Pastor advises Web visitors: Please don’t abort your baby

By Dixon Cartwright

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gic sourcing for Kohl’s department stores and Founder of Something or Other Publishing. Mr. Fransson’s book The Hardness of the Heart is due out on Valentine’s Day 2014 and can be preordered at SOOP LLC.com.

Author announces The Hardness of the Heart, reports on Mr. Hulme’s ‘slightly reclusive church’

By Mac Overton

Mr. Hulme is a purposeful straight line until the job is done. It is to the glory of God that shaped my own life. My life was thrust itself into the Church of God when I was a young boy. I have felt God’s call since my wife, Angela, has a broth-
nerly love for me. I was touched by the pain she and her husband were feeling. It is a fami-

Mr. Havir had retired after a long career as an employee of the Radio/Worldwide Church of God and Ambassador College. He graduated from Ambassador College, Pasadena, in 1959. He served as an evangelist, church pastor and treasurer in the WCG and taught Bible classes, including Sur-
vory of the Old Testament, at Ambas-
sador College, Big Sandy.

The theme of shifting values, prior-
itures and points of view, followed by feelings of betrayal, is universal. But the intensity of this phenomenon in COG members, who identified themselves.
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No evidence of life-forms has been discovered outside our beautiful planet, but if in time some evidence is found what will that prove?

The matter that can be seen or detected (stars, planets, space dust, etc.) is not anywhere massive enough to account for the gravitational forces and other energy forces operating in the universe.

For many decades physicists have been mesmerized and dogged in pursuing what has come to be called dark matter. It's dark because it can't be seen and evades detection, yet its existence is obvious from the forces it exerts.

The latest estimates are that the composition of the universe is 70 percent dark energy, 25 percent dark matter and 5 percent normal matter, such as stars, that can be observed.

So about 95 percent of the universe is composed of unseen energy and matter.

Does that give you a different picture?

The materialist's assumption is that life didn't invent itself or design or develop itself, and it didn't evolve if no "evolutionary benefit" didn't work.

Evolution proposes a godless emptiness, which helps to explain why some even continue to believe in the spirit of Communism and the old Soviet Union. It has been so chaotic and so maddeningly cruel to their own people.

But we should challenge those who hold this and other unscientific, anti-Christian states to be accountable as well. What moral courage do they have, anyway?

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If the old Sanhedrin was inspired, will the new one be as well?

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that Rome had the authority to change the Bible festivals to Halloween, Christmas, and Easter.

In other words, the pagan festivals are right because Rome says they're right, and the Jewish holy days are right because the Sanhedrin says they're right. In both instances this transfers the authority for making laws from God to human institutions.

*Sanhedrin*

Now that Israel has again been a nation for more than half a century, they're right. In both instances this nation has already been formed. John Nation's article in the book edition of Oct. 13, 2004, reported:

*It seems that a restored temple worship system can be implemented only with massive political change.*

God winked at our ignorance way back when, but not now

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*Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

God gave His only begotten Son to die for the sins of all, for everyone. For as I was ever lived. When Jesus was resurrected He became our High Priest.

Only an OT handful

The Old Testament talked about the Levitical priesthood, but all that has been changed to Christ, the High Priest now.

God gave us His Spirit to help us who were once dead in trespasses and in sins. He has raised us up. When Paul stood in the midst of Mars Hill and addressed the men of Athens, he explained what was the purpose of the era before the birth of Christ as a human being to bring salvation for mankind.

Acts 17:22-23 speaks of the era of ignorance, before God's Spirit was given and God's plan of salvation was revealed.

Acts 17:22-23 speaks of the time of ignorance, before God's Spirit was given and God's plan of salvation was revealed. Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: 'TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.' Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you."

And verse 30: "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked" (winked at in the KJV), but now commands us all everywhere to repent.

The letter of the law lacked

In other words, people back then couldn't comprehend anything but the letter of the law. Now we can understand, with God's Spirit to live in us and help us overcome sin, the spirit of the law.

Mr. Brookreson asked what constitutes perverted sexual behavior. I would say those three verses in the New Testament clarified what Paul talked about on Mars Hill.

God no longer winked. He no longer ignores sin. Sin is a serious thing, as Paul emphasized here. 1 Corinthians 6:9: "Do you not know that the unrighteous [lawbreakers] will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God."

1 Timothy 1:9-10: "...The law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unrighteous and for every one who disregards spiritual things and who seeks to give honor to himself, rather than to the Lord who is spoken of.

God's law condemns

Romans 1:26-27: "... God gave them up to vile passions. For even those who exchanged the natural use for that which is against nature. Likewise also the men who, having left the natural use of women, burned in their lust with women, having received in themselves the penalty of their error which was due."

For example, these three scriptures make obvious points because, as Paul said on Mars Hill, God overlooked our previous times of ignorance. But, for those to whom God has called and given His Spirit, understanding and help, we must come out of ignorance and repent.

What should we repent of? Breaking the law. God's law condemns the practice of homosexuality.

CME busy lining up speakers for its restored Sabbath service

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Mrs. Dart noted CEM had been "holding steady" since the initial Sabbath service, about 15 people have regularly attended with CEM, and he had no right to do so. Mrs. Brookreson had started using social media—Facebook—Twitter soon.

Mrs. Brookreson noted the Church of God since 1958, starting with the Radio Church of God (WCG).

CME puts on a Feast site every year, "wants to have social activities with us but wants to have their own worship service," Mrs. Dart said.

"CEM puts on an excellent Feast that surpasses most others."

Mrs. Dart has been the Church of God since 1958, starting with the Radio Church of God (WCG).

Mr. Dart was pastor of the Big Sandy WCG congregation for three years in the mid-1970s. He was affiliated with CEM from 1976 to 1989, when he founded CEM.

Mr. Dart is on CEM's list of speakers who are on CEM's list for DVDs and CDs who have access to the current Sabbath sermon.

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But it's been his experience, he said, that a significant number of women in this group have had abortions and are dealing with the emotional aftereffects. I would advise you to adopt a listening stance, and then refer to helpers others, he said. "When I read 1 Corinthians 13:4, noting that 'God comforts us that we might learn to comfort others,' I take that to mean that we can't just go around saying that God always helps someone who is considering an abortion. Rather, the loved man needed someone to bind his wounds and give him lodging for the night. Likewise, a family member who helps someone decide that considering abortion might be more successful by showing compassion.

A gentle approach, he believes, is more effective in helping someone make his decision than a confrontational approach. "It is our responsibility as people who care about those who are considering abortion to be there to support them, to demonstrate love and compassion, and to help them make an informed decision," Mr. Havir said. "We need to be there for them when they are struggling to make a difficult decision. We can offer support, encouragement, and guidance, but we cannot force someone to make a decision that they do not want to make."

He believes it is important to be patient and understanding with those who are considering abortion, and to respect their choices. "We cannot force someone to have an abortion or to not have an abortion," Mr. Havir said. "We can only offer support and guidance, and help them make the decision that is best for them.

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On a macro level, he said, "I think it's tragic that over 50 million women have had abortions since 1973 [when the U.S. Supreme Court made its Roe-vs.-Wade decision deciding partial birth abortion is a right] and that millions of people who suffer emotional aftereffects from their choice are now trying to convince an unbeliever—someone who is not a Christian—to consider not having an abortion.

I am assuming by your question that you are thinking about a person who approached me, since I don't go out of my way to approach people who don't have a religious background, then I would try to politely deflect the discussion when it begins. Does he advise people whose leaning is pro-life to get involved in efforts to outlaw abortion? "No, I wouldn't advise people one way or the other because I wouldn’t want to advise them to do something that I am not doing. I believe in supporting people having freedom to get involved in the worthwhile causes that they believe in. I cannot support people who are politically involved in limiting access to abortion. What does Mr. Havir say to someone one who doesn’t want to disclose being somebody into existence who isn’t wanted? "It is a question of perspective," he concluded. "Those are difficult discussions and issues, but ultimately, in the end, it's about whether you are willing to consider the abortion as murder. I suppose that I would try to influence them to see the error of their ways, but I can't be forced to be adopted."

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Lola Woodbury (née Lessing), first married to James Eugene “Gena” Crain, died Aug. 10, 2013, at age 81 at home in Fruitla, Colo., with her husband, daughter, and sister present. She was predeceased by her parents, Charley and Verna Lessing, her first husband, Gene Csan, and son Jim Crain. She will be remembered for her kindness, generosity, and her faith. No services were held. 

Ladru Woodbury is also survived by her daughter and grandchildren, Judy and Ben Van Rooyen and their children. Lola had problems with her aspergillus for many years and had begun limiting her food intake about five years ago. She was on hospice with her last year of life. She died peacefully at home, which is what she wanted. She loved living in Colorado and requested no services. She was cremated, and ashes were placed in the Colorado National Monument as she requested. Cards may be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury at 11515 Gold Ave., Fruitla, Colo. 80434.

Greg Reagan, a longtime Church of God member formerly of Houston, Tex., and recently of Austin, Texas, passed away on Dec. 23, 2013. A memorial service was held in Houston on Jan. 3, 2014. (See also a letter to The Journal in Greg Griffiths on page 2 of this issue of The Journal.)

