Start your virtual Feast 2014 tour in Thailand

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REPORT FROM THAILAND

CHIANG MAI, Thailand—In 2014 the Legacy Foundation played host to the Feast of Tabernacles in Chiang Mai. We had 45 guests show up to keep the Feast at the Empress Hotel in the center of Chiang Mai. We had brethren come from America and Australia as well as our Legacy students, employees and volunteers (of whom I am one). We also had the pleasure of having two aijas (Thai for teachers) who were here last year come and visit for two weeks. The students were so impressed with them to see them again, and it was a joy to see that reunion.

The current Legacy volunteers had adopted what’s it’s like to have many responsibilities at the Feast, and it was a tremendous learning experience for us.

We had many activities planned for the Feast in Chiang Mai, and all were excited for each new day. Three days into this wonderful spiritual week we hopped onto an elephant and swayed along the jungle and across two rivers. It was being picked up by their powerful trunks.

After the show and one-on-one time with the gentle creatures, we took turns two by two hopping onto the top of an elephant and swaying off on a 20-minute trek through the jungle and across two rivers. It was an amazing experience filled with smiles and elephant trumpets.

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Edward Malone visits with an LCG council member about a recent meeting

Dan White and Daniel Botha present their two takes on the state of things

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By John Warren

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By Edward Malone

The Journal's founding of Ambassador in Big Sandy.

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It’s a good idea to spend time with your children

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Third Ambassador campus came to East Texas in 1964

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Mr. Armstrong appointed Mr. Neff as his assistant in October 1962, (Mr. Arrostro was chancellor) and charged him with the responsibility of planning and overseeing the new college campus of the college. The two others were in Pasadena and in Bricket Wood, England.

When I was appointed [head up the Texas campus] I don't know, Mr. Neff said. I don't know. We started a little later than that.

We arrived in Autumn. It seemed like a logical decision to me. We had the property here and the church. There was a high school here and the elementary and high school came together.

Mr. Neff said the decision to start the Texas campus had been made. "On again off again" many times.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong invited Mr. Neff and his wife, Shirley, to lunch at a local restaurant.

Mr. Neff's time as ambassador of the church's second campus had not yet decided to open the campus.

We already included facilities, housing on the property, and the new TABS campus observance on the church's grounds.

Mr. Armstrong appointed Mr. Neff as the new church pastor and district superintendent in 1964 when he transferred Mr. Swisher to another area.

During the 1960s Mr. Armstrong and other officials of the church's administration placed prominent missionaries in the area.

Mr. Neff remembered that Buck Hughes, the church's Texas camp administrator at the time of the opening of the new business office.

"Bob Ruxton, a prominent Texan, had just taken possession of the church, serving as a temporary holding until permanent quarters were available," Mr. Neff said.

The building had been built originally as an insurance company, later being used as a bowling alley. Miss Raetz moved into the church's new, temporary residence. She lived in a small, one-story apartment, and before that there had not yet been a business office.

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We started from scratch. It took time to set up accounts payable and accounts receivable, and other business systems.

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The big challenge was money, said Mr. Neff.

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The McCulloughs on board

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Mr. Neff continued as business manager and served as pastor of the congre- gate of Forest View United Methodist, Texas, for 91⁄2 hours. During the late 1960s and early ‘70s, the parish experienced a steady growth as more and more new families moved into the area. Mr. Armstrong was called to the pastorate of the church in 1967. He served as pastor until 1975, when he left to become the superintendent of schools for the Big Sandy Independent School District.

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Memo to the courageous staff of The Good News magazine

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Obituaries

Norman Myers died Dec. 21, 2014, in a motorcycle accident in the United States and Great Britain. He was born on Dec. 14, 1941, in Tyler, Texas, where he
was reared in the Church of God. ¶ He moved to the United States and Britain.

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Dear Brethren,

We hope you are all doing well and growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ/Messiah. That is our hope, but we are not ignorant or for that matter naive as to the times we live in.

There are many who for a myriad of reasons are not growing in grace and knowledge. As we have often discussed, the messages to the seven churches of Revelation 2 and 3 describe to us much of the current condition of the state of affairs existing in the greater church.

By greater I mean all those churches which profess to keep the seventh-day Sabbath which are scattered across the face of the earth. Acknowledging the Sabbath which are kept amongst them.

Many different doctrines, beliefs and traditions are being kept under one roof.

To the big benefactor organizations of men, that understanding is too humiliating, for they believe they are the only ones! How arrogant they are in light of all the scriptural patterns to the contrary. Yes, the Sabbath is a common denominator but after that a Pandora’s Box can be found in many, as Christ so clearly articulates in His messages to the churches.

