Ships and the People of Israel

By Tim Kelley

A W K I N S , Texas—In May of 2012 I had one of the most mind-bending awakening experiences I’ve ever had.

I and many of my friends had been discussing the possibility that God would reveal the whereabouts of the reborn remnants of my own family. One who had come to believe he had committed suicide.

My brother Keith was a loner of sorts, an adventurous loner. At 17 he had met a girl in his homeroom at his high school he found that his rents went down to the mortgages of those properties. With much longer, he invested in rental property.

Keith also had a problem with depression. After about 10 years of marriage he and his wife separated due to depression. After about 10 years of marriage he and his wife separated due to depression. After about 10 years of marriage he and his wife separated due to depression. After about 10 years of marriage he and his wife separated due to depression. After about 10 years of marriage he and his wife separated due to depression. After about 10 years of marriage he and his wife separated due to depression. After about 10 years of marriage he and his wife separated due to depression.

For many,” Mr. Snyder notes, “reading the book will likely be a painful experience as, while the book is not an exposé, it does chronicle shortcomings of the WCG and other offshoot leaders.”

It’s The Fragmentation of a Sect, a hardback published by Oxford University Press in January 2013. It’s based on Dr. Barrett’s doctoral dissertation in the sociology of religion, awarded at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1980. The WCG leader of a new Church of God thinks he may have a prophet. The fledgling church, which is part of the Living Church of God, began by Robert D. Thiel, an American,, in 1960.

Some say the old AC campus is haunted

By Dixon Cartwright

B I G S A N D Y , Texas—The JOURNAL received a report in mid-December that the former Living Church of God campus near Big Sandy, Texas, is haunted.

Signs in the Colorado sky: Finger of God points way

By Wyatt Olson

O K O T A A I R B A S E, Japan—The U.S. Navy has sacked more than 150 commanding officers for misconduct in the past 10 years. Five commanding officers (COs) have already been fired this year (2012), including the dismissal March 12 of the commander of an aircraft carrier.

New book from Oxford University Press analyzes fragmentation of the Worldwide Church of God

By Dixon Cartwright

DR. THIEL CITES PREDICTIONS, AFFIRMATION FROM THE WCG'S OFFSHOTS

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Letters from our readers

Memories of ’79

I was looking through the May 2012 Journal, issue No. 149 article again just now about the Registration Center being built in the basement and had to tell you, boy, do I remember.
The Feast Office had just moved to Pasadena from Big Sandy, and we were on the third floor of the Admin Building with, of course, Mr. Rader’s office on the 14th floor (Mr. Green was staying in Tucson then because of the receipitancy).

I was a very young secretary, Dr. Lynn Torrance’s before that.

I was walking from our suite of offices in the basement and decided to take a walk around the open atrium to our offices on the other side when I heard this commotion.

I looked up and there was Virginia Kidder (Stanley Rader’s secretary) shouting and flailing and film crews and cameras and Mike Wallace and everyone one floor up really going at it.

Yes, exciting times. Art and I were in El Paso moving to Pasadena when we heard (by calling back to Art’s parents in Big Sandy) about the receipitancy.

All our personal items were basically impounded on the moving trucks for a couple months due to the need to move in already at the couple months Art and I ended up living above and Art and I called dorm while Mike Hale lived downstairs.

Sandra Spieker Dreaden
Crestview, Fla.

Giraffe men

We were at Grace, in a recent pro- motional letter for a sermon by John Reedy, The Wandering Shepherd, ob- served a “giraffe” male, who was about 10 too long that thousands of years ago.

Today, that number is best in the hundreds. Where have all these people gone? We haven’t listened yet to the sermon, and my comments are not di-

rected at Charles. But his question did

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JoAn dialed 911. God answered the call

The writer, a longtime Church of God member who attended with the writer pastors the Church of God Big Sandy and is a regular contributor for THE JOURNAL.

Weep for yourselves and your children

The writer, a longtime Church of God member who attended with the Church of God and independent churches of traditional Christianity (the COGs) go to the “harlots” (false churches of traditional Christianity) to get the canon, even though the New Testament—not my reason- in the offering of the two goats in Leviticus 16, the one that was offered to God and the other that was not offered to God but to Azazel.

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Man informs his relatives he plans to die in Colorado desert

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woman through his frequent bouts of depression over the years.

As these problems came together, and out of his desire not to be a burden on anyone else, the idea of ending it all came to mind. In late July of 2011 he called our oldest brother, Mike, and told him he had had enough. Mike believed that Keith had decided he wanted to be free from his circumstances and that he wanted to be able to make his own choices. The idea of ending his life seemed to indicate he probably had ended his life. In November 2011 a sheriff’s department in southeastern Colorado located his truck along with some of his belongings. He had an extensive search of the area, including dogs and helicopters, and was pronounced dead.

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Keeping our brothers

Over the past few years I’ve been studying and presenting topics to our fellowship pertaining to what it means to be your “brother’s keeper.” I kept that idea in the back of my mind as I watched my older brother and his friends go through the days of being unable to find Keith. The one thing that I have been trying to figure out is how do we care for our brothers when they are in need? One of the things that I have noticed is that when we are in a situation where we are not able to find our brothers, we often get together and talk about it. This is a good thing because it helps us to understand what we are feeling and what we can do to help them.

The Hebrew word for sign is oth (Strong’s 226). It means a sign, a signal, a distinguishing mark. It comes from the Hebrew root word oth (Strong’s 225), which means to con- sent or agree. When we talk about the sign of God, we are talking about a signal that God gives us in order to help us understand what is going on in our lives.

I didn’t immediately believe Keith had committed suicide. He had talked about ending his own life more than once in the past 20 years, but things always improved for him and life went on.

Only clue

There was a clue to Keith’s whereabouts was the location of his truck. According to the sheriff, it was found in about 17 miles off the highway. As I expected, the area contained a field of sagebrush in a “forest” of juniper trees in southwestern Colorado. The area was surrounded by canyons and mesas to the south and sagebrush to the north. Along the sides of the mesa were large boulders, some the size of a dump truck. There was a large area where a person could end his life and never be found.

I got on the Internet to see if I could find anything, and it was clear that Keith was not the only one to make this choice. There are many people who have made this choice and are struggling with it. In fact, the number of people who make this choice is growing every year.

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I asked my oldest brother and my sister to keep an eye on our brothers, to see if they were there. They had been able to find Keith’s body, and I was still able to talk to him on the phone.

Orbiting the sun

The things we saw on Google Earth the day before, and over the next few days, were very intriguing. The signs that we saw were those who had little or no belief that it was wrong to ask for signs from God. Those who asked for signs were those who had no belief that it was wrong to ask for signs from God. Those who asked for signs were those who had no belief that it was wrong to ask for signs from God.

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Standing in January 2012

My brother’s remains started in January 2012, when I was told I had to wait till May to get to the location. I could do till then, I asked myself.

Some time in the future when we are able to find Keith, I will be able to talk to him and share with him what I have learned from this experience. I believe that Keith knew it was his family’s responsibility to keep his body intact, so that we could see him one more time before he was taken away. The story of his life is a testament to the goodness of God and the power of the human spirit.

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Heavenly signs lead member to remains of his missing brother

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Though it was only about 40 miles out of the Norwood, the last 17 miles would be on the dirt roads. We finally arrived at the location, an area of sagebrush leading up to a probable ridge we needed to cross.

It was a vast area with a deep canyon on the west and a couple of steeply climbing mesas to the south and east, and sagebrush for miles to the north.

We had driven by these sagebrush-covered, environmentally ruinous pipeline cuttings going southeast from Montrose to the southwest. We parked just off the cut.

Smashed computer

Eric showed me where my brother had parked his truck. Keith had apparently driven into but after deciding it was not where he would look, we had continued on until finally parking for the last time.

He showed me the remains of the laptop computer that Keith had smashed and attempted to burn in a small fire pit.

The only two things he had that I could identify were bottles he had discarded before heading off to perform his final act.

I said: "There is no way Keith went through that." He said: "I know which way Keith went. Though tracks were found going off to the south, there were also tracks in every other direction but north.

I asked him how many days he had walked for a couple of days carrying just two gallons of water (which Mike had indicated Keith took with him), Eric estimated I would have to search roughly 100 square miles.

Fresh tracks

Eric showed across the close to the truck his department had already searched, and by the tracks I could tell there were about for 75 yards as well as in the juniper trees to the west and south. We found a number of his clothes and boots tracks. We agreed to return and follow these tracks.

So we agreed we decided we should get back closer to the vehicles.

Lost supper

I spent a few minutes sitting through the remains of Keith's destroyed lap-top. Apparently, he had burned it to erase any evidence of his earthly dealings.

Under the laptop were the charred remains of the E-mail cards. It appeared he had used his first name—Jonathan—in his business dealings.

I picked up one that was the least charred, put it in my pocket.

Never staying but a few yards from my car, I walked around picking up scraps of partially burned pieces of paper that had blown out of the fire.

Almost a couple of hundred yards away from the place Keith had parked his truck.

I said: "I don't know where to search. I'll go clockwise for the next mile or so. If you Want me to search, I'll check." I exclaimed.

See, show me, Yahweh!

Getting away from the area and the hopelessness of the situation, I fell on my knees and with outstretched arms and hands, I cried out to the Lord.

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I did just that.

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My request for a sign had slipped my mind, but when I got up from praying a jet airliner was passing overhead, I remembered

I had requested an airplane as a sign. Could this be it?

Jonathan Keith Kelley, 1958-2011

from one in me to ten in me to me and their sign I could find the spot again. Where they signs, or were they coincidences? Two airplanes seemed to appear right when I needed help. I managed to find my brother's remains. I had no closer to finding my brother than before. But I had asked for a sign, and I had asked for it to be airplanes. I had only two choices: have faith or abandon the hope of finding my brother's remains.

A job for a search party

I chose faith and headed off into the boulders. I looked around and under the rocks and boulders for any sign that my brother had been there: empty and to get their attention.

Then Moses answered, "But be- hold, they will not believe me or listen to the first sign, they may see and be put to shame because of me, Lord." (Deut. 18:30)

If they will not believe you, 'God said, 'or listen to the first sign, they may believe the latter sign. If they will not believe even these signs, no, or if they will not believe even these signs, they will not believe, even though one sign is shown to them. (Deut. 18:25)

David knew

It would appear that the first three plagues applied to Israel as well as Egypt. That's why Jeremiah 44:28 says David was working through Moses and Aaron.

David had a strong knowledge of signs. In a prayer for mercy in his time of need, the king asked for a sign that would show his enemies that David was King.

"Show me a sign of your favor," David requested, "that those who hate me may see and be put to shame because of me, Lord." (2 Sam. 22:29)

Quite a coincidence

Angie and I left for Colorado early Sunday morning. We had planned to drive to Keith's, to call our search off with the satis-

mation of knowing we had tried.

I have a hunch which way Keith was going, and if I don't find the weapons would do any good since I'm not much of a hunter, but, like with an umbrella, you should always be prepared.

We had hoped that others would join us in the search by the previous Thursday, everyone had backed out.

"I've got a hunch which way Keith was going roughly northeast to southwest. God of the universe would manipulate this is a problem the Israelites faced. Even though they longed for a deliverer, when the deliverer came along they could not accept it. Thus, as it says in Exodus 4:1-9, Yahweh gave them signs to help their unbelief.

"Again, the Lord said to him, 'Put your hand inside your cloak.' (Deut. 18:20)

"And he put his hand inside his cloak, and there, in his hand, his hand was leprous like snow. (Deut. 18:20)

"Put your hand back inside your cloak. (Deut. 18:20)

"And he put his hand inside his cloak, and there, in his hand, his hand was restored like the rest of his flesh. (Deut. 18:20)"
Sometimes powerful people think the rules don’t apply to them

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According to Martin L. Cook, an ethics professor at the college.

The concept is also included in a course for junior officers—typically lieutenant commanders—who will likely have one more before assuming a command in a couple of years.

Vice Admiral James Wisecup, now chief of naval operations at the time, Dr. Forsyth said, "I think it’s coming to be an expectation that high-ranking individuals need to have the ability to interpret things for themselves and for their unit," he said.

