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Dedicated to the memory of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and to the FAITHFUL  
Philadelphia Remnant of The TRUE CHURCH OF GOD Scattered Worldwide



“...I [will] seek out My sheep, and will deliver them out of all places  
where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.  
I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was  
driven away...” Ezekiel 34:12,16 KJV

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# Importance of Unity

By Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong

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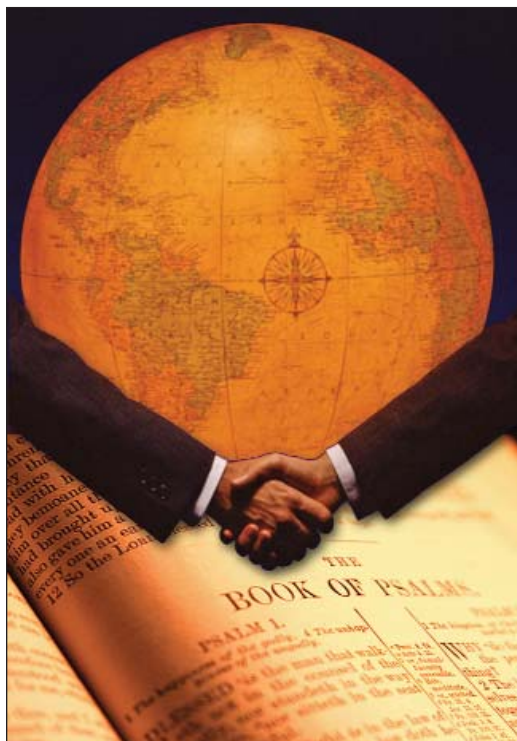
**W**ell, greetings brethren. It is nice to be back, and we have had a very eventful, a very hectic, and a very exciting trip, in many ways, a very trying one.

## THE LOSS OF MEMBERS

First, I want to make one comment. I heard in the morning service a great deal about the **MANY** who have left the Church, and again in the sermonette this afternoon, and I'd like to clarify that just a little bit. If even one member leaves the Church, brethren, that is **TOO MANY**. And I think if a dozen, or a hundred, or even two or three hundred leave the Church, we would begin to call that "many." But don't ever get the idea that it is the many who have gone out and the few who are left because that is absolutely not true.

## THE **MANY** ARE STILL IN. THANK GOD FOR THAT!

And, **COMPARATIVELY**, it is the **FEW** who have gone out. And I want to say something about the many who are in the Church this afternoon. My message is going to concern them.

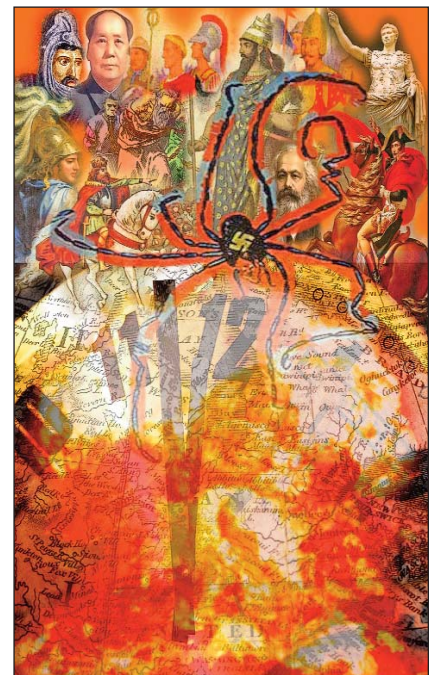


MR. HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

## DWELLING TOGETHER IN UNITY

Brethren, there is one goal that human beings have been striving for, for the last 6,000 years. I might read a certain psalm that we have had quoted more than once. I think it is the **133rd** Psalm: "**How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!**"

You know, the world has been trying to get together in unity ever since Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden about 6,000 years ago. It's been a goal that has been striven for to bring about interracial, international unification and a one-world government with peace, or some kind of united government. When they couldn't unite the governments of the





world, they've tried to form alliances. But, of course, one alliance has always been formed to oppose and usually have war with some other union of nations, or alliance, or allied nations.

Why is it that in the world they have NEVER succeeded in a universal government? There has always been division. Here in the United States, we have a Republican in the presidency and a Republican Senate, but there's the opposing party, the Democrats. Now they are doing everything to move heaven and earth, if they can, to oust President Reagan and to get complete control of the Senate. It's one against the other. They cannot have unification.

Now, about six months ago, it doesn't seem that long, but it really has been now over six months ago or just about that, we had Dr. Von Hapsburg here, and he spoke from this platform, visited my office and my home. He is striving for the unification of Europe into one nation again, and they are having a terrible time to accomplish it. And it's a little discouraging to some of those working for it at the present time. Bible prophecy says they are going to accomplish it. And something is going to happen to suddenly just change the course of events in Europe and bring that about and it will happen!



But now, why? Why is it that men cannot get together? Why must there always be division? Why must there always be competition and strife? And yet, brethren, I wonder if you realize that in the last half century, the last half of

this 20th century, God's Church has accomplished what the governments of this world have striven for 6,000 years to do and could never accomplish. God's Church has accomplished it.

### A UNIFIED GOVERNMENT

For the first time in 6,000 years, it has been accomplished – a united government.

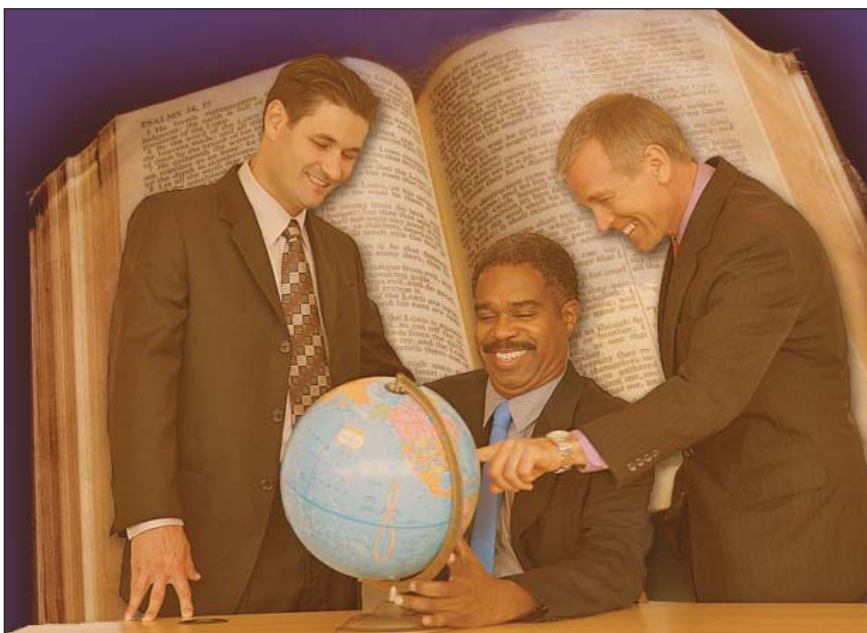
And there is united government in this Church, and I am going to touch on one reason why some have left, and why we're not going to have as many leaving the Church from now on as we have had in the past. There is a reason for these things. But a goal has been achieved, and I want you to understand it, by this Church during the second half of the 20th century, that all humanity has striven to achieve and never could before – and that is a unified government.

I notice now that wherever I go, and I've just been on a trip visiting brethren in, well, I met a minister and his wife in Honolulu, but otherwise I met brethren in New Zealand, both those from the north and the southern part of New Zealand. I spoke in Auckland and also in Wellington, and with some telephone hook-ups, we've reached practically all the membership in New Zealand. And then I spoke from, I never can remember the names of certain cities.



DR. OTTO VON HAPSBURG





Well, in the north and the south and then in the other side of the whole continent, but there were telephone hook-ups, just like we have here, and I spoke to practically the entire membership in Australia.

Now, there we have had trouble in the past, but we are not having trouble today, and we are having unity. Ministers come here now and they say that five, six years ago there was contention, there was disputing, there was division, and there was trouble here at headquarters. Now they say, "Oh, it is so different today." Now today we find harmony. We find unity. We find a spirit of love and a spirit of peace, a spirit of joy and happiness and togetherness." And they say it is so different, so refreshing. What has happened?

I wonder if you realize, brethren, and there is a great lesson for us in what has happened, but whether I go to black Africa, or to the Philippines, or to South America, or to Europe, to Australia and New Zealand, or to Malaysia. And, incidentally I spoke to most all of our brethren in Malaysia and Singapore on this trip, and wherever I go, there I find the same spirit, and you can tell a Church of God member almost immediately. There is something DIFFERENT about a member of this Church, and you can tell a difference. They are different from Seventh-Day Adventist members. There is a different attitude, a different spirit, than you find in Baptists, or in Methodists, or in Catholics. There is a SPIRIT that is the same regardless of race, regardless of nationality, or country, or location on the earth. It is all the same.

## A DIVIDED WORLD

Why? What is the difference? Why has God's Church, headed by Jesus Christ, succeeded where the world, who has rejected God and who has really rejected the real Christ, why have they failed? There is no unification taken even in religion. The world is divided into many, many different religions. And the largest of all of them is the one that is so-called "Christianity" or it's often called today "traditional Christianity." And it is the largest of the religions in the world, and yet it is divided into hundreds of denominations and sects, each one having certain differences of belief and practice, and to a more or lesser extent, competitive against others, and they don't agree. They don't associate one with the other. Each have their own spirit and attitude, but there is no unification. They are divided, and there is always the opposition. Why?

Now, once again, you know I have been accused of always going back to those two trees. Yesterday afternoon, it was almost sundown, and I got the idea that I would like to have a couple of big illustrations up to show you today. So I took it up with some of our editorial people in the artists' division, and so they whipped together something real hastily for me that you find up here this afternoon. I have to get back to the beginning once again to explain some of this to you. Not only to explain God's purpose, to explain why we are coming to unity and one government that is unified, and in the world there is always opposition.







Had the first man, Adam, taken of the Tree of Life, there might have been the same unity that we have in the church today in ALL facets of society in the world because it might have become God's world. Now the Tree of Life, I think the world has been more, in the so-called Christian religion, has been somewhat conscious of the two trees mentioned in the second chapter of Genesis, but you hear very little about the Tree of Life.

It's quite a little more than a year ago now, I was in South Africa. And down there they were asking me, we were in, oh, the home of Dr. ... I don't know why I can't think of names. Anyhow, our leader and pastor down there, and practically all of the ministers and their wives from South Africa were there. And they gathered around me and they asked me, "Well, what about the Tree of Life? And what would have happened if Adam had taken of that tree?" And, you know, we've never discussed very much

the Tree of Life. We've discussed the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Now, while I was at camp in Australia, some children, and they were the children of some of our ministers, or grandchildren, and they were anywhere from 3 or 4, up to 6 or 7 years of age, just children. I am not talking now about the youth or the campers, or about the others there, but just the children that happened to be there. And they had produced a large chart for me with a drawing of a tree. There was the trunk, and then a lot of bushes around it, and they had the Ten Commandments on the leaves for the Tree of Life.

Well, that gave me an idea, so I went a little further in elaborating on it. Now I see at my right is a chart of the Tree of Life and if you can hear, as I look at it, the root of that tree from which it gathers all of its life, and everything comes from the root, is GOD. Then the main trunk of the tree is THE SPIRIT OF GOD. And above on one side, are four main branches off of that trunk. The four main branches are the first four of the Ten Commandments, and they express LOVE TOWARD GOD. Then there are six other major branches, not quite so large because they are really not as important as those first four, and they denote LOVE TOWARD FELLOW MAN, the last six of the Ten Commandments.



So from God flows LIFE in the form of the Holy Spirit that is injected into those who take of this tree. And with life comes the knowledge of the way of life, of good and evil, love toward God and love toward neighbor. Then the very many other branches are all of the other things that come under love toward God and love toward neighbor. In other words, other ways that you love God and that you love neighbor. Then it comes out to

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# Personal from the Editor

## Warnings from God Through His Promised Elijah of the Approaching End Time!!!

By Alton B. 'Don' Billingsley

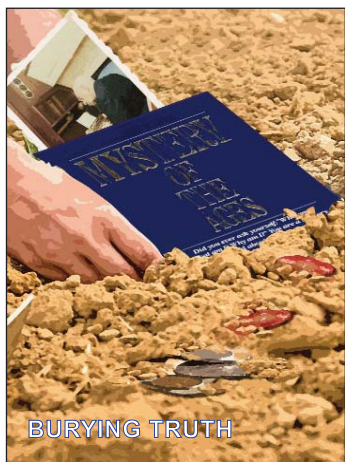
### The Promised Elijah and WATCHMAN for the End Time is Dead!

**A**s of January 16, 2011, God's apostle and the promised Elijah of the end time will have been dead for 25 years! (Malachi 4:4-6)

**A Relevant Question: Having died – were all of the laws of God and all the restored doctrinal teachings that Jesus Christ used him to restore within His Church buried with him? (Matthew 17:10-11; Mark 9:10-11)**

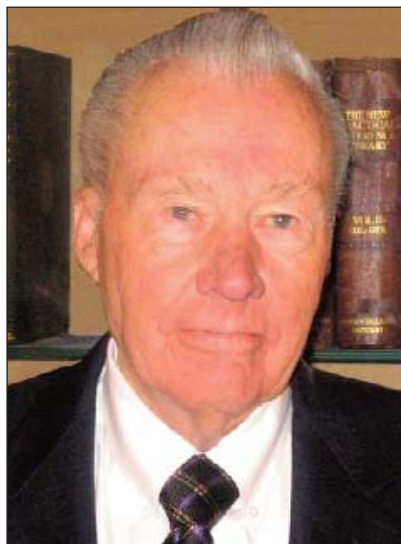
**Further – 'Were we only following a man?'**

**The Worldwide Church of God:** The apostate pastor general who replaced Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong did indeed believe all of the laws of God were of the past and openly declared toward the end of 1994 the laws were under the Old Covenant. He then stated that New Testament Christians were not obligated to obey them.



With this satanic belief in mind, the top leadership also believed Mr. Armstrong was a false prophet and leader of a cult movement, therefore nullifying the doctrinal teachings Jesus Christ used him to restore within His Church.

**The Corporate Churches** that began branching off from the parent Church in



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1995 did not fully agree with his claim of all the laws and teachings being done away, but *did* accept in part the satanically taught deceptive Protestant teachings.

