Hammer family’s history parallels the RCG/WCG’s Hebrew scholar urges balance’ in sacred names

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By Dixon Cartwright

Two books take two different BI tacks

The Journal invites readers’ Feast reports

The Journal, News of the Churches of God invites readers to send in reports of their 2014 Feast of Tabernacles observances.

Friends and family members fondly remember Shirley Armstrong during her memorial in Texas

By Dixon Cartwright

F.P. Haney, along with two letters on British Israelism, is a submission from Ontario reader Ed Malone voices his concerns about the identity of the lost 10 tribes of Israel (British-Israelism, or BI).

The basic theme will be familiar to those who read the late Herbert W. Armstrong’s largely plagiarized version, “The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy,” by J.H. Allen’s Judaea’s Scythe and Joseph’s Birthright.

The three overturns of Ezekiel 21:27.

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The World as It Seems

Old and, later, with 14 congregations in five states in a COG experience will probably always be an interesting part of a story that took so many twists and turns along the way.

Dennis Duhl

Green压制

If I had no other good reason to be thankful for living in a very long way from Texas, this would be sufficient. Please take the 3-page cartoon for Exhibit A. You know Texas is famously Re- publican, and that WCG founder, apostle and pastor general Herbert W. Armstrong understood where the stars and luminaries like Richard Nixon. But this was my attempt to splash some thing as blatant politics as this across what is essentially a Christian publication? Are there no Democrat supporters in the COGs? I too longed for there to be unity among the various COGs.

Gerrit Rueemys

We are not responsible

For 31/2 years Jesus Christ walked in

 fertilizer and in the NRA. But there's nothing to

We all have troubles in this life with

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They never chose their parents, race or country. They never asked to be in the first place.

Ephraim and Manasseh:

Many of these nations still prefer to

The only difference I saw in the various church splits

literature was disputes about governance.

Transforming Your Life: The Process of Conversion and found it very helpful—excellent—but for one state ment.

I recently studied a UCG booklet

responsible for Christ's death, nor guilty for something we had no choice over. That is destructive and works towards the agenda of Satan.

It is extreme gratitude we should have, obedience, love and honor for Christ and His Father for the gift They have made available to us. A baby is not responsible for the pain it causes the mother in child birth—or for its death, if things go wrong. God makes the child feel responsible (and guilt) for something he couldn't have possibly made us. Even though Christ's death was necessary for us to be put on the road to salvation, it couldn't have possibly been for it. Jesus also prayed for His Roman executioners: "Forgive them, Lord, they know not what they do." That being said, I thoroughly rec ommend this UCG booklet.

Michael Evans

New South Wales, Australia

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Here are answers for Dennis Mouland

Mr. Mouland, it is reported, said that “God has some explaining to do.”

Since God historically does not intervene dramatically, God is either unwilling or unable to do so.

Many are invited to the family of God

It is common for people among the Churches of God to confuse the terms truth and doctrine. By doing so, many place a misguided emphasis on doctrinal matters, including pet theories and their interpretations.

Although it is true that our Father has direct expectations of us, religious systems tend to misinterpret the principles of God.

We can learn from the mistakes of the Pharisees.

When the Pharisees emphasized certain doctrinal details, Jesus reminded them that they were unnecessary matters of the law (Matthew 23:23).

When the Pharisees emphasized the traditions of the elders, Jesus reminded them that they were making the Word of God of none effect through their traditions (Mark 7:11-13).

When the Pharisees emphasized their example of obedience, Jesus reminded them that they were unnecessary matters of the law (Luke 11:42).

Church of God Knoxville finds its man

The writer, formerly a practicing atheist, is an intercessory Church of God speaker and contributing writer for THE JOURNAL.

By Edward Malone

SAN AUGUSTINE, Texas—The June 30, 2014, issue of THE JOURNAL reported that the denizens of God Knoxville, Tenn. (CGKT), had kept its doors open in spite of the death of its founding overseeing and only speaking elder, Dr. Bruce E. Horne.

This newspaper reported I had visited Knoxville and conducted services for Pentecost weekend and announced that I would visit Knoxville as often as time and financial resources permitted.

I had also announced I would help procure preachers to travel to Knoxville to service the congregation, including Wynn Skelton of the Church of God International, who made plans to visit Knoxville on Sept. 6, 2014, and Dave Haver of the I have of God Big Sandy, who expressed interest in general in visiting Knoxville.

In the meantime I preceived two sermons to be played at future Sabbath services and provided Internet links to several recorded sermons by preachers including John Shull, Jeff Henderson, Duane Nicol and Mr. Havir to be played on Sabbath and holy days and encourag ed the church’s own local members to give discourses and conduct Bible studies.

No help needed

The Church of God Knoxville, however, has found a replacement for Dr. Horne, and the brethren there no longer need my help—or the help of anyone else, for that matter.

Beginning July 8, 2014, the church invited Gordon Enger, a former member of the Seventh Day Christian Assembly in Knoxville and owner of a construction bus.

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Don’t throw prophesy out with the bathwater

Write the author of this article at rayedaly@bisc.midco.net

By Ray E. Daly

INCOLN, N.D.—For most of the readers of THE JOURNAL prophecy played an important role in their becoming members of the Worldwide Church of God.

The WCG was founded on prophesy far more than it was on “the gospel message.” We were assured that if we were loyal believers we would escape the imminent end-time destruction of the peoples of Israel. Believers would escape to Petra and avoid the invasions of the armies of a revival of the Holy Roman Empire.

The problem with the above was that prophetic promises were not fulfilled during the lifetime of the WCG. Nor have they occurred during the reign of the WCG’s daughter churches.

Wrong timing

The WCG was wrong, not only on the prophetic resources themselves, but on their timing. As a result of the failures, many believers ceased to pay attention to the prophecies in Scripture.

Since the church did not flee to a place of safety, the teaching was changed to a preparation for the return of the Son of Man. As a result, the attitude of believers sort of lost the context of what it meant to flee. They believe that the church will be protected in a place of refuge that they do not see themselves as a part of. In reality, they do not really, any longer, see themselves as having a real part in such fleeing.

But there will be a fleeing prior to the return of the Son of Man. The difference is it will not be a fleeing
Early days at Big Sandy were a window on Radio Church of God

By the third year we had 121 people, and we used the Gladewater elementary school for the Night Be Much Remembered. We met in the cafeteria.

Back to Texas

At the Feast of Tabernacles in 1952 in Siegel Springs, Mr. Armstrong saw that, with continuing growth, the church would need a larger festival location for the next year.

Mr. Armstrong remembered his dad having long telephone conversations with Mr. Armstrong and that Mr. Armstrong was excited about building a larger facility.

Mr. Armstrong's second son, Garner Ted, who had just returned from serving in Korea, remembered Garner Ted Armstrong saying, 'He doesn't have enough money to build a decent outhouse.'

Mr. Hammer informed Mr. Armstrong that Buck Hammer was in the business of making airtight buildings with special windows. Mr. Armstrong decided to call on outside help.

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Feeding the flock

Though the Redwood Building ceased to be the main Feast tabernacle, it still served useful purposes.

Mr. Armstrong remembered the days when church personnel and volunteers used 3- or 4-pound meals three times a day from the little kitchen in the Redwood Building.

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A field of 50 acres, a freshwater spring in the middle of Gladewater and with a population of 1,000 people, made the church members say, 'This isn't much of a college.'

In 1948 three more students enrolled: Kenneth Herman and brothers Erle and Loma Armstrong's oldest daughter, Herma Inez Armstrong (then Hoehn, now Jacob). (Photos by Dixon Cartwright and 1958 Envy staff)

By 1961 Mr. Armstrong had bought an additional 600 acres surrounding the original 10 or 15 that Buck Hammer had donated.
The Field House went through many changes. New showers and toilets were added, and in 1961 the church added a giant canvas tent on the property for Feast of Tabernacles services.