Virtuous people acting immorally

Donelson Forsyth, a professor with the Lepson School of Leadership Studies at the University of Richmond in Virginia, said that some psychology experiments have repeatedly found that even morally virtuous people, put in a situation where they aren’t God trained to handle, will act immorally.

"Some in study have shown that powerful people fall into the trap of 'executive function'—helping leaders plan more quickly and efficiently. Then there's the dark side: Some powerful people think the rules don’t apply to them. "Powerful people feel that they are entitled, that they get more of the group’s resources and that the rules the group has established for the rank-and-file members do not apply to them," Dr. Forsyth said.

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How to avoid Bathsheba syndrome

Dr. Ludwig said he believes steps can be taken with officers rising in the ranks to ensure that a Bathsheba-like scenario should reach command level.

"It takes, in my mind, a re-written history book," he said.

That means a commander will have to examine the religious foundations and prepared "in terms of moral fortitude" to not succumb to negative opposition.

"If you get into that role and you've never thought about these things before, you're much more susceptible to making a mistake."

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...and he seems to be an upright kid who has just got in with some bad apples. If we can get him out of here this afternoon he can go on home and this won’t have to go on his record. Otherwise he will have to stay here in jail until the August trial date. So do you think you can help him, Mr. Stewart?

Ellis: Yes, what do I need to do?

Sgt. Bingham: We need to get his bond posted.

Ellis: Okay, how do I do that? How much are we talking about?

Sgt. O'Connell: We could also verify the validity of all bonds. I can call you later today and give you the phone number where I can call back to verify this.

Sgt. Bingham: Of course. I understand your concern. You can call our captain, Capt. Duncan, at 1-438-998-0037 and ask for his direct line. You will also have to verify the validity of all bonds.

I call the number and do not get an answer. In the meantime, I’m not sure what I can do. I allowed to make. I can’t talk to the judge until I get back home. The trial date is set for late August.

I asked if I could find someone else, or if it was out of this mess I could talk to the judge and get out of here so fast as I could go home.

Do you think you could help me, Grandpa? I really love and appreciate you."
Feast in reports from Branson, Chiang Mai, Lake Indawgyi

Following are reports on 2012 Feast observances in Australia, Jamaica, Kachinland, Missouri, and Wales. This is the first installment of reports for the 12 Feast, which was observed by more than 30,000 from 140 countries and members from the evening of Sept. 30 through Oct. 12, concluding the Last Great Day, Great Last Day or Eighth Day.

PIECES OF THE PUZZLE
By Lanora Campbell

In attendance in beautiful Branson, everyone was excited again to fellowship with new and old friends. Some had traveled as far as Canada, the east coast of Florida and the Philippines, Thailand and Wales. They came from many churches of God, both in the United States and international. They were part of the Body of Christ and an important part of the family of God.

The sermons fit well together, starting with the first day with “What Piece Do You Play in the Kingdom of God?” by Mr. Campbell.

On the second day was “Joy Unfading” by Tim Hall.

On the third day were “Update on the Work” and “Being God’s Representatives.”

On the fourth day we heard “Are We Closer to Financial Crisis Than We Think?”

Gratitude for trials
Tom Kerry spoke on the fifth day: “Rejoice in Our Trials.” The sixth day’s message was “Grace Is Divine Favor” by Bob Marshall.

On the seventh day the brethren heard “The Mind,” by Tim Hall.

The Eighth Day’s message was “The Kind of Ruler Are You Going to Be in the Kingdom of God?” by Mr. Campbell.

Frankie and Ronnie
After the meal on the first day Mr. Campbell let every child have their chance to come forward and announce that they wanted to serve in God’s kingdom.

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Tuesdays was Youth Day, on which the youth wore special name tags, “Jr. Greeters” and helped meet everyone who came in for day service.

The day included a special project of dessert spoons made of chocolate, white chocolate and sprinkles that were individually wrapped in bags along with a packet of hot cocoa and a coffee cup to pass out on the next day after services.

Unusual open discussion
In the evening Mr. Campbell led an open discussion on which anyone who could ask any biblical question. He had many participants that if they didn’t know an answer he would tell them so and maybe someone else could answer the question.

For some, it was the first time they could get questions answered in that type of forum.

Wednesday morning the Mount Vernon congregation prepared a fantastic breakfast that included scrambled eggs and beef sausage.

After the breakfast and before the sermon Tom Kerry, director of operations, asked that David Campbell come forward and announced that David was already serving as a minister of the Lord’s testimony and had hands on him and welcomed him into the ministry of God’s government.

Later that evening George Palmer prepared the finest fried tacos with help from Mr. Kerry.

After the meal, Chuck, Ronnie and Dave entertained us with gospel music.

Renewal of vows
Thursday was another busy day with the marriage of Frankie and Ronnie Jones.

David conducted the wedding, with friends and extended church family present. After the ceremony there was a celebration with cake, punch and a light meal.

The newly baptized Frankie and Ronald had mentioned that they were starting a new life in Christ so they also wanted to start a new life together by renewed vows. They have been married 27 years.

After the meal on the first day Mr. Campbell led an open discussion to wind down from the week and the excitement of sermons that week. At the end of the day the kids and youth made memories of how special the Feast was and the excitement of sermons that week.

Chiang Mai and Branson — Church of God folks keep the Feast in September and October 2012.

So the ‘13 Feast will be held again for the full eight days in Chiang Mai. For more information please write mail@legacyinstitute.org.

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In Chiang Mai, Thailand — It is exciting when East and West meet to worship the King of Kings at the actual place of the Feast of Tabernacles.

In Chiang Mai the Feast for the 2012 Feast had happy participants from Canada, the Philippines and other areas joining in worship and family fun.

We held the Feast for the full eight days entirely in Chiang Mai. Most of the Karen refugees of Church of God members now live in the Chiang Mai area. This makes it convenient for Western Feasters to spend every day with the local Karen, Burmese and Thai brethren.

Feasters also pilled into vans and headed into the high mountains to visit one of Queen Sirikit’s Royal Demonstration Farms, where she teaches poor farmers how to grow mulberries, strawberries, medicinal herbs and organic vegetables.

Feasters also spent a day riding elephants through the jungle and rafting down one of the river’s canals.

Trivial festivities
Legacy’s Karen, Chachin and Lalu students added to the cultural festivities.

Sermons were in English with Burmese translation.

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Members of Kachinland are of Tibeto-Mongoloid origin and are the largest mountain people. They were found in and around the area that the modern day Kachin state.

Twelve to 15 people are missing due to the Burmese government’s crackdown on the Kachin Independence Army (KIA).

The population is more than 60 percent Christian. Kachinland has 16 ethnic groups. The official language is Burmese.

In early 1970 I received “The Plain Truth” from the local Church of God, from the U.S. I corresponded with Herbert W. Armstrong and Mr. Sexton’s arrival
In January 1999 one of Mr. Armstrong’s strongest students, Mr. Sexton of Texas, came to Kachinland and met with my family and me. Through the years Mr. Sexton, the Kachin believers absolutely accepted the Bible truths.

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Feasters write from the Ozarks, Llandudno and Merimbula

AUSTRALIA—Kerry Gubb (photo 6) and Rod Dean (photo 7) observe the Feast with Grace Community International (the former WCG). See David Moffitt’s report on several Australian Feast observances on pages 9 and 10 of this issue of The JournaL. [Photos by David Moffitt]

There were at least 10 places up and down the Australian east coast where people could go to keep the 2012 Feast of Tabernacles, including a site sponsored by GCI (the former WCG).

Not yet!

The 2012 theme was “Here Now but Not Yet!” As organizer Tim Kelley wrote and presented a wonderful theological backdrop of the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles. For many of this year’s [2012’s] teachings will tie into this ancient Hebrew concept and show how this festival, as well as many biblical stories, is simply a type of greater things to come. A professionally designated, full-color, 29-page large-format festival events program by John Elliot of Texas church, it relies on volunteers, who are called to do any new construction here. Most of the groups that took up the Feast are part of the scattered churches movement. Though we are all very poor, we will do anything to accomplish the work of God rapidly.

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Of special note is one older Church of God couple who stopped attending any COG for some 30 years who have found their way to SOOJ for the past two years. The music portion is coordinated with Lee Miller of Victoria, who orchestrated, produced and sings into a unified ensemble.

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The brethren paid a special tribute to Pastor Boyne in honor of his 40th anniversary in the Church of God and for his role in establishing the CGI here. In his brief greeting on the opening night, Mr. Boyne shared reflections on his journey and thanked God for sustaining him. He commended all who have continued to support the work that God has blessed from such humble beginnings.

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Paul O’Connor showed that unconscious prejudices, such as confirmation bias and selection bias, can influence us in unexpected ways.

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The brethren took care that we don’t lapse into false worship.

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Dr. Thiel cites predictions he’s made that have come to pass

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opinion and approach with that ministry. He said he concluded that the LCG had insufficient love for God and no longer held the Philadelphia mantle.

Dr. Thiel, who makes his living as a “clinical scientist,” split with the LCG. The Journal asked him for an interview.

He consented, and a phone conversation ensued. This interview was happen on January 2, 2013.

Compelled to leave

Dr. Thiel explained why he felt compelled to leave. “I cannot start another Church of God group.

“In a nutshell,” he said, “I’ve been concerned with the LCG for years. I believe were necessary and that he says they had agreed to before changing their minds that they spoke of that role.

“The actions had to do with polices including doctrines that Dr. Thiel disagreed with, specifically about the ‘falling away’ prophesied in the Bible.

“Instead of getting to the doctrinal issues I raised,” he said, “I got a letter not to deal with them. It was about some other matters but denying certain state-ments they had made to me.”

The statements involved “improper accusations or railroading against me, something unbecoming of the LCG.”

He decided that further attempts at reconciliation would be futile.

Dr. Thiel’s dreams

A reader sent The Journal a copy of an article, Jan. 22, that Dr. Thiel said he’d sent LCG ministers about Dr. Thiel’s situation.

Dr. Meredith wrote that Dr. Thiel has “dreams of grandeur” and thinks he’s a prophet.

“One of his concerns, just in case people are saying he is a ‘prophet’ and their particular roles.”

In a separate correspondence that same reader sent this writer, Dr. Meredith focused on Dr. Thiel’s comments [about prophets and proph-ecies]:

“Dr. Thiel continued. ‘Some people are saying they had made to come with us. ‘Most of what I have written about in terms of predictions or speculations are consistent with general Church of God teachings in terms of prophecy,’ he replied.

“I do not believe, however, that any of their prophetic speculations are inappropriate. Their improper dealings should be shown to be that as opposed to giving the impression that I dreamed things up.”

On the other hand, Dr. Thiel admits to being a dreamer. He has had one dream several years ago that seemed to be from God,” he said, “and it has always been true to me throughout the years, this is the question I was grappling with,” he said.

“I do believe there is some additional research in terms of New Testament prophets and I also learned that most people in church don’t truly understand the different types of New Testament prophets and their particular roles.

“One of his concerns, just in case people might really have chosen him as a prophet, was whether it is necessary for a prophet to have hands laid on him specifically to set him apart for that role.

“I pray about it,” Dr. Thiel said, “and one of the things I prayed about was which was the question I was grappling with,” he replied.

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“Dr. Thiel explained that, in line with Ephesians 4:11, prophets come in second in the hierarchy, after apostles and just above the elders.

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Mac Overton and Linda Moll Smith
ILMER, Texas—In recent years, there have been several books come out popularizing the idea, as the title of one says, that Heaven Is for Real. That book is the story of a 4-year-old boy and his experiences with "heaven" after he purportedly died, but later while undergoing an emergency appendectomy.

Almost all such books, and especially the graphical descriptions of death-and-birth experiences, also known clinically as near-death experiences (NDEs), in spite of the weight of similarly complex and inexplicable events, fantastic places and entities, and as many scientific studies have dismissed NDEs as merely inexplicable or "somatic hallucinations".

