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"Go therefore and make disciples . . . baptizing them."—Matt. 28:19.

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Dear Kingdom Publishers:

Here at Bethel we are still thinking and talking about the delightful "Men of Goodwill" District Assembly that we attended this summer. And there is so much to talk about!

None of us has forgotten the thrilling drama of Mordecai and Esther. It was not just the story that was impressive but what it means to us. How forcefully it was shown that we need to be sure that personal differences never weaken the bond of love that unites us! So deep should be our concern for every one of our brothers and sisters that we would risk our lives to help them. That is something to think about, isn't it?

What was said about the heart was also impressive. Did you get the new thought? It was interesting to learn that Bible references to the human heart have to do with the fleshly heart itself, not something that is merely figurative. But what we here at Bethel have been talking about even more is the admonition that was given to examine our hearts regularly and to be honest with ourselves as to why we do things, to search out our weaknesses and work on remedying them. In this way our hearts will be found acceptable to Jehovah.

As we think back on the highlights of the program, we also remember the identification of the "disgusting thing" with the scarlet-colored beast of Revelation chapter 17, the United Nations. That is something that folks had been asking about ever since the assemblies last year. It was also faith-strengthening to hear the talk "We Worship What We Know" and to see how true that is in our case, in contrast with practitioners of false religion. And do you recall the note of urgency in the talk "Taking Final Advantage of the 'Year of Goodwill'"? Talks such as those make us want to do all we can in Jehovah's service, don't they?

Then there was the Saturday-night program "Who Needs Your Help?" When we left the assembly

Evolution or Creation?

¹ Many do not take time to read the Bible or show serious concern about its direction because of the widespread belief that evolution accounts for the universe and man's presence—not creation, as outlined in the Bible. But did man get here by evolution or by creation? Thinking people do well to examine the facts. The publication *Did Man Get Here by Evolution or by Creation?* sets forth 'the other side of the picture' in a well-documented presentation. We will be offering it to everyone we can during September on a contribution of 25 cents.

grounds that evening, the points made were vivid in our minds. But they soon fade if we don't review them. Don't you agree that it would be beneficial to review frankly within each family circle the helpful counsel that was given to safeguard both young folks and older ones? When the apostle Peter wrote to his brothers, he said that by reminding them of things that they had heard he wanted to 'rouse them up.' (2 Pet. 1:12, 13) That is something that we need to do for one another today too.

We have heard that the total attendance at the public talk at the assemblies was over half a million—actually 523,799. That is just for the United States. And at these assemblies from late June till early August, 10,527 were baptized. Isn't that grand?

The assembly did so much to help all of us as God's "men of goodwill" to prepare for the approaching millennial peace. Now, during September and the months to come, there is work for each one of us to do in helping others to make such preparation too. May Jehovah bless you as you share to the full in this grand privilege of service.

Be assured of our warm love for each one of you.

Your brothers,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

² It would be a fine thing if all of your congregation's territory could be covered with this offer. Why not make this a goal in your congregation and see what you can do along this line. It may be that, with increased effort by all in the house-to-house work, and with the good weather we usually enjoy in September during the day and in the evening, you can succeed in covering most, if not all, of your territory.

³ Many of you have new territory to work, virtually untouched, and that is in the schools. We previously put forth an effort to contact educators with the *Evolution* book, but that was two years ago. Many teachers and school officials have changed since then. People have changed their minds on many subjects too. If you are a student, a new year at school will put you with new teachers, and often new students.

⁴ During September, when the school year starts, many of you parents have opportunity to get acquainted with the teachers, counselors and principals where your children attend. Tell them of your pleasure in reading the *Evolution* book and suggest that they might like to read it too.

⁵ And you publishers who are attending school, will you offer the book to your teachers? How? you may ask. After class, or after school, you could approach your science teacher and tell him that you and your parents are interested in scientific subjects and enjoyed reading the *Evolution* book. Suggest that he might enjoy reading it too. And in your history class, does not the discussion usually begin with the consideration of evolution? You might choose to raise your hand during class and comment that you read a publication that said man

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★ Preparing for the approaching millennial peace. ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 6

Theme: Happy to Be Jehovah's Servants. (Ps. 144:15) Song 29.

5 min: Introduction, text and comments.