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There is an evil which can be found in every one of Nicolaus and is derived from #3501 in the Strong’s. It means an adherent of Nicolaus and is derived from #3532 Nickolaos, which means “victorius over the people.”

Those who practice such things are heretics who wage war over the sheep to bring them into subjection unto themselves, their doctrines, beliefs and traditions. They profess to be angels of light, but in actuality are messengers of darkness. Satan uses them to dumb down and subjugate the called of the Father. This doctrine is designed to stymie their growth, to keep them from entering a mature one-on-one relationship with their Savior/Husband and with the Father.

The reason I have brought this up about the doctrine of the Nicolaitans at the beginning here will become very relevant to what we are going to be discussing as to the future calendar criteria which will be used in setting the appointed times of meeting with the Creator, which many today simply refer to as the feasts of the Lord/Yehovah. It can be a very humiliating study for many, and for others something they will want to avoid talking about, and for others a possible reason to separate from brethren—which is the very reason I have been reluctant until now to speak about it.

As I have mentioned in the past, I have no problem meeting with brethren who keep a calendar different from the New Moon/Abib Calendar that I personally use for determining the times of meeting with My Father and Betrothed. I have also stated often that that type of doctrine and activity is not one to cause separation between brethren.

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That unfortunately is not the case with the thinking of the worthless shepherds and such who desire dominion over the Faith of another. No doubt some will attempt to use it as a reason to not consider a change from the method they use of presently keeping the appointed times of meeting, which is between them and God/Elohim. We will address that briefly later.

The apostle Paul clearly instructed us as to the types of activities and actions which should separate us from those who are called brethren.

1 Corinthians 5:9-13: “I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. Yet I certainly do not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner, not even to eat with such a person. For what have I to do with judging those who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? But those who are outside, God/Elohim judges. Therefore put away from yourselves that wicked person.”

There is no misunderstanding what Paul is instructing us in here. Just think! He makes this very clear and bold statement to the Corinthians, and thus all who are called of the Father (as to the reasons for separation from a brother), to a church which had many differing doctrines being kept under one roof.

Just a few: Do women wear head coverings like some or not like others, do we keep a Seder meal with the drinking, eating and singing like some or do we keep the symbols instituted by Christ/Messiah in keeping the Passover? In fact, do we keep it on the night He kept it on or at another time?

Some taught that there was no resurrection of the dead. Just think what that one would do in today’s church environment.

These are just some of the differing beliefs and actions that were kept by the brethren at Corinth. Paul certainly gives his personal judgment on each of them, but keep in mind that was all he did. There are others, but I think these illustrate the point that these were not listed...
Many who hold a different doctrine are treated brutally by worthless shepherds. They are singled out and judged with the likes of the immoral and idolaters.

As to many of you who have experienced that in our distant past. Unfortunately more and more brethren are going through those trials today, and most of it is calendar related. Actually, let’s read what Peter had to say regarding the kind of behavior. He concludes perfectly, and the pattern still is the same today from the great ones.

1 Peter 3:15-17: “And who is it that will harm you if you become (growing in grace and knowledge) followers of what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, blessed, do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled. But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience, that while they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.”

Just think: That was written nearly 2000 years ago, yet it describes, in a nutshell, the actions of the “ministers” declaring dominion over the faith of the called of God/Elohim today. We, the people of God/Elohim, are or were members of.

I personally believe it is a watershed doctrine for our times. I am very proud of my brothers and sisters who are responding to these great ones and answering the knock at the door. That is a great step towards fulfilling part of the remit we were called to do in the spirit of Christ/Elohim, and I assure you it is the right thing to do in regard to the bride of Christ. It is a difficult road, but never forget what our Savior/Husband says to us in wrapping up those verses found in 31st Proverbs. 31:29-31: “Many daughters have done well (nothing to be ashamed of), but you excel them all. Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord/Yehovah, she shall be praised. Give her the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.”

Yes, we are seeking out our own salvation with fear and trembling while the making every effort to serve our brothers and sisters in the faith. How are we all doing with that one?

Paul teaches us the following.

2 Corinthians 1:24: “That not we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand.”

The worthless shepherds who have inserted themselves between our Savior and His sheep believe they have dominion over the faith of all the brethren, as well as everything else they have. They can’t conceive of the brethren, under their control, standing on their own faith but rather only by their ministerial authority. They would never function in a manner as “fellow workers for their joy?” You will fall in line behind them or pay the penalty.

So why has the calendar issue so enraged and terrified the ministers (great ones) who adhere to the doctrine of the Nicolaitans?