Beaten, then came back

What makes Proof of Heaven, a recent bestseller of the religious non-fiction literature, intriguing is that it is written by a renowned neurosurgeon who was also a skeptic who was disabused of his doubts after having experienced several near-death experiences reported by his patients. Then he encountered the Holy Spirit, and he was suddenly transformed into a man and, based on a lack of higher-brain activity, was deemed clinically dead for seven days. Then, as his doctors considered stopping life support, he opened his eyes popped open. He had come back.

Out of this world

Alexander’s recovery is a medical miracle, the real miracle of his story lies elsewhere. While his body lay in a coma, Alexander journeyed beyond this world and encountered an angelic being who guided him into the deepest realms of super-physical existences. . . .

This story is not a fantasy. Before leaving here on his journey, he could not reconcile his knowledge of neurosurgery with any belief in heaven, God or the soul.

My NDE had convinced me that there is a secret part of ourselves that is recording every last aspect of our earthly lives, and that this recording process commences at the very, very beginning.

Dr. Alexander explains that under NDE case is unique, there are also some common threads in most all of them. These include:

- Going through a tunnel and entering into darkness, but then finding light.
- The feeling of one or more deceased people whom the person experiencing the NDE had known in life, and having comfort and guidance.
- He knew she looked familiar.

But in Dr. Alexander’s case, the person he met, who guided him as his “angel,” was “the Girl on the Butterfly Wing,” someone he did not recognize. He could not describe her face, but he knew that the girl who was his guide was one reason he questioned the validity of his own NDE, until about four months after his release from the hospital. Dr. Alexander reveals that he was adopted as a child and as an established contact with his birth family it was in meeting with his birth father after his recovery. He realized the butterfly girl’s identity.

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God allows the future to be partly open and partly settled

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A combination of the stress, my weakness from heart surgery and then cancer, the blood disorder, put me into a serious health crisis.

Immediately the emergency med- 
ical team (EMTs) had me sit down and told me to try to relax as they began questioning and un- 
packing their equipment.

Then the second emergency company arrived with its rescue personnel. I hadn’t been in the living-room chair but a few minutes when it happened.

throwing tables aside, clearing the room

EMTs sprang into frenetic action, 

chair the room full of firefighters and 

for the people’s sins and one ram for a 

expiation for his own sins and a ram 

aspect of Christ’s sacrifice.

self and Israel (Leviticus 16).

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sins of the people, but it was offered to 

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put me into a serious health crisis.

Later she told me what happened after 

that my dear wife had to watch all this.

JoAn’s nice 

life. If JoAn hadn’t called 911 when 

was treated for pneumonia, examined 

worries.

held together with staples from the 

on my chest.

was a burly fireman pounding his fist 

flat-lined.

quickly pulled down in my head. That 

expect. But, when I felt the blood be-

before and didn’t know quite what to 

ical technicians (EMTs) had me sit 

engine company to arrive. JoAn was a 

issue.

Our next thoughts was that we had 

how it ends.

She said sadly to herself: So this is 

her eyes. I was able to join her seated 

me, the most upsetting part to me was 

that my dear wife had to watch all this.

Several sacrifices were offered on 

At Passover the death angel passed 

the Passover Lamb, Christ.

Israelites because a ransom had been 

over and spared the homes of the 

Satan, and the resultant death.

always been part of Satan’s religions.

God gave in His image.

to determine his fate: “The church 

ever we pray to him . . . Seek the L ORD 

for help. He heard and answered.

The goat offered to Azazel has long 

been one of the most important aspects 

of the High Priest’s work. In the same 

way, Christ was made a sacrifice for 

us. God, in His infinite wisdom, had 

in mind from the very beginning of 

creation that there would be a need 

for sinners to have a savior. This is 

why God chose to place His Son on 

earth in the form of a man. This is the 

same way that God chose to sacrifice 

two goats and a ram in the Old Testament:

The first goat was offered as a sin offering, 

and called the goat of the sin offering. 

The second goat was offered as a 

guilt offering, and called the goat of the 

guilt offering. The third sacrifice was 

the sin offering in which the 

high priest offered a pair of 

goats, one for the people of 

Israel, and one for the high 

priest himself. The goat 

was killed without—the 

sacrifice was made without a 

sense of urgency and without much 

confidence that God hears or will 

answer. A 911 type of prayer, however, 

requires a sense of urgency and expecta-

tion that God will answer.

Is the future settled?

Perhaps our prayers lack urgency because in our hearts we doubt we can influence God. God, of course, is able to do anything, but He often requires that we pray with a feeling of 

urgency because in our 

Heaven.

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The master key: Will God reveal His true chronology before the end?

John R. ‘Takeoff’ Hull’s book hits the spot

By John Dickerson

INCOLN, Ark.—Takeoff, by John R. Hull, is an account of a man’s life as he goes on a journey through his love of aviation and his adventures in the Radio/Worldwide Church of God. Hull, who was born in North Carolina and lived in Texas for many years, later left the CCG as well. He lives in retirement by Blytheville, Calif., and Smithville, Ark.

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The book is a tool to fight the destruction of the Second Temple (in 533 BC). It is a coincidence that the earth’s radius is exactly 3,966 miles.

Many think it is impossible to resolve the Bible chronology without the help of external references. But it is reasonable to think God would have inspired the authors of the Bible to include more than 300 chronological details and wouldn’t have made sure those were enough to determine the right overall chronology?

There is an overlooked master key hidden in Ezekiel that can give us a tool to righten the Bible’s chronology.

This key is understood by properly Ezekiel 4:3-5. Hull has been prop- osed to explain the 390 years and the trayed an independent set of events that had taken place or would take place over a period of either 390, 40 or 430 years.

In others words, the priceless contribution of Ezekiel 4-5 to the study of God’s chronology is found by rightly identifying the prophet’s 12 symbolic acts and pro- perly understanding the 12 months of events they were meant to portray.

Time markers

This discovery is fundamental because it allows us to build the Bible’s chronology around an elaborate network of time markers. With this self-checking mechanism, it is almost impossible to err with the chronology, just as it wouldn’t be possible to solve a jigsaw puzzle by putting the pieces in the wrong places. Another reason that my chronol- ogy highlights is the huge number of patterns that can be found in the millennia- characteristics of an intelligent design.

John R. Hull was employed by the Worldwide Church Service for a while, then began a lifetime career as a Federal Aviation Administration general aviation inspector.

In 1957 Mr. Hull began to embrace the teachings of Herbert W. Arm- strong through WinWorld magazine, a radio program and the Radio Church of God’s The Plain Truth magazine.

He became an integral part of the Radios Church of God and taught Gar- ner Ted Armstrong how to fly.

When the Church of God/WCG erupted in the 1970s, Mr. Hull left the church to support Garner Ted Armstrong’s Church of God faith.

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Synchronizing the calendars

It is only at the end—once the en- tire puzzle chronology has solved—that the answer becomes clear. Hull has noted that many preachers are not satisfied by the answers that the Bible presents. They are inclined to accept the Bible’s history as it stands without suggesting any alternative interpretations. They are not interested in discerning the truth of God’s Word but rather in affirming their own beliefs.

This has led to a lack of interest in religious matters has steadily declined over the past century and a half. This is a sad state of affairs, but it is not too late to change things. We can still learn from the Bible and from each other. We can still work together to achieve a better understanding of the Bible’s message.

Finding who can help

In allLikewhich describes what is happening now. Let’s hope we will have the wisdom to find and rec-ognize those who can help us understand, no matter what they are. We can still learn from the Bible and from each other. We can still work together to achieve a better understanding of the Bible’s message.

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Wings-of-a-great-eagle scenario of the past.

The last items the cashier scanned were about 40 jars of baby food. 

Back to the story

Everything was going along just fine. The last of the bagged Gerber jars made out of the top of two shopping buggies, and the credit card was swiped. The machine didn’t accept it, so another card was brought forth. It wasn’t accepted either. There was a barely audible sigh coming from the man standing behind me.

Another card appeared. Another rejection. Louder sighing and clearing of the throat followed.

When the fourth credit card failed and comments of frozen food being tossed about began, I got to a little jittery. Could I wind up a victim of a tussle between two stressed-out mothers armed with 40 jars of pureed peas and a man just trying to pay for a case of beer?

It gets better

With no other option but to start unscanning some of her purchases, the cashier began subtracting baby-food jars at a tithe. Each time, the cashier calculated how much debt remained. The man behind me could no longer take it. He offered to pay the $6 that still overran the credit card, the cashier informed him that wasn’t possible because some of the items were WIC (Women, Infants and Children) purchases and had to be removed from the system.

Now there was no denying what was going on in the line behind me. The murmuring was growing louder as each jar of baby food was rescanned and then shoved aside forreshelving or placed back in the buggy.

Impatience was definitely being displayed in what seemed to be an eternity. (Lest anyone think babies would go hungry that night, only a few jars had to be returned.)

The problem was that not every jar was accepted by the register. Apparently the jars with the WIC-program discount had to be treated differently from those without it. (Try telling that to a working man on his lunch break trying to buy his beer.)

My turn at the register

The girls offered no choice words as they left, but they had saved a few choice words for the man behind me to which he responded in kind.

Knowing that the crowd behind me which had grown considerably was not in the greatest of moods, as soon as this card-swiping saga had begun I had rearranged all my purchases so I could quickly throw my stuff on the counter for a quick transaction.

Long before the last of the baby-food jars had been reassessed to either be returned to the shelf or returned to the buggy, I had placed my purchases on the grocery conveyor belt, hoping desperately not to earn the ire of those that they had placed on those who came before me.

I even bagged my own groceries and while doing so placed my body in a leaving stance, giving the man behind me as much room as he needed.

One of my purchases was a bottle of wine. In case you aren’t aware when purchasing alcohol, a lot of cash registers prompt the cashier to ask the customer if he is under 40 years old. When she inquired about my age, being in a hurry I never looked up from the check I was writing. I simply responded “I wish.” To which the man behind me informed the cashier that indeed I had been under 40 when I got in line. Did I times get or did it just feel like it?

Mr. Sam, if you’re traveling out there somewhere and happen to crash into 2013, take my advice: If you plan to stop by your corporate legacy to pick up a few snacks for the road trip, don’t get in line between mothers with their baby food and men with their beer. It could seriously hamper your time-travel experience. Believe me, I’ve been there. I think.

By Darlene Warren

In Plano, Texas—don’t get a lot, but when I do it’s usually for a quick trip to Walmart. Everything I need I can get at Mr. Sam’s store; groceries, ammunition (what’s up, Mr. Sam?) and camo.

(Samuel Moore Walton founded Walmart in 1962. He died in 1982.)

Making a trip to Walmart is like time-traveling yet still being home for supper. Just yesterday standing in the checkout line at a local Walmart I was sandwiched between two young mothers ahead of me and a 40-something thing man behind me.

I got in this particular line because, even though I had only a few items in my buggy, the line seemed to be less busy than the express line for 20 items or less.

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We love you, Mr. Sam

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After the angel of Revelation 14:6-7 has delivered his worldwide dream and vision, let us turn once again to the whole world story as God's story. For Christ's imminent return and the need to repent, God's people with the angelic procession, led by Jesus, will go out from God's Church, encouraging the nations that the end is nigh. Revelation 14:5-6.

And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice, To him that sat on the throne, and to the four beasts, and to the elders, and said, Who is like unto thee, O Lord God, almighty, and who shall be able to stand? Revelation 14:7.

And when he had given me this book, he said, Take it, and eat it not; for it is sweet as honey; but it shall in thy stomach become bitter as wormwood. Revelation 10:9.

And the great Dragon was angry with the woman, because she had kept the生成 of her fruit for God. Revelation 12:17.

From Jerusalem to the Sea of Glass

From Jerusalem to the Sea of Glass, the great tribulation, the time of preparation is over. Christ's rule will begin at the Feast of Trumpets, Revelation 8:6-11:15. As the angels of God sound their trumpets, the world falls to the ground as the earth first trembles and then begins to shake, rocks falling, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. Revelation 12:16.

And the eighth Angel came and said, This is the last Angel; and there are yet some words to be spoken. Revelation 10:6.

And the Angel said unto me, Seal up the words of the Prophets, and the vision of the Seer, and the Great Angel, which was stood upon the earth, to the word of the Angel which spoke unto the seven Churches. Revelation 22:10.

