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*To whom much is given,
much will be required*
Luke 12:48

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From the Almighty

To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation.

I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!

So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

You say, "I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing." But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked.

I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent.

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

REVELATION 3:14-22

From the Author

For each and every one of us:

The shoe does fit—

Wear it.

God has given you your brain—

Use it.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance—

Take it.

From “the World”

Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those timid spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat.

~Theodore Roosevelt

To understand today we have to search yesterday.

~Pearl Buck

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

~George Santayana

Silence is a lie. Silence has a loud voice. It shouts, ‘Nothing important is happening-don’t worry.’ So, when something important is going on, silence is a lie.

~A.M. Rosenthal

There is a better way. Find it!

~Thomas Edison

Act as if everything depended on you and pray as if everything depended upon God.

~L.H. Payer

It’s not how hard you pushed along the way. It’s having something in you to finish.

~Michael Jordan

Greatness is not where we stand, but in what direction we are moving. We must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it—but sail we must, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes

Do You Know This Much?

Preface to the Expanded Edition

The Seed

In your hands now, you have the exact same message first delivered nineteen years ago to the Worldwide Church of God. These writings, which took over a year to be completed, were distributed to the Pastor General, evangelists, and Headquarters/Ambassador College ministers and to some local “shepherds” throughout the United States and the world. After each letter/flyer (or “scroll”) was written, it was meant to be the last one.

However, when no champion came forth from the WCG to defend its corporate position by using the Word of God, another was written until finally there were seven. Collectively, these were then entitled *The Letter to Laodicea* and this information was freely offered to church members.

All throughout this work, insurrection was never an option; but, in the true Christian tradition, neither was silence. Yet, nothing was done clandestinely. There was no recruiting of friends in secret in order to gain a personal following first. There was no underhanded maneuvering to garner support among the lower ranks in order to mount a coup. What was done followed established biblical guidelines. Upholding strict ethical standards meant that

this message had to be proclaimed in solitude without any social safety net.

Even though truth can at times be easy to come by, handling the truth in the biblically correct manner is like crossing through a minefield. Thus, this hazardous work crept along slowly, being careful to stay grounded in God's way.

Furthermore, the truth presented here was never used as the basis for income. Business does so corrupt the Bible; but what you have been given is 100% pure truth, unadulterated by any financial considerations. That is right! This work has not been tainted in any way because no tithe money has ever supported its standard-bearer.

How amazing is it, though, that the WCG and all its many "babies" consider these warnings irrelevant and so presumptuously dismiss them. Yet, they have hung onto the Bible all the while, using it as their comfy security blanket. But, what is that book except a collection of warnings?

Being outdated in its addressing foreign peoples of forgotten lands has surely contributed to the Bible's popularity. We have been spoiled because we are buffered by a mind-numbing time span of 2,000 to 6,000 years, which has served to protect us from personal attack. Therefore, when biblical warnings are reissued to today's populace, these fall on suddenly deaf ears. For those hearing

impaired it pays to remember that the final chapters of God's Word have yet to be written. When they are, the timeframe will be *NOW* and the subject matter will be about *US*.

With this booklet, you can see for yourself that the truth of the Laodicean message is still viable. This seed need only be planted in fertile ground where, with proper care and nourishing, it will bear such abundant fruit that in due time the world will be astounded.

What is, and always will be, required is that rare element faith. This age, however, has seen former WCG members abandon all faith in THE ONE God, opting instead to worship any one of several hundred "gods"—so far!—that have been formed out of the pieces of that great fallen Church.

However, THE TRUE God is indivisible and He is intolerant. Also, He is ancient and alien.

Consequently, our modern, sophisticated, and independent way is light years apart from the Creator's blueprint. Under our new world order, Christianity is just pompous, pathetic theater.

At this crossroads in history, then, it is time to wake up and learn—quickly!—how to please only Him. Failure to act will result in not being admitted into the FINAL PHASE of His work.

It will be, after all, His way or no way!

A GOOD NEWS – letter!

This is a tribute to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, a man who was dedicated to the search for truth at all cost. His legacy was THE PLAIN TRUTH. His challenge to all men was: Believe the Bible!

May the love of truth continue in each of us. May the fire it ignited never die!

But no fire can continue burning over the years without fuel. It can only diminish until dying embers remain where there once was a mighty blaze. The initial searing of our consciences gradually is replaced by a warm and cozy feeling. The roaring heat that used to prod us to action has turned into coals of comfort.

If there remains a faint glow deep inside you, it is the remnant of that Spirit of Truth that formerly set you ON FIRE. Rekindle it! No one needs more to fan the love of truth into flames again than he who considers himself a respectable member of God's Church.

It won't be long now; but the journey is by no means over!

What is the plain truth?

The “place of safety” is NOT for the Philadelphian Era of the Church of God!

Before you say, “But the Bible says,” ask yourself if you are willing to really look at the TRUTH as revealed in the scriptures with an open and honest mind that is not already prejudiced. Would you even accept such a statement, one that goes against “what you’ve always heard”? Consider Mark 7:7.

ALL traditions, even those of the Church of God, should square with the biblical truth. The challenge has always been there; today is no exception! It is our turn, as true followers of Christ in this age, to put ourselves on the active roster as SEARCHERS of the truth. It is too easy to just assume that this is no longer applicable to us who already are members of the Church. But, remember the Bereans!

If you are not interested in any “bad news,” and if you are not really convicted of YOUR individual responsibility to be grounded in the truth according to John 17:17, then this article will be of NO USE to you whatsoever. PLEASE do not read any further; for, it is only those who are willing to see that ARE able to see.

Of course, the mind will normally register some strong objections to any unpleasant thought. Certainly, it remains difficult to embrace, at first sight, any new belief that works contrary to what is in our OWN self-interest. There exists a balking factor by which our minds want to reject outright what looks to

be a negative idea. It is ONLY the love of truth, which can propel anyone to find truth at all cost, even if it's to one's own seeming hurt.

However, as Jesus promised, that truth will set us FREE (John 8:32). And, it will—IF we are willing to just believe it! Jesus Himself encountered a resistance to the truth that He proclaimed, which progressively turned into hardcore, violent opposition.

Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! ... If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? (John 8:45-46)

WHY!

Here is that original statement again: The “place of safety” is not for the Philadelphian Era of the Church of God! How could this in any way be true? Because, very simply, the ERA of the Church known as Philadelphia HAS ENDED. Like its predecessor the Sardis Church, the Philadelphia Church of God has given way to accommodate the next in the line of historical periods of God's New Testament Church. While that Church ITSELF has not ceased to exist, that era signified by the name “brotherly love” has been NOW superseded.

The predominant characteristic of the Church that exists at this very time is that of

lukewarmness. This will come as no surprise to anyone who is absolutely honest with himself. There has definitely occurred a gradual-but-obvious change from the “early days” of the post-Sardis Church. Personal experiences in today’s Church can easily document the prevailing attitude of complacency that has crept in and that has been strangling the love out of us all. It is an easy thing to prove, but one very hard to admit.

Well known to all is the fact that there would exist a Revelation 3:14 Laodicean Church of God. NOT understood has been how this Church would actually arrive on the scene. The puzzle of TWO Churches of God existing side-by-side has been resolved.

The death of Mr. Armstrong—the Zerubbabel of the modern age—has settled the issue beyond any doubt. God’s Apostle would indeed finish the work that God appointed for him to do; and that work that he did FINISH was the Philadelphian Era of God’s Church. Therefore, the change in leadership signaled the corresponding change in eras.

When referring to the previous changes of the first through sixth eras, this analogy has been the one that the Church today has been using: “The baton has been passed.” After Mr. Armstrong’s death last January, the exact same phrase was again used, but in reference to the assumption of the office of Pastor General by Mr. Tkach. It was repeated over and over that “the baton had been passed.” And, with this

quote, God was notifying the Church at large that a new era had just begun.

For the seventh and final era of God's Church to come into existence there would be no violent upheaval or power struggle. What the transition to the Laodicean Era would require was a quiet and orderly transfer of leadership indicative of a very well-run organization.

Forecasting this passage of power was the loss of Mr. Armstrong's hearing and eyesight over the past seven years. God had worked it out that his isolation was necessary in order to allow the Laodicean "body" to gain a foothold. Then, with the passing away of Mr. Armstrong as he slept in his favorite chair, the final, peaceful transformation was complete.

The very nature of the new Laodicean Church did necessitate that only such a natural transition as this would occur. There could be no breaking away of a rebellious Church, no splitting from the fold. This body of believers would still continue to be the one true Church of God and carry on with precisely the same doctrines. It would be true to its name and consistent with its heritage.

It is important to recognize that in no way would liberalism be the characteristic of this body. On the contrary, the religious externals would exhibit a rigid orthodoxy! And this pious face would nicely serve to MASK the complacent condition of the heart.

Here is a warning that was issued by Mr. Armstrong as early as seven years ago:

But, the BAD NEWS, as it appears today, my dear brethren, is that we, undoubtedly of the Philadelphian era ... are in serious danger of BECOMING also the Laodicean era. I am personally much concerned about that. If you are NOT concerned, then indeed we are in mortal DANGER. (The GOOD NEWS, August '79)

It is very, very logical that the Philadelphian Era would evolve into the Laodicean one. Of course, God knew human nature and He understood that the truly phenomenal success of the Philadelphian Church could, after a time, produce a Laodicean "offspring."

Throughout all areas of human endeavor, there exists the complacency principle. It affects nations, companies, organizations, and individuals.

And so, according to the revealed plan of God, it has also impaired the Church of God.

Whenever wealth of ANY SORT is possessed for any length of time and, most assuredly, whenever it is passed down as an inheritance, that resource is almost always taken for granted and NOT genuinely prized.

The same sum \$100,000,000 may be involved; but it would not EQUAL at all the

same value for the son who inherited it as it would for the father who had earned it. For the inheriting son, such a sensational fortune could surely pose a serious threat and easily cause him to just “lose touch” with reality. Whereas the well-to-do heir could look at himself and now “see” a multi-millionaire, he has a distorted picture of his own true self-worth.

If wealth happens without work, it disguises the fact that the dollar-rich prince is, still, really only a character-poor pauper. And, not having any “sweat equity” tied up in his holdings would just contribute to the son’s acquiring a highly exaggerated sense of his essence as an individual.

It is most common to consider wealth in terms of the physical and tangible. But it is by no means solely limited to that. When you consider that a person may accumulate a wealth of KNOWLEDGE and when you reason that this knowledge can be of SPIRITUAL matters, then the words “I am rich” take on an entirely different significance.

So consider this enhancement of the verse Revelation 3:17:

You are the true Church of God. And so, you can say that you are rich-in-knowledge of the doctrines of the Bible. For, only you have acquired the great spiritual wealth of the beliefs, traditions, and activities that set apart the one chosen people of God. And now you

believe that you do not need anything else; for you are, indeed, very privileged to possess the true learning found in the Old and the New Testaments. You know which day is the Sabbath and you know the plan of salvation as revealed in the Holy Days. You even know the hidden identity of Israel; and no one else but you has understood the key, end-time prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. BUT ...

“But??” But, what???

Now there comes one thing that this RICH true Church of God does NOT know. It does not realize that it is really “wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.” WHY???

Because it is, all along, continuing to SEE itself as still the princely Philadelphian Church.

As the heir to the powerful SPIRITUAL fortune amassed during the era of Mr. Armstrong, Laodicea is busy counting its cache of the sacred assets that it now manages. It is banking on these same holy resources to ensure prime royal access to the Kingdom. It is even assuming that use of the CHURCH-OF-GOD “CREDIT CARD” will enable it to conveniently and all-too-effortlessly make its first-class reservations for the long-awaited, stellar trip to the Place of Safety.

