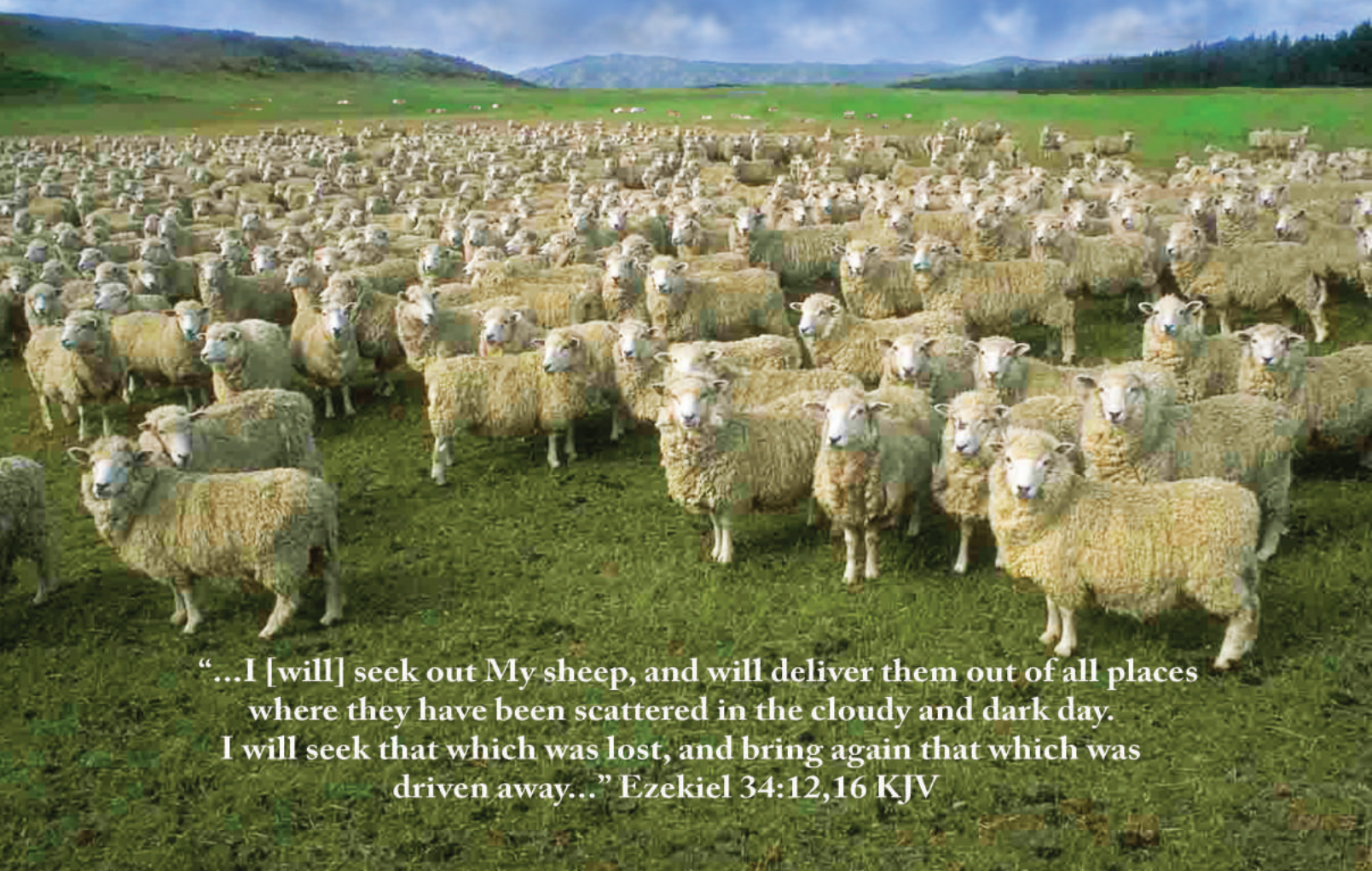


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“...I [will] seek out My sheep, and will deliver them out of all places  
where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.  
I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was  
driven away...” Ezekiel 34:12,16 KJV



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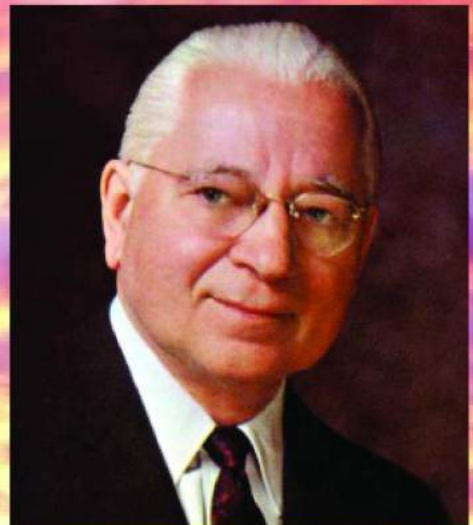
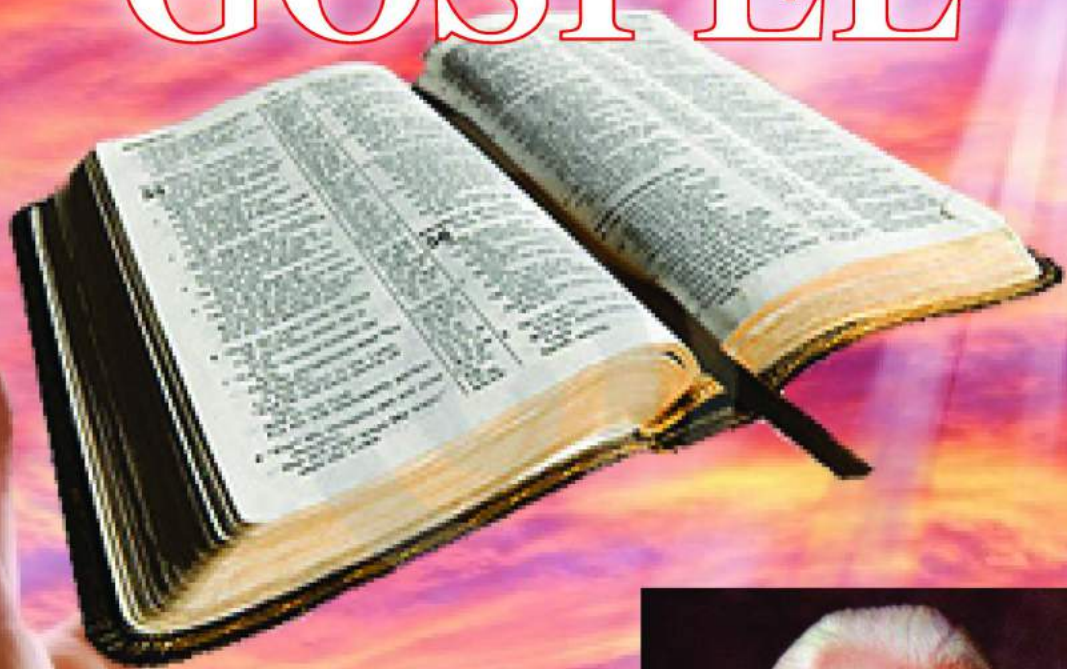
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# CREATION AND THE GOSPEL



**By Herbert W. Armstrong**  
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Well, greetings everybody once again this afternoon; And I am so happy to be back once again on this platform, in front of this microphone, before all of you.

That song "Jerusalem" means something very special to me right at this moment because I am due to arrive in Jerusalem, I think it's the 30th of June. I'll be there until after the 4th of July. The city of Philadelphia has donated to the state of Jerusalem, or the nation of Israel I should say, an exact replica (an exact duplicate) of the Liberty Bell.

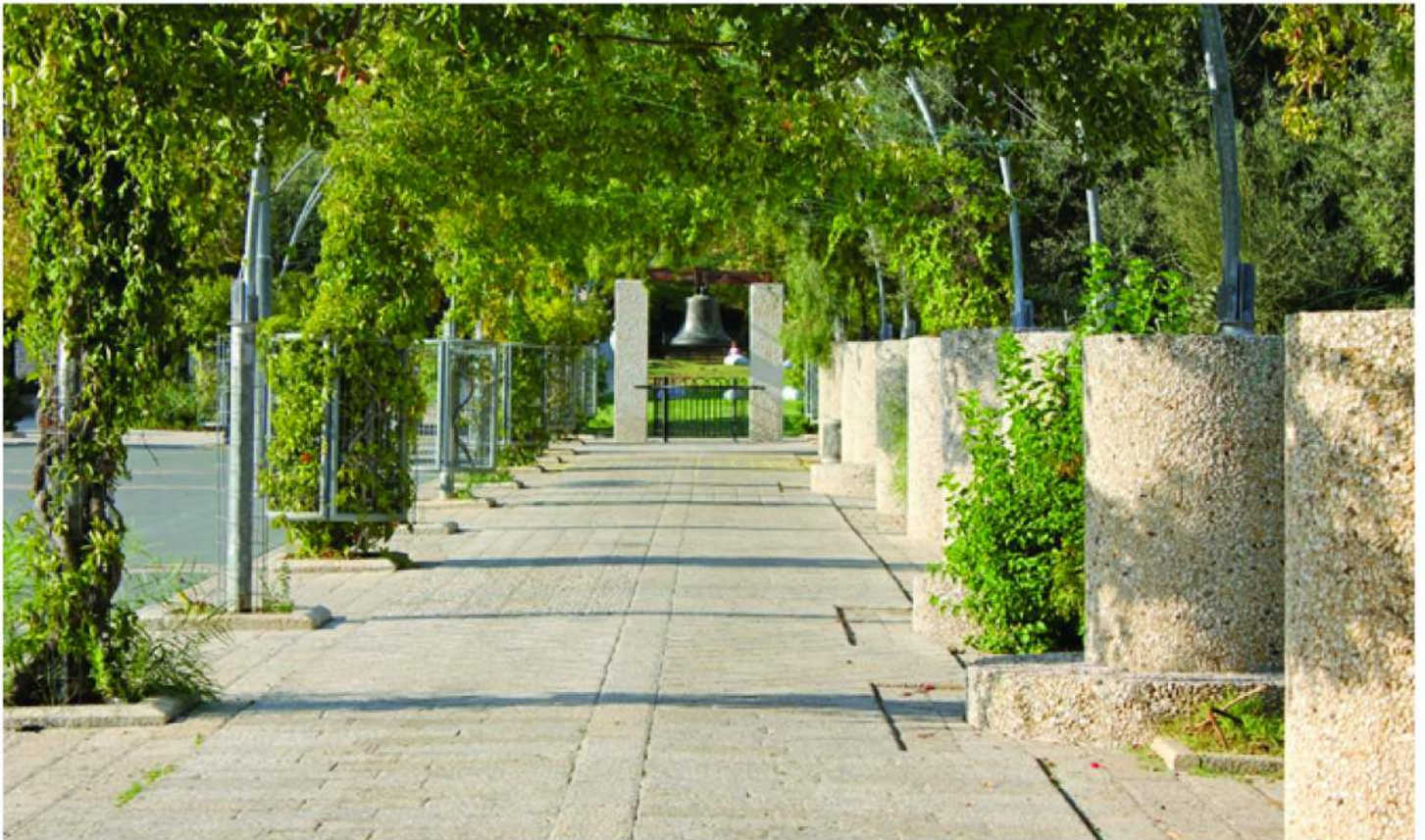
big Liberty Bell is right at the entrance of the park.

I agreed to help with it and to take care of the construction of the children's playground right at the entrance. Now it is complete, and it is to be opened to the public and dedicated on July the 4th, America's Independence Day. And it is an independence park and has very great significance to the United States. You might say that the United States has kept the nation of Israel alive.

You know there's been a great deal of debate in the last few days in Congress about sending

the United States will send to Israel.

Anyhow, we hope for peace. We know there's not going to be too much for a while. Then is coming the great time of peace when Christ comes back to set up and to restore the government of God on this earth and set up the Kingdom of God. I hope to show you this afternoon the difference between the government of God and the Kingdom of God, because they are not synonymous.



And Mayor Teddy Kollek, the mayor of Jerusalem, came to me about oh, a year and a half or maybe almost two years ago. He wanted to build a big park in downtown Jerusalem. There was none. He felt one ought to be there; and he wanted to call it the Liberty Bell Park, and this

arms to Israel, and Saudi Arabia, and to Egypt. But it seems like that's been settled finally by increasing the number of jet planes that

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## **Affiliation with the Seventh-Day Church of God**

Now just by way of a very, very brief announcement, I want to say that in the early days of my conversion, going back 50 years ago up in Oregon (and we were



living in Portland, Oregon at the time) I was beginning to fellowship with the Church of God people up there.

Now we find various eras of God's Church in the 2nd and 3rd chapters of Revelation, and that was what we call the Sardis Era. You read of it in the beginning of the first several verses of the 3rd chapter of the book of Revelation.

There was a mix-up in the Church. It was divided. And the man who had been the real leader of the Church, Andrew Dugger, had lost out by one vote. They were voting. They still had more Bible truth than any other church on earth; but they had lost a great deal of the original truth, which God has restored through me. And one of the things that was lost was on Church organization. Then Mr. Dugger left and, with another man, went to Salem, West Virginia and organized what he called the Bible form of organization of the Church.

Now we in Oregon knew that it was not the Bible form of organization at all. It was a true misapplication of some of the scriptures. The result is my mind was pretty much mixed up on just what is the form of executive organization in the Church. That is a thing that was hardest for me to understand, and it took longer for me to come to an understanding than anything else in the Bible. Now it is all clear.

