred generations of waiting, praying, hoping; and here we are at the hour of the consummation of Israel's history!

We long for that day when real peace will come — not just the absence of war, but real peace. That day when the *Prince of Peace* is seated on the throne in the *City of Peace*. Come quickly — Lord Jesus! □

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THE ALMIGHTY CHOSE ZION

"*For the Lord hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.*" Psalms 132:13, 14.

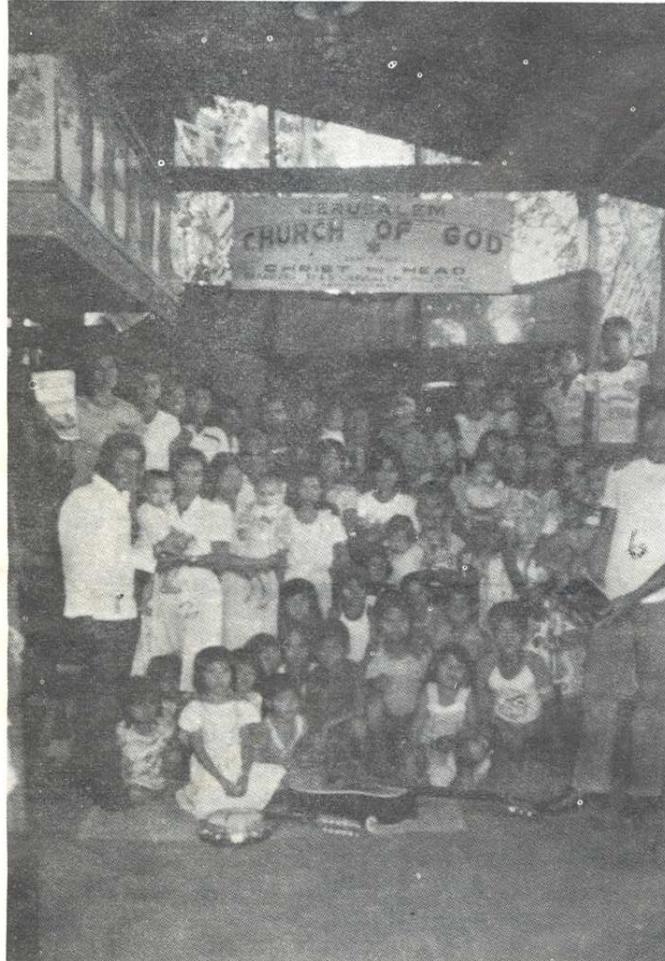
"*Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.*" Psalms 129:5.

"*The Lord shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.*" Zechariah 2:12, 13.

The Lord's Work Around The World ...

Reports and testimonies continue to reach us from servants of God throughout the world. We just praise the Lord for each soul who is diligently serving the Master in His vineyard. May each one of us ever grow in His service and become more dedicated servants of the Lord.

— Gordon Fauth



Congregation in Carmen, Bohol, Philippine Islands.



Congregation in Polomolok, South Cotabato, Philippine Islands.

Report from Reading Berks, England

Dear Brother Fauth,

I do trust that this letter will find you all at Jerusalem well, as we here are also well.

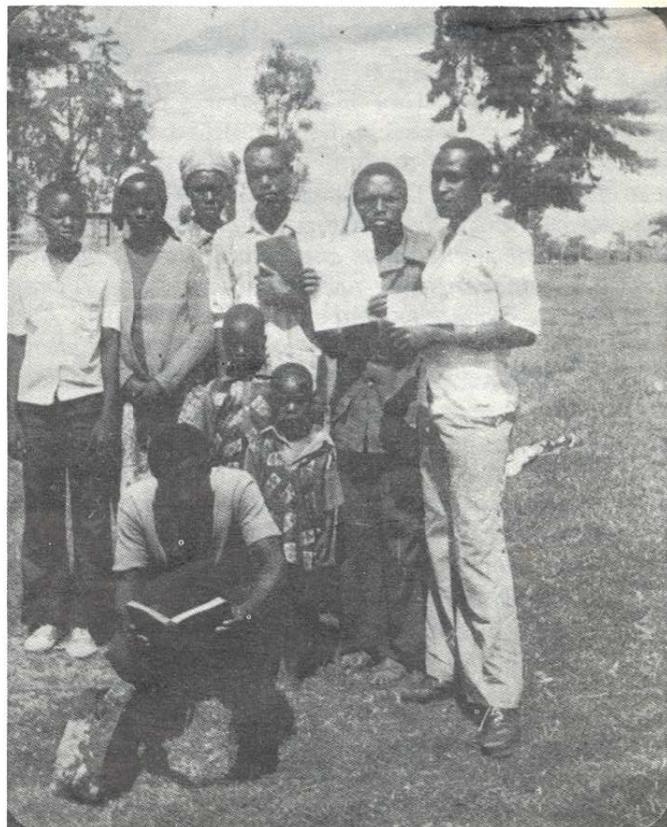
You will know that we here in Reading are always praying for you and all your labourers in the work at Jerusalem.

As for me, I am still pressing on in the King's business. I have just returned from a twelve day visit to Zurich, where I have again seen the hand of God at work as His Word was ministered. Switzerland is a land of plenty materially, but spiritually there is much to be done. Most of my visits to Switzerland have been working with the Christians to strengthen their faith. Please pray for this land, and especially for the ministers.

As for our assembly, we continue to trust God for the salvation of lost souls. We need your earnest prayer.

May the Lord Jesus always bless your efforts.

Your brother in Christ,
Stanley A. Harper



Brethren in Kericho, Kenya.

Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest.

John 4:35.

Report from Tobago, West Indies

Dear Elder Fauth and co-workers,

Holy greetings to you in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus our soon coming King.

I take this opportunity as a saint of God to write you these few lines and let you know about the work of the Lord in Tobago.

On February 13, 1983, six souls were joined with the Saviour.

We are still going ahead with the Lord's work. Please send me some tracts and Bibles.

May the Heavenly Father richly bless.

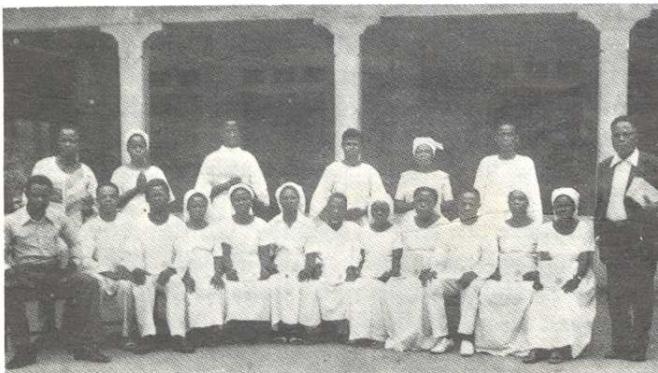
Your brother in one spirit,
Fabien Lynch



Baptismal service in Scarborough, Tobago, West Indies.



Brother being baptized in Scarborough, Tobago, West Indies.



Recently baptized servants of God in Ikot Ekpene, Nigeria, West Africa.



Congregation in Bhimavaram, South India.

Report from Bhimanaram, India

Dear Elder Gordon Fauth,

Christian greetings to you and the saints there in the beloved name of our Lord and Messiah.

We are all well under the guidance of His intensive care and hope that this will find you all in sound health and in good spirit.

We received your kind letter for which we thank you, and the literature. The literature is very useful to us to distribute among many people here.

Elder, we are working for the Lord for the last 40 years. But we are very poor. For this reason we are not able to spread the gospel to a greater area. So please pray for us and the work here.

All our brethren are sending their greetings to you all.

Please remember us when you kneel before our Almighty as we do for you. Thanking you in advance.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Your Brethren in His service,
David Raju



Congregation in Ibiono, Cross River State, Nigeria, West Africa.

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THE MOST DEADLY WEAPON

I am more deadly than the screaming shell from a howitzer; I ruin without killing. I tear down homes; I break hearts and wreck lives. I have no respect for truth or justice, no mercy for the defenseless. You will find me in the pews of the pious and the haunts of the unholy. I am wily, cunning, malicious, and I gather strength with age. I make my way where greed, mistrust and dishonor are unknown. I feed on good and bad alike. My victims are as numerous as the sands of the sea and often as innocent. I never forgive and seldom forget.

My name is GOSSIP.

Life in Israel

by Naomi Fauth

Shalom to one and all. It is time to greet you once again in our blessed Messiah's name. It is summer here now and we are all well in the Lord and continuing on by His grace.

We have been receiving quite a few visitors these past weeks. It is always nice to meet the different ones to whom we have been writing and whom we feel we already know. We were happy to have with us, not too long ago, four visitors from England, beloved sisters from the Millyard Church in London. (The old Millyard Church was attended by the pilgrims who crossed over to America on the Mayflower). Other visitors were from Egypt and from different parts of the U.S.A. Our cousin, Clara Morgan, was a visitor once again in Jerusalem. Clara is a double cousin: her mother, Ora Carpenter, is my father's sister, and my mother is a sister to Clara's father, Paul Carpenter. We have never had much time together and I always treasure every minute that we are able to share. We were glad to see once again, Clara's son, Dr. Andrew Morgan, and his wife Melinda and their two little boys.

Brother and Sister Marcus with their daughter, Rose and granddaughter, Jennifer, have just left us for another week of touring. It was good to visit and fellowship with them over the weekend. They are from California, U.S.A. and attend a sister church to the one which is attended by our beloved Brother Perales. Brother Perales, you may recall, visited Jerusalem some time back, after accompanying the SonBeams on a Gospel singing tour of Mexico.

