LCG and her father remember teenager who died during camp

Delaware. Ohio—A young member of the Church of God, based in Charlotte, N.C., died Aug. 2, 2015, while serving as an assistant counselor at a youth camp in Ohio sponsored by the church. Morgan Montgomery, 19, of Adelaide, Australia, was floating in the Alum Creek Reservoir in Ohio after waterskiing when she was hit by a high-speed motor boat whose driver failed to stop.

Divers located Miss Montgomery’s body the next day, after searching more than 24 hours.

She and other campers had been staying at the Boy Scouts of America’s Camp Lazarus, midway between East Central and Delaware, Ohio.

The boater who hit Miss Montgomery was not identified in news reports but was said to be cooperating with investigators.

Miss Montgomery’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Montgomery, flew in from Australia for a memorial service Aug. 9.

Her father addressed the campers and camp staff during the service. The following is an excerpt of his remarks:

“So you are all Morgan’s friends. Even to time to time I get a little upset. Don’t worry about it. Just give me a moment and we’ll keep on.

“She was a beautiful girl . . . We raised her to be a godly young woman and you think, well, this is what we want for our children too, to be raised as a godly young child and to grow into a godly person and die in the faith. And she did. She overtook us. We didn’t have much time. She was ready. But she’s there . . . We’re happy that she was baptized, . . . So Dr. Meredith reminded us, for 19 days.

“She was always astonishly faith-ful for such a young person. She said, ‘Dad, I hope you don’t take this the wrong way but I’m glad we’re doing it’ (the baptism) where we are. I don’t want it to be under your roof because I’m not very tidy.’

“When one of the family hurts, we all hurt . . . Say and come by. Tell us about Morgan. Come and tell us about the good times. You know, she loved camp . . . She was a Christian, you know. She loved everyone and she loved God . . . And now she’s there.

“One of the analogies that [the Bible] draws is of us being fruit, first-fruits . . . It’s beautiful. but if it’s left on the tree, it ripens, it can fall, it can be bruised. When fruit is ripe, it needs to be picked. And I think that’s what happened.”

The church has set up a fund in Miss Montgomery’s memory to pro- vide scholarships and transportation to young people to participate in youth camps and other church-spon- sored activities.

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Erin Lippert

Westbrook, Maine—A Church of God camp in Maine sponsored by the church.

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a’s Long Day and Hezekiah’s Sun-

Gong Back Ten Degrees” in The JOURNAL, page 16, issue No. 174,.

I was reading The JOURNAL, the issue No. 174, an article by Tina Engelbart. It was splendid, and it followed my beliefs almost to the word and beyond my convictions.

The article was well articulated. She used a professional method of ex-

plaining every point she made.

I certainly believe that Eve was cre-

ated to be equal with Adam, and wom-

en today certainly fit the bill.

If a man and woman work together as a family, there is no stopping that family.

I’ll read the article several more times and wonder what kind of a

lucky husband you have that he should be so blessed with such an intelligent and insightful wife.

My hats off to you, Tina Engelbart. Keep up the good work!

If you knew you better I’d tell you but my beliefs about Mother Mary. Whatever happened to her? I’ll try to have an opinion.

Richard Mosher

Burlington, Vt.

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thing else and fear changes? The person Dave spoke of who received one talent did not want to accept the opportunity and responsibilities his lord was giving him and change his status quo. Will Christ find people living faith or people playing with faith? Will Christ find people living faith or Bible trivia and afraid or ashamed to act faith?

We seem to want to redefine words to fit our own agendas. For example, “Christian” is historically and doctrinally and expect God to jump because we are observers of the “true doctrines,” hence making God our servant rather than our being His servants.

Any blessing we receive we have a tendency to see as because of God’s doctrinal worthiness rather than His gra-

cious character.

In a quest to be legally per-

cept we may actually be going farther from God’s grace than closer to it.

Delight, Ark.

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Was Jesus the Son of God? It’s complicated

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ENCOLN, N.D.—Which John wrote Revelation? When one searches the Internet on Revelation, one finds the apostle John was not its author.

