



*Today blind mankind write in Braille.
A day will come when seeing and thinking
mankind will write and think in Bliss.*

This is the vision of the friends of Bliss
who realize that no man has done this before:

- A Writing which can be read in all languages
- A Writing which can give literacy to all
- A Writing which can expose illogic and lies
- A Writing which can demask the demagogues
- A Writing which contains a simple semantics and logic
which even children can use for their problems
- A Writing which contains a universal ethics without
religious legends, and acceptable to all
- A Writing which can unite our world, so disastrously
divided by languages, legends, and lies

"Bliss' heroic work . . . realized the ambition of the great mathematician Leibnitz," said Prof. O. L. Reiser (Pittsburgh) in 1951 to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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**And so said other scholars,
all criers in the wilderness.**

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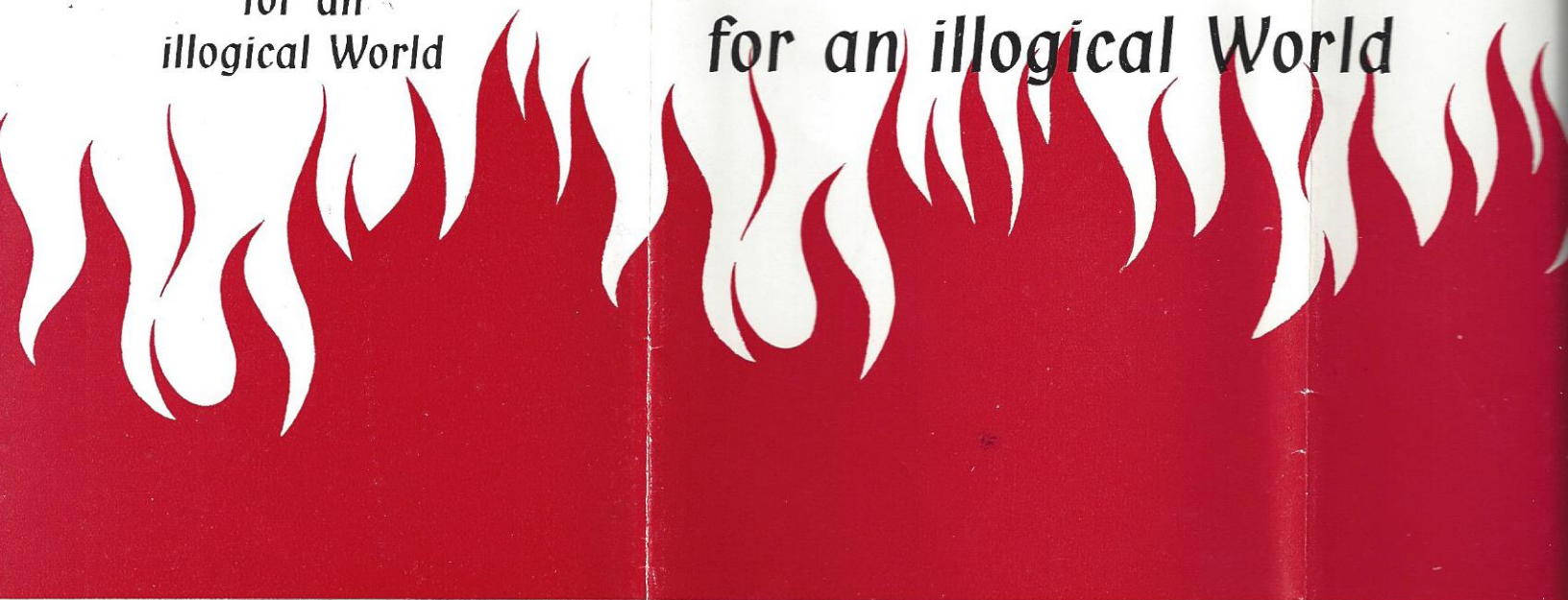
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THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

Come on ye mankind, the show is on!

See the greatest words to wonder!

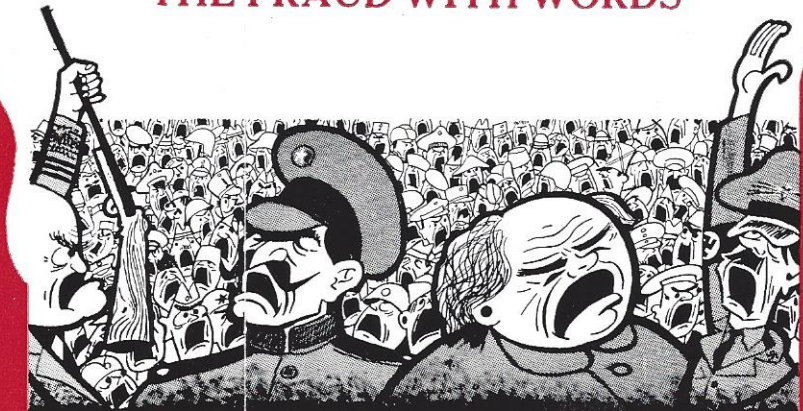
See the greatest frauds to ponder!

See the greatest word acrobats,
word jugglers and word balancing acts!