We were very glad to meet Sister Olivia Lunsford from Georgia, U.S.A. and also the different ones who were with her. The SonBeams were privileged to receive a plaque from Sister Lunsford and the ambassador members of "The Followers" choir in Georgia. Sister Lunsford has been of great help, especially with the Bible Ministry, and we are very grateful to have her and "The Followers" as co-workers in His vineyard.

I would like to thank all who have been faithfully sending encouraging and uplifting letters. Many of our friends around the world write about their gardens (it being the time of year, in most places, when gardens are in full growth). It is always interesting to hear about the different fruits and vegetables that are being grown around the world. Here in Jerusalem the climate is right for growing many kinds of fruits and vegetables. Anis and thyme grow wild over the countryside. Also, holihocks are in full bloom now. They grow wild here. History has it that the crusaders were the ones who carried holihock seeds (a native of the Holy Land) to other places in the world.

Naphtali, our third son, got some of the children interested in gardening this spring, and they have found time to plant quite an assortment of vegetables: carrots, lettuce, tomatoes, eggplant, radishes, cucumbers, gourds and different kinds of squashes and melons. I'm afraid the only contribution I have made is some wild lambs quarter which I put in one small



Pastor Gordon Fauth officiating at baptism in the Jordan River. It is always wonderful to see young people dedicate their lives to the Lord.

patch in the garden. Our little son Reuben is especially happy to help with growing things. He is always planting the seeds that he finds, even lentils, apple seeds and wild flowers. He loves to watch things grow.

We have a beautiful little bed of Portulaca in full bloom in the church yard. They are bigger in size than the usual kind, with a double blossom. They are sometimes called Moss Rose. We receive many compliments and answer many questions about them. Sometimes the tourists stopping across the street at the observation point, where they come to see the outstanding view of Mount Zion, Mount Olives, and the Temple Area, notice these little flowers and also compliment their beauty.

From these few little plants that Gordon bought at a nearby nursery, we have made literally hundreds of new starts and have also given many shoots away to neighbors and friends for starting. You just take a small stem or larger portion of the plant and place it into the earth, water it everyday, and in a week or ten days it already has many roots. You can also just break

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Dancing and rejoicing on Jaffa street downtown Jerusalem during Jerusalem Day. Around springtime, here in Jerusalem, there is a special holiday called "Jerusalem Day". It is the anniversary of the uniting of the West and East sides of the city after the 1967 war. This year was the 16th year in which Jerusalem has been united. During Jerusalem Day there is folk dancing and parades on the main streets of the city. And in the Kidron Valley, below the Old City walls, singing and rejoicing continue on into the night. Last Jerusalem Day I enjoyed this part of the celebration most. Quite a few of the songs were about the Messiah coming to bring peace. Some of them also mentioned the coming of the Holy Spirit. There was a wonderful spirit and atmosphere as these songs were sung and echoed across the valley. Then, of course, there was a rendition of "Jerusalem of Gold" in which everyone joined in with gusto. It was easy to see how dearly the people of Jerusalem love their city.

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a stem in two and the broken place will root. I have never seen a more amazing plant and so striking in beauty and so colorful. Even the foliage is crisp and so alive. When I look at them I can't help but feel a little touch of how I'm sure everything will be in the new earth without dryness and decay — void of any sign of death; with only the freshness and touch of springtime always.

In our garden in Baka (a neighborhood in South Jerusalem) we still have a few bee hives, though not as many as my father had when he was with us. Around autumn time we usually harvest a good crop of honey and honey comb for which we are thankful, as the price of honey, here in Israel, is quite high.

The Lord's work here is continuing on in a good way. We praise the Almighty for all His many blessings and for His leading and guiding hand. It is wonderful to know that He lives and is keeping His people in these troublesome but tremendous days of the end. His mercy is sure and His love unfailing. It is wonderful to trust in Him!

Shalom — In His Love,
Naomi Fauth



JUST A MINUTE

*I have only just a minute,
Only sixty seconds in it,
Forced upon me can't refuse it,
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it
But it's up to me to use it,
I must suffer if I abuse it,
Give account if I misuse it.
Just a tiny little minute,
But Eternity is in it.*



Extracts From Readers' Letters

LICHTENBURG, SOUTH AFRICA. —

Dear Mount Zion Reporter,

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Jesus Christ.

We were so thrilled as our touring bus stopped on the hill and the sound of music came from a little church. We forgot about the purpose and photographing and joined in singing and praising the Lord.

The song-group's dedication touched our hearts as South Africans, and we just couldn't leave. It was a wonderful hour in God's presence.

A special request is made to purchase a music cassette by the "Zion SonBeams".

We would also like them visiting South Africa in the future.

We will keep in touch regularly and pray that God will bless your ministry.

God's blessings,
D.B.

HYDRABAD, INDIA. —

Dear Sir,

Greetings to you in the highly exalted name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Praise His name!

I have received your four Bibles. I am very much thankful to you and the Lord Jesus Christ, for the Bibles have saved four families. These four families were Hindus, they are now converted Christians. I gave them the Bibles as a gift, now they are happy with our Lord Jesus.

I am working as an evangelist. There is a great need of Christian literature and Bibles for the needy souls. So kindly send Bibles and magazines.

Please pray for me that I may witness for my Lord throughout my life.

May God bless in your service.

Yours sincerely,
B.G.

KUMASI, GHANA. —

Dear Brother Fauth,

Truly God is good to Israel! Thank you very much for your letter. I thank the Lord for all He is doing for you and the spreading of the Gospel. In Ghana we are also pressing on in the Gospel message.

I take this opportunity to thank you for the *Judah* (*The Mount Zion Reporter*).

Brother continue to remember me in your prayers and I will do the same for the peace of Jerusalem and the Lord's work.

And now, the God of peace make you perfect in every good work. To Him be glory forever (Hebrews 13:21, 21).

Your brother in the Lord,
L.Y.

SWITZERLAND. —

Dear Brother Fauth and staff,

My husband and I are always praying for Jerusalem. Our hearts beat for Israel.

Here in Switzerland, we always watch every day the news about the conflict in Lebanon.

I thank you so much for sending me *The Mount Zion Reporter* continuously, also the Calendar.

Our regards to you, your family and the staff. May God bless you all there.

Sincerely yours,
V.M.

NEW ZEALAND. —

Dear Sir,

Greetings in the Hope of Israel.

I am writing to thank you for sending me copies of *The Mount Zion Reporter*. Over the years I have enjoyed all that you have sent us and we pray that your good work may continue.

We are eagerly watching Israel through the events as they appear in the media and we feel it will not be long until Jesus returns. We pray to be ready.

Thanking you again. May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with you and your work.

Yours sincerely,
G.G.

ST. KITTS, WEST INDIES. —

Dear Editor,

A few months ago I came in contact with your magazine. It's undoubtedly one of the best religious magazines I've ever read, because it's very educational and inspiring. Keep up the good work! I am asking you to send me your publications.

Pray for me, I'm not a Christian.

L.R.

INDONESIA. —

Dearest Mount Zion Reporter,

Grace unto you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Your nice letter was duly received. I feel very great sorrow to hear your trouble is still going on. I do pray the Lord Jesus give you love and peace. I know from the Bible of war, it is a trouble, but all these things must come to pass (Matthew 24:6).

Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.

Love and peace to all,
W.T.

DORSET, ENGLAND. —

Dear Brother Fauth,

Thank you for your magazine. It is truly a book that helps one on the way and feeds our hearts with joy. It is truly a great work you are doing, and the SonBeams are a great blessing in song. It is all so needed in these last days.

I keep you all in prayer. May you all be used greatly in the days to come whether short or long.

Bless you Brother and Sister Fauth and all your helpers.

I am a believer in all His ways,
S.B.

TANZANIA, EAST AFRICA. —

Dear Brother Gordon Fauth,

Greetings to you and all the family of our Heavenly Father.

I am happy to get this good chance to let you know that your letter was received and also many tracts and magazines.

I am well here and I expect that our Heavenly Father will give you good health too, to press onward with the good work you are working for Him.

I cannot tell how I become happy when I receive news from Jerusalem. It is my duty to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Yours sincerely,
B.N.M.

Break Up Your Fallow Ground

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by Leslie Johnson

Many now common phrases in the English language came into use directly from everyday work or play situations, though often the sources have been forgotten. "Spinning a yarn" may mean stretching out a story, though it clearly has textile connections; so has "being on tenterhooks." Even a "townie" who has never smelt the rich, sweet odour of newly ploughed earth could use the meaningful phrase "ploughing a straight furrow." The Bible writers, with agricultural experience, often gave deep spiritual meanings to what were well-used work phrases.

Sow...Reap

Both Jeremiah and Hosea command to us the ploughing up of our fallow (unused) ground. Hosea wrote (10:12, 13) "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord." What a graphic picture he presents! A farmer in Israel, under Old Testament law from God, has to "rest" his land every seven years, and every jubilee year. It was a wise principle, which appeared again in western agricultural cultures in the Middle Ages under the Three Field System, where a farmer has three fields, working two and resting one annually.

But it was not only as a wise agricultural principle that it was required under God's beneficent guidance of His people. From their day to day natural experiences they were expected to harvest spiritual wisdom.

We reap what we sow, both naturally and spiritually. If we do not cultivate our mind's appreciation of God's Word; if we allow our minds to be dormant, instead of alive to spiritual things; if we allow weeds, thorns and thistles, the seed of sin (Genesis 3:18) to choke the "good seed of the Kingdom," then we cannot hope for a harvest of eternal goodness.