Because it takes away their perception of control! Please do not lose sight of that fear of theirs. If we lose control of when the brethren keep the appointed times of meeting or their own faith but rather only by their ministerial authority. They would never function in a manner as “fellow workers for their joy?” You will fall in line behind them or pay the penalty.

That is a horror to a great one who has the spiritual disease of wanting dominion over another’s faith. That is not a slight against those who keep the Rabbinical Calendar. Many brethren who lose to us have personally chosen to keep it without any threat of ministerial authority, for they have removed themselves from such dominion. Once again very personal and, in my opinion, not a matter to judge another one as to fellowship, just as the apostle Paul so specifically and clearly tells us in Colossians 2:16-17.

So let’s investigate why the calendar criteria (sacred-calendar fable) regardless of what it is, will not be used after Christ/Messiah returns. Let us look at the...
We will be judged on our own works, which is why we are to seek out our own salvation, for we can't defer that responsibility to another.

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Christ/Messiah returns we will have a set time. Revelation 21 did. It is my belief that the moon to determine this, just as also see we have a New Moon day to start the count of the days in the month. This will be perfect in its configuration.

This will be the result of God/Elohim moving the earth out of its standing place in relation to the sun and the moon. Isaiah further instructs us as to this outcome.

Isaiah 66:22-23: "For as the new heavens and the new earth which I shall make shall remain before Me, says the Lord/Yehovah, so shall your descendents and your name remain (talking to Israel). And it shall come to pass, from one New Moon to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, says the Lord/Yehovah.

Yes, there will be new heavens (plural) and a new earth which Isaiah has told us from the get-go. Let’s hear him repeat once again.

Isaiah 66:13, 13. “For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not come to its setting. Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth will move out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord/Yehovah of Hosts and in the day of His fierce anger.

New heavens and a new earth will be established at Christ/Messiah’s return. Isaiah 13 and 66 could not be clearer. This is all easy to understand if we believe the scriptures.

Mankind will be humbled at this time in many ways but as we know not permanently yet. This is but the second round in the event. The first one took place at the time of the great flood. There will be another one after this time frame as well when Satan is released after the end of days making a week with six days of meeting with our Creator, as well as loving the brethren regardless of the state they are to be found in. To me those are two challenges the bride faces at this time of confusion and time of the love of many waxing cold.

The scriptural patterns are full of why for each one. Christ tells us in the parable of the 10 virgins we are to be ready for His return if we want to be in the number which will be included into the wedding supper. Matthew 25:6, 10 tells us what is completed, Christ will return for them to move on with the plan. That is why so many of us are seeking out our own salvation as to the appointed times of meeting and the love we have for one another. Two very important qualifying factors of our time.

The scoffers use scriptures like Matthew 24:36 about not to attempt to ridicule our understandings. In doing so they show their ignorance of scriptural patterns and their desire to have dominion over our faith. We need to take a moment and discuss this one scripture as an example of what I have just stated:

Matthew 24:36: “But of that day and hour the return of Christ) no one knows, no, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.”

How do you respond to this? The reason why only the Father knows is because He is the one who does the calling. Not Jesus, not the angels, not any man. That places the timing completely in the Father’s hands to control. If He wants to speed up the process based on “many are called and few chosen.” He will call more at any given time He desires.

The same pertains to slowing it down for when He could call fewer. He has set the number for His household who will internalize the Passover Lamb of His household. It is a set number which has not yet been reached because the fullness of the Gentiles has not yet been included under the terms of the second covenant.

Surely such an important day as Christ’s return for the bride and the onset of the wedding supper is listed in one of the annual rehearsals or appointed times. Thus there is a day assigned for it. What? Keep in mind the only one which needs to be counted to determine each year is Pentecost. The Rabbincal Calendaryear has the events that count so that one knows every single date decades in advance. The NM/Abib calendar does not. Each and every year is ruled already depending on when the critical criteria are ready to indicate its start. At midnight the cry goes out that He is returning. They are then to go out and meet Him. That tells me we know short-ly before we can trim our lamps and get moving. Obviously some are ready and some are not, for they are not expecting Him at that time.

This is all very personal to each and every one of us. No one can do it for us other than ourselves dining with Christ/Messiah. None of this is a roll of the dice. It is all there for our understanding.

I have no problem with another choice a different way than myself, but I will not sit silent when asked about my understanding or when a great one is trying to impose his claim of God’s love for the father of another. That does not mean I am telling you what to do but rather accepting you for what you know and for being a brother or sister in the faith who is following a similar but different application of a personal belief.