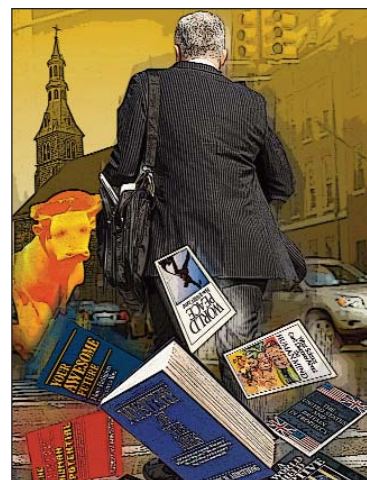
*As a result, they replaced those true teachings with which they did not agree with those of pagan origin – Protestant teachings.*

### IRRELEVANCE FOR THE TRUE TEACHINGS OF THE HOLY BIBLE

The reasoning of these churches is that due to his death some years ago, Mr. Armstrong is no longer relevant nor are the teachings with which they disagree.

They argue that no one knows him any longer, so why mention his name or his writings?! As a result, his warnings of the end time are not now being heard. Churches ceased playing his sermons and Bible study tapes in services.

They also shelved the last book he wrote, *The Mystery of the Ages*, never looking into its contents any longer. "After all, he is dead and has been for many years." To make the point, consider a quote taken from the Internet: *The Great Falling Away*, that took place between two ministers just a very short period after the death of Mr. Armstrong:



**RUNNING TO BAAL**





"You're not going to use that old book for your speech are you?" the minister asked. "We don't adhere to most of those beliefs anymore."

"But this was written by Mr. Armstrong," rebutted my friend. "In a few years, no one will even know Mr. Armstrong's name, let alone what he believed in," the minister mumbled under his breath.

He was more right than he realized as can be seen by the following examples of two of the larger corporate Churches of God:

**Living Church of God:** One member of this Church recently told me that he was passing out some of the

writings of Mr. Armstrong and a few copies of *The Mystery of the Ages* within his local church.

The pastor commanded him to stop it, saying, "**We have our own literature.**"

Another bonafide member of the same church mentioned that the minister would like for this member to read his book, which had to do with Satan writing the Bible.

**The United Church of God:** Approximately five years ago, two students of the **United Church of God University** wrote me that in trying to uphold Mr. Armstrong's teachings in class, they were told by well-known faculty members that Mr. Armstrong was of the past and no longer relevant.

**One Student's Letter to Me at that Time:** "... UCG does

NOT want anyone reading *Mystery of the Ages* as a guide to understanding the Bible. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ pointed to \_\_\_\_\_ copy and said "Don't read that." \_\_\_\_\_ asked why, and he said, "It doesn't really represent what Mr. Armstrong taught. It's also out of date by 20 years."

"Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ told part of the class not to use "out-of-date" literature (meaning HWA material) in researching Bible questions.

"He says "go to UCG literature – It's current!" He said "be careful with *Mystery of the Ages*. There are some things in there that are wrong."

"I KNOW these men are afraid of Mr. Armstrong! They do not want us to read his things unless we laugh at them or mock them." Name withheld





## TURNING BACKS ON TRUTH

Jesus Christ will show no partiality except for *the lone exception of the remnant of the Philadelphia Era* – who have not gone off track in belief, teachings and practice (Revelation 3:7-13).

## 450 CORPORATE CHURCHES OF GOD

A former faculty member in Big Sandy, Texas counted the corporate churches a few years ago. At that time, they numbered 450. With this number in mind, the logical question is asked: “Are they in type the prophets of Baal that belonged to Jezebel in the days of Elijah (I Kings 18:19)?”

**Another Question:** Since the numbers have continued to climb – will they reach the number of the 400 prophets of *Asherah* who were not slain by Elijah (I Kings 18:19; Revelation 2:20-22)?

The LORD God had Elijah to kill all of the 450 prophets of *Baal* (I Kings 18:40)! However, the Israelites who were gathered with Elijah saw their error in worshiping *Baal* and repented; thus, their lives were spared (I Kings 18:39).



## DUALITY AND PARALLEL

With this in mind, consider the parallel of Moses and that of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and how they coincide with each other:

Moses went up into the mountain and was there with the LORD God for 40 days. Near the end of the full 40 days, Israel believed he had possibly died in the fire burning on the mountain (Exodus 32:1).

They then coerced Aaron into making a golden calf and worshiped it – yet, called it by the name of **YHWH** – by God’s name (Exodus 32:5-6, 21-24, *so has it been since – using pagan practices to worship God*)! Israel then turned their backs on God and His commandments while debauching themselves (Exodus 32:2-10).

**The Punishment from God:** The LORD God dealt severely with Israel by having about 3,000 men slain (Exodus 32:26-28). Since Jesus Christ is no different today than at that time (Hebrews 13:8), He will have many thousands of the unrepentant members slain who have gone off track (Revelation 3:14-22, 6:9-11).

How will Jesus Christ deal with all of these unrepentant wayward ministers and members who have forsaken Him for *Baal*? Consider the following parable:

## THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

“A certain Nobleman (*Christ*) went into a far country to receive for Himself a Kingdom and return. So He called 10 of his servants (*Israel, in type: God’s Church*), and delivered to them 10 minas (*Spiritual stock – God’s Holy Spirit*), and said to them, ‘**Do business till I come.**’ But his citizens hated Him (*did not love Him and His true teachings fully – II Thessalonians 2:10-12*) and sent a delegation after Him, saying, ‘**We will NOT have this Man (*Christ*) ruling over us.**’”



And so it was that when He (*Christ*) returned, having received the Kingdom, He then commanded these servants, to whom He had given the money (*Spiritual stock – His Holy Spirit*), to be called to Him, that He might know how much every man had gained by trading (John 15:2) [*Speaking of the time to come,*



Jesus Christ then said:] ...  
*'but bring here those enemies  
of Mine, who did NOT want  
Me to reign over them, and  
slay them!'* (Luke 19:12-15,  
27)."

## THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD

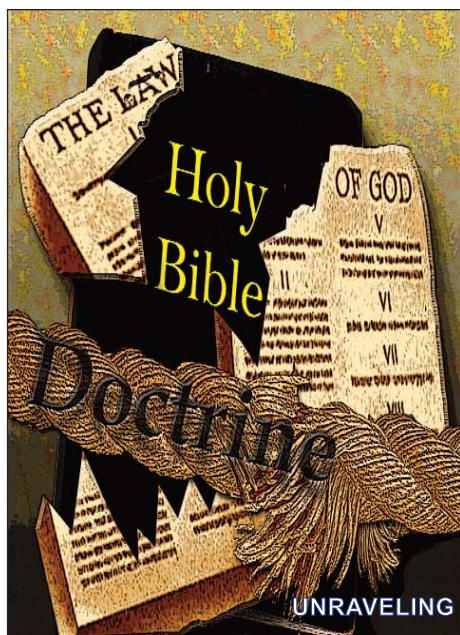
**The Falling Away:** After the falling away created by the apostate pastor general of the Worldwide Church of God in 1995 (II Thessalonians 2:1-30), it was said by one well-known pastor to me, ***"I will never be under the authority of any man again."***

This also was the approach of the United Church of God in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1995 during their formation by choosing, according to human reason (*Proverbs 14:12; 16:25*), a Presbyterian form of government, as had the Sardis Church Era before them, rather than remaining with God's form of government.



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Regardless of circumstances, or human reasonings, their chosen form of government was not of God, but of Satan's world, as made plain by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong:



## MYSTERY OF THE AGES, Pages 242-243

"The Presbyterian Church is organized with the presbyters or ministers in control ... and so it goes. The churches of this world of Satan are organized according to humanly devised patterns. But the Bible gives explicit directions in regard to Church govern-

ment. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church. God's form of government is, indeed, hierarchical. God the Father is head over Christ – the sole Law-giver and supreme authority. God explains in I Corinthians 12 functions, offices, administrations and their officers as God set them in His Church (I Corinthians 12:1, 4-6, 11-13).

***"One Church with One Government*** – Notice especially, there is only ONE CHURCH [*I Corinthians 1:10 "... no divisions ..."*]. Not a parent church and many little daughter churches that have split off in disagreement. Divisions splintering off are NOT STILL IN THE CHURCH. It is the CHURCH that is to marry Christ in the resurrection at His coming – not disagreeing churches – not groups who have broken off! Not a parent church and apostate daughters. ..."

## GODLY REPENTANCE

Short of true godly repentance, Scripture reveals Christ will slay these people by martyrdom in the ***Great Tribulation***. Jesus Christ makes plain in many Scriptures that His way of life, His truth (*laws and teachings*) must be adhered to or





Churches of God today – they *refuse* to obey the Government of God within His true and faithful Church who retains all of the fundamental doctrinal teachings as restored by Jesus Christ through His late apostle; that also has a true and faithful pastor of Jesus Christ as the head of it!

Further, they do not want to hear from those who would dare uphold God's true doctrinal teachings that would convict them of their *wayward wanderings* from the truth:

**“They hate the one who rebukes in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks uprightly (Amos 5:10; Galatians 1:4).”**

This Scripture reveals the major reason why they discourage their membership from reading any of Mr. Armstrong's writings or listening to his recorded messages. Tragically this is almost the same as the Catholic Church discouraging their membership from reading the Holy Bible.

none of us will be accepted by Him at His coming (John 14:6; Luke 6:46-49); we **MUST** live by every word of God (Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4; II Timothy 4:16-17).

***It should be an understood fact that God will not accept anyone who will not have learned and practiced God's theocratic government in this life! He will not have any more Satans in His Kingdom!***

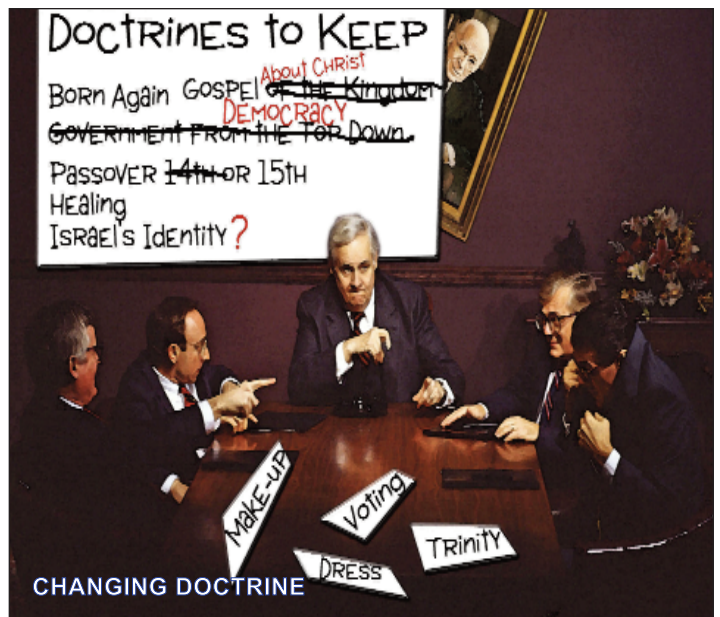
## A REFRESHER

It is my plea that each minister and member pick up the last book Mr. Armstrong wrote before his death, *The Mystery of the Ages*, and **REFRESH** the mind of those fundamental doctrinal teachings that Jesus Christ restored within His Church through him and make the needed changes before it comes to be too late.

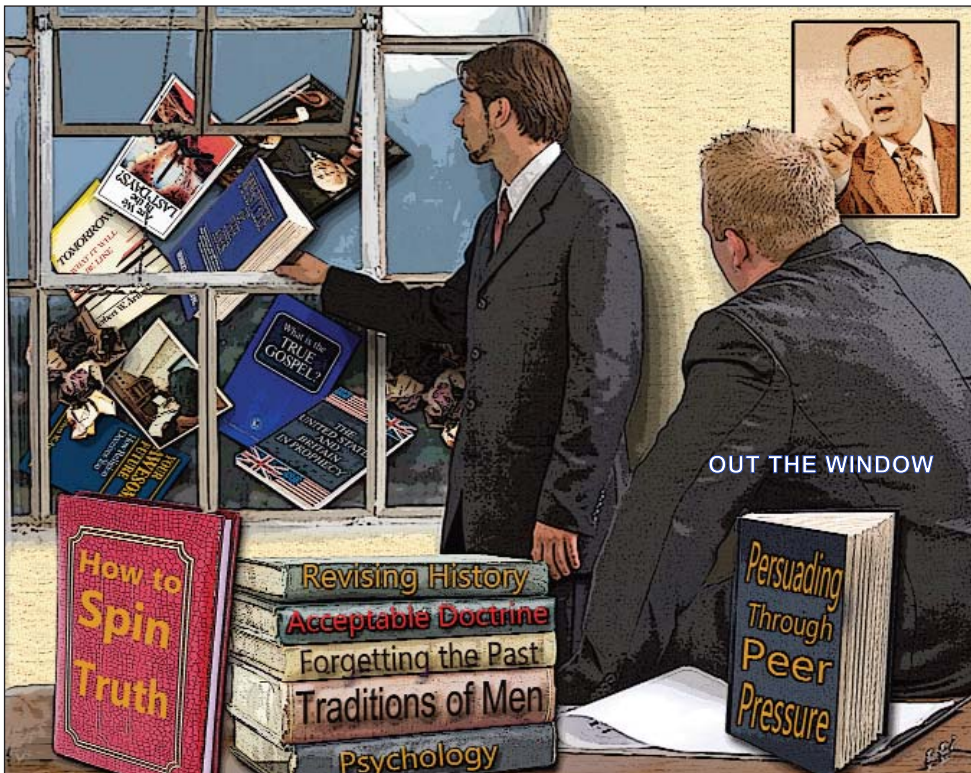


Mr. Armstrong has sometimes said when people leave the Church of God the real reason is – **Government!!!** They do not want to obey it! This has also been my observation over the 52 years of my ministry.

This also is the problem of all of the corporate







OUT THE WINDOW

**Jesus Christ Warned:** “For then there will be **GREAT TRIBULATION**, such as has not been since the beginning of the world; no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened no flesh would be saved (*alive*); but for the **ELECT’S SAKE** those days will be shortened (Matthew 24:21-22; Daniel 12:1).”

This is why God promised to send the Elijah of the end time as a **WATCHMAN** to not only prepare the way for the coming of Jesus Christ, but also to **FOREWARN** Israel and His Church of the coming **HORRORS** before they take place (Malachi 4:4-6; Matthew 17:10-11). And Mr. Armstrong faithfully **CRIED OUT** *warning after warning* more than 50 years of the **im-pending nuclear holocaust**.