The skilled ploughman is attentive to his work, and is only satisfied with straight furrows. This is not a fad or a useless custom; it is essential to ensure that all the previous growth is buried, and only parallel straight furrows achieve this. So the ploughman begins by sighting a fixed object at the far end of the field for his first furrow, and keeps his eye on it. He cannot afford to wander this and that way.

How many spiritual lessons can you harvest from those principles? Do you wander about from one idea to another because you have no set, fixed standard by which to judge your progress? Have you buried all the old ideas, which would otherwise persist in springing up to choke the truth you would sow in your life?

But the clean, straight furrows of the ploughed field are not the end in themselves, however attractive they look in the late autumn or early spring. The soil has to be broken up into a fine tilth so that it can receive the good seed; else the seed will remain on top, to be stolen by hungry birds! The rain must not collect on the surface, but filter down to be held in reserve, having absorbed the minerals which will later feed the growing harvest.

War On Weeds

Weeds must be kept down by constant attention, and predatory animals kept out of the growing food. Then the harvest is equally arduous. That which is good and wholesome must be separated from what is valueless.

Can you continue drawing spiritual parallels in these stages also?

Adam was told to "till the ground and keep it" even in Eden; how much more is good husbandry necessary today! The farmer's foot is still the best treatment in the field. Machinery and chemicals cannot replace the intelligent mind.

What motivates you in cultivating your mind? Pride in achievement? Greed for profit? Concern to help others less knowledgable? Desire to work together with God so that the Lord of the Harvest may accept your service as a wise, willing servant?

What quality of seed are you sowing? Are you satisfied with cheap, third-rate seed rejected by the careful husbandman? The Bible offers, entirely free, the good seeds of the Kingdom of God. God's enemies have mixed with it tares, which demand your attention, but provide no wholesome harvest. God's seed of the Kingdom is guaranteed 100% disease free, 100% resistant to blight, 100% fertile.

Tares' Masquerade

The natural thoughts and ideas which spring up in the human mind are of the flesh, and their fruit is bitter and poisonous; they dull the ability of the mind to grasp divine thoughts, they are the tares which masquerade as good seed. They consume and waste the energy of the mind in fruitless endeavours.

Sometimes even the native energy of the human mind has to be suspect and may lead a person ruthlessly on to destruction.

Gordon H. Woodward penned the following lines, called "The Resolution of an old Ploughman":

I know I cannot turn my ploughshare
back in the furrows I have ploughed;
I cannot straighten out the bends
or for the baulks, so crude and ugly,
make amends.
But if I could have another try to press my
coulter through the fields of life,
I'd certainly keep a tighter rein on horses
with such names as Passion, Moods, and
Stubbornness,
So that my life's field might weedless be,
and corn sprouts grow more generously."

We can, by the grace of our Heavenly Father, break up our fallow ground, we can sow to ourselves His righteousness in Jesus Christ, and reap a great harvest of His mercy. It is time to seek the Lord; He will direct our work, and prosper our services to His glory, our salvation; and the happiness of others who work with us. □

— "Glad Tidings"

GOOD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Sodium Chloride

I am going to talk about a substance called Sodium Chloride. Another name for it is salt. Salt is a familiar everyday word with no menacing sound to it at all. Sodium Chloride, on the other hand, sounds quite alien; maybe even a little dangerous. Sodium Chloride is the title I shall be using for the substance in reference. I believe it is the most fitting, because Sodium Chloride (salt, if you please) is menacing, and more than a little dangerous. In fact, used excessively it is outright deadly. Is this an overstatement? I don't think so. But let's examine the evidence and see just how dangerous Sodium Chloride can be.

First of all, the connection between the intake of Sodium Chloride and high blood pressure is common knowledge, the Chinese discovered it three thousand years ago. Just how harmful is Sodium Chloride? Eating too much of it can place a strain on the body, which might not be able to excrete it and will swell, but that's not the half of it.

Doctors prohibit the consumption of salt not only by patients suffering from high blood pressure, but also by those suffering from kidney, liver and heart diseases. According to Dr. Graham McGregor, head of the blood pressure unit at the Charing Cross Hospital in London: "Seven out of ten of us will die from diseases in which high blood pressure plays an important part."

The reason behind this frightening statistic is that we consume about twenty times the amount of Sodium Chloride our bodies need. In many instances the salt is hidden in processed foods, jams, candies, soft drinks, frozen fish fillets, yellow cheese, baking powder, canned products, frozen vegetables, potatoe chips, and similiar snacks, sandwich spreads, ketchup, mustard, bread, cornflakes. The list could go on to include just about everything we buy at the grocers these days, and there is no way the consumer can know the salt content. In addition to processed foods, Sodium Chloride is found naturally in almost all the vegetables and fruit we grow.

In view of the above evidence, the event seems unlikely, but should we be consuming too little salt we would also be in for trouble. Salt maintains the balance between minerals and water in our bodies, and the correct amount of it is absolutely vital to our health. It is important to increase our intake of salt when we lose it through perspiration in hot weather. Salt should not be restricted after diuretics are taken for a time, or when one suffers with lack of appetite, diarrhea, cramps, or vomiting.

Too much and too little consumption of Sodium Chloride: both extremes can be harmful. The major problem, however, is not one of too little salt, but of too much. It is a very serious problem and one to which we should pay heed, or, sadly enough, we may end up as one of the seven out of ten who die as a result. □



At a recent press conference here in Israel, Dr. McGregor of the Charing Cross Hospital made the following statement: "The Dead Sea isn't dead without reason. It's dead because of the tremendous quantities of salt in it."

Questions And Answers

QUESTION. —

In your 1982 Israel Bible Calendar there is a photograph and caption which confuses me somewhat. It is a photo of a multitude of worshippers by the Temple Mount saying a 'sun prayer'. It seems to me that this is what the heathen used to do (i.e. engage in sun worship). Why have the Jews adopted this? I would appreciate it if you could shed some light on the matter.

ANSWER. —

The photograph to which you are referring was taken on the day called "Blessing of the Sun" (*Birahet Hahameh*) which occurs every 28 years on the first Wednesday of Nisan when, according to Jewish calculations, the sun is at the same place as it was at the 4th day of creation (Genesis 1:16-19). On this day thanksgiving and prayers are rendered to God (not to the sun).

The ceremony takes place in the morning when the sun is about 90° above the eastern horizon. The scriptures which are read during the ritual are as follows in this order: Psalms 84:12; 72:5; 75:2; Malachi 3:2; Psalms 97:6 and 148, the benediction: "Praised be the Maker of Creation," which is followed by Psalms 19 and 121. Also read is the hymn *El Adon* (prayer (dawn prayer) of the Sabbath), and the quotation of an *aggadah* (an amplification of Bible portions which include narrative, history, ethical maxims, reproofs and consolations of the prophets).

In closing the congregation prays a short prayer of thanksgiving in which they express gratitude for having been kept until this day, and the hope to live to see the days of the Messiah and the fulfillment of Isaiah 30:26: "*and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of the seven days.*"

The last ceremony which was in the 20th century was on March 18, 1981.

QUESTION. —

I have heard so much about the end and how we need to prepare for these days which will be full of tribulations and hard times. However, I am now hearing about a secret rapture of the righteous in which the Lord will take us away to be with Him just before these terrible times start. I am somewhat confused. Will there be a secret rapture? If not, what must I do to prepare for the end times of trouble? Also, when will they begin?

ANSWER. —

In 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17 it says: "*The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air.*" Also, Revelation 1:7 says: "*Behold, he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him.*" According to these scriptures (and many more) the coming of the Lord for His saints will be a glorious bright and loud event which every eye shall behold, and not something which will happen in secrecy.

There is but a short time remaining before the end, and many great and terrible things must come to pass. The Word does not tell us exactly when these events will occur. However, many signs are given pertaining to these days of tribulation, and many of them can

actually be seen today (Matthew 24). We are instructed to watch and be ready (Luke 21:36) and to prepare so that our faith will remain strong until the end (Hebrews 10:23; 1 Peter 4:7). The preparations are of a spiritual and not a physical sort. In Ephesians 6:11-18, we have a complete list of what we need to possess for protection in this present state of the world; and even much more so in the perilous times to come.

QUESTION. —

Babylon is mentioned so often in the Bible. However, one never hears of this land today. Where is it located? Is it still an existing place? Also, what does the name "Babylon" mean?

ANSWER. —

Babylon is located in the existing country of Iraq on the eastern bank of the Euphrates River, about 20 miles (34 km.) south of Baghdad, near the village of Hillah. There is no longer a kingdom existing by the name "Babylon".

The scribes took the name "Babylon" from the words "Bab-ili" meaning "Gate of God". However, in Genesis 11:9 "Babylon" is taken from the root word "Bll" meaning "to confuse". In the New Testament the name "Babylon" is often connected with "religious confusion".

PENSIONER, 83, TICKED OFF BY SAPPER

TIBERIAS. — A pensioner here received a ticking package on Thursday which was discovered to be an innocent gift after it was blown up.

Aharon Bonder, 83, was summoned to the post office, where he was asked whether he was expecting someone to send him a watch. When he answered no, a police sapper was called to deal with the ticking parcel addressed to Bonder.

After the package was exploded by the sapper, Bonder inspected the debris and found in it, besides the destroyed watch, a letter from Bank Le'umi informing him of the bank's decision to award him a watch in honour of his years of doing business with the bank.

Bonder is looking into the possibility of getting another watch from the bank.

— "The Jerusalem Post"

HELP SPREAD THE GOSPEL!