By Dave Havir

The writer is a regular columnist for THE JOURNAL and pastor of the Church of God Big Sandy, Texas—A misconception has caused much trou- ble among the Churches of God. Many people do not understand "binding and loosing" from Matthew 16:19. Because of this misunderstanding, people have asked me what the idea of men above the words and ideas of the Holy Bible is. These people are sincere. Nevertheless, even sincere men make mistakes.

By James Tabor

CHALORTE, N.C.—Most of us who teach in the field of Christian origins get asked on a daily basis to take part in public lectures, "Professor, do you be- lieve Jesus was the Son of God?" Sometimes X is "Messianic," other times it is "divine," but in my experi- ence most people are asking, "Do you believe Jesus was the Son of God?"

In good Socratic fashion one is tempted to reply, "Well, what do you mean by the term 'Son of God?"' Such a counterquestion is certainly more compelling and loosing.

Here is a listing of 10 of the com- plex ways in which that term is used in the Christian Bible and other related traditions.

An ancient change

1. Centuries ago the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church changed its doctrine about the Sabbath.
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Deja vu

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The apostle John did not write the book of Revelation

The writer is a longtime reader of THE JOURNAL. Write him at rayedaly@bis.midco.net

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March 22, ILTON KEYNES, England—This is the first in a series of 12 excerpts and points of interest from the book. Comfort is seen as soothing balm to the afflicted human spirit, given within safe boundaries. While comfort doesn’t solve a problem, it gives a sense of well-being along with safe- ty, belonging and acceptance, and hence the energy to find solutions.

Code and character

This third excerpt is on human character.

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Obituaries

Clyde Paul Crawford, 68, of Lacey’s Spring, Ala., the Morgan City area, died Aug. 11, 2015, in Limestone County. ¶ Mr. Crawford was born Jan. 18, 1947, in the Green Briar Cove area of Marshall County, to the son of George E. and Zenobia Clark Crawford. He was an instru-

mentation specialist, a member of the Intercon-

tinental Church of God and had lived in the Morgan City area for most of his life. ¶ He and the former Melba Way were married 49 years. ¶ Mark Armstrong remembered Clyde in a letter to ICS members: “… Having known Clyde for at least 15 years, we know that he was a very spe-

al and unique man. Many have said he was the most humble man they’d ever met, and that’s right. He was also a won-
defterful servant, always willing to show up and help with whatever was needed. Not only was he a pillar of the church at Huntsville, Ala., for many, many years. Clyde traveled often on behalf of the church, visiting groups far and wide. He

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Are You Politically Correct?

Merriam-Webster defines politically correct as: "conforming to a belief that language and practices which could offend political sensibilities (as in matters of sex or race) should be eliminated."

We know that God is anything but politically correct. As they say, He calls 'em like He sees 'em. As a 'church' (as the collective body of believers) we also believe open about calling sin for what it is.

But have we really? Does the church engage in its own politically correct church speech?

Psychologist Nicolai Sennels has written at some length on the dangers of Islam and Muslim immigration into Europe and why it seems the majority are reacting blindly, but since the group present, He discusses this from the viewpoint of social psychology. There are three aspects to this he believes explain the reason so many in Europe (and North America) are blind to the warning signs that are literally in their face.

I was intrigued by this, because I see a similar problem in what's left of the body of the WCG. There are obvious problems that are glaring at the membership, but only a very few seem to be willing to pull their heads out of the sand and address the issues.

Everyone reading this knows my pet issue, but it is not the only one. Multiple men and some women have been pointing out multiple problems in the church for the last 40 years. Why are we basically hearing the same teachings that were opened to us over 70 years ago? Review is good, but we are told in God's Word that at the end the words will be unsealed. Is there a reason we seem stalled and marking time? I believe this same series of social psychology phenomena explains why the church body is not growing in grace and knowledge, as God admonishes us to.

The first is the Bystander Effect. This explains why people remain passive during emergencies. It came to prominence in 1964 when Kitty Genovese was killed while her neighbors looked on and did nothing. This mind-set causes bystanders to become spectators to a disaster rather than take action. According to Sennels, this is caused when the members of the group rely on other members of the group to assess the seriousness of the situation. Hence, they rely on others to tell them what action to take. While this is a theory, and no one can read minds, there has been a substantial amount of study and experimentation to back up this theory.