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“A sound explanation may exist for the existence of evolution; but if it does, science cannot find it and cannot use it,” Goddard said. “The scientist’s pursuit of the past ends in the moment of creation.”

In the last 50 years, an exceedingly strange development, unexpected by all but the theologians. They have always accepted the word of the Bible; in the beginning, God created heaven and earth. At this moment it seems as though science will never be able to raise the curtain on the mystery of creation.

“For the scientist who has lived by faith, in the presence of creation, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final ridge; he becomes a blasphemer of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.”

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Does Romans 7 Show Paul a Slave of Sin?

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. For what I will I do not; but what I hate, that I do” (Rom 7:14-15).

“If I then, being yet in the flesh, sold myself to God, I sold myself also to the law by means of the Spirit of Christ” (Rom 7:6).

Does this sound familiar? Do you take consolation from this, that Paul felt the same weakness that you feel? We want to be right, but don’t always do right, because there is this higher power that convinces us it’s OK just this once, or no one will know, or it’s really no big deal.

However, Paul is telling his story for a greater purpose. He wants to explain how to get out of this situation. Is that possible?

“O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!” (Rom 7:24-25).

In fact, Paul tells us there is One who can deliver us from our condition, Jesus Christ. “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death” (Rom 8:2). This Law of Sin is the same one described in 7:5 verses before. Death in 8:2 is included in parallel. The Law of Sin is death working in us.

Christ made Paul free from that law or power that kept him from doing what he knew he should do and he really wanted to do. What did he do as a result? “That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit” (Rom 8:4).

Paul was able to perform the good conduct required by the law. He was able to walk according to the spirit, fulfilling the spiritual law (Vs. 7-14). He no longer walked in carnality according to the flesh. He was no longer held captive to the power that made him sin.

No wonder he could say, “And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (Gal 5:24). “Jesus answered them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin”’ (John 8:34). “Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with that we should no longer be slaves of sin” (Rom 6:6).

Paul’s confusion, frustration and angst in Romans 7 was from a time before he came to appreciate the sacriﬁce of Jesus Christ. Once he understood and accepted that sacriﬁce, he was able to set his own priorities (his ﬂesh) aside to fulﬁll his duty to his Master and Lord Jesus’ life and death teach the fundamental spirit and principle behind the law.

“But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament [Old covenant], because the veil is taken away in Christ. . . . Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away” (2Cor 3:14-16).

The focus of the Jews education was on the law. They knew it inside and out, yet they didn’t fully understand faith or how faithful their Creator was.

On the other hand, the churches of God hear regularly of the need for faith and trust, yet they are comparatively unschooled in the law. Most groups pick and choose what they think applies, because they don’t distinguish between the eternal Law of God and the added Law of Moses.

They allow themselves sin, citing Paul’s example from before his conversion, from before he was released from the law of sin that brought death. They think that the spirit of God easily coexists in one who sins, in spite of: “For what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion has light with darkness?” (2Cor 6:14b).

Don’t wait for someone ordained of men to look into this for you. Understand His way, which is His covenant. A surface reading is insufficient. One won’t have the veil of misunderstanding lifted if they’re not really carefully studied His law.

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Forget the Calendar... Let’s Talk About God’s Feasts

One of Satan’s most effective tools in misleading the churches of God is to get the church off track, and leading in the wrong direction. In the earliest days of the New Testament Church, as reported in the pages of your Bible, we see that there were some within the Church of God who attempted to force the Gentiles to go through Judaism in order to be a good Christian (Gal 2:11-14).

Satan’s methods and goals seldom change: Get the church off track and headed in the wrong direction.

Since the mid-1990s the Church of God has been misdirected into a continued discussion about the calendar issue. As Christians who are concerned about the proper keeping of God’s annual Feasts, the subject has drawn widespread attention.

One Church of God teacher informed me that he had written over 1,000 pages on the subject of the calendar. One could say that that may be a bit of overkill. There are, however, a few key points that we must understand before we are able to have a discussion of any substance.

Are you aware that:
- God never gave Israel a calendar?
- He gave them Feast days?
- The word calendar never appears in Scripture?
- Calendars are never mentioned in the seven major English translations of the Bible?
- Furthermore, although most of the mainline churches of God claim to follow the Hebrew calendar, there is never a mention of the Hebrew calendar anywhere in the Scriptures.

How in the world can they claim to follow something does not scripturally exist? If they were honest about what they are doing, they would admit that they are simply following a Jewish tradition without scriptural backing of any kind.

Please don’t take any of this as a condemnation of the Elders of God’s church. They are merely following a tradition that was placed into the church by HWA and Dr. Hoeh. Both of these gentlemen were men of good spirit and well intentioned.

This reminds me of Mark 7:7-9: “Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men. . . . Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.”

Question? If we can become sloppy with the keeping of the Feasts, what’s next?

The Sabbath? Tithing? Clean or unclean? Look what happened when the church of God at Rome decided to move the “keeping of the Paschal celebration” from the 14th of the 1st month to the Sunday after the full moon (Cat. Ency. article “Easter”).

It took less than 100 years to turn the truth of God into a lie. Instead of wasting our time quibbling over “calendar issues,” shouldn’t we be having an honest discussion about the proper timing of God’s annual Feast Days? A question for those who quibble over the keeping of the New Testament Passover: Should it be on the evening of the 14th or the 15th of the month? Sometimes keep it on the right day of the wrong month?

That can and does happen! It happened in 2013. This was one of the frequent years when the Jews claim the beginning the new year came before the end of the old year. This is easily provable.

You need to know how the Jews calculate the first month of the year. You will no doubt be surprised!

First of all, let us recognize that there is no Hebrew word for month. In the first five books of the Scriptures, the English word month has been inserted 78 times in an honest error. The Hebrew word which is translated month is the word chodesh. The translation of that Hebrew word is “New Moon.” In 1611 A.D., when the King James scholars translated the Scriptures into English, it was natural for them to use the word month, because by 1611 they were not recognizing the new moon. If every time you read the word month in scripture you said the words “new moon,” you would eventually realize the significance of what the translators did in honest error.

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The Jewish leaders can give numerous reasons why they choose to make the calculations so difficult and so convoluted. These numerical gymnastics were never a part of God’s will or His Word.

Brethren, God did not give a group of Ph.D.s the understanding of his annual Feasts? He gave them to a group of wandering Hebrews living in the desert with no scientific instruments of any kind.

Why is the church leadership unable to get together and tell us when and how to do it properly? Most of the church leaders that I know personally are converted, honorable, educated, dedicated men of God. I don’t think it would be disrespectful to ask them the question: Why do you refuse to get this issue out in the open instead of hiding behind one obscure text about “the oracles of God”?

In my opinion, God’s people are not going to sit idly by while some of the major questions about God’s Feast days go unanswered. The Church of God in my opinion needs to be reconciled not only with God but with one another. Instead of reconcilia-

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Yes, Satan for modern holidays just made slight changes to old feasts to gods. And Oris is the name of the Irish, at least, for the day. The colors as coloring of water green that day. And as the jolly Green Giant saying Ho, Hor, Hor, jolly like Santa Claus.
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son steeped in mysteries religious, how could he continue to be a Mason who has just ascended among pagan gods and idols (Hab 2:18-19). Do superstitions exist as knocking on wood, crossing fingers (Aqpa 18:4), Most Jews honor the Thanksgiving Day. Though modern Israelis may not actually change, can we not please God in vain, actually keeping Nimrod practices as Easter and Christmas.

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The poor need help all year, not just one meal of Thanksgiving or Christmas. The giving idea is just a pagan custom that really honors Satan. Not everyone actually honors the true God any time? IN GOD WE TRUST is US government's motto. Some people assume that a COG minister proved a certain holiday is all right. Does this fit with the command for each of us to prove all things, hold fast what is good (1 Th 5:21)? Have you even read any reasons why a pastor said it doesn't look so bad. But does God? He knows what theSupposed heart shape used profusely for Saint Valentine's Day is actually along the roofed colonnade of the Capitol. During an era of ancient times, all the world kept the same simple calendar because the moon made the right call. Holidays on the basis of a false calendar have no chance of being good. That would be like trying to count counterfeit money using the wrong paper, particularly if one never obviously no match to the genuine article.

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McDonald's Proves God Is Right!

How many times have you been told the end is near? HWA and the churches that hold to its infallibility have been saying it for the last 80 years or more. You have heard it from ‘old-timers’ since you were a kid: “These kids nowadays . . . Why when I was a kid my daddy would have switched me till I bled if I ever acted like them.”

We have all heard how every generation claims society has gone to the dogs compared to the society in their formative years.

We have also heard the progressives (truly Satan’s spawn if ever there was; who else openly touts their goal of justifying whatever they want to do?) claim that society is no worse now than it ever has been. And many times they’ll have cherry-picked statistics to back up their claim.

While one can look back at certain periods in history to find gross abuses of basic rights by other humans, we do know that God warns us of an upcoming time in which society will become so perverse society will teeter on the brink of destroying all human life on earth.