A local newspaper, The Glade- water Daily Messenger, proclaimed in its Sept. 28, 1966, edition that the church had purchased 15,000 people to attend the Feast that year. For a total of 200 feet with six ridge poles, the tent has a seating capacity of 15,000, stated the article. “It is the largest known tent in the world.”

The Mirror article also said: “The church holds two conventions a year—spring and fall. There is a continuous expansion of the church and college physical property. The huge assembly tent on the north side of the collection building is one of the many buildings for showers and toilets. It was added to the property that became known as Lake Tabernacle.”

Mr. Martz said, “There were problems,” he said, “but you are going to have some problems no matter where you go.”

Folding up the big tent

Festival attendance continued to grow during the 1960s. Even with multiple Feast sites in several countries, the Feast days continued to attract capacity crowds to the Big Sandy grounds.

Besides deciding to sponsor more than one Feast of Tabernacles location, in the 1960s Mr. Armstrong made the decision to construct taber- nacle buildings around the United States.

The church constructed a total of four, in Big Sandy, Mount Pocono, Wisconsin Dells and Lake of the Ozarks.

After making up the big-top tent at Big Sandy for four years, the church constructed a massive metal structure on the Big Sandy grounds. The church now used this structure in the 1970s, and in 1971, festival attendance had jumped to over 15,000 people.

By this time several years had passed since the last centralized ob- servance of the Days of Unleavened Bread. Now church members observed the Unleavened Bread spring festival in their home areas and traveled to centralized locations only for the fall (in the northern hemisphere) Feast of Tabernacles.

Seating 10,000

The new Feast building at Big Sandy, which came to be known as the Convention Center, was 300 by 320 feet (90,000 square feet) and could seat around 16,000 (about the same capacity as the tent’s).

One year we had over 15,000 people in attendance in the Conven- tion Center,” said Mr. Hammer. “We had over 9,000 in the campgrounds that year, with the rest staying in ho- tels, motels and private residences.

The Convention Center also served as a Big Sandy congregation gathering for weekly Sabbath services in the 1980s while crews labored to move asbestos from the walls of the Field House.

From the 1960s until 1971, festival attendance had jumped from the original 13 who met in the church in 1946 to over 15,000 who made Big Sandy their temporary home for eight days during the Feast of Tabernacles.

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A word with meaning

Students of the Bible do well to keep in mind, said Mr. Solinsky, that the word “Jesus,” as used in the English Bible, in both Hebrew and Greek, means more than a common name or a proper name.

"In English a name is a label," he said. "Very rarely does it do anything further than to be an identifying label in English. But we’re going to see in the Hebrew and Greek that these are names of the Creator in language or in the Greek."

In other words, God’s name in the Bible is a label, he said. "It can refer to character, authority, characteristics and fame. We have the word alone double meanings and even triple meanings [of words] that could be translated in English or in the Hebrew and we must not jump to fast conclusions.

No words can sum up all the mean-

ings of the name. The question is, what a transla-
ture means when it refers to God’s name.

Therefore, followers of God must be careful not to adopt a mystical, even superstitious, approach to mere

Hebrew variations of the name to the exclusion of translations in Greek, English, or other languages.

Sacred-names folks

The individuals and groups that are sometimes called “sacred-names people” for God and the Messiah, he said, Mr. Solinsky, are the “sacred-names folks.”

Some sacred-names people not only make it a practice to say only Yahweh (in the Hebrew), Yeshua (in the Greek) or Yahshua (or a variation thereof); they also make use of the English words God and Jesus and even cer-
tain other words such as holy because they believe such words are of pagan origin rather than biblical language.

"I’ve been examining Internet sites about this and have read a manuscript of over 100 pages on the use of God in which the person was trying to show that sacred-names people should not say it, he said.

One reason certain sacred-names people not say God is that it is supposed to be pronouncing YHWH, said Mr. Solinsky, the name of God, which in the Bible was written with the 12 letters of the New Testament.

But God was also the name of one of the 12 tribes of Israel. The precise pronunciation of the word, and its spelling, in a certain language does not render it inherently pagan or sacred, Mr. Solinsky said.

As proof that it is all right to say God, Mr. Solinsky cited Isaiah 65:11, in which the Bible refers to the pagan god, and Jesus, and asks a question about the 12 gates of the 12

temples to the sacred-names movement

Mr. Solinsky projected on a screen behind his lectern a list of seven points that he said various members of the sacred-names movement in their case.

• Sacred-names adherents say it’s possible to know and use the exact pro-
nunciation of “YHWH”—the tetra-
grammaton, or the first four con-

Mr. Solinsky said there is no sin in saying any word or name for God, that the sacred-names people’s
doesn’t mean we can or should not approximate it.

One problem with knowing how to pronounce YHWH, said Mr. Solin-

yous to make up their minds whether the Lord’s name is to be used or not.

"You’ve got to know who He is," she continued, “as opposed to all those names. I think one of the most heinous things that Christianity has done is to bring this Jesus to the world who is not the Jesus or the Yahweh who existed historically.

The name Jesus you have a totally different connota-
tion when you say it in the English, Hebrew Word of the Lord who be-

came Jesus. So I think there is a great difference in the connotation of the name.

Mr. Solinsky replied that many people believe in obeying God, that they should keep the Ten Command-
ments, yet their obedience is not a function of how they pronounce the name of the Savior.

"While it is true that the standard, vast majority of people who include themselves as part of Christianity do not keep the Sabbath, do not keep the holy days, are willing to eat pork and do all sorts of things for which, if you do say, quote, Jesus, untenque, in re-

ference to the Sabbath, they should observe it.

On the other hand, he said, some who do keep the Sabbath and the holy days, some who say, ‘I do call the Savior Jesus.’

Therefore, he said, “one cannot differentiate God followers on the basis of how they refer to the Savior. You could be a Jehovah’s witness who separates the sheep from the goats, so to speak.

Mr. Solinsky says he prefers to say Yahweh, "but it’s not a means-of-sal-
vation issue. I believe His mother called Him Yahshua.”

After a break for lunch, Mr. Solinsky asked questions from a group of listeners, including one about whether Jesus pronounced the tetragrammaton during His earthly ministry.

In other words, said Mr. Solinsky, there is nothing wrong with translating the mean-

ing of a name from one language, in this case Aramaic, into another language, in this case Greek.

Jesus is not Zeus

Mr. Solinsky also referred to the argument by some sacred-names pro-
ponents that the English word Jesus derives from the name of the Greek God Zeus and that the letter J in English is itself derived from pagan-
ism and should not appear in names for the Messiah.

"Hayseus, from the Septuagint Greek, has nothing to do with the Greek God Zeus," he said. "This is a transliteration. The Bible itself uses many transliterations.

And letter J came into use because "of spelling changes" in soci-

cies and ethnic groups. "The English didn’t realize the German J should have sounded like a F, so they said J."

The various names for the Savior

"all mean ‘Yahshua’ is salvation,”" said Mr. Solinsky. "That’s the meaning. But, while language names and social con-
tinuum move from place to place, the exact sounds and spellings change.

"I do not think it is a sin to say Jesus,” he said. "I kind of like to pro-

ote it as I think Yahshua’s mother pronounced it, but I sometimes say the other way.

Mr. Solinsky uses different varia-
tions of the names for God and Jesus when he talks to different people and groups.

Jesus didn’t say Yahweh

And Mr. Solinsky’s wife, Carol, spoke up from the audience.

"The New Testament also says there is no sin in saying Yahweh, as he said, “and it didn’t say His name was going to be different. In other words, there will be another Yahshua whom

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Speaker says God’s name is not just an identification label

Fred H. Hawkins, Mr. Solinsky’s wife, said that the sacred-names movement in its essence meant that she "thinks it very "important to know the name" and that surely

Mr. Solinsky agreed that Jews should not both God’s name and that ‘the Jews’ reasons for avoid-

ing it are not appropriate.