The doctrine as to the criteria being kept to the end of the age will undergo changes in the future, but for the present there is only one set of criteria which will put us on the correct day of His return, in my opinion. For further information, it is highly-peeky. I believe it to be the New Moon/Abib calendar criteria.

As important an understanding as it is, I do not believe brethren who keep a different calendar understanding should be cast out from the midst of brethren they have loved and fellowshiped with for years, no more than someone using a Hebrew name in reference to God or Christ.

Of course I am not talking about an antagonist who gets in your face. When you ask someone not to act like that and they continue, that is a different matter (Titus 3:10, etc.).

However, if you ask someone for a reason the hope which is in them you should be prepared to hear something different from what you hold dear to yourself. It is not personal but it is a mess and fear. We should follow the example Christ/Messiah displayed throughout the gospels, nothing more as nothing less. That in itself is offensive to some, especially the great ones and the fuzzy, feely, touchy types. It is not an opportunity to shove something down someone else’s throat. If they choose not to they will do so in their own time and place.

There is a lot more which could be discussed at this time about the future calendar criteria from scripture. However, it is not necessary for our qualifying to be the bride at this time, in my opinion. I have only brought it up now in brevity to illustrate that the coveted “sacred calendar” of the organizations is not sacred by any stretch of the imagination and should not be used as a club to beat brethren, who are, in good conscience, seeking out their own salvation.

We are all accountable for what we know and will be judged on our works. I suggest we often read Proverbs 31:10-31 to get our bearings.

Envision these attributes in a spiritual context and then meditate on how you personally can put them into action in the body of Christ.

Work on the ones you feel comfortable with first and then take on the others one at a time while you are still functioning in the ones you are comfortable in.

Be patient with yourself. God/Elohim has given mankind seven thousand years to get it straight.

It is all about answering the knock at the door and overcoming at this time. However, it does involve work and testing so think long-suffering at the onset, but long-suffering is not wishy-washy. It is a matter of time.

When one part of the body suffers, it all suffers. We have many parts of the body which are presently suffering terribly.

What are we doing about it on our level? Hopefully we are not adding to it.

Our peace we give to you.

-Brian

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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 booklet, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong).

The end of military restraints on Germany—At the Munich Security Conference earlier this year, Steinmeier, von der Leyen and Federal President Joachim Gauck . . . virtually . . . announced the end of military restraints on Germany. Since then, the government has put this programme into action. At the end of the year, the German military is now to be exempt from all restrictions (Dec. 15, 2014, World Socialist website).

“The Prophesied Beast?”

German Foreign Minister Steinmeier’s great power speech to big business, by Johannes Stern, Dec. 6, 2014 [my emphasis]

In his opening speech at the SZ Economic Summit, German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier appealed to business heads to support Germany’s rise to be a world power. The meeting did not take place in the Düsseldorf Park hotel, but in Berlin’s Hotel Adlon (www.wsws.org/en/articles/2014/12/06/stei-d06.html).

Sitting in the audience was not Fritz Thyssen and Gustav Krupp von Bohlen and Halbach, but Thyssen-Krupp CEO Heinrich Hiesinger and other current heavyweights of German big business. And, of course, the Social Democratic Party Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier is not Adolf Hitler.

Nevertheless, Steinmeier’s appearance recalled Hitler’s speech to the Düsseldorf Industry Club on January 26, 1932. Like the soon to become Führer, Steinmeier made a direct appeal to German big business to support Germany’s rise to be a world power. He explicitly called on big business to support him and the government in pushing through a militarist foreign policy turn against the will of the people (www.wsws.org/en/articles/2014/12/06/stei-d06.html).

Steinmeier’s programme strongly recalls the German lust for power, once believed to be a thing of the past. “Germany should lead Europe to lead the world,” ‘Europeanise Russia’ and ‘multilateralise the US,’ Steinmeier demanded, citing an essay that has been featured on an official web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for months. He added, “No small task!”

The implications of these words are unmistakable. Germany’s return to an aggressive foreign policy runs along similar channels as followed in the first half of the 20th century. The German elites once again see it as their “task” to dominate Europe in order to become a world power. Today, as before, this programme of German imperialism means conflict with Russia and the United States.

To “Europeanise Russia” means nothing other than to subordinate Russia to a Europe controlled by Germany. To “multilateralise the US” means to contest the role of the United States as the world hegemon. In other words, German foreign policy in the future will develop increasingly in opposition to the two powers against which it has already waged two world wars (www.wsws.org/en/articles/2014/12/06/stei-d06.html).

