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HWA: Dust and all that. People still believe that just like Adam did. They wouldn't believe God but we are mortal and we are dust and while we have a mind that far exceeds and excels anything that we find in the brain, for instance, of any other animal life, on the face of the earth such as dogs or monkeys or cats or elephants or snakes or fish or birds or anything that you can see, nevertheless, our minds are limited. And, oh, what a good thing it is that our minds and our mind power, and our other powers are limited. Now, God has given us some of His own powers, the power of mind, the power to think, to plan, to design, to carry out our designs. No other being that you know can do it, except God. And if we had more power, how would we use it? How did we use the power God gave us? Well, I just say to you, look at the powers of destruction that we have invented. Look at what we are devoting our students and their time in the technological institutions to doing. Well, it's a good thing that God didn't give us greater powers. Because we're developing the great engines of destruction possible with what powers we have and you know if man had greater powers he would have wipe human life off the face of the earth long ago. If God had allowed it. That's exactly what we would have done.

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HWA: Now, we're in this unhappy state because man rejected God, because man didn't recognized and realize that we're just poor mortals, and that the mind of God is so much greater than ours, and that we can have a contact with God, and that from God we can receive wisdom, and knowledge and that we can learn the way that God set in mind and know the things that we ought to know and we need to know so badly that we don't know in order to be happy.

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HWA: So, the first mistake man made was cutting himself off from God and from all access of that knowledge, that wisdom, that guidance, that direction and the supplying of our needs that can come only from God and God who created man, created man deficient and in need of those things and without all of those things. He gave us a certain amount of mind power but not enough. We need to draw from the power and mind of God for wisdom, for knowledge, for direction that we lack. And the wise man is the man who realizes that and who knows his limitations as well as his powers and his abilities and who will call on God for that which he needs and does not have which he lacks and where his mind stops short. Oh, that's only the point of wisdom and common sense. But no, men are so vain, so proud in their own

little tiny turkey brain minds that they wouldn't call on God, why they think they are more important than God; they're bigger than God right now. What ignorance, what stupidity. And yet that's the [kind of men](#) we have are [at the helm in this world](#). Now another thing,

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HWA: God set a law in motion to regulate our relationship with our human neighbor's right here on the earth and man has always rejected it. And that law says it is more blessed to give than receive. That you will be more prosperous and you will be happier if you love your neighbor as yourself. And if you're honest with your neighbor and try to give him a little best of the bargain if possible, instead of taking it yourself. Instead of vanity, selfishness and greed, if you have the spirit of humility of reliance on God and are seeking God's wisdom and knowledge, God's guidance, God's powers, God's help. You see, the carnal mind is blinded to spiritual values and the great values are the spiritual values. And the [carnal mind](#) can't see them [because it can't see spiritual things](#). The ear can't hear spiritual things. The nose can't smell them and the mouth can't taste them and the fingers can't feel them and a man cannot know normally and naturally spiritual truths. Now, God would reveal them. God stands ready to reveal them, He did to Adam, there was the tree of life which was merely the symbol of the Holy Spirit available to Adam he could have come into the knowledge of the those great things, those great forces and powers. The spiritual knowledge that is the greatest source of all knowledge which he lacked.

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HWA: Now, God did not make man, [did not design and create man](#) equipped to understand those things. He made us with five senses and they're all material and [the only knowledge that can come into our mind](#) is [material knowledge](#). But God made man so that he could acquire the additional knowledge that He lacks: [Spiritual knowledge](#). But too many people are like a young lady that said to me one time, well, you know, God just doesn't seem real to me. So, she wants to turn away from Him, doesn't want anything to do with God because to her little silly mind; God doesn't seem real. He could seem real. But I've notice that this young women when I explained to her how God could become real; she wasn't a bit interested in that, she doesn't want God to become real because she wants her own foolish ways and then wonders why she isn't happier. And wonders why her ways are not leading to happiness. Now God's set laws in motion to bring us happiness.

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HWA: One of those laws, the first one of all of them is that [we need a contact with God](#), so that [He can reveal the knowledge and the wisdom that we lack](#) and can give us the guidance that we need and which our minds are not equipped to give us. I tell you, my friends, if someone would offer to sell you that for so much money and if it took you \$10,000 to buy it, you'd work your heart out and you'd go without everything else and try to slave and save to earn that \$10,000 to go out and buy it if you could buy it with money. God offers that precious gift, direction, knowledge from Him, a revelation of knowledge through the power of His Holy Spirit, [without money and without price](#), and we treat it cheaply; we don't seem to want it, what are we anyhow.