"In order to read the Hebrew Scrip-

tures, you don’t have a choice” but to pronounce certain names.

Rather, the two verses mean simply that godly people should not wor-

ship others as gods, because we don’t have a choice.

Between the two extremes

The preceding point is an “inven-
tion” of “extreme” sacred-names pro-
ponents, Mr. Solinsky said.

"I’m proposing the middle of the road, the way it is read on read it’s fine to say it in the Hebrew, even though from the Jewish viewpoint we

state it in Aramaic, from Ha-ho-shua Jah Ya-ho-shua. Yeshua is Aramaic, Yahshua is Hebrew.

Some verses that talk about God and God’s name, said Mr. Solinsky, are not the tetragrammaton, but letters J in these verses do not denote a name from one language, in this case Aramaic, into another language, in this case Greek.

YAHWEH and YESHUA—Mr. Solinsky makes a point during his presentation about sacred names. See the arti-

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Audience grill speaker after presentation on sacred names

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"If you’re saying we can use any name, then what name?" she asked. "What is that name we call upon for salvation?"

Also, she said, "when I learned the name, it took me many years to really understand the significance of that name."

He sees, she wrote, that there are miracles in both cases, and, "when you say that name you really breathe that into your soul, into your being. You are going in the heavenly Father every time you say that name."

Some, he said, think the tetragrammaton includes elements of the verb grammatical, which means 'God with us', and that therefore Yahweh refers to His character, which is the forgiveness that is in the heavenly Father every time you say that name. It is, he said, an example of "a misquoting of the name Immanuel [a name for the Savior] means 'God with us,' and that is in us already."

When you ask me the question, "What character does the name have?" I cannot say to myself, "What is being asked of me in terms of what the word name means?"

One doesn’t understand the stem and onoma, the meanings inherent in the Hebrew and Greek words that word [Yahweh] apart as far as the individual letters, since Hebrew is a pictorial language and each letter has a meaning all its own and a picture that goes along with it. He said.

Mr. Solinsky who had last spoken from the audience, who had asked Mr. Solinsky if he had ever "taken the name," said, "That’s just the way they talk," he said.

Mr. Solinsky agreed that he knows of many proponents of sacred names whose prayer for healing have been answered, and he knows of many who pray in the English name of Jesus who pray, have been answered.

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drequently referred to specific letters or pronunciation; it refers to

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In that phrase it means we pray in the name of the Savior, but I’ve got to understand this before I do," said Mr. Solinsky.

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"Taking the name apart as far as the individual letters, since Hebrew is a pictorial language and each letter has a meaning all its own and a picture that goes along with it."

"Forgetting one’s name does not necessarily mean not using the tetragrammaton," he said.

"I don’t even think of it as a proactive way to offend people. Chances are it would never come up." he said, "does not mean not using the tetragrammaton, exclusively.

Mr. Kelley, from the audience: "Do you look for more passive than an identification label."

The wife of the same man asked, "Do you look for opportunities, though, to bring in the names? For me, it [the use of the name] is more offensive than to an "identification label."

"Every opportunity speaks on the audi-

Solinsky, "will explain the Third Commandment as taking His name to water down in Christian terms.

Therefore, goes the Orthodox reply, "there is no preference one way or the other. We've tried a number of things to determine the propriety of using the tetragrammaton, and [the name] is a secondary thing."

Another man from the audience agreed with Mr. Solinsky, who said, "Solinsky does not recognize the authority of God or His power, what is His name going to matter to you when you die?"

"If you’re saying we can use any name, then what name?" he asked. "What is that name we call upon for salvation?"

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"I would say that in general Yahweh" means 'God with us,' and that therefore Yahweh refers to His character, which is the forgiveness that is in the heavenly Father every time you say that name."

That teaching boosts faith, because, if we see how people preserve the writ-

in the Garden of Eden.

Is there any way that we can make people forget" God's name. He sees, the enforcement, exclusive use of the tetragrammaton, ac-

A man in the audience asked Mr. Solinsky about what name should one call on for salvation. The man who had last spoken from the audience countered that part of "working out your own salvation with fear and trembling" for her has been "knowing the name." he said.

The name in the garden

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Shirley Armstrong instrumental in founding GTAEA and ICG

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Her smallness, shrewdness we shall
miss. But know she will live in hap-
piness. So good-bye, Shirley, we shall
miss you a lot.

May the Lord bring you to many a
more blessed scene than your earthly
home.

Three sons

Mrs. Armstrong was the mother of three,
boys, two of whom, David and Matthew,
were both profoundly deaf. She raised
them to be well adjusted and independ-
ently capable. She was fiercely loyal to her
family and to God, a selfless lady who
put everybody else first, who carried her-
self with dignity and humility and went
out of her way to make sure ev-
erything was just right.

Mrs. Armstrong went to great
lengths in the care of her mother.
Pearl Hammer, in her mother's latter
years and set an example of great
character and kindness even under the
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Paul's approach is different from
the one-dimensional method
that many among the Churches of God
today prefer. Many today choose not
to give a strong warning. They con-
clude that people in their audience
are not being called anyway, so why
try to reach them.

Those without

Note: Mr. Dankenbring also wrote about dealing with people "who are with-
out." Mr. Dankenbring was originally led to his conclusion after reading a
study paper written by Greg Doudna, who was an Ambas-
sador College student in the mid-
1970s. Mr. Doudna has since dis-
avowed his own paper, as well as most
beliefs of the Worldwide Church of
God of that era.

It is clear that Paul charged people not to strive
about words (2 Timothy 2:14).

However, Paul believed that the
way he and other saints interacted
with people made a difference in
their response to the gospel. His
words in 1 Corinthians 9:20-23 in-
volved faith from people, but He rec-
ognized faith when He saw it.

On the other hand, we as disci-
plins can learn from people outside
our heritage, but we oftentimes will
not admit that other people may
know more about some things than
we do.

Unwilling to learn

Error No. 5: Since they are not
called, they must be wrong. I cannot
learn anything from them.

First, are you sure that those
people are being called this
unlawful? Do you really know
anything about such a comment?

Paul's was different from one-dimensional COG approach

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(1 Corinthians 2:7-10).

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that people in their audience are not being called
away, so why try to reach them?

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Church of God in 1998 and served on their re-
 sponsive boards of directors.

She located the property, south of
Tyler, Texas, where she headquartered
offices of the association and the ICG
reside.

When the construction progress
ground to a halt while the interior
remained unfinished, it was who
found another crew, pitched in daily
and saw the building through to completion.

This was the same crew that had
demolished the old church building
deconsecrated in recent years. Mrs. Armstrong
continued to travel to fulfill invita-
tions for church visits all around the
United States.

When offered a wheelchair ride
trough large and busy airports, she
would say, "No, it’ll do me good to
try to reach them.

"May her memories and example
live on for generations to come."

HAMMER GIRLS—Shirley Armstrong (left)
stands with two of her sisters in 2003: Molly Antion (center) and Jackie Carmins. Mrs. Armstrong was the sixth of eight children of Roy and Pearl Hammer of Gladewater, Texas. [Photo by Dixon Cartwright]
A sunset-to-sunset weekly Sabbath is not in the Bible!

It is an old story: assuming a belief comes from the Bible, when in fact the Bible says nothing of the sort. Most of us came out of Protestantism because we saw exactly that. The truth, the Scriptural truth, is the sunset-to-sunset weekly Sabbath doctrine is just as devoid of those beliefs that have no Biblical basis whatever. Shocking though this may be, it is the provable truth. For nearly 20 years the book, The Scriptural Weekly Sabbath is NOT from the Sunset-to-Sunset, has shown the vital truth on this crucial subject. The Biblical facts and history do not lie. Read the facts for yourself. Is Lev 23:32 really proof of a sunset-to-sunset weekly Sabbath? Could it be an ancient Babylonian method of reckoning the day gradually replaced the observance of the true Biblical day? This book is a must read. Order yours today. (Suggested donation $3, ppd.)