## THE PROMISED ELIJAH DENIED

Sadly, the ministers and members alike, have distanced themselves from acknowledging Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong as being the Elijah and Apostle that Jesus Christ sent to mankind and His Church in this present age to **WARN** and **TEACH** *before the closing of the door to His Gospel* and the **Ezekiel warning message** (Revelation 3:8). Yet, all of them were taught by him.

The few members among them who acknowledge Mr. Armstrong as *the promised Elijah of the end time*, are *laid back, lacking in fervor and zeal, unwilling for various reasons*, to **stand up** for Jesus Christ and His TRUTH. They do not love Him or His truth that much! (Luke 14:25-35; Matthew 22:37-38).



SLEEPING THROUGH WARNINGS



UNRESTORING TRUTHS

## THE ROMAN EMPIRE

For some years we have witnessed the ongoing development of the revival of the Roman Empire that Satan the devil will use to destroy the House of Israel as nations, including the United States and Britain, with **Nuclear Warfare**.

Its full revival is only awaiting Satan the devil to enable the Pope in Rome to begin using **GREAT MIRACLES**, to not only deceive all Christianity into believing that he is God (Revelation 13:17; II Thessalonians 2:4, 9-10), but also to





It was with these terrible things in mind, that Jesus EXHORTED His people (Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21), to **WATCH** (to be **WAKEFUL**, **VIGILANT** in view of world news and prophecy, and to be **ON GUARD** that **NO ONE** **WOULD DECEIVE US** (Matthew 24:3-5)! In so doing, His people might be counted worthy to **ESCAPE** and be **SAVED** from these coming **HORRORS** (Luke 21:36).

### FLEEING TO THE PLACE OF SAFETY

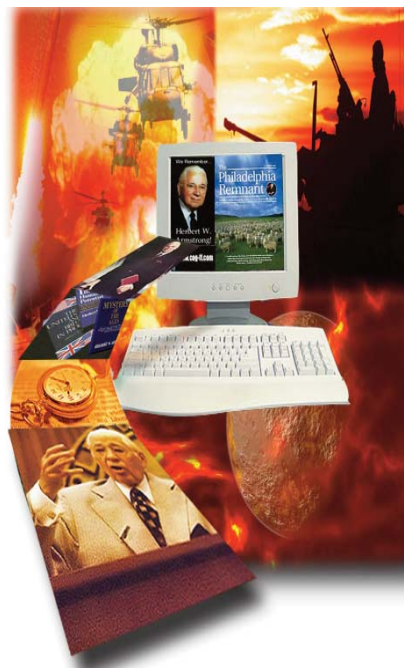
In between the closing of the DOOR to the Gospel, and the Ezekiel Warning Message, and the nuclear attack – those

bring the 10 nations in Europe together in union (Revelation 13; 17). The false prophet will then choose the man who will rule over them; the man the Holy Bible refers to as the Beast (Daniel 11:21, 8:23-25; Revelation 13:17-18).

Jesus Christ not only used Mr. Armstrong to fulfill his responsibility as a Watchman during his lifetime ministry, but is also continuing to use him today, though dead, *via* his many Recorded Works on our numerous web sites, while using this little, little, flock, as an instrument to keep them ongoing (Habakkuk 1:5; Zechariah 4:6; Luke 12:32).

### THE DOOR TO CLOSE

Jesus Christ will soon CLOSE THE DOOR to the continued GOSPEL AND **WARNINGS** (Revelation 3:7-8). Possibly, He will permit this due to one or more of the many factors we are continually being WARNED about on conservative radio and television; then will begin the ***famine of the word*** (Amos 8:11-12).



### NUCLEAR ATTACK

Shortly thereafter the horrendous **explosive nuclear bombs** will fall unexpectedly in a **blitzkrieg attack** that will come at a time when this nation will be unprepared (Ezekiel 7:14-15)!

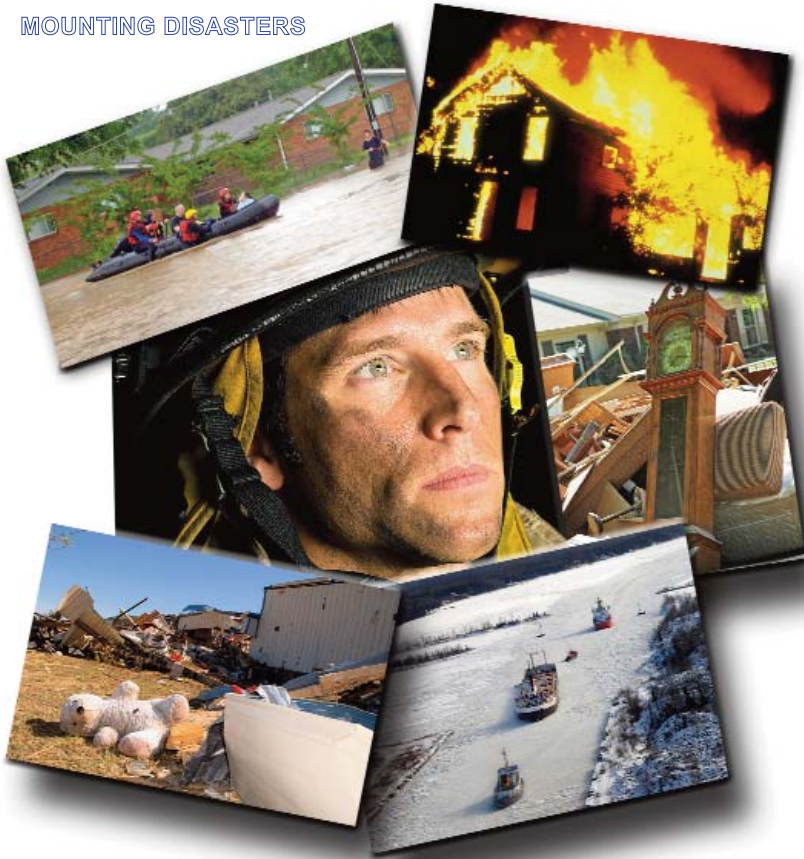
counted worthy by Jesus Christ will quickly leave for the place that will have been provided for them by Jesus Christ to be spared from the worst of the **FAMINE** that will then be gripping this country along with the deadly disease epidemics.

Scripture reveals in many places God's protective LOVE will be ***only*** for His true and faithful people whom He calls **THE ELECT** (Revelation 3:7-13). All others will find the **DOOR CLOSED** to them, to then ***perish as martyrs*** during the **Great Tribulation** (Matthew 25:10-13; Revelation 6:9-11).





## MOUNTING DISASTERS



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## ADVANCE WARNINGS FROM GOD

Please note the advance warnings from Christ through His WATCHMAN: “Who among you will give ear to this? Who will listen and hear for the time to come (**Nuclear Warfare**)? Who was it gave Jacob over to despoilment and Israel to plunderers (Hosea 7:9, 8:8; *illegal immigrants, robbers, identity theft, etc.*)? Surely, the LORD against whom they sinned in whose ways they would NOT walk and whose Teachings they would NOT obey (Hosea 5:9; 8:12; 7:12). So He poured out His WRATH upon them, His ANGER and the FURY of war. It **blazed** upon them all about, but they heeded not; it **BURNED** among them, but they gave it no thought (Isaiah 42:23-25, NJPS).”.

*These advance Warnings – in the form of curses from God that have been experienced throughout this nation, in particular, and still ongoing. Warfares have continued with little respite since World War II: Korea, Vietnam, Desert*

*Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan. This country has won none of them on our own power! There also are the CURSES in many other areas, such as: floods, drought, forest fires, the economy, loss of homes, unemployment, hospitals overflowing with the sick and dying, etc., etc. (Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28).*

**Warnings** also are being given by numerous conservative writers and speakers on radio and television; they tell us there is no way this country will survive unless it changes course! They then admit this is very doubtful. Soon the **famine and disease epidemics** will be upon us and followed by the **nuclear nightmare**.

## THE PLACE OF REFUGE

There will be a place of refuge from this terrible **firestorm**: “See, the things once predicted have come, and now I foretell new things, announce to you ere they sprout up (Isaiah 46:9-10). ... Let the desert and its towns cry aloud, the villages where Kedar dwells (*Kedar is a people, meaning the Bedouins – New Bible Dictionary, Page 688*), let Sela’s **‘INHAB-**

**ITANTS’** shout (Sela: Hebrew, Rock; Greek, Petra – Unger’s Bible Dictionary Page 992), call out from the peak of the mountains. Let them do HONOR to the Lord .... The LORD goes forth like a warrior . . . He charges upon His enemies (**Armageddon**). (Isaiah 42:9, 11-13, NJPS).

While describing this terrible time to come, the LORD God says, “Sinners in ZION (*the tares, Laodicean and Sardis Churches of God*) are frightened, the godless (*society*) are seized with trembling: Who of us can dwell with the **DEVOURING FIRE** (*Nuclear warfare on the House of Joseph*): who of us can dwell with the never-dying blaze?” God answers: “He who walks in righteousness, speaks uprightly ... such a one shall dwell in lofty (*high rock walls*) security, with inaccessible cliffs for his stronghold, with his food supplied and his drink assured (Isaiah 33:14-16, NJPS).”



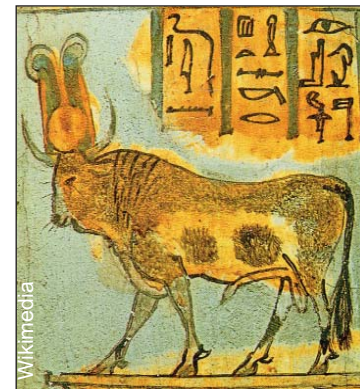




may **JUDGE** [reward, Matthew 16:27] **His people:** (to His angels, He commands:) **“Gather My people (Resurrection) TOGETHER to Me** (Matthew 24:30-31; I Thessalonians 4:13-18). **Those who have made A COVENANT with Me in (self) sacrifice** (Psalm 50:2-5; Romans 12:1-2).”

### THE END TIME IS NEAR

**And, tragically, the vast majority of God’s Church are indifferent and sleeping! No longer do most members**



**ever listen to the WATCHMAN God sent to us. Please know – His Recorded Works are even more relevant now than they were at the time they were recorded. Not to listen and take heed will be very sad – for most are going to have a very sad awakening – too late!!!**

### THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST

**“Your eyes will see [from there] the King (Jesus Christ) in His beauty; [prior] they will SEE the land (Jerusalem) AFAR off (Isaiah 42:12; 33:17).”**

**NOTE: Isaiah 42:12:** Another indication of the high rocky crags of Petra from which one may look northwest (about 90 miles) to the Promised Land. On a clear day, one can see some of the tall buildings in Jerusalem. Petra is 20 miles from the border of Jordan and Israel.

**“Out of ZION [the Church in Petra] the perfection of beauty, God will SHINE FORTH. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; a FIRE shall devour before Him, it shall be tempestuous all around Him. He shall call to the heavens from above and to the earth, that He**



### WATCHING AND PRAYING

To escape these coming horrors, Jesus exhorts His people to be watching and praying (Luke 21:36). Further, there is great need for you to become a viable part of the Philadelphia Era of God’s Church that Jesus Christ is now using to take this final warning to Israel and His Church (Revelation 3:7-13)? Unless a change is made, *you are not headed for the place of safety*, but rather to the **Great Tribulation**. Please watch, pray, listen, and make the right and good changes before it comes to be too late!



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**By Mark Mendiola**

**A**s wave after wave of American and British planes were relentlessly bombing Dresden, Hamburg and other German cities into oblivion near the end of World War II during the 1940s, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong was repeatedly warning over radio airwaves that Germany would rise again to become a global military, economic and political juggernaut. At that time, the destruction of Adolph Hitler's Nazi Germany by the Allies was absolutely devastating!

As stunned Germans were digging out from under the smoldering rubble of their cities during the 1950s, Mr. Armstrong continued to thunder that Germany would emerge re-energized like the mythical phoenix rising from the ashes of destruction. Many scoffed at his predictions and considered him a crackpot.

At the height of the Cold War, he emphatically stated that Americans did not need to be as frightened about Russia attacking the United States as they needed to beware of a

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**'The United States is determined, now, to let NOTHING stand in the way of building up a re-armed, independent GERMANY. This will be the heart and core of the united Europe that will revive the ROMAN EMPIRE'**

**(Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong,  
Plain Truth magazine, June 1952)**

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dangerous, antagonistic, militarized Germany reuniting to threaten U.S. and British interests. The collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 after more than 70 years of existence as a global superpower astounded the world, but underscored the accuracy of Mr. Armstrong's predictions.

Decades ago, it seemed preposterous and fanatical for Mr. Armstrong to consistently warn about Germany dominating a United States of Europe that would threaten Anglo/American countries, which twice thwarted Germany's militaristic ambitions during World Wars I and II. Yet, history has confirmed his predictions with alarming accuracy.





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As the 25th anniversary of his death in January 1986 arrives, it's obvious he was a voice crying out in the wilderness well ahead of his time!

He even precisely predicted that Eastern European nations behind the Iron Curtain would merge with Western European counterparts to forge a colossal empire on the European continent that would be another successive revival of the Roman Empire! Consider what he wrote during the 1950s to describe what is explicitly unfolding right before our eyes on the international scene:

"... the world will be dumbfounded to see Germany emerge suddenly in a power never equaled by Hitler – by a union of ten nations in Europe, probably including some at present puppets of Russia – in a gigantic United States of Europe.

This definitely is prophesied!" – *The Plain Truth*, August 1950.

"Russia may give East Germany back to the Germans and will be forced to relinquish her control over Hungary, Czechoslovakia and parts of Austria to complete the ten nation union. Europe will have a free hand to destroy America and Britain as prophesied." – *The Good News*, April 1952.

"Most Europeans ... are thinking more and more about the coming UNITED STATES OF EUROPE! We Americans, with the British, gave them the idea. We've tried to organize the European nations together against Russia. They are going to unite against us! And now Europe is about ready for it! The stage is all set! All that's lacking now is the strong LEADER – the coming FUEHRER! The Germans are coming back from the destruction of World War II in breath-taking manner. Germany is the economic and military heart of Europe. Probably Germany will lead and dominate the coming United States of Europe. But Britain will be no part of it! This astounding resurrection of the ROMAN EMPIRE is the very NEXT prophesied event. The world will be dumbfounded when this military colossus actually emerges." – *1975 in Prophecy*, 1956.