After the crimes of the Nazi regime, the German elites are, at least for now, still trying to present their programme of a third “grab for world power” as if it were being imposed on them from the outside. Every day, “the expectation of German involvement” is encountered from our “partners abroad,” Steinmeier protested at the Adlon. He had therefore “asked a large group of international experts to formulate their expectations of German foreign policy.”

From the many responses he received to this request, Steinmeier highlighted just one, titled Germany’s destiny: leading Europe in order to lead the world.” This comes from the pen of the Indian-born Professor Kishore Mahbubani of the National University of Singapore, located in an authoritarian, one-party state. (www.wsws.org/en/articles/2014/12/06/stei-d06.html).
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The first step to recovery comes from "the consciousness of those who knew that, for us Germans, we cannot stand aloof from the crisis of the global order! Where we can, we—politicians and business leaders—must rouse us Germans from any insular thinking and any feelings of comfort!" Those who recognize this must "also take the next step: As the most networked country, we depend on foreign policy and military force. At the beginning of his remarks, Steinmeier said that it was no accident that "at the end of this turbulent year of 2014," he was opening this business congress with a "decidedly foreign policy speech." In his "entire political biography," he could "not remember a time in which international crises in such great number, in so many places in the world, of such different nature, are tugging us simultaneously as is the case today."
The German foreign minister drew a picture of a global situation that is strongly reminiscent of the world before the Second World War. A world in which "the struggle for influence and domination" prevails, "is the new normal," clear "cracks and divides" come forward and "we stare at the differences between states, peoples and cultures." Even "in dealing with our closest partners, especially the United States," the "public debate is dominated by differences, not common ground . . ." (www.wsws.org/en/articles/2014/12/06/stei-d06.html).

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Predestination: An Alternate View

**Philippians 1:21**

Christ Himself said the parables and we know, but now much more in my absence, always obeyed, not as in my presence only, your own salvation. So God telling us in Romans 8:30, “Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified,” could also be interpreted in a similar vein. In other words, there might be more than one way to understand this.

There is a theory called the Butterfly Effect, conceived by Edward Lorenze and published in 1969 but, as a term, very likely taken from a Ray Bradbury story published in *Collier’s* in 1952. No matter the origin, the theory states that seemingly insignificant changes can affect monumental differences in outcomes.

For instance, if Miriam had tripped in the mud of the reeds, and the current in the Nile had carried Moses out in the channel, what would history be like today? If Saul had simply obeyed God, what would the world look like? Would we be dealing with ISIS? Would Muhammad have even been born?

We can’t know. It’s impossible for us to look out into the future to see what our choices will bring to pass. The best small minds can barely deal with the possibilities of a chess game, let alone the possibilities of every choice made by every human over the course of history.

With a board of 64 spaces, and the possible moves of the pieces, some estimate the number of possible outcomes of a chess game to be 10^120, with 50 zeros behind it. The estimated number of atoms in the observable universe is 1 with 81 zeros behind it.

As you can see, the number of possible outcomes in a chess game are astronomical, and the very best minds can maybe work towards dealing with those kinds of possibilities. Now let’s consider just the people on it. And all the possible decisions they can make. The number of possible combinations is finite but is so large as to be absolutely impossible for humans to fathom.

But God can. He looked at all the possible decisions Adam could have made that first day. And He could look forward to see the consequences of every single one of those decisions six thousand and ten years later. Think for a second. Of the 250 million sperm cells Adam had produced when he knew Eve the first time, and of the 450 eggs she could have released, God knew exactly what the outcome of every single possible combination would be, and He knew what the end results of every single possible combination would be 6,000 years later, taking into account the innumerable multitude of choices and decisions made by all possible progeny of that original reproductive act!

My explanation of how God can say He predestinated Herbert Armstrong to be the leader of the WCG is that God knew from the very beginning there was a possibility of Herbert Armstrong being born. And God’s infinite mind could look forward and see that if all the decisions that would cause HWA to be born and to come to know God were to happen, then, God knew HWA would raise up the WCG.

But God also knew if HWA did not come to existence there would have been another. And God knew that person’s name. And knew that person’s background. And that person would have led the WCG.

My belief is that God knew about you from the moment He created the universe, and not only as any of a nearly endless number of possible combinations is. God has already decided what will happen. He has seen into the future to see every possible outcome, from every possible combination of events. He knew each of us from the beginning. But He did not limit any possible combination of events. He was ready for every single one—With His chosen people already picked out in His mind—just like a chess master knows the possibilities of the next multiple moves.

Does that chess master know what his opponent will do? No, but the master knows the possibilities and uses that knowledge to plan his next move. God is the ultimate chess player.