The second is Pluralistic Ignorance. This phenomenon is evident when the majority of the group rejects an idea, so as not to lose contact with the group. Individual members of the group believe they are the only ones who reject it. They are ignorant of the consensus of the majority. So, to satisfy the desire to be well regarded by the group, they accept the issue quietly, so as not to lose contact with the group.

Sennels comes up with the third as his own theory. He calls it 'good people.' He believe that in all cultures and groups there is a group definition of what constitutes a "good person." This is very similar to Pluralistic Ignorance. Again, individuals, afraid to be ostracized from the group, fall into line with the 'group think' definition of a 'good person.' The 'group' determines what defines a 'good person,' and individuals are viewed as bad when they do not outwardly profess to believe the group's definition.

For instance, 70 years ago smoking was an accepted part of society, and adultery was very taboo. Now, less than a century later, this is exactly reversed. In 1945, "good women" could smoke, but they definitely were not carousing with strange men.

Now, it's acceptable to join online clubs like mine, but if they are seen puffing a cigarette in the school drop-off line, they are being cut from the group immediately.

I see these same mind-sets playing out in the lay members of the churches of God. One example—while I was in the PCG, I came upon this question of postponements. I had never heard of it, but I knew it was taboo.'So I sat on it for some time. I finally decided to ask one of my acquaintances in the church, but not one of the folks I had grown up with while in WCG.

The fear I had of talking to one of my close friends, I believe, was evidence of my falling into the 'group think' definition. I wanted to maintain my friendship, so I didn't bring up a forbidden subject with a person I wanted to keep close. The fellow I did question said he had similar questions a year before, and had asked the regional minister, who gave him a pat answer. The minister then told him he had the weekend to 'get it straight in your head,' or . . .

My acquaintance allowed himself to put them into a 'holding pattern' when he was likely being shown something new by God. Most of you will substitute 'Satan' for 'God' in the last sentence. But remember, the Bereans received the word, searched the scriptures daily, and held fast to those teachings that were true. Why did they have to search the scriptures, when we have this written word? (scriptures) to find the truth.

The bystander effect happens when we see an immediate problem but are afraid to act because others don't act. I was at the Feast in Chattanooga once when a very sick man needed special seating. The ushers were refusing to accommodate him, because it wasn't what the leadership had decreed. Myself and a substantial group of people saw this and knew it needed to be addressed. But only a couple of others and I acted.

Plenty of people saw the need. They knew what needed to be done, and it was within their means to help their brother. But they stood there like Kitty's neighbors.

How many of you are succumbing to these thoughts and actions? How many of you know there is something wrong in your fellowship but are afraid to question it? How many of you are afraid to talk among yourselves when gathered for coffee or the bookout?

Brothers! Hear me! The only thing stopping you now is the fear you have of everlasting judgment. The issues mentioned above are based on fear. God tells us, "Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee wherever thou goest!" Know that God will fight your battles! The veil was ripped from top to bottom! Christ is the unmediator between us and God! Yet we fear a mere man.

Are we afraid that men can hold us back from the presence of God Almighty? If we are, we sin greatly! We limit God by believing men are able to stand between God and us.

People, I was kicked out of the PCG and literally told, 'Never darken the doors of this church again!' The man who told me that died a horrible, painful, slow death. Am I better than he? A thousand times yes! But I am still alive and I have seen miracle after miracle just since that event.

Men can never hold you back from the presence of God. We are told, "Fear nor them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body . . . ."

I leave you with the example HWA gave us from his beginning ministry. Autobiography, Volume 1, Chapter 19, 'Truth or Consequences' subhead. God used a man to heal Loma. This man was blessed with the great gift of healing. When HWA revealed the truth of the Sabbath to him, he refused to accept it—so for the same reasons Sennels tells us. You all should know the story, but, if you have not read it, you can find it at http://w w w . c o g n e o . o r g / l i t e r a t u r e / h w a / b o o k s / autobios.pdf (my great thanks to The Church of God at Northeast Ohio).

Brethren, don't say what this man said. To paraphrase, "Well, now, Brother, that's just the trouble. You see how it could get you all upset. All the churches follow the 18 Restored Truths. We can't start to fight all the churches. Now we are saved by following the Apostle, not by what we think God tells us. We think there are more important things in salvation than the nature of God, or which day we keep. This could just get you all mixed up. It could be dangerous. Better get just your mind off of such things."