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The truth is there is no such thing as a Biblical week. The weekly Sabbath is from Sunset-to-Sunset.

For what it's worth, there is a very powerful reason why the Weekly Sabbath is from Sunset-to-Sunset. God made the sun to go down and begin anew on the following evening. That is the plan and purpose of the weekly Sabbath. The Sun is the Creator of the universe, and the Weekly Sabbath is from Sunset-to-Sunset is Scriptural. The weekly Sabbath is from Sunset-to-Sunset.

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Bernard William Bernle, Schippert of Band, Ore., passed away Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014, at age 82. Bernard was born in Fairbanks, Alaska, on Sept. 23, 1932, and was held at their home on Sept. 20, 2014. Bernard was a retired member of the worldwide church of God and at age 18 moved to California to attend Ambassador College. There he met his future wife with whom he was married in June 1971. In the course of his career, Bernard was awarded a Ph.D. in management and administration and the degree of the Doctor of the Church.

Bernie Schippert

Beverly, Jan, age 87, of Estacada, Ore., passed away Oct. 1, 2014, at home after a long battle with cancer. She was born on July 12, 1927, to John and Nettie (Ritter) Schipf. Beverly married Floyd Schippert in 1945. Beverly and Floyd raised their family in Sandy, Ore. Beverly was an active member of Sandy Community Presbyterian Church. She was a Besides her husband, Beverly is survived by her children, Sonja Covey, Hunter Armstrong and Andrew Armstrong; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Shirley Armstrong

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Did Paul correct Moses’ history?

“S

o Moses wrote this law and deliv-
eral it to the priests, the sons of Levi” (Deut 31:9a). This happened about 40 years after the exodus (Deut 1:3).

Paul says, “16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. . . . And he saith, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years latter, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed by God” . . . (Gal 3:16, 17). This puts ‘the law’ on the scene at about the time of the exodus (Ex 12:40-41, LXX).

Consider Hebrews’ statement: “Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should arise according to the order of Melchizedek . . . ?” (Heb 7:11).

The Levitical priesthood is certainly fundamental for understanding the Law. Actually, the Greek word translated ‘under’ primarily means ‘upon.’ This Law was hung upon Levi. They administered it. This is reflected in the NASB, NIV, Emphasized Bible and other translations. However, the firstborn were the priests at the exodus from Egypt (Ex 13:2; Num 3:12-13). Levi was chosen at earliest after the golden calb (Deut 10:1, 8), which was after the giving of the Sinai law. Moses and Hebrews are not calling the Sinai law ‘the law,’ but that is confirmed in Deuteronomy.

Then as the book is imposed the law was con-
formed with Deuteronomy: ‘If a man arise which is too hard for you to judge. . . . you shall come to the priests, the Levites, and to the judge there in three days, and inquire of them; they shall pronounce upon you the sentence of judgment’ (Deut 17:8-9).

Jeremiah 31:32 makes it apparent when and to what the Law was added. It was added to the covenant of the Lord, the Sinai law that had been in the ark for about 39 years. “Take this Book of the Law, and put it beside the ark of the covenant of the Lord (Deut 31:26). The Law at Sinai did not include anything about the tribe of Levi being the only priests in Israel. That and other things couldn’t be added to the Sinai law/covenant. So a second covenant was made.

This law was added because Israel proved incapable of keeping the Sinai law that was confirmed in Exodus 20-24 (Ex 32:7-10). The Sinai law is part of ‘the Law’ since it is recorded in ‘the Law,’ but it is also a separate law that stands on its own. The covenant of the Lord, which established the Sinai law, is not diminished even if the book Moses set beside it deteriorates.

Paul in Galatians 3:17 is not rewriting history, but clarifying to which law he is referring. He is referring to the law which was for four hundred and thirty years’ after the promises. What became the Law, which is dependent on Levi, was added 470 years after the promises.

No wonder Galatians is so confusing to us. What has been understood as a single law is really two. If one examines Moses’ record carefully; it is apparent they were made for two different purposes (Ex 19:5-6; Deut 4:11; 533).

Don’t wait for someone ordained of men to be found to do the job. Because the power and majesty of God are in the word, He is the only one who can do what needs to be done. It’s your own responsibility to LDAP open a word of God and come to your own conclusions. The Bible is your own word of God. People who have not come to know God will continue to rely on humans to interpret the Bible. And they are likely to misinterpret it in a way that is not to God’s glory.

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The Beast Coming Out of Iraq

By Marie Casale

What is going on in Iraq with ISIS may be directly related to the end-time Beast. Here is how.

The empire of Alexander the Great, the Third Beast, was divided into four heads, Macedonia, Thrace, Egypt and Syria.

Daniel II talks about two of these four divisions, Syria called King of the North and Egypt called King of the South. These two struggled over possession of the Holy Land until in 168 BC a King of the North, Antiochus Epiphanes, placed the abomination of desolation in the Temple of the Lord, a statue of Jupiter Olympus.

The Third had ended, or AFTER 692 AD. After the promont of the Fourth Beast. Abd al Malik, a Muslim Caliph, built a new capital city called Baghdad. Baghdad began to be built. If you add 30 years at the time the Dome was being built, he was at the time the Temple was built. He was at the time the Temple was built. He was at the time the Temple was built. He was at the time the Temple was built. He was at the time the Temple was built. He was at the time the Temple was built.

This can be interpreted as 42 literal months totaling the 3½ years at the end time. Or it can be interpreted as 42 × 30 (days per month) or 1260 prophetic years from the beginning of the Fourth Beast. 764 AD was when Baghdad began to be built. If you add 1260 years that the Beast is allowed to continue to 764 AD, you get 2024 AD.

The article on my web page called My Theories About Prophecy, (http://www.marieslibrary.com) written in 2000, explains how this date agrees perfectly with the Days of Daniel 12, the 2300 days of Daniel 8 and the Harlot who sits on the head of the Beast, who, according to Rev 17:5, is the literal city of Babylon in Iraq.

So if the capital of the final Beast is Baghdad, Iraq, and Babylon the Great is the literal city of Babylon in Iraq, these two agree perfectly.

It is significant that Saddam Hussein began to rebuild the city of Babylon before he died. And now we see the rise of ISIS in Iraq with goals of a world ruling Caliphate.

Notice how ISIS compares to what the Bible says the last Beast shall be like. Dan 7:9 says that it shall be exceeding dreadful, having teeth of iron, and nails of brass; which devour, breaks in pieces, and stamps the residue with his feet. Verse 23 says that it shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. ISIS already has the character of being this terrible and fierce, although not yet powerful enough to conquer the world.

Rev 20:4 says that many were beheaded for the witness of Jesus who would not worship this Beast. ISIS has already put many to death for not converting to their religion. And out of all the forms of execution available to mankind, beheading is the form used by ISIS. So it is a very good possibility that ISIS is laying the foundation for the rise of the end-time Beast.

In light of this, we should prepare as best we can physically just as Joseph did as he laid up food for the seven years of famine, and, most important, we should prepare spiritually for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ by diligently drawing close to God while there is still time.

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Promises of God, and of Jesus the Christ

A promise is only as good as the individual who makes it. When someone says they will do something, the benefactor of the promise hopes to be able to depend on a follow-through to completion. Example: When there is a promise to pay off a home mortgage, or the cost of a vehicle. Ownership finally will occur as long as there is no default on the part of the one who promised.

Sometimes fulfillment of a promise requires one or more conditions or timing. God made promises to Abraham. God swore by Himself as confirmation because there was no one greater by which He could. Abraham was promised a new, good land. He was promised an inheritance. He was promised an heir by his wife regardless both he and she were way past normal childbearing years (Romans 9:9). God was diligent toward His promises. Abraham was diligent toward God.

Some people take lightly many of God’s promises. They disregard the long-term value of what God offers. There is scripture covering such situation: “Where there is no vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18).