Defying the skeptics, Mr. Armstrong resolutely continued to warn during the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s of Germany spearheading a looming United States of Europe or revived Roman Empire whose military might, economic strength and political prowess would eclipse even the United States and Russia! One must be blind to not see his warnings now coming to pass in the 21st century with deadly accuracy.

The disturbing implications of what lies ahead do not bode well for the United States and British Commonwealth countries in the near future as their collective power and prestige rapidly decline, leaving a gaping vacuum for a resurgent Germany to fill.



DRESDEN DEVASTATED





is able to make war with him? (Revelation 13:3-4)”

This satanic European empire will be an extremely powerful military force with sophisticated weaponry,

a nuclear arsenal and scores of thousands of soldiers at its disposal. This beast will be “given authority to continue (*make war*, NKJV margin) for forty-two months (3½ years). ... And it was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation (v. 5, 7).”

The *Daily Express* of London reported on Dec. 1 that one of the revelations disclosed by the Wikileaks files was that the United States has deployed 200 tactical nuclear weapons in Europe, primarily Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands and Turkey. In his book, “On the Origins of War,” Donald Kagan wrote: **“A reunified Germany with its colossal economic resources will sooner or later acquire comparable military power ...”**

In the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, German Defense Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg wrote on Dec. 9 that he supports more European military cooperation and sharing resources and duties with other European armies. “The commitment to European defense must be more than just lip service,” said Guttenberg, whose wife is the great-great-granddaughter of Otto Von Bismarck, Germany’s Iron Chancellor. “By intensifying our military cooperation, we will all benefit in the end.”

## ROMAN EMPIRE REVIVES

The sudden collapse of the Berlin Wall and Iron Curtain, Germany’s rapid reunification and the Soviet Union’s shocking disintegration from 1989 to 1991 astonished even the most astute politicians and analysts, who were blindsided by the swift developments in Europe and the USSR that completely changed the geopolitical landscape at warp speed!

Bible prophecy also shows the world will once again be completely caught off guard when the final resurrection of the so-called Holy Roman Empire bursts forth on the world scene **in the near future** like a monstrous beast from a “bottomless pit” on the European continent.

Germany will be a driving force behind that remarkable development, which is not expected by millions of people oblivious to what is ominously transpiring underground. It will come at an hour we do not expect – a lot sooner than we dare imagine!

“And all the world marveled and followed the beast. So they worshiped the dragon (*Satan the devil*, Revelation 12:9) who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, ‘Who is like the beast? Who



MODERN GERMAN SOLDIERS

Guttenberg’s push to unite Europe’s military forces comes as the United States shuts down more of its military installations in Germany. The U.S. Defense Department and U.S. Army Europe announced June 23 the closure of several bases and their return to the German government by December 2015. Bible prophecy shows the military vacuum left by the U.S. pullout from Europe will be filled by a powerful empire led by Germany.



The Apostle John further explains: “The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition (destruction). And those who dwell on the earth will marvel ... And the beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition (*destruction*). And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. ... For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled (Revelation 17:8, 11-13, 17).”

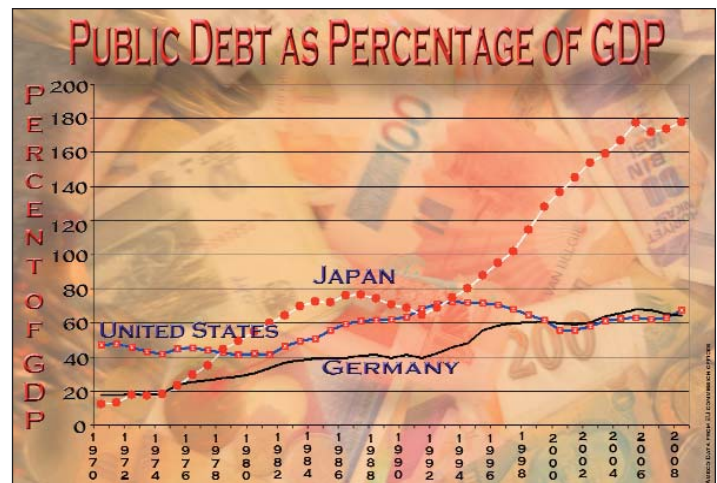


## A RESURGENT GERMANY

Germany’s dramatic ascension as a major international power will become more obvious when it assumes one of the 10 non-permanent seats on the United Nations’ Security Council in January 2011. “Germany’s renewed membership is seen as an important milestone in Berlin. But plans to become a permanent member of the council will also be pursued, along with a general overhaul of the body to reflect modern-day realities,” Deutsche Welle reported on Dec. 29.

Following the global economic meltdown of 2008 that nearly plunged the entire world into the depths of another Great Depression, Germany’s economy has emerged as one of the strongest in the world, relatively unscathed by a downturn that nearly collapsed the economic systems of the United States, United Kingdom and many other European countries. It now stands unquestionably as Europe’s largest, most robust economy.

“German pride did not die after the country’s defeat in World War II. Instead, like Sleeping Beauty in the Brothers Grimm version of the folk tale, it only fell into a deep slumber. The country has now awakened, ready to celebrate its economic ingenuity, its cultural treasures and the unsul-



lied stretches of its history,” the *New York Times* reported on Sept. 10. “In ways large and small, Germany is flexing its muscles and reasserting a long-repressed national pride.”

“The Local, Germany’s News in English” reported Dec. 30 that German exports are projected to crash through the €1 trillion (more than \$1.3 trillion) barrier for the first time in 2011. Excluding the European Union, Germany ranks second only behind the People’s Republic of China in total global exports, even outstripping the United States, which ranks third.

Until 2009, Germany was the world’s top exporter. Meanwhile, with 82.4 million people, Germany’s population is only about a quarter of the U.S. population of 310 million. The Federation of German Wholesale, Foreign Trade and Services predicts Germany’s exports will rise by a strong 7 percent this year. It estimated German exports grew by 16-18 percent in 2010, rebounding from 2009’s 18 percent slump. Its previous record was achieved in 2008.

Remembering when hyperinflation raged in the German Weimar Republic during the 1920s, Germany’s leaders today rigidly adhere to strict fiscal discipline that directly conflicts with the Obama administration’s massive U.S. deficit spending, which they view as reckless and irresponsible. German leaders have steadfastly resisted pressure by the U.S. to loosen their







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**BARACK OBAMA, WOLFGANG SCHÄUBLE, ANGELA MERKEL**

nation's monetary policy to aid global economic recovery, putting Germany and the U.S. at intractable loggerheads.

Referring to "Germany's undiplomatic outbursts against U.S. policy," Reuters reported on Nov. 10 that German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble called the U.S. Federal Reserve's decision to buy \$600 billion in government bonds "clueless" and said it undermined U.S. credibility when there was no point in pumping more money into markets.

"U.S. officials were particularly stung by Schäuble and German Economy Minister Rainer Brüderle saying the Fed move amounted to 'indirect manipulation' of the dollar to boost exports; this at a time when Washington is criticizing China for exactly the same kind of strategy."

The EUobserver reported on Nov. 5 that numerous German politicians echoed Schäuble's criticism of the Federal Reserve, including Liberal German legislator Frank Schäffler, who said: "**Printing money again will trigger a tsunami across the world economy.**" Hans-Ulrich Klose, a German legislator, said, "**The danger is that anti-American sentiment in Germany could grow.**"

William Drozdiak of the American Council on Germany said Conservative German Chancellor Angela Merkel and U.S. President Barack Obama always have had a difficult time communicating, noting Merkel has doggedly refused U.S. overtures to fire up domestic economic demand in Germany and abandon her nation's emphasis on austerity, Reuters reported.

Anton Börner, head of Germany's Foreign Trade Association, spoke of a "creeping alienation" between America and

Europe, which has been worsened by the global financial crisis. "**The Atlantic is getting wider.**" Börner told Reuters. "The harsh tones betray major nervousness among top decision makers. The effects of the financial crisis have made them insecure and afraid."

Noting that Germany appears to be an "oasis of tranquility" while its European neighbors are in the throes of "truculence and turmoil," *The Economist* asked in an Oct. 21 article: "Will Germany Now Take Center Stage?" It noted: "No big developed country has come out of the global recession looking stronger than Germany has. ... Exports are booming and unemployment is expected to fall to levels last seen in the early 1990s."

However, Germany's "sharp-elbowed behavior during the near collapse of the euro earlier this year heightened concerns about Germany's role in the world that have been stirring ever since unification 20 years ago. ... The German question never dies. Instead, like a flu virus, it mutates. On the eve of unification some European leaders worried that it would resume killer form. '**We've beaten the Germans twice and now they're back.**' said Margaret Thatcher, Britain's prime minister."



A recent poll showed a third of Germans think their nation is overrun by foreigners. A majority favor "sharply restricting" Muslim religious practices. "Over a tenth would even welcome a Führer who would govern with a 'a strong hand' – a sign that the embers of extremism still glow." *The Economist* said.

In an Oct. 16 speech, Merkel declared multiculturalism in Germany had "absolutely failed."

When she expressed reluctance last May to give German financial backing to rescue struggling European Union countries like Portugal, Italy, Greece and Spain during 2010's euro crisis, many Europeans were startled by the response.



“They had grown up believing that the Germans saw their own interests as inseparable from those of their fellow Europeans. Now they glimpsed a different, ugly German, smug about his economy and untroubled by his past,” *The Economist* reported. “During economic crises, (Merkel’s) first instinct has been to double the guard around the German treasury.”

Germans this year are expected to lead the European Council and European Central Bank, top positions in the European Union (EU). “And so Germany’s partners are likely to remain on edge. The EU needs Germany’s leadership more than ever, but fears its pre-eminence. ... Matters will be even worse if Germany’s economic self-confidence comes across as political arrogance,” *The Economist* said.

## A LURCH TO THE RIGHT?

In an Oct. 12 article, the *New York Times* noted that right wing, anti-immigrant and anti-Islamic political parties have made significant inroads in previously tolerant democratic countries like The Netherlands, Sweden and Denmark. It asked if a neo-Nazi movement also could take hold in Germany, raising fears of a throwback to darker periods in that nation’s history.

“The facts say that postwar Germany has demonstrated remarkable immunity to extremism, with strong antibodies that kick in to fight ideologies or propositions of excess. Those facts also show that confidence in and loyalty to the traditional parties of the German middle ground have markedly diminished,” the *Times* reported.

One of the best-selling books in Germany since the end of the summer has been “Germany Does Away With Itself” by Thilo Sarrazin, a former Bun-



OCTOBER 2009 NEO-NAZI PROTESTERS IN LEIPZIG, GERMANY

desbank director who controversially argues that Germany is imploding because of mass immigration from Islamic countries.

The *Times* noted that polls show 55 percent of Germans consider Muslim immigrants costing Germany “more socially and financially” than what they contribute to the economy, 66 percent reject the notion that Islam ranks equally with Judeo-Christian values in Germany, and 18 percent would vote for an ultraconservative nationalistic party. In a Jan. 6 article, *Der Spiegel* reported that René



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### 30,000 BADEN-BADEN JEWS DEPORTED TO DEATH CAMPS IN NOVEMBER 1938, SYNAGOGUE BURNS

Stadtkewitz, a former member of Merkel's Christian Democrats, has formed the "Die Freiheit" (Freedom) Party in Germany to attract Sarrazin enthusiasts disappointed with existing political parties and alarmed by what they see as an increasing Islamic threat. At an organizational meeting, participants vowed in their party platform: "We will do everything in our power to oppose the Islamization of our country."

Stadtkewitz told *Der Spiegel*: "If we don't get things right demographically, we'll have Algeria in Berlin before long. Islam has always been a religion of conquest." The magazine reported that within a few weeks of its founding, the Freedom Party received an overwhelming 6,000 membership inquiries from all quarters."

Stadtkewitz led protests against construction of a mosque in Berlin's Pankow district and studies the Koran, concluding it contains "more than 200 calls for the murder of non-believers," he told *Der Spiegel*. He and anti-Islamic counterparts from Austria, Belgium and Sweden visited Israel, where they issued a "Jerusalem Declaration" in which they condemned fundamentalist Islam as a new, worldwide totalitarian threat.

Writing in *The Observer*, Abdelkader Benali, a Dutch writer of Moroccan descent, said Europe is in the grip of a new "cold-blooded politics" of hate and fear. He likened the swing to the right to an "infection" sweeping through the continent. "The idea that Europe is being kidnapped by an ever-growing non-western population is creating fear and populist parties are winning."

The *Daily Mail* reported Oct. 8 that a backlash against immigration, targeted

mostly at Muslims, is blamed on the rise of extreme right-wing groups in Austria, Denmark, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria, Romania, Latvia, Slovakia and the Czech Republic. "In 2009, there were unprecedented gains for right-wing parties in parliamentary elections across Europe."

### LOOMING ECONOMIC CRISIS

In a May 9 *Daily Mail* article, Adam Lebor wrote that a U.S. Military Intelligence report written in November 1944, called the "Red House Report," showed that "Nazi officials ordered an elite group of German industrialists to plan for Germany's post-war recovery, prepare for the Nazis' return to power and work for a 'strong German empire.' In other words: the Fourth Reich."

Lebor said: "The Third Reich was defeated militarily, but powerful Nazi-era bankers, industrialists and civil servants, reborn as democrats, soon prospered in the new West Germany. There they worked for a new cause: European economic and political integration. Is it possible that the Fourth Reich those Nazi industrialists foresaw has, in some part at least, come to pass? ... These three typewritten pages







since the Treaty of Rome was signed in 1957.”

German industrialist Hans-Olaf Henkel said his previous support for the euro was “the biggest miscalculation of my career.”

Columnist David Marsh wrote Nov. 29 in *MarketWatch*: “Even highly respected pro-Europeans in Germany are now moving towards the view that one day the weaker countries may no longer be part of the euro — a sign of how grim realism is starting to move to the forefront as the financial and economic mood turns ever uglier across the continent.”

are a reminder that today's drive towards a European federal state is inexorably tangled up with the plans of the SS and German industrialists for a Fourth Reich – an economic rather than military imperium.”

For decades, Mr. Armstrong warned this Fourth Reich would be a united fascist Europe that would be the final resurrection of the so-called Holy Roman Empire and dominated by a revitalized Germany.

