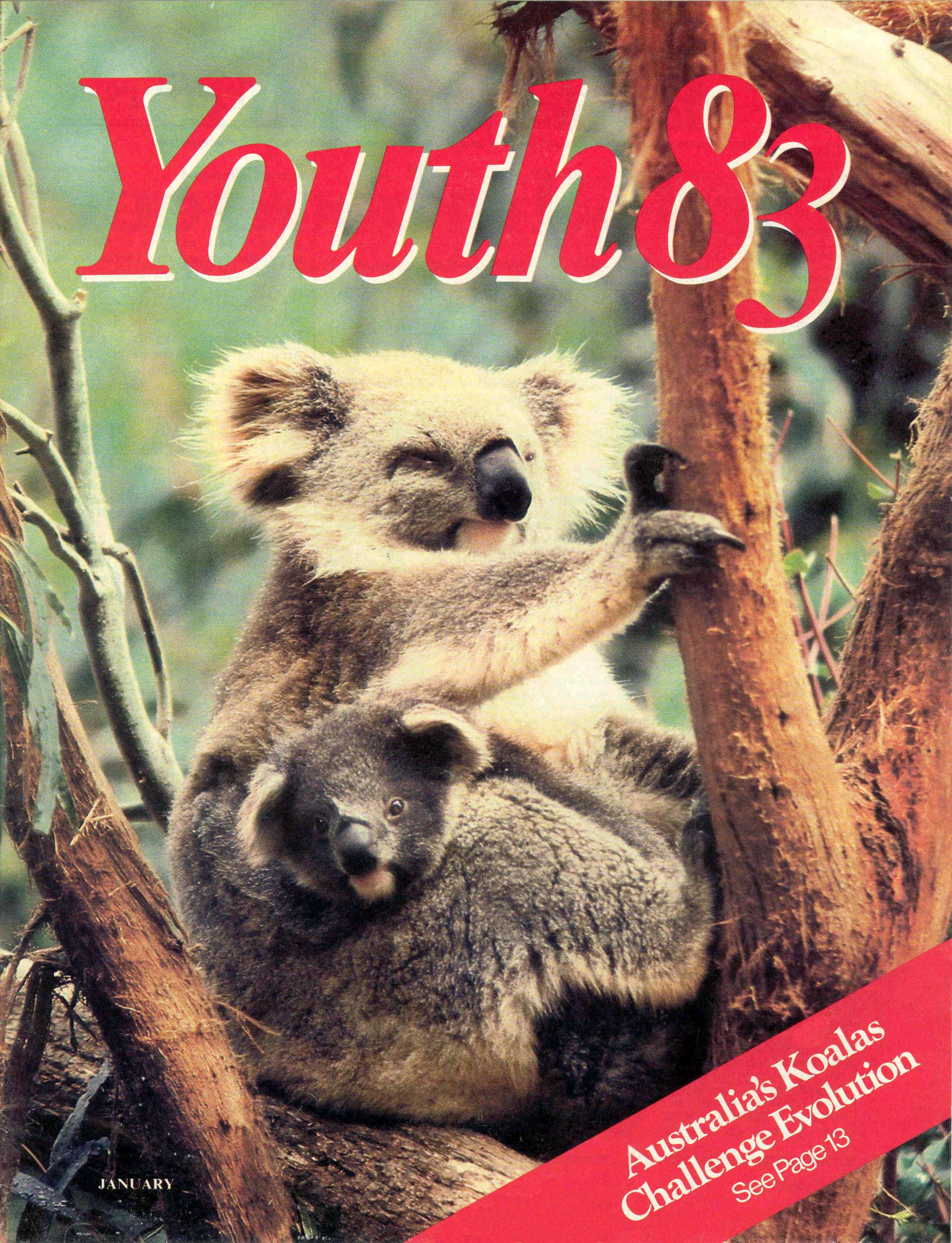
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**COVER:** This cute koala family may not seem to be challenging anything, but their unique diet poses problems for evolution. See "Australia's Cute, Cuddly Koala," starting on page 13. Photo by Roland Rees.

# Letters

### Modern education

All of us young people really appreciate the articles in the *Youth 82!* They help teach us our purpose and importance in God's Work and give us the extra instruction we need. It's so exciting to know we can take part in God's great plan!

I especially enjoyed the September *Youth 82* article, "What Is the Goal in Modern Education?" by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. I really hope and pray I'll get the chance to go to Ambassador College so I can learn all God's principles of living and the true values, along with getting a good educational background!

Sue Braman
Ortonville, Mich.

### Cliche is very true

I am writing in response to a question submitted to "Dear *Youth 82,*" in the October-November issue.

The person stated that the Church didn't let kids have any fun. Well this person obviously does not know very much at all about the Church. This Church is more youth minded than any other I know of. The Worldwide Church of God cares very much about its young people. Sure, we have certain restrictions we should abide by, but they're only for our own good. As cliche as it sounds, it is very true!

To get to the point, I just wish that anybody who is going to make such accusations would take the time to look into what he is condemning! We are blessed beyond belief, and I think we should be thankful for being included in the master plan.

Timothy Emerson
Long Beach, Calif.

### "I Heard You Were Still Alive . . . "

I would like to tell you here that I enjoy reading *Youth 82*, especially "I Heard You Were Still Alive . . . " in the October-November issue. It made me realize that everyone is eager to receive letters just as I am. So, from now on, I will listen to your advice not to make my friends wait eons for a reply, and I will write to those I have long lost contact with.

I would like to thank all the authors of *Youth 82* for giving us such wonderful and inspiring articles every month. It really benefits us and leads us to the right way. I really appreciate that.

Chua Lean Kee
Kedah, Malaysia

# COMING SOON:

# Too Good to Be True?

*After today's troubled and evil world — the wonderful world tomorrow. Here's just a glimpse into a soon-coming day — and what it will be like!*

By Herbert W. Armstrong

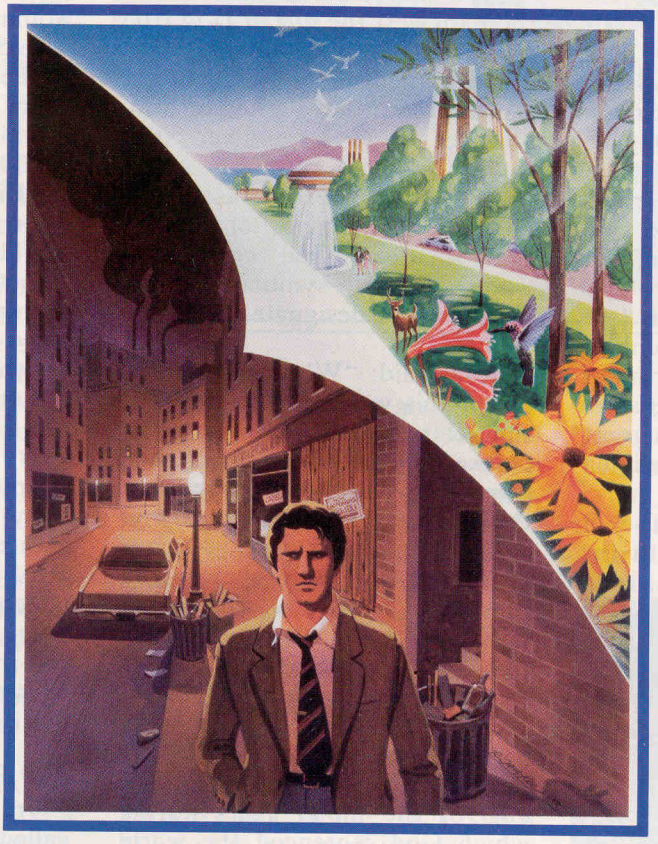


Illustration by Ron McKee

Some time back, the musical play *Oklahoma* was presented at the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena, Calif. Of course I had seen it before, years ago, and also had seen the motion picture of the same name. Many, many times have I heard the musical numbers from the play.

Here I am [editor's note: this section was written some time ago] on the Ivory Coast in Africa — virtually on the equator — but as I looked out the window of the hotel at breakfast and beheld a beautiful day dawning, the song of that play kept haunting my mind:

"O, what a beautiful morning,
O, what a beautiful day.
I've got a wonderful feeling.
Everything's goin' my way!"

Yesterday I was writing an article about how Satan broadcasts — how he is the prince of the power of the air — how he now surcharges the air with the moods and attitudes of discontent, unhappiness, vanity, lust and greed, of jealousy and envy, the spirit of competition, antagonism and strife; of suspicion and resentment against others, of fear and worries, of frustrations, of rebellion against authority — especially God's authority. Satan literally injects this UNHAPPY state of mind into people.

I've said it so often: He does not broadcast in words, pictures, sounds or music, but subtly in moods, attitudes, impulses, feelings.

**Then, suddenly . . .**

Then, suddenly that tune from *Oklahoma* — of the "beautiful day" with "everything goin' my way" — brought to my mind this scripture of SURE PROPHECY: "And it shall be in that day, that LIVING WATERS shall go out from Jerusalem . . . And the [Eternal] shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one" (Zechariah 14:8-9).

LIVING WATERS! Now just what does the Bible mean by that expression? Let's take time to make SURE — for this scripture is speaking of an event that will drastically alter YOUR LIFE in just a few short years.

This term "living waters" is used in a number of places in the Bible. One is the incident of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well in Samaria. Now in the days of Jesus, Samaria (north of Jerusalem) was populated by gentile people of the Babylonian mystery religion. Back in 721-718 B.C. King Shalmaneser of Assyria conquered the northern kingdom, the KINGDOM OF ISRAEL, in a

three-year siege. He moved the people of 10 of the tribes of Israel from their homes, farms and cities, and carried them as slaves to the land of Chaldea on the southern shores of the Caspian Sea. Then he placed people from Babylon — people of the Babylonian mystery religion — in the homes, farms and towns of that land, which became Samaria, occupying the northern two thirds of the lands that had originally been inherited by the 12 tribes of the children of Israel. Much of this is territory now occupied by the Israelis, but claimed by the Arabs, the subject of bitter dispute (II Kings 17:23-24).

In the time of Christ these Samaritan people were still there. Their religious leader was Simon the sorcerer. He tried to buy an apostleship in the Church of God. Peter turned him down, for his motives and his heart were evil. This Simon was the "Peter" (or Pater, Father, Papa, leader) of the Babylonian mystery religion (see Acts 8:9-11). This Simon deliberately adopted Christ's doctrine of "grace," turning it into license to disobey God, and his religion grew, until today it is the largest religion on earth (Revelation 17).

I mention all this because of the possible connection with the



woman whom Jesus met at Jacob's well in Samaria, and because I thought it would be interesting to the reader.

The incident is recorded in John 4:2-26. Jesus was walking from Judea to Galilee. He was tired, and stopped at the well to rest. Along came a woman of Samaria to draw water.

"Give me to drink," Jesus asked.

Now the Jews had nothing to do with these gentile Samaritans. They called them "dogs." The Samaritan woman was puzzled that a Jew would speak to her. Notice she recognized immediately that Jesus was a Jew.

She asked: "How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans."

Now notice Jesus' answer: "If thou knewest the *gift of God* [the Holy Spirit], and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee LIVING WATER."

The woman was confused. She did not understand, of course, that "the gift of God" and "living water" are both symbolic expressions used to designate the HOLY SPIRIT.

Jesus said: "Whosoever drinketh of this water [from the well] shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

Now I have continually said that Jesus DID NOT come on a "soul-saving crusade." This is not yet the time when God is trying to save the world.

Rather, we are now near the END of the 6,000 years during which God sentenced the world to be cut off from Him — to go its own way, form its own governments, its own religions, its own ways of life. Adam, the first man, rejected God and God's government over him and his descendants — this whole world. God has INTERVENED into this world of man, swayed by Satan, and called to Him a FEW — such as Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Elijah. He sent Christ to ANNOUNCE His coming Kingdom. He sent His apostles to proclaim that GOOD NEWS. But Simon's fast-growing counterfeit church SUPPRESSED Christ's Gospel message from going to the world before A.D. 70. In A.D. 31, Christ raised up HIS CHURCH — the CHURCH OF GOD — for the PURPOSE of standing back of the apostles getting out the true Gospel. But when the Gospel was suppressed, the Church met with such violent persecution that it decreased in size, and ever since has been what Jesus called "the LITTLE FLOCK."

I gave you this incident at the well in Samaria because there is some reason to believe that this woman was at the time living with Simon the sorcerer, founder of the world's largest religion. (If there were not *some* special significance attached to her, WHY would God have mentioned her in the Bible?) Anyway, we find here again that "living waters" means the Holy Spirit.

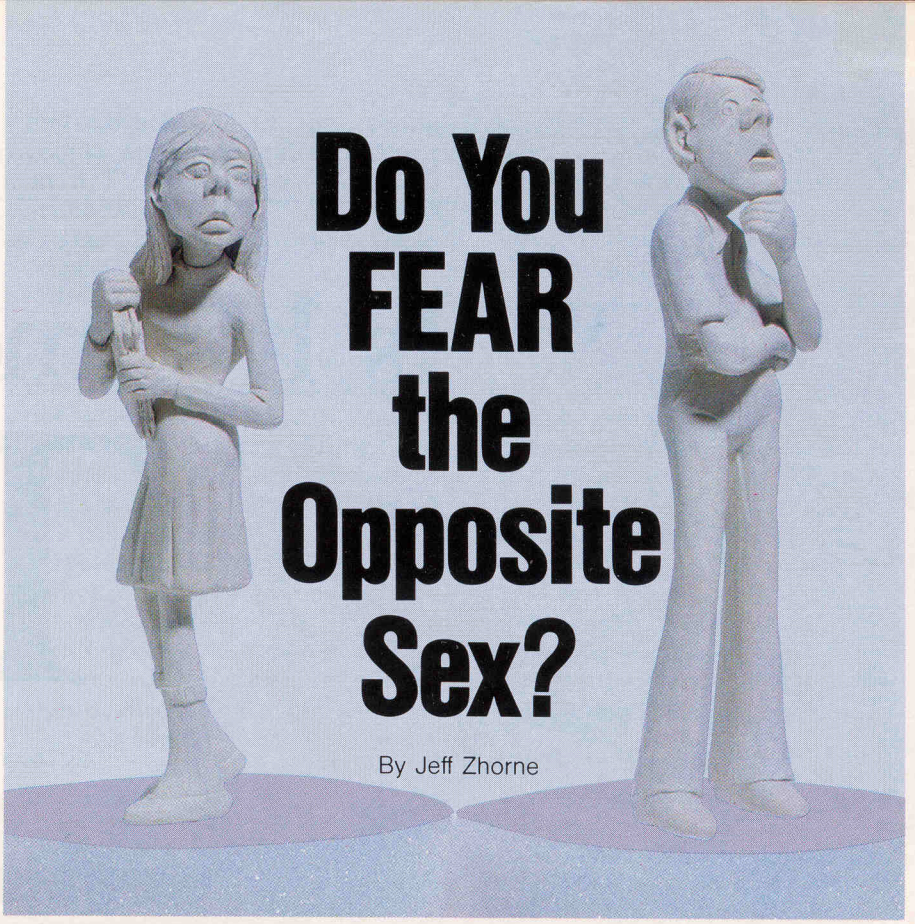
Let me give you one more example. In John 7:37-39, Jesus stood up and said, on the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles' season: "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly [innermost being] shall flow RIVERS OF LIVING WATER. (BUT THIS SPAKE HE OF THE SPIRIT, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy [Spirit] was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"

### The cause of today's evils

In Ephesians 2:2, Satan is called "the prince of the power of the air." I have written many times how Satan broadcasts. The human spirit in each human person is directly IN TUNE WITH SATAN'S WAVELENGTH. As I've said many times, he does not broadcast in sounds or pictures. But through the spirit in every man, he infuses ATTITUDES of depression, discouragement, vanity, lust, greed, competition, strife, resentment, discontent, rebellion, frustration. He is WORKING IN

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*Here are some pointers for conversations that work — even with the opposite sex!*



# Do You FEAR the Opposite Sex?

By Jeff Zhorne

Maybe you don't turn beet red every time you talk to a member of the opposite sex, but do you sometimes feel reluctance or even fear?