And the Angel and the voices of the Prophets, and the voices of the Seers, and the voice of the Great Angel, and the voice of the Lamb, and the voices of the twenty-four Elders, and the voice of the four living creatures, and the voice of the hundred and forty and four thousand, having the names of the sainted and the holy ones who were slain from the beginning of the world, and who were called and sanctified and redeemed in the Lamb, and are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, sang as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures, and before the elders, and they sang, saying: We are the Temple of God, as he said, and the Temple of the Living God, and the Temple of Jesus Christ, and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. Revelation 15:4-5.

And the Lamb sent to the angel, saying, Seal up the testimony of this book, and seal up the words of the Prophets, and the vision of the Seer, until the time of the sealing of the sealed. Revelation 10:9.

And the Angel of the Great Angel, who stood upon the earth, said to the seven Angels, Be ye prepare to sound your trumpets. Revelation 8:1.

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Who Was in the Garden of Gethemanean?

Andrew
Bartholomew
Chief priest
Elders
James

James the Younger
Peter
John: The apostle
Tad<br>Thaddeus: Thomas

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In this article I talk about the prominent part certain people have played through history. Many of the people I am talking about happen to be Jewish, and this is a personal opinion intended to make people think about their beliefs. It is not meant to harm any group of people who happen to be Jewish, to imply that I am better than them, or to be disrespectful simply because he happens to be Jewish.

Conspiracy of the 6-Pointed Star

By Texe Marrs (2011). Shows how a class of Jews have been in control of the world's economies, politics, and the arts. This page is part of CONNECTIONS: MEMBER TO MEMBER, Issue No. 140 (March 13, 2013). This page is being shared as an image accessibility feature for those who cannot read the text. This page is a continuation of the previous page, discussing the role of Jews in various aspects of world history, politics, and economics. The content includes references to historical events, influential figures, and conspiracy theories, all centered around the idea of Jewish control over the world. The text is rich with historical facts and figures, aiming to provide a comprehensive overview of Jewish influence on world events. The page mentions various individuals, institutions, and movements, such as the Illuminati, the Cabala, and the Talmud, and discusses their impact on society. The page also includes references to specific events, such as the role of Jews in the financial crisis of 2008, the influence of Jews on media and politics, and the historical context of the Middle East. The text is written in a scholarly manner, using a mix of direct quotes and analysis to support the claims made. The page is a valuable resource for those interested in exploring the role of Jews in world affairs, providing a wealth of information and insights into the complex web of Jewish influence on history.
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teaching—magic, angelology, alchemies, numerology, and a whole host of altered states of consciousness, alternate healing and rituals of power—all have roots in the Jews. [James David Mark, Babylon].

Edward Gibbons told in his classic Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire that hundreds of thousands of innocent people were murdered. His work has been hailed by many. John Sack wrote An Eye for an Eye (1993) because he was disgusted by his Jewish neighbors. Mr. Sack-like many others—agreed that Israel after WWII allowed them to lead 125 concentration camps including women, children and babies to starve, beat, torture and murder. The NY Times and TV’s 60 Minutes both corroborated his story. After his book, the most noted commentator Jewish Lt. Salomon Meroz was indicted in Polish courts for crimes against humanity, but he fled and resides in Israel. The Polish prosecutors claim Israel pursues such people when the roles are reversed. London’s Daily Telegraph newspaper added that Stalin picked Jewish communists to be the heads of the NKVD. 

US invading Iraq allowed Jews to gain the throne of Babylon, sweet revenge. A photo from the Chabad Lubavitchers’ website shows Chart of Chaplains for NY State’s Army National Guard General Nathan M. Bilow Jr’s Plaque with the solid gold throne where Saddam once sat. The Jews rule in Iraq now from the US embassy there, the biggest in the world with 16 stories. Baghdad’s history museum was looted and burned in a wave of the oil industry. Baghdad’s history museum was located in one of the ancient palaces. Including ancient documents telling that the exiled Jews practiced the same pagan rituals as Babylon. [New York Times]

The Rothschilds own the Temple Mount so could preventive stitching and nuclear weapons in a war will ‘inadvertently’ destroy the Dome of the Rock.

Zionist Ben Eliezer (on Albert Pike) book Morals & Dogma represents the Babylonian godonomy already. [Olan 11N], Mammon-R. He wrote in it of the “Jewish Utopia World Government of the Jews, by the Jews and for the Jews forever.” Topology as known as Zionists and propose Jerusalem be the seat of the UN and world commandant.

Roman Emperor Nero married a Jewess, converted to Judaism and horrified persecuting Christians. Nero’s Roman Revolution with torture and beheading. For years the Jewish world was under the control of the Rothschilds’ secret society, but later under the Lennin in the USSR. In the 1910s Zionism was inspired by top Jews [misled by Satan]. Hinduism and Judaism are both religions. The Jews started the Jehovah Witnesses and the Moral Reformation League told every group who gave her money it was an affirmation of communism. Wall Street is almost 100% Jewish.

Now and New World Order

The New Babylon (2009) Insidethe New World Order—Modern-Day Pharaohs by Michael Piper. A relative few Jewish men from the 19th century to now have the wealth to create and finance a war. Michael Piper’s friends now deceased wrote The Life of an American Jew in Bureaucratic Israel. Mayer Rothschild guided his life by the Talmud, origin of the NWO idea Auguste Comte created the ‘sociological imagination’ finding: Jews are part of God Himself, other people live and enjoy or capital US Jews live. 

Even the Zionism Israel My Glory, supposed to be a Christian ministry, cites examples from the Talmud that Jesus is hated as a bastard and son of harlot Mary. In the Talmud Maimonides 11th century says Jews should be despised and tortured, while most fell in love with it. When Cyrus offered Jews to return to Jerusalem, most did not. [Michael Cremo, 2010]

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The Nuremberg trials after WWII were a great victory and US prosecutors resigned. Elite Jews manipulated and forced confessions of Christian soldiers. Here is additional evidence. Oddly, the Jews always claimed 6 mill Jews were in the Holocaust, but this figure was in The American Hebrew newspaper of 10-31-1919 before WWII! The 6 million mentioned over and over in the text regarding a supposed holocaust go on building back then. Please refer over here to this online article.

Jewish stories are found to be fiction as Surviving with Wolves and the Diary of Anne Frank, the latter with a ball point pen not invented yet! Elle Wiesel told many such tales and when outed said “Some stories are true that are unbelievable and unbelievable that are true”! Solomon, Nelson Mandela, soap made of human fat and human skin lampshades, etc. Pelagius (310-395), bishop of Rome, was tried to years in a German prison (though he lived in Canada) for speaking out against the Trinity. He wrote: “Christianity is not a defense of a war of religion.” His trial was due to an order from Emperor Constantine.

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German author Friedrich von Schrör in 1893 wrote “The House of Rothschild has arisen from the quarrels between states, has become mighty and great from wars [and] the midwife to nations and states has been its fortune.”

While the Rothschilds do not occupy thrones, they are asked who should rule when a king dies. Their messenger service was used by Caesar Augustus to deliver letters and private communications to kings. The German author said “The English government is only the British façade for the Jewish in the background. The English state...is the front of, and not the true face, of the Rothschild Empire. The Rothschild had control over both presidential candidates McCain and Obama. McCann’s certificate to become a Senator is endorsed by a Jewish. In 1835 the Nile (Ohio) Weekly Register carried: “The Rothschild Empire is the greatest danger to the world. Not a cabinet moves without their advice. They stretch their hand with equal ease, to the highest and lowest in the land.”

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The Revealing of the Sons of God

Jesus Christ said, “I will build My Church.” He did not say, “Churches,” denominations, “sects.” He said the gates of hell would not prevail against that Church. Somewhere that original true Church exists today. But WHERE? WHICH? “...” (WHERE Is The True Church booklet, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong).

The Atonement of the Sons of God

As the result it has been a continuous lifelong struggle against the thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers in the high places in the spiritual world (Ephesians 6:12).

An Inherent Cry: Though unbelievable due to spiritual blindness, there is the inherent cry within them to be freed from the utter futility and bondage to which they have been sentenced for this 6,000 years by God because of their sins. The Apostle Paul was led by Jesus Christ to make known in his writing their cry for relief from this age of sorrow (Romans 8:20, 22; Genesis 3:6; 2:18-19).

An Inward Lament: When does the invisible community of believers begin groaning? In the days of the apostle Paul there were no· transient spiritual crises, yet Paul was moved to write as the Holy Spirit directed him about these fiery trials. The Atonement in the Bible is symbolic. The symbolic Tree of life (Genesis 2:9) represents the uncreated life of Christ and the consummation of the age to come when He shall build His Church.

Therefore, in the early years of the Christian Church, the Lord Jesus Christ and His Bride will be here teaching and enabling them to find the harmonious brotherhood that could have saved them from the sorrows, death much as did the pre-flood world of Noah. See how they shine

... all Creation is crying out for the revealing of the sons of God, the true and faithful people of God to be there in that Church as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Jesus Christ and His Bride will be here teaching and enabling them to find the harmonious brotherhood that could have saved them from the sorrows, death much as did the pre-flood world of Noah. See how they shine

And pain is all around

Like a bridge over troubled water

Oh, when times get rough

When you’re weary feeling small

When you’re down and out

You will come to know

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And the way for abominable lawlessness on all fronts! The problems of that nation, but succeeded only in slowing it for a brief time. Those of mankind who will have made the right and good way will have been divested of the power and happiness they never really found in this unresponsible evil age (Galatians 1:4). Thankful this soon coming new age is on the horizon in which righteousness will begin to be firmly taught (Isaiah 26:9; Psalms 21:3; Isaiah 30:20,21). And it will be about by the return of Je- sus Christ, who will es- tablish His Kingdom and government on Mount Zi- on in Jerusa- lem. Jesus Christ will then ex- tend his lov- ing and car- ing hand to the survivors of this age, offering once again the opportunity to symbolically re- enter the Garden in Eden (originally located in Jerusalem) with the choice of eating from the symbolic Tree of Life (Deuteronomy 30:20). Having made the right choice, they will then be released from the shackles of futility and the bondage of sin. Encouragement for the Elect: The Apost- le Paul wrote of the need for preparation of the true and faithful people of God to be there in the final days, encouraging them to overcome all problems with the desire to be there for this occasion.

“Whatever we may have to go through, now is less than nothing compared with the magnificent future God has planned for them.” ( Guam 24:29-22.)

It is plain to see with anyone with eyes to see that at the present time all created life groans in a sort of universal travail. And pain is all around

And peace and be acceptable to all? Undoubt- edly there were a few in past centuries, such as Abraham Lincoln, who tried to stem the tide, but failed all. In recent years there were a few men, such as President Ronald Reagan and Charlton Heston, who tried turning society around in this nation, but succeeded only in slowing it for a brief moment in time. Those who've tried to build this bridge never really came into existence, nor does it exist today.

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The Death Throes of the House of Joseph

A merica is reeling from the recent slaughter of 20 small children and six adults that took place in the town of Newtown, Connecticut. During a meeting on December 18, 2012, President Barack Obama stated: “We can’t tolerate this anymore. These tragedies must end. And to end them, we must change...”

Tрагически the violent slaughters will not cease because of the crimes that are being committed in this whole country. Scripture supports what Governor Huckabee of Arkansas said in his following comments: Internet: “Last summer, after the deadly shooting in an Aurora movie theater, Huckabee went on Fox to say: ‘We don’t have a crime problem, a gun problem or even a violence problem. What we have is a sin problem. And since unsolvable problems of the House of Joseph as they are seen today:...’

The Elect People of God: With the ever-growing prevalence of sinfulness, robberies, murders, and the like, the question needs to be asked as to whether you and I, individually, are as prepared to deliver them as they are to fulfill some of the most unimaginable things that God will do in His end-time. Ezekiel 7:6-8 The death of the righteous man is an agony. The death of the wicked man is a shibboleth. The death of the righteous man will fill the land; and it is due to the iniquity of the House of Joseph, that God is about to visit this land; and it is due to the iniquity of the House of Joseph, that God is about to visit this land.