He also predicted in the 1980s: “I can now see the event that is going to trigger the formation of the reunification in Europe, the resurrection of the medieval Holy Roman Empire ... I believe that some event is going to happen suddenly, just like out of a blue sky, that is going to shock the whole world, and is going to cause the nations in Europe to realize they must unite! ... Now I think I can see what may be the very event that is going to trigger it, and it is the economic situation in the world.” (*Philadelphia Remnant*, Jan/Feb 2009)

On Nov. 16, the EUobserver reported that EU Council President Herman Van Rompuy warned that the euro, the EU’s single currency, and the European Union itself were fighting for their lives because of the sovereign debt crises in Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece and Spain.

“We’re in a survival crisis,” Rompuy said, warning if the euro does not survive, neither will the European Union. Christoph Weil, a senior economist at the Commerzbank in Frankfurt, said, “I cannot see any way to turn this around.” Angela Merkel observed: “The current crisis facing the euro is the biggest test Europe has faced for decades, even

Willem Buiter, chief economist at Citibank, warns a number of EU countries could collapse within months if they are not quickly bailed out.

“The market is not going to wait until March for the EU authorities to get their act together. We could have several sovereign states and banks going under. They are being far too casual.”

An Economic Collapse Blog columnist recently wrote: “We are witnessing the slow motion collapse of the euro and of the European financial system. At this point, many analysts are convinced that a full-blown financial implosion in Europe has become inevitable. Ireland, Spain, Portugal, Italy, France and Belgium are all drowning in an ocean of unsustainable debt. ... But can Germany keep bailing the rest of the EU out indefinitely? Are the German people going to continue to be willing to hand out gigantic sacks of cash to fix the problems of other EU nations?”

He continued: “In the history of global finance, we have never faced a sovereign debt crisis like we are seeing now. All over the globe governments are being suffocated by absolutely crushing debt loads. Once a couple of dominoes fall, it is going to be really hard to keep the rest of the dominoes from falling. This is the biggest crisis that the euro has ever faced. At some point, Germany will either be unwilling or unable to continue rescuing the rest of the EU countries from the unsustainable mountains of debt that they have accumulated. When that moment arrives, it is going to throw world financial markets into turmoil.”



## A STRONG MAN SOUGHT

The lead article in the very first mimeographed issue of the *Plain Truth* printed in February 1934 by Mr. Armstrong was titled: "Is a World Dictator About to Appear?" At that time, Adolph Hitler had been Germany's chancellor for only a year. It would be five years before Hitler launched World War II by invading Poland in September 1939. The article is even more prophetic now with the European Union teetering on the brink of economic collapse.

Just as Hitler emerged from the Great Depression as Nazi Germany's absolute dictator, the Bible shows a tyrant described as a "beast" will come forth from a bottomless pit to lead a unified Europe as emperor. Could that abyss be another Great Depression on the verge of plunging the entire world into an economic armageddon?

Many leaders are lamenting the lack of strong leadership as Europe faces its gravest crisis since World War II. Former German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt told *MarketWatch* on Dec. 7, 2010: "But I would say that, in general, Europe lacks leaders. It lacks people in high positions in the national states or in the European institutions with sufficient overview of domestic and international questions and sufficient power of judgment. ... Additionally, the present German government is composed of people who are learning their business on the job. They have no previous experience in world political affairs or in world economic affairs."

*Der Spiegel* reported on Jan. 6: "Experts and political scientists now say that populist parties can only succeed in Germany under a *charismatic leader*." It also declared in a Sept. 8 headline: "Europe Needs a Directly Elected Leader with Charisma."

Mr. Armstrong declared in 1956: "Today the stage is all set! At a certain moment, the new LEADER of this European combine will appear suddenly in the public eye. He's already behind the scenes – in action! But the world does not yet recognize him! He still works under cover. Perhaps



even this coming military-political leader does not yet know how many, or precisely which European nations will join in this United Nazi Fascist Europe."

In a Sept. 10 *New York Times* article, William Drozdiak said: "It's not like the 1930s, where the jackboots are going to be stomping into other countries. But having moved the

capital from Bonn back to Berlin, there has been a profound psychological change, shifting the center of gravity to the east, with Germany thinking more like a Central European power."

The Book of Revelation indicates the existing configuration of the European Union will drastically change as the EU and euro undergo an extreme crisis that threatens their very existence. Bible prophecy shows that Germany or modern Assyria will seize control of the final Holy Roman Empire and launch a nuclear blitzkrieg that will ignite World War III. History does repeat itself!



Astoundingly, God will use this European superpower as "the rod of His anger" to punish Anglo/American countries and unleash the Great Tribulation that will engulf the entire world. Its troops will "tread them down like mire in the streets. Yet he does not mean to do so, nor does his heart think so; But it is in his heart to destroy, and cut off not a few nations (Isaiah 10:5-7, 51:23)."

This Beast Power will be on a rampage for 3½ years (Revelation 13:5), the same duration as "the Gentiles ... will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months (Revelation 11:2)." Jesus Christ Himself warned: "And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled (Luke 21:24)." As Mr. Armstrong warned for more than 50 years, Germany is on the march once again!





# Handwriting on the Wall



By Tom Cooper

America, Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the Jewish state of Israel will soon experience total disaster as Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong strongly warns in “The United States and Britain in Prophecy,” which specifically details these modern nations as descending from the original ancient tribes of Israel.

The book also gives Biblical proof, making it impossible to not admit that these nations, among others, are indeed Israelites who have received blessings from God and who have turned their backs on God and His laws.

Further, it points out specific prophecies that describe the punishments God will impose to correct them shortly before Jesus Christ returns to earth to establish the Kingdom of God.

“The United States and Britain in Prophecy” was published more than a half century ago, starting out as a booklet. For those who don't believe the Holy Bible is the Word of God, Mr. Armstrong's book seems immaterial. For those who have proved God exists and found prophetic proof from the Bible, Mr. Armstrong's book is both eye-opening, accurate, educational and frightening.



Death from drought, famine, disease and nuclear war looms for our planet in the near future.

The end of our age, man's rule (under Satan's influence), is already in the meltdown stage – first for the English-speaking nations, then to unthinkable global tribulation and finally to “Armageddon”!

“*The handwriting is on the wall*” is a term derived from Daniel 5:1-5, 25-28 where a supernatural hand appeared



out of nowhere and scrawled a warning on the plaster of a palace wall as Babylonian King Belshazzar was hosting a blasphemous, idolatrous feast for a thousand participants.

It also conveys an ominous meaning for our respective nations' demise!

Just as it was for the Babylonian empire then, or Jonah's warning to ancient Nineveh (Jonah 3:1-3), real repentance is the only escape for individuals and nations when our Great Creator pronounces sentence.

## European Colossus

So, as the year 2011 unfolds, watch for signs leading to the European Union falling apart and being replaced with a papacy-backed empire consisting of 10 dictatorships likely composed of five western and five eastern nations.



This will be the last resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire. Britain will drop out before it forms or as the EU collapses.

In a Dec. 7 *MarketWatch* column, David Marsh, co-chairman of the Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum, wrote of his interview with former German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt (1974-1982).

Mr. Schmidt stated: "Over the next 20 years, I think it is rather likely, at least 51 percent likely, that a hard core of the European union will emerge." Then Schmidt explained why.

Coupled with an impending global financial disaster and collapse of the U.S., Europe faces a crisis leaving its countries with a choice: Align all the strongest nations and form a new power bloc or succumb to the worst Depression in history!

The prophecy to consider is found in Daniel 2:40-44, which describes this latter-day union of 10 toes, five on each foot, representing the 10 nations, which ultimately but not immediately will be smashed by a stone (v. 45), which represents Christ the Rock's Second Coming.

These 10 nations collectively will possess tremendous financial and military power.

Meanwhile, the English-speaking peoples are divided politically, financially bankrupt and militarily weak. They will be hit by terrible harvests and famine with related diseases to follow, culminating in millions of deaths!

Then, they will be easily conquered by this 10-nation powerhouse. Can this happen and why? This is what Mr. Armstrong's book convincingly proves and which God's Word shows.

## Rejecting God's Law

Americans especially don't believe or want to believe anything like this ever could happen to them. None of us do!

However, the handwriting indeed is on the wall and repentance will be far from their minds as one disaster after another strikes.

Isaiah 5:20 says: "**Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness: who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!**"

Verse 24: "Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, And the flame consumes the chaff, So their root will be as rottenness, And their blossom will ascend like dust; **Because they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts, And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.**"



Additional verses chronicle the disasters God will bring as punishment designed to bring the end-time Israelite nations to repentance. But, *notice the reason all of this happened:* "**Because they have re-**

**jected the law of the LORD and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.**"

Most churches today do not want to keep God's Ten Commandments and even preach against them. The real golden rule in this age is "**me first!**"! Inevitably, that attitude breaks the very First Commandment: "**You shall have no other gods before Me** (Deuteronomy 5:7)."



Christ explained this commandment: "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said to him, '**You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind**' (Matthew 22:36-37)." *God first, not yourself or your self interests!*

Obviously, teaching or obeying the very First Commandment means God has a say in how an individual lives or what a priest or pastor should be teaching. Sin is breaking God's law. Essentially, what they preach is: "*No law, no sin, and no need of a Savior.*" Are the Ten Commandments "suggestions"?

## Forgetting God's Sabbaths



Every person is allowed a choice; but all of the English-speaking nations have been so wealthy they have forgotten God who blessed them so.

After Christ returns, which starts His millennial thousand-year reign, notice what two prophets were inspired to write so we would know Christ's intentions during His rule:

1) Zechariah 14:16-19 tells us: "... **all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles**" or be punished with drought or even plague.

2) Isaiah 66:23 says: "... **And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me,**" says the Lord." Read the verses before and after. They leave no doubt Christ will not tolerate a "me first" attitude – only a humble "yes, sir" with obedience!

Keeping God's Fourth Commandment was important enough to Jesus Christ for Him to specifically point out His intentions when He returns and restores God's government to the entire earth. He did it way in advance so we would have no excuses.

Like stealing or murder, breaking God's Sabbaths is sin punishable by death. This isn't the "Christianity" the churches teach. Why not?



## Brink of Destruction

National sins? Us? Who, me? Since the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade ruling, there have been at least 53 million babies murdered via "abortion" in the U.S. alone, according to a U.S. government report published November 2010. Even that could be a conservative estimate.

Rejecting God's Word and therefore His law nationally has brought the United States to the brink of destruction. Acceptance of open adultery, fornication and sexual perversions as normal lifestyles is condemned by the Living God!

One would be an idiot to think there is no comparison between Sodom and Gomorrah and the United States. Politicians and federal judges are examples of how far down the nation has sunk.

Considering how God punished ancient Israelites for departing from Him and His law, destroying both Israel and Judah, sending survivors into captivity, we, too, are in for terrible destruction. God's Word is sure!

Repenting and turning to God and His laws are the only protection either individually or nationally.

This is what Mr. Armstrong's book "The United States and Britain in Prophecy" proves. ***This is the warning message he preached for more than a half century to try to wake people up.*** God help our people to accept it before it is too late to repent!

That book is available to read on the Church of God-Faithful Flock's web site at [www.cog-ff.com](http://www.cog-ff.com).





# Importance of Unity

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the branches and the final fruit. And the FRUIT borne you'll see is, well, I can't read it all from here. But it is LOVE, and JOY, and PEACE, and HAPPINESS, and ACCOMPLISHMENT, UNITY AND TOGETHERNESS, and ALL of those things are the fruit.



## THE TWO TREES

Now if Adam had taken of that fruit, he would have taken what came from the ROOT and up through the trunk of the tree. He would have had the Spirit of the LIFE of GOD. He would have had then the WAY OF GOD, and the SPIRIT OF GOD to give him the knowledge of that way, to give him the LOVE to FULFILL THAT WAY, to give him the POWER to LIVE that way and then to produce the fruit of PEACE, and JOY, and HAPPINESS, and of every kind of abundance and everything that mankind could want.

Now, on the other hand, there was another tree, and Adam had to make a choice. I can't see it very well from here. And I was just reminded before I came out, this was put together very hastily and I think one mistake was made. That looks like a dead tree, and in fact it is the tree of death, but actually that tree appeared very beautiful to Mother Eve.

It's when she saw that it was so beautiful, and good for food, and desired to make one wise that she took of it.

But the root of that tree is Satan, and the spirit of Satan coming up through the trunk. And then the various ways that it leads to are the ways of COMPETITION, of VANITY, EXALTING THE SELF even above God, of competition, of strife, of envy, of jealousy, of bitterness. As those who attended the morning service heard in the sermon this morning, the way of OPPOSITION, of DISHARMONY and DISUNITY in every way, and that ENDS IN DEATH.

The one tree was the Tree of Life; the other was the Tree of Death. One is the way of GOD; the other is the way of SATAN. I think perhaps we can even improve on these drawings yet, and we can have something that can be printed and put in books that will help illustrate that whole thing. It's the very foundation of the way life began and has continued on this earth.

Now the first man that God created, now God had first produced beings that were made perfect so far as their creation was concerned. There was the super archangel, Lucifer, who was placed over ordinary angels that were placed on this earth. God set a throne on this earth for GOVERNMENT, and He put this super archangel, Lucifer, on that throne to rule the earth.

He's still on that throne, by the way, and he still is ruling this world. And that's what most people don't even realize because Satan is an archangel. He is therefore a spirit being. He is invisible. He cannot be seen. He cannot be heard, felt, smelled, tasted.

And so the so-called scientists, and science, by the way, would better be called "fiction" if you really understand because there is so much science doesn't even know ... But they know nothing of spirit or spirit beings. But he is still there on that throne to this day.





## FREE MORAL AGENCY

Now he had been perfect from the day God created him until iniquity was found in him. But as you will read in my book *The Incredible Human Potential*, and many other writings, that God made him a free moral agent with a mind that still could make his own decisions. If God had made him so he could not do wrong, that he could not disobey, that he could not choose any other way but God's way of life, which is love, and peace, and joy, and happiness, then he would have been nothing more than a brainless machine.

But even machines have a certain kind of a brain today. You may not realize it, and yet most of you may realize it. Most automobiles today are pretty much made by robots, and that are machines that almost have a brain, and they work up to a certain extent, but it's all mechanical, and they only work the way they are set to work, but they don't think. They don't make decisions. They can't work any other way but just the way they are set to work, and they are a machine. There is no personality there.