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HWA: Don't you think we poor humans need to stop and examine our own little feeble minds and see what's wrong with us? We have imagined that we're so important, you know, in our own minds and we're not! When can we wake up and see the truth. God has set laws in motion that would make us happy. Laws that would bring us peace; laws that would give us prosperity. Laws that would make our lives full and interesting and abundant and through which by having contact with God we could come to receive His gift through Jesus Christ of eternal life and immortality. But mankind has spurned it. Now that's why we do not have peace. That's why we have war. That's why we have strife. [That's why we have even physical sickness and disease](#). We've even thrown away God's laws of health and we're not concerned about them. We've thrown all of it away, now listen.

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HWA: It was in such a world, strayed far from God, and the knowledge of God, the wisdom of God, the health, and the advantages that man could receive from God if he had that good sense to go and get it. It was in such a world that [God sent His only begotten son with a message](#). With a message to point out to mankind the way of happiness and peace. God has set aside a [6,000 year period](#) during which [He will not interfere with mankind](#). God has made man a free moral agent. He revealed to the first man His way of life. He revealed to the first man His laws. He revealed to Adam the man's need of God and the accessibility of God. And the terms and conditions under which he could come to God and have all the wealth, of the knowledge, the guidance, the health and everything that can only come from God. Adam turned it down. [Men became so evil](#) that finally God had to send a flood and destroy all but eight souls.

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HWA: You would've thought they learned their lesson but soon, a man rose up in the third generation after Noah, who built cities, made himself a human destine. Set for his purpose that of emancipating men from the rule and the government of God. Who began to try to picture God as a tyrant and as a harsh, stern God, that horrible, terrible judge that is trying to get happiness for Himself out the misery, the pain and suffering and the unhappiness of man. Now [that's a mythical god](#), [the true God is a God of love](#).

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HWA: But Nimrod developed cities and empires and started this system of human government, this pattern of modern society. They knew the essence of the true Gospel and that Jesus Christ was to come born of a virgin. They counterfeited all that hundreds and hundreds of years before Christ. And there was a so-called virgin who wasn't actually a virgin, but was the mother of harlots, an abomination of the earth,.. but made herself a Madonna. The [mother and child story](#) started [hundreds of years before Christ](#). Because they had a certain knowledge and they tried to counterfeit and imitate all that was coming and get the jump on God. And, my friends, this whole world is steep in that pagan theory and idea today which is a counterfeit that has replaced the real and the genuine and the people are [so drugged](#) by the counterfeit and with the [false teachings](#) and the [false doctrines](#) that they don't even know what they believe.

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HWA: Well then, God raised up a nation. And to that nation through their prophets, Israel, He revealed His truth, His government, His way. Well, they got in a quarrel among themselves; they divided into two nations. And first the nation Israel and later the nation Judah rejected God, and God's law and God's ways. They were driven out into slavery and the government turned over to the Gentiles that never knew God and never acknowledged Him in the first place, rather than those who had known Him and had spurned Him and [rejected Him](#) when [they had the knowledge of the truth](#). And so, we had this kind of material real world, this pagan civilization that has been built up.

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HWA: In 1900 years ago, a little more than that, Jesus Christ came into the world, the only begotten son of God, and God sent Him with the message of the truth! He came with a gospel, and His gospel, [men rejected](#). [They not only rejected Christ](#), my friends, [they rejected His gospel](#).

WHAT IS THE TRUE GOSPEL?

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HWA: You know, there was a great persecution against Christians in the first one, two, three hundred years after Christ. But they began to find the pagans began to learn, that the more they persecuted and the more they martyred and killed the saints; the real Christians, the more people were converted and the more Christians they still had left. For everyone one they would killed, two or three more became converted, and they just couldn't stamp them out. So then they decided, well, look here we got a clever counterfeit anyhow. Let's us worm our way in, let's join and pretend we're Christians. And let's get our pagan doctrines in and put Christian sounding names on them and let's be clever, let's deceive the people. Let's profess Christ. Let's get in and accept Christ but turn people away from His message. And the way we'll deceive them is that we'll uphold Christ, we'll profess Christ, we'll make a great deity of Christ. We'll acknowledge that part of it because it is written where Jesus said, "In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men and making the law of God, the word of God, of no effect by your tradition" -- ([Matt 15:9](#)).