The very proof that the Laodicean Church is REALLY Laodicean is in its inability to see

itself as the “pauper” it is and in its actual refusal to even consider that possibility.

At this time it is imperative to RE-search the Bible in an effort to rekindle the heart. The MOST critical phase of our Christian work is to “purchase” from Jesus “gold refined in the fire,” “white clothes to wear,” and “salve to put on your eyes.”

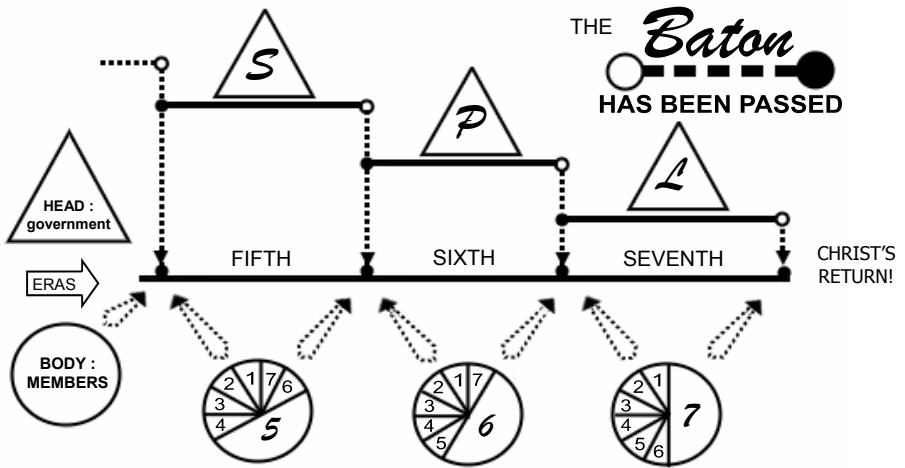
Let us love “with actions and in truth.”

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Now The LAST ERA

A VISUAL AID TO REVELATION TWO & THREE



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| * | S: The SARDIS Leadership | 3: The Pergamum-type Member | * |
| * | P: The PHILADELPHIA Leadership | 4: The Thyatira-type Member | * |
| * | | 5: The Sardis-type Member | * |
| * | L: The LAODICEA Leadership | 6: The Philadelphia-type Member | * |
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[Diagrams are for illustrative purposes only and are not meant to reflect actual percentages or time spans.]

FROM the book THE INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, there is this passage about the messages found in Revelation Chapters 2 and 3:

These seven messages DO apply to seven successive Church eras. BUT they also apply to the WHOLE CHURCH through ALL eras. In other words, the Ephesus characteristics DOMINATED in the first era, and the Laodicean will dominate in the last, but SOME of these characteristics are found in EVERY era. The messages apply to the WHOLE Church (and so I have said and written for more than fifty years) but certain characteristics predominate in the various eras. (page 155)

BUT DO YOU BELIEVE THE PLAIN TRUTH?

Please understand what God has already been telling us. It's there "IN BLACK AND WHITE." Now the choice is up to you! You can either prove this is the truth or prove it is an error. The one thing that you cannot afford to do is to ignore the issue altogether. For that would indeed be for you a most tragic, and truly fatal, mistake.

God's Apostle Mr. Armstrong had often spoken of himself as the Zerubbabel of Zechariah 4:9. The work that he was commissioned to do was to raise up the Philadelphian Era of God's Church. And according to the divine plan, that was THE VERY SAME work that he would complete. It was Mr. Armstrong who began that sixth stage and it was he who would end it.

That part of God's WORK known as "the Church in Philadelphia" was, therefore, to be finished when its human leader died. In The GOOD NEWS magazine of August '79, on page 27, Mr. Armstrong wrote:

God never yet has let one through whom He STARTED a great project turn wrong—and He has never yet let such an appointed leader of His die until his job was FINISHED!

In Mr. Herbert Armstrong's final book MYSTERY OF THE AGES, on pages 282-92, he repeatedly refers to the change that occurs between two successive church eras as: "the baton" BEING PASSED. At no other time is this phrase used except to signal and identify the transition from an old to a NEW church era.

The May '86 issue of The GOOD NEWS, one specified as A Tribute to Herbert W. Armstrong, includes this one particular article of extremely great PROPHETIC significance. It

is entitled “Passing the Baton” and in it, there is this statement:

Mr. Armstrong termed his appointment of Mr. Tkach “the passing of the baton.”

His use of that specific, epochal terminology has signified that an era of church history has passed. And thus, the God of Amos 3:7 has REVEALED His plan!!!

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. (Rev. 3:13 & 22)

As of one year ago, there has occurred in the Worldwide Church of God a smooth and orderly transfer of the human authority under God’s government. The citizens of the United States of America can relate to such transfers of power because we have a constitutional procedure that determines the succession to the presidency. As each new leader assumes the office, he ushers in a new era, a period that reflects the all-pervasive influence of his personal philosophy. And it is a well-known political formula that one leader EQUALS one era.

Similarly, the Church of God has entered a new era. The Armstrong/Philadelphian one has ceased. The pivotal message of Revelation 3:14 is addressed to that new leader (“angel” or

“messenger”), the human head of the Church who would follow AFTER Mr. Armstrong.

What had transpired was a gradual change in the attitude (NOT THE DOCTRINE) of the church membership. The Sixth Characteristic was, over the years, being subtly displaced by the Seventh one until it finally was superseded. “Creeping” complacency took root and clearly became the dominant, prevailing tendency of the majority of today’s church members.

The Seventh trait “Lukewarmness” now stood out as the single most noticeable feature of this second generation “corporation.” And, it had become manifest throughout the entire body “from the sole of your foot to the top of your head” (Isaiah 1:6).

While some vestiges remained, the Sixth Era was all-but-over. When its founder Mr. Armstrong, the man who epitomized for so long the trait of “brotherly love,” died, the new era was then officially installed. The human government had become the Laodicea Church of God.

It is important to realize that there is a critical distinction that needs to be made between a member of the Laodicea Church and a Laodicean member. Not all members of the Seventh Era will have to depict the Seventh Characteristic—the lukewarm attitude. Yet, since the Church AS A WHOLE will exhibit this tepid condition, such members will find

themselves in opposition to the prevalent Laodicean faction.

One who strives to maintain the Philadelphian attitude will have to struggle against that lukewarm-malaise which he finds in himself and in others. One who truly would live the agape way will not—CANNOT—“go along” with the Church AS IT IS. One who is practicing deeds of love must be at variance with a complacent Church. One who follows in Christ’s footsteps will need to apply the lessons found in Chapter 10 of the book of Matthew.

Only the PHILADELPHIAN-TYPE member within the Laodicean Era can thereby qualify to be kept from the hour of trial (Rev. 3:10). For, protection from the Great Tribulation can never be a wholesale proposition. Proof will be required of each individual whether or not he alone has stood this TEST of love. Everything else will be irrelevant.

Yet many, at this time, will not understand and will not really want to understand what has occurred. It is as if they have hung out the “PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB” signs on the doors of their Christian lives. Within the comfort and security of the Church, we have been sweetly “lullabied” to sleep. Matthew 25:5 states that ALL ten virgins—the ENTIRE Church of God—“became drowsy and fell asleep.” That means US!

For, church history finds us NOW in Matthew 25. And Luke 21:36 warns that we

should be WATCHING!!! Have you been watching CHURCH EVENTS? Have you been watching the CHURCH ATTITUDES? Have you been watching YOU?

While we were all asleep, Jesus Christ took His Church into the final stage—the Seventh Era.

IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP!!!

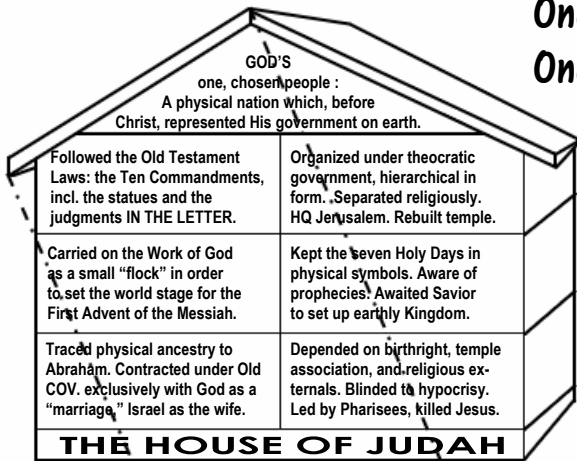
Have you the “oil” for your lamp?

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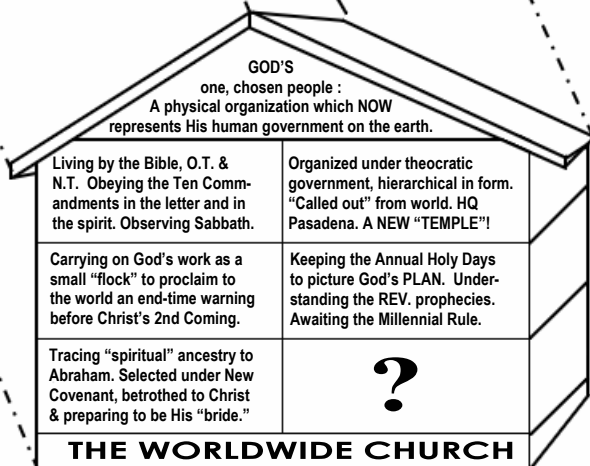
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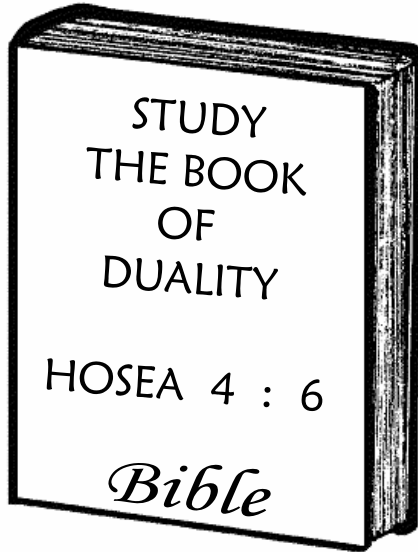
A Tale of Two FAMILIES

**One PAST,
One PRESENT!**



**... One Physical
& One Spiritual!**





But listen, dear brethren of God's Church, Satan is MORE POWERFUL, MORE CUNNING, MORE SUBTLE, than any human being on earth! Unless you and I are constantly on guard—close to God in constant heartrending prayer—constantly close to God and His truth through Bible study—Satan CAN deceive you, blind your eyes to God's truth and USE YOU!

... And SATAN DID BLIND AND DECEIVE THOSE WHO, WITH HONEST HEARTS, HAD ACCEPTED GOD'S TRUTH! ... Brethren, do we think we are so superior to those of the first, second and third centuries that Satan could not have tried to pervert God's TRUTH today?

These words of Mr. Herbert Armstrong were written not to “the world” but to God’s own people in The GOOD NEWS of August ’79. They are just as true today!

Have you ever thought deeply about why Jesus Christ was killed by His own nation—by the very family that He had prepared to receive Him; by the body that He had established to represent His law, the government of God; by the one special people that He had chosen to be His “bride”? You need to know the real reason!!!

History has a way of repeating itself for those who forget, or who choose to ignore, its lessons. This time, “the people of God” are the members of the Worldwide Church of God. And, the REJECTION that had happened once can just as easily happen again! Do you doubt that? (1 Cor. 10:12)

Certainly, the time is right; the conditions are similar. “You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.” (Matt. 16:3) You are knowledgeable of the world condition and you watch anxiously for the fulfillment of prophecies about a united Europe. You eagerly desire the Messiah to come, to set up His Kingdom ON EARTH. And, you know about the Great Tribulation, from which you want to escape.

Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you

can say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our father.” (Matt. 3:7-9)

Moreover, today some may claim that they had Mr. Herbert Armstrong as their spiritual “father.” But, if they were truly his spiritual “children,” then they would do the things that he did. They would see the need to get right with God.

You diligently study the scriptures because you think by them you possess eternal life. These are the scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life. (John 5:39-40/ NIV)

These are dangerously deceptive times in which to live. You may be thinking that your “membership” in the Worldwide Church of God is the single, most important concern in your life. You may feel that all is well for you there, safe and secure within its walls of exclusiveness.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets. (Luke 6:24-26)

Isn't it possible that, here, Jesus is pointedly referring to one's EXTERNAL CONDITION (or STATUS) of spiritual—NOT physical—well-being and affluence?

No such dire warning should go unheeded. Belonging to that group which is the one true government of God on this earth can backfire! It can lead you down the path that will take you away from Christ. It can hinder your entrance into God's Kingdom, your acceptance into His Family. This, the House of Judah had to first find out—the hard way.

So, take these words of Jesus to heart:

I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the SUBJECTS of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matt. 8:11-12)

And WHO ARE the “subjects of the kingdom”? Today they are none other than the members of the Worldwide Church of God. For the Church—as founded by the Second Adam—IS the “EMBRYONIC” KINGDOM OF GOD!!!

It is just too easy to flippantly dismiss the lesson of the Gospels as having been meant for only one people in the past. The Bible is a NOW book and it contains a LIVING message which is

intended to affect and to admonish US—in 1987.

Can we afford, then, to consider the gospel narrative OBSOLETE? Can we say, for instance, that such a “story” as the Matthew 21 parable of the tenants no longer conveys a viable lesson? Can we also say that verse 38 could only apply to the Jewish people? And can we, thus, say that we would have never rejected the Son of God, that we would NOT have killed Him when He came to His “vineyard”?

And you say, “If we had lived in the days of our forefathers we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.” So you testify against yourselves that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets. (Matt. 23:30-31)

Yes, we are “the descendants” of those who murdered Jesus because we ARE the SPIRITUAL JEWS—laying claim to the same ancestry of the faith. Our “forefathers,” the Old Testament people of God, failed to see the coming of Christ-in-the-flesh. They clung to their image of themselves as the chosen people before God and they chose to put that self-image BEFORE GOD. The elect body counted on their highly privileged position as “the keepers of the Temple” and they elected to keep that status quo rather than accept the MAKER of the Temple.

Yes! We, too, as a people—as a CHURCH—are capable of “killing” Christ. We also can be deceived! The only difference for the Second Advent is that Jesus will be coming in the RESURRECTED “FLESH.”

It is extremely likely that we will now be following in the footsteps of our Old Covenant counterparts. We will be fulfilling the alarming duality that is the plain truth of Bible HISTORY.

One thing is very certain. What will make this Physical/Spiritual parallel ALL-THE-MORE TRUE is that the WARNING will not be considered. The very proof IS the BLINDNESS!!!

Many will object to these words and say instead, “Lord, Lord, didn’t we put out the Gospel to the world in Your name? Didn’t we expel the ‘demons’ of the false religions? Didn’t we perform a MIRACULOUS WORK for You in this era?”

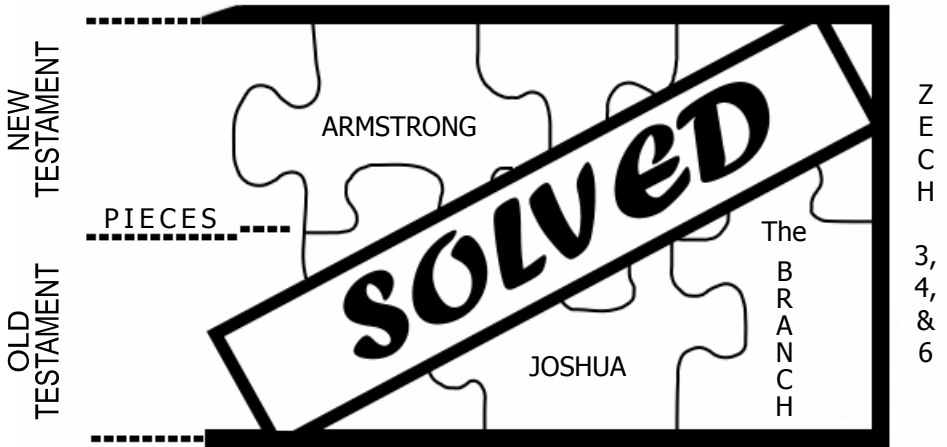
And, to that, Jesus will say:

“I NEVER KNEW YOU.”

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ZECHARIAH'S PUZZLE



If you have been puzzled by the turn of events which have occurred in God's Church in the last year, then please LISTEN to the words of Mr. Herbert Armstrong from his book MYSTERY OF THE AGES:

I learned that the Bible is like a jigsaw puzzle—thousands of pieces that need putting together—and the pieces will fit in only one way. Then the picture becomes crystal clear to the one willing to believe what God our Creator says ... See these truths with your own eyes in your own Bible. And open your mind to God's

leading you into His TRUTH as you do. It will make a lot of sense as nothing ever did before. (page xi)

ARE YOU one who is willing to believe what God says? WILL YOU open your mind to God's leading you?

The truths of the Bible are revealed here a little, there a little, scattered from beginning to end, and revealed only through the Holy Spirit within those surrendered and yielded to God, willing to have confessed error and wrongdoing, and yielding to BELIEVE Christ the Word of God. (page 5)

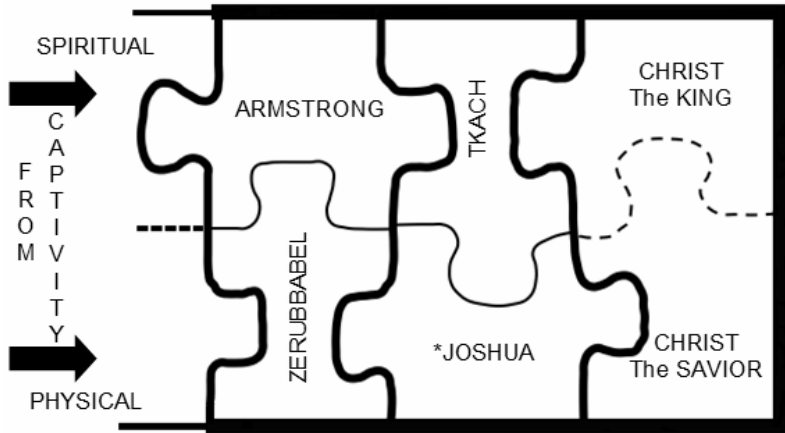
HAVE YOU yielded yourself lately to believe what Christ speaks to you through the Bible?

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27)

He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God. (John 8:47)

DO YOU BELONG TO GOD?

THEN HEAR HIM!



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Hidden in His Word are the plans of Almighty God. Disclosed is His promise to reveal those “secrets” for you! (Amos 3:7) However, you may of your own choice find it “easier” to become blind to the light of God’s truth.

In modern times Christ began the piece-by-piece revelation of Bible mysteries through His Apostle and servant Mr. Armstrong. One KEY segment was FIXED as the leader of God’s Church plainly identified himself with Zerubbabel. This was the primary DIRECT LINK with the Old Testament and was crucial to

unlocking the New Testament future—according to the dual nature of biblical prophecy.

Henceforth, the prophetic picture hinged on this KEY IDENTIFICATION! Notice Mr. Armstrong's statement:

Zerubbabel was the governor of the contingent [of Jews] and builder of the temple to which Christ came at His first appearing on earth as the human Jesus. Also, prophetically this Zerubbabel was the type of one to come in the LAST DAYS of this world whom Christ would use in building the temple to which the glorified all-powerful Christ shall come at His second appearing. (The PLAIN TRUTH, April '79)

And, about the first four chapters of Zechariah, he writes:

The real MESSAGE is about OUR TIME, NOW—the LAST DAYS! (The GOOD NEWS, May '80)

With that discovery, one can begin to interconnect the Old and the New Covenants. God intended for us to apply this information and continue to solve THE REST OF THE PUZZLE!!! We are not to abandon its completion when it seems in our self-interest to "look the other way." Instead, we should NOW be inserting those other pieces that FIT that

part which has already been put into its place by the hand of God.

By restoring God's government for the "spiritual Jews," Mr. Armstrong did indeed fulfill his "part"; he led that remnant which had come out of the captivity of this world—modern Babylon! It was his job to prepare that Spiritual Temple, the one to which the Spiritual Christ would LATER (not in his life) come as KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS.

Just before his death, Mr. Armstrong appointed Mr. Tkach as his successor. After this delegation, Mr. Tkach was proclaimed as JOSHUA. This very popular analogy was well-documented with much acclamation.

Even though the desired intent was to model the Moses/Joshua sequence, the name used was also the same as Zechariah's JOSHUA. Here was that key Zerubbabel (/Joshua) LINK which had already been established by Mr. Armstrong.

It is here, therefore, that we should insert this recent piece—EXACTLY WHERE IT FITS!!!

This once again goes to prove that our purposes are not God's purposes. (Isaiah 55:8) Our actions and our desires notwithstanding, God's plan alone will stand.

Mr. Armstrong stressed that he was of the Davidic line, the SAME as that of his Old Testament type. Now Mr. Tkach has been designated as being of the lineage of Levi. This

additional evidence as well confirms that he is NOT the type of the Joshua of the Exodus (from the tribe of Ephraim) BUT the type of the Joshua of the Temple who was from the priestly tribe. Can this be only a coincidence?

A look at history will show that it was the priestly leadership in Judah that continued until the time of the Messiah, including the three and one-half years of His ministry. This period is foretold by the term “your associates” which attests to the fact that, during the tenure of “Joshua,” Christ would come to the Jerusalem Temple over which he/they had charge. (Zech. 3:8)

That leadership failed to see the piece of the Kingdom puzzle, which was “hidden” in the Isaiah 52 and 53 portraiture. HOW could they miss their own Savior? Because HE simply did not fit into THEIR plans. It was not advantageous for them to alter their ideas to FIT what God had in mind!

Likewise, today, the Church has become “glued” to its initial plans of following Mr. Armstrong to the place of safety to await the setting up of an earthly kingdom. But his death has made that speculation outdated. Yet we still cling to the old plan by doctoring it, splicing in a new leader; i.e., we say that we will just have Mr. Tkach take us “there” instead.

However, a “new” reality requires that OUR plans be subject to review and revision. Everything must be always brought back into

line with SCRIPTURAL REALITY. It is time to return to “the trunk of the tree.”

What is fact, what is proven fact—not any supposition—is that Mr. Armstrong WAS “Zerubbabel”! The next leader IS that “Joshua” who was “dressed in filthy clothes.” There is no reason to “crowbar” any different, unwieldy selections into place because THIS PIECE FITS!!!

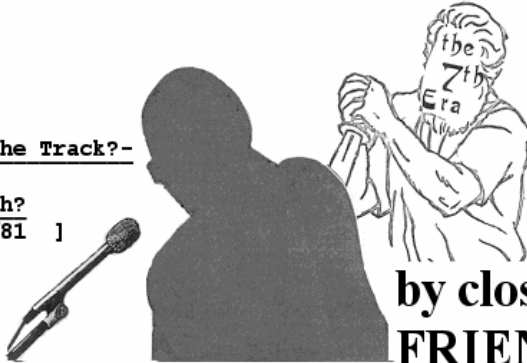
The Bible states this man Joshua will be a “burning stick snatched from the fire.” This metaphor signals that he will be put to the test as he carries “the baton” of the Seventh Era Church into the “FIRE” of the Great Tribulation.

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STABBED IN THE BACK !!!