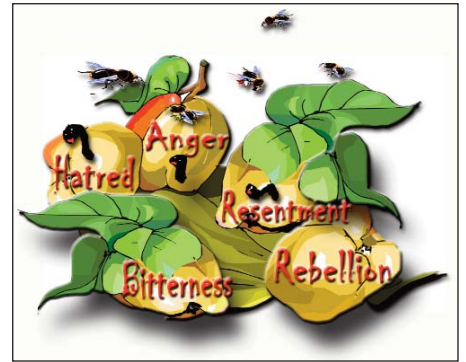


And that's the way it would have been if God had made angels so they **COULD NOT** sin. Angels are made so they **CAN** sin. They've been made to understand the consequences of sin, to understand that sin is wrong. But they've been allowed to reason that perhaps it isn't wrong after all, if they want to begin to reason along that line. And that's precisely what Lucifer did and led all of his angels under him to do. And God finally came to realize that no one but **GOD HIMSELF** could be relied on to have free moral agency, and who had the **POWER** of deciding otherwise, and the **POWER** of doing wrong and going the other way, but who would have the character to **NEVER DO THAT**. But to **ALWAYS** live the right way, the way that would pro-

duce happiness, and peace, and joy, and abundance, and production, and everything good. And so I think you might call the creation of angels, and their experience, an experiment.

Now God was not experimenting any further when He made humanity. Angels were given immortality and immortal life with the opportunity of turning the wrong way. He made man out of matter, which was necessary so that, if they turned the wrong way, they could be destroyed as if they had never been in the first place. They wouldn't have to go on suffering.

The most unhappy, the most wretched, personality, or being, in all the universe is Satan the Devil. He is suffering more than any personality that has ever existed. His suffer-



ing is mental and spiritual, and it's far worse than physical suffering. It's far worse than pain that can come physically. He suffers **BITTERNESS**, **RESENTMENT**, **HATRED**, anger, rebellion, and that cannot make one happy. It makes him miserable being unhappy, and he doesn't know how to get out from under it, and he never shall. He'll have to go on living through eternity in that unhappy situation.

So God made man so that he had to develop the character so that he **WOULD NOT** sin **BEFORE** he could **HAVE** immortality. That's why Adam had to make the choice, and those two trees represented that choice. Now, Adam took the wrong tree. And I've explained so many times how God then shut up that tree entirely from mankind until Jesus Christ, the second Adam, should come. It's just like blocking off this whole thing. Man had no access to the Spirit of God, to God through His Spirit.

Now God made man so he could have access to God through the Spirit of God by putting a spirit, a human spirit, in man. Man himself is wholly physical and material. But the spirit of man, a human spirit, is put **IN** him. It is not the man. It is no part of the man. It is just something in the man



that works with the brain in the man. That EMPOWERS the brain with intellect, EMPOWERS the brain to think, to reason, to decide, to plan, to design and to do some of the things even that God and only God can do.

## THE TREE OF LIFE

But man rejected that, and then God closed that tree until Jesus Christ would come AS the second Adam. And when Jesus Christ came, He came to open that Tree of Life all over again.

Now, in the meantime, this world has gone along. And I have shown you, brethren, in so many sermons recently and so many articles, how the Tree of Life has been closed to the world. And ONLY those that are first chosen and drawn by God Himself can even come to Christ, the second Adam. And it's only through Christ, the second Adam, who is the Son of God, that the Tree of Life may be opened to anyone today whatsoever.

Now to the one who is a real Christian, one who through Christ has come to God, the Tree of Life is opened, and they may take of the Spirit of God, and God's Spirit will come in to them to join with, co-habit with, the human spirit. And that joins them to God.

But that is not open to just anybody even today and so far as the world is concerned, they're still following this tree that Adam took, and they are still under that way of life. Now look at this world, before we come back to the Church now. In your Bible, things had not gone too long. We don't know very much about the history for the first approximately 1,500 years.

Then we come to the sixth chapter of Genesis, in the history of the world, beginning with verse five, **"and God saw that the wickedness of man,"** who had taken of the fruit of this Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. That is man going on his OWN concepts of good and evil, according to what he could decide with his own human spirit and his human brain, his human mind. **"God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every, thought and imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."**

Now, what Adam took was the Tree of the Knowledge of good AND evil, but man let the evil outweigh the good, and

you see inside of 1,500 years man had turned. Undoubtedly, some had had some high ideals and wanted to be good in the human sense. There are many today that do. But it had finally turned, after about 1,500 years, where God saw that the wickedness was great. Now, it doesn't say it was 100 percent, but it was great.



## THE FLOOD OF NOAH

And the Eternal said, **"I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes"** of the Eternal.

Then we come to the generations of Noah, and God gave Noah directions to build the ark. Then the Flood came and destroyed ALL that God had made, except He kept a male and a female of every species of animals, and except for the clean animals, so they could have them for food. There were more of those taken onto the ark. There was the Flood, and mankind started all over again with Noah, his three sons, their wives, and then the children that were born from them.

## LESSONS UNLEARNED



Well then, what did they do? You would think they would have learned their lesson, but they didn't because they didn't have the Spirit of God. They only



had the human spirit of man. And soon they wanted to unite, and unite themselves. And so, in the tenth chapter of Genesis and beginning with verse four in the (*eleventh*) chapter of Genesis. A little later on, God looked down and saw the people on the earth, **“and they said, ‘Go to, let us make us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven.’”** They wanted to go to heaven then, and people still think they can go to heaven. **“And let us make us a name, lest we be scattered *abroad* upon all the face of the earth.”**

Now they were going to have unity. So that they wouldn't be separated, they wanted to unify themselves. **“So the Eternal scattered them.”** He came down, divided their languages, and in verse 8, He scattered them, **“upon the face of all the earth,”** on all of the earth, **“and they left off to build the city.”**

And their effort, they wanted one race. God didn't intend them to have one race. He wanted peace and all of that, but He did want *RACIAL GEOGRAPHIC SEGREGATION*. That's something they don't realize today. They want integration. In the world, they want just THE OPPOSITE of what God decreed. God would have had racial segregation geographically, but there would have been peace between one race and another, even at a distance. But they would have been geographically some distance apart. If they had followed God's way and if they had God's Spirit, at least they would all be unified in spirit, but not for physical reproduction.



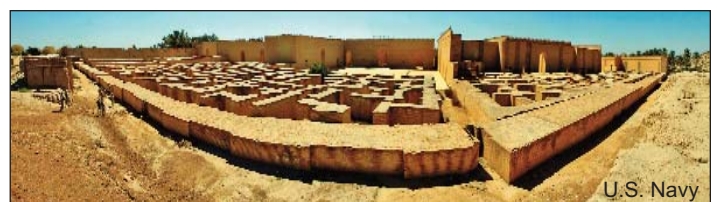
## NIMROD

So immediately after that came the beginning of organizing nations. So now we turn to the tenth chapter of Genesis and beginning with verse eight I think it is. Cush was from Ham. **“Cush begat Nimrod:”** and **“he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter”** wherefore, **“a mighty hunter before the Eternal; wherefore it is said, ‘Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Eternal.’”**

You see, the thing people had to be protected from at that time was the wild animals. He is the one who started building walls around the city to protect the people from the wild animals. Later on they built walls around the cities to keep the armies of other cities out. At first they were built, though, by Nimrod to protect them from the wild animals. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord.



**“And the beginning of his kingdom,”** now he began to have governments, **“the beginning of his kingdom was Babel,”** or Babylon, **“and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar,”** and **“out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh,”** or Asshur is apparently the father of Assyria. **“And builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah, and Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same is a great city.”**





Well, they had city-states for a while. That was the way men first began to organize as the population began to grow once again. There still were not millions or billions of people on earth. This was shortly after the



where they dominate over the lives of us, and every other nation on earth, and where their war lords exert themselves over everybody, and serve them, and we're just their serfs and slaves. And,

Flood. There were not too many people, but they built city governments. No nations yet, but gradually, nations came along. And after nations, Nebuchadnezzar got together the first empire uniting the nations, and we had the first empire. We read of that a great deal in the book of Daniel.

you know, we wouldn't call that peace, but that's their idea of peace.

But city governments then began to arm themselves against other governments, and there began to be strife. Not cooperation, but war, one trying to destroy the other, one wanting to dominate over the other. And governments were always self-motivated by those in charge of the governments. We come down to our time today, and we have modern attempts at peace by alliances between nations. But whenever you find an alliance, it is an alliance of certain nations against an alliance of other nations, and it's always to fight and to conquer. It's never for peace. It's for war.

So the cause of it was simply the way that Adam chose, which was vanity, exalting the self, me first, I want everything for me. And vanity, of course,



leads to greed. Since I am really greater than anybody, since I exalt myself and glorify myself, I must conquer everything and everybody else and rule over everybody else and make them subservient to MY will.



The object is by war to conquer all the others, and then to have peace by having it your way. For example, today I don't think there is anyone in the world that wants world peace any more than the Russian communists. They WANT world peace! Did you realize that, brethren? They want it Russian-style, however. They want world peace of the kind

## THE COMING OF MESSIAH

Now, in due time, God sent Jesus Christ, the second Adam, into the world. And in Matthew 16:18 we read how Jesus said, "**I will build My Church.**" Now we had here in the world that was really Satan's world. Adam took of that tree, and it became Satan's world. He is the root from which it all stems. Jesus Christ said that the people even who believed ON Him, but didn't obey Him and didn't believe HIM. They didn't believe HIM in the sense that they didn't believe what He said. They merely believed on Him, which means they believed He was the

Messiah, but they wouldn't believe what He SAID. They wouldn't DO what He said, and so He said that they were the children of their father the devil.

Now Jesus came to start a WHOLE NEW CIVILIZATION. He came to open up the Tree of Life, and to start a new civ-



ilization based on the Tree of Life. This world is based on this dead tree, and this whole world is going to DIE, and that tree may represent this world. This tree over here represents the Kingdom of God. And it's based on the POWER and the SPIRIT of God, on the WAY of God, which is the LAW of God. Now sin is the transgression of the LAW, and the law is a SPIRITUAL law. It's the law of love, first to God and then to man.

The whole law is summed up in the one word, LOVE. Then it's divided into two main branches – love to God and love to neighbor, human neighbor. The first four of the Ten Commandments, the love toward God, the last six, love toward neighbor. And that is the WAY of life that leads to immortality and everlasting life that leads to peace and all of the fruits that you see there, peace, and happiness, and joy, and patience.



## A NEW CIVILIZATION

Now Jesus came then to start a NEW CIVILIZATION. He didn't start, I have pictured this world as a building, and it's built on a foundation, and the foundation it's built on was an unstable foundation. This shows it, the foundation of that tree is the root. That's the foundation, and it's Satan. And Satan's WAY is the way of vanity, and the way of greed, the way of coveting, the way of competition, of envy, of jealousy, of bitterness, of strife, of violence, of war, of destruction, and of death. And this whole world is built on that foundation.

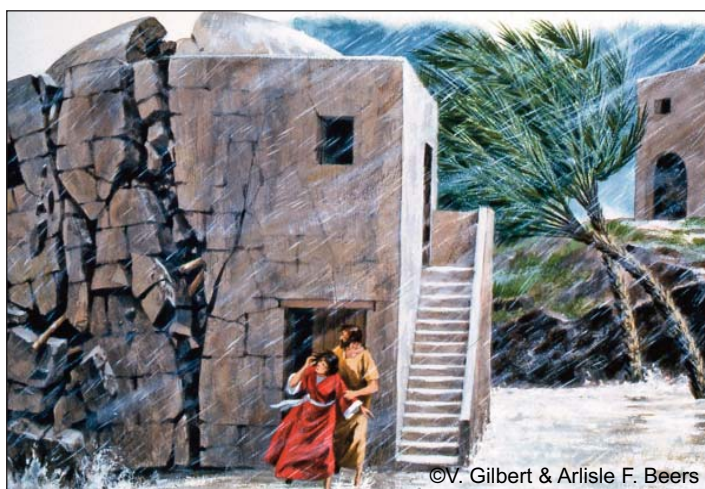
I think I read you, in the last sermon I had before I left, some of the Scriptures where Jesus showed the house built on the foundation of sand and how it crumbled and FELL, and great was the fall thereof. And that is only picturing



what is going to happen to THIS world based on the tree you see at my left over here, and you're right. It's going to FALL.

Jesus came to start another civilization altogether, through the Church. He didn't come to try to repair this and that structure of this Church.

You know, it's a strange thing. I was awakened this morning in a dream. I was in a rickety old house in the dream, and I was going to try to redesign it and turn some of its mis-arrangement into better rooms. I was thinking of a bedroom, and how they had to have a bathroom, and they had to have some of the things that I find in hotel rooms when I travel. You know, a wardrobe, a place to hang garments, and things like that.



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in sharing, and in giving, and in helping one another, and that kind of thing.

I Corinthians 1 and verse 10: This is the way this building is, this structure is built, which is the NEW building, the NEW civilization altogether. Where the apostle Paul said to the Church, which is this new structure, **“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye ALL SPEAK THE SAME THING, and that there be NO DIVISIONS among you; but that ye be PERFECTLY joined together in the SAME MIND and in the same JUDGMENT.”**

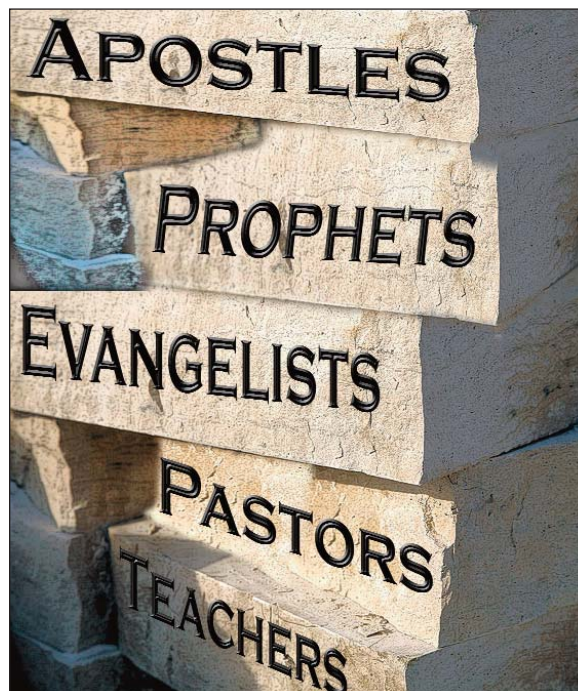
But it was a rickety old thing, and it was an awful job to try to fix it and patch it up. And I woke up and saw I was living in a nice warm bedroom. It was so much nicer than this old wreck of a thing I was trying to patch up in the dream. Well, I guess that's because I have been talking along this line. This world is a rickety old building, and it's about to crumble.