We are urgently in need of funds for printing tracts, booklets, books and other materials, both in English and in other languages. There is a very great demand, and we are hard put to meet it. The cost of paper, postage, ink, etc. has been going up at a tremendous rate, and our publishing ministry has become very expensive. We need your help, and any amount sent in for this work will be put to good use in doing the Will of the Lord. Pray about it!

The Splendid Faith Of The Evolutionist

by Henry M. Morris

Christian faith is essential for salvation (Ephesians 2:8) but in one sense it is not all that difficult to have this kind of faith. After all, the amazing majesty, beauty and complexity of the universe should make it easy to believe in a great Creator God (Psalms 19:1; Romans 1:20), and the overwhelming body of objective evidence for the historicity of the person and work of Jesus Christ — including His bodily resurrection from the grave — makes it easy enough to believe in His saving power.

But the faith of the evolutionist and humanist is of another order altogether. His is a splendid faith indeed, a faith not dependent on anything so mundane as evidence or logic, but rather a faith strong in its child-like trust, relying wholly on omniscient Chance and omnipotent Matter to produce the complex systems and mighty energies of the universe.

The Harvard zoologist, P.D. Darlington, has penned a remarkable statement of this evolutionary faith, in his book *Evolution for Naturalists*. Acknowledging that the creative abilities of Matter are entirely enigmatic, he nevertheless bravely believes in them: “*The outstanding evolutionary mystery now is how matter has originated and evolved, why it has taken its present form in the universe and on the earth, and why it is capable of forming itself into complex living sets of molecules. This capability is inherent in matter as we know it, in its organization and energy.*”

Is not this a fine statement of faith? Even after looking down many avenues of potential evidence, Professor Darlington, more than 200 pages later, is still able to assert there is no evidence and thus faith is still pure. “*It is a fundamental evolutionary generalization that no external agent imposes life or matter. Matter takes forms it does because it has the inherent capacity to do so. — This is one of the most remarkable and mysterious facts about our universe: that matter exists that has the capacity to form itself into the most complex patterns of life.*”

The evolutionist faces a great temptation here, a serious stumbling-block to this faith. It seems utterly impossible that dead Matter could create Life. At this point, surely, he will have to defer to logic and acknowledge that Life must be produced by a Cause which is itself alive. After all, scientists long ago showed experimentally that life comes only from life.

Ah, not so! His faith is strong enough to surmount even this barrier. “*By this I do not mean to suggest the existence of a vital force or entelechy or universal intelligence, but just to state an attribute of matter as represented by the atoms and molecules we know. — We do not solve the mystery by using our inadequate brains to invent mystic explanations.*”

This faith in the life-generating powers of Matter glows even more brightly in light of the confessed bafflement of these scientists most familiar with the nature of life and its inexplicable naturalistic origin.

One of these has said: “*We do not understand even the general features of the origin of the genetic code. — The origin of the genetic code is the most baffling aspect of the problem of the origins of life and a major conceptual or experimental breakthrough may be needed before we can make any substantial progress.*” In fact, the author of this confession, Dr. Orgel, seems at first to have wavered somewhat in his own faith. He and Dr. Francis Crock, co-discoverer of the remarkably complex DNA molecule, now known to be a basic component of life and of the genetic code which controls the reproduction of all living systems, have acknowledged that life was too complex to have arisen naturalistically in the few billion years of earth history.

In actuality, however, their faith is still strong, perhaps even stronger than that of other evolutionists. They believe in “directed panspermia,” the amazing notion that life-seeds were planted on earth by an unknown civilization from some other world in outer space! The mere statement of this concept is itself adequate testimony to the grand credulity of the faith of these fine evolutionists, since there exists not one iota of scientific evidence for such ethereal civilizations.

Another evolutionist of bold faith is Richard Dawkins, originator and popularizer of the remarkable concept of “selfish genes”, an idea which itself bespeaks an unusual type of faith, Dawkins, who is on the faculty of zoology at England’s famed Oxford University, maintains an unshakeable faith in Darwinian evolution, even at the molecular level, in spite of all the modern attacks thereon by fellow evolutionists. He acknowledges, of course, that the logical thing is to believe in God. “*The more statistically improbable a thing is, the less can we believe that it just happened by blind chance. Superficially the obvious alternative to chance is an intelligent Designer.*” Even though it is, indeed, quite obvious that every complex and purposeful system which man has ever seen produced throughout history has been the product of an intelligent human designer, Professor Dawkins is willing to believe that life itself, far more complex than any man-made contrivance, was not designed. He dismisses God in these patronizing words: “*I am afraid I shall give God rather short shift. He may have many virtues: no doubt he is invaluable as a pricker of the conscience and a comfort to the dying and bereaved, but as an explanation of organized complexity he simply will not do. It is organized complexity we are trying to explain, so it is footling to invoke in explanation a being sufficiently organized and complex to create it.*”

He is right, of course. It requires only a very ordinary sort of faith to explain a given effect by a cause adequate to produce the effect. Much more faith is required, an extra-ordinary faith, to believe that effects are produced by causes that are not able to produce them! To believe that non-living matter can create life,

that chaotic disorder can evolve itself into organized complexity, that unthinking atoms can sort themselves into thinking human beings, — here is a worthy faith!

Evolutionary faith is not limited to biologists, of course. It can be appropriated by evolutionary humanists in philosophy, in economics, in politics, in all fields. A first-rate example was Adolph Hitler, whose implicit faith in Darwinism ("the preservation of favored races in the struggle for life", as the sub-title of Darwin's *Origin of Species* put it) gave him the vision and courage to array his assumed "master race" against the world, believing that its triumph would be for the greater good of all mankind in its ongoing evolutionary progress. Although his armies finally went down to defeat, he still retained his great faith! "*Hitler believed in struggle as a Darwinian principle of human life that forced every people to try to dominate all others; without struggle they would rot and perish. — Even in his own defeat in April 1945, Hitler expressed his faith in the survival of the stronger and declared the Aryan peoples to have proven themselves stronger.*"

Note the strong and unselfish evolutionary faith of Adolph Hitler, willing to even sacrifice his entire Teutonic "race" and finally to take his own life, to advance the cause of evolution.

Finally, let us consider the remarkable faith of Isaac Asimov, the most prolific science writer of our generation. Asimov believes that our present universe began with the Big Bang of a primeval cosmic egg, whose initial explosion led to the formation of chemical elements, stars, galaxies and finally people. Now note his fine statement of faith. "*The cosmic egg may be structureless (as far as we know), but it apparently represented a very orderly conglomeration of matter. Its explosion represented a vast shift in the direction of disorder, and ever since, the amount of disorder in the Universe has been increasing.*"

Now explosions commonly produce disorder and disintegration, so this greatest of all explosions must have produced the ultimate in disorder and disintegration. Evolution requires, however, that the great Bang somehow yield great order and complex structures. Dr. Asimov, therefore, believes that the primeval egg possessed an almost infinitely high degree of order, even though it had no structure.

Herein we encounter Asimov's deep faith. In all normal systems with which scientists work, "structure" and "order" are essentially synonymous, equivalent also to "information," "complexity," "organization," "integration" and other such terms. If it did what evolutionists believe it did, the primeval egg certainly must have possessed a tremendous amount of organizing information and it thus seems nonsensical to say it had no structure. Asimov believes not only in run-of-the-mill impossibilities but in the equivalence of opposites ("no structure" = "high order").

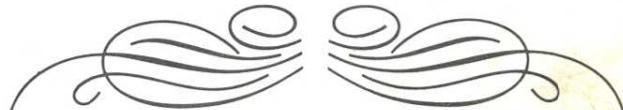
However, Dr. Asimov does feel it necessary to attempt some kind of rationalization, knowing that people of lesser faith might otherwise stumble. "*The existence of the cosmic egg is, however, itself something of an anomaly. If the general movement of the universe is from order to disorder, how did the order (which presumably existed in the cosmic egg) originate? Where did it come from?*" At this point, he makes another leap of faith, proposing that the universe —

instead of expanding, as he believes it is now doing — was contracting, with everything somehow in reverse and with its order increasing as it contracted. For this to be possible, of course, gravitational attraction has to be invoked to pull it together. The problem with this belief, however, is that the total mass of the matter in the universe is far too small to allow this ever to happen.

Such a problem as this does not overcome the faith of Asimov. He can handle it merely by another act of faith. "*I have a hunch that the 'missing mass' required to raise the density to the proper figure will yet be found and that the universe will yet be discovered to oscillate.*" Asimov's hunch, therefore, solves it all.

