

# orchids & onions

L E T T E R S

## Conservative Kudos

In your article "Why America Is in Global Retreat" (January *Plain Truth*) you've said what conservative America believes. If ever an article made me "fightin' mad" and want to stand up and do something, it was yours on America's irritating premeditated apathy and moral collapse. I cannot believe the populace at large agrees with such "leadership," if that's what it can be called. I feel that if anything is ever to cause the mass of quiescent citizenry to make demands upon their elected representatives, it will have to be through articles like yours. Keep 'em coming.

Richard Davids,  
Vista, California

I want to congratulate you on your very fine article in the February *Plain Truth*, "America's National Goal—Appeasement." It has always been my contention that we should adhere to the principles given us by the men who founded this country; men like Washington, Adams, Jefferson and Monroe. These men believed that our sphere of influence should be in this hemisphere alone. I am all for sharing our medical and scientific knowledge and even our food with the rest of the world, but as for going to war outside this hemisphere I am strictly an isolationist. We should stand by Nationalist China, but not to the extent that it would lead us to war, and we should make no other commitments along that line. We cannot police the entire world. The best we can do is set a good example, so that other nations will look to us and say, "That is for me."

A. H. Thieme,  
Reno, Nevada

## Helped by Articles

I just finished reading the articles on depression and "turning the other cheek" in the January *Plain Truth*. I am just starting to recover from a nervous breakdown, and you'll never know how much these articles have helped me. I

thought I had to passively take the bad treatment I was receiving. I was turning into a monster because of pent-up anger and I just couldn't cope any more. God has answered my prayers through these articles. Thank you!

Mrs. N. S.,  
Neillsville, Wisconsin

## Articles for Children?

Please address an occasional article to children. It's hard to be a kid nowadays, but it could be less complicated if we were shown why biblical principles are preferable to worldly principles.

Gregory Sheroian,  
Toledo, Ohio

• *Thanks for your suggestion, Gregory. We wonder, how many others would like to see articles written directly to children and young people?*

## God and Evolution

Regarding "The Potter Wasp's Unusual Hanging Act" in the January 1978 issue, may I ask exactly how (by what procedure) did God create the potter wasp and its "unusual" behavior? If you have no answer, why would you object to the perfectly logical answer that God created the potter wasp by means of His "laws of evolution"? Ignorance of how these laws operate should encourage us to seek the method. It should not encourage us to explain away these laws with nonanswers or red herrings as your author did.

Jack Ryan,  
El Paso, Texas

• *We do have an answer. God created the potter wasp the same way He created the rest of the fantastically complex animal kingdom. See Genesis 1 for details.*

I consider myself a fairly well educated man. I believe very strongly in Darwinian evolution, but I also want to believe in an all-powerful, loving God. The immensity of the heavens, the tetrahedral nature of carbon, the laws of gravity and energy, the function of the kidney, the Mendelian laws of genetics

are all so beautiful. But this perfect order and incredible logic didn't just happen. Someone had to put these laws in motion. Someone had to start the "game of life."

I believe that life—simple unicellular life—spontaneously arose. This does not alter my belief in God. It is not hard for me to conceptualize God creating the laws of the universe eons ago, which through time led to the evolution of man. As a scientist, I believe in the cold, hard facts of science, but I believe and marvel at the Creator who established the laws. For me, at least, the role of scientist does not conflict with my belief in God, but rather enriches and reinforces it.

Stephen E. Miller,  
New Orleans, Louisiana

## Wants More Drug Booklets

I have just read a copy of the booklet *The Dilemma of Drugs*. In a word: excellent. I am anxious to share this fine work with my students. I realize the book can neither be bought or sold, and I don't know your policy concerning bulk orders. But on behalf of my students, may I beg your kind indulgence and ask you to send approximately 50 copies of this booklet. I assure you my students will be required to read these chapters carefully and they will be notified that this fine work comes courtesy of your organization.

Lawrence Walsh,  
Belmont, North Carolina

## Changed Life

As a direct result of reading your magazine and other literature, I can say that my entire life has changed. I have become noticeably more Christian in almost every aspect of my life. I have a very long way to go, but I sincerely never thought I would get even this far. The precepts you teach are magnetic to me. Your church has brought me closer to Christianity than the one I was reared in.

James S. Mortellaro,  
New York, New York