So my alternate view is that God knows all possible outcomes. Therefore He has chosen us, individually, from the beginning. And, because of His infinite mind, He also can allow us free will.

I read this to say that God did not choose what Abraham would do until God tested Abraham. So I fully believe that our choices determine our salvation.

But I also accept the truth of Romans 8 and that God knows who (may) be in His family. If we did not have choice, then we would be robots, and God does not want that. But we also have to reconcile the reality that God allows us free will with the totality of His word, including Romans 8 and other similar verses.

While the WCG and the offshoots have taken a stab at reconciling this, their explanation of the verse in Romans 8 as being a generalization rings hollow to me. So, yes, I believe God does have preknowledge of every single possible person who could ever be born, and what may happen in their life. Since He allows every one of them free choice to do as they wish, He does not force His will to prevail on an individual basis. He gives them free moral agency to do as they desire. But He is also prepared for any eventuality.
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How often do you repent?

\[\text{Michael Johnson}\]

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O, if there were but a simple, easy way to understand the Bible. Begin by forgetting what the Bible says. Instead, concentrate on what God wants you to do. To start with, you need to know why God allowed such a large book to be written.

The answer is God had to include experiences of each person who had lived over many years of existence as an example. Each individual is different.

God will not bypass anyone. This is why understanding the mystery of the Bible is so important. Some parts are examples of what evil people do, and some examples are how honorable individuals live their lives.

The Only Gospel

Most are aware the word gospel means “good news.” God is the only Journalist who has the entire story on each of you. Since this one Gospel has one good news to tell, each individual needs to study the Bible at their level personally and spiritually.

His heart and desire do not allow Him to sin. God never changes. He always does what is good for everyone, as well as the right way to be taught the same in every aspect of life, physically and spiritually.

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Billions of People

These billions of individuals need personal attention to resolve their outlook in the light of what each one personally believes. This is a huge endeavor—not for God and His Son but for all who are born as humans. The true Gospel must be taught the same in every aspect of life, physically and spiritually.

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Mankind was born knowing nothing and, in
their short lifetime can learn only in part. Some learn in one piece and bury their learning as if it is all they need to know.

Telling the same story from various points of view can enlighten different cultures and individuals. This is rather simple to understand.

Having one precious diamond and changing the jewelry box once in a while does nothing for the diamond. What is important is that your jewels must continually keep increasing in value for future investing or for an inheritance. (Read Malachi 3 for greater understanding in this matter.)

Right and Wrong

Right is always good while wrong is always evil. Evil is also called wickedness. This is what sin really is. Sin is always missing the mark of doing good, and it includes the tiniest infraction. You are less than God and, therefore, not holy like God or His Son, the Messiah. Sin is simply defined as less than God.

Jewels need to be treasured and increased in value—with greater and greater—eternally. Jewels are worth more (individuals grow spiritually) when they add more value by striving to do better. These jewels (crystal-like stones) do not have a speck or flaw as they glisten in the light. So you, as you grow, can see the truth of the Gospel of God. You are being polished to glisten without a flaw (without sin) (Revelation 21:11).

The Great Wall

A great wall of separation exists in our world that differs greatly from the situation in the Millennium, when there will be no walls. Only Christ (the groom) and His bride are witnessing the true Gospel.

At that time—during the Millennium—Satan and his demons will be locked in “hell” (Greek tartaroo) for a full 1,000 years so no one can be deceived. The Millennium has no gimmicks, deceptions or lies to confuse mankind. No protective walls are needed then because everyone can find safety and peace by knowing the real truth of God.

Self-Interest

Thinking selfishly about yourself and what you want out of your earthly life allows no room for the needs of others including God. The big sin is not having love.

Love cannot be known as the love of God if love is simply defined as not doing what you want or desire to do. Tithing does not do the trick. This is why tithes must be paid to the Levites who by birth served in the Temple.

But there are no Levites today (except Christ in heaven), therefore there are no priests or ministers to properly tithe to or receive any tithes. (In the third year, widows and orphans shared in the tithes.)

The love of God means loving others to such a degree that you will die for them (as Jesus did)—ridding yourself of self-demands, which will require ongoing repentance.

As you grow you must lose your human nature and have the Holy Spirit help you receive the mind of God.

Initially you repent and begin to change your mind. This is a beginning with a long way to go to the end of your life. You begin as an earthly seed that sprouts a root, growing to a stalk with an ear on the branch and then to a fruit when matured.

The nourishment produces a new life. This requires a lot of repenting. Even God repents, changes His mind, when His children misbehave (read Isaiah 1).