ARE We
Back on the Track?-
When We
Lack Faith?
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by close
FRIENDS --

who divine New truth **from Old ERROR.**

Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me. (Psalm 41:9)

If an enemy were insulting me, I could endure it; if a foe were raising himself against me, I could hide from him. But it is you, a man like myself, my companion, my close friend, with whom I once enjoyed sweet fellowship as we walked with the throng at the house of God. (Psalm 55:12-14)

King David realized the treachery that comes from within. The Apostle Paul understood that peril and WARNED the Church:

I know that AFTER I LEAVE, savage wolves will come among you and will not spare the flock. EVEN FROM YOUR OWN NUMBER men will arise and DISTORT THE TRUTH in order to draw away disciples AFTER THEM. So be on your guard! (Acts 20:29-31)

Would you listen to Paul? Would you listen to Peter?

But there were also false prophets among the people, just as THERE WILL BE FALSE TEACHERS among you. They will SECRETLY introduce destructive heresies ... Many will follow their SHAMEFUL ways and will bring the WAY OF TRUTH into disrepute. (2 Peter 2:1-2)

WOULD YOU LISTEN TO JESUS CHRIST?

And, Jesus warned:

Watch out for false prophets. They come to you IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. (Matt. 7:15-16)

By HIS fruit Mr. Herbert Armstrong has been recognized as a true Apostle of Christ. Would you listen to him?

NOTICE The GOOD NEWS, October '79:

LET US BE CAREFUL LEST ANY OF THIS APPLY TO THE MINISTRY OF GOD'S CHURCH! (Ezekiel 34) "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord ETERNAL unto the shepherds: Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? [with the Word of God] ... The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick" (verses 2-4). Some of our ministry wanted to do away with healing. God put HEALING in His Church. He put it in 1,900 years ago through the original apostles. He put it in today's era of the Church through me, His apostle. DO NOT BE GUILTY OF NEGLIGENCE IN THIS IMPORTANT DOCTRINE. (page 6)

NOTICE The GOOD NEWS, October '81:

I am shocked—saddened—discouraged—hurt! ... Brethren, I was shocked. It was like being stabbed in the heart. (page 4)

What hurt Mr. Armstrong so deeply was his discovery that faith in healing had once again fallen into neglect. Had his earlier pleading fallen on deaf ears? The Pastor General then wrote this stern WARNING to the members:

But the passage in Matthew 25 shows those individuals in it (the Church)—or who profess to be in it—and are lukewarm and lacking in faith in God’s Word will have the door slammed in their faces!

Let the truth be known that God’s Apostle fought long and hard to establish and keep physical healing as a belief of the Worldwide Church of God. NOTICE these references:

TOMORROW WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE, p. 83
INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL, p. 111
AUTOBIOGRAPHY, VOL. 1, p. 332
MYSTERY OF THE AGES, pp. 211–12

Then when his battle seemed lost, it felt to Mr. Armstrong as if he were being “stabbed in the heart.” However, this phrase implies that there would have taken place face-to-face, man-to-man confrontation. NOT SO!!! What really did occur was a cowardly, behind-the-back act of deception. Lurking in the dark and waiting for the weak is always the best way for jackals to hunt. Alive, Mr. Armstrong was too mighty a prey for the jackals themselves to bring down.

So they waited for old age to take his life before moving in to dismember his “body”—the body of beliefs to which he had faithfully committed his life, in order to teach his spiritual family. Now, in his death, his “close friends” are destroying that life.

For, they had played the game well. They had sought the prize; and now, finally, it was theirs. Without “the lion” to protect “the sheep,” all is easy pickings.

Since they don't have to contend with Mr. Armstrong any longer, there will be A REAL FEAST for the assailants who could not manage the decency to openly confront him WHEN HE COULD HAVE KICKED THEM OUT!!! Cowering and compliant, they stealthily hid within “the fold” in order TO DECEIVE EVEN THE ELECT.

Didn't THEY listen to what he was saying?
NOTICE The GOOD NEWS, April '79:

God COMMANDS that we all speak THE SAME THING! ... All doctrines in the present Philadelphia era were put into the Church by Jesus Christ through His chosen apostle. ... When Christ chose His apostle for this time, He chose one who ... WILL NOT compromise or water down truths and doctrines Christ has given ... (page 28)

The FOUNDATION has ALREADY been laid. (Eph. 2:20) That WORK had been

COMPLETED—CEMENTED—CONCRETED! Mr. Armstrong FINISHED his job. And, IN MEMORIAM of him, the new Pastor General pointedly proclaimed:

I'm not here to fill the shoes of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, I'm here to FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE HE SET. ... Pray that God would guide and direct me ... that I can follow in those footsteps.

But the “footsteps” are NOT being followed! And the foundation is NOT being built on; instead, it's being tampered with and perilously undermined. The TRUNK OF THE TREE is rotting from within. OLD, REJECTED ERROR is being swallowed as new truth just as a dog returns to its VOMIT!!! (Read 2 Peter 2:17-22.)

How did his pupils WALK TOGETHER with Mr. Armstrong when they were NOT AGREED with him? (Amos 3:3) How could it be GOOD AND PLEASANT for his brothers to dwell together with him in DISUNITY? (Psalm 133:1) The answer in one word: HYPOCRISY.

Let this INDICTMENT stand:

But you have TURNED FROM the way and by your teaching have caused many to stumble; you have VIOLATED the covenant with Levi...

So I have caused you to be despised and humiliated before all the people, because you have not followed my ways

but have shown partiality in matters of the law. (Mal. 2:8, 9)

Let this TRUTH stand: Acts 5:29.

AT THE TOP of the government of God IS GOD. To follow the government of God means TO FOLLOW GOD!!! No one—NOT even the Pastor General—takes HIS PLACE.

Mr. Armstrong knew this and wrote:

“But even Christ’s apostle has no authority to SHUT OFF the authority above him. ... Authority does not END at any point under God the Father.” (The PLAIN TRUTH, August ’79)

CONSIDER THIS 1987 FEAST MESSAGE:

Come, all you beasts of the field, come and devour, all you beasts of the forest! Israel’s watchmen are BLIND, they all lack knowledge; they are all mute dogs, they cannot bark; they lie around and dream, they love to sleep. They are dogs with mighty appetites; they never have enough. THEY ARE SHEPHERDS who lack understanding; they all turn to their own way, each seeks his own gain. “Come,” each one cries, “let me get wine! Let us drink our fill of beer! And tomorrow will be like today, or even far better.” (Isaiah 56:9-12)

JESUS CHRIST SPEAKS:

Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may ... go through the gates into the city ... Outside are the dogs ... everyone who loves and practices falsehood. (Rev. 22:12-15)

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The REAL "POPE" -

(2 Thess. 2 :
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*NOW sits in
the House of God.*



The TEMPLE is HERE!

WON'T YOU BELIEVE
MR. ARMSTRONG???

In MYSTERY OF THE AGES, in the chapter entitled "Mystery of the Church," the Apostle of the Worldwide Church of God had identified this Church as THE TEMPLE:

The Church, then, is to grow into a HOLY TEMPLE—the spiritual TEMPLE to which Christ shall come—even as he came to a material temple of stone and metals and wood the first time.

And,

There is no scripture foretelling the construction of a material temple in Jerusalem before Christ's appearing.

And the Apostle Paul wrote:

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises TO BECOME A HOLY TEMPLE in the Lord. (Eph. 2:19-21)

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and YOU ARE THAT TEMPLE. (1 Cor. 3:16-17)

What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For, WE ARE THE TEMPLE of the living God. (2 Cor. 6:16)

Also, Mr. Tkach has stated:

There are many ways to defile the temple of God—or the Body of Christ. (*The Worldwide News*, April 6, 1987, page 3)

These, then, are irrefutable proofs that the New Testament Temple is none other than the Church, THE BODY OF CHRIST. (1 Cor. 12:27; Rom. 12:5) Furthermore, THE CHURCH, as the

spiritual mother of its members, is identified as the NEW JERUSALEM!!!

But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother. (Gal. 4:26)

With this knowledge, it's time to face all the facts. It's time to remove the mental "roadblocks." It's time to proceed to that stark, but undeniable conclusion.

The NONEXISTENCE of the physical temple does ALSO mean the NONOCCURRENCE of the "abomination desolation" being set up within the PHYSICAL Jerusalem. For, no one can SIT as "God" in a temple that will not even be erected. And no Catholic pope (or anyone else) can DEFILE a "holy place" which NEITHER would exist, NOR would ever be holy!

Haven't we skirted this touchy issue for too long? Are we refusing to consider knowledge because it goes against the Church's TRADITIONAL beliefs? Yet, Mr. Armstrong's challenge to such traditional Christianity still stands; it has always been: "BELIEVE THE BIBLE!"

WON'T YOU BELIEVE THE BIBLE???

The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course (1983), Lesson 3, on page 11, presents this poignant question: "At His 'coming' (parousia), what will Christ do to

‘that Wicked [one]’ who has seated himself ‘as God’ in the temple of God?” This is in reference to Second Thessalonians 2:4.

For an unbiased explanation of what specific temple is meant here, simply “ask” the author—Paul. Apply a cardinal rule of exegesis: LET PAUL INTERPRET PAUL! Since this Apostle also wrote the passages quoted earlier from Ephesians and Corinthians, since not one retraction, correction, or even amendment was ever expressed by him, and since God recorded ALL scripture useful for our teaching (2 Tim. 3:16), the correct answer is that the “temple of God” SHOULD MEAN—consistently and uniformly—THE CHURCH OF GOD. To conclude otherwise would be to exhibit a fatal prejudice against the PLAIN TRUTH, which could lead to spiritual death.

Candidly expounded, the second chapter of Second Thessalonians reveals that there will be a man in the CHURCH OF GOD who will have risen through the ministerial ranks to be placed atop this human government of God. As the highest representative of the true Church on earth, he would then cut off that authority ABOVE him and, thereby, establish himself as THE FINAL AUTHORITY. Not answering to God, he would render arbitrary decisions based on personal opinions. This exalted man would put his word above God’s WORD—the Bible! Thus, this religious leader would be taking the very PLACE OF GOD as Head of His Church.

For, in claiming to possess “the mind of Christ”—even while dispossessing the truth of Christ—he would be proclaiming himself to be—essentially and effectively—EQUAL WITH CHRIST! In asserting to use “the government of God”—even while MISUSING it as a weapon to demand the absolute loyalty only reserved for God—he would be seating himself upon the throne of God.

And so, this “God”-man would require worship of his PERSON and all his followers would be expected to bow down before his IMAGE. Now, an IDOL would stand in the “holy place”!!!

The only HOLY place—the ONLY “place” on this earth which is set apart to the service of God; the sole, unique state that belongs to God; the “holy nation” (1 Peter 2:9)—is THE CHURCH, representing the people of God. There can be no other fulfillment of Matthew 24:15!

The Ambassador College Correspondence Course (1972), Lesson 2, on page 14, states:

The modern “abomination of desolation,” therefore, will also be some kind of FALSE “god” in Jerusalem!

But, WHICH JERUSALEM???

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. (Heb. 12:22)

As Christians you come to the NEW Jerusalem. For, certainly, the OLD Jerusalem had forfeited its special place in God's eyes.

The plain truth, then, is that the ABOMINATION will make desolate the TRUTH of Christ and will desecrate the very CHURCH of God. Having been ousted by His own government Christ will reveal the LAWLESS ONE and return to overthrow this USURPER!

Here, then, is THE GREAT LIE—the heinous HALF-TRUTH—which is promulgated by the “man of sin”: To obey him is to obey God, while to oppose his ways is to oppose the government of God. This warped, distorted, PARTIAL truth will have been set in God's Church by “the son of perdition.” Those members who go along in harmony with this satanic deception and rigidly hold to its wicked “fruits” will perish.