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The people heard through Moses what God had promised. He would lead everyone, children included, to a new land flowing with milk and honey. The people had agreed to God’s terms and for God to get them out of Egypt. But when unexpected events occurred, and some physical hardships, the Israelites defaulted on their promise. Things were not going the way they thought they should. Instead of depending on God they revolted. Obtaining freedom had become too much trouble.

The Israelite accusation God planned to kill their children incurred His wrath . . . never a good thing to do! “Therefore, as punishment for your whoredoms,” God told them, “and because you have breached My promise, you will wander in the wilderness 40 years until your carcasses be wasted. Then, surely, I shall bring your little ones into the land I have promised” (Numbers 14:33-34).

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There also is today on the Internet a digital encyclopedia called Wikipedia. It contains knowledge on virtually any subject and many subjects are accompanied by pictures proving that a picture surely is worth a thousand words. It’s not a perfect solution. The developers of Wikipedia still must utilize many different languages for some subjects. The angel Gabriel told Daniel very long ago that knowledge would be increased during The End Time (Daniel 12:4). Fulfillment of that promise is occurring now in our day.

A Messiah was promised to Mankind. It was many years before that Messiah finally came. God had promised, and His promises are sure, just sometimes God’s timing is not what people expect.

Jesus also has made promises. Probably his first promise was to his Father. He promised he would accomplish the ‘work’ set out before him. Thankfully, Jesus did not fail to keep his promise.

The apostle Peter told a group they should repent and be baptized for the remission of their sins. If they would do that, they could receive the gift of God’s Spirit. “For the promise of God,” Peter said, “is to you, to your children, to all them that are afar, to as many as The Lord God shall call” (Acts 2:38).

Jesus told his disciples to remain in Jerusalem. In a few days he would send the promise of his Father, that is, the Holy Spirit. It would imbue them with power from on high (Luke 24:49).

Jesus had promised his disciples just prior to death he someday would return to the earth and establish his Father’s Kingdom. And when that Kingdom did come, it would enforce order on the planet. Jesus promised peace. War will not be learned anymore (Isaiah 2:4).

The Beast that reigns during the coming Time of Trouble is promised to be eliminated. Gone, also, will be those who worshiped that Beast and stirred up trouble for everyone else.

The devil is promised to be silenced and locked up for one thousand years. “How great is the love God has promised to bestow upon those who do His commandments and call him His sons and daughters?” (2 Corinthians 6:18). Not only will God’s begotten children have permission to enter through the gates into the heavenly Holy City, and allowed to eat from The Tree of Life in the midst of the Holy City, they have the right to enter (Revelation 22:14).

God created everything. God owns everything, yet He is offering—promising—that humans can be heirs of His creation. Consider ownership of the Universe. That is mind-boggling! However, there truly is laid up, reserved for the Father God’s born-again children, an incorruptible, undefiled inheritance that shall never fade away (1 Peter 1:4).

Jesus was the first of many God is to harvest from the human race (1 Corinthians 15:20). Can you imagine becoming changed into an eternal lifeform and receiving an ‘image’ similar to that of the resurrected Jesus? Those who are resurrected will be conformed to the image of the Son (Romans 8:29). Revelation 1:13-14 describes how the eternal, spiritual Jesus now appears.

However, Jesus was a man. The Father God is not a man (Hosea 11:9 / Romans 1:21-23). Therefore, the ‘image’ of The Lord God Almighty is different from that of Jesus. The Bible provides several ‘visions’ of God. Revelation 4:3 and Ezekiel 1:26-28 are examples. God is altogether reddish in color. The apostle Paul confirmed it, saying God was a consuming fire!

There remains today a veil over the eyes of many readers of the Old Testament. They do not understand God’s promises. However that veil is done away for those who are ‘in’ Christ. With an open face, said Paul, beholding as in a glass the glory of the lord (Jesus), we are (to be) changed into the same image, from glory (physical) to glory (eternal), by the Spirit of The Lord (God), The Lord (God) is that Spirit, and where the Spirit of The Lord (God) is, there is liberty (2 Corinthians 3:14-17).

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has entered into the heart, things God has prepared for those who love Him (1 Corinthians 2:9). God has promised no one is able to imagine all the things that have been prepared for His sons and daughters, and I can imagine a great deal!

Matthew 25:31-34—When the son of man shall come in his glory (a promise), and all the holy angels with him (a promise), he shall sit upon the throne of his glory (a promise).

Before him shall be gathered all nations (a promise, as well as a warning). He then shall separate the sheep from the goats as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats (a promise).

The king shall set the sheep on his right hand (another promise), and then say to them: “Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”.

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For many years the people of God have been grateful for the knowledge provided by Herbert W. Armstrong that God has a great plan for all mankind, which is revealed through the keeping of the Holy Days listed chronologically in Leviticus 23. Those of us who have kept these Holy Days for many years never imagined that what could be built into error in what we understood, that can be traced directly to the Hebrew or rabbinical calendar, which had been assumed to be correct, and the one used to determine those Holy Days for us.

And then, many years ago now, along to the church which I pastored at the time came an old couple in their late 80s who had been disfellowshipped from PCG because they had discovered that that assumption was false—that the rabbinical calendar was only finalized into its present form some 900 years after the death of Christ.

At that time, like almost all of God's people I was quite ignorant of that fact because I had never investigated the rabbinical calendar. Months later I had built a pile of A4 paper a foot high from every possible source I could find about that calendar, some highly complex and hard to understand, but in the end the truth was found to be simple indeed, as you would expect from our great God. I found the true Biblical calendar is simply based on observation, not highly complex calculations.

The Biblical year is based upon the observation of the first appearance of the firstfruits of the seven week barley harvest in Israel. The Biblical month is simply based on the observation of the first appearance of the crescent moon. The first sighting of the crescent moon from the Jerusalem area begins each month.

That's it! No calculations, no postponement rules, no other man-made rules—even a child can understand how it works, just as one would expect from the Master of the universe. But what impact did this new knowledge have on our understanding of God's Plan for all mankind?

We learned that the true Holy Days picture the consecutive stages in God's Plan. There are none out of place, destroying the carefully developed flow, as in the man-made rabbinical/Hebrew calendar. Thus God's harvest of His spiritual firstfruits to become the Bride of Christ takes place at the time of the harvest of the physical firstfruits barley (abib barley) in Israel. This places the resurrection during the first month of 'the Abib', not during the seventh month of the year as in the rabbinical calendar.

The day of the Wavesheaf offering becomes the most likely time of the first resurrection, when all of the scriptures, especially those mentioning 3½ years, are taken into account—replacing the totally illogical and out of place timing of the resurrection at the Feast of Trumpets, which is when Christ finally returns with His Bride, after 3½ years in Heaven, on the Sea of Glass. This recognition that Christ first returns for His Bride, and 3½ years later with His Bride, is confirmed by the quite different trumpets sounded at the two events. At the resurrection, the Lord God blows the trumpet, as is declared in both the Old Testament and the New. But, as Christ returns with His Bride, the trumpet that sounds to celebrate the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth is blown by an angel.

Once we understand from the scriptures that the resurrection takes place at the 6th Seal, not at the end of the 7th, and that His true followers of this age are represented by the firstfruits of the seven week barley harvest in Israel, we can understand that a second and later group of 144,000, plus an innumerable multitude, are represented by the two wheat ears representing the later wheat harvest which are waved by the High Priest at the Feast of Pentecost. These also are firstfruits, but, like the virgins that were not prepared for their Lord's return, they are left behind to repent during the Great Tribulation. Revelation chapter 7 reveals that when they are resurrected, it will logically have to be in the 2nd resurrection, for the 1st resurrection takes place at the 6th Seal, not the 7th. This is quite different from the current belief of many, that the two loaves waved at Pentecost represent those in the first resurrection, but this reflects the sad result of being unprepared by looking to a man or men rather than directly to the words of God, once we are spiritually mature.