See how men can be led by words to kill and be killed in the name of God and Christ, Allah and Mohammed, Jehovah and Moses, Brahma and Buddha, Genghis Khan and Tamerlan, Napoleon and Bismarck, Kaiser and Czar, Marx and Lenin, Hitler and Mussolini, Stalin and Mao, Nasser and Nkrumah, and all the new Napoleons who talk of Life, Liberty and Democracy, and mean Death, Dungeons and Despoty.

See how they do it in all languages
because we have never learned, and
have never been taught how to recognize

THE FRAUD WITH WORDS



Bliss' Semantography is the invention of an obscurantist,
the latest charlatanery of philosophical idealism.

Communist Review, Sydney (April, 1952)

LOOK AT OUR WORLD OF WORDS

photo published in TIME, January 10, 1964.



Look at these three children, sleeping peacefully, though cramped, with their mother in a spattered tub.

Try to guess their nationality, language, and religion! Are they American children, British, French, or others?

They are Cypriot children, but do they pray in Greek to God and Christ, or in Turkish to Allah and Mohammed?

They are Turkish children, and they are dead, murdered in the name of the Greek word Democracy, instigated by the words of a man of God, Archbishop Massacrios, and because they speak and pray in another language.

This is one murder among many millions, and all caused by words! When will mankind realize that our greatest invention for communication and co-operation—**LANGUAGE**—has been forged into a deadly weapon for dissension, disruption, and destruction.

We learn the 3 R's, but the most important R is not taught in any school—REASONING. At the universities only a few philosophy students are compelled to learn logic. Why not all? Isn't this a silent admission, that the logic taught is either a scholastic fossil, or a mathematical monstrosity, where a logical conclusion may be logically true, but factually false, or factually true but logically false? Why is this so?

Because we think in words and no school and no university has a simple semantics to teach children and adults how to recognize vague words and communist propaganda!

We spend billions on the material defences of our cities, but not a single cent on the mental defences of our citizens!

Aldous Huxley said: "We must begin without delay to educate ourselves and our children . . . in the proper use of language . . . children are nowhere taught how to distinguish true from false, and meaningful from meaningless statements!"

**The tool for teaching yourself
and your children is here at last.**

THE WORLD AND THIS BOOK

Overleaf is the cover of a book which is neither a novel, nor a sex or crime thriller, nor a documentary or textbook or scholarly "paper". Yet, it may have more influence and impact than millions of such paper products.

This book deals with something which came up with the first thoughts of the first men and women on earth, something which has been punished throughout the ages—often with death.

One of the foremost, but not the first victim to die was Socrates, who taught the youth of Greece to question the meaning of words (Greek semantics), especially the words of men who misrule men by words.

They still do it, now more than ever, magnified and multiplied by transmitters and transistors, television and teletype, press and propaganda. And they still put to death the men who question the meaning of their words.

Because of this, this book will be banned in many countries. But even in the countries with freedom of speech, fearless men and women will have to fight to get this work accepted and taught in schools and universities.

Bliss, the inventor of semantography, was a prisoner of the war of words in the darkest extermination camps on earth. His invention, when put to full use, will make powerhungry men go hungry, and warbrokers go broke. People would listen—and laugh!

A day will come when the children of mankind will learn to think in the simple symbolic logic of Bliss. They learn already the symbols of mathematical logic. They can recognize the lie in the statement $1 + 2 = 4$.

But no school teaches children how to recognize the lies in the statements which make our lives miserable within the family, within the community, within the nation, and within the family of nations. The results are world-wide disasters.

Educators who made private tests have reported that children are "thrilled and fascinated" by the simplicity, the semantics, the logic, the beauty, and the ethics contained in Blissymbols.

Another unheard-of advantage of Blissymbolics is that any statement written, typed, or printed in

Bliss can be read in all languages, just as $1 + 2 = 3$ can be read in all languages. This has immense applications in travel, communication and commerce, industry and science.

This was the dream of the great mathematician Leibnitz. But for 300 years, mathematicians, logicians, and linguists considered it as a mere "philosopher's speculation" impossible to realize.

Now, an engineer has done it. "Bliss realized the ambition of the great mathematician Leibnitz," said Professor Oliver L. Reiser to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

An engineer has at last improved mankind's most important invention for communication and co-operation—Language. It heralds the doom of demagogues. It heralds peace.

YOU AND THIS BOOK

Einstein was once asked which invention would be most disastrous. No, it isn't the atom bomb. It would be a device, said Einstein, by which people could read each other's thoughts. Mankind couldn't stand this for 24 hours.

Bliss' invention is worse in one way, but wonderful in other ways. Everyone would choke—that is, not literally, but literally as far as words are concerned. With many words formed in our mind about to speak, we would realize their innermost vagueness, ambiguity, fallacy, and demogogy. We would choke crestfallen about the lies in our own convictions and beliefs, and we would think twice before saying anything.

But much more valuable for us would be the advantage by which we would demask the lies of those who want to hurt us, downgrade us, batter us into feelings of inferiority and submission. This work will help us to triumph over the terror of their words, be it in the family, in the office, in the workshop, in society.

When this work will be taught in the schools of the world, family, community, and political quarrels with false words will have to cease. Instead of obstinate opposition, there may be calm co-operation. Instead of bitterness, there may be bliss. An ideal? Yes, but the idea has been worked into a practical tool which even children can learn to handle.

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