They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the LIE and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness. (2 Thess. 2:10-12)

Many will wish to believe the delusion that they are obedient to God when, in truth, they are only obedient to a man. It will be all-too-easy to embrace this IMAGE of Christianity

rather than to face the reality that this is nothing but IDOLATRY. Adoring followers of “the vicar” will delight in their comfortable fantasy. Disdaining the REAL duty of a Christian, they will decline to enact the WHOLE—the unadulterated—truth. Peter and John understood it (Acts 4:19); the other apostles (Acts 5:29); so also Paul (1 Cor. 11:1); and Mr. Armstrong. It is: FIRST, FOLLOW GOD; second, follow others ONLY AS THEY FIRST FOLLOW GOD!!!

The abrogation of this clear, God-given responsibility will open the way for what is prophesied as the GREAT APOSTASY. It is well known that such a church-wide rebellion will occur. Here, then, is the answer to HOW it will occur.

In order for the “falling away” to be “great,” it must logically be UNSUSPECTING. It cannot be out in the open. It cannot come from an outside agent. It cannot originate from the lower ranks. Any such outbreak could only be public, obviously wrong, and easily squelched. Because of the hierarchical basis of the Church, this type of revolt would, by its anti-government nature, be so small and have just MINOR consequences.

Naturally the most effective deception always works from the top down. Deceive the leader and those under him will follow blindly and willingly all the way, as they tout passionately the virtue of LOYALTY. This way,

people could sincerely believe that they were doing the right thing.

The problem is that, while it is right for our justice to be blind, it is dangerous for our loyalty to be so. BLIND LOYALTY CREATES "HITLERS"!!! And, "too much" loyalty is really only a vice in disguise. The history of man should have taught us this lesson by now!

Satan is not stupid. He knows how to make "little Satans." He knows what works. As Lucifer he, too, was once God's TRUE representative on earth and directed "the government of God."

HOW do you think that one-third of God's HIGHEST creation could have become deceived?

Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ... Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist... (Eph. 6:11-14)

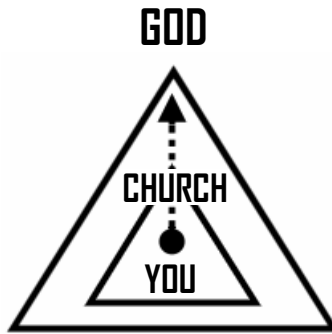
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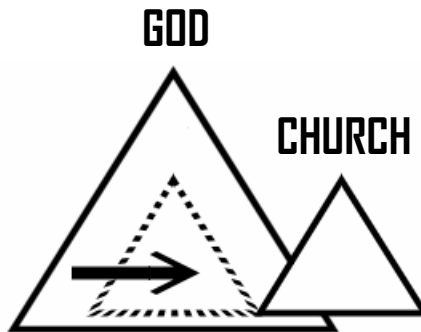
"WHO MOVED?"

WHERE GOD IS:

THE IDEAL



THE REAL



WHERE ARE YOU?

As a member of God's one and only true Church, it's easy to find oneself with little to worry about. So very, very nice would it be to sit tight and wait out the end of this age. (After all, won't the Church get "the inside scoop" on end-time prophecies?) For one thing is 100 percent certain: God would never leave His Church. Since it's not possible for the faithful and true Shepherd to abandon His flock, He will not "move." But, can His Church MOVE? Has it EVER moved? Does it have A HISTORY of moving?

Go now to the place in Shiloh where I FIRST made a dwelling for my Name, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of my people Israel. ... Therefore, what I did to Shiloh I will NOW do to the house that bears my Name, the temple you trust in, the place I gave to you and your fathers. (Jer. 7:12-14)

Shiloh—Israel—Jerusalem, all were TRUE "Ekklesia" and ALL left God. As warnings for us today (1 Cor. 10:11, 12), the Bible documents how THEY left.

And so, God has NOT left His people in the dark. The Bible—HIS VOICE—is replete with warnings He has addressed to us. But, what if this Church chooses TO IGNORE HIS CALL??? What if today's Church is "busy" applying these critical messages to Gentile churches of the

world? Then it is that, once again, **THE CHURCH** is intent on leaving God! The physical organization has become emboldened to trust in **ITSELF** just as God's physical nation, the Jews, trusted in their **TEMPLE**.

Do not trust in deceptive words and say, "This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord!" (Jer. 7:1)

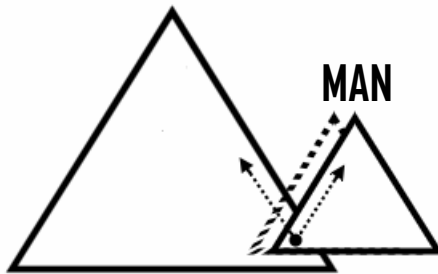
One can keep repeating over and over, "This Worldwide Church of God **IS** the Church of God..." Absolutely, **YES!** But, **THE** question remains: **ARE YOU** [becoming] **A CHILD OF GOD?** Certainly, there is no other **PLACE** to go. **BUT**, just as certainly, there is **ANOTHER POSITION** to take!!!



God and His **VISIBLE** Church will not be **ONE** until the Kingdom comes. And, contrary to what may be a popular assumption, "our" Millennium is not here yet! It is plainly erroneous and extremely dangerous to believe

that the BODY OF CHRIST and His physical Church are NOW (or were ever!) one and the same. One's position in this organization should not be used to gauge one's position in relation to God. It is a popular-but-poor barometer. For, God allows both THE WEEDS AND THE WHEAT to grow together. (Matt. 13:28)

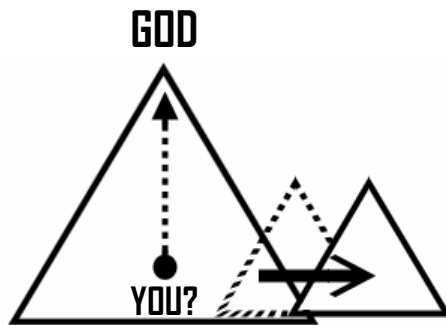
Obviously, one could be a member IN the Worldwide Church of God and yet not be UNDER God. In such a situation there is the need to engage in much "merrymaking" (Matt. 24:38) in order to quell the emptiness inside, in lots of SHOW BUSINESS to conceal the lack of substance. To soothe any nervous passengers on a slowly sinking Titanic, isn't it necessary to employ the most energetic and lively cruise directors?



One's reward will not be determined by his relationship to the minister in charge but by his personal relationship with God and with Him alone. Thus, it is imperative for everyone to make his election with God sure, letting no man

take his crown. And, “no MAN” means just that—not even the Pastor General of God’s OWN Church. Because today’s Church—from the top, as a whole—HAS MOVED, members may have GONE ALONG without even realizing what has really happened. Possibly, one could be trying to remain UNDER God and IN the Church whose leadership is no longer under God.

It’s not a question of IF—but only of WHEN—God will test THAT POSITION. In the end not even Worldwide Church of God members will be allowed to serve TWO MASTERS!!! Beware of deadly compromise! Beware of lethal inaction! Neutrality will not save you—it will surely destroy you!!!



Always, there is a price exacted for taking the NEUTRAL POSITION. Staying silent is nothing other than CONSENT by default. Doing nothing is actually a DECISION—A CHOOSING to be uninvolved. Can one really be free of guilt by looking the other way? The view that one’s

“Christian” duty is to “shut up and do what you’re told” is SATANIC!

Even humanity indicts the good citizenry who kept quiet as Jews were carted off to death camps, and it convicts the loyal soldiers who followed orders in operating the gas chambers. Even humanity would pronounce “GUILTY” on these—the silent, the obedient. But so perverted have we become that we in the Church think that God would instead reward us for our cowardly stance.

The previous Holocaust of Judah in which millions lost their physical lives WILL PALE INTO INSIGNIFICANCE compared to the SPIRITUAL HOLOCAUST being perpetrated on God’s people NOW. CAN YOU STAND BY AND WATCH AS SPIRITUAL LIVES ARE BEING LOST FOREVER? The ultimatum is clear: SPEAK OUT OR LOSE YOUR OWN ETERNAL LIFE!!!

This awesome accountability, which is recorded in Ezekiel, pertains to each and everyone without exception. Church laymen are not exempt from this duty; no one escapes this warning from God:

When I say to a wicked man, “You will surely die,” and you do not WARN him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin and I WILL HOLD YOU ACCOUNTABLE FOR HIS BLOOD. ... Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and does evil, and

I put a stumbling block before him, he will die. Since you did not WARN him, he will die for his sin. The righteous things he did will not be remembered, and I WILL HOLD YOU ACCOUNTABLE FOR HIS BLOOD. (Ezek. 3:18-20)

And it is through THAT WARNING that others' lives COULD be saved and that your life WOULD be saved.

Yet, there exists in the Church a perverse attitude, which is exemplified by the phrase: "LET GOD handle it." This simply is the elevated, Christian version of the apathetic "Let George do it" mentality of the world. "George" OR "God"—it makes no difference; the mind manifests the SAME attitude of INDIFFERENCE. Apathy is apathy, even when it is cloaked in "Christian" terms. Using God merely forges a more grand and "honorable" excuse. But such apathy is an abomination!

God just will not do for us what WE can—AND SHOULD—be doing for ourselves. God has made clear our responsibility; He is (and has been) waiting on US. Tragically, we have been waiting on HIM all this time—all in vain! We have tried so hard to make God a partner in our self-serving effort, but He will not "BUY IT."

Stop and think about what nonsense we have fostered. If God WERE really to handle all SIN found in the Church, then what would He need US for??? Doesn't the Bible prove once-

and-for-all that it is His plan to use HUMAN instruments?

And, since man's incredible HUMAN POTENTIAL is to become God, then shouldn't we trainees be handling these matters, PER HIS INSTRUCTIONS, just as He would? Otherwise, it is foolish to believe that we could "one day, soon" BE Him without ever taking those steps which are necessary to BE-COME Him.

Ignoring such prerequisite opportunities which He has designed to develop the GODLY character IS THWARTING the very plan of God! To run from critical character building situations would mean to run ourselves right out of God's Kingdom. SATAN COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT ANY BETTER!!!

Indeed, the master of deception has been hard at work, within the Church of God, so twisting and perverting positions that what is good appears bad; what is death appears life; what is true appears false; what is ungodly appears godly!!! He has so cleverly disguised his government of MAN that it now poses as the government of GOD.

This subtle transformation became evident when the fear of God was replaced by the fear of men and when purity before God was sacrificed for unity with men. "UNITY" battled the conscience. "UNITY" vanquished love. Finally, "UNITY" was reigning supreme OVER TRUTH. And, we bowed down to this new god.

What happened? Wasn't it unity that God wanted in His Church? Yes, but He intended for His people to grow to reach AT-ONE-MENT WITH HIM. And His Church organization was to ASSIST HIM in that process. Instead, it has sought to REPLACE HIM by engaging in COMPETITION with Him.

What the Church is offering as a substitute for the REAL UNITY-WITH-CHRIST is a MAN-MADE, artificial, counterfeit CONFORMITY-WITH-CHURCH. What this corporation is promoting is a BOGUS product, a cheap imitation. And, because it hawks such inferior "goods," the Church relies on intense promotion, on emotional pitches, and, if that fails, on heavy-handed tactics.

Their defective merchandise is being widely acclaimed and marketed on a grand scale in order to downgrade the ALTERNATIVE that Christ is offering. So fierce and ruthless has the Church become in its rivalry on a "head-to-head" basis, that it now dictates this obscene and abhorrent "back room" ultimatum: "BUY FROM ME—OR ELSE."

OR ELSE???