3 min: Accounts report. Commend brothers for good support of congregation expenses.

15 min: Prospects for New Service Year. (Congregation servant may choose to handle this.) What was accomplished last service year? New publishers; number baptized; progress of congregation; meeting attendance; territory coverage. Emphasize meaning of figures in terms of spiritual growth, praise to Jehovah and accomplishing his work. Total literature placements show potential for back-calls and Bible studies. Commend congregation and highlight reason we keep busy in Jehovah's service: We delight to do God's will, for his honor, etc.

Theocratic activities needing attention during the service year. (Suggestions in recent report of circuit servant may be used.) Give practical suggestions to aid the brothers to make progress. Include demonstration if desired.

20 min: "Evolution or Creation?"

(8 min.) Questions and answers.
(4 min.) Demonstration. Simple, effective presentation of offer by mature publisher. Illustrations on pages 4, 18, 19, 53, 64, 74 and 75 may be used if you wish.

(2 min.) Invite comments from audience on why they believe presentation is effective.

(4 min.) Discussion between school-age children on offering "Evolution" book at school. Let them discuss together frankly to whom they could present the book and how they would do it. One might say, "I don't know what to do. I have never done anything like this before." Another could suggest talking to history teacher as outlined in article that starts on page 1. Let children discuss together HOW they might do it, TO WHOM they might offer the book and WHEN. They can help one another figure it out. (If no school-age children in congregation, adults could discuss different opportunities to offer the book.)

(2 min.) Brief encouragement by chairman to give the "Evolution" book a good distribution.

17 min: Invite congregation to relate gratifying experiences and/or some of their happy theocratic memories from the past service year. Let this be a spontaneous expression. Hear from as many as time will permit. Concluding comments. Include a few points from Theocratic News. Song 6.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 13

Theme: Do Good Toward Those Related to You in the Faith. (Gal. 6: 10) Song 5.

10 min: Introduction, text, comments and Branch Letter. Setting: Father enjoying a discussion of spiritual things with his family. Chairman: In conclusion, encourage families to set aside time to study together and to discuss spiritual things.

12 min: Talk, discussion and/or demonstration on "Watchtower" article "Putting Others Ahead of One-self." See the June 1, 1970, issue.

20 min: "How Are They Doing? Can You Help?" Questions and answers. Read the paragraphs.

8 min: Demonstration by two or three young publishers of presentation of "Evolution" book in territory.

10 min: Concluding comments. Include appropriate "Announcements." "How Did We Do in July?" and local report for August. Song 15.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 20

Theme: Pursuit of Maturity. Song 51.

5 min: Introduction, text and comments.

20 min: Talk on Humility. See August 15, 1970, "Watchtower."

10 min: Older Publications. Chairman announces older publications available in local congregation. Considers points in Question Box. Invites congregation to watch publisher encouraging interested person to obtain and read some of these.

Demonstration (3 min.): Student expresses appreciation for study, learns so much, and yet says: "I still have so many questions I would like to have answered!" Publisher tells of publications available in local congregation and of contents of some of them. Encourages interested one to continue to read in order to get her questions answered and grow in accurate knowledge. Arrangements made to bring some of these books on next call or for interested one to pick them up at Kingdom Hall when attending meetings.

Chairman: How many in local congregation have read some of these older publications? Encourage brothers to do so and to continue to grow in knowledge and depth of appreciation.

15 min: Presenting the Good News—"Pursuit of Maturity."

(8 min.) Questions and answers.

(5 min.) Discussion between three sisters outlining briefly how each would start a study in "Evolution" book. They can consider HOW they would start study, WHAT PAGE they would start on, and WHY.

(2 min.) Chairman encourages all to apply suggestions.

10 min: Experiences regarding success in offering "Evolution" book in local territory. Concluding comments. Song 62.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 27

Theme: Fulfilling Our Declaration as Peacemakers. (Rom. 10:10) Song 30.

10 min: Introduction, text and comments. Also, theme for the month, "Fulfilling Our Declaration as Peacemakers." Group of publishers briefly discuss text for day. Then consider what theme for month means in practical terms in their own lives. For example: Not only talking about peace in the ministry, but being peaceable with members of own family. Promoting peace when faced with unruly people at school, at work, in the service, etc. See 1970 "Yearbook," page 88, paragraph 1, and page 186, paragraph 1. Also, October 1, 1970, "Watchtower."