### Mistakes Corrected

I have made a mistake in the past because of that misunderstanding, although I have always known that God's form

is government from the top down. Now this is too big a subject for me to go into in this one sermon, because I have something else that I think takes precedence and is so important I don't want to neglect it. But there will be an article in the Worldwide News thoroughly explaining that.

Now, let me just say that my recovery permits me to take the active position in the executive management of God's Work; and due to this, the announced changes in administration have been made. And now the Church is organized God's way, and it will have God's blessing. It will go forward.

We expect to go forward now in radio broadcasting, getting back where we once were on the big radio stations coast to coast. It's very hard to get them to open up time; but we are doing everything we can. And that we will soon be daily, seven days a week, around the clock, on radio coast to coast.

I know that's what the brethren all over the United States and Canada want. And of course, so far as other countries are concerned, we can't reach them with those same programs.

I'd like to read right at this point a verse that was my mother's favorite verse in all the Bible. It's the one 133rd Psalm, and verse 1. ***Psalm 133:1* "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"**

We are in real unity, and the Work will go forward as never before. I'm sure I can promise you that on the authority of Jesus Christ.





## GOD'S APOSTLE

Now let me just say that God has put one apostle in His Church. I have never claimed to be that apostle – that is, I didn't originally – until I found that all of the Church recognized it anyway. And I would just simply point to 50 years of the fruits, and what has happened, and what God has done, and how He has used me in the last 50 years.

You know when John the Baptist sent some messengers to Jesus, when Jesus was on earth, to ask Him whether He was the promised Messiah, Jesus didn't say, "Yes." He didn't say, "No." He said, "You go tell John what you see being done. Tell him the

million years. Christ Himself selected me, and laid on me the Great Commission of getting the gospel of the Kingdom of God (which is the good news of the coming government and kingdom of God) to all the world. Now that's why I've had to be away from here and in the capitals of the world for the last several years, a great deal; and again I will have to be.

Now I am planning to leave here on the 25th of June. I will be a few days in London, just in case I need a little resting up from that trip (because it is around, I don't know, an 11, 12, 13-hour flight). And then on the 30th of June we will fly on over to Jerusalem, and special plans

Airport instead of the airport that is the only one that has been open in Israel at all, which is near Tel Aviv.

And then you have a long full hour's automobile ride to Jerusalem. Well, I hope that we'll be able to land at the Jerusalem Airport, and they're trying to get special provision for that. I think that I will inaugurate the Liberty Bell Park with the inauguration prayer. And I will dine with the mayor, Teddy Kollek. Incidentally, he's been here and spoken to the college students; and he's a very good friend of mine.

Now, let me just say that I was never called to get into the college business. God called me to get the message that He sent by Jesus Christ, which is the good news of the coming Kingdom of God. Since it is good news of what is going to happen, it amounts to an announcement.

It is not a soul-saving mission to convince people that it's true, or get people to agree. It doesn't make any difference. Whether you agree or you disagree, it's going to happen – because God is going to do it!

We're not going to do it. It's going to be done to us. But God is going to FORCE this world to have peace and to be happy, and tell people how to really enjoy life for the first time in 6,000 years. And that's going to happen soon, in our lifetime.



fruits that you see, and he will know." [*Matthew 11:1-6*]

Well, no man made me an apostle; and men cannot elect an apostle. That would never have the approval of God in a

are being made that our plane can land right at the Jerusalem

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## Mission of Ambassador College

Now as I say, I was not called to get into the college business. But in the first years of my ministry, I held six-week





evangelistic campaigns in many towns and villages up in Oregon. And always there were converts, and I would organize a small local church; but there was no minister.

Now when the sheep have no shepherd, they do fall prey to the wolves or they run astray; and that's exactly what I saw happening. I saw that we had to have ministers in the churches. That I needed educated personnel to serve under me, and to help me in the many other facets of the administration of the Work of God.



And that's why Ambassador College was started. Then later God opened the college in

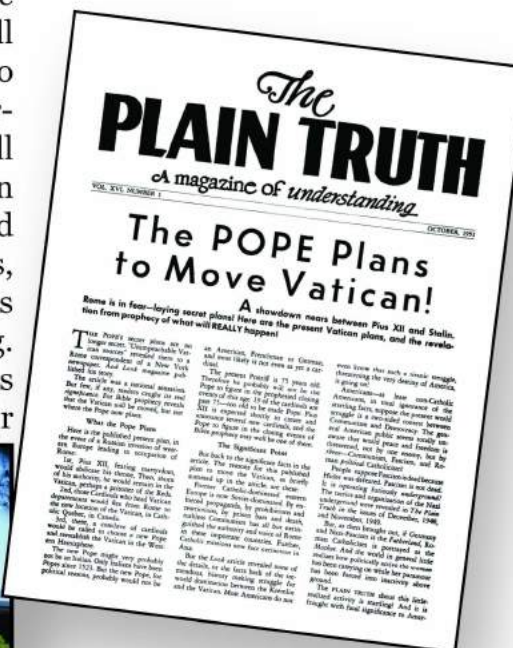
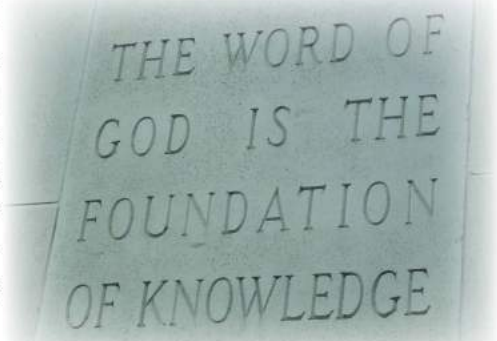
England, and we were all of us that saw it and were at the top at the time, were convinced that God had shown us that He wanted a college over there. And then even after that, about 1963 or '64, the college in Big Sandy, Texas.

Now we had the three campuses. God blessed it, and we now have in the neighborhood of 700 ordained ministers around the world. We have an educated ministry. We have many people in top executive positions that are Ambassador College graduates. And, actually the mission of the college has been fulfilled.

So we've come to see that the operation of a full 4-year liberal arts college is no longer necessary to fulfill the Great Commission. That's what I've been called to do. That's what my life has been devoted to, and will continue to be devoted to. So the college has closed its undergraduate program, and will continue to operate only in schools for ministerial and biblical studies. In other words, we will no longer have courses for job or professional training. All the colleges and universities of this world, they devote their

time mainly to teaching people for the various professions, various jobs or positions. And this college has never had that, except partially. But to what extent we have, that will now be eliminated; and it will be, as I said, a school for ministerial and biblical studies.

This school, by the way, is a fulfillment of the concept that I invented and that I had back in 1951. And just



this morning a copy of The Plain Truth from that time was shown to me, where it is stated out. And I am glad that we are doing what God has shown us must be done. That will greatly reduce the expenses and allow



funds to be spent for the radio broadcasting and for getting the gospel around the world, which is the thing that we will be committed to from now on.



In other words, I wonder if you have seen and we have stores here in this area of unfinished furniture. It is furniture that is made complete except the polishing, or painting, or finishing has not been put on. Now you can buy very fine furniture that way if you can finish it yourself and save a lot of money.

Well, in a sense, that is the way God created the earth and the other planets around the world. He put the angels here to finish it, to build it up, to glorify it, to make it more and more beautiful. In order to do that, as I explained last night, He put His government over those angels.

And to do that, He sat a super-archangel (one of the three top ones that He's ever created) on a throne to administer the government of God.

But that {1} super-angel did not administer the government of God. Rather he led his people into the very opposite; Instead of building up, tearing down; Instead of light and truth, darkness and error. And instead of love, it was vanity and all of the things that we call human nature (which do, incidentally, come from the Devil and not from God) -- vanity, lust, and greed, envy and jealousy, a spirit of competition and strife and violence and tearing down.

So I read to you last night of the angels who sinned, and they are now demons. And the archangel Lucifer has had his name changed from Lucifer, which means shining star of the dawn (which he is not any longer); and God has named him what he now is -- Satan, which means adversary, competitor, rival, or

## God Created Angels

Now last night I told you that above all God is the Creator. But God also is perfect, holy, and righteous character. God first created angels and put them on the earth. He created angels BEFORE He had created the earth and the physical, material universe. He put them here to have a part with Him in Creation.

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the one working against you.  
That's what Satan is doing.



## Choosing Godly Character

The one most necessary thing -- the one that is first of all in God Himself -- is holy, righteous, perfect spiritual character.

The angels were made of spirit, not of matter. But there's one thing, as I explained last night, God cannot just create as it is and as a finished work of creation, and that is that kind of character.

That must be participated in. Of course, it has to come from God; but the angels had to make the decision, and man has to make the decision. And it's like God said before Israel. He said, "**I have set before you light and darkness, truth and error, God's way of love and the other way of hate, and jealousy, and envy.**" And He said, "**CHOOSE!**"

Humans have to choose. He said, "Choose God's way."


Now, of course, He never forces anyone to do that. We are creatures of free choice. And character can only be built by those who have made that choice, and who have then opened their minds and their hearts to God to put His love, His Holy Spirit, His character within them.

Now unless you have come to that point, unless you have repented of the way of this world -- as I say, of vanity, lust and greed, jealousy and envy, and competition and strife -- you are not on the way to that kind of character.

I told you last night that the angels went the wrong way. That left only God in the Person ... As I explained last night from **John 1:1**, one was God and one who was the Word. Now the Word later, about 2,000 years ago, was made flesh and dwelt among us. In other words, it was Jesus Christ; and God then became His Father. He had been with God for all eternity. There never was a time when they did not exist.

Now don't try to understand that, because your minds can't understand it; but nevertheless you can't imagine it any other way either. You can't imagine anything else. Where did God come from if He hasn't always existed?





## Creation came to be in Chaos and Confusion

Anyway, the angels failed and did not go ahead; and the result is (we read it in the 2nd verse of Genesis 1):

**Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

But, as I say, there was part of that Creation that He did not finish at that time, and like the unfinished furniture; and the angels were intended to finish it, they didn't.

**Genesis 1:2** And the earth was [or, had become] without form, and void.

That comes from the Hebrew words, *tohu* and *bohu*, which really means chaotic, in confusion, waste and empty or deteriorated.

And that was the thing that had come to the earth. It was covered by water. It was in darkness. The sun was no longer shining. Lucifer had been a bringer of light, but he

had turned to darkness. And even the sun was not shining. Genesis 1:2 And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

The Spirit of God was there. Now I'd like to read to you from the {2}104th Psalm and verse 30. **Psalm 104:30** "Thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created: and Thou RENEWEST the face of the earth."

Now notice that. God renewed the face of the earth. That's what you read of in Genesis 1:1. Not the original Creation at all! In verse 1: Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens [and it should plural] and the earth.

But He put angels here first; and they had turned the wrong way, and turned light into darkness -- righteousness into sin.

And so now, here was the Spirit: **Psalm 104:30** "Thou sendest forth thy Spirit ..."

Here was the Holy Spirit of God over the watery surface. There was no land. It was all water.

**Genesis 1:3** And God said, **Let there be light: and there was light.**





The first thing God did was to restore light upon the earth. Now we are not told just how that light was. Because apparently it did not come from the sun because the sun did not shine on the earth until what is mentioned in the 4th day of this 7-day creative week – which is not the original Creation but the renewing of the face of the earth for man.

Now then, as I said last night, when the angels had sinned, God was the only One ... God and the Word (who was to become Christ but had not yet become Christ), the only Ones! And you could say it was the God Family – those Two – who would not, and therefore could not, sin.

God had to have people that He knew could be relied on never to go the wrong way, to do the job He wanted done. Not only this earth, but the whole vast universe!

This earth was a training ground. If the angels had made good, they would have gone on to Mars and Jupiter and Saturn and then after this solar system, to other planets of our galaxy and then to other galaxies. But they failed!

And deterioration, it came to various planets. And that's the condition we find on the moon, and now we find it on Mars. As I said last night, the first pictures of Mars -- photographed right on the surface of Mars -- were shown on a screen right on this

platform by people about 5:05 to 5:10 in the morning when they began to come through. And I ... in fact some of you were here, and I was. I got in about 5 minutes before five, because I knew I'd been checking on when the picture would come through; and I was here in time for it.

### After His Kind

Now God had to do something because He had tried angels, spirit beings composed of spirit. They are not composed of matter at all. There was no matter and no material universe when He first created the angels. They were already here when He created the material universe and the earth. And I read that to you in the 38th chapter of Job last night. But it left only God, who had that kind of character and who could be entrusted to go on with the Creation and carry the Creation to its ultimate limit -- because, first of all, God is Creator; but He rules over His Creation. And He was the One who is the basic Source of truth, and knowledge, and understanding to those that He creates.

A lot of people don't understand that much about God, which is too bad. Anyway, God now saw that the only way was to reproduce Himself. To do that, He knew it was necessary to make man in His form and His image. God is formed and shaped just like we are. He looks like us except, instead of our pale faces and other colors of faces, God's face shines like the very sun for brightness.





It'd probably put your eyes out if you looked straight at it because His face is so bright. It's not the sun but He created the sun. But now God had to create man in His own form and His own image. So He restored the earth, renewed the face of the earth; and then, coming down to verse 24, the 1st chapter of Genesis now:

**Genesis 1:24** And God said, **Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind.** There is no evidence that there was any such thing as reproduction before this time here. God started reproduction in animals, in fishes, in birds, and then finally in human life.