For those of us who believe God’s warnings, what proof do we have? After all, with the increased number of legally armed citizens, serious crime is on the decrease. There is a marked uptick in the number of professionally armed Christians, and support for abortion is waning. An optimist could point to any number of other indicators that support the claim we are improving, not sinking in an abyss of moral depravity.

So why do I think society is failing?

The other day I was at a McDonald’s and happened to see a sign that suddenly proved to me that, no matter the few bright spots we see, society is sinking—and fast.

Soda machines at McDonald’s here have an ice maker mounted on top of them. I assume it’s there because it reduces the need to carry ice to the dispenser. Whatever the reason, there is a large flat stainless-steel expanse above the soda dispensers that begs for signage to be plastered all over it.

Which is just what every McDonald’s in this market has done. Is it advertising for the latest tasty treat the master chefs at Ronald’s kitchen have created? No, it’s a plain, simple sign warning the patron refills on soda are applicable only during the same visit!

Now, to me that seems pretty self-evident. But McDonald’s corporate leadership evidently has enough evidence this is common enough to warrant placing these signs on their equipment—taking up valuable real estate that could be used to sell more of their health-enhancing dietary masterpieces.

So the reality is there are enough self-centered, deceitful thieves out there bringing in used soda cups that McDonald’s has to actually spend good money to warn customers they are stealing if they come in with an old cup.

And, really, they are stealing one dollar, since that’s what these drinks cost. I suppose I sound pretty petty. Maybe. But theft is theft. If you didn’t earn it by work or by trade, then it ain’t yours! The key here is: These signs were not on those machines until recently. That means this wasn’t a problem until recently!

Now, that’s people in the world. And we know they are destined to keep sliding down the slippery slope of Satan’s worldview, once they start down that path.

McDonald’s is not the only place to look for moral decay in our society. As you all know, I’m in construction. I deal with construction contracts daily. Ten years ago the terms for a subcontract for services could be written on the back of an 8½-by-11-inch sheet of paper.

Now it’s not uncommon to see that same subcontract take six or more pages.

Forty years ago, if something happened and you were questioned by a police officer, you could simply tell him the truth. Now you have to be careful what you say, because you just might get yourself acrossways with the law. And starting a business without a lawyer is just crazy talk.

What’s this all mean? Our country is slipping down the path God told us we would. We are following the god of this world, Satan, and his thought process, which justifies anything we want as long as we think it’s right. Exactly the same path Adam and Eve followed.

So the world can be expected to go this way, even ‘gentiles’ from the lost tribes of God’s nation Israel who don’t know their own history and genealogy. But what about us, those God has called out of this world? Are we any better?

While I was in the PCG we had a member (relatively young and new, admittedly) who actually brought up the McDonald’s drink refill prohibition, and was defending his position that it was legal and moral to bring in an outside cup to get free soda. AND HE WAS NOT ALONE!

What law of God is broken in this action? Not treating others as you would have them treat you. The action of taking something the other person obviously does not intend you to have should be very clear here. However, I personally know of individuals in a branch of God’s church who cannot see this.

God tells us the greatest in His kingdom will be the ones serving. They will be treating others as they want to be treated.

How well has that worked out in His church? Anyone remember the deference that had to be shown to the ministry? Were they treating the members as they wanted to be treated?

Sometimes, maybe. Many times, no. Where did third title go? To the people we were told it was going to? Again, sometimes, maybe. Most of the time, no, it went to ministers.

Do they really believe they would have been happy as a lay member, being treated as they treated their con- 
gregants?

These things happened in the WCG. They also happened in the PCG. They happened in the RCC. They happened in any number of small offshoots. Everyone reading this can think of times when the ministry abused their authority.

So why am I giving them a hard path to hoe? Because they were supposed to know better! And because they were supposedly God’s ministers.

Why do I bring this up now? Because the same cadre of ministers are for the most part the ones out there leading the splinter groups from the WCG. Have they changed?

Well, I can attest that the ministry in the PCG has not. I’m not so sure about the leadership in Living. There are questionable minis- ters in nearly every group I have seen.

Men who claim one thing and do another. Men claim to have special knowledge of God’s Word, yet openly pro- mote ideas that are clearly not even logical.

Brethren, you need to wake up! The end is near. And it’s evident that the world is getting worse. Companies don’t spend good money to make signs for no reason.

We know that’s going to happen. But we sure didn’t expect the ministry to turn on us as they have!

People, you need to open your eyes and look at your minister. Is he a servant? Is he teaching God’s Word, or is he teaching a tradi- tion handed down from other men? Are your min- isters following God’s Word, or are they mak- ing a pretense of it?

It’s your choice to stay with a ministry that is headed down the wrong path. But you will be held accountable (Matthew 12:36). You need to open your eyes and look! And leave if they aren’t following God’s Word! Not HWA!

When HWA was right, yes, follow him. You need to be able to use the Word of God as the sharp sword, separating traditions set up by men from directives given to us by God!

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Prophecy Today

PART 7

To this point, several events have taken place that are meant to lead up to the return of the Son of Man to the earth. As shown, these early events start with the punishments Scripture says will befal Israel in the latter days. The punishment that will come upon Israel will come through the forces of the earth via a great earthquake and related volcanic activities. We saw where, prior to this taking place, there will be a great work that will be done by the church called Philadelphia, the sixth of the seven. I want to point out that in the past the church known as the Worldwide Church of God, claimed it was the Philadelphia church. But it was not. Scriptural evidence shows it to be the second work of Thyatira.

Today we are in the Sardis period. As is evident all around us, there are no real works being done by said church. As a result of the witness of the Philadelphiaans, most of Israel will have been warned as to what will happen in the future. When the earth begins its upheavals, many millions of those living in the northern latitudes will migrate out of their present homelands and will eventually (after a relatively short time) wind up back in their former lands—especially the land of Judah. Before this great tribulation of the peoples of Israel, there seemingly will come a time when many of the gentile nations will have begun plotting against Israel’s peoples—perhaps with the intent to make war with them. As mentioned above, however, immediately after or even during the earthquake there will be a sign in heaven that will be seen by the gentiles that will bring about a general reformation. The sign will be such that these gentiles will think that their Messiah/Savior is about to return to the earth. Therefore, these gentiles will begin their military and religious activism, to see to it that all wars on earth at that time will cease and the end result will be a “time of peace” throughout the whole earth.

One area that will be affected by the efforts of the gentiles to bring about peace will be Jerusalem and Judea. There will be a great battle, and the squatters (both Edomite Jews and Palestinians) will be removed from the land. At the same time, European forces nor the Islamic forces would dare try to claim that their own peoples “own” Palestine. They will be well aware that that land belongs to Israelites only. This is why the gentiles will not only encourage the Israelites from the north to return to Palestine but will aid them in doing so.

This, of course, requires a review of the words of Revelation 6:16, which tells us that the gentiles will have gone to great lengths to ensure that the city of Jerusalem and the cities of Judea will be rebuilt and repopulated in order for the Son of Man, to be able to come to his own. In both cases, neither the Jerusalemites nor the cities of Judea will be destroyed. Thus we find that those Israelites who were warned to flee from the land of the north” (Zechariah 2:6) will find themselves occupying the now-empty homeland of Judah and Benjamin and, likely, a part of the other tribes as well. Millions of Israelites, and many gentiles with them, will begin to reclaim the destroyed territories and bring about a habitable nation.

But, and take careful note, Israel, along with many gentiles, will rebuild Jerusalem and the cities of Judea. Yet they will be under the control and authority of the gentile military and religious powers mentioned earlier. I used up a fair amount of space, in catching these prophetic writings up to date. I did so because from this point on we will come to see some of the more specific events that will take place—events that many, if not most, believers have been worrying about and having expectations for. Many past prophets have tried to tell their view of the coming events of future history. But, as will be shown, those prophets in the past have predicted "false prophecies." As I pointed out earlier in this series, Scripture does not allow for any failed prophecies of the past to become True prophecies of the future.

Nonetheless, the True prophecies of Scripture will be fulfilled, just as The Almighty inspired them to be recorded. So where are we at this time in regard to the future prophecies that will begin to come to pass? Well, I will say it again: The prophesies of Israel’s punishment and their removal from their present homelands have been completed. The gentile powers and their part in this time period—or the wars that will bring about “peace on earth”—have also been completed.

We find in Revelation 7 that the 144,000 sealed, and the great multitude of not sealed, are now settled in the area of the Holy Land and are about to bring back that land from its destruction. In other words, we are now getting close to the time period of Revelation 8 and about to experience the events that will begin to take place as they continue from Zechariah 1:12—which will begin Part 8.

Said punishments will not be administered against Israel until a new work will come to the fore, the work of the REAL Philadelphia church.

PART 8

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Historical scholars teach that people inherently believe in religion because they have a fear of dying. Where is the scholars’ proof? As usual, what seems to make sense is generally believed, but not proven. Biblically, scriptural history reveals a completely different reason.

Until recently the ancients were viewed as ignorant cave-men. Recently a new discovery of early human writing proves the original civilizations knew much more than we thought and, in many ways, knew even more truth than we do in this present day.

Archaeological Truth

The first archaeological find-ings were from around 700 B.C. Pots, urns, statues and ev-eryday items have been excavated that, until recently, were thought to be a myth.