Perhaps it seems inevitable. Probably few boys feel completely at ease with all girls. No doubt many girls will continue to blush and "always say the wrong thing" around certain boys.

But you can feel more comfortable around others, whether you work together in the science laboratory, throw around ideas in history discussions, eat together in the school cafeteria or meet at church. Not only that, these conversation tips will help you build friendships.

Experts link friendships with mental and physical health. Research has shown a lack of friendships can lead to depression.

You'll find too that developing social skills paves the way for successful dating.

"You can't sit back and expect the world to come to you," said a researcher at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.

Even the most popular person has to make an effort to get out there and be friendly. The Bible says a person who wants friends must show himself or herself friendly (Proverbs 18:24).

Many become afraid of reaching out, though, if they don't get the response they like.

Sure, we will strike out in friendships from time to time, but that shouldn't stop us from reaching out. Each friendship you develop is worth it.

Sculptures by Mike Woodruff

What we're talking about is the right kind of self-confidence. Some may cringe at the thought of talking to certain people, and so put off potential meetings.

God doesn't want you to crawl under a rock, but rather to be a shining beacon, an example that others can see.

Suppose you are a girl stuck in a long lunch line with nothing to do but wait. What a waste of time, you say, so instead of fidgeting feet and avoiding glances, you decide that you'll talk to the boy next in line.

But . . . how do you start? What do you say?

Negative thoughts may pop into your head, predicting dire consequences like: If I talk to him, I'll probably say something dumb. Then he'll think I'm weird and won't want to talk to me again.

Not so, says Dr. Robert Woolfolk, a researcher at Rutgers. The boy probably feels as nervous as you do. He advises telling yourself: "If I should make a mistake or say something silly, it will only make him feel more at ease. It's rare that someone gets rejected because of one or two foolish comments."

So go ahead — use one of the old standby lines because they work: "Can you believe this weather?" you might say.

At first, don't worry about saying things more important than small talk because that's a safe way to locate common ground.

Make sure to remember his name if you just learned it. If you already knew his name, use it.

Take time to find out about him and what he's accomplished. Bring it up by saying something like, "I understand that you are quite a basketball player."

Compliments do wonders, but don't give fake or insincere ones. Simply look for something nice that you can honestly say about people.

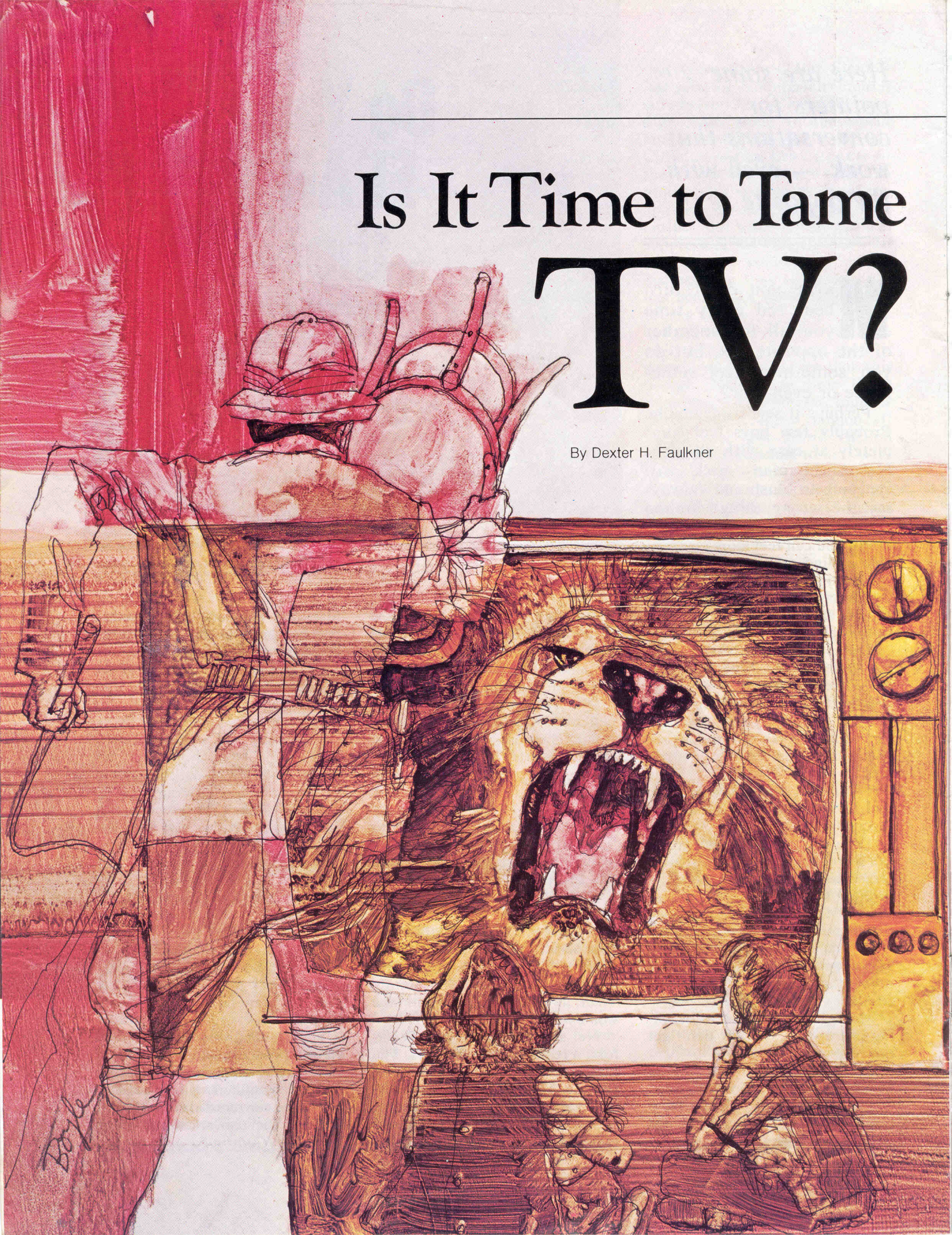
Having a giving attitude and showing concern will dispel fear of the opposite sex, or anyone for that matter. Confidence and concern add up to conversations that work.

Once the conversational ice is

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# Is It Time to Tame TV?

By Dexter H. Faulkner



*Almost everyone agrees TV has its faults: mindless plots, inane commercials and an unrealistic view of the world. Some claim a bigger problem comes from TV violence. Does viewing violent TV create violent viewers?*

By any measure, whether magnetic appeal, amount of exposure or power to change people's actions, commercial television still wields the major educational impact in the land.

Does that sound like a sensational exaggeration? Then think about these statistics:

By the time the average American reaches high school graduation he will have spent up to twice as many hours watching television as he has sitting behind a school desk. Believe it or not, he'll have had about 22,000 hours of television "instruction," as opposed to approximately 11,000 hours worth of school instruction.

Even before he reaches age 5 he will already have spent more time in front of a television than the average student in a liberal arts program spends in the classroom throughout his entire four years of college attendance.

And what will make up this TV diet? Studies show that young people and even children favor adult TV programs — especially crime thrillers.

Just how violent are these television shows?

In a Washington, D.C., survey, three major television networks were surveyed to determine how much violence would be viewed in one week between 3 p.m. and 11 p.m. During this span of time there were 113 stabbings, 92 shootings, 168 beatings, nine stranglings and 179 other specific acts of violence perpetrated before the television audience. There was one specific act of violence every 16.9 minutes, a killing every 43.8 minutes.

These statistics take on greater significance when you consider that the average American family watches more than six hours of television *every day*.

By the time the average American reaches age 17 he will have witnessed roughly 18,000 murders and other acts of violence. His TV diet will have been filled with thousands of bodily assaults of one man or woman against another. He'll have witnessed thousands of violent crimes and seen countless numbers of belligerent acts.

### Violence affects viewers

Does this steady diet of violence and immorality have an effect on TV viewers? Some social scientists have said it doesn't, claiming there is no actual proof that TV violence has any real effect on children.

But the fact is that numerous studies have already conclusively established that television *does* directly *influence* not only children, but also adults.

A weighty recent report on TV violence by the U.S. National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is based on 2,500 studies conducted since 1970. The report claims that there is overwhelming evidence that "excessive violence on TV leads directly to aggression and violent behavior among children and teens."

One researcher who feels television can have a profound effect on viewers is Dr. Harry J. Skornia, professor of radio and television at the University of Illinois.

According to Dr. Skornia: "The most all-encompassing single finding from educational television research has been that in almost all projects there has been 'no significant difference' between what thousands of students learn from TV (often from single teachers or program series) and what they learn from face-to-face conventional teaching.

"Thousands of individuals can now learn life-saving (or life-destroying or safe-cracking) as well from TV as they would be able to learn from the thousands of individual teachers (or gangsters) that would be required for conventional teaching."

In summing up the research, that unquestionably shows how effective television is in teaching, Dr. Skornia says, "Judged by those criteria which educators find useful in predicting effectiveness in teaching, the principal characters in westerns, crime and private-eye series, situation comedies and other popular TV programs would seem to rate fairly high in teaching effectiveness.

"There is considerable evidence or danger that what these individuals demonstrate regularly will, by all valid learning theory criteria, be learned.

"To believe that all or most of these attractive, admired characters, often using and illustrating techniques of physical violence, revenge, burglary, escape, fighting and do-it-yourself justice, are unsuccessful as teachers, failing to teach what they demonstrate, *is directly at variance* with what we know about television's superiority, specifically for demonstration purposes in teaching specific skills and behavior."

Researchers J.R. Dominick and Bradely S. Greenberg studied youth attitudes toward violence as related to TV exposure. They found that "the greater level of exposure to TV violence, the more the child was willing to use violence, to suggest it as a

Illustrations by Neil Boyle

# Are You a TV Addict?

Nicholas Johnson, former head of the FCC, suggested, with a wee bit of facetiousness, that television could be as addictive as alcohol. He offers this list of 10 questions that will help you to determine if you are already addicted to television:

**1.** Do you turn down the set when you answer the phone so the caller won't know you're watching television?

**2.** Do you stay up late watching television, but can't remember the next morning what you saw?

**3.** Do you have to watch a television program as soon as you get up in the morning?

**4.** Do you suddenly find that you have watched several television programs in a row without thinking about it?

**5.** When you have visitors, do you find it impossible to turn off the set or to carry on a conversation without continuing to watch?

**6.** If unexpected visitors come, do you rush to turn the channel to a "better" program?

**7.** Did you refuse a social engagement because you didn't want to miss a program, but were ashamed to tell anyone that was the reason?

**8.** If you try to go through an evening without television, do you become nervous and irritable? Do you have trouble figuring out what to do with your eyes?

**9.** When other people say you're watching too much television, do you become defensive?

**10.** Do you find yourself saying, "I never watch TV, but I just happened to turn the set on the other night and. . . ."

solution to conflict and to perceive it as effective."

In another study, F. B. Steuer and a team at the University of North Carolina compared the aggressive behavior of nursery school children matched in pairs according to how much television they ordinarily watched. One member from each pair was shown an aggressive TV show on 11 different days, taken from among those ordinarily broadcast on Saturday mornings. The other member of the pair saw a nonaggressive show on the same days. Afterward, the children were observed during natural play.

In every pair of matched children, the child who had viewed the violent show had become more aggressive than his partner!

### Television-induced apathy

An even more disturbing conclusion was found in a study by researchers Ronald Drabman of the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson and Margaret Hanratty Thomas of Florida Technological University in Orlando. They found that violence on TV directly contributed to giving children a head start on the apathy that has grown to such scandalous proportions among adults.

In three separate experiments, they found that "exposure to TV violence can increase *normal* children's toleration of real-life aggression.

"These studies provide strong evidence that continued exposure to TV violence is teaching children to accept aggression as a way of life," the researchers stated. If TV is teaching some to become more violent while others are learning to tolerate their aggression, "a future society in which virtually all adults have been exposed to a continued deluge of violence since infancy could well be an unfortunate place to live."

Many scientists are convinced the cause-and-effect relationship in young people has been well established. "But remember," points out Dr. Fredric Wertham, "children grow up to be adults, incorporating into their psyches the thousands of hours of television they saw in their youth."

### Adults also affected

Indeed, research is now establishing that it is not only impressionable children that are adversely influenced by TV programing. Scientists are now finding evidence that television is also directly pushing *adults* toward aggressive behavior.

The results of a University of California study "are especially important," says researcher Dr. Roderick Gorney, "because adults, after all, are the ones who are making decisions, declaring war, voting for president, putting additives in our food . . ."

Dr. Gorney and other researchers found indications that excessive viewing of crime and violence shows (they constitute 30 percent of prime-time TV) apparently can stimulate aggressive behavior in adults and can also develop in them a distorted view of how dangerous the world really is.