Yes, the Church's human leadership has degenerated to this despicable state. The price one must pay TO GAIN CHRIST is TO LOSE "the Church." To seek UNITY with the true HEAD of the Spiritual BODY of Christ (Eph. 4:13, 15*) means to forfeit membership ("unity") in the physical corporation ("body") of the Worldwide Church of God led by Mr. Tkach ("head").

IMPOSSIBLE? HERETICAL?? INSANE???

If you think so, then prove me wrong and prove it QUICKLY! Or, will you GAMBLE, wagering your eternal life—staking it on the sure bet that this Church did not MOVE?

Other New Testament CHURCHES/ LEADERS MOVED, as YOU can plainly see in Galatians 2:11 and in Revelation 2:5; 2:14-16; 2:20-22; and 3:2-3. AND so, too, has THIS Church MOVED away from God. Christ will return to FIGHT FOR what was HIS. WILL YOU BE FIGHTING AGAINST HIM?

Give a brother the chance to LIVE, pass this warning on. Your own life depends on it.

WARNING:

YOU ARE ACCOUNTABLE
FOR BLOOD!!!

IF YOU BELIEVE that I am wrong, and if I were wrong, and you had said nothing to dissuade me, then you would be accountable for MY blood!

IF YOU BELIEVE that I am wrong, and if I am right, but you had done nothing to repent of your wrong, you would be accountable for YOUR blood!

IF YOU BELIEVE that I am right, and if a brother were wrong, and you had said nothing to warn him, then you would be accountable for HIS blood!

Jules Dervaeo 1/3/88

NOTE: This material has been sent
to the Pastor General of the Worldwide Church of God.

These 237 Knew!

'SHEPHERDS' INFORMED FIRST DURING 1987-88

– BUT ONLY AFTER PASTOR GENERAL TKACH
FAILED REPEATEDLY IN HIS BIBLICAL (AND
PERSONAL) RESPONSIBILITY –

All these evangelists, pastors, local elders, deacons, and PT/GN writers, etc., received (subject to error in mailings, etc.) one or more mailings sent to their home address or office.

* Indicates that the minister's ADDRESS was not known; therefore, the literature was sent to a member in his congregation with a written request to forward it to that minister by name.

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Adair, Collin / Vancouver, CAN
Albert, David / AC-Pasadena, CA
Albrecht, Greg / AC-Pasadena, CA
Ames, Guy / Philippines office
Ames, Richard / AC-Pasadena, CA
Amos, John / Columbus, OH
Andrist, B / Switzerland office
Antion, Gary / AC-Pasadena, CA
Apartian, Dibar / AC-Pasadena, CA
Averett, James / Greensboro, NC

B

Bachelor, Craig / Melbourne, FL
Bailey, Frederick / Evansville, IN
Baird, Hal / AC-Big Sandy, TX

Baldwin, James / Hillsboro, NH
Barr, Alan / Miami, FL
Bass, Stan / Puerto Rico Office
Baumgartner, Richard / Muncie, IN
Beam, Rick / Amarillo, TX
Berendt, Robert / Edmonton, CAN
Beyersdorfer, Karl / Cincinnati, OH
Bierer, Daniel / Sarasota, FL
Billingsley, A / Greenwell Springs, LA
Blackwell, Dean / AC-Pasadena, CA
Booze, Michael / Raleigh, NC
Brady, Kenneth Sr. / Miami, FL
Briggie, Lloyd / Youngstown, OH
*Bryce, Charles / Shreveport, LA
Buchanan, Steve / Rapid City, SD
Bullock, Allen / Dallas, TX
Burquist, John / Mobile, AL
Butler, Dennis / AC-Pasadena, CA

C

Carbonnel, G / West Indies office
Cardona, Mark / Phoenix, AZ
Catherwood, Carn / AC-Pasadena, CA
Cherry, Trevor / Calgary, CAN
*Chovan, Milan / Akron, OH
Clark, Dick / Tampa, FL
Crider, Glenn / Austin, TX

D

Dahlgreen, Melvin / Tacoma, WA
Dean, Aaron / AC-Pasadena, CA
De Bree, Bram / Netherlands office
Demarest, Roy / Tampa, FL
Dennis, Alvin / Cincinnati, OH
*Dick, Randall / Dallas, TX
Dubois, Erik / West Indies office
Duke, Russell / AC-Big Sandy, TX
Dyer, Arthur / Philadelphia, PA

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*Earle, K Neil / Toronto, CAN
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Ecker, Thomas / Vancouver, CAN
*Elliott, Art / Phoenix, AZ
Elliott, John / Sioux Falls, SD
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Engelbart, Guy / Cleveland, OH
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Fentress, Kent / Bowling Green, KY
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Fields, Jay / Beaverton, OR
Fike, Jack / Tampa, FL
Flurry, Gerald / Edmond, OK
Flynn, Ross / Dallas, TX
Foster, Roger / Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Frankel, Richard / Washington, DC

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Gentleman, Dennis / Fairbanks, AK
*Giese, Kenneth / Houston, TX
Goethals, Gilbert / Little Rock, AR
*Green, Cecil / Houston, TX
Gunderson, Gilbert / Tacoma, WA

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Halbe, Bill / AC-Pasadena, CA
Halford, John / S. Pasadena, CA
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*Hart, George / Greensboro, NC
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*Heap, Thomas / Modesto, CA
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Henson, Donald / Terrebone, OR
Hoeffle, James / Belleville, OH
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Hogberg, Gene / AC-Pasadena
*Holladay, Roy / Wilkes-Barre, PA
*Holm, Randy / Champaign, IL
Hongerlout, B / AC-Pasadena, CA
Howe, Ron / St. Petersburg, FL
Hoyt, Bryan / Portland, OR
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Hunsberger, David / AC-Pasadena

J

Jackson, Harold / AC-Pasadena, CA
Jahns, William / Akron, OH
*Jameson, Ronald / Shreveport, LA
Jenkins, James / Jersey City, NJ
*Johnson, Walter / Austin, TX
*Johnston, Lyall / Wellington, NZ
Joseph, Mordecai / AC-Pasadena

K

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Kelly, Ron / Duarte, CA
Kennedy, John / AC-Pasadena, CA
Killingley, Mr. / AC-Pasadena, CA
Kirk, Judd / Goddard, KS
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*Laughland, Ronald / Hammond, IN
*Lawson, Donald / Salt Lake City, UT
LeBlanc, Mr. / AC-Pasadena, CA

Lester, Harold / Austin, TX
 Lillengreen, Joel / Brookfield, WI
 Lipross, Roger / AC-Pasadena, CA
 Lisman, Ray / Chico, CA
 Locke, Joe / AC-Pasadena, CA
 Lohr, Ronald / Manito, IL
 Loo, Gary / S. Pasadena, CA
 Luker, Dennis / Issaquah, WA

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 McColm, Les / Cerritos, CA
 McCrady, Frank Jr. / Indianapolis, IN
 McCrady, Frank III / Lakeland, FL
 McNair, Carl / Tucson, AZ
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 McNeely, Darris / Fort Wayne, IN
 Meeker, George Jr. / Springfield, MO
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 *Milner, Dennis / Flint, MI
 Morris, Dick / Lakeland, FL

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 Neff, Lawrence / Folsom, CA
 Nelson, Kermit / AC-Pasadena, CA
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*O'Brien, James / Amarillo, TX
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Pack, David / Pleasantville, NY
 Parsons, Frank / AC-Big Sandy
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 Root, Victor / AC-Pasadena, CA
 Royer, Bill / Sarasota, FL

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 Schroeder, John R / Chicago, IL
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 *Silcox, Andrew / San Antonio, TX
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*Szymkowiak, Vincent / Detroit, MI

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*Taylor, Raymond / Fort Worth, TX
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Wright, Ray / Pasadena, CA

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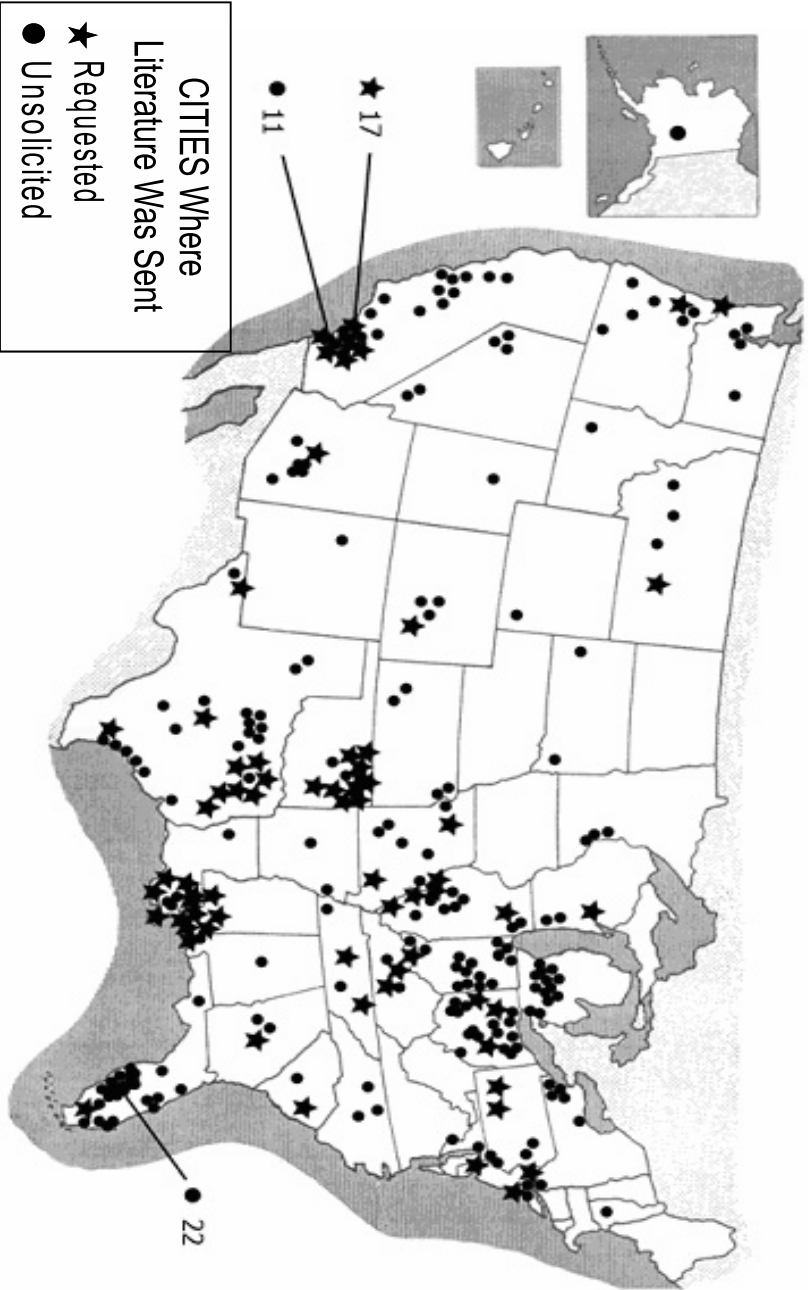
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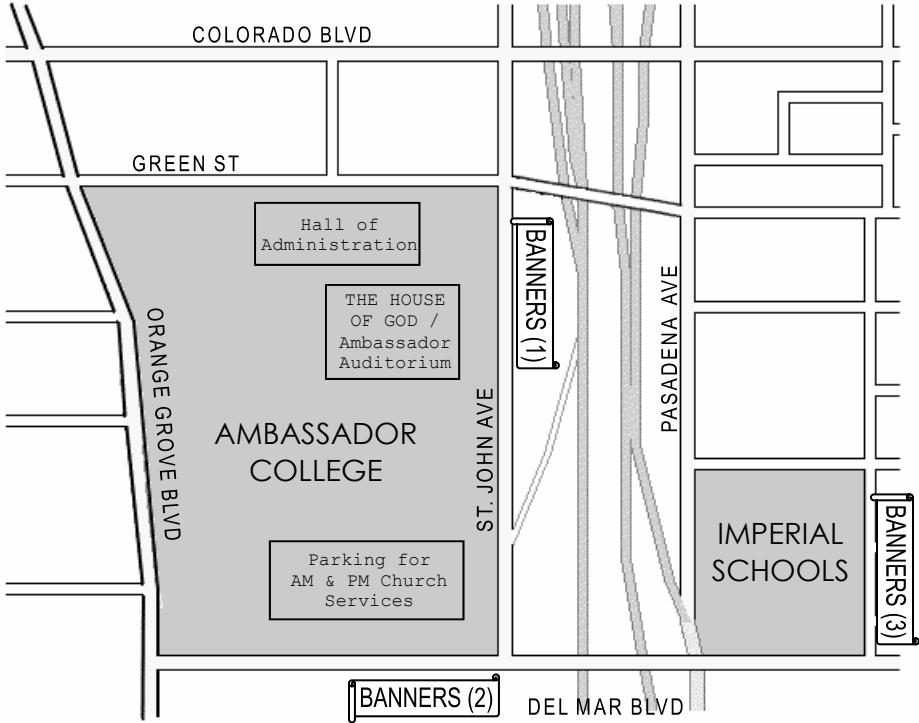
The previous list is proof that all the top ministers, as well as many others, knew exactly what was happening to the Church from the very beginning, in 1987 and 1988. Those under Mr. Tkach back then had the opportunity to rescue the flock from being led away by a false shepherd; but they were concerned instead with saving their necks. These leaders would like you to believe they were ignorant. They were not; they were scared.