Now in Philippians for example he says, **“Let this MIND be in you, which was ... in Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5).”**

It has to come in the mind of Christ. Not in Sam Jones' mind, and Bob Smith's mind, and somebody else's mind, but in the mind of Jesus Christ. And that mind must be in all, and there must be no division. Now, in I Corinthians 12 and verse 5, he's speaking about the Spirit of God, and there are many different functions in the Church, many different activities, but it's one SPIRIT, one ATTITUDE, one MIND. And in verse 11 it had been speaking about how God gives certain abilities to one and certain other abilities to another, **“but all these,”** verse 11, **“worketh the one and,”** the same, **“selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man**

Now the Christianity of this world is a false Christianity. Satan has deceived it with a counterfeit Christianity. And that counterfeit Christianity says that a false Christ, not the real Christ at all, will reconstruct this old structure, this building that is this world, and repair it, and make it work. Now it's like a building where all of the water pipes and all of the plumbing pipes are rotten, and they don't work, the electric conduits, everything in it. And, if you try to repair everything like that, you're going to have an awful job, and when you get through, it's still going to be an old building.

Jesus came to start a new building, A NEW CIVILIZATION, which is built out of SOLID MATERIALS, out of LASTING MATERIALS. And lasting materials are SPIRITUAL! It's based on the LAW OF GOD, of LOVE first to GOD, and a contact with God, and then in context to your fellow man. Love toward him, in cooperation, and in service, and

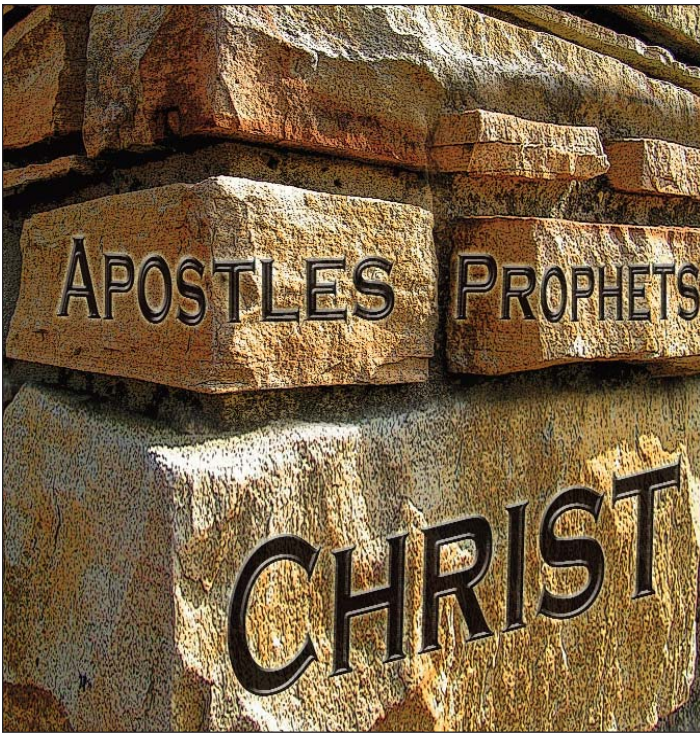


**severally as he will. For as the body,”** that's the Church, **“is one and has many members, and all the members of that ONE body,”** not several churches, not several organizations or bodies, only one, **“being many are one body; so also is Christ.”**

And that was verses 11 and 12. In verse five, **“there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.”**

But there's one Spirit through all, and there's the same attitude even though we have DIFFERENT offices, different jobs, different per-





Ephesus, but this is to the Church there. Nevertheless, in principal, it's to all of the Churches. You **“are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and of the HOUSEHOLD of God.”**

The CHURCH then is the HOUSEHOLD. It's the family of God. And the NEW WORLD, if you please, the NEW CIVILIZATION will be the FAMILY of God, a BORN FAMILY. And the family will be a togetherness family, ALL TOGETHER. There'll be one Head of the Family, who is GOD. The Husband underneath God is going to be Christ, and the wife will be the Church, and all the others will be the children that we have, that'll be converted through the Millennium and then born as children of God.

But, fellow citizens **“of the Household of God, And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ ... being the chief corner stone.”** There's the foundation, or like this tree over here, the root, which is the foundation of the tree, which is God Himself.

**“In whom all the building,”** and here you see the Church is compared to a building, and you can compare this whole

formances. But it's all the same attitude of love, and joy, and peace, and so on. Eleven and 12 and now verse (28), I wanted to read also, **“and God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets.”** And in this case, in the Church prophets are preachers. Prophecy means to foretell, like a prophet of the Old Testament, but prophecy also means to preach and a prophet therefore can be a preacher or one whom God inspires with prophecy for the future. But there are no prophets in the Church to whom God has revealed prophecy, but there are ministers. Apostles and then ministers, **“thirdly teachers,”** and **“after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of languages,”** and so on and so forth.

Now the Church is organized. And you'll notice verse 28, or did I read that now? Verse 28, how God has, yes, set some in the Church and in order, first apostles and so on. It's ONE Church, and it is organized.

## THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

Now we turn again to Ephesians, and in Ephesians the second chapter beginning with verse 19, **“Now therefore you,”** and by the way, he was speaking to the Church at



world to a building, and this civilization. **“In whom all the building fitly framed together grows into a holy temple in the Lord.”** That is the temple to which Christ is coming at His Second Coming.

**“In whom you also are builded together,”** into **“an habitation of God through the Spirit.”** In other words, God dwells in each one of us. And each single one of us, in his human body, his or hers, each human body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and God DWELLS within each one of us. And the MIND of God comes into our minds.



Now the mind of God is one of love, and of peace, and of cooperation. Jesus was God, and He had the mind of God, and He came as a servant to serve and to help. He is also Lord and Master, but He is the kind of a Master who serves and helps those over whom He rules.

## UNITY OF SPIRIT

Now in Ephesians 4 beginning with verse 3, where he speaks of, **“endeavoring to keep the UNITY in the Spirit in the bond of peace.”** The reason that we have that kind of unity today, and no longer the division that we had here five or six years ago, is that those who had not gone out were PUT OUT! They are not here to cause that kind of friction and trouble any longer.

**“Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”** It goes on to say, **“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all,”** and **we are all unified under the Father, “who is above all, and through all, and IN you all.”**

God the Father, through His MIND, through His SPIRIT, His very LIFE, IS IN EACH ONE OF US, till we become part of God even. And that's where the wonderful unity, and the peace, and the togetherness comes from, and why from now on you're going to see a different picture than in the past.

We're not going to be talking about many having left the Church. And that doesn't mean that everybody who comes in is going to remain faithful and endure to the end, either. It would be wonderful if that could be true.

Now let's see, verse 11, yes, now beginning with verse (10), and here again is the organization. Let's see, **“He that descended is the same also that ascended up,”** above all

the heaven, and so on, **“that He might fill all things. And He gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.”**

Now what I want is the purpose then of this organization. Why should we be organized? It's **“for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we ALL come in the UNITY,”** there is **UNITED TOGETHER.** Not competing one against another, but all of one mind, in one spirit, **“in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God,”** that's not knowledge about the Son of God, but the

knowledge OF the Son of God. That means His knowledge in us, in our minds.

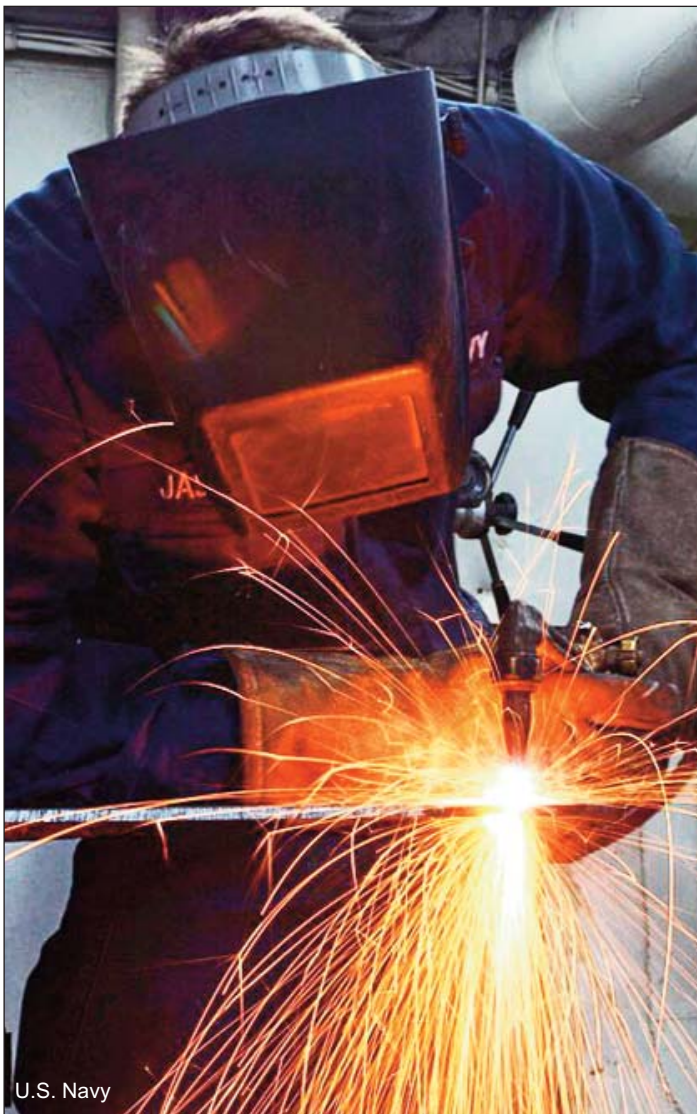
“Unto the perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more as children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men.”



We must all speak the same thing. We must all have the same mind. Now some people come with some crazy idea that doesn't agree with the truth of God. I'll show you what's going to happen in just a moment because there is going to be unity in the Church. We must all speak the same thing. There is one Spirit, and there must not be a different spirit coming in to upset that harmony and that unity that we have.

**“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the WHOLE BODY fitly joined together and COMPACTED,”** Just as if it's WELDED together, the one body, not two bodies, not different branches, not different sects and denominations, one a Methodist, one a Baptist, one a Presbyterian, one a Congregationalist, one a Church of Christ, another a Church of England, and so on. **“Compacted by that which every joint supplieth, and according to the (effectual) working in the measure of every**





part, that maketh increase in the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” And it’s love and unification bringing us all absolutely together. But now, how do we keep that unity?

## PRESERVING UNITY

You see, God created angels. He created a super archangel, the greatest of all, perfect in all his ways as God created him. And yet there was a mind that was able to decide wrong, and to disagree with God, and to have other ideas and opinions. Now he was kicked out of heaven, right back down to earth. Jesus Christ has conquered him, and he is going to even be removed from his throne on the earth ultimately. I mean, Satan is. And Christ is going to come and take that throne, and there is going to be peace.

Well, supposing that one even who has received the Holy Spirit changes his mind and wants to go off a different way,

and he begins to cause friction and trouble. Some will say "Yeah, you are still going to have friction in the Church." Oh, no. We are not, brethren. No, we're not! And I want to show you why. Next we have to turn back to Romans, the last chapter of Romans, the 16th chapter and verse 17 where Paul says, **“Now I beseech you, brethren, MARK them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and AVOID them!”**

Different doctrines. They are causing **DIVISION**. They are causing **TROUBLE. THAT IS WHAT WE DID HAVE IN THE PAST!** And the **REASON** that we had it was we said, "Well, we must be more loving and more kind and more good than God, and we must just leave them in among us." God says, **MARK THEM AND AVOID THEM!**

Now there are two ways we can avoid them, and only two that I know. One is if we leave them in the Church and we all go out.



We're no longer in the Church. The other is that we put them out, and we stay IN. Now brethren, I think we'd prefer to stay IN, and so our choice is going to be to **PUT THEM OUT!**

And I want to say to you that one of the greatest offenses that we have COMMITTED, and we didn't know it, and we didn't realize it, and we didn't do it maliciously or deliberately. We did it thinking we were doing it to be kind, and to not be too hard or tough, we ALLOWED that kind of people to **STAY IN UNTIL THEY TOOK OUT OTHERS WITH THEM!** The thing to do is just as soon as the ministers MARK ONE, OR SEE ONE who is contrary, who is causing division, who has other ideas, who is in a wrong attitude, to deal with that person quickly.

Now that doesn't mean be harsh and put them out immediately. We don't do it that way. But we go to that person, and we try to deal with that person kindly. We try to show that person where he is wrong. We try to see that he is not going to be contrary, but will see where he is wrong. Work with





him; and, if he will show a right attitude, he will get into a right attitude and all of the controversy will be over, and then there is no division in the Church. And, if we can save one, we will meet with him. We will pray. We will treat him with love.

But if we find he is in a HOSTILE and an antagonistic spirit, a spirit of hostility, of BITTERNESS, of strife, of resentment, **then we will not waste the time of day with him!** We'll say, "**YOU ARE EXCOMMUNICATED!** You are NO ARE LONGER A MEMBER OF THIS CHURCH! **YOU CANNOT ASSEMBLE WITH US ANY FURTHER!**"

The Church is going to remain united. Now, brethren, I repent of the fact that we have not been very careful on that point in the past. We are trying to be now. Now I have had a number of cases, not a large number, a very small number, but a few of ministers in the Church in this last three or four years. In some cases, they have had to be brought to me. In some cases, we have worked with them. We've found they were willing to come to a right attitude, or they already had a right attitude. What was wrong could be corrected. We have worked with them. We have saved them. They are continuing on, in harmony and in peace. We will work with them in every way we can, in LOVE, in PEACE. If they will have it that way, we want them to go into the Kingdom of God with us.

*If they are hostile, then they no longer belong in this Church. And we're going to be very stern about that thing*

*from NOW ON! And there will be NO DIVISION IN THIS CHURCH!* And that is the reason why now there is one government. Jesus Christ is the Head of that government. And I believe that Jesus Christ is going to be able to keep it, and protect it, and carry us right on. Now, the world has no way to eliminate opposition, competition, strife, division, discontent and unhappiness. God does give us a way to eliminate that from our midst.