DROUGHT: Another great problem that is becoming very serious, even the Mississippi River is drying up! It is having a real impact on the bread-baskets states in this country. Food prices are expected to be about four percent of all higher. This new year because of it. News reports continue to make known it is tightening its grip on an already stressed farm economy, and for this reason it will come soon from the Almighty... Is not the Lord God expected to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children...?”

The Death Throes of the House of Joseph

“...The end has come it has DAWNED for you; Behold it has come...”

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet BEFORE the coming of the great and dreadful Day of the LORD” (Malachi 4:5).
Are You Thankful for Your Blessings?

At Thanksgiving my extended family has a ritual we go through each year. The kids don't really like it much, and there are some adults who are kind of shy and don't put a lot into it. But we continue to do it because that's what the day is supposed to be set aside for. We all gather before we ask God's blessing on our meal to say what we are thankful for. Sometimes typical things are mentioned, and sometimes things are said that aren't so typical. For instance this year we had part of the family nearly killed in a tornado. We also had a couple that lost their baby at birth. So it might seem like this would have been a depressing activity this year. But it wasn't, because my family has checked out God's providence as opposed to the problems that come from the trials they have had to endure.

I'm not tooting my own horn, I believe God does for me. He helps me. He's given me in His way. He's given me in my little circle of influence. And I then look at the requests I see for prayer. Not only do these requests come from COG members, but they flood in on Face Book daily. And there's nothing wrong at all in asking for our friends and brethren to pray for us in a time of trial. You do tell others about how God does bless you?

I thought about this when I was asked what I was thankful for. I also remembered what my X rays were. We were told that he and the rest of the family were really looking forward to the trip and this would stop us from going. They declared it done, and we were instructed to return in two weeks to see what the progress was after they set him in a plaster cast this time.

We dutifully returned, and the nurses took him back for his X rays. When they took out, they took him back to the cast room and the doctor started taking off my cast. He asked what was wrong and he said nothing. The break was totally healed. Totally. He wouldn't admit it, and made some noises about how fast kids heal, but the look in his eyes told me he knew it was something very special. Obviously my wife and I also knew.

"The next example," I say, "is my middle stepson. He was probably four when this happened. Some of you may remember the little kids' car seats that took a quarter and were forward facing. And if you look at your local discount big box store, it was ours. Kmart. The kids wanted to ride on it, so I put all three on board.

My middle one was always one to rush to do things and usually ended up breaking whatever it was because he didn't know how to open or use it properly. Anyway, he was in a rush to get off and jumped off before it was stopped. He fell and his foot got caught under the fiberglass apron that was around the bottom to cover the motor. It was still spinning and his foot was rolled between it and the concrete like I used to see my granddad roll his cigarettes. Needless to say, it wasn't pretty when I got him out. His foot was turned backwards, obviously broken badly. I snatched him up and told my wife to run to the car and start it so we could get him to the hospital ASAP. It was about 200 feet to the car, and by the time I got there he had quiet screaming and was lying calmly in my arms. I looked at his foot and it was turned back around, and there wasn't any damage to his pants or socks. It goes without saying we both were praying fervently when we realized what the situation was, and we both praised God openly when we saw the deliverance He granted. I told these two stories because I asked the question earlier about how vocal we are about the blessings we are granted. We are quick to ask our brothers to pray for us, but are we quick to tell them how God has blessed us? I don't think so.

I remember a series of articles in this paper on Face Book daily. And there's nothing wrong at all in asking for our friends and brethren to pray for us in a time of trial. My oldest stepson fell when he was about four and I thought about this when I was asked what I was thankful for. I also looked at the requests I see for prayer. Not only do these requests come from COG members, but they flood in on Face Book daily. And there's nothing wrong at all in asking for our friends and brethren to pray for us in a time of trial.

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D id you ever get a little short of patience because traffic was heavy and made you late for work? Perhaps you have your car in the shop and were supposed to get it back in two days, but just received a call that it will not be ready for a week. Maybe even your AC goes out for a few days in the middle of July and you live in one of the warmer southernmost states. Then what if you find your account short at the end of the month and you find you have to cut eating out for six to eight months to catch up? Do you complain?

This is not a lecture on controlling your temper, nor a dissertation on not complaining. This is a plea for help for our brethren—yes—Our Brethren. I just returned from a trip to Kenya, where we have brothers and sisters who are hungry. They live in abject poverty. I have met very few, if any, in my life who, like these, work from 4 a.m. until late at night and always have a genuine smile on their face. I have yet to meet any so pleasant to be around and hospitable. From very small children to the extreme elders, they wanted to serve us. They gave us their AC.

They were so happy to be able to keep the Feast and so appreciative that we came all the way from America to keep it with them. One young man who was always smiling was asked by someone, “What are you so happy about?” The young man replied, “It is the Millennium. We are celebrating the Millennium.”

One precious couple gave us their house to stay in; I think they slept in the chicken house. Yet they always looked clean and dressed for services. They prepared meals (all on a wood fire they built outside), washed our clothes (by hand in a big pan of water) and even polished our shoes. Just from being in the church for so many years, I know many think that two services a day is to many. These people, after two services a day (sometimes lasting three to four hours each), wanted Bible study at night, rather than entertainment. They are so full of faith—so full of zeal! These people live in mud huts with dirt floors. Their bathrooms are outhouses or mud holes; their showers (if they have one) are out-houses with no hot water, since there is no electricity in their area. Sometimes they bathe in a river. They read the Bible (if they have one) by a lantern at night.

Brethren, just because you cannot see them—just because they do not live next door—do not turn your back on your brothers and sisters. I believe that how we treat the weakest, most destitute of our brethren is how Christ will judge us at His return. I have heard from some Americans that these Africans do not work, so they should not eat. This is incorrect. Not true! These are hard-working faithful people. I have seen them, met them, and lived with them. If you are up at 4:30 or 5:00 a.m., you will see many of them, even children, waking down a big hill with empty water jars, and some coming up the hill carrying jugs full of water. They carry them on their heads, making several trips, collecting water for the day from water holes. I would call them mud holes since one cannot see through the water. They use some for the latrine, some water to drink and some to cook and wash dishes. Some places the outhouses have no ridged mud holes.

Brethren, there is no way to describe their poverty. A warm shower or a cold drink of water is unheard of in these areas with no electricity. Most depend on what they can grow for their subsistence. They are so poor they cannot afford mosquito nets—a real priori-

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1. Introduction

Sir Anthony Buzzard wrote on page 3 of Issue 156 of The Watchtower magazine: “This is the day of salvation [emphasis added].” In that context he is presenting a Christian viewpoint. Christians regard Jesus as the Son of God. He came to save people from the OSO world's power and influence. Christians believe that “God that “Disdain for real Scholarship Dooms the COG?”. He claims that the founder of the former Witnesses, Mr Herbert W Armstrong (HWA), lacked the Hebrew and Greek scholarship needed for drawing correct conclusions. In particular that HWA did not see from the ‘third day’ of Luke 24:21 that our Lord Jesus had been crucified and buried on Friday and had risen on Sunday. Luke 24:21—“But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel; and this day is the third day since these things were done.”

Sir Anthony insists this verse shows the Christian view of the resurrection was early on the Sunday the two disciples walked to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-32). Although his scholarly conclusion agrees with Mainstream’s Good Friday–Easter Sunday tradition, few members of the former WCG will agree with Sir Anthony.

Since Luke 24:47, with the ‘third day’ refer to the Sign of Jonah, it seems reasonable that the case for Luke 24:21 and that HWA erred that ‘the third day’ of Luke 24:21 refers to the third day since a watch was set for two days but not two days and a half. Let us make sure we get our facts right!

Mainstream’s scholars mistranslated into English and even falsified several NT Greek manuscripts containing the same biblical doctrines. For example, the Trinity by insert in 1 John 5:7-8 (KJV) a 24-word Johannean, containing that we will see a mistranslation and falsification of Luke 24:21 to promote their Good Friday–Easter Sunday tradition.

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Sir Anthony was unconcerned that God's and Jesus' 3-days and 3-nights Sign of Jonah is equivalent to 24-36 hours, and he should have realized that on this basis, the official of the 3rd and 4th day as Friday 14th was correct. However, the problem is caused by the 3-day 'nights,' which means: 'brings,' 'leads to' or 'passes' of cause the English verb 'is' is an invalid rendering which contains a gross mistranslation be-fore the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. Indeed in the light of Matthew 28:18, the Son of God would rise again from the dead Third night, which is a 24-hour period of time. There are 24 hours in a day, and the fish spewed out Jonah only once at the end of the third 24-hour day (Jonah 1, v 17).

Sir Anthony was unwilling to concede that God's and Jesus' 3-days and 3-nights Sign of Jonah is equivalent to 3, 24-hour days of 72 hours and therefore is contrary to his claim for a 1-night plus 1-day plus part of 1-night. Sir Anthony insists that the Abib-15 crucifixion and burial and his pre-dawn Sunday resurrection. However, the crux of the problem is that IWA's biblical teaching in accord with the Sign of Jonah given by God in Jonah 1:7 and Jesus Christ's claim in Matthew 28:18 was on the Wednesday Abib-14 Passover day. The burial was just before Wednesday sunset and the resurrection was just before Saturday sunset in accord with Matthew 28:1-6. (See Section 3).

7. But what about Luke 24:21? The first Holy Day of Luke 24:13 requires how on the first day of the week (Luke 24:—Sunday) two disciples on way from Jerusalem to Emmaus were discussing that Jesus had not risen from the dead, and clearly they believed Jesus had failed to fulfill his 3-day and 3-night Sign of Jonah. As dis- ciple of John the Baptist they realized that Jesus would rise on the 3rd day in accord with the Sign of Jonah. Even the Jewish authorities were aware of this sign (Matt 27:62-63). However, if these two disciples thought that Sunday was indeed the 3rd day of the Sign of Jonah as Luke 24:21 (KJV) appears to say, then why didn't they stay in Jerusalem till sunset ended that 3rd day, in Jesus ceased to be visible? But they had left Jerusalem only to get away from the law. In this sense, Jesus can only mean they thought the third day was past and it was already the 4th day and the day of the Sabbath. In Section 3, Matthew 28:1-6 shows the Resurrection was before Saturday sunset but Luke 24:21 appears to give a dif- ferent interpretation and the Biblical teaching is self-contradictory, which we can accept.

We know from the aforementioned John- niness today but Sir Anthony might point out this can be scholarship that misleads?" a weekly Sabbath. That is, he is wrong can be shown from Leviticus chapter 23.

First Leviticus chapter 23 shows that both the weekly Sabbath and the annual Sabbaths are alike in that both are holy convocations on which no work may be done (Lev 23:3-76). In Lev 23:3 the weekly or 7th-day Sabbath is the translation of the Hebrew 'shabbath'.

In Leviticus 23:32 the annual holy day of Atonement is twice referred to with the same two week days 'shabbath' as Leviticus 23:26 for a weekly or 7th-day Sabbath in Leviticus 23:3.

When John 19:31 is properly understood it is clear that the Abib-15 was not a Sabbath as a Sabbath or rather as a high Sabbath. 9. The high day of the Abib-15: Sunday Sabbath. Which of the two days was the day of the Abib-15: the high Sabbath or the weekly Sabbath? Jesus' 3- days and 3-nights Sign of Jonah is non-biblical but IWA's teaching of an Abib-14 Wednesday Crucifixion and a just before Saturday sunset Resurrection perfectly fits God's and Jesus' 3-days and 3-nights Sign of Jonah (Jonah 1:17; Matt 12:40).

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The Lord Thy God

When God spoke to Moses in Deuteronomy 18, He called out to Moses, “Thou shall be perfect with the Lord thy God” (Deuteronomy 18:13).

Every time God referred to doing something, every time He used a verb, then God, The Elohim, referred to Himself as The Lord (Deuteronomy 18:12, 13, 15, 16).

The word “Lord” in Hebrew is “YHVH.” “YHVH” does the action as His “name” but the plural noun is letting you know “YHVH” is “The One and Only God.” The Israelites call Him “Hashim—The God With No Name.”