Finally, we can now recognize in the simplicity of God's Plan that, when Christ returns with His Bride at the Feast of Trumpets, He will begin to establish His Kingdom over the world. It is patently obvious that the symbolism of Trumpets is appropriate to indicate a time of war that will continue until Satan, the god of this world, is cast into the bottomless pit, and the armies of the world are finally defeated. It was never appropriate to suggest that the first resurrection, and the marriage of Christ to His Bride before His Father's throne on the Sea of Glass in heaven, could take place then, at the time of Armageddon, but, then, we should expect more to be revealed and restored at the time of the end.

"He answered, "Go on your way, Daniel, because these matters are wrapped up and sealed until the time of the end” (ISV, Daniel 12:9).

To allow the flow of God's Plan to be clearly obvious to the reader, almost all Biblical references have been deliberately omitted, but these are to be found on our 'God's Calendar' and 'End Time' tab.

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The Iraq Lie: How the White House Sold the War

By Joseph Hoeffel (2010-14) [He does not state his full name but it is likely he is Joseph Hoeffel, a former US Representative from New Jersey.]

As a Representative in the House, Hoeffel voted for war as all of Congress did. But he opposed the Bush White House because the intelligence reports on which the case for war was based were then believed to be flawed.

A US shipment of 30,000 wounded or maimed [add the many more Iraqis, mostly civilians]. The US spent $2 trillion in a war that the US Senate Intelligence Committee found had created more extremists and terrorist threats than it brought to the region. Bush and his Administration said that Saddam Hussein had an active link with al Qaeda and the 9/11 attacks.

Hoeffel quotes 8 former or current Congressmen, stating with certainty that Iraq was a threat. The National Intelligence Estimate was the phrase.

Hoeffel’s wife was adamant against wanting to vote for the war, saying she could not trust Bush. Her daughter was firmly on her side. Bush had not been elected and had not been overhauled for war based on the hype. The media played on her and her daughter’s fears. Hoeffel concedes that Bush would think him crazy if he did not.

Hoeffel says that he had already known himself to be a murderous tyrant by using chemical weapons during the Iraq-Iran war, and that he would use chemical weapons and means of targeting the population to defeat the UN inspections. Blix’s unstated infallion notion does not mean the US must war against Iraq.

The National Intelligence Estimate

This analysis report usually took months or even years to complete. The then for the first time that the CIA had produced the alleged threat.

The National Intelligence Council makes clear what was known by the time the Bush administration decided to attack Iraq: We use words such as we judge or we assess. We use terms we consider appropriate. We use terms.

The Defense Intelligence Agency sent out a report that claimed that Saddam Hussein was planning a biological or chemical attack. There was no reliable information on whether Iraq is producing biological weapons, and it is likely that Saddam Hussein is planning to launch a biological or chemical attack in as little as 30 days. According to the unclassified briefings, they have mobile production units for biological weapons capable of producing a biological weapon in less than a month. "It seems the Bush team made a calculation that the threat was imminent, likely and certain when UN inspectors had not found any of these weapons."

Saddam Hussein did not try to rebuild it, according to the Intelligence Authorization in Iraq, that contradicts a claim that Saddam had not tried to rebuild it, according to the Intelligence Authorization in Iraq. It is also a danger that is taken for granted. Saddam had not been defeated, and Saddam had concluded Iraq had WMD. So Saddam was considered a direct threat to the US.

Hoeffel states that the 9/11 attacks were a massive blow to his credibility once the public perceived he had been wrong.

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In 2002, Bush sent American troops into combat based on the basis of inaccurate intelligence that Saddam Hussein possessed WMD. The National Intelligence Estimate describes the events at hand.

In 2004, President George W. Bush and his administration led the country to war against Iraq, and used the 9/11 attacks by al Qaeda in the US. Bush, in speeches, kept inferring that his supporters were true Americans and his oppo
dents must be disloyal and unpatriotic. "You're either with us or you're with the terrorists."

When it came time to vote on the House resolution to authorize the US invasion, Hoeffel voted against it, but he could not say why because he feared his colleagues would call him a traitor. She said "the intelligence does not match the rhetoric of the administration at war with Iraq."

When she ended up doing so.

On March 7, 2003, heads of the UN Monitoring, Verification and disarmament and International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) briefed the US Senate. Chief UN weapons inspector Hans Blix testifi ed to the Senate. "Inspections in Iraq resumed on the 27th of November 2002. In matters of weapons of mass destruction, the IAEA is to be trusted. It will not take years, nor weeks, but months."

On March 9, 2003, the US went to war against Iraq. George Bush, Dick Cheney, and Paul Wolfowitz were out of office, and there was no plan for an international weapons inspectors to finish their work. The US had invaded Iraq and had become a team of nations as the coalition his father had used. The President broke all these promises.

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"Not so much to aid those who suffered, but to induce that in the enemy. Later in 1967, the US installed up to 50,000 nuclear warheads in the Czech Republic when the region's population (under "Brzezinski's velvet coup") was mostly non-violent. Not to mention the swarming effect at rock concerts."

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"The US practiced swarming and color revo- tions of RAND using colors to pro- tect its hold over nations on the east side of the Iron Curtain and denied freedom. But they immediately became subject to "false flags" in war, to make state-owned industries privately owned, and to deceive ourselves that we can afford today the luxury of a military and more for infrastructure of ailing democracy as Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, freedom not for the future but for the freedom for the US to do what it wanted there."

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How many of us deal with God in the same manner? We have subcontrac-
tors with similar modes of operation. Second job I was on, the two old lead men asked who my coveralls were. Back then, things had simply changed in their trade. Many of the old guys still wore carpenter’s coveralls with the sewn-in hammer sling and folding ruler pocket. Am I saying that I wasn’t qualified to call yourself a carpenter? While I didn’t bow to that pressure (mostly because there were other guys on the job who had made the grade), I did learn that to be accepted by the elders in the trade I needed to follow their lead. And listen to their advice.

That was the real key. Learn to listen. There used to be a popular saying “Children should be seen and not heard.” While it’s not accepted anymore, there is great potential in it. It took me about six months on the job to realize the arrogant young-back-attitude I started with.

One day, a local helper helped me I was to the move to Galveston for my wife’s health. When I did, I carried my ‘book’ (membership) with me. However, due to my youthful arrogance, it was assumed by the BA’s (business agent, the one who assigns jobs) I was an apprentice. When he took the time to actually process my move, he was furious that I had “bought” my book and was an jour- neyman. So I didn’t get any de-
crease in pay. I dropped out. When I wanted in, the BA in Houston let me resign but told me I had served two years of my apprenticeship. It was the best two years of edu-
cation I have ever had.

In that time I also learned that, when you find a mentor, you better listen to him closely. Because, if you are blessed enough to find a good one, he’s already been through a lot of the hard things, and can lead you past the trouble. If you will listen!!!

At that time, our trade still had some of the old ways built in it. While we didn’t assign an appren-
tice to a journeyman as they did three of four decades ago, many of the old guys were still willing to take a newbie under their wing and watch out for him. I happened to find a couple of guys like that on jobs I was sent to.

I also observed that many of the old guys applied the same old saying about children to younger men on the job; they should be seen and not heard. Early on I made the mistake most young adults do, of pontificating from the basis of my years of experi-
ence and knowledge in the form of “Well, it looks to me as if we should . . . ” when presented with a task, to accomplish. (I’m being sarcastic.)

To which a kind mentor will usually just smile, and tell the younger person how to proceed with the task. However (and this is key), there are many wise older people who will simply walk away from the relationship and let the younger person flounder and possibly fail. They don’t have the time or the will to deal with an arrogant know-it-all.

Please don’t think this applies only to men. I believe the same principles apply to any human rela-
tionship. Younger women are just as prone to the tendencies as men are.