Now notice: **"God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature."** The original word is the same word that is elsewhere translated "soul." Souls are made of matter; and they are not immortal, as the world has been misled to believe.

**Genesis 1:24-26 ... after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: at it was so. (25) And [then] God made the beast of the earth after his kind** [And so on.



And then in verse 26. And God said, Let us [Not "Me" because God was Elohim, which is a uni-plural name and meant {3} the One that became the Father of Christ, or originally God and the Word. He said, **"Let Us ..."] make man in Our image, after Our likeness."**

So man was created in the image of God, but so there could be reproduction because God was going to reproduce Himself. And He put reproduction in the fish family, the bird family, the animal family, and the human family. And there probably had never been any such thing as reproduction before that time. There's certainly no evidence of it anyway. But now God made man male and female. Verse 27:

**Genesis 1:27-28 God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him, male and female created he them.** [And told us to reproduce ...Well now, wait a minute.] **(28) And God blessed them, and [I want to read this.] Be fruitful, and multiply, and REPLENISH the earth.**

It had already been "plenished" by angels, and "replenish" means fill it up again. A lot of people read right over that word and never get the meaning. Replenish the earth! Now you take back in Genesis, after the Flood, and you'll find that God said the same thing to Noah –to reproduce and replenish the earth. Fill it up again after all had been destroyed except Noah and his family.



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Well, now next I want to come to the creation of man. God spoke to the man He had created, and the woman. It says here in the 7th verse of the 2nd chapter of Genesis: **Genesis 2:7 The [Eternal] God formed the man of the dust of the ground.**

### Believing God

He had formed angels out of spirit, but now He formed man out of the dust of the ground. That was necessary so that, if man went the wrong way (as the angels did), God had a plan to have Christ come and be born as a human being, to live a perfect life and never bring on Himself the penalty of sin. But then to take our penalty on Himself and die for us, so we

could be forgiven if we change our minds, repent, and begin to BELIEVE GOD.

God had thoroughly instructed this Lucifer, but he didn't believe God; and he turned angels away, so they became demons. Now **"The LORD God formed man out of the dust of the ground."**

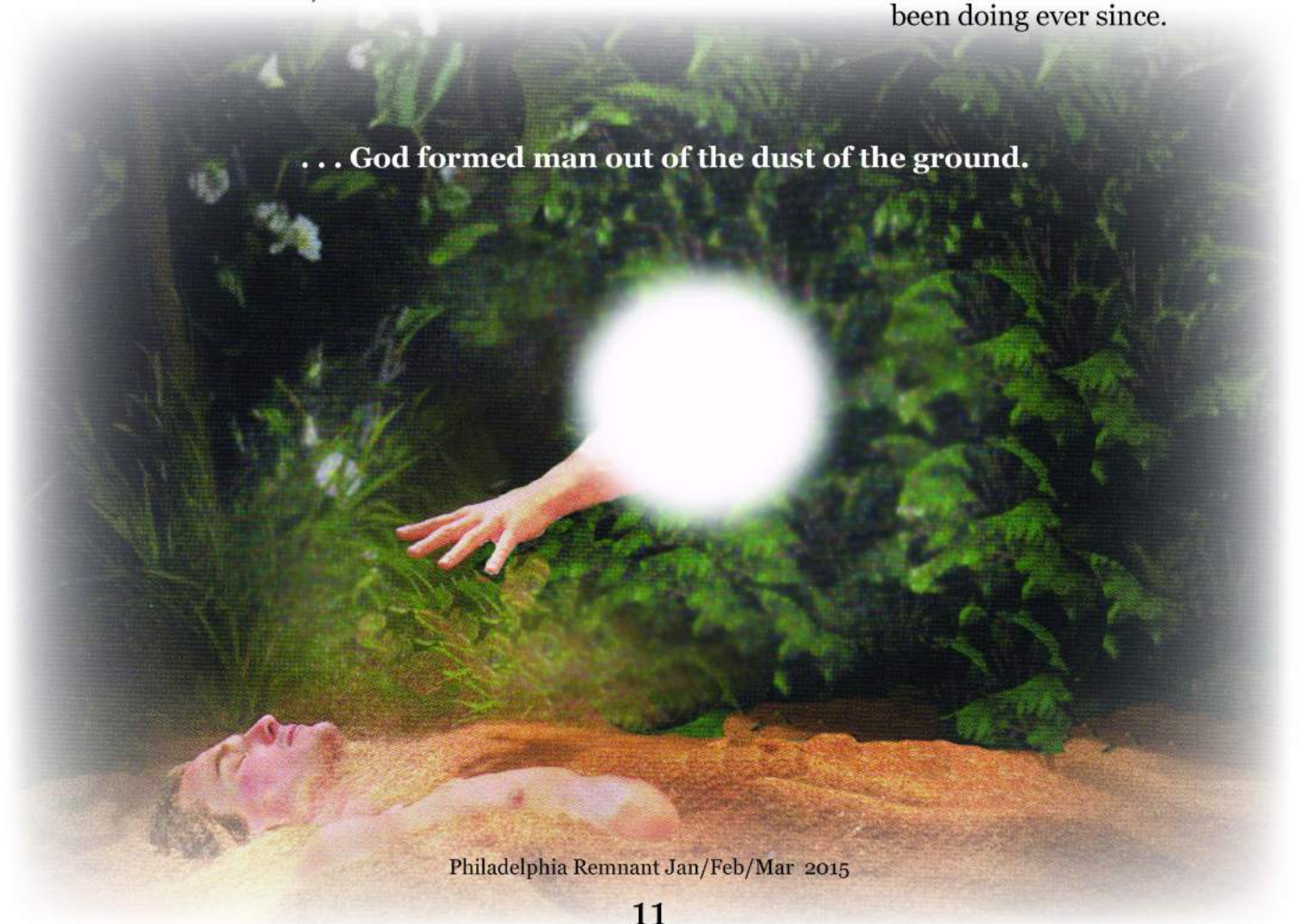
Ultimately, after formed in us, we will be changed to immortal spirit beings too; but only after that character has been formed in us in this first life.

**Genesis 2:7-9 ... and [God] breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (8) And the [Eternal] God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had**

**formed. (9) And out of the ground made the [Eternal] God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden [of Eden], and the tree of [the]knowledge of good and evil.**

Adam had to make a choice. God first talked to Adam and instructed him. Then He allowed Satan (the former archangel Lucifer) to get to him. And it was to see whom he would believe. Now Adam believed on God all right. That is, he knew that God was the Creator and that God was his Maker. That he knew. But he didn't believe what God said! That's the big point, and that's exactly what people have not been doing ever since.

... God formed man out of the dust of the ground.



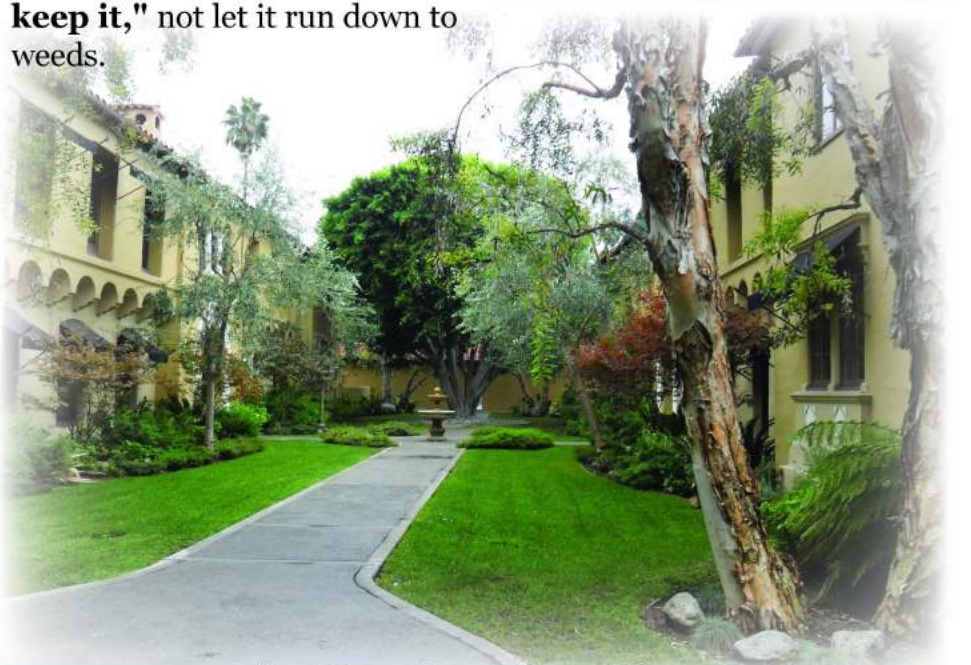
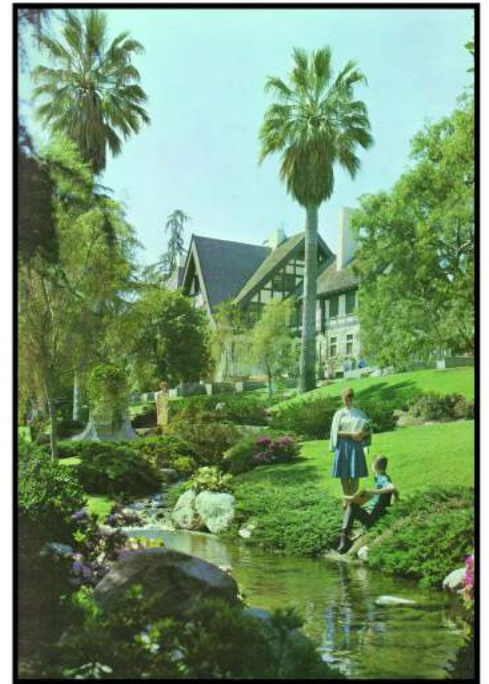


Very, very few; as a matter of fact, only 120 out of the thousands to whom Jesus talked after He came 6,000 years ago (and 4,000 years after Creation, approximately), there were only ... Let me see, it says 120 wasn't it that were left. You'll find that in the 1st chapter of the book of Acts, where all that really believed what Christ said and believed in Him -- had repented and believed and received the Holy Spirit on that day of Pentecost. So there were the two trees.

**Genesis 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden [This is verse 15.] to dress it and to keep it.** I have been criticized for building such a fine college here, but that is the way God does things. Whatever God has ever made, He looked at it and **"Behold, it was very good."** Not very bad! And God has not criticized, but some people have. Well, I'll go on taking that kind of criticism because I'm dedicated to the way of God.

And if you don't like it, as the old saying goes, you can lump it. You know I mean that in love. But I'm glad that you people here do like it. But He took the man and put him in the Garden to dress it and keep it.

Twice, two years in succession, which is the limit allowable, this college has been honored by receiving the award of being the most beautiful, the best landscaped and the best MAINTAINED campus in the United States. Now, why? I saw right here God put man in that beautiful place **"to dress it and to keep it,"** not let it run down to weeds.



**"To dress it and keep it"**





**Genesis 2:16-17** And the [Eternal] God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden thou may freely eat: (17) But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die."



Now he was not an immortal soul. God said, **"You will die."** **YOU**, not just some kind of body that you are in, He said, **"You will surely die."** **Genesis 2:18** And the [Eternal] God said ... Well, that's when He said it's not good for man to be alone; and He was right. And, of course, the apostle Paul talked to the unmarried and said it was better if they remained unmarried; but God said it isn't good for man to be alone, and I've always believed God. And I believe what God said! And He said it isn't good for man to be alone. Well you can make of that what you want.

### God Instructs Man

But the thing is, after God had talked to Adam and Eve and had thoroughly instructed them ... Now, they were created

on the 6th day of this what we call "creation week" but was only a renewing of the face of the earth; and the 6th day ended at sunset. Now undoubtedly that evening, after the sun had set, God talked with them for an hour or two and began explaining things to them. And then the next day until sunset was the Sabbath. That was the first Sabbath, and God talked to them on that Sabbath day, just as God in the form of Jesus Christ later entered into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. God thoroughly instructed Adam and Eve in the ways of His government and of the possibility (if they chose life, instead of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil)

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that they could enter into the Kingdom of God and be BORN of God until they're His absolute children. Now get this: God is the ruler. Now He is God the Father. The Father is the head of the Family. And even though we can become His children, and even though we can be made immortal and composed of spirit – changed from matter into spirit at the time of the resurrection – authority will always reside in the Father. And the Son as the executive, because He agrees 100% with the Father, will rule the earth.

God will be King over all of the universe. And Christ, then, will come back again to this earth and will restore the government of God. And the Kingdom of God IS the Family, born children of God that have the government of God. So it's more than just the government of God, we have to become the very children of God.

Well, I don't need to go into it. You know that Satan then got to Adam through his wife. God may have talked to them just until sundown, and then the Sabbath ended and Satan came along on early Sunday morning.

Now Satan's churches started keeping their religious services early, about sunrise, Sunday morning. That is the source and the beginning of the sunrise services on what they call Easter. And you'd be surprised if you get... well some of you have gotten the history of all of these things, and you know how the world has been so terribly deceived and has not known what went on.



## Rejecting God's Revelation

But Adam did not believe God. And then Satan came along and he believed Satan, and believed what Satan said. And so finally, it is here in the 3rd chapter: **Genesis 3:6 And when the woman [That's Eve, Adam's wife.] saw that the tree [that God had forbidden] was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.**

Now, modern science has a certain ... I call it the tools of science that they use. But first of all of the tools, basic ones, of modern science today is to reject revelation as a source of knowledge. In other words, God's Bible is the Word of God and is the basic source of knowledge. The first thing they do is reject that.