Knowing in Part

Paul the apostle said individuals will know God only when they see Him face to face. Until
then you can know God only “in part” (1 Corinthians 13:12).

You need to learn the Gospel as a whole, then you will also know yourself—and everyone will see a change in you (for the better). You have a long way to go. Since you do not fully know yourself a lot of patience, faith and hope are required for you to gain understanding and knowledge.

But how much? One piece or part at a time until you finally come to the whole Gospel.

The Straight Road

There are two ways to find God expounded in the Bible. One is the long road and the other is the short road.

You may not know it, but while you live on earth you need God for everything: for your air, water and food. You have discovered in life there are many detours, traps and pitfalls. Everything is far from perfect, let alone holy, like God.

With humble repentance you grow from one repentance to another, making a lot of changes in your heart and mind, living by every Word of God. You need the mind of God. This is the key. Prepare yourself to research how God thinks. He can help His children (when they ask for His help).

The Big Things

Big things of God are easily seen because they are so wonderful and marvelous that your five senses can detect them.

First, they are not hidden but are so huge the world cannot help but know them. Paul told you to be fully aware of the “tiny things of God” as seen by the things made (the universe, moon, sun, stars, mountains, trees, plants, oceans, lakes, rivers, the birds, fish and animals) (Romans 1:20).

The big things of God are seen in their totality. The tiny hidden pieces are the secret things, called elements, which are the spiritual things of God.

God gives these spiritual things as you grow in following the big things everyone can see. Then you will be ready to put the small pieces of the puzzle together.

The Big Three

The three largest elements of God are knowledge, wisdom and understanding. Only the one Heavenly Father is the High God. There are many “gods” that mankind has dreamed up but only the One True God is the One who created all things (Hebrews 3:4).

The term God is a title, but there is no one else like Him (Isaiah 46:9). God (Elohim) is a plural noun because He is all things. He alone has all the talents and capabilities of the combined abilities of all individuals who have ever lived or will be born.

God is all knowledge, wisdom and understanding. Now you know why you were created as earthly beings. You were put here to learn.

To learn what? To be like God, the Most High, your Father.

What a blessing it is to know the greatest treasure ever bestowed on a creature of God. You are to become sons of God like your Brother, Jesus.

Learn every piece of information and knowledge you can, both the bad and the good, in order to know how to flee from evil.

God told you several times, scripturally, that He created good and evil. God is never evil, but He wants you to know what is wrong so you will avoid any evilness. Evil harms all His creation. Remember to be like God, who is totally free. Individuals must have the same liberty of God.

By your free choice, when you follow God He will grant you His Holy Spirit to decipher what is good or evil. With the help of God you will not
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fall into the pitfalls of sin.

God created the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in His Garden of Eden (paradise). As Genesis 1:31 tells you, all was “very good” which will eventually lead everyone to be “saved.” By choosing the wrong fruit or wrong path, you choose the long, hard knocks of life.

All the Trees

God told Adam and Eve that all the trees in the Garden could be eaten except for the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil because life would then have to be limited by death.

Only one tree was the Tree of Life (eternity—God). The other trees could be eaten but could not give eternal Life. They were in between and could depict only a growing tree with some benefit from each tree. This comes through the system of spiritual growth.

Jesus simply told you a good tree cannot produce bad fruit (Matthew 7:16-20). Since only God is “good,” as Christ said, you come to the place (with each of the other trees) to keep you growing while never quite there until you are resurrected (Matthew 19). You need to be resurrected to be whole.

Goodness

All the trees in the Garden are prophetic (giving the future world history in advance, clue by clue). The Garden manifests the entire world from its beginning and its future.

The goodness that only God always has was given to His firstborn begotten Son, Jesus, who lives by every Word of God. The Word of God can continue by the Holy Spirit of God—in you (Matthew 4:4). Every word of God given by the Holy Spirit—in you is the Word of God and is “very good” as you keep growing.

To be “good,” you will understand sin, which is a lack of goodness. The Gospel of God is the good news for all, leaving no one out. God cannot die, so He never changes and, therefore, is eternally good. Being good by harming nothing, God only does everything right. The final point of the good news of God is righteousness.

Righteousness

How would you feel if you were always right and never wrong?

Do what the Word of God reveals and you will prosper in every endeavor. Righteousness never commits an error in any way. Being righteous makes you holy like God, so you have a long way to go.

Scripture To-Do List

To fulfill the Word and good news of God, the whole Gospel must become part of you. But you need to ask God to help you. God is the One who does “the work” through His Holy Spirit.

□ When you receive knowledge and wisdom, they will produce understanding so you can become in the Image of God and Jesus.