10 min: The Special "Awake!" Lively discussion of interesting points in special "Awake!" that will appeal to people in local territory.

10 min: Can You Live Forever? Discussion and demonstration of sermon for "Awake!" campaign. You may find it beneficial to feature John 17:3 in your presentation. After appropriate opening remarks about concern over dangers to human life, what makes life precious to us, etc., you might say: "The Bible assures that everlasting life on earth under righteous conditions is possible and will be enjoyed by man. This only God can bring about, but there is something we must do in order to benefit. (Read John 17:3.) Of course, knowledge of the subject is needed." Then turn attention of householder to appropriate material in "Awake!" You may feel free to use any presentation that works well for you.

20 min: Talk and audience participation on subject "Act with Caution and Return Evil for Evil to No One." Chairman will direct discussion. Let audience do most of the talking. See September 15, 1969, "Watchtower," on pages 553-558. Include audience in discussion by asking questions on paragraphs 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10. Before asking questions it might be well to read pointed portions from these paragraphs or have key scriptures read to center minds of audience on main points. See also the "Awake!" of September 22, 1969, pages 3 and 4; "The Watchtower" of June 1, 1968, pages 346, 347. Include audience in discussing practical application of material. Stress the need for neutrality as to world's conflicts and endurance, also keeping separate from crowds and individuals bent on trouble.

10 min: Concluding comments. Song 9.

JULY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. B-C	Av. Bl.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	925	114.7	48.5	3.7	128.2
Pios.	15,221	84.5	37.0	3.9	90.1
Vac. Pios.	5,723	82.6	25.1	1.6	86.5
Pubs.	353,867	9.1	4.4	.5	11.3
TOTAL	375,736				

Public Meetings Held: 17,726

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1970
378,040 Publishers

HOW DID WE DO IN JULY?

Most outstanding is the fact that 9,941 were baptized during July, which brings the total baptized thus far for the service year to 38,021! How glad we are to have these newly dedicated ones associated with us. And how thankful we are to Jehovah that he has blessed us so richly in the disciplining work.

The report shows also that 521,726 books were placed, which amounts to one or more placed by each of us, on the average. And 6,150,727 magazines were placed. If two magazines were placed at a time in most cases, it may be that we left literature in some three million homes in the one month of July! What a grand witness! As we continue to follow up the interest manifest, we pray that Jehovah will bless us in this work too.

How Are They Doing? Can You Help?

¹ Jehovah has blessed our work with much fruitfulness. Here in the United States during the first ten months of the past service year over 4,600 additional publishers joined us in Jehovah's service! Incomplete reports for the year indicate that over 38,000 were baptized! It may be that some of these are associated with your congregation. You may have studied with some of them, and if so, we know it has been a source of great joy to you.

² These new ones that you have helped along in the truth to this point—how are they doing? Are they coming to meetings regularly? In many cases, no doubt, the answer is Yes. Are they having some share in commenting at the meetings? You may say, "Yes." Are they sharing regularly in the ministry? Many of them are, and we know this brings you much joy. Are they making as much progress now as they did when

they were first learning the truth and beginning to associate? In some cases, you will say, "No." Then, what can you do to help?

³ How long has it been since you visited these new ones in their homes? When you were conducting the study you used to go faithfully each week, in foul weather and fair. Would a visit now be helpful? Undoubtedly it would be. And if you go prepared to discuss something that you know will be beneficial to them, it will undoubtedly prove to be a great aid spiritually to these new ones.

⁴ What might you discuss? Well, how are they doing in personal study? Are they studying as regularly now as they used to when they prepared for their Bible study each week? Or have their habits along this line been slipping? Why not discuss it with them. You could take along your "Lamp" book and

go over the material on pages 67-69 and 209 together. No doubt such a discussion would make your visit spiritually refreshing, very encouraging and long appreciated. Perhaps occasionally, or regularly, you could prepare together for the *Watchtower* study, the book study or the ministry school, or engage in a research project on a subject that needs consideration with these comparatively new ones.