These early civilizations were polytheistic. They believed in many gods. They were polytheistic. They be-lieved in many gods. They were polytheistic. They be-lieved in many gods. They were polytheistic. They be-lieved in many gods. They were polytheistic. They be-lieved in many gods. They were polytheistic. They be-lieved in many gods. They were polytheistic.

Archaeologists have discovered that the gods were arranged in a hierarchy based on their various abilities. The top were the Archangels or Seraphim. Then came the Cherubim, who were intelligent and powerful.

God chose a cherub to teach Adam and Eve. This “bright and morning star” believed he could be equal to God (Isaiah 14). He and one third of the angels who believed the same chose to leave their estate and responsibility.

This cherub became Satan, the deceiver. His angels were called demons.

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Demons are unbalanced in the use of their minds. The rebellious angels and Satan had contact with the ancient humans, as well as the other angels, so, as spirits, they could influence human thinking. They even had the ability to appear as humans, which was called “theophany,” or visible manifestation.

These two groups of angels stood in opposition to each other. Ancient mankind considered these angels to be “divine,” since they came from heaven, and were called gods. They knew they were opposed to each other and God.

It was natural for humans to seek life after death. However, because of personal contact they knew there was disagreement between God, His angels and Satan. Satan and two thirds of his angels were in disagreement with God.

Their hypocritical reasoning acknowledged they were obliged to obey God, but some wanted to prove they could do what God does.

THE MIGHTIEST

The human population, because humans’ reasoning is based on their experience, worshiped these supposed gods as well as God Almighty. The debate arose concerning who was the most powerful of all the gods.

Angels, appearing as humans, were considered divine. Because of the resulting confusion, God allowed humans to have “free choice,” and each city-state had its own deity. War was the natural outcome, and God left them to act on their own imaginations. To these people, Almighty God became known as the Sky God (Genesis 11).

You have now, briefly, discovered archaeological history that most scholars today are coming to accept as reality and truth. They believe that, as verified by their findings, the stories are no longer only myths.

Archaeological history has been studied from the beginning. The book of Genesis begins with Adam and Eve (Homo sapiens) and their sin of choosing to eat from the Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil. Satan deceived Eve, and Adam followed his wife in her deception. This changed how God would make man in His “own image” (Genesis 3:15).

Adam and Eve decided to make their own life choices rather than let God be their Father and Teacher. They followed Satan and his cohorts.

With free choice, humans have to decide for themselves who is the mightiest and the One True God. God decided the Promised Seed, His “first-begotten Son,” was the best way to prove He was the only God to follow. And the Savior would prove, by the Holy Spirit, to humans that He was sinless.

WHO IS THE MIGHTIEST GOD?

Paul wrote how early civilization knew the truth of the One God (Romans 1). Early humans considered angelic beings to be just as divine as God because of the manner in which Satan and his angels dared to oppose the way of God.

However, these early humans held the Truth in unrighteousness (Romans 1:18). They knew partial truth concerning the One True God and Father of all, but they also viewed angels as gods. Therefore, idolatry was born. Anyone who had contact with the angels was accepted as divine.

THE WORLD’S FIRST EMPEROR

As populations grew, from Mesopotamia to Egypt and Ethiopia, each had its own national gods. War was inevitable. In time, walls were built for security and defense. Before horses were used in war, cities that were farther away from other cities were safer. However, once the military began using horses, more wars occurred and violence increased.

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As technology increases, mankind comes closer to self-annihilation.

Protection and self-defense increased, because people felt they were victims and needed to protect themselves. Because other cities had spies, they felt they should attack first to protect themselves.

Civilization began worshiping those human heroes as gods and saviors. People knew a human would be the Savior of the world, so they worshiped their rulers as if they were the promised Savior of the world.

Those mighty men of renown became famous. In Noah’s day the world became so violent and wicked that God brought the Flood.

Noah and his family were saved in the Ark. Noah and his family grew into many tribes, races and nations. Because of Noah’s teaching, everyone knew about the gospel of righteousness, yet they did what pre-Flood people had done: They obeyed many saviors and king/priests.

Knowing what happened to those before the Flood, they decided it was necessary to be one empire with one emperor. Nimrod, a great hunter, provided food and protection to the world’s inhabitants and became the world’s first emperor. His kingdom was in the land of Shinar, and the Tower of Babel was its temple. He was considered to be the Messiah and was followed by many as time went on.

Era of Saviors

Babel in Hebrew means “Gateway to the House of God.” All the individuals spoke one language. Babylon was their capital (Genesis 10:10). Each person could have his own god, but people were united in worship at the Tower of Babel. God saw that the world was headed toward the same end as before the Flood, because each human being did anything he wanted to do (Genesis 11:6).

To avoid this same world-destroying end, God confused their languages.

Nimrod, as the world’s first emperor, left a bad example. Keep in mind that kings were considered divine and ruled over the people. To reduce evil and the number of wars, God divided the nations and races according to their inheritance.

Also keep in mind that, in the days of Peleg, God divided the nations and races into continents (Genesis 10:25). The earth before this was one large square surrounded by water and appeared to be flat (Isaiah 40).

Each group looked to its heroes as saviors and priest/kings. Over the centuries, each group lost its original teachings from the days of Noah. Shem, Ham and Japheth, Noah’s three sons, went their own way and, of the three, only Shem and his genealogy followed the true teachings of Noah and the One True God.

Religious beliefs, faiths, ideologies and governments, from generation to generation, lost sight of the past and followed what was politically correct in their specific time period. The politically correct were considered the elite and told the citizens how to live and what to think.

Priests, prophets and scholars all promoted their own historical rendition of the past. Abraham, from the line of Shem, strictly adhered to the original thinking of God. Human nature, as God warned in the days of the Tower of Babel, permitted each individual to imagine whatever his teaching and experience taught him. A world of false heroes and saviors as gods emerged. Only Abraham and his family remained faithful to the Truth of God.

Isaac to Israel

Abraham, because of his faith and obedience to every word of God, was given two promises.
Where Is the True Church Today?

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 bookler Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

Changed—Chosen of the Lord!

Dear Brethren,

Undoubtedly most of you have heard many sermons regarding the coming resurrection. However, I seri-
ously question whether you have heard the fullness of the truth which will actually take place at the time of the first resurrection.

In this writing you will see what the Scriptures reveal when put in their proper order as to what will actually transpire during this coming time. Jesus Christ spoke of it together with His coming and the resurrection of His saints to His disciples.

“Then the sons of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory, and He will unroll His angels with a sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect (chosen ones) from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other” (Matthew 24:30-31).

“This was the APPEARANCE of the sem-
blance of Jesus Christ: In a moment in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed (bom again from above)—from glory to glory as when Christ descends from heaven, John 3:3, 5—(I Corinthians 15:52-53).

“So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, raised in incorruption; in glory, in power (Romans 8:11), raised a spiritual body (Philippians 3:21).

“Who will transform our lowly body (human) that it may be conformed to His glorious body (Philippians 3:21)?”

“From what appeared as His loins it will shine like the brightness of the sun in heaven” (Matthew 16:28).

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blance of a human form. This was the APPEARANCE of the surrounding radiance. This was the APPEARANCE of a huge cloud and a flashing fire, coming sweeping out of the north—a great stormy wind. They heard a great sound of a trumpet, and they saw a gleam as of amber—what Scriptures reveal when put in their proper order as to what will actually transpire during this coming time. Jesus Christ including the leadership.

The Resurrection and Change— "From what appeared as His loins it will shine like the brightness of the sun in heaven” (Matthew 16:28).

The answer as to why those who are dead will be resurrected must be among them. Those who have no God will be resurrected before those who do. The body of the dead in the grave will be raised in incorruption. Those who are asleep will be raised in glory as when Christ descends from heaven. John 3:3, 5 (I Corinthians 15:52-53).

And thus we say to you by the Word of the Lord that it may be conformed to His glory (Romans 8:29). We shall also bear the image of the heavenly man (Jesus Christ) ... (I Cor-

In That Same Day—“Behold, the Day of the Lord is coming, is coming, is coming to do battle against those nations (Revelation 19:11-16). And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives ... thus the Lord will come and all the saints with Him” (Revelation 19:11-16).

The Chosen Virgin of God—“Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion (on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem), and with Him 144,000, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads ... these are the ones who were not defiled with women (off-track churches), for they are virgins (have clung to the lamb).” (Revelation 14:1-5).

A Glorious Future—“This is only an overview without the details of all that will take place during this coming time. However it is enough for us to see the broad outlines for those who are blessed to be among the elect—those who are chosen and are being prepared to take part in the resurrection from the dead. . . . After He goes—those who are-yet of the Church of the Phil-

delphia Era—along with those called and used from among the dead. Their names are written in the Lamb wherever He goes. Those who are rejoicing will be among men, being Firstfruits to God and to His Lamb. And in their mouth was found no sor-
cr, for they are without fault before the throne of God” (Revelation 19:11-16).

God’s Counsel—To be counted worthy to be among them to receive a share. The following are the conditions which you must meet to receive your reward: “But YOU must continue in the faith (true teachings as restored by God’s Church) and be watchful. For your adversary the devil as a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” (1 Peter 5:8).