It cost him his gift from God. Will that attitude cost you your crown?

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Prophecy: The TERRIBLE DISobedient state of the OFFSHOOT WCG Sinisters today Jer. 23:9-12:

"Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the LORD, and because of the words of His holiness. "For . . . both prophet and priest [1.] Meredith LCG 2.) Flurry PCG, 3.) Thiel CCOG, etc.] are profane [DISobedient to Scripture as proven by the FACTS Deut 16:16; Ez 46:3; Zech 8:19 etc.] yea, in mine house [in the ALL the offshoot churches of the WCG] have I found their wickedness [of breaking God's Bible and saying they follow Armstrong instead of God!], saith the LORD.

"Wherefore their way shall be unto them [the offshoot WCG] as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall [be murdered in the Tribulation] therein: for I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation" Jeremiah 23:9-12.

Your sinisters to follow God's Bible words, as proven by the FACTS. Therefore they shall fall.

They will "NOT" be in the Place of Safety. They "WILL" have their heads cut off by the Beast power, and be murder by the Beast power, and it is just as ridiculous to "average" God's Holy Days as it is to "average" God's Sabbath. Therefore it is the responsibility of every individual to search out for themselves what is ACTUALLY WRITTEN in God's Bible, and live by the word. Your sinisters' "averaging" calendar lies are "NOT" in God's Bible = No averaging calendar is in GOD'S Bible. Period.

And FORCE your sinister to live by God's Bible Words. Read Deut 16:16 to him and state: Why don't you have 3 "PILGRIMAGE" Feast Assemblies like the Feast of Tabernacles?

Tell him, because YOU MUST. God states: "CONTEND" for the faith once delivered Jude 3 = 1) Contend/FIGHT with your sinister for not just 1 fall pilgrimage Feast but Deut 16:16's 3 Pilgrimage Feast Sites-the same as the 1st Century Church's Jesus Family followed. Then 2) Contend/FIGHT with your sinister that there is NO 1883 Date Line that moves Gods Sabbath to Friday, so that you work on Gods Sabbath, and then 3) Contend/FIGHT with your sinister that there is NO averaging calendar that makes you work on God's Holy Days = NO working on God's Moadim "APPOINTED" DAYS this Fall. Yeshua did "NOT" use an averaging calendar: Because if He did then you do not have salvation, because then He broke His Fathers Holy Day Law. To say Yeshua used an averaging calendar is nonsense, because even the Orthodox Jews in Jerusalem to this day, celebrate 2 days at the end of the month, just in case they missed the correct day = the Jews never used an averaging calendar in Yah's time. It was not until 358 A.D. that the Jews used the A.D. averaging calendar. That is a FACT. And the 1st Century Church NEVER used an averaging calendar. So all you offshoot SINISTERS WILL burn in Hell for CAUSING A LIE. Rev 21:27. "AND" you offshootsin members will burn in Hell, who "PRACTICE" their Sinisters' lie. Rev 22:15. So STOP "PRACTICING" LIES,或 burn in Hell for practicing "Satans". The 358 A.D. averaging calendar lie on this 2015 Feast = Or else, then you and your Sinisters, "WILL" burn in Hell for CAUSING A LIE. Rev 21:27. And it is just as ridiculous to "average" God's Holy Days as it is to "average" God's Sabbath.

The way to lose your eternal life is really simple: Ignore God's Bible words. In the Bible, God has told us "EXACTLY" what we should do: Deut 16:16 3 Feast of Tabernacles style pilgrimages a year to headquarters. Ezek 46:3 Isa 66:23 Worship Him on every new month day. Zech 8:19 Fast 4 times a year in addition to atonement.