⁵ Do they need help to be effective in the house-to-house work, possibly assistance in preparing to work with the sermon? Do they need help to get into the back-call work, or assistance in getting a study started? Reading together and discussing appropriate material in the "Lamp" book under the headings "Preaching from House to House," "Back-Calls" or "Home Bible Studies," on pages 85-100, would no doubt be a source of many practical, encouraging suggestions.

⁶ Will some need encouragement to enroll in the ministry school, or help in preparing for a student assignment? There may be a problem that has slowed the family down and aid is needed in finding the Scriptural principles that apply.

⁷ To illustrate this need for assistance: With young children it usually takes a comparatively short period of time before they can understand the language of their parents

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Evolution or Creation?

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got here by creation, not evolution. Or, you may wish to approach your teacher after class and tell him what you read and ask him if he would like to read the *Evolution* book too. Tell other children about it; talk freely about what you have read. Adults usually cannot go into the school and witness to the children. But you are there every day. As you talk you can accomplish much good, and may stir up fine interest among the 44 million young people in school in this country who often do not hear the message we bring when we go from house to house.

⁶ It may be that some congregations can make arrangements for a talk to be given in the schools when the subject of evolution is being discussed. There are no doubt many teachers who would be very pleased to know that there is someone in their community who has enough interest in the children and their education to be willing to take time to come in and talk to them.

⁷ We suggest that the overseer and school servant determine whether or not anyone in the congregation might do well in making such a presentation. Then it would be well to check with the brother to see if he is willing and can arrange his affairs to give such a talk during school hours, if something can be arranged with the school.

⁸ Speakers should arrange their own presentations. It is suggested

that, while mention may be made of a few of the more glaring weaknesses in the evolution theory, emphasis in the presentation be placed on the evidence in favor of creation. The speaker can decide if he wishes to open the discussion for questions or not. In conclusion the class and teachers can be told that, if more information of a scientific nature is desired, it is available in the *Evolution* book at a cost of 25 cents each.

⁹ Where speakers are available, the overseer can arrange for a qualified publisher to contact the teachers. The one who will be doing this can inform the teachers that, when evolution is discussed in school, he will be glad to arrange for a qualified speaker to come and give a talk to the class presenting 'the other side' of the picture, thus giving the class a broader view of the subject. The speaker will be glad to present some of the facts in favor of creation for the purpose of informing the class, if this is desired. The teacher may wish to check with the principal and make arrangements for such a presentation later in the school year, and this, of course, would be just fine.

¹⁰ As we give the *Evolution* book a good distribution from house to house in September, and as we follow through on the other suggestions above, surely Jehovah will direct things so that a fine witness is given.

Announcements

◆ Literature offer: September: *Evolution* book for 25 cents. October: *Awake!* subscription and three booklets for \$1. November: *Truth* book for 25 cents.

◆ Congregation accounts should be audited soon after September 1.

◆ If your congregation is working unassigned territory, put forth every effort to complete it. Thereafter, please submit the requested report.

Congregations having seldom-worked territory are encouraged to cover as much of it as possible during September and October, if it did not receive a complete coverage during the summer months.

◆ New publications available: *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* (Revised 1970 ed.)

Deluxe and regular —English
Saving the Human Race—in the Kingdom Way —English,

French, Spanish
"Then Is Finished the Mystery of God" —Dutch, German

Did Man Get Here by Evolution or by Creation? —Norwegian

Life Everlasting—in Freedom of the Sons of God —Norwegian, Swedish

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

Pursuit of Maturity

¹ Have you considered that your regularly conducting a Bible study could contribute greatly to your pursuit of maturity? It can. To conduct the study well, there is a need for you to prepare your lesson ahead of time, and to pay particular attention to how the scriptures cited or quoted can prove the points under consideration. When you ask the householder the reason why he believes a certain answer is correct, you too must search your mind for a reason why the answer is correct. When the householder asks a question, if you do not have the answer in mind or at hand, you will have to do research in the Society's publications and in the Bible to find the Scriptural answer to the question. Yes, it has always been true that the one conducting the study benefits in many ways. There are times when he learns more than the student does.