The adults in the test group that were presented with a constant diet of violence on TV rated themselves as increasingly more hostile and aggressive in mood as time passed. They also were observed to be acting more aggressively toward their families and associates, and they were less tolerant of minor frustrations. By contrast, those exposed to TV programs encouraging kindness and humanitarianism generally became more giving in mood and actions.

### Distorted view of reality

Dr. George Gerbner, dean of the Annenberg School of Communications at the University of Pennsylvania, stated that his research shows that constant viewers of television believe there is a 50-50 chance of being involved in a violent incident in any given week. In reality, says Dr. Gerbner, the statistics are one in 100, but the viewers' distorted ideas about the world came from

their immersion in the TV world of muggings, violence and murder.

Does all this mean a person should yank his television cord out of the wall socket or take an ax to his TV set? No, television is a technological and social phenomenon that's here to stay, and we need to make the best use of it.

The television set of itself is not the problem. It only receives what broadcasters choose to sell and audiences choose to watch. Nor is the television the only media source of violence and immorality. But it is unquestionably the largest and most influential source.

### What you can do

The way to protect yourself from the bad effects of television is to be more selective of the programs you watch. Take the time to choose better quality programs.

Programs that glamorize crime and emphasize illicit sex, cruelty and violence should obviously be minimized if not eliminated from your TV diet.

Along with being selective about what you watch on TV, be sure to watch programs as a family. Scientific studies show how it's actually best if parents and children watch TV together, so they can discuss any fallacies or wrong actions that might creep into "good" programs. Remember, many so-called family programs are filled with various forms of rebellion, disrespect for authority and lying. The way these actions are presented, it would be easy to assume that this sort of conduct is acceptable.

Another important television viewing guideline is to limit the amount of television you watch. Anyone who spends four, five or six hours a day sitting passively in front of the TV tube watching a world of make-believe and fantasy is probably losing vital hours that should be spent learning how to relate and talk to brothers, sisters, playmates, parents, relatives and neighbors.

# Making the Most of Your Television Viewing

Like many activities, television viewing should be evaluated in terms of benefits vs. shortcomings.

To just throw out your set would probably deprive you or your family of many well done and valuable programs. Yet an uncritical indulgence in extensive TV viewing may also be unwise, depriving you of precious time that could be spent in other exciting activities.

In deciding how much TV to watch, it is good to scan the television listings for the coming week and mark those programs that seem particularly interesting — ahead of time.

Of course, in some cases, a final evaluation cannot be made until the program begins, but basically, the following criteria should be helpful:

**1.** *Does the program encourage worthwhile ideals, values and beliefs?* Does it uphold acceptable standards of behavior, promoting moral and spiritual values and respect for law, decency and service? Or instead does it glamorize crime, immorality, intolerance, greed or cruelty? Does it encourage bad taste, false standards of material success, or personal vanity?

**2.** *Does the program stimulate constructive activities?* Does it encourage you to learn more, to do something constructive, to be creative, to solve problems, to work and to live with others?

Or does it glamorize violence, theft, robbery, smuggling and other crime? Does it, at least by example, teach that problems are (or should be) solved by brute force?

**3.** *Finally, ask yourself, "Honestly, is watching this particular program the best use of my time?"* Granted, watching TV can be relaxing, and it certainly requires little or no effort on your part. But is a large investment of time in TV viewing consistent with other goals and aspirations you have? Would the time be better used in hobbies, in reading, in chores or work or even in family conversation?

Only you can provide the answer.

You should replace much of your TV viewing with family interests. Why not try some fun family get-togethers where family members simply talk — sharing interests, ideas, needs, desires, thoughts on current world events, happenings at school, work and the neighborhood? Don't let television stifle or replace your family conversation.

Rather than permit the television set to absorb all your leisure time, develop an interest in some constructive hobby. Having outside interests will also encourage other members of your family to develop other interests besides watching TV.

Yes, it is time to tame the influence of television.

Take the necessary first step by turning the television set off earlier and making the effort to develop more interests for you and your family. □

# NEWS THAT AFFECTS YOU

## The Herpes Curse

• According to medical research, virtually all teens have or will have a herpes virus at some point in their lives. Shocking? Not when you consider that several viruses make up the herpes family including chicken pox, mononucleosis ("mono") and shingles.

But what has people concerned today are the two types of herpes simplex virus. Once infected with either strain, a person is infected for life.

Almost everyone has been exposed to herpes simplex type I, but many people have a natural immunity to this strain. Less than half develop the symptomatic cold sores in or around the mouth. Type I can be contracted by touching infected areas of another person (including kissing) or by using infected utensils.

The genital strain — herpes simplex II — affects about 20 million Americans and an estimated 500,000 new cases are expected this year, according to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga.

Herpes simplex type II is usually spread through sexual intercourse with an infected person. Painful lesions and sores appear on the thighs, genitals and buttocks within a few days, and last two or three weeks.

Babies born through an infected birth canal may contract herpes simplex type II and die from complications like encephalitis.

Both strains of herpes simplex reside in the central nervous system between attacks and may reappear at anytime throughout a person's lifetime.

Teens and young adults are the main victims of herpes simplex through premarital and extramarital sex.

Although herpes simplex is not a killer like syphilis or gonorrhea, deep emotional scars have plagued herpes victims. Some say they will never be married or have sexual relations again. They have learned the hard way that a lifetime of happiness can be marred by just a few moments of physical pleasure.

*— By Jeff Caudle* □

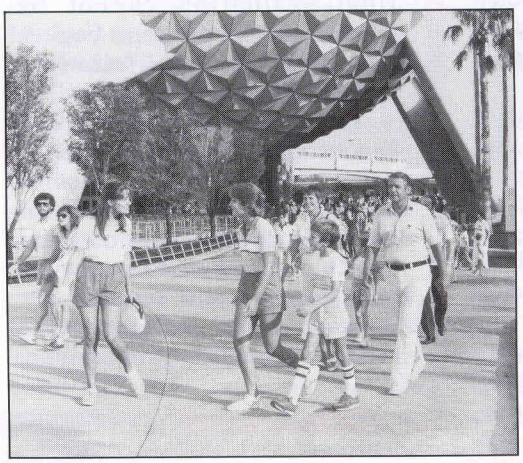


Photo — Walt Disney World Production

## Epcot: Forerunner of the Future?

• A trip through time? Instantaneous travel between far-flung countries? What would you say if someone told you these fantastic feats were possible today?

Walt Disney Production's new Epcot Center has attempted to provide these incredible travel opportunities — all in one place.

Epcot, a 260-acre showplace that spotlights futuristic ideas and technologies along with the arts, culture, craftsmanship and natural wonders of great nations, opened on Oct. 1, 1982. The Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow (Epcot), alongside Walt Disney World in Florida, is composed of two theme parks, Future World and the World Showcase.

Future World is designed to take a look at "human achievements and the creative ideas shaping future possibilities." The exhibits include Spaceship Earth, which takes visitors back in time to man's simplest forms of communication, then projects them forward in time to show what some feel is in store for man in outer space.

Then there's a pavilion called "Journey Into Imagination" that gives visitors a chance to try painting with laser light and creating electronic music.

After going through Future World, you then can stop at World Showcase. World Showcase presents the architectural, social and cultural heritage of nine nations: the United States, Britain, Canada, France, China, West Germany, Italy, Japan and Mexico.

Walk down an English street, see Peking's Tiananmen Square, encounter a Bavarian Oktoberfest — all within the same day! Each area covers about three blocks and tries to give the flavor and culture of the country. Performers help

contribute to the atmosphere.

The late Walt Disney, founder of Disney World and the original Disneyland in California, dreamed of building a community of tomorrow. You too can have that dream — and then help build it.

You may not have realized that an ancient volume — the Holy Bible — predicted thousands of years ago an incredible, but sure future for humanity. As this age you live in is plagued with war, a new world is coming that will be steeped in peace and prosperity. If you would like a glimpse into this coming world, send for our free book, *The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like*. Check the inside front cover for the address nearest you. — *By Ron Toth* □

# Cars That Can Talk

• Imagine hopping into the car for a quick run to the grocery store and hearing your car say, "Please don't forget to fasten your seat belt." Instead of a light flashing or a buzzer sounding, some cars now have talking computers to convey messages to the driver.

Some drivers already hear these voices of the future telling them to "buckle up" when they get behind the wheel and turn on the ignition. New plans include adding a talking gadget that lectures drivers breaking the speed limit.

The vocal creations are designed to supplement the emergency indicator lights — the so-called idiot lights. The talking computer tells the driver what is wrong and some even tell what to do.

For example, many times people do not see or simply ignore their car's warning lights. But with the voice computer, if the oil pressure light goes on while driving, a voice will tell you to pull off the road and

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# COUNTRY IN FOCUS: W. Germany

To the average person anywhere in the world, the name *Germany* brings to mind a multitude of images: Volkswagens, Rhine wines, Beethoven and Bach, sausages and pastries, alpine panoramas, vast industrial combines, precision cameras, lively beer halls and the renowned discipline and energy of its people. And, on a more somber note, two world wars and the barbed-wire-and-concrete Berlin Wall.

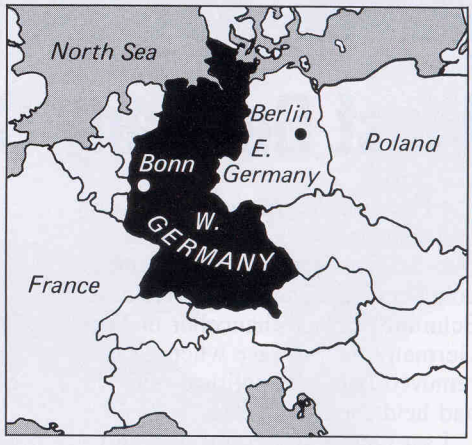
The Germans are a people impossible to ignore. No nation in Europe has played a greater role in world affairs. Germany occupies a strategic position in the center of Europe, extending all the way from the North and Baltic seas south to the Alps. The Germans are the largest ethnic group in Europe west of the Russians.

Since World War II, Germany has been split into two nations: the Federal Republic of Germany (also known as West Germany) and the German Democratic Republic (East Germany). A well-guarded border separates the two parts.

West Germany is today the most populous country in Western Europe, with more than 62 million people. About three fourths of these people live in cities. West Germany covers an area roughly the size of the states of New York and Pennsylvania combined.

West Germany has risen from destruction and defeat in World War II to become the leading industrial nation of Western Europe. Its tremendous economic growth has often been referred to as an "economic miracle." It is today the key member of the 10-nation European Common Market or EEC.

West Germany's historic cities are still bustling today. Its modern capital, Bonn, was the birthplace of the composer Ludwig van Beethoven. Its largest city, Hamburg, is a major world port. Munich, capital of the German state of Bavaria, is an important industrial and cultural center. Cologne, Duesseldorf, Essen and Dortmund are big cities of the Rhine-Ruhr industrial region. Frankfurt am Main is a transportation and manufacturing center.

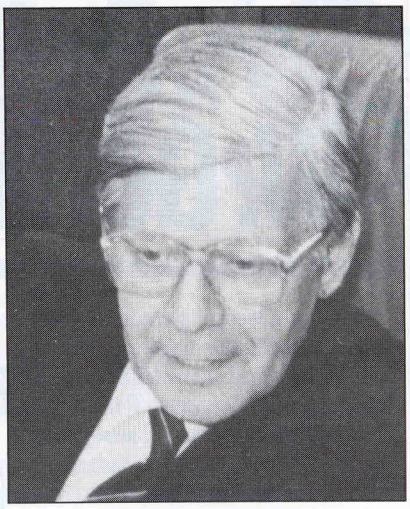



The chief river of West Germany is the Rhine. It rises in Switzerland and flows northward through West Germany and then on to the Netherlands and the North Sea. Another important European river, the Danube, has its origin in Germany's Black Forest region.

German, of course, is the prevailing language of the country. English is widely understood, however, especially in urban areas. As for religion, the West Germans are almost evenly divided between Catholic and Protestant.

Today, Germany is moving into a new era in its long history. Many political observers see it as the key to Europe's future. A new, more powerful Germany may once again emerge as a major factor in world affairs. This will have a profound impact on the future course of Europe and the world! — *By Keith W. Stump* □





Helmut Kohl, left, replaced Helmut Schmidt, right, as West Germany's chancellor. (Photos — West German Bundesbildstelle)

# West Germany Changes Helmuts

• How would you feel if you were told that people didn't have any confidence in the way you've been doing things? That's what Helmut Schmidt, former chancellor of West Germany, had to face when he was removed from the political office he had held for eight years.

Last October, Helmut Schmidt was replaced by another Helmut: Helmut Kohl.

For the past year, Mr. Schmidt's government had come under increasing criticism for its handling of the economy. As in many nations around the world, unemployment in West Germany has risen sharply in the past few years — in October it stood at 1.8 million. In political polls and in state elections, West Germans were indicating that they wanted a change, and this led to Mr. Schmidt's replacement. Here's why.

In Germany, as in many countries, no one political party has enough power to rule alone, so they must join together in partnerships known as coalition governments. And so the unhappiness with the way things were going affected not only Mr. Schmidt's party, the Social Democrats, but it also hurt the other member of the coalition, the Free Democrat party.

On Sept. 17, 1982, the Free Democrats pulled out of their partnership and joined the opposition Christian Democrats and Christian Socialists. In a "no-confidence motion" on Oct. 1, 1982, the Bundestag (West German parliament) voted to oust Mr. Schmidt and install Helmut Kohl, the leader of the Christian Democrats, as the new chancellor.

Dr. Kohl, along with his most powerful ally, Franz Josef Strauss, had expressed a desire to strengthen ties with the United States. These ties have become strained in the past year over the European-Soviet pipeline deal as well as the recently resolved U.S. charges of unfair pricing of European steel sold in the United States. Dr. Kohl seems confident that he can handle these problems. And as a result, he has called for national elections for March 6, 1983, to widen his majority in the Bundestag and further secure his chancellorship.

However, unless export trade by Volkswagen, Mercedes-Benz and other West German industries picks up, Dr. Kohl could find himself challenged from within his own party by Dr. Strauss, often called "the strong man of Europe."

The possible election of Dr. Strauss could provide the leadership necessary to spur Europeans on toward their ultimate goal of unifying into a single world power.

This new united Europe may be one of the greatest economic and military powers the world has ever seen, perhaps greater than either the United States or the Soviet Union.