The Greek God Theo

Paul, the Apostle, referred to the Greeks as “the wise” (Romans 1:14). Why? This should be the question. In Athens, Paul identified one of their gods as The Unknown God. Then he made a remarkable statement: “Whom therefore you ignorantly worship, Him I declare to you.”

The Greek Theos is the same as the word Elohim is in Hebrew. Neither Israel nor the Greeks knew Him. Hashem and Unknown God are saying Israel or the Greeks did not know who The True God was. Paul even defines Elohim and The Unknown Theos in great detail so there is no scriptural doubt that God (Theos) made (singular verb) the world and all things in the world. So He is The Lord (as in Deuteronomy 18) of heaven and earth, who dwells not in temples made with hands (earthly buildings)” (Acts 17:2).


When this One God Elohim is used as a verb, it is always singular. God Himself created all things and no one else. The Greek poets who were philosophers of that time, like Aristotle and Socrates, knew the Truth of The One God.

God and Paul scripturally told you there is only One God who is the Father of all (Isaiah 46:8). That is Elohim, as a verb of action meaning...
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ing “One God.” Even Jesus, without exception, warned you have only One Father who made everyone (Matthew 23:9).

There is only One Father who made all things (Hebrews 3:4). The Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, always states that “God” is “One.” God will be “All In All”—not Jesus. Christ is the Mediator, Master and your only Rabbi Teacher (Matthew 23:8).

How much scripture is necessary to stop Satan from blinding mankind (II Corinthians 4:4). Christ is only in The Image of God, just as Christians will become Sons of God.

Corinth is where Athens is located. The Corinthians worshiped many gods, and Paul was preaching that they must understand there is only One God.

The Invisible God

Paul made it very simple when he wrote to the Romans, who believed like the Greeks that there were many gods.

The New Testament is overwhelming proof there is only One God Almighty, “For the invisible things of him [singular] from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his [singular] eternal power and Godhead [One God]; so that they are without excuse” (Romans 1:20).

Paul had the same problem Christians have today. Rome and the Corinthians held to two, three or more gods. Over and over again the Bible, from its beginning, held to The One God who made all things (Hebrews 3:4).

Moses and Christ were a testimony, a witness of The One God who builds all things (Hebrews 3:1-3). Christ inherited all things by The Holy Spirit of God who created all things.

Jesus was “Immanuel—God” or “In You,” like Abraham met a theophany, “Christ—In You” is the admission that God is in His Firstborn Son as God is “In You.” How? The Holy Spirit of God was “In Jesus” which made Him Holy, and as Sons of God it is His Holy Spirit—“In You” (Luke 1:3).

Romans makes it indisputable, “For as many as are led by the spirit of God they are the sons of God” (Romans 8:14).

Paul writes you are adopted from human parents (Romans 8:15). The “Spirit—In Man” unites with The Holy Spirit of God to make you the Children of God.

As with all of The Truth of God from the Alpha to the Omega, the beginning to the end, it all covers the whole story of the Bible.

Elohim, The One YHVH, “Theos,” in Greek, is The Only One who is The Father of all. That does not include Jesus who said the same. Even Christ acknowledged that only God (Theos) is good. Yet Christ, also, excluded Himself from being considered good (Matthew 19:17).

Only The One God and Father of all is good and, therefore, The Holy One. Jesus, at His “resurrection,” was glorified as He was before by The Holy Spirit of God from the beginning. The Prophets and Jesus always existed by The Holy Spirit of God—“In Them” (II Peter 1:21).

Read I Peter 1:10-11. As with The Prophets, by The Holy Spirit you always exist because Jesus, as well, is “In You” when you receive The Holy Spirit of God.

“Elohim” is “God by His Holy Spirit” which does “The Work” (“work” is a verb). The noun “Elohim” is “all that God was, is or can be”—“God is The I Am.”

Ultimately, everyone will be “The I Am” and, then, God will truly be “All In All.”
A Biblical Look at the Mark of the Beast and the Number 666

By James Russell

Many religious teachers and scholars have taught that the mark of the beast is a number tattooed on your skin, or a personal information chip under the skin, or maybe even an eye scan! Or you may have to register with the “One World” government! Also, it has been hinted that the bar code could be this mark—but could all these be wrong? When looking at the Scripture prophecies, we should look to the Bible for the answers!

It is an unfortunate but nevertheless true statement that doctrinal truth is not always accepted by the Churches and their leaders as having and teaching the whole truth. No one is expected to present new truth except when the accuracy of either—and the individual who does voice opposition to one or more segments of centuries-old Church dogma commits an act of extreme presumption!

However, there is much to be revealed from a diligent and analytical study of the Scripture. When theologians come together and consider and weigh new Biblical evidence brought to bear even upon old and accepted beliefs.

When presenting the false teaching of the “Mark of the Beast” into God’s prophecies, we receive dissenting opinions raised by Church leaders, objected to the presentation of the error in what is called the “Sacred” teachings kept by most Churches of God today. The usual method of the theological reasoning and deduction presented in the magazine Prove All Things and the sameness in all the statements clearly indicated the thinking of these objectors is cast in the same theological mold.

When theologians confine themselves to quoting the writings of each other as their authority, their conclusions are apt to be circumscribed within very narrow limitations, marked by a kind of intolerance among their number that renders them incapable of bringing forth new truths. For example, this attitude toward new Biblical revelations is responsible for the rejection by the Churches and its leaders of new truth. God’s truth from God’s word should establish our beliefs!

On the other hand, despite being subjected to the worst adage ever de-vised, as in “there is no black and white,” everything becomes a shade of grey. The most important decisions people make about their lives are overwhelmingly black and white. You either live a life of honesty and integrity, or you don’t. You either choose God’s way or the world’s way! For many years now, we have taught that we should let the Bible interpret the Bible. John, in Revelation, described the last days. “And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name” (Rev. 13:18). Those who buy and sell on God’s 7th day Sabbath have the mark of the beast! The mark of the beast has every sign of not keeping God’s commandments! The Protestant and Catholics observe Sunday for their day of worship, and Muslim cultures keep Friday. They do not keep God’s 7th day Sabbath! Judaism postpones God’s annual Holy Day Sabbaths, and this results in them having a mark of the beast: The sign between God and His people is day wherein they sold victuals. There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the Sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them. What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the Sabbath day? Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the Sabbath. And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the Sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and that they should not be opened till after the Sabbath: and some of my servants set at the gates, that there should no man go in or out on the Sabbath day. So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice. Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the Sabbath; but the merchants and sellers, and the venders that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the Sabbath day Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy” (Neh. 13:13-15). Also see Jer. 19:4-25, 27. God originally told Moses, “... This is that which the LORD hath said, tomorrow is the rest of the Holy Sabbath unto the LORD: bake that which ye will to bake, and seethe that which ye will seethe; for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt.” Also, “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes” (Deut. 6:4-8). “And “...Therefore shall ye lay up these My words in your heart and in your keeping of the weekly Sabbath and His annual Holy Day Sabbaths on the right days. Their sign or mark of the sign of the beast is: “And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name” (Rev. 13:18). Those who buy and sell on God’s 7th day Sabbath have the mark of the beast! God plainly tells us that we should not buy and sell on his weekly Sabbaths and annual Holy Day Sabbaths! “And if the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the Sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy it of them on the Sabbath, or on the Holy Day; and that we would leave the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt” (Neh. 10:31).

Notice now what Nehemiah 13 says: “In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine presses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and Lamar; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day: and I testified against them in the continuing on next page
God created and made” (Gen. 2:1-3). Out of all the 2000 Greek nouns used by the devil to deceive the world, it is the number of a man: his number 666. The Mark of the Beast and the Number of His Name

Quoting Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong’s booklet Mark of the Beast [© 1952]: “Better be sure whether this brand is upon you! Without it, no man will be able to buy or sell! Without it, you will be tortured even to death! But with it, you shall suffer the seven last plagues.”

The Mark of the Beast is something very undesirable. Who gave the beast his name? “The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority” (Rev. 12:2). We can recognize that the dragon is Satan, the devil.

“For so they worshipped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshipped the beast saying, ‘Who is like the beast?’” (Rev. 13:4). For those who are still in doubt as to what the mark of the beast is, let’s look at its number. In Rev. 13:18: “Let him who hath understanding calculate the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man: his number is 666.”

In the New Testament, the letters of the Greek word κανόνα, from which the word word is translated, totals 666. Out of all the 2000 Greek noms of the New Testament, there is only one other word that has this numerical value, the word ἡμετέρα, translated “tradition” (Acts 11:25; Matt. 15:2-3). Wealth and Tradition—interesting—by the standards of society and the world today! Wealth corrupted their practice and honesty; tradition corrupted their doctrine. Here Wealth and Tradition deceive churches and therefore are used by the devil to deceive the world. Notice now the description of those who keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” (Rev. 14:12). Those who keep the commandments of God are those who do not have the mark. Those who have the mark refuse to keep the commandments. The mark therefore involves the rejection of the commandments of God, or any one of them as we find in James 2:10.

“For if we be guilty of breaking one, we are guilty of breaking all of them.” There is only one possible commandment that affects a man’s job or his business, and that is the fourth commandment which says, “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy” (Exo. 20:8). The Roman Catholic Council of Laodicea, in 356 AD, passed this decree freeing the faithful from any work on the Sabbath, but must work on that day, resting rather on Sunday. But if any be found to be guilty of breaking the Sabbath, the sentence be declared anathema from Christ.”

Those following the Hebrew Calendar have decreed that the Feast of Trumpets (annual Holy Day Sabbath) must be postponed, by authority of Judaism’s traditional postomation rules!

The Postponements and the Mark of the Beast

Now you’re asking: What has all this to do with the postponements? Leviticus the 23rd chapter makes it very clear how God regards His weekly Sabbath and His annual Sabbaths. They all are Holy Convocations, Sabbaths of rest. A weekly Sabbath is a memorial of creation, designed to keep us in the true worship of God on the seventh day. The seven annual Holy Days are to keep us constantly in the understanding of God’s great plan of redemption. The weekly Sabbath and the annual Sabbaths stand and fall together.

Not only is failure to keep the weekly Sabbath the mark of the beast, but failure to keep God’s annual Holy Days on the right day is also the mark of the beast! If we follow the Jewish Hebrew custom and tradition of the postponements, we will be misled into polluting God’s annual Sabbaths or Holy Days. But: “Because they despised My judgments, and walked not in My statutes, but polluted My Sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols” (Ezek. 20:16).

“Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharieses, which were of Jerusalem, saying, Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they wash not their hands when they eat bread. But He answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For, lo, God commanded, saying, ‘Honour thy father and thy mother’; and, ‘Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.’ But ye make the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition, which traditio corrupted their doctrine.

Eternal’s law may be in your mouth” (Exo. 15:13). Sunday observance and the annual Holy Day postponement rules of Judaism are a ‘mark of the beast’! Satan has used the postponement rules in the Jewish Hebrew calendar that most Churches of God use today to try and deceive God’s elect. What better Feast Day would Satan want us to postpone than the Feast of Trumpets? Naturally the Jews would not keep the true Feast of Trumpets which pictures the return of the Lord.

Christ as the Messiah—when they don’t believe Jesus Christ is the Messiah and the Son of God! Satan said, “For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed Me: for he wrote of Me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe My words?” (John 5:46-47).

“Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love Me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of Myself, but He sent Me. Why do ye not understand My speech? Even because ye cannot hear My word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe Me not” (John 8:42-45).

When blindly following the Jewish Hebrew calendar, you will fall into the ditch! (Matt. 15:1-3, 6-14). Then came His disciples and said unto Him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? But He answered and said, Every plant, which My heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch” (Matt. 15:1-3, 6-14). When blindly following the Jewish Hebrew calendar, you will fall into the ditch Christ was talking about. You will be following anti-Christ!

“For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist” (2 John 7).

Islam also says that Jesus was not the Son of God! Which makes them anti-Christ also!

“Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall not now come: but there must needs be antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time” (1 John 2:18).

God says, “There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Pro. 14:12). It is time we begin to follow Jesus’ example and keep holy the days God made holy! We will keep the Sabbath holy as commanded — not as the Pharisees — but the Pharisees offended at Jesus by the wrong day and wrong time because it is not their way.