When it comes to making decisions:

First, DETERMINE if your decision goes against anything clearly spelled out in God's Bible. Then "DO" what God's Bible states, or don't do what God's Bible commands and burn in Hell fire. It's that simple to decide. Example: 1.) The 7th day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. 2.) The 1st day of Tishrei is the Feast of Trumpets. But if you use a 358 A.D. "averaging" calendar you will "NOT" have Trumpets on the 1st day of Tishrei. You will have it 1 day early or 2 days late, 1 day late and 2 days early, causing you to work on Trumpets. 3.) If you average God's Sabbath week, then you would have the Sabbath day on Wednesday in the middle of the week, instead of Saturday the end of the week, because the average/middle of the 7 days is Wednesday. That IS what you are doing when you use "averaging", and it is just as ridiculous to "average" God's Holy Feast Days, as His Sabbath.

And it is even MORE ridiculous when you can use 1 click of your computer to know the correct day. Sept 16 Trumpets Wed* Sept 25 Atonement Fri* Sept 30 Feast Wed* (*starts evening before) REPENT all you sinisters, and "obey" God's Bible words = NO averaging God's Holy Days.

"For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES" (Hebrews 10:26-27).

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When Soldiers Fall (2014)

by Stephen F. Cohen

(“US technocrats took an enormous toll on enemy civilians, especially in Vietnam and in WWII, and in Vietnam.”)

The US government has not had to downplay this intention. Politicians and public have been willing accomplices, at least on paper. Politicians and generals have an obvious incentive to bury bad news. [Many people claim conspicuous good intentions, though—Wrong.]

While ignoring many conspiracies reported ever since the conflict, as the FIFA or soccer scandal of top officials bribed for years to allow certain nations to host the games.)

US censorship in WWII kept most ghastly aspects of war out of the news, until it was less relevant who got used to the camouflage. [If the bad effects of war on troops is kept quiet, war doesn’t seem so bad to the public getting one-sided news.]

Battlefield reports had to lie outside unprotected for up to 36 hours in the cold and mud. The troops had not received adequate clothing for the cold winter. Gas attacks were horrific.

When the US entered the WWII the US populace was convinced by many books and congressional hearings that British propagandists and press had made war seem worse than it ever got (as long as the US was not even involved in WWII.)

Many US citizens thought the US military was more responsible for human suffering than the Japanese, which seemed no better than Nazi Germany. And did not want to be tricked into war by FDR standard-bearer Wendell Willkie who had campaigned against war and had British propagandists and press had made war seem worse than it ever got (as long as the US was not even involved in WWII.)

Censorship of war news copied that from WWII. The massive Pentagon building for the military had to be lying outside protected (as usual). Opponent Wendell Willkie had campaigned against war and had said that US should not join in another European slaughter. FDR fought back by claiming “again and again” he had wanted (as usual) to avoid war.

While announcing he was going to declare war and would not allow American boys to suffer in a war (which they started), he hated war, and even shot by friendly fire. A congressional hearing of what he claimed in his UN speech for war in Iraq, the US military was to “fight, die and kill on behalf of the state.”

Soldiers suffered materially from days without sleep, promotion, and often faced sudden attacks of fear while modern weapons killed comrades and desolated their bodies. Surgeons were often killed soldiers tearful, trembling and with jery hard death. [While images of physical wounds might be openly shown, except for those who recovered.]

Critics of US censorship claimed people then got the real story of war. But the truth is that the public got used to the camouflage. [If the bad effects of war on troops is kept quiet, war doesn’t seem so bad to the public getting one-sided news.]

No one today has the will to talk about war. [If the bad effects of war on troops is kept quiet, war doesn’t seem so bad to the public getting one-sided news.]

US is that this nation does do bad things to others, but our intentions are good and we are morally right—self-servicing hypocrisy. While the US propaganda, which the meta corresponds mostly by omission, it is pretty clear that the meta news he meant to be able to find some ways to get out of this mess.

US troops had difficulty defending friend and foe, or just travelers, so civilians got shot and killed—of US troops and foreigners. The US military was to “fight, die and kill on behalf of the state.”

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The "War of Attrition" was mainly directed at foreign targets, including Barbarians, and many of the atrocities being reported were entirely fictitious. The New Ministry of Information began in Feb. 1915 and controlled over all propaganda activities, being split into three departments to oversee domestic, foreign, and military propaganda. A pamphlet advocated to mobilize hatred of the German Kaiser. If the Kaiser's government was overthrown, it meant the Kaiser was a noncombatant by our 'surgical' bombing. The war was fought more by psychological means than by physical ones. Germany's propaganda campaign was well-organized and effective from the start. The leaflet was the most common means of communication.