What I learned was if I would just follow directions, watch to see how my mentor accomplished the job, I would be a lot further ahead than if I started telling him how I was going to do something. I can’t count the number of times I was allowed to proceed with my method, only to see him work side by side on the same task and get done faster, with less effort, and produce a better piece of work.

When I finally accepted that my ways weren’t the best, I progressed so much faster. I learned to observe. I learned to listen. I learned that, until I was a real master at the job, what kind of parallels does an apprenticeship (formal or informal) have with the training God is providing to us?

Well, here’s what I think I see, and, if you agree, I hope it might help you. First, we choose our profes-
sion. We are allowed to choose to follow God or not. Second, some of us seem to think we can buy our way into God’s kingdom. Just like I was able to buy my union membership. Union rules say all prospec-
tive members have to be tested, but in reality that happens to the positions of a men-
tor to another person, have you ever walked away (or felt like walking away) from someone because they are simply too hard to teach?

The ultimate example is parents. How many of us have become so frustrated with our child we feel the situation is nearly unbearable? Granted, we don’t give up (well, I hope you don’t), and eventual-
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How to Worship God

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ow does God want you to worship your Heavenly Father, and why does God want you to worship Him? These are two extremely important questions that must be answered to help you study the Bible.

Defining worship

Words are used many times without individuals knowing what the true meanings of the Scriptures are.

Taking the time to read this article, you will discover what “worship” really means. To do so, you should check Strong’s Concordance for the Hebrew and the Greek translations of the word worship and include the Aramaic as well if needed.

‘Worship’ means:

1) Strong’s: The Hebrew, No. 7812, means to fall down and prostrate oneself before royalty to make a request or plea to be forgiven.

2) Strong’s: The Greek, No. 4352, shows a person falling down as a dog lapping his master’s hand. It is a prostrate position. The Greek includes the concept of the dog looking for food.

Strong’s shows no Aramaic, but John 4:20-24 reveals that God is a “Spirit” and you should worship Him “spiritually.”

Earthly and spiritually

The Hebrew and Greek translations of the word worship introduce two thoughts. One is to prostrate oneself, pleading with God, as a dog looking to be fed some physical food. One is earthly, grown from the ground, but the other is a hidden mystery, a secret.

This is why Jesus told Nicodemus he needed to be “born again.” Then Christ made it plain, saying “flesh is flesh and spirit is spirit.” A spirit is like the wind, and it blows here and there. It

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can be felt but is still unseen. This shows (though secret) that it is “the truth.” A wind can be gentle, or it can become a tornado.

Jesus continues and gives you an answer concerning earthly works by mankind that reveal what spirit can do in creating physical, earthly things. You can now understand that the whole universe is constructed by God as the earth is, but it is also created with the invisible spiritual things that are hidden.

All that is or can be comes directly from within God (Hebrews 3:4). Paul wrote concerning this to the Romans (Romans 1:20). All comes from within the bosom of God, like any newborn babe from the mother’s womb (John 1).

You have come to see the difference between physical human works and spiritual works by God. You need to seek what blessings you get by your earthly works, as opposed to Spirit-led works from God.

God’s works versus mankind

When earthly beings do their works, the best they can do is to receive earthly blessings. Spiritual, heavenly things are a mystery hidden from mankind. Only the One God and Father of All can create never-ending, eternal spiritual blessings. “Robots” are the best mankind can do.

Spiritual worship

Worshiping God “in spirit,” through The Holy Spirit, is how God wants to be worshiped. God is reproducing Himself so you can be sons of God—not sons of man. Earthly things die. Spirit is eternal and never ends. The choice is yours to make. Obviously, worshiping God in the spirit is better than being human. Dying is no solution.

In the middle

Most people tend to choose to be in the middle, neither cold nor hot, like the Laodiceans. They are “believers—in Christ” and also love the world. Christ announces He wishes they were cold (atheists), so they would not be held responsible (John 9:41), or hot (tried in fire as Christians), becoming like gold being refined (Revelation 3).

All things possible

The rich man told Jesus that, since he was a child, he had always kept the Commandments. Christ told him to sell all he had and give it to the poor.

The rich man could not do that because he loved his riches too much. The rich man believed in earthly works.

The disciples of Jesus were amazed and asked, “Who then can be saved?” (Matthew 19:25).

Listen to what The Savior taught them, “With men [physical works] this is impossible, but with God all things are possible” (verse 26).

The potential for salvation is always there. God promised it from the mouth of Jesus. This is why Peter foretold that God is long-suffering and God never quits. Why should He since He knows He can make it happen (2 Peter 3)?

“Long-suffering” is more than being patient. Paul writes the answer to the rich man: “Charity
Become Long-suffering Only With God’s Spirit

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[loving to give] suffers long and is kind [forgiving]; charity envies not [no ego]; charity vaunts not [vanity] itself, is not puffed up [pompous]. Does not behave itself unseemly [unruly, showing off], seeks not her own [selfish], is not easily provoked [angered], thinks no evil [harm]: Rejoices not in iniquity but rejoices in the truth; bears all things [to death], believes [is faithful in] all things, hopes all things, endures all things [never quits]” (1 Corinthians 13:4-6).

Paul defined long-suffering for you simply and clearly as only the Holy Spirit of God can help you. No door is left open to fail for God. God is determined to reproduce everyone in His “image.”

Not only does God have the ability to succeed at anything, but His character will not allow Him ever to fail. This is far more than being patient. The heart of God makes it impossible to fail. This is the definition of the Word: long-suffering.

Love fulfills everything

The Law is fulfilled (Romans 13:10). Worshiping God spiritually goes beyond any law. The love of God never fails and always will prosper. It never fails, even in the slightest speck of dirt that is of the earth.

You have read that the love of God never fails and He will not lose. Earthly works by humans do not have a chance. You just will never be able to do it. Mankind always sins, no matter how small the sin. To be holy is to never fail—ever.

The eyes of God

Jesus taught that if your eye is single, your whole body is single. Do not be double-minded where you have a type of bipolar disease (James 1). Mankind is like the Laodiceans, not knowing good from bad.

You are neither the North Pole nor the South Pole. You are only “lukewarm.” The throne of God is in the North Pole, like the North Star, so you can understand where you are going.

Having a single, earthly eye keeps you lawful so you can live out your human life in the Promised Land of milk and honey.

However, as a mere human you would not have eternal life to be spiritually—eternally—blessed. Eternity is freely God-given. No law is needed, only the love of God. This is because He always prospers or He would not be the One True God (Romans 13:10-11).

The greatest witness

Jesus, speaking of John the Baptist, asked those seeking him, “What went you out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind [going here and there]?” (Matthew 11:7).

Then Christ asked if they sought a nobly clothed king or a prophet. No, John was more than a prophet. No, no, no! John was far more than any of them who were born of human women (verses 8-10).

“Verily [for real], I say to you, among them that are born of women there has not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of [as Son of God] heaven is greater than he” (verse 11).

John the Baptist had the same spirit as Elijah (Malachi 4:5). Elijah did not fulfill his calling from God. Because of Elijah’s shortfall, the entire earth remains under a curse.

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Zechariah professes when this world curse originated. First, Eve brought death. She was followed by Isis, in Egypt (Zechariah 5), who was known in Egypt as Semiramis, the Queen of Egypt.

Here comes a colossal declaration by Jesus: “And from the days [time] of John the Baptist until now [time of earthly Jesus] the kingdom of heaven suffers [long-suffering] violence, and the violent [warmongers] take it by force” (Matthew 11:12).

The first warmonger after Noah’s flood was Nimrod, “a mighty hunter before the LORD” (Genesis 10:9).

This phrase by God set the battle between the Way of God and Nimrod’s way. Nimrod was a hunter of beasts and men. The Way of God was peace on earth and goodwill to all men in their order (1 Corinthians 15:22-23). This is why God confused their language.

Finally, God separated the nations and cultures and gave each their own “lot.” Keeping families together is vital for peace, prosperity and long life together (Genesis 11:8-9).