Do we remember from whom we have learned? Are we remaining faithful to those teachings? You can know by reviewing the unfolded MYSTERY of the Ages by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

The End of this Age Is Near—Please realize there is little time left before Jesus Christ returns to this earth and resurrects His faithful, tried, and proven people, while changing those who are yet alive to be among them, we must have the strength of enduring faithfulness of God’s Church while seeking the one who has been set apart from the world (Revelation 14:1-5).

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Ancient Error: Believing Anyone Could Be Savior

first promise was to inherit the Land of God in Canaan. The second promise was to have a child born who would bless the whole world.

Isaac was, like Christ, miraculously born. Abraham’s wife, Sarah, was ninety and Abraham was one hundred when Isaac was born. Sarah was well beyond her natural childbearing years.

Isaac was their first legal son. Ishmael, another son, was born to a concubine and could not inherit from Abraham. Isaac’s genealogy would produce the son who would bless the whole world. Isaac’s birth was a miracle from God, and he was the chosen one of God.

Isaac had Jacob, and Jacob had twelve sons who became the tribes of Israel. They knew the Savior was to come from their lineage.

Israel became a nation, and its genealogy grew. No repentance was necessary because they needed only to be part of the line of Jacob genealogically.

The Promised Seed

Even though anyone from Israel could be the Savior, God looks at the heart and not just the birth. God will choose the promised seed by watching the person’s heart to see if he or she desires to be like Him. God will not demand that any human be like Him if that person does not desire to become like Him.

However, God is long-suffering, and you need to be like Him in every way. Human kings are man-made and not of God. All governments and rulers are the result of human choices, and God permits that situation.

After Adam and Eve sinned, it was foretold that a seed of Eve would come and restore all things (I Peter 1:10-12). Peter reveals even the prophets, like Enoch (Genesis 5) and others, and the angels, did not know who would have the Spirit of Christ.

The Spirit in the promised Seed was the Holy Spirit (II Peter 1). God, through His Holy Spirit, does all the work. Even the Son of God, Jesus, could not do anything of Himself as a Son of Man (John 5:19).

Since the ancient world knew of a coming Messiah, the ancients made a giant error in believing any human could be the Savior. They thought he could be any of the others who were proclaiming to be the Messiah.

But only God knew who the Messiah would be. To be the Christ, He had to be like God, do the will of God and indeed do everything God said. Any ruler who was the world’s hero and provided the way to survive was considered a king and savior. In reality, this fallacy produced many Antichrists who claimed to be God.

In David’s time God chose from whom the Promised Seed would come. The goal of God was to make man in His image, and God is the only One who knows who the Promised Seed is.

Kings and Rulers

King after king and ruler after ruler have claimed to be the one who will save the world—but without God’s blessing. That is why after the captivity of Israel and Judah the Time of the Gentiles began. Christ will not return until the Gentiles’ time without God is over (Luke 21:24).

From Nimrod to the present, mankind keeps choosing its kings, rulers and any other form of government. Presently the world is operating the same way it did in the Land of Shinar at the Tower of Babel. No one knows what is right or wrong. The world is in a state of total chaos.

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God, with His Son and the power of the Holy Spirit, teaches you how to become like Him (Genesis 1:26).

God Is All

How does God reproduce Himself? As with any sperm from a human father, God uses His energy from within Himself to transfer life through His Holy Spirit. God uses His Holy Spirit to create all things.

The Beginning

The Spirit of God moved upon the waters of the earth during the creation, and God said, “Let there be light.”

Everything was in darkness. The light revealed what was in the darkness. God said it was good. God divided the light from the darkness.

The Holy Spirit of God energized the creation to have life (Genesis 1:14). The angels shouted for joy at what they saw.

When Job was afflicted by Satan, Job cursed (Job 3:1): “Let the day perish wherein I was born and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived” (verse 3).

“Then Job described a process: “Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it” (verse 4).

Job stated exactly what had occurred in the beginning of creation (Genesis 1:14). What in the darkness was being revealed?

The Heavenly Father is the Father of Spirits (Hebrews 12:9). Christ said spirit is like the wind, which has power but is invisible. Wind is energy, which is obvious when it turns a windmill. If wind is severe, like a tornado, it is destructive.

Job understood a great deal. Job goes into even greater detail and, ultimately, discloses the source of his birth: “Why did I not from the womb? Why did I not give up the spirit when I came out of the belly?” (Job 3:11).

The Holy Spirit is the power of God (I Timothy 1:7). The Holy Spirit creates all things. God can be “All in All” through His Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the Word of God (John 17:17-21). God speaks His Word through His Holy Spirit: “Wherefore as the Holy Spirit said, To day if you will hear His voice . . .” (Hebrews 3:7).

The world was in darkness, and the Holy Spirit said, “Let there be light,” and that light was “good” (Genesis 1:14). In Job’s day, the actual forces of the creation were known as “godly science.”

Godly Science

“O Timothy, keep that which is committed to your trust, avoiding profane [human] and vain [useless] babblings [guesses] and oppositions of science [gnosis] falsely so called” (I Timothy 6:20). This verse proves the apostolic Christians knew the Truth of God just like Job and others.

Only Godly science reveals the Truth. The word science in Greek is gnosis or “knowledge.” True knowledge comes from God and not from the experiments of mankind.

Hard to Keep Up

Human science keeps changing over the centuries. Today, science changes so often none of the scientific disciplines can keep up.

Scientists do not agree with each other. Their latest admission is that there is more than the physical universe and, in the darkness of space, there is another universe possessing a completely different set of laws.

To know the truth of godly science, one needs to know how everything began before the big bang.

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The Holy Spirit is the Truth of the Word of God.

The invisible (spiritual) things of God are “clearly seen” and understood through His “creation” (Romans 1:20). What is seen?

The Godhead and power of God are manifested in His creation of the universe. The spiritual things hidden in darkness are made known by the Holy Spirit of God, which is His Word and power. How clear!

Human Weakness

What is it that keeps you from the truth of reality? Facts are facts. Human science changes too often. Facts are facts, and God reveals His Truth by His Holy Spirit.

The Old Covenant Law of Moses could not make anyone perfect, but the New Covenant Law of Christ can (Hebrews 7:7, 11).

The Old Covenant was only a “shadow” (darkness) of heavenly things to come. The Law of Moses is a shadow in the darkness of what is known in the heavens (Hebrews 8:5).

Human weakness is biblically defined as “flesh” (John 6:63). The flesh is of no use, because the only thing it can do is “works by human deeds.”

Intellect to Understand

When mankind was given life by God, the “spirit in man” gave mankind an intellect to understand but not decipher good from evil (Job 32:8). An individual can comprehend but not know what is moral (what causes no harm).

To know the truth of good and evil, one needs the Word of God, which is revealed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Godhead is all that God is or can be. Only the intelligence of God is superior enough to know all things. The flesh is only a tent or temporary dwelling place for the Spirit of God.

The intellect of God is of such superiority that no one can understand it or measure it. God is eternal, with all His power and energy. God is eternal, with unlimited intelligence, and is the mightiest source of energy.

When God reproduces Himself, it is not through a system of human sex. Human sex initiates life when the male sperm unites with the mother’s egg. The womb nourishes this life to grow as a fetus until it is ready to be born.

At birth, the baby knows nothing. The baby can understand, but not reason. At birth, humans do not comprehend death, life or anything.

All individuals must be taught or learn through experience in order to guess what they believe as true.

God’s Image

The method of reproduction by God is entirely different from human birth and growth. Human birth is a shadow, or a type, but not reality. Human reproduction obeys physical laws from conception to maturity and then death. It happens every time a baby is born.

Because of free choice, each son of God becomes like Him on an individual basis. Human birth does not require free choice. The reproduction of God does: a big difference!

Becoming Like God

When God makes you in His image, it is an individual process predicated on each son of God becoming like Him.

Free choice is liberty, which means you are free to do whatever you desire and are willing to do. God has liberty. You are to be just like Him.
The rest of the Bible is the written prophecy and history to guide you in choosing to be like Him. When that happens, God will be All in All (I Corinthians 15:28).

God’s Chosen People Israel

Abraham’s progeny was the nation of Israel. The Abrahamic promise from God was fulfilled through Israel. Through Abraham’s faith, Israel became the chosen people of God. God even allowed them to go through slavery to appreciate their future freedom.

Israel had a wrong heart. God instructed the Israelites not to listen to the other “gods” they had observed while living in Egypt (Exodus 20: 14). If they disobeyed and sinned, their habits would finally entrap them. Human genes mutate and are subject to change that depends on their condition and environment: “A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways” (James 1:8).

Genes and Mutation

A person cannot serve two gods or authorities: “... Every man is tempted when he is drawn [enticed] away of his own lust [idols] and enticed. Then when lust [an idol] has conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death” (verses 14-15).

Sin is always idolatry. You worship what you desire in your heart above all else. Then you get caught in your own snare, which actually mutates your genes:

“You shall not make any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: You shall not bow down [worship] yourself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD your God am a jealous [the love of God] God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of them that hate me” (Exodus 20: 45). Your (spiritual) genes mutate toward good or evil, depending on your way of life. You are creatures of habit. Over time, your habits become a way of life, just like taking drugs. You become addicted.