We creationists, admittedly, find it difficult to believe all these things that evolutionists manage to believe. But we have always had a high regard for the principle of faith, even though our own faith is rather weak, based as it is on such strong evidence as almost to compel belief in the God of creation and redemption. We must, therefore, at least express admiration for the remarkable faith of the evolutionist. □

— "Acts and Facts"



MONKEY'S VIEWPOINT

*Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree,
Discussing things as they're said to be.
Said one to the others, "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 another 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."*

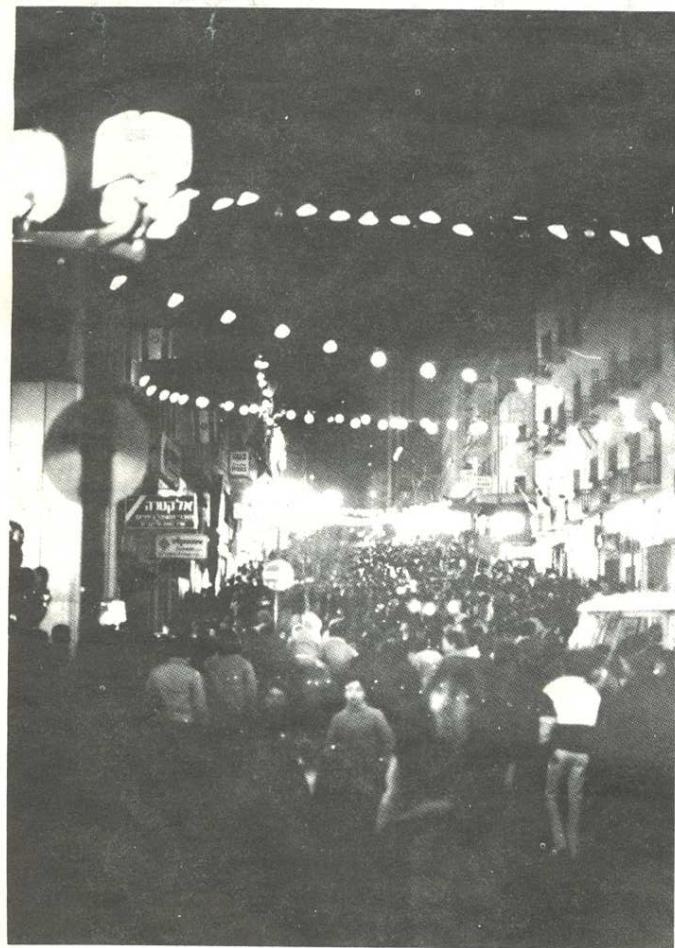
*"And another thing you'll never see —
A monk build a fence 'round a coconut tree
And let the coconuts go to waste,
Forbidding all other monks a taste;
Why if I'd put a fence around my tree,
Starvation would force you to steal from me."*

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





Jerusalem's Independence eve celebrations. Notice the hammers that everyone is carrying.



Thousands of celebrants throng Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda street.

ISRAEL'S DAY OF INDEPENDENCE

Israel is a land of many holidays — or anyway this is the impression that someone moving here from abroad quickly gets. But of all its holidays, the one celebrated with the most gusto and energy must surely be Independence Day.

It is celebrated each year on Iyyar (Zif) 5, the date on the Hebrew calendar when Israel became a state on May 14, 1948. It falls the day after Remembrance Day (*Yom ha-Zikkaron*) — a somber day of remembrance for all those who have fallen in the nation's defense, marked by visits to cemeteries, special prayer services and memorial assemblies, and by a two-minute silence throughout the country. But, when this day ends at sundown, and Independence Day begins, the nation's mood quickly changes to one of joy.

The festivities are inaugurated by a special ceremony at Jerusalem, on Mount Herzl. Here, by the tomb of the great Zionist visionary, the speaker of the Knesset (Parliament) officially begins the festival by lighting a torch, after which twelve torches are kindled, symbolizing the twelve tribes of Israel.

Throughout the country, Independence Day has begun, and will be celebrated until sundown the next day (Note that on the Hebrew calendar a day is from sunset to sunset).

There will be dancing in the streets, firework displays, official ceremonies and celebrations and organized entertainment, as well as visits to the beaches and picnics in the countryside.

Until well after midnight this night, the streets of the nation's cities will be packed by people celebrating



Independence celebrations on King George Avenue. In the background can be seen the monument on which stand Christ's words, — Talitha Kumi — found in Mark 5:14. The Talitha Kumi Christian Orphanage for girls, from which this monument was taken, was one of the first buildings to be built outside the Old City walls in what is now called the New City of Jerusalem.

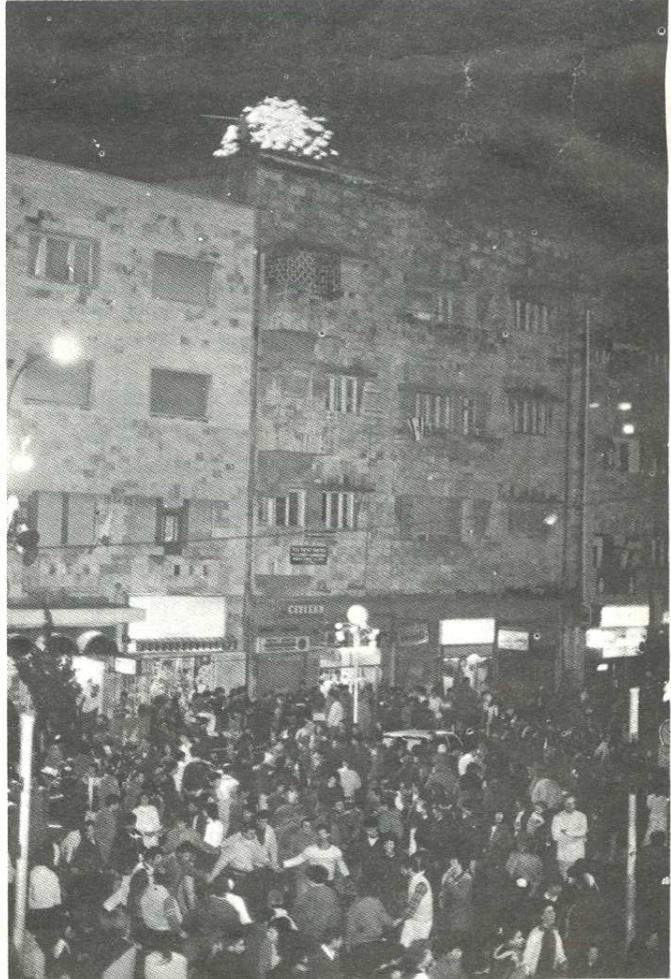
the occasion. Here in Jerusalem, it begins immediately after sunset. As darkness falls, tens of thousands of people begin to leave their neighborhoods and walk to downtown Jerusalem, which tonight is off limits to vehicles.

The center streets and squares of the city soon become unbelievably crowded by merry-makers. There is song and music everywhere, being blared over loudspeakers, and there is continual dancing as people form impromptu circles and join in the traditional dances. In squares and parks there are stages and bandstands set up with all sorts of entertainment. Children are everywhere — the small ones often riding on their father's shoulders — and in all the noise and confusion everyone seems to be having a wonderful time! One of the unique features of the celebration is the plastic hammers which everyone has, and with which they gleefully bop each other over the head, the hammer emitting a squeaking sound. There are vendors everywhere selling barrels of these hammers, as well as ones selling snacks, balloons and other things. There are firework displays over the city, heightening the festive mood. It is a joyous night of celebration, and it is impossible not to get caught up in the spirit of things, as the people of Israel celebrate yet another year of independence.

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"Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee."

Psalms 147:12, 13



Celebrations on King George Avenue with fireworks visible over top of building.

NEWS DIRECT FROM ISRAEL

All Items from "The Jerusalem Post"

MAN DIES PLANTING TEL AVIV BOMB

TEL AVIV. — One person died and four were wounded — two critically, and the other two medium to critically — when a large bomb exploded outside Tal Hotel in Rehov Hayarkon at 8:50 p.m. yesterday.

Large police forces cordoned off the area.

It is believed that four Arabs were handling what may have been a grenade at the back of the building close to gas containers.

Police believe the Arabs may have been preparing a bomb.

One of those wounded was a tourist who was a passer-by.

Windows in the hotel and nearby buildings were shattered.

All the wounded were taken to Ichilov Hospital, where one of the Arab victims was declared dead on arrival.

BEGIN MEETS WINNERS OF ARABIC LITERATURE PRIZE

Prime Minister Menachem Begin met in his office on Friday with the two recipients of the 1983 Prime Minister's Prize for Arabic Literature, poet Michel Haddad of Nazareth and author Mahmud Abbasi of Shfaram.

Begin presented the two with parchment certificates. They received their cash awards at a special ceremony at the Tel Aviv Writers House 10 days ago.

ONION PICKING MACHINES WORTH \$1m. SOLD IN U.S.

TEL AVIV. — A million dollars worth of Israeli-made onion picking machines were sold in the U.S. recently as part of a stepped-up effort to export agricultural technology.

Israel's exports of agricultural machinery are about \$25m. a year, plus \$80m. worth of irrigation equipment.

ALLIGATOR OLIM FROM U.S. FLOURISH HERE

HAMAT GADER. — Seventy alligator eggs were laid yesterday at the local hot springs and alligator preserve. The eggs were carefully transferred to special incubators for hatching, which must occur under specially warm and moist conditions.

This is the second year that alligators imported from the U.S. have been fruitful and multiplied in the Holy Land.

LEBANESE MAYOR AT JEWISH-ARAB MEET

NAZARETH. — One thousand persons from Galilee, the Golan heights, Samaria and South Lebanon took part yesterday in the traditional Jewish-Arab gathering at Kibbutz Ginnosar. Among the Lebanese who attended was Hasbaya Mayor Bahjat Ein Shams.

Adnan Hasan, a lecturer at Sidon University, spoke in Hebrew. He said he had come from Lebanon with an olive branch to symbolize love and understanding between the two countries. He added that the majority of the Lebanese population, particularly in the south, support the Israel-Lebanon accord.

TWO BEDUIN JAILED ON GUN-SMUGGLING CHARGE

BEERSHEBA. — Two Beduin — an Egyptian and an Israeli — were yesterday sentenced to prison after being found guilty of trying to smuggle weapons into Israel.

The Egyptian, Sirham Uda, 20, was sentenced to one-and-a-half years in prison, and the Israeli, Salem al-Atawi, 42, a member of the Azazma tribe in the Negev, was sentenced to two years.