² In calling back on individuals who received copies of the *Evolution* book, will you endeavor to get studies started in this publication? The last four chapters of the publication lend themselves well to Bible study. You can make up your own questions if you would like. Or, you can read a few paragraphs together, perhaps covering a full subheading at a time, and then discuss it together, or ask some questions to see if they get the point of the information. It may be that, after a few calls, you will want to offer the *Truth* book and help them further by studying with them in this publication. If you would like help in getting a home Bible study started, we feel sure that the Bible study servant in your congregation, your book study servant, or another mature brother or sister will be glad to help you.

³ In our pursuit of maturity there is a need for all of us to be regular in personal study and Bible reading too. Do you set aside some time regularly for personal reading of the Bible and the Society's publications? Many individuals and fami-

lies do this in connection with their discussion of the day's text at meal-time or another convenient time. If you are a parent, are you regularly conducting a family study for your benefit and the benefit of the members of your family?

⁴ Regular meeting attendance is also an important factor in our pursuit of maturity. The Scriptures counsel us to be careful not to forsake meeting together regularly and making public declaration of our faith, which we can do by having a part in the meetings and commenting when it is appropriate.

⁵ Remember the counsel of the apostle Paul at Hebrews 5:12-14: "You ought to be teachers in view of the time . . . solid food belongs to mature people, to those who through use have their perceptive powers trained." Yes, in our pursuit of maturity we should USE the knowledge we are regularly taking in. We should use it in making necessary changes in our lives, use it in teaching the members of our families, use it in teaching others in the Bible study work, and use it in commenting at meetings. Our following such a course will undoubtedly contribute much to our pursuit of maturity.

How Are They Doing?

and express themselves quite clearly in it. Yet it takes much longer for them to grow to maturity. Growing up takes time. Parents realize this and lovingly spend the necessary time to aid and direct their children. Similarly, many who are lovers of righteousness become acquainted with the 'pure language' and, in a few months, develop a good ability to express themselves in it. But there is much more to learn, and it takes time to grow spiritually and become strong in the truth. We may be able to be of considerable help to one another along this line. So, 'as long as we have time favorable for it, let us work what is good, especially toward those related to us in the faith.' As we continue to help one another make progress, surely Jehovah's blessing will go with us. —Gal. 6:10; Heb. 6:10.

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THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Despite earthquake and resultant relief work, Peru reports a 30-percent increase, a new peak of 4,402 publishers, each averaging 14.3 hours.

◆ El Salvador happily reports a new peak of 1,664 publishers, a 29-percent increase over last year's average.

◆ With 154 publishers reporting in June, Tahiti had 24 percent above average of last year.

◆ Okinawa hit new peak of 428 publishers, a 21-percent increase. At circuit assembly there, 22 were baptized.

◆ In July Ponape had 51 publishers reporting. Circuit assembly attended by 135.

◆ Saipan's 14 publishers averaged 13.9 hours each in July.

◆ Assembly in Mauritius attended by 610; 20 baptized. June's report of 235 publishers is a 30-percent increase.

◆ Although a number of servants are in prison, Mozambique had a 40-percent increase in June with 2,921 publishers.

◆ San Marino reports 21 publishers for first time, a fine increase over last year's average.

Question Box

• What can be done with older books on hand in the congregation literature supplies?

As a first suggestion, perhaps you would like to obtain some of the publications from your literature servant. If you have one or more with you in your witnessing case, you will find appropriate opportunities to offer them. When working in rural territory or other territory not often worked, you might choose to include one of these older publications in your offer. Feel free to do so.

It would be a fine thing, also, to encourage those on whom you are making back-calls and with whom you are conducting studies to read some of these older publications. Such reading will be of great benefit to them spiritually.—Prov. 1:5.

If you are newly associated with Jehovah's organization, how many of these older publications have you read? Check with your literature servant to see what publications are available. You may wish to add some of these to your library and read them as you have opportunity.—Prov. 9:9.

Circuit servants can take note of congregations that have stocks of older books and make this information known to nearby congregations as they visit. Literature servants may feel free to inquire of nearby congregations and of their circuit servant too.

Congregation servants should use good judgment in ordering literature supplies. Do not guess in ordering. If you will check your progressive literature inventory to see how many of the same kind of books were placed during previous campaigns, you will be in a better position to determine how many will be needed for coming campaigns.

★ Help those related to us in the faith. ★