In this world's education you will not find anything about the exodus of the Israelites out of Egypt. You will not find anything about the Flood. They don't teach that in the colleges, or in school. Whatever God has said, they don't believe. They rely on what the human man has written from way back and what they imagine. And mankind has always been like that.

God knew that probably man would go that way. And that's why He provided all in advance, before THE WORLD WAS, for Jesus to give up His great position as the Word of God, the One by whom God created all

things, and to come down and to take on the form of a human being and become human so that He could die. Now He was man, He was human; but He was also God.

I was asked just this morning by one, "Did Christ ever marry?" He was God, and He is going to marry. But He is going to marry the Church after we are made immortal. And if He had married a human woman, it would have been one who was half divine (divine as well as human) marrying a human. And what would have happened? What would mankind have done to their children? It would never have done.

But Christ, you see, is engaged to the Church of God. And after the Church has by a resurrection or an immediate change from mortal to immortal, from matter into spirit, He is going to marry the Church. And God the Father will be Father over us all. And we will be Husband and wife; and we will bear fruit, but the children will be ... At that time, God will open the doors of salvation to all that live;

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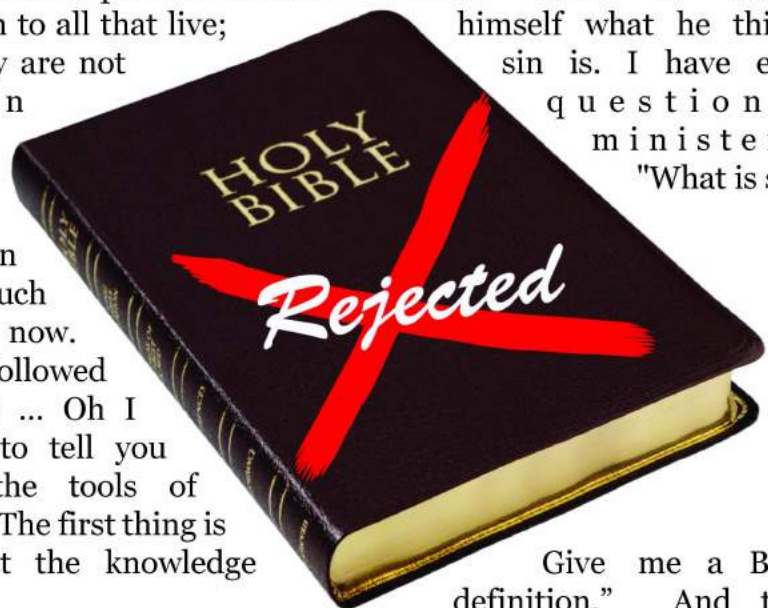
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of God and the next thing is observation with measurement and the third thing then is experimentation. Then human reason, and through human reason then based on those things they come to conclusions they do in modern science. That's precisely what Eve did because, as I read to you:

**Genesis 3:6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food [There is what she saw.], and that it was pleasant to the eyes [which aroused lust in her], and a tree to be desired to make one wise.**

She thought that she would come to know what is good and evil herself! She did not have to believe what God said was good and what God said was evil. She would decide that herself. And then she took of that tree. Now, when she and Adam took of that tree, they TOOK TO THEMSELVES the creation of knowledge, or decision of the knowledge of what is good and what is evil. Men ever since

have tried to decide  
himself what he thinks  
sin is. I have even  
questioned  
ministers,  
"What is sin?"



Give me a Bible  
definition." And they  
won't do it. They may know  
what it says in **1 John 3**



verse 4, that **"Sin is the transgression of the law."** But they won't say it, because they try to say the law has been done away.

### **Choice and Consequences**

And so it is. Adam had made his choice. In other words, Adam said to God in effect ... And let me just paraphrase it in my own words. In effect, he said: "God, I want you to keep your nose out of my affairs. I will not accept you as my ruler. I reject you as my king, as my ruler. I reject you as my God for salvation. I reject you as a source of knowledge to tell me what is good and what is evil, and I will decide it myself." And God said, "Well, I've given you the choice."

Now, instead of choosing character, he chose the wrong way; and God allowed that. God is not going to force you to choose the right way. Adam was able to

choose whatever he pleased, and so are we. But, if you make the wrong choice, you'll never have the character of God.

And God is able to take care of that too.

From then in effect God said, "Okay. You have rejected me. You have said you will create your own knowledge. You rejected me as your ruler and my government over you. You have rejected me as a Savior and a God and as the source of knowledge.

So now I sentence you and your children after you – THE WHOLE WORLD that will come (and we have all come from Adam) -- to 6,000 years of being cut off from ME.

All except the few in the world that I will decide I need to call and choose to do something for me in my service. Them I will call. But otherwise ALL HUMANITY will be cut off from me."

Now you read over here towards the end of the 3rd chapter of Genesis, and I want to take time to just read that: **Genesis 3:22-24** And the [Eternal] God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us [That is, God and the Word.], to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever [Lest he gain eternal life, lest he have salvation.]:

**(23) Therefore the [Eternal] God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. (24) And he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the Garden of Eden cherubim [angels, or super-angels], and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life [lest people get salvation and immortal life].**





So God took it away. And God said, "I will cut you off from me, and myself off from you." Now let me just explain a little further. 4,000 years later, Jesus Christ said: **John 6:44** "**NO MAN CAN come to me, except the Father which sent me draw him.**"

### **Population Explosion**

God left it that He could choose certain ones. And He has only chosen those He had a job He wanted performed in this 6,000 years. God has left Satan here on the throne until a successor shall have qualified (which Christ did just 2,000 years ago), and then be installed in office (and Christ is coming very soon to be installed in office). But until then Satan is still here. And he is the one who is "**the prince of the power of the air**" and who is broadcasting through the air. And the spirit in every one of us, our human spirit, picks up the message.

He doesn't broadcast in words. He doesn't broadcast in pictures, like a telecast. He merely broadcasts in attitudes and in, well, certain desires and impulses. And he puts it in human beings from the time they are little children -- selfishness, greed, vanity, wanting to "get" instead of "give" and help and serve; and all the things that we call human nature.

Now, we turn over next to the 6th chapter of Genesis. We notice that about 2,000 years have gone by and it's about 1900 and some.

**Genesis 6:1** And it came to pass, when men began to

**multiply on the face of the earth ...** They did multiply at first. That is, there was a great rapid population growth -- a population explosion!

We are now at that time once again when there's a population EXPLOSION [The world population was 4.2 billion people in 1982.]. Do you know there are 2 or 3 times as many people on earth now as when I was born? That's how fast it's growing. And it will double in; well I don't know, within the lifetime of most of us. I hope that includes me. [United States Census Bureau population clock is estimated at 7.2 billion - 2014].

[And,]"**When men began to multiply**" as there was a population explosion at the time "**on the face of the earth.**" **Genesis 6:1-2 ... and daughters were born unto them, (2) that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took [to] them [selves] wives of all which they chose.**



Now "the sons of God" were merely human beings, not angels; because humans reproduce after their kind, and angels can't reproduce at all. **Genesis 6:5-6** And [verse 5] God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (6) And it REPENTED the LORD [Eternal] ...



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He changed His mind about it! And it isn't wrong, when you find you're wrong or have made a mistake, to change your mind.

**Genesis 6:6-7** And it repented the LORD [Eternal] that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. (7) And the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast. ..."



It had come to the place there was only one man that believed God, only one, Noah. Noah was the only one. Noah was the only one who was perfect in his begettal, his generations (plural) -- of the original race of Seth, the son of Adam. By that time, of course, there were the various nations. But God did not intend intermarriage between the races, and does not today.

Some human being is going to disagree with that, because people decide on what they want. And I have been a little bit distressed to find that some of the girls on the campus want to

date men of the other color, and that should not be -- because marriage is a different thing.

It should be love the one for another, and no difference whatsoever because of race and other things. But in reproduction we are to reproduce "**after our kind.**" I hope I've made that plain without further explanation.

**Genesis 6:5** The LORD [Eternal] saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every imagination of the

**thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

### **God's Plan Revealed**

Now, there was no way to go on and save man. If you understand what God revealed to me 50 years ago, that we not only had been commanded to keep God's Sabbath, which is the very test commandment of the Commandments; but also the annual Sabbaths and festivals have very great meaning.

I am quite DISTRESSED to be told that most of our ministers on the Feast of

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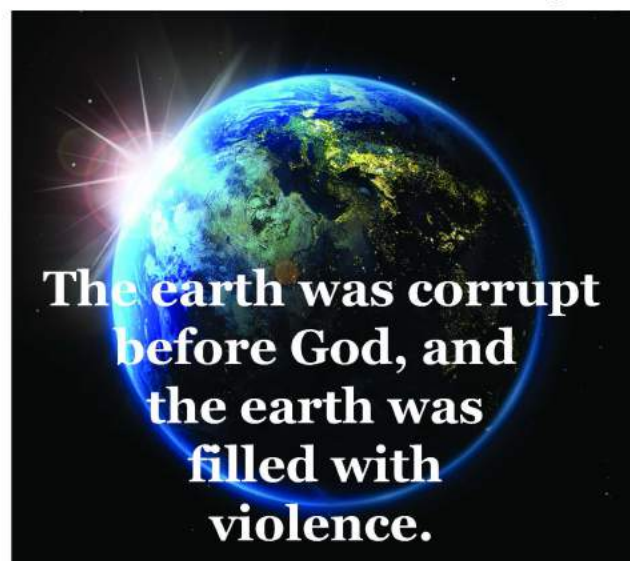
Tabernacles do NOT PREACH THE MEANING OF THE DAY; and I am going to take steps on that direction.

Today's holy days, annual holy days, are called TO TEACH US A LESSON. And the minister's sermons should be on what that lesson is. The first one, the Passover is the crucified Lamb. And it starts with our being changed from mortal to immortal, and it starts with Christ. The second, the seven days of Unleavened Bread picture our coming out of sin.

AND I WANT THAT PREACHED IN THE CHURCH from now on!

And I say that with AUTHORITY, and I say it with POWER. If any of you think that I am senile and too old to carry on the Work of God, I think you are hearing it a little differently right now (because quite a few have suggested that, who are of opposite belief). And I speak with the authority of Jesus Christ! Jesus Christ called me and put me in the seat where I am. I didn't go to men. And it's something no man can do, and no man can put me out.

Now then: **Genesis 6:11**



And, if you know now, God destroyed all the life forms. Some will say, "God isn't fair."

Well, if you understand the annual holy days, the 8th day of the Feast of Tabernacles is to open our eyes to the Great White Throne Judgment. That's the time when ALL THOSE PEOPLE that were then destroyed are going to be resurrected and live perhaps a hundred years.

The one Scripture that has that can be translated another way. But anyway it will be the time that God has in mind, whatever that is – whether it's 10 years or 100.

And then they will have the chance to come to see the truth. God has taken away all chance of salvation from them. Those people were NOT lost. They were NOT condemned, because God had cut them off. Now I want to make that plain. I've said and used the expression that God adopted a hands-off policy. I find that doesn't make it clear enough to people. People then assume that everyone is lost unless they've accepted Christ. THAT

IS NOT TRUE! In other words, except those that God has CALLED – no man can come to Christ. They are not lost, neither are they saved.

Now all who are living after the beginning of the Millennium, or after Christ comes, will have their chance then of salvation. All, everybody! But Satan

will be removed.

And now, with Satan here, God is not putting us where everybody has to overcome Satan. Christ had to, to lead. Christ had to overcome Satan in order to QUALIFY to take Satan's place and rule the earth. Jesus said, if we also overcome (and it means, overcome Satan.), we shall sit with Him on His throne.

And I told you last night how we are cleaning the debris and rubbish of 2500 years off of the throne where Jesus Christ is going to sit and rule. We are preparing the way for Christ's coming and for the Kingdom of God, and no one else on earth is doing that.

I want you to understand this great call and commission, and the great Work that this Church, and this is the Church of the living God, and not the church of man or the ideas of man in any way at all.

Now then: All of those people that God destroyed in the Flood will be brought back to life just as if ... They don't know anything in the meantime. And it's just like the next split second from the time they drowned and died, that they will wake up in the Great White Throne Judgment, after the thousand-year reign with Christ.

And there won't be any Devil around. And God will show them the truth; and then I think most of them will take it, because they'll look back and see what they did. They'll look back and see that the 6,000



years have shown that if we go contrary to God's way, which the world has, it only brings all of the terrible wretchedness that we see in the world today.

There is nothing ... God said in effect to man (and I didn't complete that a while ago.), to Adam and to the whole world afterwards, "You go form your own governments." They've done it. Look what the governments of man do. They are at war all the time, and someone is plotting to overthrow every one of them. "You go and form your own religions." Look at the religions in the world. And not even those called "Christian" are not the Church of God at all; and do not get their truths out of the Bible, but try to read them into the Bible.

I had to learn that 50 years ago, and that was the biggest upset in my mind that I had ever had in all my life. But nevertheless, let me just show you the wonderful justice of God as it is. Anyway, **Genesis 6:12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt ...**

And, by the way, that's the word "corruption" that has come from the planets of the whole universe because of what the angels did. And man, when he is finally converted and saved (and there will be BILLIONS of us), that are finally going to be converted and will HAVE THAT HOLY RIGHTEOUS CHARACTER OF GOD.

We're going to be sent to the planets all over the universe. That's after the Millennium.

This earth will always be God's headquarters. Even God the Father is coming down to this earth.