So blinded were they by the light of truth that they cowered for year after year in the darkness, hoping that the light would go away. Only when safe opportunities presented themselves and they found it worth their while, did many come out of the woodwork. Then, they did not begin to help the flock so much as they helped themselves to the flock, to the ripe plum, which was their monies.

These who are still feasting on the scattered, bewildered sheep do not realize that Mr. Tkach's apostasy was God's end-time test to discover who under him the true servants were and who were the hirelings. All the ministers listed here flunked as God's servants and, unless they repent, they will to the end of their days be haunted by this, their dirty little secret.

CITIES WHERE THIS SEED OF TRUTH WAS FIRST SOWN, FROM 1987





BANNERS (1)

Held across the street from the Ambassador Auditorium on Sabbaths and spring Holy Days, Passover to May, 1988.

BANNERS (2)



For the Auditorium Church, most frequently during 3½ years from May, 1988 through the Fall Holy Days, 1991.

BANNERS (3)



For the Imperial Church, at times during 1988 – 1991.

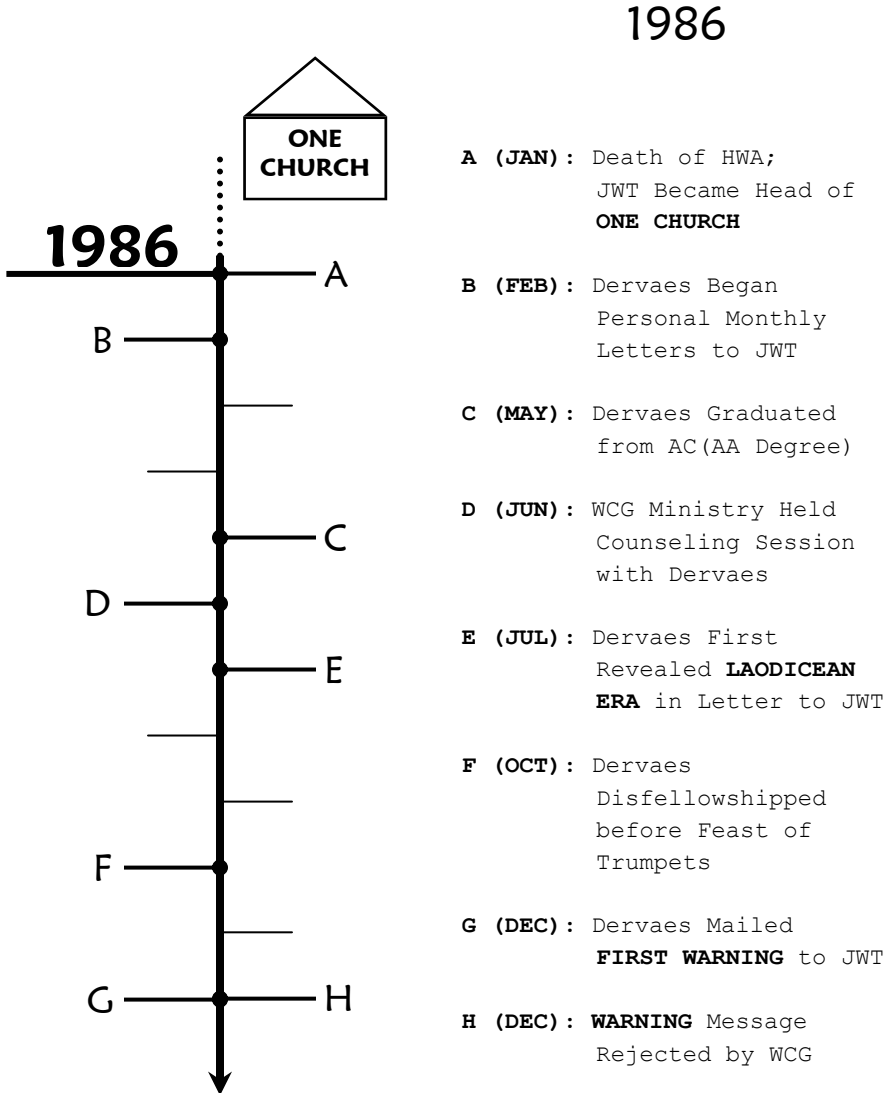
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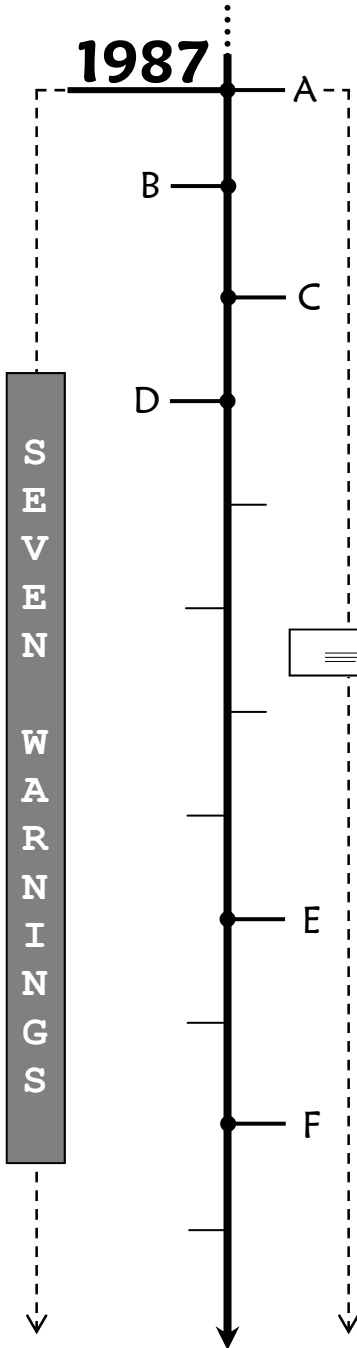
Worldwide Church of God Headquarters/ Ambassador College campus in Pasadena, CA, was ground zero for a biblical “shout” heard around the worldwide membership. For three and a half years, “very loud” signs and banners were displayed here in highly visible areas for car traffic as well as for pedestrians.

These warning messages could be seen on the Sabbath for one hour before services and for two hours after. At each appearance WCG photographers took pictures to document all signs and banners for the church’s records. During Ministerial Refresher Programs, numerous ministers attending from foreign countries also received the same witness. Furthermore, for four Feast of Tabernacles time periods, many thousands of members visiting from around the world saw firsthand a real biblical work in progress.







Here, then, in this modern era, on the streets on Pasadena—for three and a half years (April, 1988 to September, 1991)—the Bible had come alive!