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The British propaganda machine during World War II was a huge secret agency of nationwide news management. In 1941, the British War Department now called the Defense Intelligence Agency, was established at the last minute when the lawsuits it was defending the Constitution. The two chief propagandists, who seemed to show him debating, but every- wedding ceremony was going to be my message, but it will have a bitter truth and a soapbox. The only way out seems to give to that charity, buy that enemy or vote for that leader.

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As newspapers and posters were joined by new media, including radio, cinema, and the new form of news management known as "propaganda." The main purpose of propaganda was to influence the population to support the war effort, and by the end of the war, it was clear that propaganda had played a significant role in the war's outcome. The use of propaganda in the war was extensive, and its effects were felt throughout the entire society.

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How important are doctrines to your salvation?

S o He said to him, ‘Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.’ (Matt 19:17.) Jesus Christ indicated that keeping the commandments was the way to receive salvation. The following verse, 18, clarifies that He was specifically talking of the Ten Commandments. What do the Ten Commandments have to say about church government, or belief in an ever-burning hell, the identity of the twelve tribes or the configuration, ‘nature,’ of God? If one keeps the Ten Commandments but fellowships with a group that isn’t organized according to your perception of “God’s government,” is their keeping the commandments futile? Does Jesus’ statement above no longer apply? If one keeps the Ten Commandments but believes he will go to heaven when He dies, is he keeping the commandments futile? Where did Christ indicate that might be so?

Is there something in the Ten Commandments that requires that one disagree the Trinity? We are to have no other God before the Creator that gave us these instructions. Does the Creator intend that we respect His instruction, or must one understand the physical configuration of the Creator? Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven” (Matt 7:21). Jesus indicates that doing the will of the Father is the standard for admittance into the Kingdom. This is no surprise. His will has always been that we keep the commandments. Understanding the physical configuration of the Father is not mentioned as a factor.

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” (Heb 11:6). One must believe that God is. There doesn’t seem to be any variation one way or the other if one happens to be confused or not as to His physical configuration. Why would belief in the Trinity affirm or void the above quoted scriptures? These doctrines are in the same class as circumcision. It was a matter of what men thought was important at that time. “Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters” (1 Cor 7:19).

What is important about the Creator is how He thinks, not how many faces He might have or however one perceives the Trinity. His way is embodied in the Ten Commandments. Those who keep His commandments walk with Him. “Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways,” and to fear him” (Deut 8:6). God is love (1 John 4:8). We practice the love of God when we keep His commandments (1 John 5:3). Misunderstood church organization, the exact reward He promises or confusion about His physical configuration does not constitute sin but misunderstanding, which will be easily cleared up at Christ’s return, if not before. Sin is what separates us from our Creator, not misunderstanding.

Doctrines like these are major contributors to all the division within the churches of God. Although we all generally agree about the Trinity, there are other doctrines about which we don’t agree that are equally unconnected with the Ten Commandments and the fundamentals of salvation. Many have made them the yardstick. The word of God does not. The valid yardstick is the one Jesus Christ used (Matt 19:17) quoted above. We should save judgment for the Creator or other academic subjects and ignored serious thought towards understanding His way? David pondered His ways continually, yet He never claimed a complete understanding. “I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways” (Ps 119:51,52). Do we think we don’t need to do this? We’re better than David?

Along with the actual Ten Commandments God gave judgments that clarify how to keep the commandments. According to these judgments everything we do reflects on Jesus Christ. Have you noticed where that is indicated? (Hab. 2:21.) Do you represent Him well or is He frequently ashamed? If He is living His life in you, do you make Him the servant of sin? Don’t wait for someone ordained of men to look into this for you. Develop your own relationship with your Creator by a careful study especially of His covenants, the Ten Commandments, and His judgments. CreatorCovenant.org highlights what’s important to Him.

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The Abuse of Hierarchical Church Government and Keeping the New Covenant

There is a mistaken belief out there that if a church has a hierarchical form of government the leader of that church can appoint his heir to that church’s property and leadership.