One thing is for certain, whether Dr. Strauss becomes chancellor or Dr. Kohl is "reelected" — Dr. Strauss will continue to exercise a great deal of power and continue to push for European unification. In that sense, when West Germany replaced Helmut Schmidt with Helmut Kohl, it also made a course change that will one day affect each of you wherever you live. For more information on this subject, watch for an article, "Europe in Ferment," by Gene Hogberg in the February issue of *The Plain Truth*. — *By Dan C. Taylor* □

# Cars Talk

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stop the engine. Following the instructions will avoid making the problem worse.

One might expect the voice computers to give cold, metallic, robot-sounding instructions. However, Norman Rautiola, president of the Nartron Corp., boasts that his engineers have developed a voice reproduction system that sounds very human. So human, in fact, Mr. Rautiola claims a voice sounding like Dolly Parton or Burt Reynolds (U.S. movie stars) could be created.

Mr. Rautiola also predicts that it won't be too long before appliances will be talking as well. Microwave ovens will tell Mother when dinner is done, and washing machines could protest an overload.

Soon a talking toaster could even save you from burning your toast! — *By Wilma Niekamp* □




# When Your Friend's in Trouble...

*When trouble comes, many friends disappear. What can you do to give real help when your friend needs it most?*

By Darris McNeely

"She wouldn't think of demanding my help — as a friend I've got to sense when she needs help and then try to give it.

"It's only fair. She does the same for me."

When you're going through difficult times — times that can strain the bonds of friendship to the limits — don't you hope for friends like that? Someone who will lend a helping hand, even when it's inconvenient or downright difficult? Someone who will try to do anything to keep you from being hurt, even if you're hurting yourself?

But too often friends fade away when troubles come up. True friendship seems to be a rare treasure.

We'd all like to have friends like this, but are we the kind of true friends we wish others would be to us? How do you react to a friend who is going through a difficult time?

It is natural for problems to

Photo by Nathan Faulkner

come up and for conflicts to happen — it's how they're handled that is most important. Maybe your friends are having problems with parents or experiencing a period of discouragement. Do you pull away from them, or do you maintain a close contact while providing a shoulder to lean on?

Sometimes you may find a close friend engaging in conduct that is wrong and potentially damaging to his life and health. Maybe he is experimenting with drugs that allow him to escape into a chemical daydream that could have nightmarish results. Perhaps it's the abuse of alcohol that is turning your friend into an early alcoholic. Could family pressures be a cause of frustration and anxiety? Shoplifting merchandise from department stores and other illegal activities might be another type of problem.

All these matters are pretty serious. How we treat our friends, and how they live their lives matter a great deal to us. That is why one of the world's oldest questions is so important. What is this timeless question? It's found in the fourth chapter of Genesis where Cain had murdered his brother Abel. God asked Cain where Abel was and Cain angrily replied: "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9, Revised Authorized Version, also called the New King James Version, throughout).

Yes, we are our brother's (and our friend's) keeper. True friendship requires that we take a stand and try to help a friend in trouble. When a person is going through a rough period of discouragement or personal trial, the encouragement of a friend can mean the difference between success or failure.

When you're battling a problem, it always helps to know someone close to you is available with a listening ear, a helpful suggestion or encouraging word. This isn't a fair-weather friend who hides during the rough times. This kind of friend is always there, and fits the description of the "friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24).

Being our brother's keeper has another important aspect. If we passively stand by when a friend is doing something wrong, we imply our approval of his or her behavior.

Here's an example. You and a small group of friends are browsing the book racks in a large department store. In an attempt to create some excitement one of the group "dares" another to shoplift a paperback novel. Not wanting to look like a coward or be rejected by the group, your friend tucks a book inside his clothes and walks out of the store without getting caught.

**True friendship requires that we take a stand and try to help a friend in trouble. When a person is [discouraged], the encouragement of a friend can mean the difference between success or failure.**

Now comes a test of your character. You don't believe it's right to steal merchandise from a store, but you remain silent, voicing no objections, during this incident. What is your responsibility to your friend who has stolen? Do you rationalize that "It won't happen again" or "It's only worth a few dollars and nobody will miss it"?

What has happened to your friend and anyone else who steals, is a breakdown in character. A damaging precedent has been set that will make it easier to steal again on another day.

If handled carefully, here is a chance for you to help your friend and learn a valuable lesson in real love — outgoing concern. In Matthew 18:15 you find some wise instruction to help you handle this sensitive and difficult situation.

Christ was instructing His disciples in what to do when a brother would trespass against another. He told them to "go and tell him his fault between you and him alone."

Think about this! Stealing, lying and drug or alcohol abuse destroy character and health. Can you stand by and watch your friend take a chance on ruining his life and not attempt to help him out of a serious problem? Not if you are a true friend. The duties of true friendship require a commitment to be our brother's keeper.

When you go to your friend, go with an attitude of wanting to help — not condemn. Remember that you, too, are capable of making the same mistakes. Talk to him as a brother who is concerned about his welfare. Don't preach or talk down to him. Show how his behavior is driving a wedge in your relationship. Help him see the consequences of his behavior. Do all this in love, with his welfare in mind and "If he hears you, you have gained your brother" (Matthew 18:15).

It takes courage to care enough for a friend to talk boldly, candidly and honestly to him. Your concern could cause him to turn from his mistake and resolve never to repeat it. Proverbs 27:17 states that "As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend." If you stand up for what you believe, you will go a long way toward cementing a strong friendship that could last a lifetime.

Being your brother's keeper is a delicate and often misunderstood dimension of friendship. It requires concern, sensitivity, personal character and courage. The result is the nurturing and preservation of a lifelong relationship. □



Photo by Roland Rees

# Australia's Cute, Cuddly KOALA

*This gentle animal poses a nasty problem for evolution!*

By Keith W. Stump

"It's a toy teddy bear come to life!"

The cuddly koala bear looks like a living, breathing teddy bear to people seeing one for the first time. In fact, the teddy bear toy was originally modeled after the koala.

The koala is one of many unique animals of the Australian continent. Along with the kangaroo, the koala has become a symbol of Australia.

Scientists can't agree on exactly how the koala should be classified. It is not technically a bear.




If the koala evolved, it must have learned at some time how to make its food edible. Eucalyptus is poisonous to other animals, but God designed the koala with a highly specialized digestive system to handle this food. (Illustration by Bruce Hedges)

Zoologists refer to it as a marsupial, or an animal with a pouch. (The kangaroo and opossum are other examples of marsupials.) The scientific family name for the koala is *Phascolarctidae,* which means "pouched bear."

If you've ever owned or seen a toy teddy bear, you already have a good idea what a koala looks like. Unlike a teddy bear, however, its toes have strong, sharp claws.

A koala grows to a maximum length of about 2½ feet. An adult can weigh up to 25 or 30 pounds. The female koala gives birth to only one young at a time. A young koala is kept in the pouch for nearly six months after birth, and is then carried on the back of the mother for another four to six months.

The koala is an arboreal animal, meaning that it lives in trees. A koala often remains in the same tree for days without coming down. It sleeps curled up, firmly grasping the limbs with its specially designed claws. It has an exceptionally strong grip.



The koala eats *only* the leaves of particular species of eucalyptus trees! (Photo by Roland Rees)

About 40 years ago the koala was close to extinction because of hunters and disease. Koalas were killed for their soft, thick fur, known as possum. The animals are now protected by laws, and many of them live in national park sanctuaries. Today, their numbers are increasing. The greatest danger is from forest fires. The slow-moving koala has great difficulty outracing a fast-spreading fire.

## Unique diet

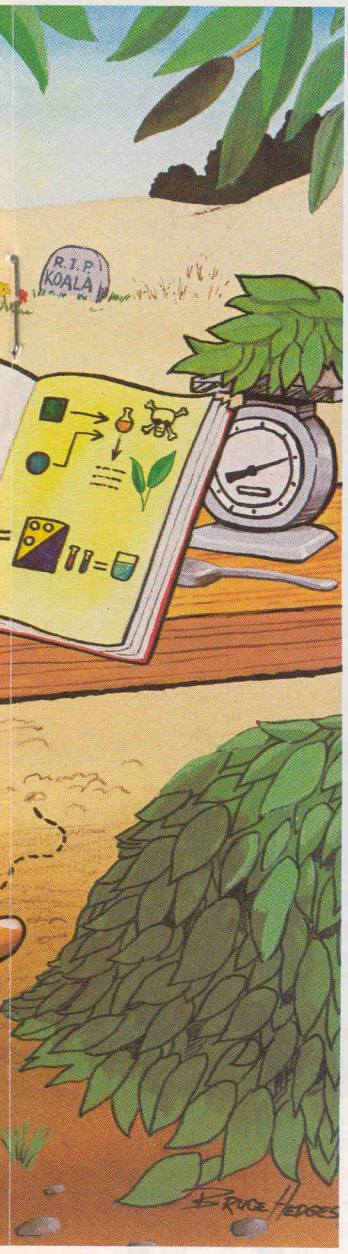
So what is it about koalas that troubles evolutionists?

It's their diet.

A koala feeds only on the leaves of the eucalyptus tree. It eats about 3 pounds (1.3 kilograms) of leaves a day. It eats nothing else! It must have eucalyptus leaves or it will die. In fact, not only will it eat only eucalyptus leaves, but it will eat only particular species (kinds) of eucalyptus!

(An adult koala, by the way, seldom drinks anything but the dew on leaves. The name *koala* means "no drink" in one of the aboriginal dialects of Australia.)

To most other animals, the oily




eucalyptus leaves are poisonous. From one season to another, new sprouts are so poisonous that at times even the koala must selectively go from one species to another to feed.

To handle this food, the koala has a highly specialized digestive system. Its intestine has a long extension called a cecum, or intestinal pouch. This "overgrown appendix" is home for special bacteria that help the koala safely digest its food. The koala cannot digest any other kind of food except eucalyptus. It's simply not designed to handle any other type of foliage!

### Chance evolution?

Now consider the above facts from the evolutionary point of view.



Here is an animal that can eat only one food — and one of the most indigestible of all available plant foods at that!

If — as many scientists claim — the koala acquired its unique eucalyptus-digesting system through millions of years of evolution, how did the koala get along before that vital digestive system had completely evolved? Had it tried to live on eucalyptus leaves before its cecum had fully evolved, it would have died of acute indigestion and poisoning and would be extinct today! But, of course, the koala's not extinct!



Koalas are shy, gentle creatures although they have a grip that won't let go! (Photos: above, Dexter H. Faulkner, right, *Youth 83*)

Now look at it from another point of view: What did the koala eat before the eucalyptus tree got around to evolving into the various species the koala can eat? If the koala had been living on another kind of food, why would it have been necessary for the koala to go on to evolve a eucalyptus-digesting system anyway? Or, if the koala had already evolved a cecum to handle eucalyptus, how is it that the eucalyptus tree "just happened" to have evolved at the proper rate to be edible just when the koala needed it?

Evolution has no adequate answer for these and similar questions. Common sense alone tells us that the koala and the eucalyptus tree could not have developed by the random workings of evolution!

To believe in evolution we would have to believe that two independent processes of evolution — one of a plant and one of an animal — "just happened" to occur side by side with precisely the proper timing to produce the intimate relationship we see today between the koala and the eucalyptus tree!

Preposterous!

The extreme specialization of plant eating exhibited by the koala could never have been the work of blind evolution. Koala and eucalyptus had to have been perfected together by intelligent design. No other explanation is satisfactory!

All life on the earth today fits together into an intricate pattern of interrelationships. The balance of nature and the interdependency of life forms can be explained only by creation. All life on earth had to have been created at the same time (as it was — read Genesis 1).

God — the Master Designer — thought out and planned the entire scheme of things. Evolutionary trial and error could never have accomplished it. The miracles of nature — including the koala — demand a Creator! □



# Adventure in ALASKA

By Bill Blake




The author, Bill Blake, was just turning 12 when he went on this caribou hunting trip with his father. They flew to this remote area of Alaska's Talkeetna Mountains in the float plane built by his father. Lower right, Bill's first trophy. (Photos by James H. Blake)



Autumn had come to Alaska. In the newly frosted areas, yellow and red leaves stood out among the green trees.

I stood by our float plane and helped my dad pack the rest of our camping gear in the back. I was so excited. I was just turning 12 and this was to be my first big game hunt.

My mom and little sister saw us off. As the floats bounced along the water I felt the excitement of a new adventure. Dad pulled the flaps and we broke water, roaring up out of the lake.

I knew Dad was anxious to take me on this hunt. I'd flown with him on many trips into the bush. We'd explored places no human had ever been before. We'd caught fish and found trappers' cabins from the 1930s.

But this was different; it was a big game hunt and would be more difficult. It would include miles of hiking and, if we got a caribou, we'd have to butcher it and carry packs of meat back to the plane. It would be a challenge.

My dad said he'd always imagined hunting trips like this with his dad. His father was older and not able to do these things with him. But he said he felt being with me, his own son, made it all worthwhile. We would always be friends and hunting and fishing partners.

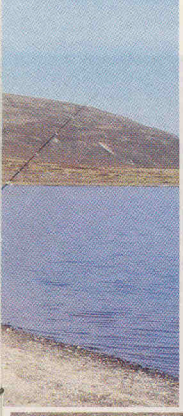
We flew along the Parks Highway and then turned north into the Talkeetna Mountains. Our destination was Unit 13 in the Lake Louise area. It was about 210 miles and would take two hours in the plane.

When we were on our way Dad let me handle the controls. The roar of the engine kept talking to a minimum. We enjoyed the view and pointed out interesting sights to each other: gigantic Mt. McKinley in the distance and the rugged blue and white glaciers scattered here and there.

As we reached our destination we looked it over from the air. We spotted some caribou and knew we were in the right place. It was the evening of Aug. 31; the season would begin at dawn.

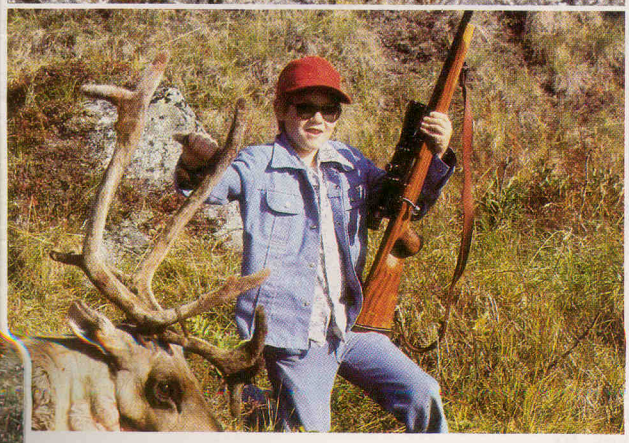
We circled the high, wild country. As we came over a ridge the plane dropped into a box canyon where a high mountain lake appeared. I could see why it wasn't heavily hunted. There was only one way in and out. Dad said it could be called "one shot lake."