But the whole earth was corrupt: **Genesis 6:12 ... for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.**

### God Uses a Few

Well, so that is the way it started. Now God called one man back here, who was righteous and who believed in God – Noah. God saved Noah from the Flood, as a type of saving from the eternal extinction of humanity.

However, I want to show you now some things about how God has ruled; and God is the real Ruler, although He is allowing Satan to stay on the throne and to operate.





Now next we come to Abraham. And I would like us to turn now to the 12th chapter of Genesis and read the first verses.

**Genesis 12:1-2** Now the [Eternal] had said unto Abram [his name was to begin with, but it became Abraham. To Abram] "get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: **(2)** And I will make of thee a great nation [and so on]."

Now he just simply said, there's no quibbling, there was no talking back. "Well, do I have to and can I do it tomorrow or next year? Can I go somewhere else?" That's about the way the average human would have resulted. But it says ... Let's see. Well it just says:

**Genesis 12:4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken.**

Abraham went. He didn't quibble. You know, when I first saw 50 years ago that we should keep the annual Holy Days as well as the Seventh Day of every week, I didn't know why. I didn't know the meaning of it, and I didn't know the real meaning until 14 years later.

I talked to the people in the Church of God up in Oregon, that we call the Sardis Era of the Church now; and they only laughed me to scorn. And for 7 years my wife and I had to keep those annual days alone, by ourselves. But we did. I DIDN'T KNOW WHY. I DIDN'T ASK GOD "WHY?" I didn't say, "I won't do it until You show me why." God said, "DO IT." I saw it was forever. I saw it was commanded. And that was

enough for me. I said, "In due time."

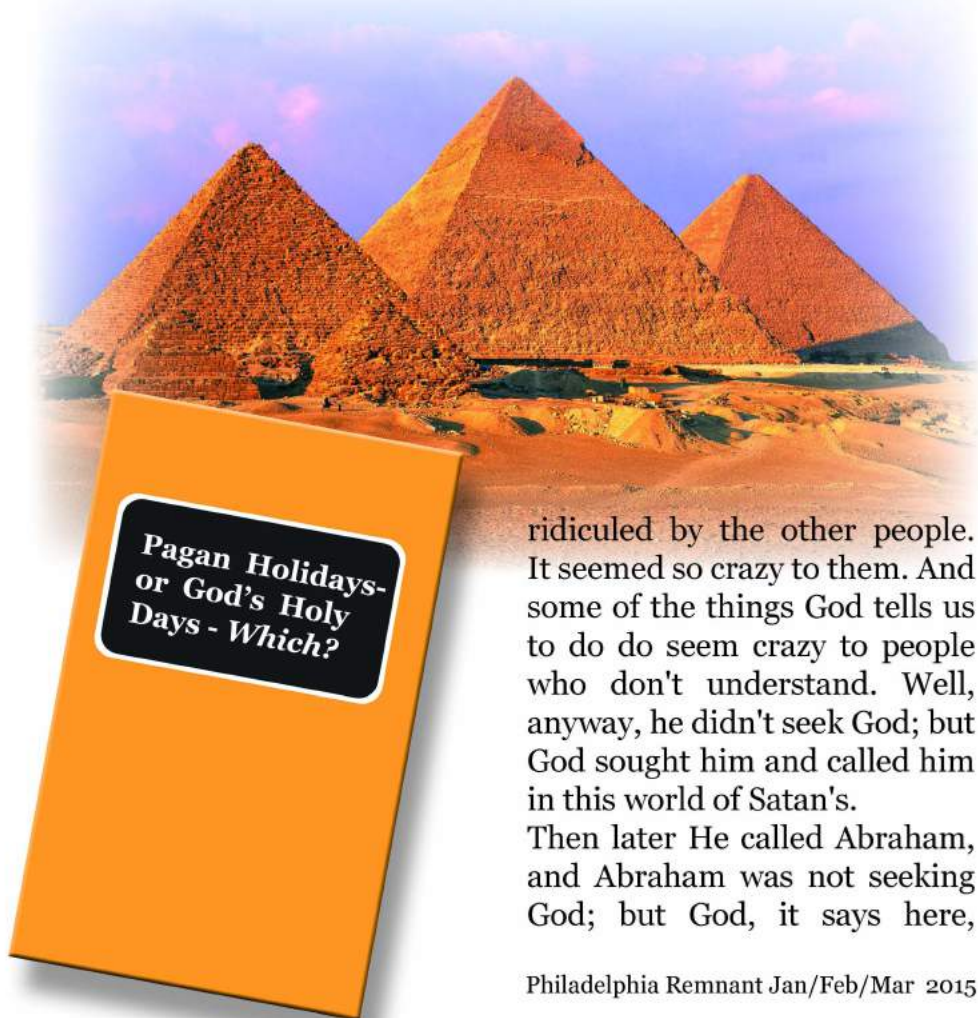
I craved understanding, and I wanted to understand it. But I knew that, in His own time, God would give me the understanding as to why and now I know. You've been taught why. You haven't had to wonder. You haven't had to just take it like God said. But I did, and that's the way Abraham did (and Abram, as he was originally called).

Now his sons Isaac and Jacob also followed with God. Jacob, of course, had a little trouble at first and was a supplanter; but finally repented and came back; and then Moses. But 430 years after Abraham, the children of Israel were slaves in Egypt.

Now God called Moses. Moses was a ... (I'm not going to take time to read all of the Scriptures on all of that, because the time is getting short; and I still have quite a little I want to say.) God called Moses. Moses was not seeking God.

Let me say this. Noah was not seeking God. He was obedient to God and all that but he wasn't seeking salvation or anything. But God called him out and said, "Noah I'm going to use you to preserve human life alive on this earth." God said, "I want you to do something. I want you to build a great ship right here on dry land."

And for a hundred years Noah **{4}** he was building the ship. And he was mocked at,



ridiculed by the other people. It seemed so crazy to them. And some of the things God tells us to do do seem crazy to people who don't understand. Well, anyway, he didn't seek God; but God sought him and called him in this world of Satan's.

Then later He called Abraham, and Abraham was not seeking God; but God, it says here,



let me read that again, "[Now] **the LORD [Eternal] said unto Abram.**" Abram didn't seek Him. God sought Abram, and called him; and he OBEYED. And he obeyed; he became the father of the faithful (spiritually speaking).

Then later we come to the time of Moses. No I won't go through all of it, but let me just tell you this much. Moses had been over at his father-in-law's place, who was the priest of Midian; and he was returning back toward Egypt. He was walking, and he came across a burning bush. It was just a small bush, but it kept burning. Now he saw it for some time before he had walked up even with it and then he eventually passed it. And finally he turned back to see well what could keep that little bush burning all this time.

And God spoke to him out of the bush and said, "**Moses, take your shoes off your feet because the ground whereon you stand is holy ground.**" God's presence had made that ground holy. God was there, and calling him. Well, Moses was not seeking God. God wasn't trying to get people converted or saved in those years. That's the point I want to get through to you. The others were not lost. They'll come up to the Great White Throne Judgment. But if I've never made that plain before, I hope I'm making it plain now so you can understand it.

There's not injustice with God, in any way at all. But God wanted us to write the lesson. He knew that man would be misled and deceived by Satan, and would live Satan's way. And for 6,000 years of human

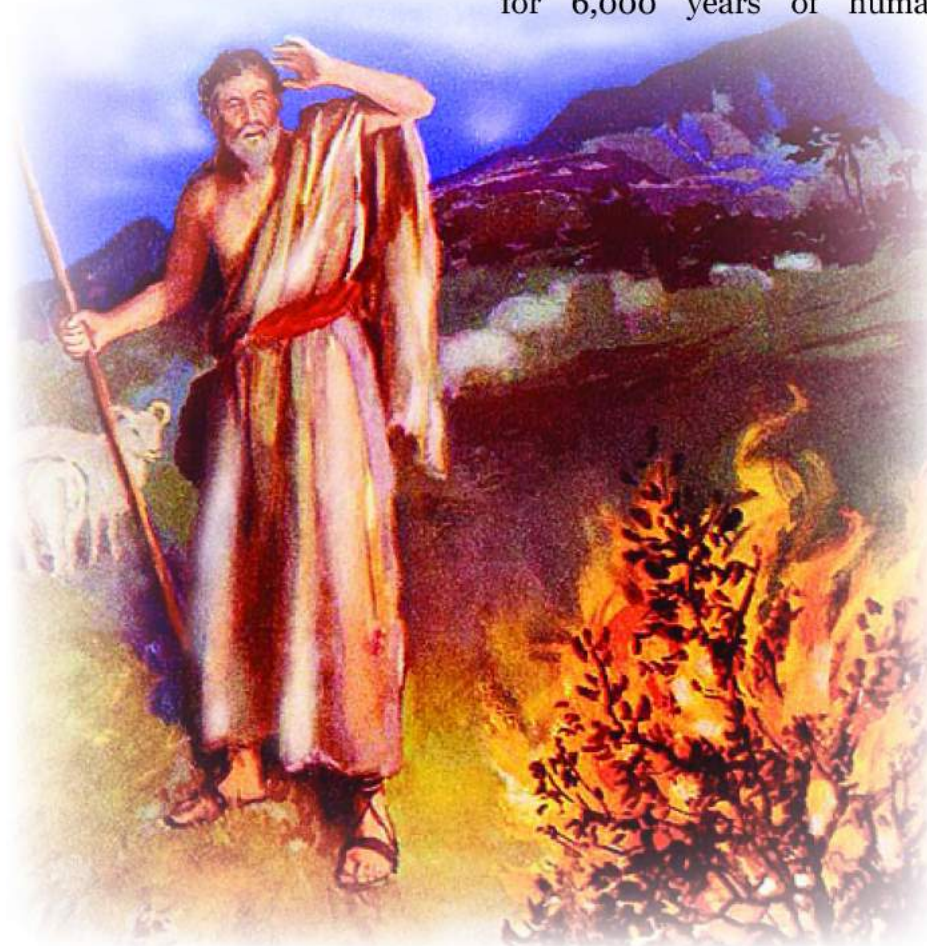
wretchedness, and human anguish, and suffering and death have proved that only living the way of God is right. Satan teaches people to live just the opposite way.

And Satan's churches on this earth try to say God's law is done away. They don't believe in the government of God. That's exactly what has happened.

Now we come a little later to others. God selected Joshua. God selected and chose the; well they are called 'judges' in the Bible or the one translation calls them 'heroes' that rescued Israel when they were taken captive by other nations. And here we have the nations all over the earth.

But in the time of Moses, God made a proposition through Moses to the people. And He said, If you will obey My voice, and do what I tell you, and live My way -- I'll make you the greatest nation on earth. I'll make you the richest, the most prosperous. I'll make you the most powerful! So that five of you can chase 100, and 100 of you will put 10,000 others to [Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28]. But if you do not, there is going to be a 2520-year time period when it would be withheld before that kind of blessing came.

God did not promise them any spiritual salvation. Only Moses, who led them out and the prophets that God called -- them God gave His Holy Spirit to; but it was not to others.





Now later there was David and God chose him. However, David was out tending the sheep. He wasn't seeking God. But God had sent the prophet over to the house of Jesse, and they thought every one of Jesse's sons except David was the one that men had chosen. But God chose David.

And so it goes. And it has always been like that. Now God chose the prophets of Israel, but the people stoned and killed many of them.



And then we come on down to Christ. And Jesus Christ preached the coming Kingdom of God and how the whole earth then would be freed from Satan and would have peace and would have salvation, and that this character would be built within them. Christ came to live the perfect life, with the kind of character that God wants us to have; and set us an example in that. Christ let Himself be killed, and paid the death penalty in OUR stead! We have inherited the death penalty.

## The Work Today

I'll tell you the first Scripture that really opened my eyes to the fact that I and the other churches in which I'd been brought up were wrong was **Romans 6:23: "The wages of sin is death."**



I said, "Well, that can't be. I'm an immortal soul. I can't die." Then, the very next part of the same verse: **"But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."** Well, I said, "I've already got eternal life. I'm an immortal soul." But the Bible says, **"The soul that sins, it shall die."** Christ said to Adam, **"You are a soul; and if you sin you will die."**

And I began to realize the truth finally, and that the churches are all wrong about going to heaven and their kind of a hell; and that they are wrong in saying that we are immortal souls, and practically all of their doctrines.

So God showed me those basic

things, even during my intensive study of over six months before I was converted and baptized. And I don't know of any leader that is a world leader as God has made me now, or a founder of a religion. And of course I'm not a founder of

religion.

But I don't know of any that have ever come to it this way as a complete surrender to God, a complete believing what He has SAID. When Christ came and preached to thousands, only 120 believed what He had said after 3 1/2 years of the very Master, Jesus Christ Himself, being here on earth.

Jesus did not come on a soul-saving crusade. Never once did He say, "Give your heart unto Me, and I'll give you salvation." He didn't say those things. Those are the things that Billy Graham and the modern Protestants say. The Catholics will say that they give you something at the time you die, and that's going to save you apparently. But those are the ways of the religions of man and not of God, my brethren.

Now the disciples went out teaching what God preached.