The first warmonger before Noah’s time was Cain, who killed his own brother, Abel. Cain was the originator of warmongering and caused the earth to become a place of terror. The whole earth and heaven were in chaos (Babylon).

Satan, father of lies

Jesus told the scribes and Pharisees, who wanted to stone an adulteress, that they were not, themselves, innocent. They followed after their father, who was Satan, the father of all lies (John 8:44).

God made Satan the prince of the entire earth. Satan chose to leave his job (as the cherub of God) and show God that he, Satan, should be the first-begotten son of God. He believed that his merchandising (trade) was as good as the thoughts of God.

Who is Satan?

Satan was created as a beautiful cherub prince of God. He openly would not challenge God since God is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12). No one being, of any type, could challenge God in a battle, so Satan masqueraded as a snake (very deceptive). As a snake, Satan even changes his skin every so often to make everyone believe he is not poisonous but gentle and lovable like a “god.” Satan is “the god of this world.” Satan is the father of lies and the original Antichrist.

Satan, like with Eve, was convincing enough. Eve did not know Satan was in her—possessed by him by her way of thinking. Satan’s ideas were lodged in Eve’s mind. Satan caught her.

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“And the woman [not Eve as yet] said to the serpent [snake] we may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst [middle] of the garden, God has said, you shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die” (Genesis 3:2-3).

The woman was an equal with Adam since she came from Adam’s bone, had all his genes. “Man,” in Genesis 1:26, is a misnomer. A clearer translation of the Bible states that God said to make Adamah (red earth) in their image (a “phantom-shadow”). The woman (a “phantom”) is equal to Adamah. She is a miracle just like her husband since they already were one flesh as equals (verse 27).

The wife’s name change

Adam’s wife, called the woman because she came out of Adam, sinned and, when she sinned, Adam changed her name from Lillith to Eve: “And called his wife’s name Eve; because she was the mother of all living [humans]” (Genesis 3:20). Adam did not transgress, only Eve did.

Eve had a change of her genes by accepting Satan in her thoughts and desires. The Bible states she decided to be as Satan—meaning “rebellious.”

Nearly all her children followed their mother: “And when the woman [not Eve] saw that the tree was good for food [to digest] and it was pleasant [delicious] to the eyes and a tree to be desired [lusted] to make one wise [tricky] she took of the fruit [greedy] thereof and did eat, and gave also to her husband with her; and he did eat” (verse 6).

Some theologians thought Adam had two wives. They suggest he divorced the first and married the other, which is not true. Eve, on her own, changed her spirit to be more like Satan and, then, was put under Adam as her master.

An example would be John the Baptist being in “the spirit of Elijah.” John was not Elijah; he was only of “the spirit of Elijah” (Matthew 11:14).

Curses and blessings

Things have come full circle. What began in the beginning is still going on today—the Alpha and the Omega. You are getting much closer to knowing how to worship God and why God wants to be worshiped in a specific way and no other.

God allows you to be cursed because you follow Satan and his ways. When you stop following Satan’s spirit, sin ends with no curses to come after, only blessings.

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Salvation Has an Order

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church of the firstborn [bride of Christ], which are written in heaven [book of life] and to God the Judge of all [no one left out] and to the spirits of just men made perfect [like Christ]” (Hebrews 12:23).

Decently and in order

Salvation has an order. First, it will be the Bride’s turn in the spring harvest. Then, the great (general assembly) fall harvest is the Feast of Tabernacles. This is followed by the Eighth Day, which begins with the Times of the Gentiles.

After the resurrection of Christ, Peter baptized the military gentile centurion, not with the law or circumcision (Acts 15:5) but with the Holy Spirit of God.

Then Jesus gave back all reign to His Heavenly Father. God forgives all sin, by the law, giving life to all. The last enemy of God (death) is no longer, so God is “all (in order) in all.”

Do you understand what you just read? “All in all” includes everyone and excludes no one (1 Corinthians 15:28).

How should you worship God? This is easy to know but, with human nature, it is hard to be able to worship as you should.

Fear not

Here is what the angel said at the earthly birth of Jesus: “And the angel said [to the shepherds present] to them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy [a jubilee], which shall be to all people [no one left out]. For to you [everyone] is born this day in the city of David [Bethlehem] a Savior, which is Christ [anointed one by God] the Lord [Master: Matthew 23:10].

“And this shall be a sign [a star] to you; You [shepherds] shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger [no wise men].

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God [Theos, Greek] and saying, Glory to God [Shekinah] in the highest [ruler] and on earth peace [the Rest of God], goodwill toward men [no one excluded]” (Luke 2:10-14).

The angel plainly trumpets to signal that the good news is for all the earth (excluding no one, even the animals).

Do you think God makes a promise and will not keep it? Nonsense. Listen to the only covenant left that is not fulfilled: “Now the God of peace [the Rest of God] that brought again [no other] from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect [like Jesus] in every good work to do his will, working in you [individually, in few words] that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen” (Hebrews 13:20-21).

Incredible human potential

The potential for salvation never ends with God until all are saved after they make their personal free choices to repent.

So how do you worship God? You worship God spiritually until everyone become sons of God like Christ. Then God will be “all in all” according to each individual’s faith.

Do you believe God and His first-begotten Son, the Messiah? Everyone should ask if they have faith. One way or the other, God will see you will receive Salvation.
Elder teachers that Jesus is not God and everyone will be saved

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That should actually set it in your mind that God in His plan is going to save all people.

“Adam was born without experience. He didn’t know what the opposite was . . . God subjected him to this because Adam and all of us need to learn the difference between right and wrong,” he explained. “How can you love God if you don’t know the opposite of love? If you don’t know good and evil, you don’t overcome evil with God. You have to know the con- science, to present a short series of Bible lessons for publication on the church’s website.

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As for Paul’s statement that God will reign as his Kingdom? Of course not (Isaiah 25:6; Revelation 11:15).

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Jesus Himself told His skeptics that He would die in their sins unless he believed that “I am” (John 8:24).

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Mr. Enger also cited as evidence the state- ment by the creation narrator in Genesis 1:26 that mankind was created in the image, rather than in their image.

Mr. Enger insisted, however, that the Genesis creation account refers to the one God, not a plural God.

I then E-mailed several others concerning the loss of her husband, and as of mid-August up to 18 persons were regularly attending Enger’s classes. On Aug. 4, 2014, Bob Collins, a member of the Church of God Knoxville, telephoned me and asked about Mr. Enger concerning the deity of Christ.

What he is doing is rude and class- less. If there is anything called church etiquette, it dictates that a guest not be put out of a congrega- tion and started teaching his pet doctrines for five or six Sabbaths in a row.

Three other Knoxville members joined Mr. Gray in resigning. And the SDCA has distanced itself from its former speaker, and has removed its articles from its website.

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Three and numerous other passag- es in Scripture do not suggest, as Mr. Enger does, that a person who has ever lived will be saved and admitted into the Kingdom of God.

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UCG reports on good-works projects

The United Church of God’s Good Works Projects and Good Works will sponsor a project in Guatemala in December 2014 and January 2015. The project was announced on the UCG’s Good Works Facebook page recently. The project will take place at Eagle’s Nest Orphanage in Guatemala. The church’s Youth Corps team’s primary goal, said the news item at Facebook, will be to spend time each day “showing the children love, affection” and “building relationships.”

A further goal of the team will be to tutor the children in the English language.

The Good Works program is designed to help people help people (said the announcement) and follows the admonition of Galatians 6:10: “Let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

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The Good Works program involves sending volunteers to work directly with villagers to prepare land to be farmed, stated the announcement. “Conditions will be rustic; the volunteers will be staying in tents and will be helping with food preparation.”

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Isn’t there still a place for prophecy?

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History and Scripture show that most of those in the north land of Israel heard and responded to those prophets, and they packed up and fled just before an invasion took place.

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