The court was told that an Israel Defence patrol intercepted the two men last September as they were crossing the border by camel near Kadesh Barnea.

They had a Karl Gustav sub-machine gun, a pistol and ammunition in their possessions.

The two men told the court that they had crossed the border to look for their runaway camels.

GRAVESIDE LEBANON APPEAL AS TWO IDF MEN ARE BURIED

GIVAT HAIM.— Samal-Rishon Yosef Ben-Or, one of the two soldiers who was killed in Beirut on Wednesday, was buried yesterday in the cemetery of his kibbutz where he lived. He and Samal Moshe Edelstein were killed when a booby-trapped car exploded as their motorized patrol was passing it near the Galerie Semaan crossing.

Edelstein, of Kibbutz Ramat David, was buried yesterday in the military section of the cemetery the settlement shares with two neighboring kibbutzim. He was 21, and is survived by his wife and 14-month-old son. Thousands of people attended the funeral of Ben-Or, 33, who leaves a wife and two sons. In accordance with the wishes of the family, the ceremony was conducted without an Israel Defence Forces honour guard and without the services of a military cantor.

Eulogising Ben-Or, kibbutz member Gadi Gil said: "We have no complaints against the IDF and are firm in our belief that without a powerful army our existence would be in doubt. However, from this graveside we raise a cry to the government to get the army out of the vale of tears in Lebanon. There has been enough."

Ben-Or is the third member of the kibbutz to fall in Lebanon.

At Edelsteins's funeral the mourners included OC Southern Command Aluf Haim Erez. The funeral was conducted by members of the IDF chaplains corps. But at the request of the kibbutz, no volley was fired over the grave.

Itim reported that just a few days ago Edelstein phoned his wife Sharon to say he was not coming home on leave because he did not want to risk travelling unnecessarily on the roads in Lebanon.

YAD VASHEM HONORS VALIANT POLISH WOMAN

Marja Klepaska, who during the Holocaust saved over a dozen Jewish men, women and children by hiding them at her home in Poland, planted a tree at the Avenue of Righteous Gentiles at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem last Sunday.

ISRAELIS HELP SOUTH AFRICA 'HOMELAND' SET UP TV

Israel Educational Television will play a major role in establishing and running the educational TV service of Bophuthatswana, a small, newly independent "homeland" within South Africa.

Israel does not have diplomatic relations with Bophuthatswana, which is composed of a number of small "pockets" within South Africa. However, Israelis have been prominent in the country's industrial and agricultural development.

SOVIET UNION, EGYPT SIGN TRADE AGREEMENT

MOSCOW. — Egypt and the Soviet Union yesterday signed their first bilateral trade agreement since 1977, the official Tass news agency said.

WIDOW WINS IS1.7m. DAMAGES FROM STATE

NAZARETH. — A Druse widow with eight children from Kafr Bukata, whose shepherd husband was killed when he stepped on a mine near their Golan Heights village, yesterday was awarded IS1.75 million in compensation by the local district court.

The husband was killed in September 1982 while tending his flocks in a pasture used by the village for many years, which bordered a minefield. The court found the state liable for damages, because it did not fence off and mark the minefield.



Four wolf cubs at Jerusalem's Biblical Zoo take a singing lesson from trainer Irit. The cubs must learn to howl from their human attendants, Irit says, because they are orphans and cannot follow the example of their own parents.

MAJORITY FEELS PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEED MORE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

TEL AVIV. — A majority of the public favours more religious studies in the state general school system and a considerable number wish the school to begin with prayer, although more prefer the schoolday to begin with the raising of the national flag.

In answer to the question: "Should religious studies in state general schools be expanded or reduced?" the poll found the following:

	All	respondents	Religious	Traditional	Secular
Expand	57.2	84.2	65.7	38.8	
No change	34.2	11.9	29.2	47.4	
Reduce	6.1	—	3.2	11.2	
Undecided	2.5	3.9	1.9	2.6	

U.S. PH.D. FOR KOLLEK

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek was last week awarded an honorary doctorate from Brown University in Rhode Islands for his outstanding work for the city. Kollek was commended for healing "ethnic and religious wounds" and for leadership which should "serve as a model for all statesmen."

'LARGEST BOMBS IN YEARS' DEFUSED NEAR THE OLD CITY

Two time bombs, described by the Jerusalem police sources as "very large," were found and safely neutralized yesterday morning at the two entrances to the Hutzot Hayotzer shopping mall near the Old City's Jaffa Gate.

A woman noticed a plastic bag at the eastern entrance to the mall. She called police, and within a few minutes, sappers and crowd controllers were on the scene. A police spokesman later said the woman's alertness had averted what could have been "an enormous catastrophe." He said she would probably be presented with a gift of gratitude by police.

While the sappers neutralized the bomb using a mechanical robot, other policemen searched for a second device, which was found and neutralized at the mall's western entrance.

The two bombs — each weighing more than a kilo — were the largest found in the city "in several years," said a source. The source said both were attached to timers.

Within an hour of the discovery and dismantling of the bombs, the mall returned to its normal bustle.

The police called on the public to be particularly alert in the coming days — the anniversaries of both the Six Day War and the Lebanon war.

MK WANTS JEWS TO SPEAK WITH ARABS

The Knesset yesterday referred to the Education and Culture Committee a motion for the agenda by Dov Zakin (Alignment-Mapam) calling for making the study of Arabic compulsory from grade four.

Zakin said that for years Jews have spoken about the Arabs and to the Arabs, but not with the Arabs. Arabic is a vital instrument for carrying on a dialogue with the Arabs in Israel and in the region, he said.

Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer replied that, thanks to encouragement by the ministry, the number of pupils studying Arabic in elementary and secondary schools rose by 53 per cent — from 107,000 to 163,000 — between 1977/78 and 1982/83.

89 EARTHQUAKES FAIL TO SHAKE ISRAEL

Ninety-two earthquakes were registered in Israel between September 1981 and the end of 1982, but only three were actually felt, and these were relatively low on the Richter scale.

Most of the quakes recorded occurred in the eastern part of the country along the Syrian-African Rift, which includes the Arava, the Dead Sea and Kinneret (Galilee) areas.

ISRAEL'S LAVI WARPLANE — BEST AND CHEAPEST

PARIS. — Apart from being the best possible warplane available to the Israel Air Force in the 1990s, the Israel Aircraft Industries Lavi will save the country some \$2 billion, a senior defence industry source told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Tailor-made to IAF requirements and combat experience and packed with next-generation technology, the Lavi will probably be the most advanced attack aircraft in service in the 1990s.

ABBA EBAN JOINS RANKS OF GREAT WORLD ORATORS

The International Platform Association of the U.S. has elected MK Abba Eban as one of the 10 best English-speaking orators of modern times.

The others are: Daniel Webster, Abraham Lincoln, Winston Churchill, Franklin Roosevelt, Martin Luther King, John Kennedy, Adlai Stevenson, Gen. Douglas MacArthur and William Jennings Bryan.

The International Association was founded in Massachusetts in 1831.

FORMER SOVIET SETTLER CALLED 'SPY' IN BEERSHEBA

BEERSHEBA. — A Russian Jew who lived in Beersheba and then returned to the Soviet Union is called a Soviet spy in today's issue of the local weekly, KOL-BE. The man, Boris Brafstein, spent nearly two years in Beersheba 10 years ago.

But a knowledgeable source concerning aliya said in response. "It's not a case you can prove. I wouldn't take the chance of publicizing the story. Much damage can result if newcomers start being suspicious of one another."

Nobody denies the facts, but they are, at best, circumstantial. Brafstein, an engineer who was an active Zionist in Kiev, came to Israel with his wife and son (their second son was born in Beersheba) in 1971 and worked with several planning and construction companies. Twenty months later, he suddenly returned to Kiev and has since written virulent letters and articles on the difficulties of living in Israel.

Those who knew him here say that he now works for OVIR, the agency that, among other things, grants exit visas.

What has not been fully established is that he was a Soviet agent while he lived here.

Ruth Baron, information director of the Public Council for Soviet Jewry, told *The Jerusalem Post* that she would prefer that such stories were not published. "The Soviet system encourages suspicions and some of these are carried over by Russian olim."

The high-ranking source at the Soviet Olim Association here who leaked the story stands fast behind it. "The fact that he returned to his apartment in Kiev after he left Israel is 99.9 per cent proof he was a spy."

U.S. SOURCES: ISRAEL CAN DESTROY SA-5s

WASHINGTON. — Israel has the military and technological capability to knock out the recently installed, Soviet-supplied SA-5 long-range surface-to-air missiles in Syria. But Washington does not expect an Israeli military action in the near future, *The Jerusalem Post* learns.

What could be expected to trigger an Israeli pre-emptive strike would be the introduction of additional Soviet-supplied shorter-range missiles designed to protect the new SA-5 missile sites, authoritative U.S. sources said.

The U.S. has not flatly warned Israel against undertaking such a strike, the sources said. But neither has Washington given Israel a "green light."

Instead, the Reagan administration has simply shared with Jerusalem much of its information and intelligence on the dispatch of the SA-5s to Syria. The missile systems were reportedly accompanied by about 5,000 Soviet advisers.

U.S. Defence Secretary Casper Weinberger has spoken out sharply against the missile deployment, stressing the potential for further instability in the region. Secretary of State George Shultz said there is no indication that the Soviets are even pretending to train the Syrians in the use of the weapons.

According to the U.S. sources, Israel would clearly lose several of its fighter aircraft in an operation to destroy the new missiles, but there is no doubt, the sources insisted, that the Israel Air Force could get the job done.