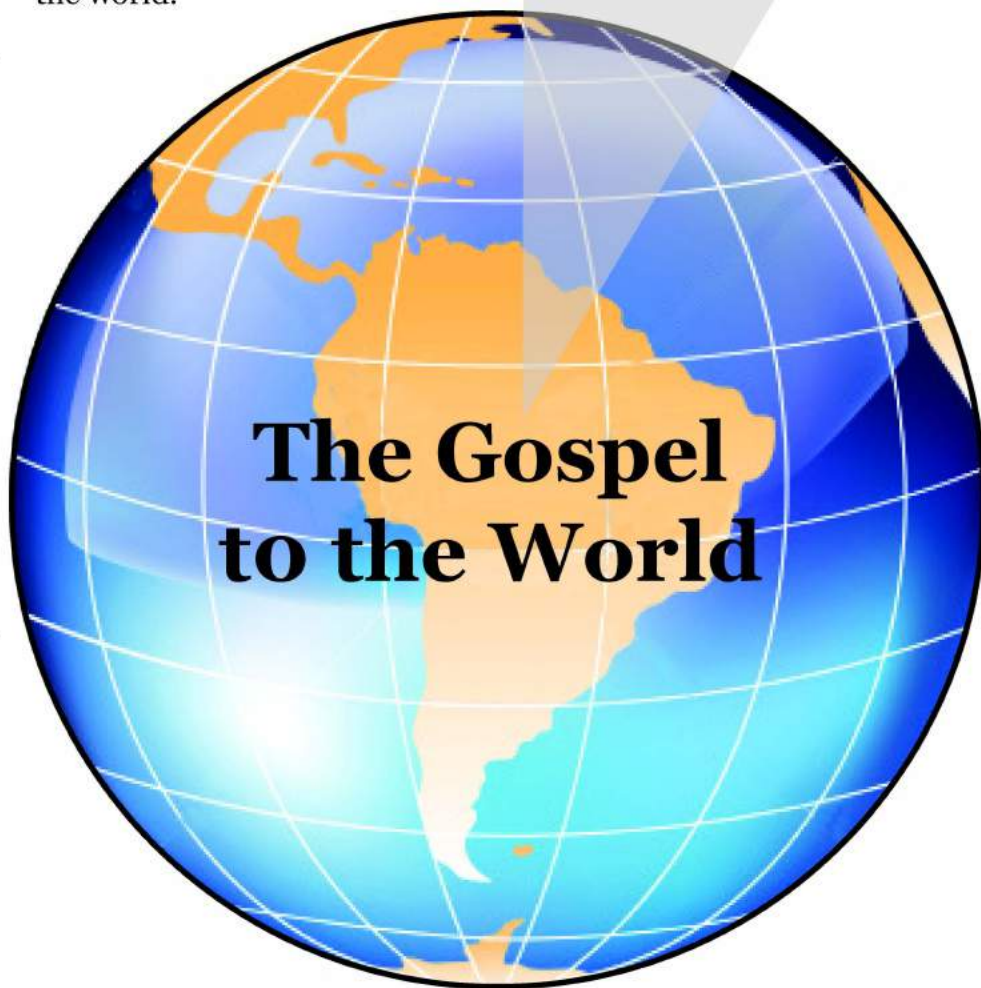
God brought a messenger, a message from God; I mean God sent a message through Christ. And Christ brought that message, which was the good news that the government of God will be restored; but be restored by the very BORN Family of God. God is doing things in His time and His way, and God's way is PERFECT! But no man would do it that way, and the ways of man would be very imperfect.

Now, if we overcome, and turn from Satan's way unto God's way, and develop His kind of CHARACTER WE will sit with Christ on His throne and rule with Him. But the reason He has called us now, and called most of you, is to stand back of me in getting this gospel to the WHOLE WORLD, and not just the United States only. And not just Pasadena and some place like that alone, it's the whole wide world. And I am being heard in Canada as well as the United States right now, this very minute, and over in Big Sandy, Texas. I wish I was being heard in England and other places, but I am heard there on various times.

Oh, about the college, one thing I did not say. The universities of this world in the main are devoted to teaching men for a profession, or for a job, or something like that. We will not have a job or professional training program.

We will have, as I said, a school for ministerial and biblical studies. We do not need so many, so it's going to be ultimately cut down to 250 students. In other words, there's a reason for the

College - to provide an educated personnel to assist me, and for ministers. We now have around 700 ordained ministers all over the world. And, as a matter of fact, we have even more than we need right now on the payroll. For years every student who made good was taken into the Work on graduation. But for the last several years, we've just been unable to do that. We're graduating more than we can use. And so it's foolish to go on trying to be in the college business and taking the money of God's people and spending it on that instead of what God said: Go and get the gospel around the world.





Now I'm going to go on doing that all around this world. And kings, and presidents, and prime ministers, and emperors even, invite me. I don't go in on them except at their invitation. But I have private, personal meetings with them; and they usually last anywhere from 30-35 minutes up to 2 hours.

Twice I spent 2 hours with the king of Thailand, on each time I spent 2 hours with him. He appealed to me for help in certain ways that I found that I could help him. I sent a team of several men to be over there for 10 days, all over Thailand, not only in the Catholic city; but all over, and to find out what we could do and what we ought to do to help him. And finally they came back with the report, and there were about 6 or 8 of our top men that I sent over there.

Well, I will tell you one thing that has been done. We have been sponsoring portable schools for the mountain people that were uneducated. Not only are we getting them educated, but they have gone from ordinary farmers of things that are good to eat into opium and things of that kind of drugs because there was a lot of money in it.

And so we've had to try to convert them back to farming vegetables. We've had to work out markets for their produce, and many things. But it is a program of the king of Thailand, King Bhumibol, which is very difficult for us to pronounce, and he is a friend of mine.

But God has given me favor in the eyes of leaders and heads of government in Central America, in Africa, in Asia, and in Europe, and all over.

And He is going to continue that and I'm going to continue in that Work and the Work of God now will go ahead as it never did before.

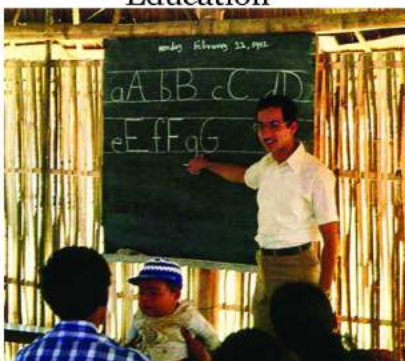
I am hoping that we will now get back, very soon, on radio until all over the United States and Canada we are covering it with half-hour programs every day. And they



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will be programs that are going to proclaim the good news of THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

Now I tell you, so far as the finances is concerned, I've found that it depends more on our pleasing Jesus Christ, the Head of this Church, than it does on any methods we use to try to raise money. And I know that, as we do that which is pleasing to God, He will back us; and He will provide every need, as He always has and as He will continue to do.

Well, I didn't want to carry it on to a full 2 hours today; and I think that that covers it enough. It has finally come up to today, when God has called me to get this out to the world. We're living in the generation when it is going to happen, and God wants it announced to around the world. I'm not trying to convert people in these other nations.

Don't misunderstand. That isn't what God called me to do. But He wants it announced so that they can't say, "Well, God, why didn't you tell us?" He'll say, "I did, but you didn't listen." And that's what I'm doing. I'm telling them and announcing, and that's all. I don't have to get them converted.

The cooperation that we've had in Israel, and the dozens and dozens of times that I've gone to Israel and Jerusalem, never once have we sought a single convert; nor, as far as I know, have we made one. And they know that. This is not the time God is trying to save the world spiritually, but to get out the message.

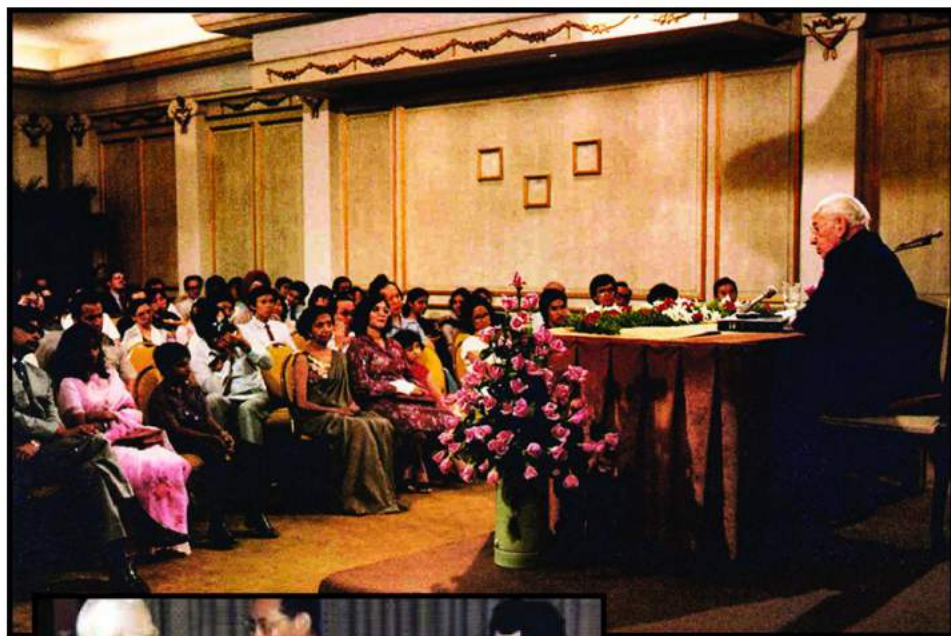
Now the way is open to carry the message in the 40th chapter

of Isaiah, to tell them of the cities of Judah, that the Lord is coming with A STRONG ARM – Armstrong. Is it a coincidence in the fact that God chose a man with that name to carry that message, to rule them in the Kingdom of God and to bring them peace? And they and the Arabs will all be at peace one with another.

We are helping to do it now and helping it with the Moshe Koll's Foundation, with the young people. And when I go over there, both Arabs and Jews are on the program. And they did for our students when they went over, and it's wonderful to see things like that happen. And, by the way, the last time I saw the king of Thailand I asked him how was our


program coming? He said over 90% (in fact, he said 95%) have been turned away from this drug production into food production. Now that's another wonderful thing that's been done. But at the same time it opens the door to have me, as I have had hundreds of times in Bangkok and over in Thailand, and get the truth of God there as an announcement. And that's all I am called on to do. It is being done, nobody else is doing it.

This is the Work of God, and God has prophesied that He would send someone to prepare the way before Christ. That is being done, and not by anybody else – as you brethren ought to know.



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So now, I'm going to say "Goodbye" for this time. I'm getting back, and I'm going to be writing more than before. And I'm just coming along fine. I need to be more physically fit. In fact, I need to get in more walking. But my heart is back into fine condition. It was swelled way up. In fact, I had heart failure. Not a heart attack. It was heart failure, and it completely stopped. My breathing completely stopped, but it was restored. But God had not taken my spirit or my mind. And He has restored my mind. If anything it's better than it was before. And I still am not over 55 years old in actual mental powers and abilities.

And I just want you to know that I'm coming back into active service again. I've had to take a lot of time off, and I haven't even done an awful lot of writing. I've done a little. But I will be doing more from now on.

So God bless all of you, and let's carry on. We are now in complete unity and we're going on together to get this job finished that God committed to me almost 50 years ago. So thank you all, and God bless you.

**Editor's Comment:** To make room for this Bible Study to fit into an article it was necessary to edit out a very small 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



# Personal

From the Editor



Alton B. (Don) Billingsley

## Where is Your Heart?

**“The heart is deceitful above all things; and desperately wicked; who can know it? I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruits of his doings.”**

**Jeremiah 17:9-10**

The LORD God also led Jeremiah to write of the need of having a true teacher; one who would teach and correct him when needed to keep him in the right way:

**”O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps. O LORD, correct me, but with justice; not in Your anger lest You bring me to nothing” (Jeremiah 10:23-24).**

All of God’s people need a teacher and He sent us one, both as an apostle and the promised Elijah to come in this end-time (*Malachi 4:4-6; Matthew 17:10-11*). To illustrate the need, there is the example of the Ethiopian Eunuch who replied to Philip, when asked, if he understood what he was reading in Isaiah:

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Dear Brethren,

Over the years of the ministry with which Jesus Christ graced me, I came to see the hearts of many members. When it came to obeying the fullness of God’s laws and teachings they did it to retain a good standing within the Church, but their hearts were not fully in it. Sadly it is yet a problem today when members only obey God because they feel there is no alternative.

In comparison a few others had a very passionate love for God and His truth and way of life that was deeply rooted in their hearts. Therefore they obeyed God from the heart while putting aside the lusts and cares of this world regardless of the cost, personal, and otherwise.



**“How can I, unless someone guides me.” And he asked Philip to come up and sit beside him (Acts 8:26-39).**

Except for the Elect people of God all others have rejected this chosen Teacher from God for they wanted their own way. Though they had obeyed God in the letter prior to the death of Mr. Armstrong in 1986, their hearts were far from Him for they wanted to be like the world around them (*I John 2:15-17*).

This proved to be true with the beginning changes after the death of Mr. Armstrong in 1986. Case in point: consider the rulings Mr. Armstrong was led by Jesus Christ to make regarding the personal appearance of both men and women.

### **The World within God’s Church**

Continuing to be a part of this world is evident by seeing members who have failed to ask God through His Holy Spirit to enable them to LOVE Him more than themselves and reject their worldly desires (*Luke 14:25-27*). By their fruits and appearance they are failing in their love for God by not giving up things that are detrimental to their relationship with Him.

One former woman member intentionally and deliberately chose to disobey God by marrying outside the Church. Prior to the marriage she had been told from the Scriptures she would be making the wrong decision (*II Corinthians 6:14; I Corinthians 7:39*). She chose to do it anyway.

What she did reflects the attitude of those who continue making their own decisions aside from God’s true teachings and rulings through His late apostle, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

This is an attitude of choosing human reasoning that originated with Eve eating forbidden fruit from the Tree of Good. She then led her husband, Adam, to also eat of the same fruit (*Genesis 3:6; I Timothy 2:14*).