Dropping the nose, we lined up for the landing. As the lake came up on us we seemed to be moving too fast. Ahead of us loomed a waterfall surrounded by huge









boulders. What a relief it was to feel the water tug at the floats and begin to slow the plane!

The splash of small grayling and lake trout disturbed the quiet as we set up camp. Dad put up the tent and got our food out. I gathered the hard-to-find brush for a fire.

Dusk brought the cold of night at our backs while our fronts were warmed by a crackling fire. We were two comrades alone in the bush, but comfortable.

We began our hike into the hills with the rising sun. It was cold, just above freezing. We carried backboards in anticipation of bringing meat home. I carried a light rifle for small game. Dad carried a 7-mm. Remington Magnum Bolt Action, with a custom-built, thumb-hold stock. It was the rifle he'd bagged his first moose and caribou with — the rifle he always used for big game.

There was no sound except the squeak of our packs and the crunch of our boots on lichen-covered rocks. We stopped to catch our breath and looked down on our camp. The lake sparkled blue and white in the thin atmosphere. The red and white of the plane looked tiny in the distance.

The land was barren of trees, covered with rocks and low growing tundra and brush. I drew in the sharp air and scanned the landscape. Nothing moved.

We walked many miles and I was getting tired. Dad asked how I was doing and I said fine. I didn't want to complain — I wanted to carry my load and be Dad's hunting partner.

In the late afternoon we entered a high alpine valley to see caribou grazing through. We sat in some rocks and watched them move toward us. They were mostly cows and calves. We didn't speak but listened quietly to the herd. The gray color of the animals blended in with the background, their small racks looking like part of the brush.

We looked through the binoculars, scanning the hills for a bull. When we could move, we did, all the time looking for a larger animal. Then we saw him. Farther down the valley, below a steep incline, stood a large caribou, his white chest thrust out proudly.

After looking him over I decided I'd try for him. It had been a long walk and day's end was near. I wanted to make the stalk.

The caribou was between 500 and 600 yards away. We began moving carefully over the hill. Dad would raise up, looking over the crown to check on the animal's position only when he thought he'd dipped his head to graze. The caribou was extremely cautious — we could see why it had lived a long time. We moved from rock to rock, when in view of the animal, taking advantage of what little cover there was. It seemed to take forever.

We worked to a point on the hill where we could look down from an outcropping that gave the command of either side of the valley. Dad thought the caribou was about 250 yards away. I wanted to try for it. I lay down on our packs to use Dad's rifle. It was going to be a long shot and the gun was too big for me.

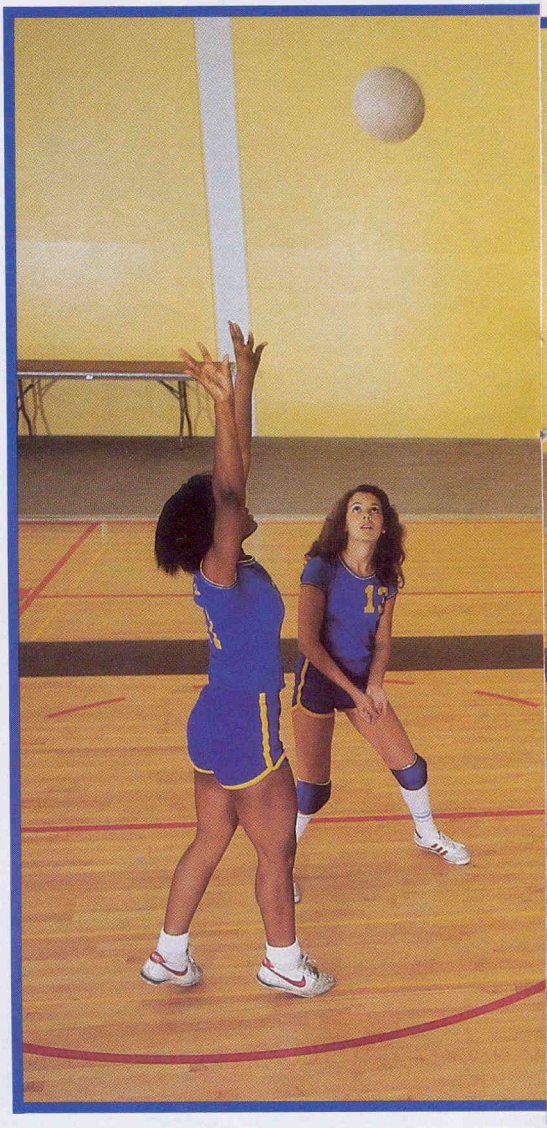
Dad knelt beside me and watched through the binoculars. Dad told me where to aim and to remember to squeeze the trigger. As I did, there was a horrible explosion, my ears were ringing. Next I heard my dad yelling, "You got him, son, you got him!"

I was a little stunned. We walked the distance to the animal and found it was more than 350 yards. Dad said it was a remarkable shot. I'd hit it right through the spine causing instant death. I was amazed.

It was late by the time we'd

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# Volleyball Improving Your Net Results

By George Hague

You're hooked. When you go to bed, you dream about volleyball, and when you wake up you immediately grab for the volleyball you set beside your bed the night before.

Or perhaps it's not that extreme (we hope not), but you've decided you want to be a better player of this exciting team sport. So, how can you improve your game?

Many people have a misconception about volleyball. They think that they have to make a great play every time they have the chance to hit the ball.

Amateurs often approach volleyball as if they were professionals. They try to make the most difficult, low-percentage shot possible — or, more often, impossible.

Instead of clearing the ball safely over the net, they try to floor spike the ball from 10 feet behind the baseline. That's a low-percentage shot.

You don't have to constantly do difficult spikes and ace serves to be a valuable volleyball player. While developing your other skills in the game, concentrate on consistency — high-percentage plays. If you are a reliable player, you will be more valuable to your team. Here are a few tips to improve your consistency and make you a better player.

1 Tip number one: **Develop a consistent serve.**

The most humbling experience in volleyball is to fault your serve. It's so anticlimactic.

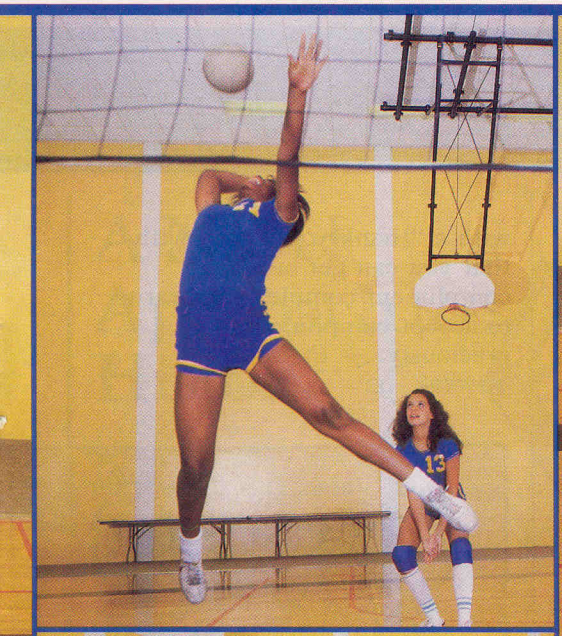
You wipe the sweat from your brow. You toss the ball. You hit it with the force of a freight train. The ball crashes against the back wall. Close, but it was still 25 feet out of bounds. Your serve was futile. The cute girl (or good-looking guy) watching was not impressed. Why go through the embarrassment? Besides not impressing the audience, you did not help your team at all.

To win a point in volleyball, you first have to get your serve in the court. The more serves you get in, the more points your team will have a chance to win.

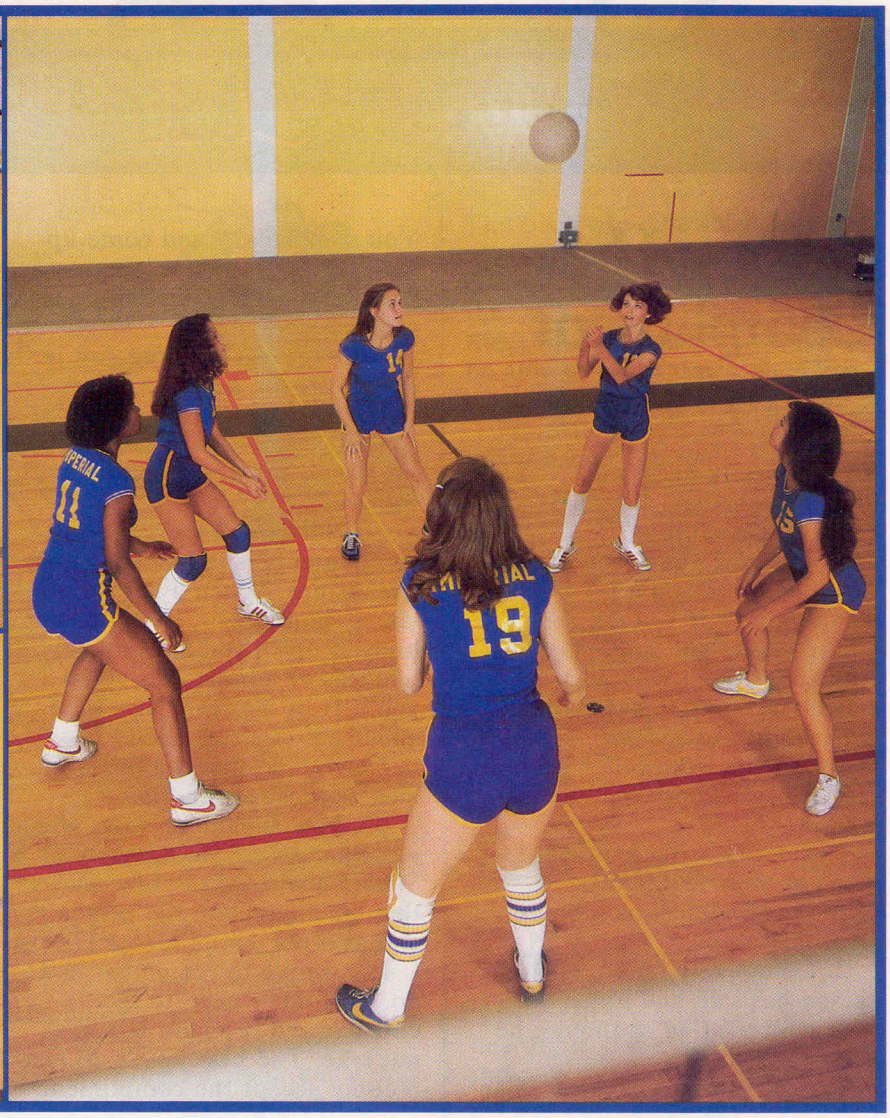
It is not as important as you think to have a powerhouse serve. Anyway, it's useless if you only get it into the court when the gravitational pull from the moon is just right. Instead, work on consistency. Practice to get 100 percent of your serves into the court. Of course, you should work on power and accuracy, but don't sacrifice consistency for them.

2 Tip number two: **Face the direction you are hitting the ball.**

Many players have a bad







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habit. They face anywhere except the direction that they are hitting the ball. (Well, they do face where they are hitting it — where it actually ends up going!)

Facing in the right direction gives you more control. Instead of contorting or twisting your body, you can now hit the ball straight. It is not as dramatic as jumping in the air and twisting your body, but it is more effective. It really wasn't the wind that made the ball go that strange direction!

By facing the direction you want to hit the ball, your consistency will improve. Also, setting will be much easier.

To always face the right direction, you will have to move faster to get to the ball. If you learn to anticipate the direction of the ball and move faster though, you can make it in time.

Often setting can be a major weakness of a team. If you consistently set the ball, you will be a valuable team player.

3 Tip number three: **Don't overplay a shot.**

The game is 14-14. Your team is serving. The ball comes back over the net. The left back bumps the ball to the center forward who sets the ball to you. The set is perfect.

Written on the ball is *"hit me as hard as you can."* All of your frustrations built up over the past 10 years will be relieved in one dramatic action. But, your timing is off. You jump too soon because you want to end the point quickly. You succeed! In ending the point quickly, that is, not winning it.

Instead of always spiking, try different shots. If possible, of course, spike the ball. But what if a two-man block is in front of you? A "dink" shot over the block might be better.

The most effective shot may not be the hardest hit. Strategy is a key in volleyball. The softer shot may do the trick. Anyway, getting the ball in the court is most important. With a lower-percentage shot, you may not do that. So remember, take it easy.

These three tips can help you be a more effective volleyball player. With improved consistency, your team as a whole will benefit. Keep them in mind when you are on the court and improve your net result! □

# News & Reviews

## Do You Have a Compliment Complex?

"Are you talking to me?" "You didn't mean that, did you?" "Aw, it was nothing."

Is this how you react when someone gives you a compliment? If you do, then you're one of the millions of us who suffer from what can be called the compliment complex, the inability to accept compliments from other people.

When someone compliments you, do you:

1. Start to squirm, blush, look down at your feet and try to change the subject as soon as possible?

2. Completely ignore what the person has said and go on with your conversation as though he hadn't said it?

3. Feel you have to play "Can You Top This?" and come up with a bigger, more elaborate compliment than the one he or she just gave you?

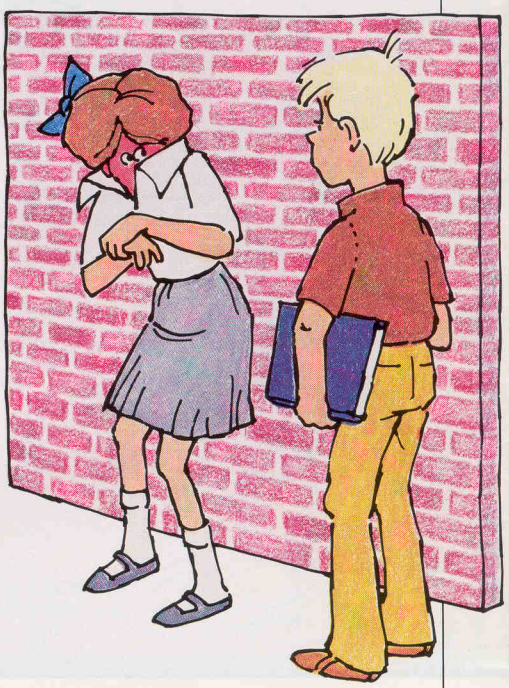
4. Deny that it's true and in effect call the person a

If you have reacted in any of the above ways, then you have symptoms of the compliment complex.