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HWA: They knew, that if they could just turn the people away from the law of God, and from obedience to God and the way of God, that they could profess Christ and accept Him and receive Him and worship Him and all in vain and still they'd be lost and the people would be deceived. And they said, look, we will get our pagan theories, we'll get out our religion in their but we'll put a new label on the outside of the package and instead of calling it Paganism, we'll called it Christianity.

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HWA: Why my friends, you know what happened? They took, that old day in which they had celebrated the birthday of their god, the sun, Sol, the sun god, and of a son that was supposed to be born of him, of a virgin who really was Samurais, who was the mother of all harlots, and her illegitimate son, they took as a real savior born of a virgin. She was the one hundreds and hundreds of years before Christ started the mother and child theory, the Madonna idea. So they said we'll take this in there and on the day that we have always observed as his birthday, we will call that now the birthday of Christ. Now, actually Christ wasn't born anywhere near December the twenty-fifth at all. Jesus never told us to celebrate His birthday. God never said through any prophet, it is in any place in the Bible that you should celebrate Christ's

birthday. But they said we'll put that in and people won't know the difference and we'll call it Christian. And we'll call it a Mass of Christ instead of the birthday and Mass of this ole Sol, the Sun God! And so they deceived the people and they pulled the wool over their eyes and they brought in that pagan thing that turn them away from God.

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HWA: And people can't see any harm with it. They say, well what if it is Pagan? What's the harm with it? It's so nice for the children. Yes, isn't it wonderful to teach your children lies? Isn't it wonderful to deceive your children and to get them steeped in the ways of Pagans and of heathens and to turn them away from the true God! Isn't that wonderful you people that have been doing that abominable thing, an abomination to God Almighty I'm telling you in the name of Jesus Christ. And it's time that someone had the courage to tell you. You look in the Bible in the tenth Chapter of Jeremiah, you'll find the Christmas tree described because in Jeremiah, six hundred years before Christ; they had their Christmas trees! They cut them out with the ax in the forest, they fastened them with nails in the house, they put gold and silver and trinkets on them, and decorated them all up and deck them out. And they laid their presents under them. God almighty tells you in the tenth chapter of Jeremiah that's the way of the heathen and He gives you a command, "learn not the way of the heathen," but you say, well, but everybody does it, we don't see any harm in it. You know the way of paganism has always been the way that seems right to a man. God almighty says there is a way that seems right to a man; the ends thereof are the ways of death-- (Proverbs 14:12).

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HWA: That's why were unhappy, that's why we have wars. That's why, my friends, we have sickness and disease; that's why your lives are empty and not full and abundant. That's why you have heartaches, and headaches and emptiness and fears and worries and why your lives are not happy; because you won't turn to God and to His way to find it. And when He shows you His way in the Bible, you say, well, yea I know, but here's the way I look at it. And you use your own reason and its man reason that has been leading him to every bit of this heartache and every bit of the sickness and suffering and our hospitals are full to overflowing. Our insane asylums are filled with people; they need not be.

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HWA: And we have wars that we need not have and World War III is coming but it need not come if only we would turn to God! But we won't, why won't

you, my friends? Are you offended at me because I tell you the truth and I telling you the way to peace and to happiness. I'm telling you the way if all of you would listen, and this voice is being heard all over the North American continent. You could hear and you could respond if you would and prevent World War III. **There are enough of you listening to me, right now, that if everyone of you would be** honest at heart and turn to God with all of your heart, and with fasting and with weeping, and surrender your lives to Him, and pray your heart out to Him for the peace of the world, and begin to obey Him. And when you see something like it says in the tenth chapter of Jeremiah, learn not the way of the heathen if you would respond and do it. There are enough of you listening right now that could prevent World War III coming; that is coming as certainly as the sun rises and sets on this earth. But you could prevent it. Let me tell you something; you could do it. **And everyone of you, the responsibility is yours,** you've heard, if you don't, when it comes, remember **God's going to hold you accountable.** Just how guilty are you going to be? **You could prevent it.** Will you do it, or won't you?

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HWA: Why do we have wars? Because God has let man do as man wants to do. And if God intervened and made you do the thing that is right, and said, look, it is wrong, you don't see why but this thing of a Christmas tree, for instance, is wrong, that only one little thing, I'm not meaning to make that a big issue. It only one of many of thousands of things that you do. But God says they're an abomination to Him. The Churches uphold these things, Why? They say, we follow the word of God. We teach people to live by every word of God. Do they? Do they teach you what I'm telling you now? Oh, my friend, you know they don't. Why don't we get honest with God? Why don't we turn and rend out hearts and turn to Him? Why don't we come to the place we can have peace. But listen, if the world won't, if you will turn yourself, you can have peace in your own heart and soul. What about you, would you do it? Or will you still resist God?

