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A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Robert Armstrong".

The Key to Human Survival!

IF YOU and I were discussing the matter of *what subject* I should write about in this month's "Personal," and you should say, seriously, "Mr. Armstrong, in view of the deadly seriousness and the *urgency* of this time, I think you should write on *the most urgent problem in all our lives* right now—the question of *whether*, and *how*, we may survive!"

I would agree. The one **BIG QUESTION** in all our lives, right now, is that of human **SURVIVAL!**

But I hasten to add, survival *alone* IS NOT ENOUGH! We must have survival in **PEACE**, in happiness, in joy, in prosperity and in abundant well-being for **ALL!**

And that's a pretty big order! If anyone has the answer, for the sake of humanity he'd better speak out! I am prepared to give the **ANSWER**—and it is going to be **PLAIN SPEAKING**, without pulling any punches! It's *time* for **PLAIN SPEAKING!** You are *betting your life* on someone coming up, in time, with the right answer!

To get to the crux of the problem immediately, realize first that these existing conditions and evils are merely the **EFFECT!** For every effect, there has to be a **CAUSE**. Our problem of immediate urgency is to find the **CAUSE**, not only of present evil conditions, but also of what is the not-being-used **CAUSE** of peace, happiness and abundant well-being!

If we are going to learn that **CAUSE**, we need first to ask: What has made **MAN** as he is? How did humanity come to be on this earth? Or, going back even further, how did the earth, itself, come to *be*?

That may seem like going a long way back. But this futile search for **PEACE** goes a long way back—as far as history goes—or further. Man's troubles, evils and wars extend back to the beginning—or prior to the beginning—of history. To find the right answer, we need to go back even to **PRE-history!** That takes us even to the question of **ORIGINS—of BEGINNINGS!**

Many scientists have devoted their lifetimes to researching and studying this question. Many scholarly books have been written, setting forth the results of

these lifetime studies, purporting to tell the story of the origin of the earth and of mankind upon it. Yet is it not significant that their studies, theories and hypotheses *fail to tell us* **WHY** man is as he is, or **HOW** he got that way, **WHY** man seems always to be befuddled with unsolvable problems, **WHY** he is always in trouble, **WHY** humanity is harassed with so many evils and **WHY** these evils are fast increasing?

This is no light matter. Ignoring humanity's present dilemma will not cause it to go away. Human **SURVIVAL** hangs in the balance! We need the *right* answer—and we need it **NOW!**

And we can know!

Science to Solve Man's Problems?

With the emergence of modern science around the beginning of the 19th century, scientists assured the world that man had progressed to the point where he then could dispense with the superstitious crutch of religion and belief in God. Now humanity could rely on the *new* messiah—modern science.

"Given sufficient knowledge," said the scientists, "we shall solve all humanity's problems and cure all the world's ills."

To replace religion and belief in God, scientists and educators had substituted the doctrine of evolution. The tools modern science used in the production of this new **KNOWLEDGE** were a stepped-up use of those man had employed since the dawn of history—rejection of revelation as a source of knowledge and the use of observation, experimentation and human reason.

So the production of **KNOWLEDGE** increased at a constantly accelerating pace. The world's total fund of knowledge virtually *doubled* in the 1960s!

But, paradoxically, as knowledge has increased, *so* **have humanity's** problems, troubles and evils, at almost an equal rate of acceleration!

What's wrong with the dictum that knowledge is the sole need for solutions? We are face to face with the stern **FACT** that increasing evils have escalated alongside increasing knowledge! That is not to say that the increased knowledge *caused* the growing evils. It does mean that the knowledge

produced *did not cure* existing evils, *or prevent new evils!*

The ANSWER becomes plain. There was *something wrong* with the knowledge being produced, or else the needed MISSING DIMENSION in knowledge was not being discovered.

To the dictum of science that, given sufficient knowledge, mankind's problems would be solved and humanity's ills cured, I add this: Solutions come from the *right* knowledge that supplies the *right* answer—the true CAUSE of both the evils and the CAUSE that would produce peace and joy and every GOOD result; and, secondly, solutions come from the application of that knowledge.

Is It Not Human to Err?

Could it be *possible* for the most highly educated minds to have been intellectually misled or deceived? Could they, viewing only *one side* of the question, be infallible, entirely above making mistakes?

For many years now, I have observed that errors almost always come when a person starts with a false basic premise—carelessly assumed as self-evident and taken for granted without question—and then builds on that false basic hypothesis.

Suppose we now appropriate the academic freedom to question that which educators have dismissed without examination.

Is it possible for us to find the EXPLANATION of why MAN is as he is, WHY the world is filled with evils? Is it possible for us to discover the CAUSE of all human suffering, anguish, unhappiness and inequality? Is it possible to find the CAUSE that would produce peace, happiness, abundance and prosperity—the CAUSE which world leaders have apparently overlooked? Is it possible to find the key to human survival?

The answer to the preceding questions is YES! Yes, it is possible to answer these basic questions that have haunted man as long as he has existed. Yes, there is an answer to these questions that deal with man's very survival. If you want ANSWERS to these questions, write for our booklet *Why Were You Born?* It's free for the asking. □