Anyway, I just want to say that there was opposition in the Church in the first century, and it brought about a suppression of the true gospel. And the true gospel was not preached after about 22 years to the world. The Church itself continued on in the true gospel, and Jesus had said that the gates of the grave would never prevail against the Church.







Malachi the third chapter said one would come to prepare the way before the SECOND Coming of Christ. John the Baptist was a type of the one to come to prepare for the Second Coming of Christ. John the Baptist had come, his mission had been fulfilled. It was after that John was put in prison that Jesus even BEGAN with His ministry and preaching the Gospel.

### DOCTRINAL TEACHINGS RESTORED BY THE ELIJAH

#### MANY DOCTRINAL TEACHINGS LOST

Now, as the Church went on, gradually they lost certain points of truth and of doctrine. Actually, when I came among the Church, which was about 57 years ago. And about the first seven years I was working with the Sardis people, before the present era, or the Philadelphia Era of the Church became distinctly different, and we date that, of course, as to 50 years ago where this is our 50th anniversary year.

I might read finally in Matthew the (17th) chapter beginning with verse 10, Jesus had shown them the Kingdom of God in a transfiguration in the beginning of the (17th) chapter of Matthew. While the disciples had seen Jesus with Moses and Elijah in the Kingdom, so they got to asking Him about Elijah. And His disciples asked Jesus saying, “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must first come?”

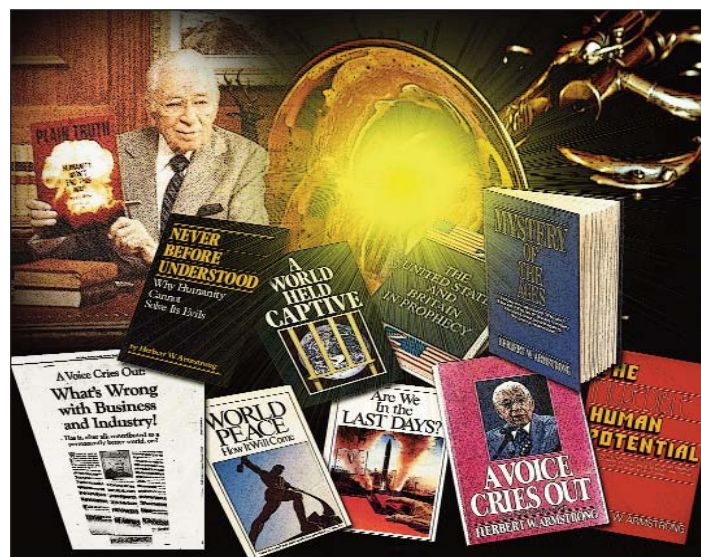
Now actually, John the Baptist had come in the power and spirit of Elijah preparing the way before Jesus’ First Coming, but the prophecy in

unto them, “Elijah truly SHALL first come.” Now, this is after John the Baptist had ALREADY come and had finished his mission. “Elijah truly SHALL come and RE-STORE all things.”

The Church lost so much of its truth. Now, there were three elements, BASIC elements of truth that the Church still had when I first came among them. That was the name of the Church, the Church of God, named after its Father and it’s the children of God so it’s named after the Father’s name – God, the Church of God. Then we had the Church of God at Corinth, the Church of God in Jerusalem, the Churches of God in Galatia. So in the Bible it modified the location

of the Church as to where they are located and so on. Well, we do that today. Today it’s not in any one place, or city, or district. It’s worldwide, so we call it Worldwide Church of God, which is true according to the Bible, the correct Bible name of the Church.

They had the tithing system, with tithes holy to God, and something else that is holy to God, His Sabbath day.







And they had the truth of the law of God, and they knew that sin was the transgression of the law. There were 17 other major points of doctrine that they had lost, and God has restored all of those to the Church through His apostle. Now all 20 are here, and if more are to be restored, we shall accept them as fast as God reveals them. But the Church has been making itself ready.

### ROTTEN APPLES

Now, finally, I want one last scripture, and that's back in the 21st chapter of Revelation and the last verse of the 21st chapter, speaking of the Kingdom of God, **“there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defiles, neither whatsoever works abomination, or makes a lie, but they that were written in the Lamb's book of life.”**

In other words, there will not enter into the Kingdom any that are contentious, that are breaking God's laws and God's Commandments that are in a wrong attitude or a wrong spirit. They are not going to enter the Kingdom of God. God will not let them enter there, and yet some liberals would think we should let them enter and stay in the Church until they have ruined every member of the Church.

It's a great deal like having a crate of apples. If you have one rotten apple, it'll rot the ones next to it if you leave it there. If we can't, and if he insists on remaining hostile, resentful, bitter, antagonistic, of a contentious or a hostile attitude, he will be marked, and he will be disfellowshipped,

and the Church is going to remain united in love, and in harmony, and in peace.

### BLESSINGS IN UNITY

God help us that we will never again have to talk about many who have left the Church. I don't like to hear that. I don't mean that as a criticism of those who have mentioned it. There were lessons to be learned, but I am just sorry it's had to be, and God has shown us how to correct that so it will not happen in the future. And we are going to have happiness, and truth, and God is going to bless this Church from now on, as He has never blessed it in the past.

Many blessings have come as a result of my trip that I have just concluded. Many more are coming. Other things have opened up, even in the day or two that I have been back. God is working to open up BIG openings and BIG opportunities ahead for this church, some that are much bigger than I can reveal to you right now. But I am just immensely thankful and grateful to God for what He is doing; and, if we will follow Him and follow Him honestly in love and in peace, He will bless us. Now I will say that everything has continued well while I have been gone. Mr. Neff said "Everything except the finances," and I rather laughed, and then he told me the increase in the month of January over a year ago, and I laughed, and I said, "And you say everything except that?"

Well, it could have been bigger perhaps, but I will say I am very grateful that it was as good as it was. And God is going to bless us according to how well we serve and obey Him, and how close we keep to Him. He will bless us, and bless the whole Work, and bless the Church from now on.



**Editor's Comment:** To make room for this sermon to fit into an article, it was necessary to edit out a large portion from it. However, what was removed did not take away from the subject matter. For those who would like to have the complete sermon, please write or call and it will be mailed to you on a CD or Cassette.

**Alton "Don" Billingsley**





## Grain shortages, soaring prices, food riots mar 2011's beginning

**V**iolent food riots in Iran, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and Mozambique and mounting protests in India, Jordan, Indonesia and elsewhere at the very outset of 2011 are alarming many government officials.

They fear **extreme weather conditions** that have wiped out thousands of acres of crops in the world's largest grain exporting nations portend **skyrocketing prices** and **wide-spread uprisings** throughout the world as the new year begins.

In 2008, higher grain prices triggered food riots and protests in nearly three dozen poor countries, including Egypt, Indonesia, Mexico, Kenya, Somalia, Burkino Faso and Cameroon. Philippe Chalmin, a French economic adviser, said Jan. 6 that violence could especially flare this spring because of a spike in cereal grain prices.

"I'm very concerned. ... For the cereals, I expect very strong tension around March, April. There are no more stocks available with the large exporters," Chalmin told the Bloomberg news agency, which reported that corn prices rose 52 percent and wheat prices 47 percent in Chicago last year.

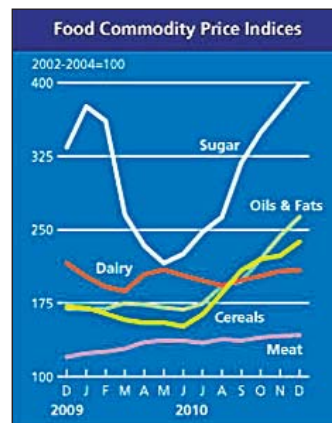
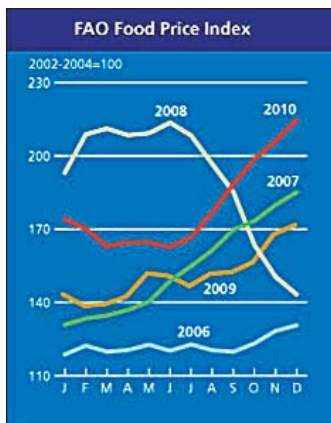


FOOD RIOTS IN ALGERIA

The *Washington Post* reported on Jan. 14: "The state of emergency in Tunisia has economists worried that we may be seeing the beginnings of a second wave of global food riots. Battered by bad weather and increasing demand from the developing world, the global food supply system is buckling under the strain."

The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) announced that its food price index jumped 32 percent to an all-time high in the second half of 2010, "surpassing the previous record, set in the early summer of 2008, when deadly clashes over food broke out around the world, from Haiti to Somalia," the *Post* reported. "We are entering a danger territory," a top FAO official warned.





Estimated corn reserves were cut to about half the level in storage at the start of the 2010 harvest; soybean reserves are at the lowest levels in three decades, and the ratio of stocks to demand is expected to fall later this year to "levels unseen since the mid-1970s," msnbc.com reported Jan. 14.

"I haven't seen numbers this low that I can remember in the last 20 or 30 years," Dennis Conley, a University of Nebraska agricultural economist, told MSNBC. "We are at record low stocks. So if there is any kind of glitch at all in the U.S. weather, supplies are going to remain tighter, and we might see even higher prices."

**Many mainstream news media outlets and economists are starting to realize that massive grain shortages, steeply rising food costs and worsening hunger in Third World countries pose a grave threat to the global economy and world peace.**

These ominous end-time developments were predicted hundreds of years ago in Bible prophecy and are coming to pass with alarming speed! So far this year, corn is up 63 percent; wheat, 84 percent; soybeans, 24 percent; and sugar, 55 percent in price!

As the *Philadelphia Remnant* recently forewarned regarding the **black horse of famine** described in the Book of Revelation: "The **black horse** symbolizes grain shortages, steeply rising food costs and mass starvation, which is beginning to accelerate as the **black horse** starts to gallop throughout the world! ... This scene described by the Apostle John shows extreme inflation and severe grain shortages. No longer will food costs be relatively inexpensive!" ("The Black Horse Gallops," September/October issue)

"The price of grains began to rise last fall after fires in Russia wiped out hundreds of thousands of acres of grains and heavy rain destroyed much of Canada's wheat crop. The problems were followed by hot, dry weather in Argentina that devastated the soybean crop of the key exporter. This month, floods in Australia destroyed much of the country's wheat crop," the *Washington Post* reported. Much of the Ukraine's grain harvest also was eradicated by extreme heat.

JP Morgan, a major investment bank, said Australian food prices could rise as much as 30 percent in coming months as a result of devastating floods in the Queensland region, which is one of the world's largest exporters of wheat and sugar cane. Other grains, fruits and vegetables also have been adversely impacted.

"The bank's chief economist in Australia said 50 percent of crops had been affected by the floods, with 20 percent wiped out," the BBC reported on Jan. 11. Flooding also damaged crops in Pakistan last year.

In a Jan. 12 article, the *Financial Times* reported: "The world has moved a step closer to a **food price shock** after the U.S. government surprised traders by cutting stock forecasts for key crops, sending corn and soybean prices to their highest level in 30 months."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the nation's 2010 corn stockpiles will fall to 745 million bushels or 18.9 million tons, the lowest since 1996. It predicted that **global corn production will plunge by 20.1 million tons**, 17 percent worse than expected in December.



ONION/POTATO VENDOR IN INDIA WITH SCALES



U.S. soybean stockpiles may slide to 3.82 million tons before this year's harvest from 4.49 million tons estimated last month and 4.1 million tons last year, the USDA said. Global soybean inventories were projected at 58.28 million tons before the next harvest versus 60.1 million tons estimated in December and 60.2 million tons a year ago.

Meanwhile, soybean production in Argentina, the world's third-largest producer, is forecast to fall 15 percent to 47 million tons this year because of severe drought. India's billion people are seeing food prices rising at an annual rate of 18 percent – with the steepest increases for onions and potatoes, which have doubled in price.

“Some experts warned that the world could be on the verge of a ‘nightmare scenario’ of cut throat competition for the control of shrinking supplies,” the Telegraph reported on Jan. 7, noting millions of the world's poor must spend 80 per cent of their income on food. Adding 80 million people a year, the world's population is expected to soon exceed seven billion. A sharp increase in prices could be catastrophic.

Lester Brown, Earth Policy Institute president, told the *Telegraph*: “The reality is that the world is only one poor harvest away from chaos. We are so close to the edge that politically destabilizing food prices could come at any time.”

Brown said if a heat wave were to hit Chicago and the Midwest (the U.S. breadbasket), like what scorched Moscow and Russia's crops last year, the U.S. harvest could slump 40 percent, spiraling prices “off the chart” and causing “the global economy to start to unravel.” Such weather extremes are increasing, he noted.

In the Jan. 10 issue of *Foreign Policy*, Brown observed: “In France, Germany, and the United Kingdom, wheat yields are no longer rising at all. These three countries together account for roughly one-eighth of the world wheat harvest.”



**FRANTIC MOZAMBIQUE RESIDENTS BUY BREAD IN A PANIC**

He predicted the unrest in recent weeks is “just the beginning. ... It is ... spreading food shortages and rising food prices – and the political turmoil this would lead to – that threatens our global future.”

Revelation 6:5-6 describes this frightening development with graphic symbolism: “When He (Christ) opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, ‘Come and see.’ So I looked, and behold, **a black horse**, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, ‘A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.’”

This scene shows extreme inflation and severe grain shortages. *No longer will food costs be relatively inexpensive!* Christ showed in the parable of the vineyard workers that **a denarius**, a form of Roman currency, **was a full day's wage!** (Matthew 20:1-2)

The **black horse** symbolizes a time when a full day's wage will buy only about a quart of wheat and only three quarts of barley for extremely expensive loaves of bread! *No longer will bread be abundant or inexpensive!*

**Look for global food shortages to become more acute, prices to soar and tensions to escalate into violence in 2011 as hungry people turn desperate and Bible prophecies are fulfilled in greater intensity!**





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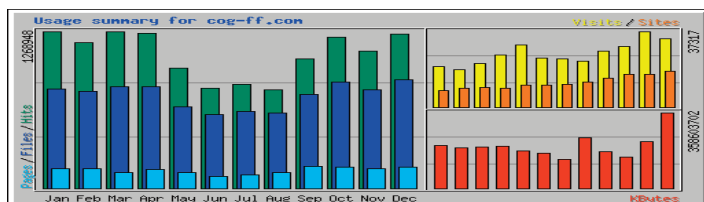
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