Learning to properly accept compliments is important in our friendships. When a person gives you a compliment, he is opening himself up to you and saying: "I like this or admire this about you." How we react says a lot about how we feel about ourselves and how we feel and look at those around us.

So, how should we react when someone gives us a compliment? What should we say that shows that we appreciate the person and also the compliment?

It's simple to remember and do. You don't need to feel embarrassed or claim that it's not true. The best way is to just politely accept the compliment with a "thank-you." And with that you can get over the compliment complex and learn to accept compliments graciously. — *By Debbie Yavelak* □



## Let It Snow!

On frosty winter mornings many of you wake up to find snow covering the ground, the trees — everything in sight.

But others reading this may have only seen snow in pictures because, although snow covers about one half of the earth's land surface at some time during the year, there are also many tropical areas where it doesn't snow at any time during the year.

But whether there's snow outside your window or not, let's take a look at this fluffy white stuff.

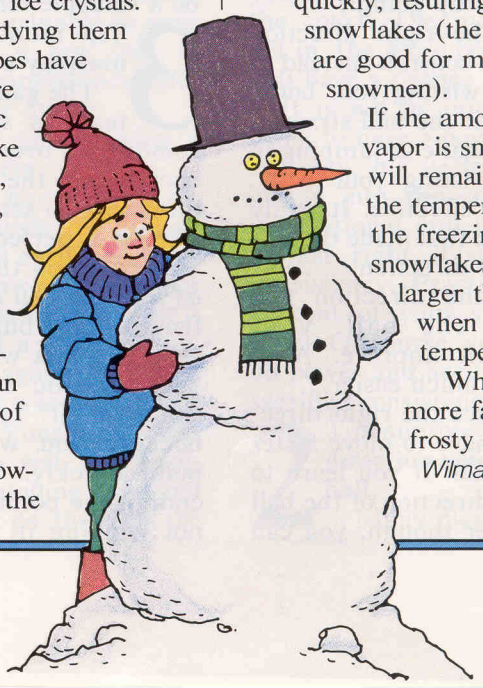
Snowflakes have attracted attention and admiration from the earliest times, as well as providing various means of recreation — skiing, sledding, tobogganing, building snowmen.

Snowflakes are simply a collection of ice crystals. Scientists studying them with microscopes have found that there are just seven basic types of snowflake crystals (plates, stellars, columns, needles, spatial dendrites, capped columns and irregular crystals), but that these crystals combine in an infinite variety of ways.

The size of a snowflake depends on the temperature, wind and the amount of water vapor in the air. If the air contains a large amount of water vapor, the snow particles will grow quickly, resulting in big, wet snowflakes (the kind that are good for making snowmen).

If the amount of water vapor is small, the crystals will remain small. When the temperature is near the freezing point, the snowflakes are generally larger than they are when the temperature is lower.

Why not find out more facts about these frosty flakes? — *By Wilma Niekamp*



*Illustrations by Mike Woodruff*

# A Novel Approach to History




When you sit in history class, do you groan in agony? Do you wish history wasn't so boring?

Well, we can't promise to make your teachers more dynamic and interesting, but here is a hint to make your personal exploration of history more exciting.

How?

By reading historical novels.

"What's that?" you ask. A historical novel is a work of fiction that, nevertheless, has true and accurate dates, events, battles and histories of peoples or nations.

Reading historical novels will provide you many hours of good entertainment, an even better knowledge of history and an opportunity to increase your reading and writing skills.

Several good authors use this technique. Leon Uris is an example. His book, *Exodus,* tells the story of the Jews in modern Israel and what it was like to carve a nation in our modern world.

Another Leon Uris novel is *Trinity.* It tells the story of the Irish potato famine and the immigration of many Irish people to America. If you are of Irish descent as I am, it will be particularly interesting to you.

James Michener is another modern author of historical novels. Some of his books have been made into movies — such as *Hawaii* and *Centennial. Centennial* is the story of the American West in vivid detail and with terrific stories.

Mr. Michener's usual style takes you back to prehistoric times and brings you up to the present.

If you thought you would never enjoy ancient history, read *The Source* by James Michener. The book uses the setting of a modern archaeological excavation in Israel, but it tells the story of what it was like there in times past. You won't be able to put it down once you get into it.

Mr. Michener's recent books include *The Covenant* and *Space.*

Remember, these works are fiction. Some may contain concepts not necessarily endorsed by *Youth 83.*

But, who knows, read one or more of these books and you might get hooked on history! — *By Ronald Kelly* □

# Proverbs for Today: Listen Before You Leap

"There you go jumping to conclusions again!"

Does this sound familiar?

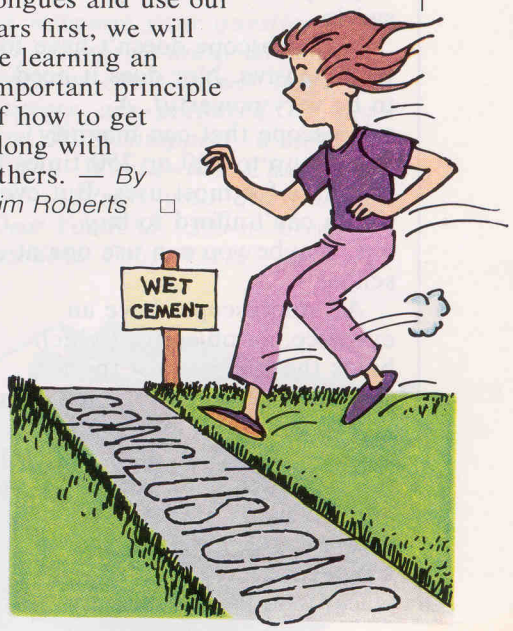
Wise King Solomon knew that it is foolish to jump to conclusions: "He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and shame to him" (Proverbs 18:13, Revised Authorized Version, also called the New King James Version).

Perhaps you have been frustrated, and probably angered, when someone made a premature judgment about you without hearing out your explanation.

You may have experienced your dad or mom jumping to a conclusion about why you came in late. Of course, you should have been on time. But if being late was beyond your control, you would have appreciated being able to explain the situation.

Maybe you yourself have at times put the cart before the horse in communication. If you have failed to listen or obtain the available facts before coming to a decision, you have "answered a matter before hearing it." We may at times jump to conclusions about our parents and fail to give them a chance to understand us.

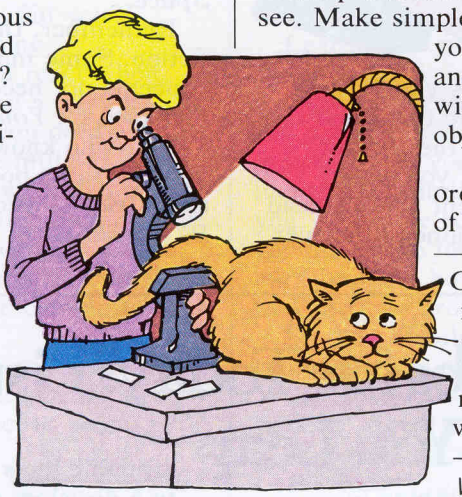
If we control our tongues and use our ears first, we will be learning an important principle of how to get along with others. — *By Jim Roberts* □



# Exploring the Miniature World

There's an entire world of life and activity going on in a drop of pond water!

Are you curious about this world of the very small? Why not explore it through a microscope?



A microscope will reveal details of everyday objects you haven't seen before. A drop of pond water becomes an ocean teeming with tiny plants and animals. Hairs and fibers reveal their special lusters and textures. A pinch of salt or sand becomes a king's treasure. A drop of sugar solution evaporates into tiny crystals or feathery swirls.

A microscope doesn't have to be expensive. Nor does it need to be very powerful. A microscope that can magnify objects up to 100 or 250 times is adequate for most uses. But even if you can't afford to buy one, maybe you can use one at school.

All microscopes have an eyepiece, an objective (which holds the lens nearest the specimen), a stage for supporting specimens and a light source beneath the stage. The image of the specimen is magnified by the objective lens and the eyepiece before it reaches the eye.

Specimens for study are placed on glass slides (available in many hobby shops). You can buy specially prepared slides for your microscope, but to get the most out of your hobby, simply buy blank slides and prepare your own specimens.

The number of objects you can study is virtually limitless, and your library has all kinds of books to help you get started.

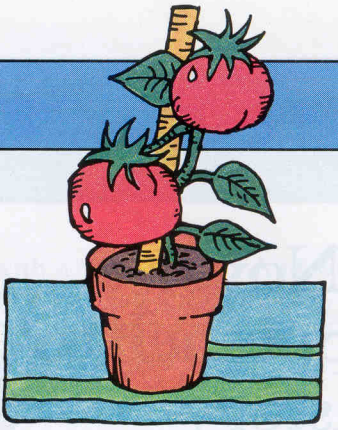
Keep a record of all that you see. Make simple sketches of your specimens and compare them with other, related objects.

You will see order in the world of the very small — and the concern God has in making even tiny things. Try it — a whole new world is waiting for you! — *By John Wheeler* □

# Fresh From the (Indoor) Garden

Imagine! Fresh salad all winter! And without going to your supermarket.

Believe it or not, even if you don't have much gardening experience and live in a small apartment or flat, you can provide your family with fresh greens for the winter.



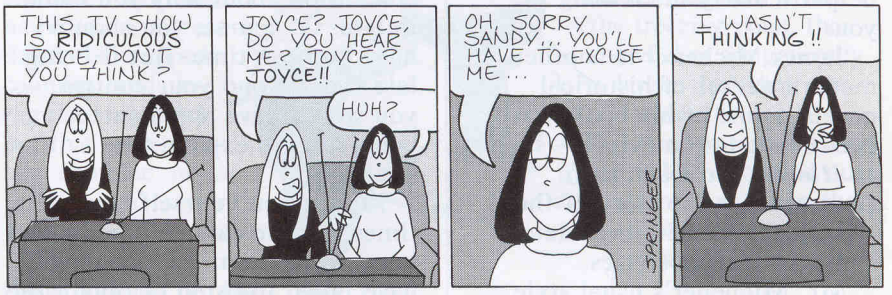
Many people today are unable to grow full-sized gardens, so seed companies are marketing strains of vegetables that can be grown in a small amount of space, or even in a pot.

For best results, tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers should be grown with just one plant in a pot. Just place the pots in a warm, sunny windowsill after planting the seeds, and follow the growing directions on the seed packet.

Lettuce can also be grown easily, though a window box might work better than a pot for this leafy treat. Lettuce grows so fast that you should be able to keep your family in greens all winter! No special type of lettuce is necessary. Any type of lettuce seed will grow in a box or carton, except the heading varieties, which need more room and deeper soil.

So though the outdoor harvest is over for another year, you can still contribute to your family's nourishment, and add new growth to your home. — *By Kris Hendrick* □

**FRISBEE'S FRIENDS** **BY CAROL SPRINGER**



# Teen Bible Study

## To Tell the Truth

Prepared by Richard A. Sedliacik

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if everyone told the truth?

No one would be afraid of being cheated anymore. Manufacturers would no longer mislead consumers with false and deceptive advertising. Politicians wouldn't make promises they knew they couldn't keep. You could trust all your friends to tell the truth and keep their word.

How refreshing it would be if people everywhere always told the truth!

God's Word, the Bible, has much to say about telling the truth. In this study we will learn something about the basic nature and character of God. We'll discover who the very first liar was and examine the first lie recorded in the Bible. Then we'll learn about some of the many blessings and opportunities that automatically come to those who build a reputation for being truthful.

But before starting this study, be sure to get your Bible, a pen or pencil and some notebook paper. Look up, read and then write down the verses that answer each question. This will help you to remember what you are learning.

**1.** What are some of the qualities and characteristics of God? Deuteronomy 32:4, Revelation 15:3. What is one thing God will never do under any circumstance? Titus 1:2, Hebrews 6:18.

God reveals Himself as a God of truth. You can always rely on what He says. God can be trusted to keep all of His promises because He has willed never to lie!

**2.** Did Jesus Christ, the Son of God, always speak the truth? Matthew 22:16.

Christ exemplified the very character and nature of God the Father throughout His life. This is because He also was God — the "Word" or spokesman of the God Family before He became a human being (John 1:1-3, 14).

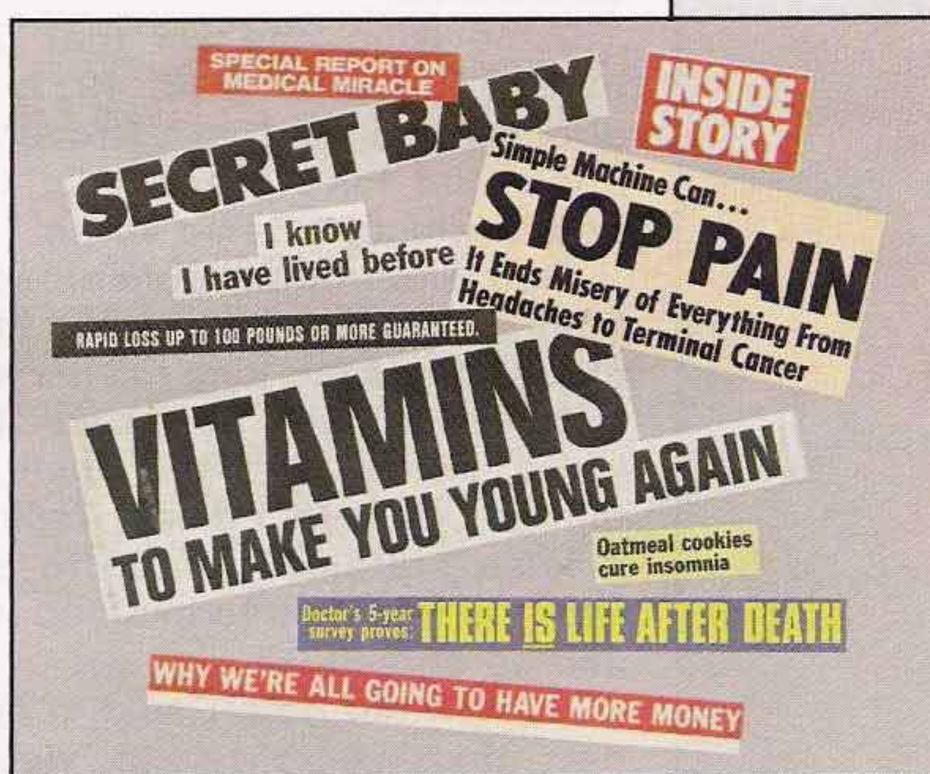
**3.** What is the origin of the Holy Bible? II Timothy 3:16. What did Jesus, who spoke and lived by the truth, define as truth? John 17:17. Under inspiration of God, did King David also define God's laws as being the truth? Psalm 119:142, 151.