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error. Becoming perfect, therefore, or becoming the Son of God like Jesus, is the only way (Revelation 21:7).

Now you will understand the whole Gospel, the good news—knowledge, wisdom, understanding, goodness and righteousness. As sons of God your faith and hope will grant you an inheritance—your reward—eternal Life.

Your Inheritance

Eternal life is the gift of God to you as a son of God. By deeply studying every word of God—in faith—to the end, you will understand the whole Gospel of God. By doing so, you will understand what each of your personal rewards will be.

Prophecy in Part

Every prophet in the Bible had a message for everyone regardless of their faith or belief. This includes heretics, pagans, astrologers, atheists, agnostics and followers of the Old Covenant while Christians follow the New Covenant.

Remember, all Christians and the Messianic Jews are still sinners in the flesh. Most of all, at present, God is concerned with those who earnestly are seeking Him.

In your hearts you studiously desire to know God and what He is teaching you. Eventually, when the rest of society begins to seek Him, perhaps you will be a help to some of them.

When you read each prophet in Scripture, you must feel he is talking to you personally. The warning is for everyone.

Forget the time period. Each of you has your own personal order to fully understand the plan of God. The prophets are speaking eternally from God.

Read about Job when he thought he was “perfect” in all his ways. But only after true repentance did God bless him.

Do you love God as He loves you? Each prophet’s words in the Bible should be speaking to you personally. Even the false prophets teach you how not to be. Then, when you are able to keep in a state of repentance, you become humble!

Love of God

If you have learned anything, the greatest treasure of all is the love of God. As Paul wrote: “And now abides faith, hope, charity [giving love], these three; [the real trinity] but the greatest of these is charity [love]” (I Corinthians 13:13)

Love always gives and will never harm anyone.

You have concluded the whole Gospel of God (the entire Scripture) except one last point! What is your personal good news as your reward and inheritance?

As sons of God, you will have the spiritual genes of God and will be creators just like God.

Everyone will be like God (I Corinthians 15:28). The Gospel is an eternal jubilee of happiness and joy!

The List

What have you learned?

Good and evil—knowledge, wisdom, understanding, goodness, righteousness and your personal inheritance and love—fulfill the laws by God.

There are nine gifts God will give you. The 10th is to be priests and kings (as Melchizedek) in the Kingdom of God (Revelation 5:10).

The blessings of God will be for everyone according to each individual’s order on the estate of God (John 14).

The book of Hebrews says:

“Wherefore seeing you also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let you lay aside every weight [labor] and the sin which does so easily beset you and let you run with patience the race that is set before you” (Hebrews 12:1).
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The Feast of Tabernacles is a blessing, and cricket is cricket.

At the morning service I asked Nate Rolling, the morning announcer, to pray for her. A moment later Sharon and Jeff Ledy appealed and Sharon was healed.

I must admit there were several services during the period. Some were by Jeff and Sharon Ledy and Dan and Margie White. Andy Laws gave the series on men conquering. I was grateful for the Greyhound running with only three or four passer- bengers between Columbus and Ot- tumwa.

I was also grateful for Jeff and Sharon picking me up at Ottumwa.


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Ion moves UCG’s Beyond Today TV time

The United Church of God announced that its Beyond Today television program will be airing on a new day and time beginning Friday, Jan. 2, 2015. The program will now air each Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. ET.

According to a recent church press release, the Ion Television Network (formerly Pax TV), through which Beyond Today is distributed, has decided to air its own network programming in the 9 a.m. slot each day rather than the 11 a.m. time the program had formerly aired.

This adjustment in scheduling displaces the old time the program has previously aired. It was the 11 a.m. time the program—originally through Ion Television (Pax TV), now NBC)—had formerly aired.

It is not the first time the program has decided to air its own network programming through a satellite network that focuses on family-oriented entertainment programming.

According to the UCG website, the purpose of the Beyond Today television program is to provide “genuine answers” to questions about relationships, finances, conflict, religion, current events, life’s purpose, one’s future and “much more” in a “world of increasing personal and global trouble” and to offer practical ways to help people improve their lives today while pointing to a bright hope for all humanity tomorrow.

Three presenters

The television program is anchored by UCG ministers Steve Myers, Darris McNeely and Gary Petty.

Ion Television is an American broadcast, cable and satellite network that focuses on family-oriented entertainment programming.

As of 2015, Ion was renewable for approximately 101.4 million American households through its group of 60-plus stations and through its cable and satellite providers.

In addition to Ion Television, Beyond Today may also be viewed on Roku devices as well as on Nintendo Wii or Sony X-Box sets by using the free Beyond Today YouTube app.

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