God makes known human reasoning apart from obeying Him will lead to death (*Proverbs 14:12; 16:25*). And unless repentance is made – a

turning around and going the godly way of love for Jesus Christ and His truth (*John 14:6, 15; 17:17*), they will fall short of His protection and the first resurrection.

It should be realized by each one of God’s true people there is no place in the Church of God for those who continue to keep one foot in the world. This is serving the wrong master (*Matthew 6:24; James 4:4; I John 2:15-17*).

### **The Godly Decorum of Women**

*Dress Wear.* Though men have the inherit problem of wanting to be important, women have the problem of wanting to be pretty – making them attractive to men. This can be seen on television and in society. Women wear their dresses halfway up to their thighs and their breasts are exposed from little to almost fullness. This is the norm today.

This has carried over within the true Church of God with a few to one degree or another. There are the women who often fail to wear the appropriate dress to cover completely their breasts with no cleavage showing.

Their dresses should also be slightly below their knees without slits high up their legs. Too much exposure of a woman’s body can lead to lust causing a man to sin (*Matthew 5:27-28; James 1:12-15*).

### **The Use of Makeup**



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There is also the vanity of the use of makeup like Jezebel of old in one form or another that some are still using that is contrary to God's laws.



Now when Jehu had come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and SHE PUT PAINT ON HER EYES and adorned (*attired*) her head (*making the effort to appear beautiful and regal*), and looked through a window (*II Kings 9:30*).

**Soncino Commentary, [II Kings 9:30]** “She painted her eyes.” Lit. ‘put (treated) her eyes with antimony.’ Stibium or antimony is a black-powder used by women in the East for darkening the edges of the eyelids and eyebrows. The dark outline has the effect of enlarging the appearance of the eyes and imparting to them added brilliance. Attired. Lit. ‘**made good, beautiful.**’ ”

Jezebel's seductive beautiful artificial looks failed! Jehu had her killed (*II Kings 9:33*). Neither will it please God. He led Mr. Armstrong to make the rule against the use of Makeup. And like the Sabbath being a TEST to members, so also is Makeup a TEST for those who yet choose to use it (*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*).

The rule was established by God's late apostle for women not to use any form of makeup except a foundation to cover *actual blemishes* for those who have them. This rule also covers the use of **dye** to change the color of their hair or coloring their finger and toe nails. God intended women to have natural beauty.



Mr. Armstrong firmly re-established this rule before he died and said it would only be changed over his dead body! And it was changed over his dead body by the apostate pastor general being influenced by Satan the devil.

### Believing Satan the Devil

God permitted this change by the pastor-general to TEST each woman by removing the rulings regarding the use of makeup. He also permitted the change in the doctrinal teaching of divine healing as well.



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There was great rejoicing among the membership while failing both TESTS; their hearts having departed from the truth and love of God! He brings a charge against such people:

**“ . . . Those who depart from Me shall be written in the earth (graves), because they have FORSAKEN the LORD, the fountain of living waters” (Jeremiah 17:13).**

King David also realized the necessity of TESTS that God permits to come upon His people to see what is really in their hearts:

**“I know also, my God, that You TEST the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. . . .” I Chronicles 29:17.**

It is so utterly sad that the members would rather believe the apostate pastor general influenced by Satan the devil than the Teacher Jesus Christ used in this end-time to teach strongly against the use of Makeup – to be like their predecessor— Jezebel, and her followers in this world.

### **The Government of God in the Church and the Home**

Living in the society of Corinth that was debase in every possible way, some members of God’s Church begin to accept their appearance and ways while forgetting God’s teachings and His governmental structure in the Church and in the home.

Seeing this copied by some members in the Church, God led the Apostle Paul to write and refresh their memories of His teachings that was also intended for this end-time as well. Studying the history and looking about us today there is very little difference between Corinth and the House of Joseph.

Women became bold in laying aside the chain of authority within the Government of God and in the home. (Halley’s handbook, 1965 pub. Page 597): “Men and women are of equal value in God’s sight. But there are certain natural distinctions between women and men without which human society could not exist. . . . It is

bad generally when women become too much like men.”

The Experimental Commentary makes note of women wanting equality with men and praying with their hair too short to be an adequate covering for their heads (symbolizing their direction from God to be in subjection to their husbands who was to be the head of the home). in His government within the marriage.

This is a very serious matter of either obeying or rejecting the government of God as did Adam and Eve (*II Corinthians 11:2-4*). God will not accept anyone in His Family that are not subject in mind and heart to His government.

### **HAIR Length of Men and Women**

The Apostle Paul continued to write about the appropriate hair length to honor God for both men and women in that day and for this end-time as well. He further made known that by violating those laws can seriously affect their having a relationship with God and leave them at risk to receive the plagues to befall this Babylonish system (*Revelation 18:4-5*).



Considering the appearance of the in-between class of men and women in that society in Corinth and this one today, it is sometimes difficult to distinguish a man from a woman!



And seeing some of the members copying them in their appearance, he was led by God to write the following instructions – ***I Corinthians 11:3-15:***

**“But every woman who prays or prophesies (literally, Joel 2:28-29) with her head UNCOVERED DISHONORS her HEAD (her husband), for that is one and the same as if her HEAD were shaved.**

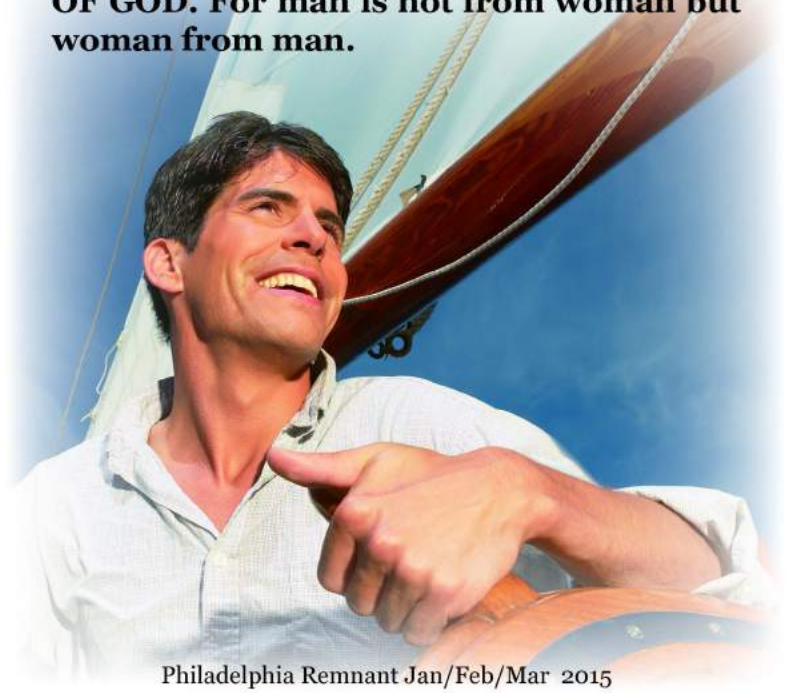


**“For if a woman is NOT covered, let her also be shorn (hair cut off completely). But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered.**

**“For a man indeed ought not to COVER his head, since he is the IMAGE AND GLORY OF GOD. For man is not from woman but woman from man.**



**“I want you to know that the HEAD of every man is CHRIST, the HEAD of woman is MAN, and the HEAD of Christ is GOD. Every man praying or prophesying (literally or preaching) having his head covered, dis-honors his HEAD (Jesus Christ).**



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**“Nor was Man created for the Woman, but woman for the man. For this reason the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head (in subjection to her husband who is to be the head of the family), BECAUSE of the angels (protection from them: Luke 12:8-9; Hebrews 1:14) . . .**

**“Nevertheless, neither is the man independent of women, nor woman independent of man, in the Lord. For as woman came from man, even so man also comes through woman; but all things are from God.**

In view of the foregoing Scriptures, the Apostle Paul continues writing:

**“Judge among yourselves. Is it proper for a woman to PRAY TO GOD with her head uncovered? The Apostle Paul then makes known the contrast—the distinction – that God makes known by His creation of man and woman – and needed obedience to those differences in His government: “Does NOT even nature teach you that IF a man has long hair, it is a **DISHONOR** to him?”**

The men who choose to have long hair reveal a show of rebellion and defiance against God’s government and a dishonor to Him and them. **BUT IF A WOMAN HAS LONG HAIR, it is A GLORY to her; for her hair is given to her FOR A COVERING”** (*I Corinthians 11:1-15*).



These Scriptures teach women their hair should be of greater length than a man. They also teach God will never allow anyone to become a member of His Family unless they submit completely to His governmental reign over them!

Without realizing it, for men to wear their hair too long, and women too short also poses a question in the minds of men and women in the world as to their sexual orientation.

From early years in the Church it was determined from the Greek that women should have shoulder-length hair to cover the back of the neck. By so doing, this will make possible protection from God’s holy angels (*Psalms 34:7; Luke 12:8-9*).

At the same time this will remove any doubt as to who they really are; women and men who are precious in His sight.

**This is of such great importance it can mean either having or not having God’s angels to protect them in this very serious time – and worsening! *Psalms 34:7; I Corinthians 11:9.***

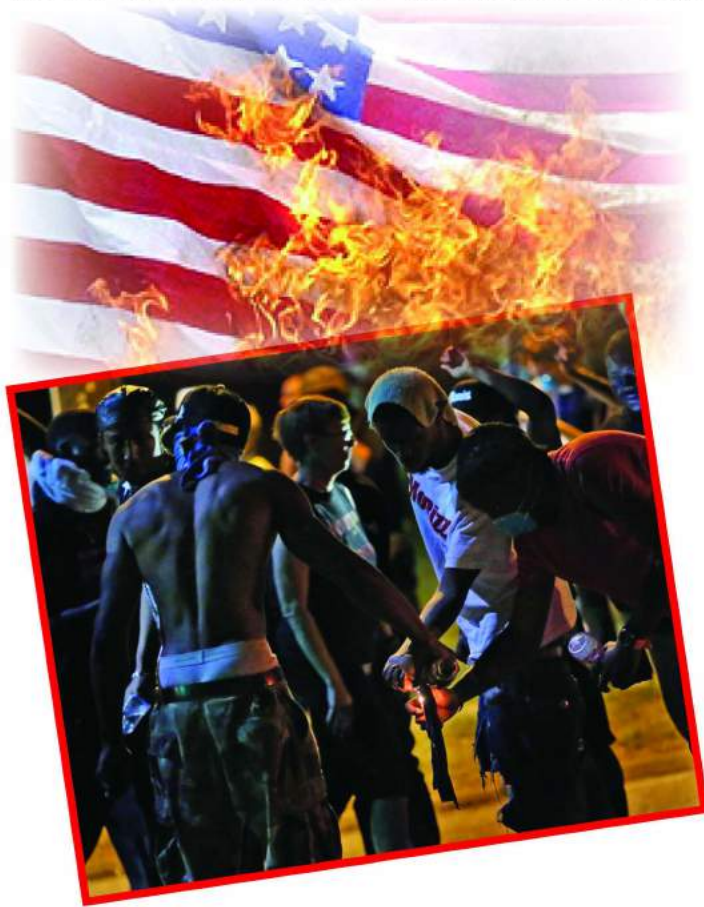


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## A Spirit of Loving Concern

Please realize what is written here is in the Spirit of God's love for any who are in need of making whatever changes needed to be protected from the evil of demons, violent criminals, the lone wolves of terror, and from the racial riots, etc.!



It is far better to remain in the caring love of Jesus Christ who continually has His eyes on His obedient and faithful people (*Psalms 34:6, 14-19*). Scripture makes known by your obedience you will be protected from these grave and worsening problems now being seen that are pointing to the closeness of the **Great Tribulation!** *Luke 21:36*.

Making the effort to cope with the world and remain apart from it, each one of God's true people should be saying, as did Jesus Christ who knew He would soon be facing arrest, beaten, and nailed to the stake to suffer a horrible and excruciatingly painful death; and being human, He asked His Father in prayer if there was any other way, but quickly added:

**"Not My will be done but Yours be done"**  
(*Luke 22:42*).

## World War III is at Hand

Brethren, time is running out! The end of this age with all of its prophesied horrors is almost upon the House of Joseph, the Church, and the world. It is very important that each member become very serious regarding any relationship they might have with God and take any needed steps to amend it!

Otherwise Satan the devil will entrap any whose hearts are not fully right with God and they will experience the horrors of the **Great Tribulation!** *Luke 21:34-35*.



To escape these coming terrible times, Jesus Christ said, we must love God with all of our hearts (*Matthew 22:37; Luke 14:26-27*). He also said one cannot serve two masters (*Matthew 6:24*); and to be a friend of the world is to be the enemy of God (*James 4:4*). And to look like they do – or do what they do – in areas that are wrong as made known by Mr. Armstrong, is to love the world more than you do God (*1 John 2:15-17*).

Though the following Scriptures speak of the 70 years of exile for the Jewish people because of their unrepentant sins (604-535 B. C.), God continually reaches out with the same caring love for all of His people at all times as He did then with the hope for repentance and return to Him:



**“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will CALL UPON ME and go and PRAY to Me, and I will LISTEN to you. And you will SEEK ME and FIND Me when you SEARCH for Me with ALL of your HEART. I will be found by you . . .” (Jeremiah 29:11-13; Revelation 3:20-21).**

The needed question: “Where is Your Heart?”  
Is it yet believing and following the LAWLESS teachings of the apostate pastor general that Satan used to destroy the World Wide Church of God, or, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, the man God used to RESTORE His laws and doctrinal teachings within the Philadelphia Church Era? Revelation 3:7-13; Malachi 4:4-6; Matthew 17:10-11.