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What is God?

Has anyone ever asked you, What is God? Think about that one. A stranger walks up to you and asks you if you know what God is. The question is for real, not a joke. The person really wants to know. How would you answer?

Yes, there is a God. You recognize the stranger is seriously questioning face. Where might you respond you haven’t found anything in the Bible about God being three persons. You might say the apostle John wrote the Book of Revelation after receiving divine visions. In Chapter 4, John describes seeing the throne of God and the elders seated on it. John writes about seeing "one sitting on the Throne of Heaven, The One was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone, says John. Additionally, four beasts around the Throne never rest—saying: ‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty’ and 24 Elders were proclaiming: ‘You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power for You have created all things’. Obviously, John had been shown, in vision, God sitting on His throne.

What is God, you rhetorically ask the stranger? God is the Creator, God is Almighty, and based upon what John was shown, the ‘physical’ image of God is red-dish-yellow in color. This mix of color is borne out by a mix of colors. When the Children of Israel in the wilderness saw when The Lord descended upon Mt. Sinai. What they saw was fire. As fire is the corruptible image of a man, the color of the ‘resemblance’ was amber. It was the glory of The Lord appearing as fire.

During the Israelites’ later years in the wilderness Moses reminded them that The Lord their God was a consuming fire (Deuteronomy 4:24). And many years later the apostle Paul told the New Testament Hebrew church God was a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29).

The Lord appears as fire. For example, when the bush told Moses He was the God of Moses’ forefathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Upon hearing the identity of the speaker, Moses covered his eyes afraid to look upon God (Exodus 3:6). Moses had an encounter with a burning bush. The incident bears out the fire aspect of God. The voice from the bush told Moses He was the God of Moses’ forefathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Upon hearing the identity of the speaker, Moses covered his eyes afraid to look upon God (Exodus 3:6). Moses had an encounter with a burning bush. The incident bears out the fire aspect of God. The voice from the bush told Moses He was the God of Moses’ forefathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Upon hearing the identity of the speaker, Moses covered his eyes afraid to look upon God (Exodus 3:6).

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Jesus was just a man for 300 years. How did he become God?

By Mark Bosserman

Most of us have been exposed to the Trinity and other extrabiblical teaching, but how many of us know that Jesus didn’t become God until 300 years after his death! That’s another extra-biblical teaching from his incredible life and death and resurrection. Like all legends, they change over time and evolve into something different.

As word of the life and resurrection and miracles of Jesus spread over the world, the Second Commandment: “You shall have no other gods before Me” (Exodus 20:3, verse 3) was compromised by changing the “Second Commandment” to “You shall not make for yourself a likeness of any form.”

That obviously means we must not allow for a second, or third, God. One, not two or three? The concept of two or three Gods took root in Constantine’s council of Nicea some 300 years after Jesus’ death. Jim refused and would not even allow Don Ward to attend the annual One God Seminar in 2004 who wanted to have face-to-face doctrinal discussions on the nature of God. Jim refused and would not even allow Don Ward to attend the annual One God Seminar in 2004 who wanted to have face-to-face doctrinal discussions on the nature of God.

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Did you gasp when you read the quote from the McGuckin article in article above? We see that not just the Sabbath was changed to Sunday and Easter was to replace Passover, but the monumental deception of our First and Greatest Commandment—“You shall have no other gods before Me”—was to resolve the question about the eternal and divine status of the son of God . . . “This should be clearly understood: The issue of exactly who Jesus was and His relationship with God the Father and the Holy Spirit was resolved by a biblically illeterate non-Christian serial killer in a single day. It is a strange fact, in a single day three of the most important doctrines of the Bible were changed, and the consequences have people like James Malo calling me a heretic, even though I don’t believe the Sabbath is Sunday and I believe the Passover is to be observed and I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that he was flesh and blood like you and I. But I do not believe Jesus is God the Son, as Constantine and church tradition would have us think.”

You believe that there is 

“Son of God” to “God the Son,” a phrase that is not in Scripture. “You have spoken the truth, for there is one God he came to reconcile man back to Himself.”

“Then He the Father Himself shall be our God and we shall be language in Revelation 21:3: “Then He will be our God and we will be God—He, our Creator (Mark 10:6). This is so great an understanding that Jesus said that knowing the one God we have to alter the numerical meaning of the word one. Here’s an analogy: I don’t subscribe to Bill Clinton’s way of talking about “words.” I cannot bring myself to say, “I guess it depends on what you mean by the meaning of the word one.”

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Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world” (1 John 4:3).

The last three hundred years later the doctrine of Calvin became a creed, under the pagan Constantine’s Nicean takeover of Christianity: “I—and other believers in God—certainly do believe Jesus Christ came in the flesh, that he was a real human being, that he had the ability to sin if he had chosen to do so, but overcame sin, resisting while sweating blood, and qualifying to be our sinless Savior. Only a genuine human being who indeed had to die for man’s sins, otherwise he would not be an effective sacrifice for all humanity: But where is the scripture to back up that emotional rationalization?

What does Romans 5:9 say? “For by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one man’s obedience many will be made righteous.”

If Jesus was God, then his supposed death would have to be a sham—because, brethren, the Eternal God by definition cannot die! Only someone who could die—a real human being—could serve as a genuine sacrifice. The had the ability to sin if he had chosen to do so, but overcame sin, resisting while sweating blood, and qualifying to be our sinless Savior. Only a genuine human being who indeed had to die for man’s sins, otherwise he would not be an effective sacrifice for all humanity: But where is the scripture to back up that emotional rationalization?

Since God, being eternal, cannot die, when Jesus died who died?

If Jesus is God, how is it that he bar a God, yet Yahweh has no God before him? Because he is God? How is this not the ultimate paradox for Trinitarians or people who believe in two Gods? Yet Genesis 1:26—”Let us make man in our image”—does not give clarity to who the he is. Read out of context, could it conceivably be Jesus? Yes, Could it be the 24 elders? Yes. So at this best this is one imperative statement. Yet it is followed in the books of the Bible by 10,000 singular pronouns describing the one God.

“So God created man in [His] own image; in the image of God [He] created him; male and female [He] created them” (Gen 1:27).

Jesus quotes the above—the Genesis account of God’s creation of man in His own image—in Mark 12:27: “The eternal God is not at all one?”

There is such a thing as the principle of “agency” in the Bible. Sometimes a scripture refers to someone as God, yet that person is obviously not God. An example is in Exodus 4, when God talks to Moses about Moses’ brother Aaron: “So he [Aaron] shall be your [Moses’] spokesman to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God.”

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When you study The Bible you give honor and respect to God and also to individuals God has created. Each individual is a mixture of good and evil. The Bible teaches you how to treat others as you wish to be treated.

All mankind are sinners and miss the mark of perfection and holiness as God. There may be a good reason Christians look to Biblical people who study the scriptures and carry the title of Elders, Rabbis, Scholars and Theologians.

Right and Wrong

Who is right and who is wrong? Each person may be partly right and wrong, resulting in a mixture—part good and part bad. God answers this question mankind possesses. It is simple to discern if prophets who insist they have The Truth are correct or incorrect (Deuteronomy 18:22). If what they say comes to pass, then they speak The Truth.

If what they claim does not happen or proceed as stated, they are false Prophets. A Real Teacher of God speaks The Truth of God by what works perfectly, without a flaw. Being partly right just tells mankind it is not The Way of God. God is Holy and without the slightest error. His teachers must teach from Every Word of God.

Blaming others for making a super mess still designates that you are wrong. If you know what is right, you can calculate when you will succeed because you have all The Truth. Or do you?

Paul Doubted Himself

The Apostle Paul warned the Corinthians to realize mankind can prophesy only in part and know only parts of The Truth (I Corinthians 13:9). No one but God and Christ has and knows Every Word of God according to His “will.” Jesus always did what was His Father’s “will” (John 5:19).

They of Reputation

Here is why Paul went to Jerusalem to speak to the other Apostles and James, the Bishop of the Jerusalem Church: “And I went up by revelation and communicated to them that gospel [good news] which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately [in a conference] to them who were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain [for nothing]” (Galatians 2:2).

Paul did not want to teach a falsehood and be considered a false Prophet. He knew Prophets are subject to learn from each other: “And the spirits [minds] of the prophets are subject to the prophets” (I Corinthians 14:32). Everyone is to learn from each other, which includes The Prophets. That is why they had a school for Prophets in the Old Testament in Elijah’s and Elisha’s time.

The Greek word for “Prophet” means “an oracle or speaker who speaks The Word of God.” That is why Paul said he wished the entire Corinthian Church would prophesy rather than speak in tongues, since no one can understand the tongues (I Corinthians 14:1-2).

Here is why you need to be willing to learn from each other to be sure you are on the same path to The Kingdom of God: “For God is not the author of confusion [Babylon], but of peace, as in all churches of the saints” (I Corinthians 14:33).

The key to opening The Truth of God is to be humble and to learn from each other. What you need
to do is test yourself to prove what is truth and then, only, to do good works—harming no one (I Thessalonians 5:21).

Men of Honor

The Nobel Peace Prize is to give honor to men or women who are successful in their research for the good of mankind.

God was way ahead of them. Paul defined those seeking The Will of God not as The Church of God but as Saints. Saints are those trying to grow to become Holy as God is. In Greek, the word “Saint” is a hagios—“a holy one.” The Corinthian Church was carnal, like animals debating with each other, creating separate church denominations (I Corinthians 3). The men or women, Jewish or Christians, as well as others, need to be defined so you can learn from others. You need to remember that no one has all The Truth. They know only “in part.”

You, then, can prove to yourself if what you understand is truth.

1) Elders, usually men fifty and older, become Biblically dedicated to The Word of God. As they grow in true knowledge, God gives them double honor.

2) Rabbis are known as master theologians in The Words of God. A master is honored as a lord. Jesus told you He, alone, is your Lord and Master since His “commission” was from God (Matthew 23:10). It does not mean Rabbis cannot teach you, but only Jesus is your Master, who now is The One who knows Every Word of God and not just “a part.”

3) Scholars are like scribes in The Savior’s day. They are the academics who can teach you very helpful tools to discern The Word of God. They are not necessarily right as to Biblical interpretation that demands they have The Holy Spirit of God, which only, then, guarantees success.

4) “Theologian” comes from two Latin words. The Greek word for Theo is from the word Theos, defined as “God.” Logians in Latin connotes logos, which is “logic” or the ability of God to reason. All who diligently study The Bible are theologians, but again only those who are given The Holy Spirit of God can know The Truth.

Do You Have God’s Spirit?

When you constantly prove yourself as you study, Paul wrote that you are to prove what is good. You have “The Holy Spirit of God—In You” if, in faith, you follow The Will of God.

The Holy Spirit of God is His power, love and logical mind. The Word of God is like a sword cutting your flesh to death. You change the way you think, you repent and do only what The Holy Spirit of God tells you, no matter what you have to go through.

Your nature grows in The Love of God, trying not to offend or harm anyone. If you do harm others, it may pain you deeply until you repent and are forgiven by The Blood of Christ. Then you are on your way to becoming Saints of God (Hebrews 4:12).

God is reproducing Himself “In You” by The Holy Spirit of God. He unites “the spirit In Man” with The Holy Spirit of God: “Then he answered and spake to me, saying, This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel, saying, not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, said the lord of hosts” (Zechariah 4:6). It is The Holy Spirit of God which does the work, whether building The Temple of God or making you Holy to become like Him to worship God and becoming “The Temple of God.”

God alone knows your heart. You, with Christ, conform The Temple of God on The New Earth (Revelation 21-22). You must become a Son of God like Christ to enter their temple.

Your heart—which moderates your deepest desires and, only, through Christ—and The Holy Spirit teach you what you are able to learn at any one time. Your doctrines come from The Holy Spirit of God by your being humble as babes, learning a little here and a little there. A babe “In Christ” must not be a carnal animal but become The Bride of Christ as faithful Saints doing, only, The Will of God as you grow in The Word of God.
or the human spirit. To do good, or evil, is a matter of the human mind, as different from the living creature a human—the body—"for God created not the soul to will evil, nor to do evil, but good; and He shall lead in the paths of righteousness for His own name's sake" (Deuteronomy 25:16). God has said that He would put the spirit of the Holy Spirit in our souls, into the teaching on the soul was Jesus Himself.