Covenants

God gives many covenants, which are contracts as in a court of law. Laws need to be kept perfectly in order to be effective. The laws of God, when transgressed, lead to His judgments and penalties.

Laws are given in a contract to allow for people not being able to control themselves. Penalties are called curses in the Bible. Some contracts are made without any judgments or curses and can only dictate what each party must do. God makes these covenants with honorable people who are determined to do what God wants them to do for their own good.

Israel’s Personal Covenant

“The L ORD your God made a covenant with you [Israel] in Horeb. The L ORD made not this covenant with our fathers [Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob], but with you, even you, who are all here alive this day” (Deuteronomy 5:3).

The Old Covenant Law of Moses was made with the Israelites only because they sinned (Galatians 3:19).

Paul asked the gentiles why they bothered serving the Law. He said it was “added” because of “transgressions” until Christ came, bringing the New Covenant. Quite plain.

The Law of Moses was given only to criminals, because they did not have a right heart.

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no law and did, through faith, whatever God told him. He was willing to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice. He needed no specific covenant.

The Old Covenant clearly ended when Christ came. In fact, the Law of Moses was to prove people could not keep any law and, therefore, needed a Savior (Galatians 3:24).

Their flesh was to make them realize the Messiah would teach them to have faith like Abraham had.

Rebellious Children

The Law of Moses was supposed to bring the Savior. However, the people became steeped in the Law of Moses and its “works” such as the Sabbath, Holy Days, New Moons, etc. They would do the rituals, which pictured good things to come but could never help them change their behavior. They were still rebellious children. Read Isaiah 1. God was fed up with the Holy Days, feasts, sacrifices and rituals and no longer paid attention to Israel and Israel’s works. The New Covenant, based on faith, was required. It would eternally make them “perfect.” Only the Law could make Israel righteous (Deuteronomy 6:25).

In the Old Covenant, righteousness was predicated on keeping the Law, rather than becoming like God as His Son. Being like Christ (perfect) and having the Commandments in your heart will give you salvation.

How does perfection happen, besides from the keeping of the Commandments? (Hint: Read all of Matthew 19.)

Becoming perfect is a gift only God can bestow on you, and it is not through any works you may do: “With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26).

Priesthood Changes the Law

When the priesthood changes, the Law changes (Hebrews 7:12). Laws are made by God to accomplish specific goals. Once completed, the New Covenant is necessary to make you in the image of God. Christ said He did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets but to fulfill, or complete, them (Matthew 5:17). Once done, everything in the Law remains until heaven and earth are new (Matthew 5:18).

Individuals either stay in the Law until the New Heavens and the New Earth or they can grow spiritually with the New Covenant, which makes them “perfect.”

Covenants are agreements that God makes so you can stay on the right path to be like Him. Each covenant always gives free choice, so humans can have complete liberty as God has.

Covenants restrict some of the choices that can lead you into error or, ultimately, death. God loves you and always provides a way in life. The high priest’s garments, in each detail, witness the divine ability of Christ as Melchizedek. Each piece he wears has a spiritual connotation that Christ possesses. Christ became the perfect High Priest when God gave Him His “glory.”

Israel’s Captivity

In Canaan, Israel had total free choice to live in the ways of God. The Israelites chose not to follow God and ended in captivity. They became slaves and ended up as the Gentiles with their many gods.

So who was the most powerful god?

Israel, from the time they entered the Promised Land, followed the pagan ways, although God warned against doing so (Isaiah 1). They willingly transgressed the Commandments God gave them.

Like any child warned not to do something who then goes right ahead and does it, Israel dishonored the Father. God was furious and had to make a covenant that demanded total perfection or else they were guilty and cursed. They needed to learn on

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their own that with laws and curses they could not become perfect.

The Old Covenant was not designed for people seeking God in their hearts but for unrighteous criminals. Christians with the Holy Spirit want the Truth and should be grateful to please God.

Now you understand why Israel wanted a king to protect them and provide for their survival. They were very carnal after being slaves in Egypt. They believed they were victims.

God Is Rejected

Why did the nations choose to have a monarchy rule them when there were so many alternatives? Since the beginning, each nation chose to have a king.

Kings ruled because that is what the people wanted, and they added very important benefits to each nation. From the beginning of man, a Savior was promised to come and guarantee a paradise for everyone.

Each city-state and nation believed its ruler was a king/priest and could be the Savior to bless the whole world. Their mothers, therefore, were considered to be the Queen of Heaven. Their family was considered the divine royal family from heaven.

Christians in Peter’s day believed the same thing: “Receiving the end [aim] of your faith, even the salvation of your souls [lives)” (1 Peter 1:9). Peter told those in modern-day Turkey about the Savior to come.

The Prophecy

The prophets of old predicted this (the coming of the Savior) would happen (Hebrews 1:2). This message from God was passed on through the Prophets, Psalms (songs), Proverbs and traditions:

“Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come to you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them [prophets] [the Holy Spirit of God] did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. To whom it was revealed, that not to themselves, but to you they did minister [serve] the things, which are now reported to you by them that have preached the gospel to you with the Holy Ghost [Spirit] sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look to” (1 Peter 1:10-12).

This is amazing. The world knew all about Christ from the beginning. They knew He would suffer and pay for their sins and give grace through faith. It was proclaimed to the world until the birth of the Messiah. That is why the Wise Men from the East knew this and came to witness His birth.

Even the angels and the Prophets did not know who He would be or when He would come. The Wise Men from the East knew only because of His “star” (astronomy) appearing in the sky.

From the time of Eve’s sin, the Savior was anticipated. Thus, Cain killed Abel. When Cain was exiled, he still searched for the waters of the fountain of life, but he never repented.

Historical Battle

This historical battle has continued ever since, even to the present time. Satan, as a cherub, knew the Messiah would be the royal Savior of the world. Satan tries continually to be like God, and he believes he should have been the savior of the world.

Now you scripturally, prophetically and historically know why, from the beginning, a monarchy was chosen over every other form of government. Every ruler wanted to be the Christ, since no one knew when the Christ would come. Each world or national ruler believed he might be the one.

Wars between city-states, nations and empires are easily predictable when each ruler claims to be the

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chosen Son of God. Satan kept trying until Christ defeated him in the wilderness. He is no longer Satan the Deceiver, but now he is the devil, the Destroyer. He comes as a roaring lion, attempting to devour the people of God. Because he has a short growth time, Satan had to stop any spiritual growth of the people of God.

God the King Rejected

After Moses, Joshua and the elders died, Israel became an anarchy. Israel enjoyed the “liberty” of doing what was right in its own eyes (Judges 21:25). If they needed a savior, God sent them a judge.

When Samuel, the prophet and priest, came along, Israel was tired of not having a king to protect them. They loved ruling themselves, but were worn out, especially from the Philistines, while waiting for a judge. They wanted to replace Samuel, Israel’s last judge, with a human king.

Saul and Benjamin

Kish, the father of Saul, came from the tribe of Benjamin and not from the tribe of Judah (I Samuel 9:1). Samuel was greatly disturbed because Israel chose to replace him as judge and wanted Saul as their king.

God told Samuel in a dream that He had chosen Saul (I Samuel 9:16-17). It was believed Saul was also a prophet (I Samuel 10:12).

Samuel warned the people of Israel they were rejecting God as their Savior and protector in favor of a man of their choice: “And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly” (I Samuel 10:19; 11:15).

God always gives free choice. Israel rejected God as their King for a human king. Still, Samuel said, if they would remain faithful to God then He would watch over them and their human king. Read all of I Samuel in detail.

Seek You the Lord

The Israelites rejected God as their King and not Samuel: “Behold, you are old and your sons walk not in your ways: now make me a king to judge me like all the nations. But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give me a king to judge me. And Samuel prayed to the LORD.

“And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken to the voice of the people [free choice] in all that they say to you: for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them”(I Samuel 8:57).

God is the King over all and everything. He created everything. God owns everything (Psalm 24).

Seek You the Lord while He may be found” (Isaiah 55:6).

Why would a loving God require those He loves to seek Him?

Obviously, any nation that wants to live on its own without God, like Israel, will not listen to God. Why would God try to force people to do what they choose not to do?

It is similar to many schools in the world trying to teach students who do not want to learn. They hate school and tell everyone openly.

Freedom to Choose

Private schools do considerably better, because the parents and children have a positive experience. Most students in private schools look forward to going to school, because they spend their own money and choose to attend school. God is wasting His
“time” fighting these rebellious children until they want to learn from Him.

God does not want pain and suffering for any of His children. God is long-suffering (II Peter 3). God is willing to suffer for the good of everyone until everyone comes to repentance.

Pain and suffering are the choice made by mankind, just like Adam’s and Eve’s choice. Pain is Satan’s doing through the free choice of mankind. Fun is fun. Pleasure, however, is a free choice, no matter what the pleasure of that person is.

Risky Fun

Risky fun can be pleasurable and desirable, and it is your choice to make. Risk leads to failure, along with all its pain and disappointment. The higher the risk, the greater and more damaging it can be in your life.

How much do you need to suffer or lose before you are willing to learn? Some must lose everything and bottom out.