This is an ONGOING TEST fore each member:

**“. . . See I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore CHOOSE life. . . .”**

God’s desire for each of us is to choose life and blessings by having our hearts to be completely and fully with Him in all areas of His teachings in desired obedience (*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*). *His awesome and wonderful blessings will follow beyond our greatest expectations.*

*Brethren,*

*Where is your Heart?*



# World War III

## A WARNING to the Nation!

*Nazi Germany's promise toward the close of World War II--*

***“One day we shall come back. Until then,  
A' bientot (= goodbye A' Soon)”***

The Apostle John Prophetically wrote about this soon-coming World War III viewing the emergence of the Revived Roman Empire as now can be witnessed:

**“I saw a beast rising up out of the sea . . . and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast . . . they worshiped the beast, saying, ‘Who is like the beast; and who is able to make war with him’”**

**Revelation 13:1, 3, 4.**

Alton B. (Don) Billingsley,  
Church of God, *Faithful Flock*

### ***The Soon-Coming World War III***

The above Scripture speaks prophetically of the revival of the Roman Empire – 10 Nations coming together in unity made possible by the office of the False Prophet (*Pope in Rome, Revelation 13:11-15*); it will begin WWIII.



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**Nazi Germany**> Because of its power (*military and economically*), and its dominant nature, and aggressiveness, the leading nation of the ten, and unquestionably its leader, will be of the ancient Assyrians better known today as Germany!

They will spearhead World War III according to its promised ongoing plan as the following quotes make known from the book: **“The Plot against the Peace,”** by Michael Sayers and Albert E. Kahn, 1945.

### ***We Shall Come Back***

Seeing the war was being lost once again by Nazi Germany in 1944, there was the ominous warning promise: **“One day we shall come back. Until then, A’ bientot”** (*Goodbye A’ Soon.*) The last words of an anonymous German Military Spokesman over the Nazi radio in Brussels on September 1, 1944 (page 11).



**Britain:** On October 9, 1995, Margaret Thatcher, former British prime minister, said in a speech given in Colorado, that German reunification WAS A BIG MISTAKE for which all of Europe is now paying. "Germany is very powerful now - her national character is to DOMINATE," she said.

**Warning from Stalin**> On November 6, 1944 Marshall Josef Stalin warned the Soviet people and the world: "After the defeat of Germany she will, of course, be disarmed, both in the economic and military-political respects. However, it would be naïve to think she will not attempt to restore her power and develop new aggression. It is known to all that the German leaders are ALREADY now preparing for a new war . . . (Page 35)."



**Understood Today**> Arthur Spiegelman of Reuter's said on May 10, 1996, "Realizing they were losing the war in 1944, Nazi leaders met top German industrialists to plan a secret post-war international network to restore them to power, according to a newly declassified U.S. intelligence document."

**Lost the War and Won the Peace**> "THE German General Staff has always regarded military defeat as merely a temporary phase of war. The war goes on. Battle strategy becomes underground conspiracy; artillery is replaced by propaganda; wartime espionage becomes post-war political intrigue, terror, assassination and secret preparation for new military attack (page 11). This plan is directly aimed at the eventual German conquest of the United States (Page 22)."

**The Cunning Deceptive In-road to a Comeback**> "NAZI Germany has suffered a military defeat; but the struggle for the peace has just begun (*began within the Common Market-now referred to as the Euromart*). That is the central fact of the present time (1945). Around it revolve all questions of future security and world construction (page 245)."

### ***Their Plan Never Wavers***

"The German General Staff is resigned to a temporary military defeat. Germany's rulers have prepared their plans to win the peace and convert it into a basis for a third world war (page 245). Their Fifth Columns are active in the United States and every other country (page 238).



## An Empire to Reign for 1000 Years

Dr. Herman L. Hoeh wrote, "The German leaders and philosophers have never forgotten this notion of the Middle Ages that the German, in place of the Jew, has a special mission from God. German politicians know that their dream of a world empire can be created only if they maintain this claim of a world-mission." (Plain Truth, Dec.1962).

### Germany's Ongoing Objective: Page 43>

"The German General Staff exist for a single purpose: war and world conquest (page 86). The German nation is fighting for world Empire (page 90)."

**They Went Underground**—"By the time the Allied armies crossed the Reich frontiers, there were FEW Nazi party leaders to be found in Germany. They had gone underground. Most of them had false identity papers taken from obscure Germans killed in air raids. Others had been planted in concentration camps to pose as anti-Nazis." Page 43.

**March 1945 – The Authors**>"This book is a WARNING to the nation. The secret rulers of Germany are already preparing for a new world war. They have vast hidden economic and political reserves for future use, not only inside Germany but throughout the world."

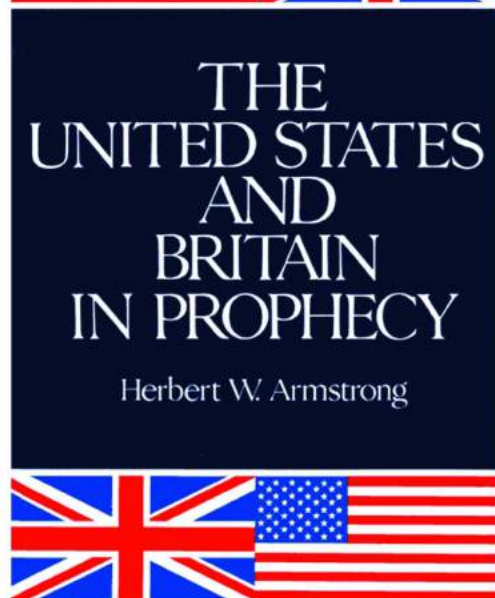
## World War III

With the knowledge of knowing the ancient Assyrians are today the modern day Germans, we will look at how God is going to use them to conquer their arch-enemy, the House of Israel, in particular, the House of Joseph.

**"The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth (Isaiah 10:5-6), AS SWIFT as the eagle flies, a nation whose language you do not understand, a nation of FIERCE COUNTENANCE, which does not respect the elderly NOR show favor to the young" (Deuteronomy 28:50; Isaiah 47:6).**

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## United States and Britain in Prophecy, Mr. Armstrong, pages 210-212



"Yet, in this detailed prophecy, **Micah 5:10-11**, God says: **'And it shall come to pass IN THAT DAY that I will cut-off your horses** [war horses, Moffatt Trans.]—tanks, ships, rockets— **"out of the midst of you, and I will destroy your chariots: and I will cut off your cities** [by Hydrogen Bombs?], **and throw down all your strongholds."** . . . God will use a Nazi-Fascist Europe to punish Britain-America."





**"They are TERRIBLE and DREADFUL; their judgment and their DIGNITY (Master Race) proceed from themselves. Their horses also are SWIFTER than leopards (the fastest of the cat family), and more FIERCE than evening wolves . . . their cavalry (armies) comes from afar; they FLY AS THE EAGLE that hastens to eat" (Habakkuk 1:7-8)**



**"They all come for VIOLENCE; their faces are SET like the east wind.**

**THEY GATHER CAPTIVES LIKE SAND. They scoff at kings . . ." (Habakkuk 1:9-10).** All of the captive peoples to be taken to Europe and dispersed within the 10 nations for cruel barbaric slaughter and hard bondage.

**"Therefore you shall SERVE your enemies, whom the LORD will send against YOU, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and he will PUT A YOKE OF IRON on your neck UNTIL he has destroyed you" (Deuteronomy 28:49).**

### **The History of Assyria/Germany**

"Not a single neighbor of the Germans," wrote Emil Ludwig, "could ever trust the Germans to remain peaceable. No matter how happy their condition, their restless passion would urge them on to ever more extreme demands." (The Germans: Double History of a Nation, 1941, p, 12).

**Assyria/Germany's Progressive War Plan> "But he has evil plans, his mind harbors evil designs; for he means to destroy, to wipe out many nations, not a few" (Isaiah 10:7, NJPS).**



In November 1944, Henry Wohl, a staff writer of the St. Louis Star Times interviewed a former Bundsman in Chicago named Homer Maerz, who was currently active in a number of subversive organizations and was spreading violent Nazi racist propaganda throughout the Midwestern states (page 175).

Maerz (said to him) that "the movement" had gone underground to some extent during the war, but it would still break out again with "shocking force" the moment hostilities ceased. "We may be under cover," said Maerz, "but we're never stopped. We're lining up now . . . you won't be able to call us Fascists or Nazis after the war. When THE TIME COMES, the big boys will SHOW themselves as leaders. Some are big businessmen and industrialists (page 176).



**Germans Citizens in America:** The Nazis were confident that they could build a powerful political pressure group in the United States from certain sections of the German-American community. . . . In Berlin in 1941, the Nazi press chief Dr. Paul Schmidt told the American correspondent, Bernard Lansing:

"In America race will have to recognize Adolph Hitler because it will SOME DAY feel its German heritage, which is much stronger than anything the Anglo-Saxons have given you. There are 23,000,000 Americans of German descent . . . Do you think a single one will ever forget he is a German? Never! So is it not better America recognizes IN TIME the DIRECTION OF DESTINY? (Page 234).

### **God's Wrath on America and Britain**

"Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger and the staff in whose hand is My indignation. I will send him against an ungodly nation and against the people of My wrath. I will give him charge, to seize the spoil, to take the PREY (*people captive*), and to tread them down like the MIRE of the streets" (*Isaiah 10:5-6; Jeremiah 30:5-7*).

### **Cruel by Nature>**

HYPERLINK"<http://www.ushistory.org/civ/4d.asp>"[www.ushistory.org/civ/4d.asp](http://www.ushistory.org/civ/4d.asp): "Fear was another tool used by the Assyrians. Although all wars are cruel, the Assyrians were notorious for their widespread use of torture as was Nazi Germany during WWII."

### **"Such a Time as Never Before">**

Based on the words and warnings by Jesus Christ, hundreds of millions of captives will experience extremely harsh cruelty! Matthew 24:21-22. Their bitterness to be vented in seeking vengeance for having been humiliated by losing the past two wars to America and Britain!

Emil Ludwig, also wrote in the same book, 1941, p, 12), "The history of the German kings and

leaders during the Middle Ages is a story of revolt and conspiracy... **In matters of torture** the Germans in the Middle Ages exceeded all other nations in inventiveness." (pp.14, 33).

**WWII revealed the same cruelty was practiced on prisoners of all ages, old and young alike, children and babies, especially on the Jews.**



...Children



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## How Close to WWII?

When we consider the documented writings in this book, "Plot against the Peace," in view of what is now being seen on the national and international scene along with the emergence of Nazism being seen in a powerful and dominant Germany, it should be realized the revival of the Holy Roman Empire is very close. In vision, the Apostle John wrote:

**"The 10 horns which you saw are 10 kings who have received no kingdom AS YET, but they receive authority for one hour (3 and 1/2 years) as kings with the Beast. These are of One Mind, and they will give their POWER (armies) and AUTHORITY (their military) to the Beast" (Revelation 17:12-13).**



***World will be Aghast!*** > ". . . And all the world marveled and followed the Beast. So they worshiped the dragon (Satan) who gave authority (will soon) to the Beast; and they worshiped the Beast, saying, 'Who is like the Beast? Who is able to make war with him (an enormous army) Revelation 13:3-4).



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## God's Warning of His Use of Assyria/Germany to Punish Israel

“... Now upon you, I will soon pour out My fury [**Great Tribulation**]. . . So you, son of man: I have made you A WATCHMAN for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and WARN them for Me” (*Ezekiel 7:6-8; 33:7*).

God's warning is yet ongoing via our 14 Websites on which are the recorded works of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. Questions: Is there no reverent FEAR of God to heed those warnings? Are we building our own Ark to be protected as did Noah—or will we also perish? *Revelation 18:4-5*.

**To be continued** – The next writing will answer questions, such as: Since German agents have been planted and are active within the United States, how can they be known? Also: Since prophecy reveals America will become aware of the Beast's intention to launch Nuclear Warfare against it that will begin WWII (*Ezekiel 7:14*); why will there be no pre-emptive strike?





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**The Ten Commandments**  
[www.10commandments.ws](http://www.10commandments.ws)

**What Do You Mean Born Again?**  
[www.begotten.net](http://www.begotten.net)

**Pagan Holidays or God's Holy Days?**  
[www.holy-days.co](http://www.holy-days.co)

**Herbert W. Armstrong-Apostle of God**  
[www.herbertarmstrong.net](http://www.herbertarmstrong.net)

**Herbert Armstrong-His Life & Work**  
[www.herbertwarmstrong.info](http://www.herbertwarmstrong.info)

**Lost Ten Tribes of Israel**  
[www.losttribes.org](http://www.losttribes.org)

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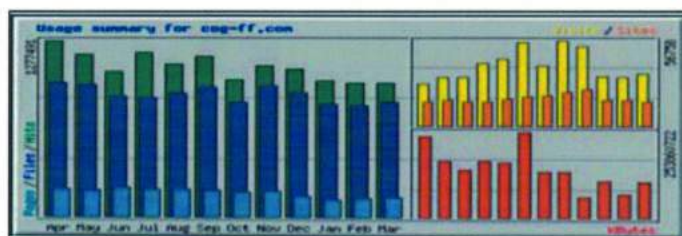
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