The Scriptures say that the Word of God is a living soul (Proverbs 2:1). The self left to itself is dead (Romans 7:14). The self can die (2 Corinthians 5:17). God can separate the soul from the Spirit, and the human soul has the ability to quench the Holy Spirit—either of which would cut off the ability to communicate with God and the creation of the new person, the spiritual person (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Creation continues

There is a spirit in humanity, a human spirit that makes us human (Job 32:8). There is a spirit in a dog, a dog spirit that makes it a dog (Galatians 1:12). The human spirit (the spirit of man) is what enables man to think, reason, compare, and build knowledge on experiences. It's what makes a physical mechanism (a dog, or a cat, or anything that is). Spirit is put into things when they are created. That spirit is what makes it what it is. God put His Spirit in our soul, but the creation is not complete. We have a part in it (1 Corinthians 2:11-14).

"I would have mercy and not sacrifice" (Matthew 9:13). What does that mean? "I would have mercy and not sacrifice" (Hosea 6:6). If I bring a sacrifice, does God control the old self? The New Testament is to be our rule and standard. God's law is not a something good or something bad. Self-control is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit living in our soul. The old self (the self left to itself) is the bond of man and the things pertaining to nature, human nature (Romans 7:15-25). The new man is controlled by the Spirit of the Son, the Holy Spirit and the things pertaining to God, the divine nature (Romans 8:1-14). Something compels us, something leads us, something gives us an inkling, talks to us in a still small voice as to what we need to do. Like a prevailing wind, something steers us to do right.

The soul is the place where choices are made. Our soul gives us the information to make a choice, because that is where the Spirit of God resides and that Spirit influences us to do good through our conscious (Romans 2:5-15).

But the old self, can quench the Holy Spirit and no longer be able to live in peace. Our conscience can be seared. "Today you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts." (Hebrews 3:7-19; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; 1 Timothy 4:1-2). How do we live in peace? How do we grow in the understanding of all your heart, soul, spirit, and love your neighbor as yourself? That seed that God planted in our soul has sprouted and is growing. Nothing can destroy or prevent it. It's something God planted, by Jesus Christ, in the soul of man (Matthew 13:31-32). He called it the self. If we know from something deep inside us that gives us a prompting, that tells us right from wrong, then I believe that is what God put in us, in our soul, and therefore we are accountable if we know to do good (James 4:17). God is the energy behind the processes that keep the earth revolving and spinning around the sun, the sun around the invisible solar system, the solar system spinning around inside our galaxy, which is a very small part of the universe. He is also the energy that keeps our ecosystems, makes seeds germinate, eats, breathes, sleeps, rests, divides and multiply, gravity, trees, rocks, earth, flesh—all things of which we are aware or unaware. He is the One who holds things together and makes things go spinning around, God is the source of all things. There is a will that has been put inside us that is stronger than the will that is in the world, which is human will (1 John 4:8). The building God is building, by His Holy Spirit, it is in our soul, in that part of us that is able to discern good from evil and will still live after we leave our physical body dies, in a spiritual body that Christ gives when He returns. The soul is a part of that unconscious soul enables us not only to know good from evil but enables us to do good (Philippians 2:13). We need to learn to put more energy into understanding the things that are spiritual on the physical. The Holy Spirit will always lead us to God, into all things that are true and right. The Holy Spirit is the part of us that is spiritually minded (Romans 8:6).
What Happened to the Faith Once Delivered unto the Saints?

Discover the True Nature of the Father and Son

By Ken Westby

Jesus’ brother exhorted the faithful of his day to fight hard for truths that were then already under attack. We think that Jude used the term faith to embody the beliefs and principles he and the apostles had received directly from Jesus. History is silent on the specific response of Jude’s Christian audience, but for the church as a whole the following centuries witnessed a pathetic slide into apostasy from truth.

One of the biggest crimes the apostates committed was to redefine God Himself and, in so doing, redefine His son Jesus. This was a corruption of “the faith once delivered” at the highest magnitude.

The gentle-run church of the 4th century had successfully merged pagan Greek concepts of divinity with the Christian faith. It was shepherdled along by Imperial Roman political power. The new definitions of God and of Jesus were declared to us today. It is pervasive; it is the spirit that animates our Nature of God seminars. But come and see for yourself.

None of this could have happened had not the Hebraic/Jewish traditions of the primitive church been gradually discarded by an apostatizing church. It was a great “falling away” from the faith once delivered.

Like it or not, for almost 2,000 years the Catholics, later joined by the Protestants, have faithfully and effectively conveyed these definitions of God and Christ to us today. It is pervasive; it is in our religious water.

People are emotionally attached to their traditions, but we must remind ourselves that our faith is not based on emotions but on truth. Our culture including our religious culture is so appallingly superficial, focused on celebrities, entertainment and self-indulgence, it is difficult to get people to question orthodoxy.

Are people today motivated to contend—i.e., fight hard—for the true faith that has been lost or buried under centuries of obfuscation and stained glass? I hope some are. We are counting on it, and to that end our seminar series is dedicated.

Have you given the idea of One God and a human Christ a fair hearing? Can we discard the redefinitions of God and Jesus by 4th-century church fathers and return to the true understanding of the apostles and Jesus? The evidence is remarkably intact, and the historical trail complete. The case can be made.

We can embark on this discovery and defend our position of Biblical monotheism without becoming defensive. We can present arguments for the truth of God’s being and nature without becoming argumentative.

There is no need to be abrasive to be persuasive. There is no reason for quarreling, but there is wisdom in seeking answers from Scripture that can bring people closer to knowing God. We seek to live in truth, not self-deception.

True apologetics involves “speaking truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15). You will find that is the spirit that animates our Nature of God seminars. But come and see for yourself. They are free and without obligation.

It is of immense importance that our ideas of God correspond as nearly as possible to the true being of God. The challenge of getting the American people—and a lot of church people—to think deeply about God is that they’ve become so used to God that they take Him for granted. The fogginess of ideas of three gods in one or two gods in a godhead—and the impossibility of relating to them—just makes it easier for the disengaged to keep God irrelevant.

Politically, we lament the shame of the low-information voter who is putting democracy in danger. Perhaps a greater danger is the low-information Christian who can be made to believe just about anything. The objective truth about God is what we seek. (Something is objective if it’s real, if it’s true, independent of anyone’s opinion about it. “Water is H2O” is an objective fact.)

Subjective reasoning about God, which infuses Christianity’s definitions of God and Christ, are subjective and are dangerously, even blasphemously, wrong. (Something is subjective if it’s just a matter of personal opinion that may or may not be true. “Vanilla tastes better than chocolate” is subjective.)

Our old ideas about God may lie buried under the religious rubbish of conventional orthodoxy and require of us an intelligent and vigorous search to unearth the truth. Only after an ordeal of painful self-probing are we likely to discover what we actually believe about God.

The key to right religion and practical Christian living is a right conception of God. Jesus’ prayer was: “Righteous Father, though the world does not know You, I know You, and they [the disciples] know that You have sent me. I have made You known to them, and will continue to make You known . . .” (John 17:25-26).

It is a ritual on God’s character to assume that God is other than He is. To substitute mystical man-made images of multiple gods in one is to disrespect the Holy One. A prime ministry of Jesus today remains to make his Father known to his disciples—you and me.

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Carol Simpson Anderson, 84, of Danielsville, Ark., died Nov. 28, 2012, at her home after a long battle with ovarian cancer. Carol was born in Laket, Okla., on Nov. 27, 1928, to Floyd and Eva Simpson. She was a wonderful mother, a faithful seamstress, homemaker and a long-time member and deaconess of the United Church of God. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Roy, and her husband, Edd. Carol is survived by two sons, Gary (Elizabeth) Anderson of Casa, Ark., Alan (Shakira) Anderson of Texas, a brother, Don of Tulsa, seven grandchildren, Brian (Marilyn) Brown, of Big Sandy, Texas, and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews. Memorial messages may be left at garylyza@arkwest.com.

Fred Bailey Richardson, 72, of Mountain Home Village, a community of Mountain Home, Ark., died Feb. 6, 2013, of injuries sustained in a car accident. Richardson was killed when the pickup he was driving was struck by an out-of-control four-ton carrying tourists from San Diego, Calif., and Tijuana, Mexico. The crash injured several passengers on another pastor of the Redlands. Dick, the congregation of the United Church of God. The Richardson family has been a member of the United Church of God community at large in southern California, the Mountain Home Village community, and all his landscape clients. Fred was well-known for his kindness, for his love of flowers, and for always being so very positive. He was a most loving man and a man loved by one and all. Mr. Richardson, who moved to Mountain Home Village at the age of 52, leaving behind his wife of 48 years, Annie, two adult children and six grandchildren, has lived his life to impact others for Christ. His family can be reached at fbrichardsonfamily@gmail.com.

James Edward Tuttle, 82, of Gravel Springs, Calif., died Dec. 1, 2012, at his home in Auburn. Mr. Tuttle was born in San Jose, Calif., on March 26, 1930, the son of the late Earle and Edna Tuttle. He is survived by his wife, Pat; six children, Dawn (David) Shrem and husband Mike, Davis (Aubrey) Tuttle, Gayle (Garry) Tuttle, and husband Garry, John (Suzanne) Tuttle and husband John, and Leslie (Vicki) Quitely and husband Vicki; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers. Mr. Tuttle was a member of the New River Church of God. Mr. Tuttle was a kind and caring man who loved his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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Celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles on the Gulf Coast with the South Texas Church of God

The South Texas Church of God is calling all southerners andAnyone present at the Feast of Tabernacles at the Drifters Resort (www.driftersresort.com) Rockport, Texas, on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico September 26-October 6, 2013. This will be a small, intimate site with a family reunion atmosphere. Drifters Resort offers pristine clean cabins and RV sites bathed by soothing Gulf breezes and nestled among ancient, wind-swept oaks. You will be able to walk to services and hear motivating messages, share meals with the brethren, visit several other groups, and enjoy the beautiful setting of the Gulf Coast.

Attention to all Ambassador Big Sandy youth groups and ministers raising funds for the church to attend this Feast.

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Another student was heard confirming that hauntings are indeed some-
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**People of the Sign launches in Wisconsin**

**By Dixon Cartwright**

W itness the impact of four months of the UCG’s Council of Elders, with headquarters in Ohio, to see firsthand how our members are working in cooperation to increase the number of people who know about Jesus Christ. This is a significant effort to bring people to salvation through a personal relationship with God.

Chairman Melvin Rhodes of Lan-
sdale, Pa., and Mitchell Licorish of Cincin-
нати, Ohio, issued a statement in early November, 2012, about the upcoming changes in Wisconsin.

Although it was repeated and resolved with the offended party, another UCG group member is being asked to resign from his position in the Wisconsin area.

Late-breaking news

**The Journal**: The People of the Sign is published by Something or Other Publishing, of which Mr. Fransson is co-owner and managing partner.

Upon its release, The People of the Sign shut up to “No. 1 Hot New Re-
lease” in the “Messianic Judaism” and “Religious News” categories on Amazon.com. The book asks, “What do cir-

culation, alcoholism, kidnap

evangelism, obscure theology, ancient

predilections, the collapse of the Soviet

Union and the music of the Beatles

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Fifty intriguing book lovers appar-

ey to read

The People learned

the answers

to those questions at the launch and had
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Local musician Ken Wheaton sang

Beautes songs, ac-

companying him-

self on guitar, dur-

ing the three-hour

gathering.

After introduc-

tions, Mr. Fransson

read from his book

and fielded ques-

tions.

Tales of life’s meaning

The next author to present was Dr. Eric Mondschein of Lake George.

Mr. Fransson’s two young children were the audience. The money

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The People of the Sign is available for $15 from major bookstores and, with free shipping to U.S. addresses, from Something or Other Publishing. For $24.95 by PayPal (paypal.com), Dwolla (dwolla.com) or a credit card. (Fax 1-888-488-6603 or write info@soopllc.com or 3537 Mam-

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