How long are you willing to fail before you ask for help? That is the question.

From Genealogy to Liberty

Over thousands of years, God has chosen carefully selected individuals who obeyed God of their own free choice to be His people. Then, God has given preference to the progeny of the faithful people. It became a genealogical choice by God. “Kind after kind.”

Covenants are contracts or agreements. Why would God have so many covenants or changes in His agreements? Christ said Christians should not have to swear by a vow. Your yes should be yes and your no no! (Matthew 5:37).

Covenants are more than commands from God. They are methods of the teaching of God. God is leading His people from one level to another so you can become like Him. Each agreement between God and His people is founded on their ability to learn and become more like Him.

Pathway to the House of God

The process of the reproduction of God is not like human sexual reproduction. Human sex is animalistic and does not necessarily demand intelligence. God reproduces Himself with well-defined goals. The goal of God is to make everyone be like Him. God, besides giving life, wants you to be just like He is.

Some families have children who vary widely from each other. Each child comes from a single sperm. Identical twins, obviously, are closer in likeness, because they come from the same sperm.

How can a family live in the same house in perpetual peace and prosperity forever? Children grow until, finally, they come to the stage where they want to have their own house. God must reproduce Himself so everyone can always be in eternal bliss while living in the same house. It is like an entire town comprised of one family and loving it. Totally unique.

Covenants Are Specific

The House of God is enormous, with many mansions, but it is still one house. (Request the free book God’s House). Everyone is together, but there is an area for each person to have his own hopes, desires and space. A family like this is not only exceptional, but unique. God calls His people “peculiar” because they are so rare. They are all royalty, and that is divine, but the royal are hard to find. They are different from most human families because they all want to come out of darkness and be in the magnificent light of God forever.

Each contract God enters into has well-defined goals and purposes. They are unique and have well-defined requirements for the people of God to fulfill,
because of mankind’s lack of abilities.

Noah’s contract with God was to keep the people from causing violence and killing themselves. God made two promises with Abraham. (1) They could have the property given to them and, with it (2), came blessings for them. When Israel sinned, God had to remove the Promised Land from their original contract and use an alternate way to enter His Promised Land. They lacked the faith to enter His “property.” Individuals must be legal citizens of the same culture.

They needed to circumvent the Land of God in the wilderness and be taught faith through their free choice. During their forty years in the wilderness, they angered God ten times, causing that generation to die in the wilderness.

When Israel had to go into the wilderness for one generation of forty years, God changed the “sign” of the Sabbath from a promise of His “land in paradise” to a reminder of “coming out of slavery.”

The Sabbath was a sign for the people of God entering paradise (Exodus 20). But the sign of the Sabbath was to remind them of when they came out of slavery (Deuteronomy 5). The perfection of God is amazing.

Joshua and the faithful like Caleb led an entirely new generation to the Promised Land. They had to prove their faithfulness right from the beginning in Jericho.

Over the years, Israel waxed rich and chose to be like the other Gentile nations, with a king of their own. God still loved them and, as long as their king agreed to obey God, they were still considered the people of God. King Saul tried but, by relying on his own thinking, he ultimately failed and was replaced by David.

God’s Heart

From the heart of God, His intense, passionate and jealous (Deuteronomy 5:9) heart, He wanted His children, first and foremost, to love Him (Deuteronomy 6:5). Love is above any law or attribute, because the love of God is eternal. Love fulfills every law or covenant (Romans 13:10).

The heart of God is just as King David wrote (Psalm 51). David was a terrible sinner, but his heart was just like the heart of God.

If you have the heart of God, even when you sin and immediately repent you must still pay penalties like David paid. Then, as you accept the will of God, He will eventually answer your prayers. But, as with David, the penalties may continue. For example, his son with Bathsheba died and he experienced war for the rest of his life.

Whatever God deems best, you should willingly accept. The teaching methodology of God is altered to meet the needs of His student or disciple. God never quits teaching you. Teaching is a profession and not merely a job. Knowledge does not qualify anyone to teach. Wisdom and knowledge, however, give teachers the talent to teach.

Israel’s Kings

Saul failed to follow God, but King David, definitely, was a man after the heart of God.

Israel and Judah had their own kings and were accepted by God. Israel and Judah experienced a host of both good and evil kings. The love of God for Israel caused Him, with each failing king, to bring them a Godly king. When Israel and Judah kept loving the lifestyle of the Gentile nations, God gave them that way of life by sending them into captivity under the Gentiles. The Gentiles had many gods and ignored the One True God.

Gentile Times

The Times of the Gentiles are very simple to understand. The Gentile “times” are when God
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allows even His people to have their king. No Jewish or Israeliite kings are allowed until the Messiah returns and conquers them during the Millennium. Repentance opens the door of God to Truth.

The Millennium will teach the world how its kingdoms should have been under the rule of God all along. Everyone (both good and bad) will be invited to the wedding feast of Christ, the Groom, and His “bride.”

Prophetically, the Israelites cannot rule until the Times of the Gentiles are fulfilled (Luke 21:24). Israel cannot rule anytime during the Times of the Gentiles. Their doing so would negate the reason God allowed the Gentile kings to rule over Israel and Judah.

This does not mean some Israelites are not involved in the Gentile rule, as when Daniel sat on King Nebuchadnezzar’s cabinet of advisers. However, the rulers must be of the Gentiles in order to fulfill this prophecy.

All Nebuchadnezzar had to do was acknowledge that it was God Almighty who blessed him and his rule. When the king took credit for God’s success, God’s sentence for him was to become a wild maniac, a devouring lion in the wilderness, for seven years. Once he came to his senses and praised God for His accomplishments, God blessed him and restored his rule.

God never forsakes His people or those in the world, because His goal is to make everyone in the image of Himself.

No Image Like Him

Why does God not want you to make any images of Him? You are not to make a representation of Him for a very important reason.

No one knows what God looks like, so any image would be false and, therefore, an idol. It is a sin according to the Commandments of God.

The Gentile kings ruled over the world, as long as they believed God is always the One True Ruler. To be equal to God, a person must be able to create (from nothing) what God can.

All covenants with God must fulfill the intended purpose of God. All kings must know where their real power and rule are coming from. This must be the belief of every king or ruler in order for God to let him stay in power.

World Rule Without a God

From Nebuchadnezzar, king of neo-Babylon (new Babylon), until the Renaissance and the Age of Reason, God was always in the picture. The Renaissance was when humans wanted to rule without God. From A.D. 1500 to this day, God is considered dead and not really needed. It is like in the days of the judges when each person did what was right in his own eyes. Even worse, there were no judges sent from God. God was completely out of the picture, except for a remnant of true believers.

Universities started to change from knowing God created all things to accepting a new “god” called science. Science allows people to guess and, through mathematical probability, determine what is right and what is wrong. Evolution was born, and now everything is considered accidental.

Science did not need God and, thus, society was left with those who claimed to know what was best for everyone. You are following the politically correct, who claim to know what is best for everyone else.

A World in Confusion

There has been revolution after revolution for the last two thousand years, and most forms of monarchy have been removed.

The monarchies that have remained are far more democratic and have very little authority.
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It is hard to find many Christians who are growing and maturing faithfully. As Christ asked, will there be any faith or love when He returns? It is a very good question.

Rulers of the People

Now you can begin to understand why God confused the languages and separated the nations in the days of Peleg. God knew globalization would result in total confusion. When people have so many opposing opinions, there will never be peace for long. The end will be a worldwide war, which will end in genocide. When you come to realize you need God, you can be weaned off the disease of Babylon.

Eventually, after kings and monarchs were gone, a new breed of rulers replaced the old. Who were they?

Human nature, without God, stepped in with all its hypothetical guesses.

As they used to say in the Twenties, anything goes! Each human ruler, even in a democracy, is chosen by the people to protect and save them.

Politically Correct

What is political correctness? Is it founded on fact and truth? Of course not. It is based on who happens to be the best salesman. Human rulership, by the choice of people, is really bribery based on who can provide the most. The winner is the one who has the most money and is the best salesperson.

Rulers today buy their way in and claim they can give the most to their country. The people, eventually, become slaves to their leaders. It sounds good at first, but there is a real flaw in it. Like they say, there are no free lunches.

There is one exception: God blesses all those who have a humble heart and want to follow Him.

Any act done out of love cannot have any victims or oppressed individuals. Demanding someone else pay more than he has is ridiculous and foolish. The rich steal from the poor, and the poor steal from the rich. The poor always lose.

God is the richest in everything and in every way. He is the only One who always gives the most and loves the most, but it is only by His free choice. That is real love, and it is not forced on anyone. Without free choice, it would not be love or charity. Forced giving by law, from any government, is simply thievery. No government, nonprofit organization or tear-jerking television advertisements should receive any help.

Election Is a Contract

When someone is elected to be the leader of a government, the result is a binding legal contract, no matter what form of government.

Those who make their choice through an election are doing so only if the person or politician elected does what the voters really want. Taking an oath of office is a legally binding contract.

For example, in the United States the Constitution is the legal contract binding the elected one to his or her oath. If the citizens elect a ruler, they are not bound by what the elected one thinks; that is, the elected one’s thoughts do not overrule the legal contract of the Constitution.