Timeline

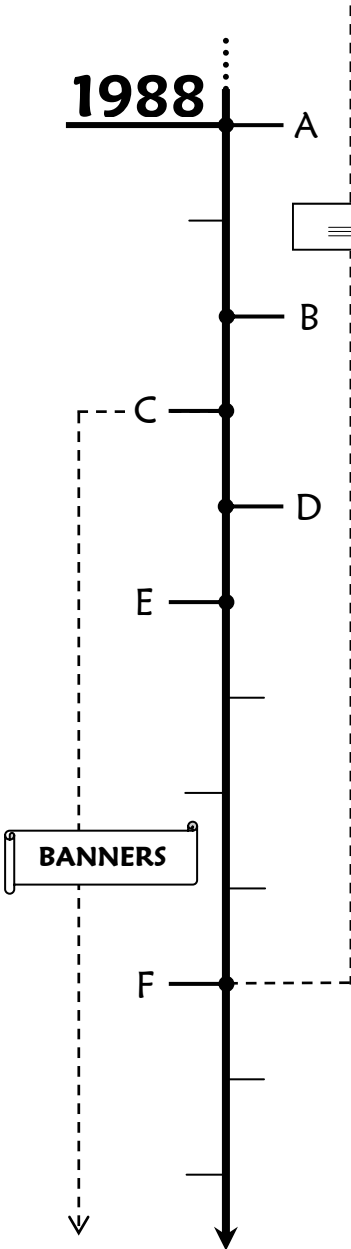









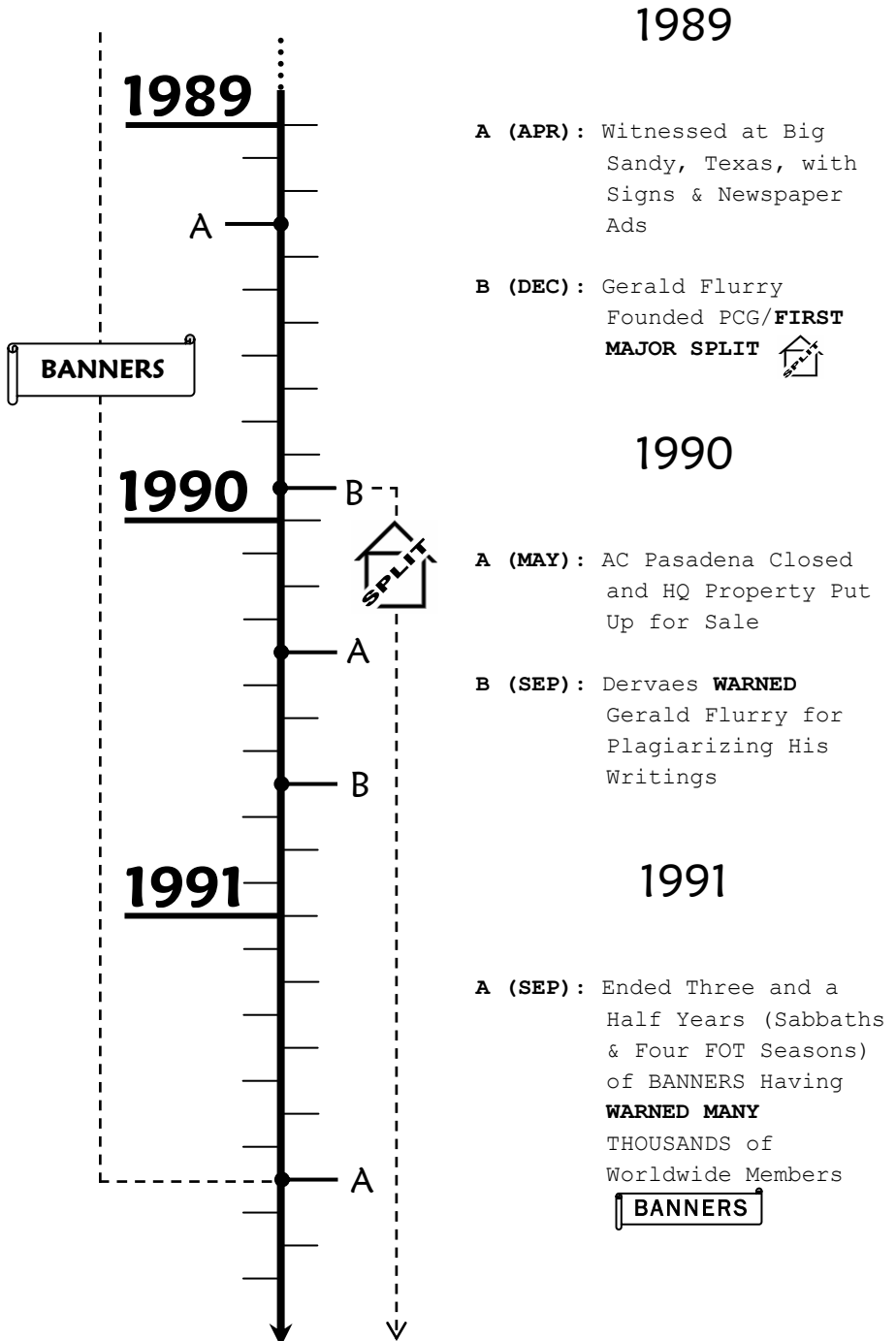
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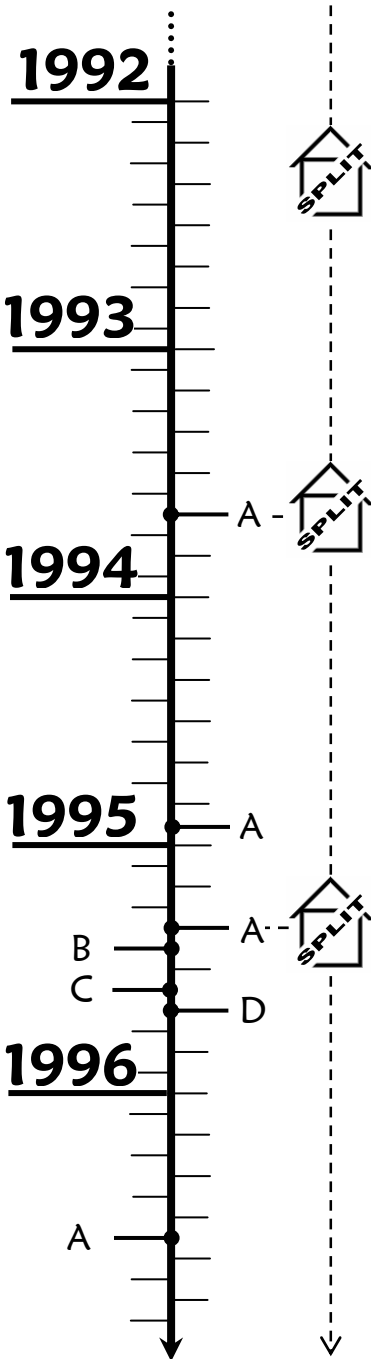
- A (JAN): Dervaes Mailed**
FIRST WARNING
 Following This Method of Distribution: Evangelists /Ministers at HQ, International Offices, Members in Pasadena after Each Warning Was Sent to JWT 
- B (FEB): SECOND WARNING**
 Mailed to JWT, Then Distributed 
- C (MAR): THIRD WARNING**
 Mailed to JWT, Then Distributed 
- D (APR): FOURTH WARNING**
 Mailed to JWT, Then Distributed 
- E (SEP): FIFTH WARNING**
 Mailed to JWT, & Distributed.
 Added Mailings to Ministers & Members Worldwide 
- F (NOV): SIXTH WARNING**
 Mailed to JWT, & Distributed 

1988



- A (JAN) : **SEVENTH WARNING**
Mailed to JWT, &
Distributed 
- B (MAR) : **SEVEN WARNINGS - THE LETTER TO LAODICEA** - Reached over 237 + 'SHEPHERDS' and Hundreds of MEMBERS Worldwide thru Mailings 
The 'SHEPHERDS' **FAILED** in Their Duty
- C (APR) : Dervaes Hand Held **BANNERS** to **WITNESS** The **LAST ERA** on Sidewalks by AC 
- D (MAY) : Began **WITNESS** with **BANNERS** on Van on Streets around AC 
- E (JUN) : Publicized **1-800 LAST ERA** Number to Receive Requests
- F (OCT) : Last of Unsolicited Mailings of **THE LETTER TO LAODICEA** 






1993

A (SEP) : Rod Meredith Founded
GCG/**SECOND MAJOR**
SPLIT 

1994

A (DEC) : WCG Announced
TITHING is Optional

1995

A (MAY) : ONE HUNDRED Plus
Ministers Founded
UCG/**THIRD MAJOR** 

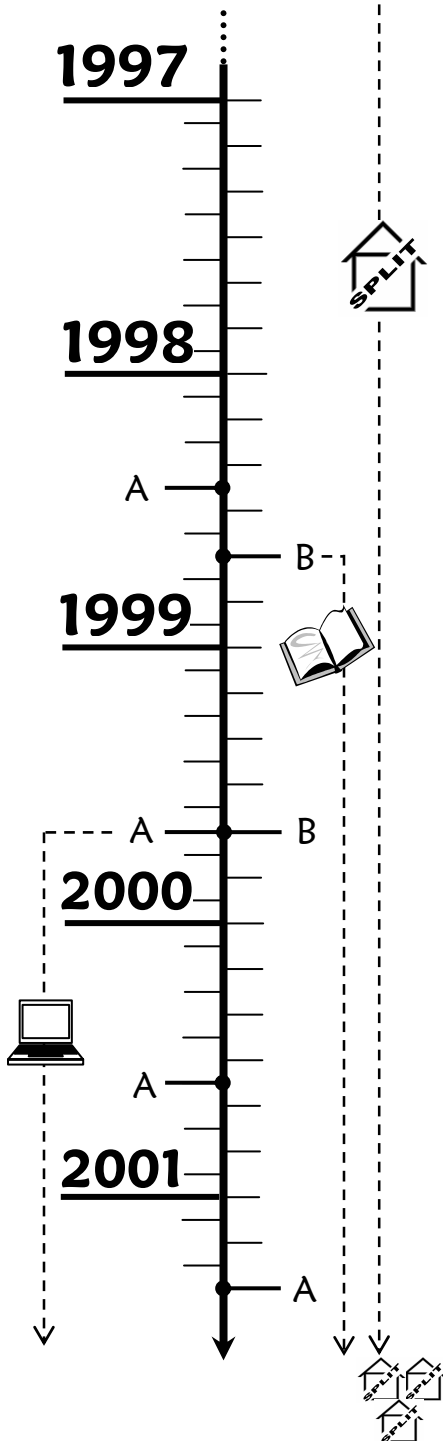
B (JUN) : Dervaes Family
Wrote JWT about His
Illness

C (AUG) : **SPECIAL WARNING**
Mailed to JWT and to
Top Employees of
"New Churches"

D (SEP) : Death of JWT / God
Passed OLD TESTAMENT
JUDGMENT on JWT

1996

A (AUG) : Dervaes Mailed
Personal **WARNING** to
Joseph Tkach, Jr.



1998

A (JUN) : Dervaes Family
Compiled TRUE His-
tory of THE **LAST ERA**

B (SEP) : **THE HIDDEN YEARS**



Mailed to Employees
of WCG, PCG, GCG,
UCG, Plus Selected
Members 'Churches'
Continuing to Split
from Original Splits



1999

A (SEP) : **THE HIDDEN YEARS**

Made Available on
the Internet



B (SEP) : **Y2K WARNING** Sent Out

2000

A (AUG) : Launched New Website
www.ViadelRey.com

2001

A (APR) : Published Booklet
**THE LETTER TO
LAODICEA -
COMMEMORATING 14
YEARS OF SERVICE**

R S V P

“Your Move”

Receiving this booklet/letter signifies an invitation for you to choose a special path in life, one that will take you outside today’s “Christian” norm and set you apart from the “religious” herd. For, what was once The Way of Christ has been falsely and fraudulently adapted by this generation to fit its conventional, comfortable lifestyle.

Consequently, there now exist couch potato Christians, mainly absorbed in viewing world events, who have not exercised their flabby faith in decades; party hearty Christians whose only deep fulfillment is in getting stuffed at potluck feasts with others of like “intestinal fortitude”; and corporate yes-men Christians who fawningly head bob in church, desperately seeking the approval of their egocentric ministers.

How did following in Christ’s footsteps become just another walk in the park? There is something seriously, wickedly wrong when Christians of this age are having so much fun. The Church has turned into just another type of club, the aim of which is to keep all the members happy. Happy people stay in their seats and, most importantly, pay their dues. This sweet arrangement yields a growth in

membership and—yes!—now there is much more fun to be had. As they increase, busy little bees produce more honey for the hive; and so, “the work” of rolling out the good times goes on and on.

What, then, does it cost a person today to be a Christian? Some of his time and a little of his money. Yet, in return he gets all the choice benefits of belonging to an exclusive social group. What kind of sacrifice is that? Such an advantageous trade is not in the least bit worthy of the name Christ. A Christianity which pays makes a travesty of our Savior’s death.

Our society having entered the 21st century, a strange thing has happened to the Church; it also has been simultaneously transformed along the way. Baptized into a radically new system, we cannot be the same kind of people as those who walked this earth in Christ’s time. For, how we live is who we are. Our world is artificial; we are artificial. When we visit a place together for one hour, one day a week, we form a synthetic church for worshipping a “God” that we have fabricated in our own image.

Who is The Lord in our lives? We all are our own lords. Consequently, steeped in aristocratic arrogance, we cannot humble ourselves to work in unity under the true God who directs one—and only one—Church.

Now the ball is in your court. At the very least you should reach for your Bible to try to

prove this material wrong. Furthermore, you should write back with the results of your study. Your beliefs should be out in the open; your light a beacon to others. For, only by your witnessing to the truth can you ever become courageous. You will need every ounce of courage as you will undergo an extreme test of your faith because Christ wants to know if you are His true follower or just a church-club member—a phony.

Your only choice is whether you take the test now or later. However, you must realize it will only get increasingly difficult the longer you wait. If you sleep on this, you will be keeping your faith wrapped in mothballs. Then, one day, you will be shocked to find that your R&R time will have run out and you will have to respond physically—with dynamic, heroic faith—to God’s final wake-up call!

Vía del Rey

Building the World Tomorrow Through a Revolution Today

"...and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks..."

THEY? Who are they? Non-believers who will be forced to change how they live in the future by Christ Himself—in person?

This work begins with us. We, as believers of the Bible, must first start this change so that others can follow our true Christian example. We are the ones called to initiate The Kingdom Plan now. If we wait, then we would have lost the best opportunity to prove that we really are who we claim to be. God's real work will have passed us by!

The history of God's true Church as documented in *The Hidden Years*, additional commentaries and writings, and end time prophecies are available online at:

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The prophetic event just at hand is the existence of the church-in-captivity. THE WORLD has always been a wilderness. Yet, today, as in Christ's time, THE CHURCH has receded into a spiritual wasteland.

Into this void comes “a voice of one calling in the desert.” And seven WARNING MESSAGES are here being trumpeted!

What is required is that YOU apply *The Berean Policy* because these truths are provable directly from the WORD OF GOD. Don't YOU ignore this trumpet-call!

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