Not true! The dictionary’s definition of “hierarchical” is, first, a system of church government by priests or other clergy in graded ranks. The word heir is not even related to hierarchical. Notice the first four letters of these two words are even spelled differently.

The Bible plainly teaches that hierarchical government is the proper church government by giving us two examples:

1 Corinthians 12:28—“God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers,” etc.

Ephesians 4:11—“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers.”

There is a plain biblical law providing for church leadership succession found in Acts 1:23-25.

Acts 1:23-25—“And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, ’You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.’ And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.”

In this way of choosing a successor, Christ can choose who He wants to work through in leading His church. Herbert Armstrong knew of this law of succession but chose to ignore it, and look what happened to God’s church! Millions of dollars’ worth (tithing) of “Worldwide Church of God” property and other assets, plus the leadership, were unlawfully transferred to Joseph Tkach and then unlawfully transferred to his son, Joseph Jr., his blood heir.

Let me say here that I still consider Herbert Armstrong a great man of God and probably God’s end-time type of Elijah to restore first-century church knowledge and practice.

This does not mean Herbert was perfect or understood prophecy perfectly. Herbert was wrong about a few things.

We hear a lot about Armstrong legalism and how bad it was. Just remember this: If you are not legal, then you are illegal, therefore illegitimate.

There was no New Testament, therefore no written New Covenant, during most of the first century. The apostles were writing it. Most of the time when the apostles are referring to the law they are referring to the Old Covenant law. We are now under grace but still have to keep the New Covenant laws.

Hebrews 7:12—“Of necessity there is a change in the law.”

Just to name a few changes in the law: animal sacrificing, circumcision and stoning people to death. All are now obsolete.

Commandment keeping is about our love for God and neighbor. The greater our love, the greater our desire to keep His commandments.

Galatians 5:4—“You who seek to be justified by law, you have fallen from grace.”

My understanding of this scripture is, if you are under grace, then keep His New Covenant laws. If you don’t believe we have to keep the New Covenant laws just take a Bible concordance and look under “Law.” Then look under “Commandments.” Read and study these laws and commandments and then try to convince me we don’t have to keep the New Covenant laws.

Now back to hierarchical church government. There are several more Church of God leaders out there planning on violating God’s succession law. They are planning on transferring church property (your tithing) and leadership to their blood heir or favorite person. It’s as if they believe the church is to advance their own personal family dynasty.

How can we make sure these church leaders start obeying God’s succession law? One way of doing that is by withholding your tithing or putting it in a trust fund until these leaders can assure you that they will obey God’s succession law. You could spend some of it by putting your “testimony of Jesus Christ” in this newspaper. That’s what I’m doing, and how spiritually rewarding it is.
What's not settled?
The Greatest Controversy in Christianity's 2000-year History Remains Open

The centuries-long battle by theologians to define or redefine the nature of God and the nature of Jesus was not settled by the enforced creeds of the fourth and fifth centuries. There has been no such doctrinal upheaval striking Christianity before or since. Why wouldn't this be such a colossal dispute as it hits at the very basis of the Christian faith, the Doctrine of God? Nothing is more important than knowing who God is and what he is like. Likewise, for us humans what could be more relevant than a clear understanding of the nature of Jesus?

We are called to become like God, to take on his divine nature and follow his son's example, which will lead us to God's presence and eternal life. Both require us to know the truth about God and Jesus. "Credo" is from the Latin credo, "I believe," and is what a church's statement of faith is, or one's confession of faith, or one's statement of core tenets or doctrines. We all should have one, but it need not be the product of a corporate denomination or the product of political compromise or coercion, as was the case with the great creeds of Christendom. It should be your own creed developed by careful study of Scripture.

Did the creed of Nicea (A.D. 325) when two thirds of the new doctrine of trinity was fixed make things clear or just mystify the doctrine of God? Was the consensus solved with the Constantinopolitan Creed (381) when the Holy Spirit was added to the mix of mysteries making the trinity complete? Did the great creed of Chalcedon (451), intending to clarify all the many Christological confusions created by the previous creeds, finally settle the matter? Not even slightly.

Were any of these creeds, conceived centuries after Jesus and the apostles, really necessary? Why weren't the creeds of Hebrew Scripture sufficient? Why wasn't the Creed of Christ sufficient?