If a property owner hires someone to cut the lawn and he cuts only part, what the grass cutter thought does not matter. What matters is what the owner requested, since it is his property. Jesus, in the parable of the money paid to workers, showed what is fair and how contracts should legally stand.

Parable of the Penny

Christ’s “parable of the penny” is about a master, or property owner, who hired workers by the hour.
He offered each of them work for the entire day.

Some worked all day. But, because it seemed the work would not be completed by the end of the day, the employer offered the same penny to others to work the rest of the day. So the first workers and the last workers received a penny for their work. The ones who worked all day claimed they should be paid more, because they worked more hours. They thought it was not fair to them.

A Penny for Your Work

Christ reminded them of their agreement to work for the penny. So He said it was fair. Should not the owner of the property be able to decide how much he pays everyone for the work he wants done?

The workers thought they were victims and felt the owner was the one who was guilty. Not so, Jesus clearly said. It was the owner’s right to give and it was fair. If they thought it was not fair, they should not have taken the job. Taking the job was their free choice.

How clear. It does not matter if the workers saw the contract differently. What mattered was how the property owner interpreted the contract (Matthew 20:1-16). The property owner should determine what the agreement means and how he wants the job done.

Slippery Slope

The Constitution must always mean what it says and not be subject to human interpretations. Once interpretations are allowed, there is no valid Constitution. It is anyone’s guess. Any new point of view by a lawyer or politician negates the simple truth of the Constitution. Then you have no Constitution, only interpretations, which are guesses at best.

It is the same with the Word of God. No man should interpret any part of the Bible. Every word of God, what the Word of God says, is the only way to the Truth. God Himself is the only One who can teach you His Word and what it means.

God alone should be your King, because of His great love for you and all His creation.

Most humans know their desires and goals. However, some do not know their own heart. Christ and God know everyone’s heart.

In conclusion, no human knows what is good or evil. That is why the world is in such confusion today. God and Christ are the only Ones who know good from evil. It is hard to find any two people in the world who really know what true goodness is.

Whether king, ruler or government, there is no one who can rule the world correctly. Only God and His Son have the supreme intelligence to rule. Whether you know it or not, mankind desperately needs God and Christ.

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God’s Kingdom

Archaeological history shows “the ancients” had kings and a full royal host of angels. They were even told a future human, born of a woman, would become King of Kings. Each dynasty ruled over the world as the world’s human savior.

Human Reason

Human imagination ran amok and empires worldwide claimed their king was the prophesied one to bring paradise on earth.

Alexander the Great, from his birth, was taught by his mother that he was the chosen one. After conquering Egypt and being crowned Pharaoh, he pushed his conquests to India. He spread Greek culture everywhere he went, leaving generals to take charge and implement Greco-Macedonian rule.

The Greeks became the wise of the world, and individuals without a Greek education were considered to be the unlearned. In Roman days, they were called “pagans”: uneducated country people.
The Thinkers of the Age of Reason Ignored God

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When Rome conquered the four ruling generals after Alexander’s death, it claimed the inheritance from the Greeks. After Rome fell, the Dark Ages brought chaos and havoc to Europe, which allowed the Muslims to take over the region from Turkey to Spain.

They were defeated in time by the Crusades, and, finally, new kings from the north like Charlemagne and Napoleon became the new saviors to rule over the area.

The Renaissance was the Age of Reason. The thinkers of that age reasoned on their own and, all the while, ignored God.

The politically correct were the new priesthood, and human science was its god.

Satan’s Rule
Satan’s original goal was to be equal with God and the true Messiah: Christ (Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28). Satan, as the Prince of Tyre, was the real ruler of Babylon, controlling all the world commerce with the Silk Road, running from China to Europe.

This worldwide rule is from Asia to Europe. It is exactly what is happening today.

However, today there is a route to the Americas. These world rulers are not in charge, but Satan has completed his purpose by replacing God on this earth: “And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it’’ (Colossians 2:15).

What “principalities” did Christ defeat? “Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshiping of angels, intruding to those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind” (Colossians 2:18).

False prophets interpreted the Bible as if they knew everything about the heavenly host and the angels, yet they had no contact with any of them.

Christ knew His battle was with Satan and his fallen angels. He defeated Satan in the wilderness through His resurrection (Matthew 4).

Those who in vision went to the Third Heaven saw paradise and heard unspeakable (hidden) words that are not lawful for a man to utter (II Corinthians 12:27).

The triumph of Christ is over Satan and his demons. It is not by human rulers or governments of any form. Listen to what Paul said: “It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the LORD” (II Corinthians 12:1).

How clear. The battle is not with human governments but with the fallen heavenly ones (Satan and his angels).

Paul described his human adversaries, “For if he that comes preaching another Jesus, whom you have not preached, or if you receive another spirit [Satan’s], which you have not received, or another gospel, which you have not accepted, you might well bear with him” (II Corinthians 11:4).

There was no doubt. Paul absolutely knew and warned that the real fight was not with human rulers, although subject to Satan, but with Satan himself and his followers.

The Deceived World
Whether it be kings or any type of human rule, it is the same scenario Satan played out with Eve in the Garden.

Eve desired to rule herself by choosing to eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

When one is left to himself and decides everything according to his own desires, this is human nature.

Human gods as heroes and conquerors were accepted as their messiah. No one was aware the battle was really with Satan and his angels.
A Sober Decision That You Must Make

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The end result is too clear. When mankind idolizes its own human reasonings, it is a duplication of what happened in the days of Noah.

The world was to continue as always (or so they thought), but doom came on them suddenly.

When? When the Ark was completed, all but Noah and his family drowned. The end of days, this time, is predicated on when the Bride of Christ is worthy to be the Wife of Christ (Revelation 19).

One more prophecy that has to be fulfilled is the completion of the Rule of the Gentiles.

The Beast (wars) will turn against the Whore (Babylon), and all civil society will fall apart with the gathering at Armageddon to attack Jerusalem! (Zechariah 14).

In the not too distant future, God will have to intervene again. The world is drunk and drugged in confusion, with everyone blaming others. All are victims and do not know who the real culprit is. It is Satan and his demons.

Prophecy Fulfilled

Daniel describes the end of days for the Gentile rule without God:

“You, O king [Nebuchadnezzar], saw and behold a great image [Babylon]. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before you; and the form thereof was terrible. This image’s head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, His legs of iron, his feet part of iron [strong] and part of clay [weak].

“You saw till a stone [cornerstone] was cut out without hands [human], which smote the image on his feet that were of iron [strong] and clay [weak like dust] and broke them to pieces” (Daniel 2:31-34).

The united world will proclaim “peace on earth” until suddenly it falls apart in a world war, with everybody blaming everybody else.

Asians, Muslims and the rest of the world will gather together for the Battle at Armageddon, and everyone will blame Jerusalem as the main cause of all the world’s trouble.

Christ’s Victory

Christ, the Messiah, becomes a great Mountain. What is this Mountain?

“And in the days of these [ten] kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand for ever” (Daniel 2:44).

These are the ten toes.

You have had a lesson in world history from the beginning to the end. Prophetically, you now understand why mankind begins with kings/priests and rulers to make human decisions. It is the best way to govern the world without God.

Satanic rule, finally, ends in utter failure and destroys itself by attempted genocide. Then Christ returns with His angels and defeats Satan and his followers (Revelation 19).

History Lesson

The true King defeats Babylon and ushers in the Millennium of peace.

The way of God commences with the New Heavens and on the New Earth and is followed by a paradise eternally.

Mankind must begin to realize that only God and Christ have a perfect plan, and Their blueprint is ready to be finalized.

This could happen in your lifetime.

Do you really want to be on the sidelines missing the opportunity of a lifetime?

This is a sober decision you must make. Do not goof it up!
### Notes and quotes

**Mike Bacon**

A white sheep in a pasture, like the real sheep is not so simple, although it is simply stated in Micah 6:8. "He has shown what is good and what it requires: to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with him."

### The Season of Our Joy (SOOJ)

*The Season of Our Joy* (SOOJ) is an independent festival held in the Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., site in September 2013. See Mike Bacon’s report on this page. (Photo courtesy SOOJ)

### Multiple languages

**ARROYO GRANDE, Calif.** - Bob Threlfall, founder and overseer of the Continuing Church of God, announced the CCG’s magazine is going out in multiple languages: English, Spanish, Tagalog, Mandarin Chinese and Kishiah.

The Web site is daveantion.com.

**Legacy graduation**

CHIANG MAI, Thailand — The ministry of Leon and Gloria Sexon, Legacy Institute (known in Thailand as Legacy Foundation), held its seventh graduation ceremony Jan. 12, 2014, at the Bangkok Campus of the Emperor Hotel in Chiang Mai. “We had five graduates,” Mr. Saxon said. “Mr. & Mrs. Seng Pan, Karl Ta Yin, Asidakon and Bancha. For more information see Legacy’s Web site, legacyinstitute.org.

### Standing watch

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** — Standing Watch, published by the Church of the Eternal God, has articles on its Web site about demon possession, Edward Snowden, raising children in a Christian-Jewish family and much more. Visit eternalgod.org.