In recent weeks, senior U.S. officials have given much thought to the possibility of an Israeli air strike against the SA-5s. It has been of deep concern, largely because Soviet personnel could be killed in the operation. No one here is certain how Moscow would respond.

ISRAELI SHOT TO DEATH IN GAZA MARKET

GAZA. — A 24-year-old Israeli was shot to death at short range in the main market here at noontime yesterday.

Menachem Dadon was making a purchase when an unidentified man approached him, drew out a pistol, shot him in the head and then fled. The shopkeeper called police, and the area was closed off by the security forces. A number of arrests have been made.

Two months ago, an Israeli was shot to death under similar circumstances in the Gaza market.

Dadon is survived by his wife, who is pregnant, and two daughters.

LET US LIVE IN ISRAEL, SAY DEAD SPY'S SONS

JULIS. — Two Druse brothers from Syria, whose father was executed by the Syrians in 1967 for spying for Israel and for helping the Israeli agent Eli Cohen, have been waiting seven months for permission to live in Israel.

As yet, they said yesterday, they have received no reply to their request.

The two wrote to Prime Minister Menachem Begin, the Minister of Defence and the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, saying that their father, while awaiting execution, told them they should request Israeli citizenship. "Israel never abandons those who help her," he said to them.

After their father's death, the two fled to Lebanon, where they still live without identity papers.

GAZA MERCHANTS CONDEMN MURDER

Nineteen business owners from Gaza where Menachem Dadon of Netivot was murdered two weeks ago have condemned the killing in a letter to the region's military governor.

The signers sent condolences to Dadon's family and expressed hope that peace will prevail between Arabs and Jews.

WAR WASN'T WORTH THE PRICE, ARGOV DECLARES

The man whose shooting in London 13 months ago sparked Operation Peace for the Galilee has spoken out publicly for the first time since that event — in condemnation of the war.

Shlomo Argov, former ambassador in London, is still recovering from head wounds suffered in the shooting. But little by little, he has become more aware of the events which followed, and several weeks ago, dictated his opinions to a friend. These were published in Friday's *Ha'aretz* by columnist Yoel Marcus.

"If those who planned this war had foreseen the dimensions of their adventure," Argov said, without naming names, "they probably would have saved the lives of hundreds of our best young men."

Pained by the thought of the war's victims and dismayed by those who describe it as "worthwhile," Argov said that talk of "a worthwhile war is for charlatans. Only someone who has faced battle and returned from it knows that it is impossible to speak of a worthwhile war. For us, no war is worthwhile.

"We are a nation that lives by the sword," he wrote, "and we need not be ashamed of it. . ." But "war should not be taken lightly. Sometimes history forces drastic steps on us, creating a situation of no choice. Such was the Six Day War. But the architects of this war set out with no illusions. They knew its price, political as well, and were willing to pay."

According to Argov, the war was a scheme of "generals who tried their hand at war and came up short, prophets at the gates who offered good or evil counsel — but they have not brought salvation.

"It is the right of our soldiers to know that they will never go to war unless it is matter of necessity for the sake of life itself," he concluded.

COURT TO HEAR BID ON TEMPLE MOUNT PRAYER

The High Court of Justice is to hear an application from Temple Mount activist Gershon Salomon this morning for an order *nisi* instructing the police to show cause why he and his associates should not be permitted to pray on the Temple Mount tomorrow.

Salomon, who has led frequent unsuccessful attempts to pray on the mount, had his application turned down by Jerusalem police chief Tat-Nitzav Rahamim Comfort.

Jewish prayer on the mount is strenuously opposed by the Wafk (Moslem religious trust), which controls the area, the site of the El-Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. It is also opposed by most Jewish religious authorities.

The Jewish authorities say that, as the ancient site of the Temple is unknown, Jews might unknowingly violate the site of the Holy of Holies.

DIAMOND EXPORTS UP FOR THIRD MONTH

Net exports of diamonds went up by 1 per cent during February and totalled \$80.9 million, compared to \$90m. during the same month in 1982.

PRICES OF BASICS GO UP 5%

Prices went up 5 per cent at midnight of basic commodities receiving government subsidies. The increase is a result of cutting the subsidies. The last increase was imposed on June 6.

Example of changes are:

	New price	Old price
	IS	IS
Standard bread	5.70	5.40
White bread	7.30	6.90
Cooking oil (glass bottle)	22.00	20.90
Cooking oil (plastic bottle)	37.00	35.20
Margarine (200 grams)	7.50	7.10
Milk (1 litre)	14.20	13.50
Frozen chicken (per kilo)	102.00	97.00
Petrol 91	28.00	26.60
Petrol 94	30.90	29.30
Domestic gas (12kg cylinder)	365.22	347.82

ASSAD PREDICTS NEW WAR WITH 20,000 SYRIAN DEAD

Syrian President Hafez Assad was reported yesterday to have predicted a new war with Israel, in which Syria would lose some 20,000 men and suffer great damage to its economy.

The Beirut weekly *Al-Watan al-Arabi* reported that Assad made this prognosis recently at a six-hour closed briefing of the PLO leadership in Damascus. The paper noted that the Syrian leader said he anticipated "a very tough war — we know the strength of our enemy."

Meanwhile, Syria yesterday continued to attack the Israel-Lebanon agreement, both in the press and through an intensive campaign to deny Beirut the pan-Arab support it is seeking.

SOME 7,000 OLIM ARRIVE THIS YEAR

Aliya increased by 22.8 per cent during the first half of this year in comparison with the first six months of 1982, with 6,978 olim arriving since January, compared to 5,681 a year ago.

Most of the increase was due to western immigration, which rose by nearly 40 per cent.

According to the Jewish Agency's aliyah department, the 4,940 western olim is the largest since the establishment of the state, except during the peak years from 1969 through 1973.

Last month, 353 Jews moved here from the U.S., compared to 188 in June, 1982.

But aliyah from the Soviet Union remains at its nadir, with only 41 arriving last month out of 102 who were allowed to emigrate. The rest — 61 — settled elsewhere. During the first six months of this year, only 180 Russian Jews settled here out of 639 who were given exit visas.

LEBANESE TRADING WITH ISRAEL ARE TERRORIZED

TEL AVIV. — Lebanese businessmen who have been trading with Israel have recently come under increasing pressure to break those ties, the Israel Defence Forces magazine *Bamahane* reported recently.

It said that last week fire was opened at a local businessman in the market square at Ein Zehalta. The businessman, who had traded with Israel, was hit in the stomach and hospitalized in Israel. Two other residents who happened to be in the area at the time were killed.

Quoting "sources in the IDF" the magazine added that several incidents of arson in shops there must also be viewed in view of the increasing pressure on merchants.

IDF TO HELP SET UP YOUTH CAMPS IN LEBANON

METULLA. — The Israel Defence Forces will help set up summer camps for children in Southern Lebanon this summer, especially in the area controlled by Major Sa'ad Haddad. The IDF intends to help with instructors but not financially, as it did in past years.

Many Southern Lebanese youngsters will visit the Galilee Panhandle, kibbutzim in the area and Haifa and Tel Aviv this summer. They will meet their Israeli contemporaries during their visits.

CAPTIVE VULTURE HATCHES

RAMAT GAN. — A vulture chick was hatched yesterday at the Ramat Gan Zoological Centre, the first such hatching at the zoo. Vulture breeding in captivity is extremely rare, with only four chicks reported hatched last year in the world.

The country's vulture population has been declining in recent years, apparently due to the birds' consumption of poisoned carrion.

BEGIN GREETS MOSLEMS ON ID EL-FITR FEAST

Prime Minister Menachem Begin last night issued an official message of greeting to the country's Moslems on the occasion of Id el-Fitr, the four-day feast which begins today.

"If only we were able to celebrate our holidays in an era of peace and tranquillity in the country and the whole region," Begin said in his message, as the holy month of Ramadhan, with its dawn-to-dusk fasting, came to a close.

In Moslem communities throughout Israel and the territories, thousands of lambs have been purchased for slaughter at the traditional Id el-Fitr banquets.

Construction work throughout the country is expected to come to a virtual halt, and many public services will be affected as well, as Arab workers return to their villages for the duration of the holiday.

TERROR SUSPECTS CHARGED WITH POISONING WATER SUPPLY

Members of a new organization called the Arraba Popular Front have been charged with attempting to poison the water supply of Jewish villages in Western Galilee. The charges were made at the Haifa District Court last week, the afternoon paper *Yediot Aharonot* reported on Friday. The court refused the police request to keep the matter secret.

All five accused are from the village of Arraba, north of Nazareth.

Omar Na'amne, 19, Ismail Na'amne, 18, Ali Na'amne, 19, Farid Na'amne, 18, Khaled Najjar, 18, are charged with trying to poison the water supply of several villages with rat poison, blowing up the water-pipe to the settlement of Ma'ale Zvia to cause damage to vehicles, and damaging the grave of a sheikh in their own village.

USSR TO HELP SYRIA DEVELOP NUCLEAR POWER

DAMASCUS. — The Soviet Union and Syria are to draw up a study for Syria's first nuclear-power station, the official news agency Sana reported yesterday. It said the study is included in a protocol signed in Damascus yesterday, which also covers construction of thermal-power stations.

NORTHERN SETTLERS TAKE PRECAUTIONS

KIRYAT SHIMONA. — Settlements in the Golan Heights and along the northern border have increased their state of preparedness, following reports of Syrian concentrations and maneuvers in the Golan.