God's Word, the Holy Bible, contains essential truth inspired by God that reveals a way of life based upon the Ten Commandments. This is the way the two members of the God Family have always lived from eternity.

God is love (I John 4:16) and the fulfilling of God's law is love (Romans 13:10). Therefore, the Ten Commandments express the character of God. The Ten Commandments tell us how to show God's outgoing love to both God and other people (Matthew 22:37-39).

**4.** Did Jesus teach obedience to the Ten Commandments? Matthew 19:17-19. Did He keep them Himself? John 15:10.

**5.** What does the Ninth Commandment say? Exodus 20:16.



Wouldn't it be great if you could believe everything that you saw in print?

Bearing false witness (lying) is the very opposite of God's nature and character. Since God wants us to develop His character (Matthew 5:48), it is His desire that we learn to always tell the truth. Intentionally misleading or deceiving others does not show the true love and concern that God wants each of us to be developing toward our parents, teachers and friends.

**6.** Who was responsible for telling the first recorded lie? Genesis 3:1-5, especially

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verse 4. Who was this serpent? Revelation 12:9. Is he identified as the "father" of all lies? John 8:44. What has he since done to the entire world? Look at Revelation 12:9 again. Has all mankind therefore disobeyed God's Commandments, including the ninth? Romans 3:12-13, 23.

God reveals the existence of a super-powerful spirit being — an archangel — who rebelled against God and all that He stands for (Isaiah 14:12-15, Ezekiel 28:13-17). Now known as Satan, his character is the diametric opposite of the faithful and true nature of God!

Taking on the identity of a serpent, the devil lied to Eve in the Garden of Eden. He told her that she would not die, implying that God was a liar when He warned her that she would die if she ate of the forbidden fruit (Genesis 2:16-17). Believing Satan, Eve ate the forbidden fruit and shared it with her husband Adam. Thus they chose to disobey God. The result? They were driven out of the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:23-24) and died as God had said (Genesis 5:5).

As the god of this world or age (II Corinthians 4:4), Satan has also succeeded in spiritually blinding mankind into also disbelieving God and living contrary to God's law.

**7.** Is lying one sin that God especially hates? Proverbs 6:16, 19. Is it an absolute abomination to Him? Proverbs 12:22. But does God take great delight in those who deal truthfully? Same verse.

God is extremely concerned with the truth. That is because all forms of lying destroy character, in the long run hurting the one who tells lies as well as others. Even so-called white lies fall into the same category with outright, bald-faced lies! Telling a white lie is a false statement made to another person with the intention to mislead. God hates that and so should we.

**8.** How did King David, a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22), view lying? Psalm 119:29, 163. What was his advice to those who seek to please God? Psalm 34:11-13.

King David realized the importance of telling the truth. He knew from personal experience that God blesses and grants special favors to those who strive to be truthful.

**9.** There is often a temptation to mislead and deceive others, and many succeed initially. But what do these lies become like to those who speak them? Proverbs 20:17. Can it be dangerous to fool others, even in fun? Proverbs 26:18-19.

In today's society young people are constantly bombarded with pressures to compromise their character and integrity. Situations often arise in the classroom, on the playing field, on the job or at home where there is a temptation to lie or twist the facts in your favor. But what happens when those you lied to realize that they've been deceived? The liar often lives in fear that his lie will be discovered.

Honesty is always the best policy, even if it hurts. This is because the Ninth Commandment is a part of God's great spiritual law. If it is broken, it exacts penalties just as surely as the penalty you would suffer if you broke the physical law of gravity by jumping off a 10-story building!

**10.** Will special benefits and opportunities come to the young person who chooses to speak and live by the truth? Proverbs 3:3-4. What will be the attitude of those in authority toward one who carefully guards his tongue? Proverbs 22:11.

A young person who is careful about what he says and strives to tell the truth will be building a reputation for honesty among his peers, instructors and superiors at school and on the job. They will know that his word is good — that he can be relied on to do what he says he will. Such a person will often be favored and rewarded in different ways, including higher pay. And his parents will entrust him with greater privileges because they know his word is good.

**11.** Will there be any liars in God's Kingdom? Revelation 21:8. Will those who sincerely strive to keep God's Commandments, including the ninth, become the sons of God? Verse 7. Will they live with God in the New Jerusalem? Verses 1-2, 27, chapter 22:14. Will they dwell in God's presence forever? Psalm 15:1-2, Proverbs 12:19.

God, who cannot lie, has promised sonship to those who receive His Holy Spirit and really try to obey Him. As Spirit-born members of His universe-ruling Family, they will live and rule with God and Christ forever. What an awe-inspiring, incredibly wonderful future awaits those who learn to obey God and tell the truth! □

# Dear Youth 83,




*Practical Bible-based answers to the problems of growing up.*

**Q. A boy told me that the Bible says adultery is a sin, but that fornication is not. What is the difference between the two, and why does God allow one and not the other?**

**A.** That boy is wrong! The Bible forbids both!

Adultery means sexual relations with someone other than one's mate after marriage and is forbidden explicitly by the Seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14).

Fornication means premarital sex, or sex between unmarried persons. It is forbidden by the spirit or intent of the same commandment, and is condemned in words in a number of other places, such as I Corinthians 6:18.

Illicit sex in any form, whether premarital (fornication), or extramarital (adultery) is harmful and breaks down the sanctity of marriage.

Further, we think you need to ask yourself *why* this boy is trying so hard to convince you that premarital sex is OK.

Could it be that he has more in mind than merely a discussion of the Bible?

**Q. I am 13 years old, and I have a friend my age I like, but who bosses me around all the time. How do I make her stop this?**

**A.** Jesus Christ said that we should be patient and friendly to people even when they treat us badly (Matthew 5:39).

But this does not mean that you must allow someone to hurt you if you can peacefully stop him from hurting both you and himself.

Your friend is hurting herself by the way she treats others, for if she continues to treat people this way, she will lose her friends. That is, she is a victim of her faults. Therefore, try, at a time when you think she won't be upset, to tactfully point out this problem to your friend, as well as explaining how she can solve it.

Don't be accusative or concentrate on how bad she is; instead tell her how you feel when she bosses you around. It will be easier for her to listen to you if you concentrate on how it affects you rather than how bad she is.

If she will listen to you, then you will probably be closer friends than before.

If not, then you will have to decide which will be more painful for you — to continue to put up with her bossiness or to stop spending as much time with her.

**Q. I want to get a job next summer but my parents are against it. They want to take a two-month vacation with all my brothers and sisters across the Southern states here in America, and they are going to make me go with them.**

**Shouldn't I be allowed to stay behind and earn some money for a car I want to buy?**

**A.** God allows your parents the authority to make family decisions (like this one) that don't break any of God's laws.

You should concede to their opinion, in a good attitude, even though you may in a controlled and respectful way state your feelings and desires about staying home.

But consider this. By doing what your parents want in a good attitude, you will be helping build positive and strong family ties between you and your parents.

The supreme importance of a good family relationship should not be dismissed lightly. You will be able to have both jobs and cars someday. Concerned parents willing to plan (and able to afford) a wonderful vacation with the family such as you have the chance to go on are far more rare.

And the time is coming when you will be an adult and won't have the chance to go on these family outings with your parents.

Our advice is that you jump at the chance to go on the vacation and have patience about the car. By doing so you will reap the blessing of having your priorities in order. Families are far more important than summer jobs and cars. □

*We welcome your questions and will excerpt as many as possible. Sorry we can't answer them all. Answers are prepared by Bernard W. Schnippert, a minister of the Worldwide Church of God. Address your questions to "Dear Youth 83," 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129*



# COMING SOON

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people in this way. He is the SOURCE and CAUSE of all of today's evils.

But SOON NOW — in our living generation — CHRIST will return as KING of kings and LORD of lords, to RULE ALL NATIONS with the GOVERNMENT OF GOD.

One of the very first things to happen will be the PUTTING AWAY OF SATAN (Revelation 20:1-3). Now think of it! Satan will be GONE! Christ will be here! Rivers of living water will flow out from Jerusalem — that is, instead of this EVIL spirit pervading the entire atmosphere, affecting EVERYBODY, causing all evil, the HOLY SPIRIT of God will infuse the atmosphere.

Christ will be here in PERSON. The government will be a government OF LOVE. People will begin to love one another — to help one another. The GOVERNMENT of the KINGDOM OF GOD will bring WORLD PEACE!

Great supernatural physical changes will happen to the earth. Deserts will become rich, fertile, crop-raising soil. Even the topography of the earth will be CHANGED; great mountains will be leveled. Beauty will spring forth everywhere, not only in nature on the earth, but in people's lives — it will show on their happy faces.

But will CHRIST rule alone, by Himself — a ONE-MAN rule with no one under Him?

Of course not. Let me explain. I have said the first man, Adam, REJECTED God's government over him — not only for himself but for the whole human race that sprang from him. It was MAN who made the decision. Instead of accepting GOD as RULER, as the SOURCE of BASIC KNOWLEDGE, Adam decided, for his family — which is all humanity — to produce his OWN knowledge of what is good and what is evil. He took of the tree of THE KNOWLEDGE of good and evil, rejecting the "tree of LIFE" (the "living waters") or the Holy Spirit which would have impregnated him with eternal God-life.

And so, since that was MAN'S DECISION, God SENTENCED the human race that sprang from Adam to 6,000 years of being cut off from contact with Him. In effect, God said: "Go form your own governments, your own religions, produce your own knowledge and systems of education. For 6,000 years you are to be CUT OFF from me and contact with me."

But God did reserve the prerogative to INTERVENE when and where necessary for HIS PURPOSE. God was *not* trying to "SAVE the world" spiritually — instead He had CUT IT OFF FROM HIM. Those called by God were neither lost nor saved — YET!

**People will begin . . . to help one another. The government of the Kingdom of God will bring world peace!**

The FEW who received salvation and begettal of ETERNAL LIFE were called and chosen by God. Noah did not seek out God and beg for salvation — God CALLED NOAH. The same is true for Abraham, Moses, the prophets of Israel. The KINGDOM OF ISRAEL was not offered spiritual salvation — but ONLY physical, material and national benefits for obedience.

CHRIST came to ANNOUNCE His coming KINGDOM OF GOD — to be ushered in AFTER man's 6,000-year SENTENCE had ended. Jesus called and taught His disciples His message of HIS KINGDOM; He sacrificed Himself for us; His apostles went out proclaiming the GOOD NEWS. Christ "added to the church" as many converted Christians as needed to stand back of the apostles, in diligent and earnest prayer, in encouragement, in tithes and offerings. In their own lives, they were to overcome Satan and Satan's WAYS and thus qualify to help Christ govern the world in the Kingdom of God — after the 6,000 years (Revelation 3:21, 2:26-27).

During this 6,000 years God has called no one to spiritual salvation except those He called to back up the apostles getting out the Gospel; they were also called to qualify, by overcoming Satan, to sit with Christ on His throne in the Kingdom of God.

Now let's take a look into the newspaper headlines of the near future. The NEW world tomorrow is going to come IN OUR TIME!

And, remember, it won't become utopia *all at once*. When the Supreme Ruler, Jesus Christ, comes again to earth already *crowned* as KING of kings, in all the vast POWER AND GLORY of Almighty God, the gentile nations actually will resist Him at first. He is coming to rule by divine FORCE. How ironic that the nations will have to be FORCED to be happy, prosperous, physically fit and well, living abundantly and joyfully!

These might be the headlines you will read in the newspaper of the future:

"Crime Rate Drops to Zero."

"No Wars During This Year! Former Soldiers Being Rapidly Assimilated Into Food Production and New Industries."

"Disease Epidemics Disappear. Millions Have Been Supernaturally Healed of Sickness and Disease. Causes of Cancer, Heart Attacks, Other Fatal Diseases Revealed. Authorities Predict All Such Diseases to Disappear, by Avoiding Causes, Within Coming Year!"

"Thousands of Hospital Properties Up for Sale. Sensational Decline in Sickness and Disease

Releases Increasing Hundreds of Thousands of Doctors, Nurses, Attendants and Staff Personnel for Happier and More Useful Occupations. Knowledge of Causes Reduces Sickness and Disease! Thousands of Afflicted Now Being Divinely Healed!"

"Rapid Increase in Food Production. All Records Broken for Increased Food Production. Agricultural Authorities Reveal Abolition of Artificial and Synthetic Fertilizers and Return to Nature's Laws of Soil Enrichment Resulting Not Only in Bumper Crops, but Vastly Improved Quality and Flavor."

Well, how are those, for a starter?

### How utopia will come

But now let's be specific! Let's see just *how* tomorrow's utopia is to be ushered in. Remember, this wonderful world-state will not be achieved all at once.

Every major step of these soon-coming events is laid bare before our eyes in biblical PROPHECY.

The same Jesus Christ who walked over the hills and valleys of the Holy Land and the streets of Jerusalem more than 1,900 years ago is coming again! He *said* He would come again. After He was crucified, God raised Him from the dead after three days and three nights (Matthew 12:40, Acts 2:32, I Corinthians 15:3-4). He ascended to the throne of God, headquarters of the government of the universe (Acts 1:9-11, Hebrews 1:3, 8:1, 10:12, Revelation 3:21).

He is the "nobleman" of the parable, who went to the throne of God — the "far country" — to be coronated as KING of kings over all nations, and then to return to earth (compare Luke 19:11-27). He is in heaven until the "times of restitution of all things" (Acts 3:19-21). "Restitution" means restoring to a former state or condition — in this case, restoring GOD'S GOVERNMENT to earth, and thus, restoring WORLD PEACE and utopian conditions.

Present world turmoil, escalating war and contentions, will climax in world trouble so great that, unless God intervenes, no human flesh would be saved alive (Matthew 24:22). At its very climax, when delay would result in blasting all life from off this planet, Jesus Christ will RETURN! This time He is coming as divine GOD! He is coming in all the POWER and GLORY of the universe-ruling Creator! (Matthew 24:30, 25:31). He is coming as KING of kings and LORD of lords (Revelation 19:16) to establish WORLD SUPERGOVERNMENT and rule all nations "with a rod of iron" (Revelation 19:15, 12:5).