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HWA: The carnal mind is enmity against God, it's not subject to God neither indeed can be --([Romans 8:7](#)). What about your mind? The way you've been living, my friends, has not paid off those of you who have not turned to God. Those who have know that your former way did not pay off but it certainly is paying you big dividends now. And you're happy. And you have peace of mind. You still have your troubles but God delivers you out of them all. Those of you who have turned to God; you know that. When will this world wake up and turn to God?

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HWA: Well, Jesus brought a message; men have tried to stamp out that message for eighteen hundred years, it hasn't been preached; they've been preaching Jesus. They've been preaching about Him, they've been making Jesus known, they've preached Christ to the nations, oh yes, but they have not preached His method and His message of obedience to God and the law of God which they've tried to tear out of the Bible! And the law of God is the way to peace. The law of God is the way to prosperity and to happiness and everything that we lack. The reason we don't have it is because God is letting man going his own way and man thinks God is wrong; he won't go God's way.

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HWA: Now, it was in such an age that Jesus came. To his disciples He said, "blessed are your eyes for they see and your ears for they hear, for verily, He said, I say unto you, that many prophets and righteous men desired to see that you see; they saw them not." The time hadn't come for them to be revealed back to Abraham and to Moses and to Isaiah and to Jeremiah and to Daniel and those prophets. But Jesus began to reveal these things and to His disciples and He said "to hear the things that you hear and they heard them not"--(Matt 13: 16-17). Hear then, ye the parable the Sower. Now, here was the first parable that we'd been coming to in this series in which He had spoken in parables so the people out there that were without, it wasn't given to them to understand. And He spoke in parables so that they could not understand. But to His own disciples now He explained the parables in plain language.

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HWA: He said, "Hear ye the then the parable of the Sower. When anyone hears the word of the Kingdom." He was speaking of the Kingdom of God, which is the government of God. God's rule over our lives and God rules by His Bible. And when you come to something in the Bible and you say, well I know the Bible says it but here's the way I look at it. Or this is the way my church looks at it. Or here is the way our people are doing and I'm like a dumb sheep, I'm going to follow all these heathen people around here. That's where you make the word of God of none effect. He was talking about the Kingdom of God. And when anyone hears it and understands it not, then comes the evil one and snatches away that is sown in his heart and so on. Now, He continued talking about the Kingdom of God; then he came to another parable.

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HWA: Here it is in Mark, the fourth chapter, the twenty-sixth verse, and He said so is the Kingdom of God. So is the Kingdom of God as if a man should cast seed upon the earth and should sleep and rise night and day and the seed should spring up and grow and He knows not how and so on. Another parable, so is the Kingdom of God, even His parables which He did explain to His own disciples had to do with the message He came to preach: The Kingdom of God. That's the government of God, it also is the family of God into which you can be born if you'll be begotten now and later can be born into it, but flesh and blood cannot inherit it. You have not been born again if you are still flesh and blood. Because flesh and blood has not been born into the Kingdom of God. That's being born of the spirit; not of the flesh.

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HWA: Now, Matthew 13, verse 24, here comes the parable of the Tares. And Jesus said, another parable said He before them saying, The Kingdom of heaven is liken unto, [And here again was the Kingdom of God and what it was like all the way through His Gospel He preached the Kingdom of God, the government of God]. A young man came to Him and said, Good master, what good thing should I do that I may inherit eternal life that I may be saved? Why didn't Jesus say like the preachers today, Why my good man, there's nothing you should do, there are no works to it just accept Christ. He didn't say that. He told Him what to do and to keep the commandments and obey God and do what God says instead of what you think and what you,.. the denominations and the churches of men are telling you and so it goes. I want you to go on through these parables a little more in the next broadcast. The next one, He said hear, the parable of the mustard seed, how then shall we like the Kingdom of God, the next one was the parable of the leaven, and another parable the Kingdom of heaven like unto and so it goes. He preached the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. My friends, many of you think you're saved and you're not. Write for our booklet, put yourself to the test, don't be afraid to find out. Write for our booklet on living faith, *What Kind of Faith is Required For Salvation?* There is no charge. And asked for *The Plain Truth Magazine*. Until tomorrow, goodbye friends --(25: 55 MIN/SEC).