Eitan Liss, chairman of the Golan Regional Council, said that settlements in the area are taking measures connected with their defence. These include cleaning bomb shelters, checking warning systems and giving appropriate instructions to schools.

"We've received no special instructions from the IDF; what we've done is on our own initiative," Liss emphasized.

2 SOLDIERS WOUNDED IN NABLUS ROCK-THROWING

NABLUS. — Two Israeli soldiers were injured yesterday by stones thrown at them in the Askar refugee camp in Nablus. The two were rushed to Hain Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer.

LEVY SEES HADDAD AGAIN

METULLA. — Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy yesterday met for the second time in 24 hours with South Lebanon militia commander Major Sa'ad Haddad. The two toured the Ansar detention camp in Southern Lebanon.

Haddad also toured his militia's positions in Southern Lebanon. He told his men that they must maintain a high level of morale and self-confidence. "We are not speaking here of a personal problem of mine, but of the future of all the inhabitants of South Lebanon," Haddad said.

During Sunday prayers in Southern Lebanon's Christian villages, congregants said special prayers for Haddad's personal safety. The priest of Klea prayed for the peace of Lebanon.

DRUSE LEADERS PLEDGE LOYALTY TO ISRAEL

HAIFA. — Leaders of the Druse Zionist Organization have pledged that their loyalty lies with Israel — whatever problems their co-religionists may be encountering in Lebanon.

At a press conference yesterday the organization's chairman, Yusif Nasre-Din, said he understood the delicate position of the Druse in Lebanon, and stressed that his organization is ever ready to help them, "provided there is no conflict between their interests and the vital interests of Israel."

ONE MAN'S FISH IS HIS OWN 'POISON'

HAIFA. — Ra'anana Naim, the Alignment Knesset Member who said that gefilte fish made him puke, breeds the carp from which the East European delicacy is made. His village of Ramot Naphtali in Galilee is the only moshav in the country to breed such fish.

Naim made headlines last year when in alleging discrimination against Sephardi Jews in the Labour party, he uttered the sentence: "Gefilte fish makes me puke!"

Last night Naim confirmed that the Ramot Naphtali fishpond is a joint moshav concern belonging to all the members and that it is making money. He told *The Jerusalem Post*: "We feed them to people who like them, and I hope they eat them in good health."

The village, which is regarded as a relatively small-scale producer, has an annual production of some 40 tons of fish.

BOOKS OF INTEREST

As a service to our readers, we offer the following books dealing with different aspects of Israel, its people and history. We regularly receive letters asking about the availability of such books, and we hope these selections will help to meet the demand. All prices are in U.S. dollars and include surface shipping to any part of the world. Payment can also be made in the equivalent amount in other currencies. If you are looking for a book (published in Israel) that is not listed here, write us about it, and we will try to find it for you.

THE ISRAEL I LOVE — A guide to the Land of Israel, covering both modern Israel and the Israel of history and the Bible. This lovely volume, with its many historical accounts and its beautifully illustrated text, covers all parts of Israel, its people and places of interest; and succeeds in capturing the rich history of this fascinating land, its unique past and extraordinary present, its desolate deserts, verdant valleys and bustling cities. With 60 full-colour photographs and 62 black and white, it has 160 pages, and a chart listing milestones in Israel's history from biblical times to the present. Hard-cover, 11 x 8½ inches. \$11.00

LIVING WITH THE BIBLE — By Moshe Dayan, Israel's most famous general. "I was introduced to the stories of the Bible as a boy, like all children born in the Land of the Book." So begins this charming and very special recreation of some of the most dramatic events of the Old Testament, as Dayan explores the archaeology of the Holy Land and re-interprets familiar Bible Stories in a new light, drawing on his personal experiences and including parallel stories from modern times. Gives new life to many biblical accounts, and also an insight into the rebirth of the modern state of Israel. There is, for example, a fascinating account of the battle between David and Goliath, told with the special touch that only Moshe Dayan could provide. Well illustrated throughout, with over 100 photographs, drawings, and maps. 232 pages. Hard-cover. 10 x 8 1/4 inches. Price \$19.50

THE GLORY OF THE HOLY LAND — An explorer's guide. Anyone interested in Israel, its places of holy and historical interest, and its biblical aspects, will find this book to be a treasure trove of information, with its more than 600 superb color photographs and richly-documented text covering all parts of the Holy Land, from the Mountain of Moses in southern Sinai, to the sources of the Jordan in northern Israel. Describes the places that are sacred to Jews, Christians or Moslems, as well as some of the other religious sects in the Holy Land, such as the Druzes and Bahais. The book follows a geographical plan, covering the entire country and its regions, always with richly-illustrated historical detail, and many biblical references. Over 600 color photos, 256 pages. 11 x 8¾ inches. Price \$15.50

THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT, ITS HISTORY IN MAPS — This interesting book traces the history of the Jewish people and the nation of Israel through the use of more than 100 maps. Beginning with Israel in Biblical times, it follows the Jews through their dispersion among the nations, through to their return in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and the rebirth of Israel. It details the course of the wars with the Arab nations, the changing borders, etc. It reports the many incidents taking place in and between the wars, and gives many interesting facts regarding population, armaments, the political aftermaths, etc. Paperback, 109 pages, 9¾ x 6¾ inches. Price. \$7.75

THE GLORY OF JERUSALEM — A detailed guide book to the city of Jerusalem, covering its places of holy and historical interest, its monuments and buildings, and items of interest. The historical dimension is richly documented, both in the text and the photographs of archaeological discoveries. Over 350 full-colour photographs, 2 large colour maps, index. Has 128 pages. Hard-cover, 11 x 8¾ inches. Price \$10.50

ISRAEL — THE PROMISED LAND. "There should be some place on earth where we have a Jewish majority," said Golda Meir. "As a minority, we have quite a history." There is such a place and it's called Israel. Its history since the First Aliyah brought Jewish refugees from Russia and Romania in the 1880's has brought more change to the Promised Land than the entire 2,500 years that preceded it. This fascinating book tells the story — from then to the present. Covers Israel, its history and origins, its people, its wars and struggles. Features beautiful color photography throughout. The images of Israel captured especially for this book reflect not only the diversity of the land but of its people. Both are unique in all the world. From the golden city of Jerusalem to the blooming desert of the Negev to the bustle of Tel Aviv and the rich farms of the Galilee, Israel is an experience to treasure, an experience preserved here as only brilliant photography can preserve it. Over 300 color photos, 335 pages. 12½ x 9¼ inches. Hardcover \$21.00

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*"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.
If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of
my mouth, if I prefer not JERUSALEM above my chief joy."*

Psalms 137:5, 6.

A MONKEY TRIAL, LOCAL STYLE

Evolution was tried in Jerusalem this week and found guilty of failing to meet the standards of a scientific theory by the First Congress on Inquiries into Origin of Life and Evolution. The congress, which ended yesterday, was organized by a group of Orthodox scientists from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, and sponsored by the Ministry of Education. It was held on the Mount Scopus campus of the Hebrew University, which only let space for the gathering.

Professor Ephraim Urbach, whose field is Jewish thought, denied the congress was "anti-scientific." He told participants that orthodox scientists must use scientific concepts and methods in dealing with scientific questions.

Most speakers did indeed use scientific arguments to dismiss the theory of evolution as "speculation," "secular dogma," or "myth." Only a few defended the theory on scientific grounds.

But most, after rejecting the theory of evolution on scientific grounds, failed to offer an alternative theory to account for the origin and development of life. And they reaffirmed their belief in divine creation.

Speakers adopting this approach included Professors Yirmiyahu Brancov, Moshe Trop, and Alvin Radkowsky of BGU; Dr. Les Spetner, an engineer and statistician, and Dr. Duane Gish, an organic chemist and one of the most vocal advocates of creationism in the U.S.

The creationist movement has attempted to use scientific arguments to bolster the version of creation portrayed in Genesis, and has persuaded some U.S. state legislatures to have schools teach the biblical version of creation on an equal basis with the theory of evolution.

Brahover, one of the conference organizers, said the creationist attempt to give a scientific basis to creation was impossible and unnecessary.

Professor Cyril Domb, of Bat-Ilan University, said the Genesis account could not be presented as an alternative scientific theory, since its acceptance is based on faith and thus above science.

The aims of the conference were to explain that it is incorrect to present the theory of evolution as unchallengeable, and to show that much of it has been refuted.

The Education Ministry circularized all schools urging teachers, principals and supervisors to attend. Only a handful did.

Domb said that the theory of evolution had done "enormous moral damage to western society over the last 150 years," by encouraging the belief in man's animal nature and a meaningless universe. He said that evolution should be taught as a tentative theory which could eventually be superseded.

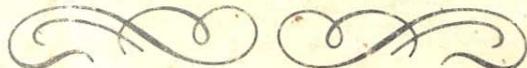
Arguments against Darwin's theory included the following:

- The absence of transitional forms of life linking various species disproves Darwin's contention that the species evolved through gradual mutations.

- Experiments reconstructing the accidental emergence of life billions of years ago mislead by assuming conditions in the earth's atmosphere that cannot be shown to have existed.
- Probability theory shows that complex forms of life could not have evolved during the times scientists ascribe to the age of the earth. The odds would be practically nil for the chemical building blocks of life to have combined by chance and survived in the "primeval soup."

Several Hebrew University scientists who accept evolution complained that it was impossible to conduct an authentic scientific debate at a conference where speakers made unsubstantial factual and statistical assertions that could not be systematically disputed.

Some of these scientists said the Orthodox speakers had attacked evolution with scientific arguments while refusing to subject their own beliefs to rational criticism.



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