All crime and organized rebellion will be put down by FORCE — divine supernatural force. Christ will then set His hand to reeducate and to "save" or spiritually convert the world.

THINK OF IT! The glorified CHRIST — coming in all the splendor, the supernatural POWER and the GLORY of GOD ALMIGHTY; coming to *save* mankind alive; coming to STOP escalating wars, nuclear mass destruction, human pain and suffering; coming to usher in PEACE, abundant well-being, happiness and JOY for all mankind!

### Resurrected saints

As the resurrected Christ ascended to heaven in the clouds, so He shall return to earth in the clouds (Acts 1:9-11, Matthew 24:30). Just *as* He is returning (I Thessalonians 4:14-17), the dead in Christ — those who have received and been led by God's Holy Spirit (Romans 8:11, 14), including all the prophets of old (Luke 13:28) — will rise in a gigantic RESURRECTION and be made IMMORTAL. Those then living who have the Spirit of God shall be instanteously *changed* from mortal to immortal (I Corinthians 15:50-54), and, together with those resurrected, shall rise to meet the descending glorified Christ (I Thessalonians 4:17) in the clouds in the air. They shall be with Him forever (John 14:3). They shall — *with Him* — come down out of the clouds and stand *with Him*, therefore, that very same day, on the Mount of Olives (Zechariah 14:4-5).

These changed, converted saints, *now made immortal*, will then rule the nations — nations of *mortals* — UNDER CHRIST (Daniel 7:22, Revelation 2:26-27, 3:21).

### The new world government

Now notice just HOW the new world government will function!

It will *not* be a so-called democracy; it will *not* be socialism; it will *not* be communism or Nazism; it will not be human monarchy, oligarchy or plutocracy. It will not be MAN'S government over man. Man has *proven* his utter incapability of ruling himself!

It will be DIVINE government — the government of GOD. It will *not* be government from the bottom up. The people will have NO VOTES. It will *not* be government *of* or *by* the people — *but it will be government* FOR *the people*! It will be government from the TOP (God Almighty) down!

There will be no election campaigns! No $100-per-plate campaign fund-raising dinners. No dirty political campaigns, where each candidate attempts to put himself forward in the most favorable light, while defaming,



denouncing, discrediting his opponents. No time or money wasted in mud-slinging campaigns in the lust for power. No splits in political parties with quarreling and hatreds. In fact, *no political parties!* NO HUMAN

will be given any government office. In the *Kingdom of* GOD, ALL in *government* service will then be divine *spirit* beings.

All officials will be APPOINTED by the divine CHRIST, who reads and knows men's hearts — their inner character, their abilities or lack of ability. You'll find a description of Christ's supernatural insight into the very character of others in Isaiah 11:2-4: "And the spirit of the [ETERNAL] shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the [ETERNAL] and shall make him of quick understanding . . . and he shall *not* judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears [hearsay]: but with RIGHTEOUSNESS shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth."

Remember, GOD is the Supreme One who is LOVE — who GIVES — who rules with outgoing concern for the ruled. His will be rule for the HIGHEST GOOD of the people! The most ABLE, the most RIGHTEOUS, those best fitted for office will be placed in all offices of responsibility and power.

There will then be *two* kinds of people on earth — humans and those made divine, who will rule the mortals. Some resurrected saints will rule over 10 cities, some over five (Luke 19:17-19).

But further, God has set in motion physical laws that operate in our bodies and minds, as well as His spiritual law. There will be no sickness, ill health, pain or suffering.

There *will be*, on the contrary, vigorous, vibrant GOOD HEALTH. People will be filled with dynamic INTEREST in life, enthusiastic interest in constructive activities bringing happiness and joy! There will be REAL PROGRESS, cleanliness, no slums, no degenerate peoples or areas of earth.

All this will be accomplished under the NEW Covenant that Christ is coming to usher in. Did you ever read just WHAT this New Covenant will consist of? Did you suppose it will DO AWAY with God's law? EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE! *This* is the covenant that Christ is coming to establish (Hebrews 8:10): "I will put *my laws* into their MIND, and write them in their HEARTS."

When God's laws are IN OUR HEARTS — when we LOVE God's WAYS and in our hearts WANT to live by them — HUMAN NATURE WILL BE PUT UNDER SUBJECTION; people *will* live the WAY that is the CAUSE of peace, happiness, abundance, joyful well-being! May God speed that day! □

## Opposite Sex?

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broken, most people feel more comfortable. Simple little words like "thank you," "you're welcome," "would you mind," "please" and "may I" convey respect and appreciation to others. It tells them you're not taking them for granted.

Politeness may not always come easily. We all have days when we feel insecure and tend to withdraw within ourselves. But don't neglect giving a greeting to someone in the hall at school, for instance — not only will he or she brighten up, but you will probably feel better too.

Remind yourself that a person with a grumpy attitude appears to have a selfish sense of importance. People who have few friends and the most trouble around the opposite sex are those who find it difficult to give.

Because they think only of themselves, they have a hard time enjoying people. Their lack of confidence and uneasiness with themselves makes others uncomfortable.

Keep in mind that practicing social skills is vital not only for conversing with the opposite sex but for anyone — even strangers in the grocery store.

In short, knowing right human relations is essential to living in a world where another person is born every two seconds. That's a lot of people to deal with, so it's worth taking the time to learn how to do it right. □

## "Can Do" Person?

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2. focusing on your abilities and

3. setting goals for your aptitudes.

So what if you can't spike a volleyball? You might play a pretty mean game of chess.

The point is this, as King Solomon recorded nearly 3,000 years ago, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10, Revised Authorized Version, also called the New King James Version).

You may not do as well as someone else at one thing, but at something else you may really excel. Each of us is unique.

God wants you to make the most of your potential, not somebody else's. Realizing your potential requires confidence and God wants you to build that right kind of confidence. Go on, you can do it! □

## ALASKA

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butchered the animal and prepared the meat. Then we had to pack it back to camp.

After that long walk we were welcomed in camp by several caribou. We could have stayed there and waited for them! We both agreed, though, that the stalk of the hunt was exciting.

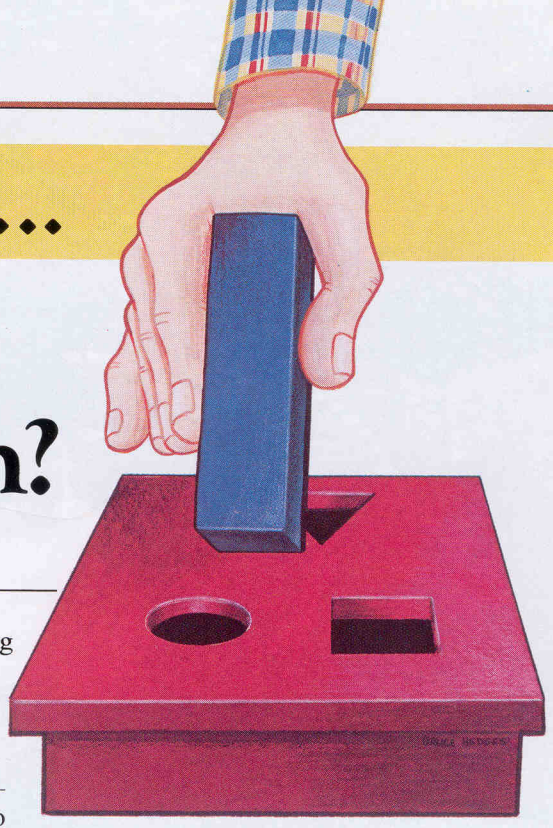
I know I wouldn't have missed it for anything. It was the only big game hunt I went on with my dad. He died the next year. I will always remember the time I spent flying with my dad and fishing at "No-tell-um Bay." He taught me so many things during those times together. I'm so glad he didn't wait until I was grown to be my friend. I have such great memories because he wasn't too busy for a little boy.

I'm now 17 and just went on a moose hunt with a group of men. We didn't see anything, but I carried the rifle with the thumbhold stock and now it fits me. □

# BY THE WAY...

# Are You a 'Can Do' Person?

By Dexter H. Faulkner



Capitalize on your strong points to avoid becoming a square peg in a round hole.

Illustration by Bruce Hedges

Tim came home from school frustrated and immediately ran into his bedroom. Instantly, his mother knew something was wrong. As she opened his door, the muffled sniffling she had heard in the hallway stopped.

"What's the matter, Tim?" "Nothing." "I know better than that," she said. "Well, it's just that all the other guys are so much better than me."

As his mother continued talking with him, she found out that Tim was upset because he felt that he hadn't measured up when he tried out for the soccer team.

Tim's mother pointed out that even if he wasn't the best soccer player, he was good at track, math, music — lots of other things.

So many times we — like Tim — only think about those things that we don't or can't do well and forget the things we can do.

How about you? Have you ever had one of those days when you had about as much confidence as a cat in a room full of rocking chairs?

Many times we lack confidence because we see others who seem to do better at something than we do.

How can you develop more confidence in your abilities? Well, the first step in developing the right kind of confidence is to stop comparing yourself with others.

Rather than looking at what others can do, focus on your strong points — those things you do well or like doing the most. The second step, then, is to focus on your abilities.

As Tim's mother pointed out, he was good at many things. Tim just doesn't play soccer as well as some other guys. Maybe he needs to practice more or maybe he isn't as talented in that area of sports.

When he was 18 years old, Editor-in-Chief Herbert W. Armstrong read a book entitled *Choosing a Vocation* at a public library. That book helped him to analyze his likes and dislikes and pointed out his strong points.

By capitalizing on those strong points, Mr. Armstrong was able to enjoy a great deal of success in his early business endeavors. He avoided becoming the proverbial square peg in a round hole.

Likewise, you can avoid the frustration of believing "everyone is better than I am." God made each of us with a unique combination of talents.

Tim may not be the best goalie around, but he can play Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata* and run a 4:52 mile.

Step three in nurturing your confidence is to set goals for those aptitudes you have. Maybe Tim would like to be a concert pianist. If so, he needs to work toward that goal step by step. For instance, a pianist must play scales before he performs a Chopin polonaise.

Oddly enough, as you practice and develop your abilities, whatever they are, you'll find that there is an important side benefit: confidence.

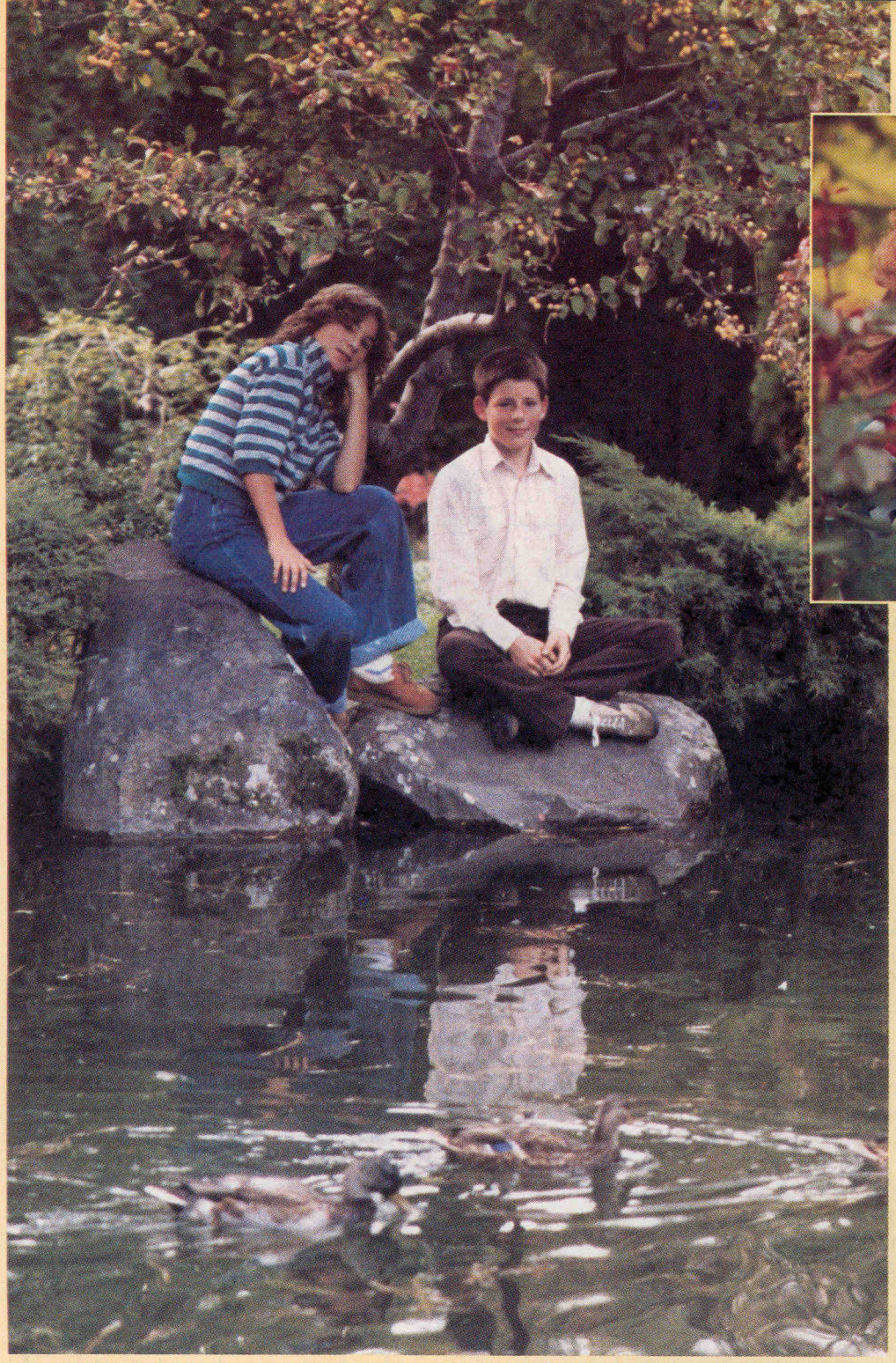
Confidence allows you to play soccer and not be upset because you don't play as well as someone else. Confidence allows you to try new things realizing that you may not be the best, yet knowing that there are other things you do well.

Confidence can turn a negative, "I can't" person into a "can do," positive individual.

Remember, you can build that confidence by:

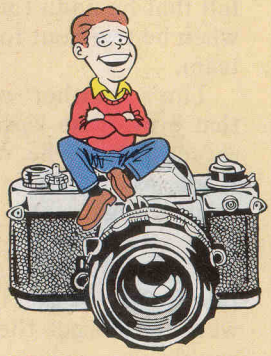
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