There are reasons: The predicted great falling away from the faith was in full flow. The church bishops were gentiles more familiar with Hellenistic (Greek) culture and pagan religion than they were with the Hebrew/Jewish culture of Scripture and the early church. These theologians, sincere and well-meaning for the most part, saw the Christ event through a different lens. Their world of reference was the philosophical principles of Plato and the cultural influences of pagan Greek and Roman religion.

The sea change of doctrines from that of the very Jewish/Hebrew church Jesus began to the one that emerges centuries later is thoroughly shocking. Add to that the strong anti-Jewish bias that motivated that falling away, and you are left with a faith quite different from that of Jesus, Peter and Paul.

Things deemed Jewish or too Old Testament were vigorously opposed and ultimately eliminated from doctrine and practice. Things like the Sabbath, annual Holy Days, belief in the mortality of man, rest in the grave from Scripture and from Jesus. Then make your own creedal confession with that information.

Consider first the Creed of Jesus as plainly declared in Mark 12:28-34, giving close attention to the setting, the question asked of Jesus, his unambiguous answer, and the dialogue with the Torah expert that followed.

"One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, 'Of all the commandments, which is the most important?'

"‘The most important one,’ answered Jesus, 'is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.' "

Jesus' confession of what is most important in belief and action are exact quotations from Deut. 6:4-5 (the Shema, which God-fearing Jews recite every morning and evening and at the beginning of every synagogue service, which was also the personal practice of Jesus), and Lev. 19:18, love of neighbor is part of the "holiness code"—"Become holy as your heavenly Father is holy" (Lev. 19:2; Matt. 5:48).

The Torah teacher affirmed that Jesus was correct and repeated back to Jesus, "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. Is this understanding of God important or just a minor doctrinal point? Jesus answers.

"When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' "

Knowing that God is One, according to Jesus, is essential knowledge for moving toward the Kingdom of God and all it gloriously entails.

—Ken Westby

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God’s Warning Message

“The Fall Festivals of God”

**T**he Observeance of the Fall Festivals—Around the world many thousands of members of the WWC, as they were before the death of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, will be observing the Fall Festivals. Always it has been a time of happiness—looking forward to being with friends, enjoying the sights and eating in the best restaurants. This is yet true today with most of the corporate churches that have branched off from the WWC before and after 1995. This is not to say this is wrong, but consider further.

Your Ministers—Have you ever done, as did the true members of the Ephesian Church Era, proved by Scripture, beliefs and fruits who are the true ministers of God as opposed to those who are of Satan the devil (Revelation 2:1-3; II Corinthians 11:13-15; II Peter 2:1-3; Jude 3-4)? Last, is God’s Church a very small one or a large one? (Luke 12:32).

With these questions in mind, consider where we are now in time and what may very well take place during the coming months.

The Doomsday Clock—By John Ficevec, video by Ju Zhang, 17 Aug 2015, Telegraph

“Doomsday clock for global market crash strikes one minute to midnight as central banks lose control.” In addition, there are predictions from knowledgeable and respected men in their fields of expertise who are predicting the economy will soon crash even worse than in the early 1930s!

A Change in History—Michael Snyder, August 19, 2015—“Is September going to be a month that changes history? For months, there has been an unprecedented amount of buzz all over the Internet about what is going to happen in September. And without a doubt, we are going to witness a convergence of events during that month that is quite remarkable.”

Market Crasher—“September 13—The last day of the Shemitah year [Seventh Sabbatical Year]. During the last two Shemitah cycles, we witnessed record-breaking market crashes on the very last day of the Shemitah year (Elul 29 on the Biblical calendar); September 17, 2001, the Dow plunged 684 points. On September 29, 2008 (which was also Elul 29 on the Biblical calendar) the Dow plummeted 777 points.

**Entering the Danger Zone**—“Now we are in another Shemitah year. It began in the fall of 2014, and it ends September 13, 2015. Due to the ending of the Shemitah year and numerous other factors, there is rampant speculation that a stock market crash is going to happen in the United States during the month of September—without doubt we are entering the danger zone; September 14—The Feast of Trumpets; September 23—Day of Atonement.”

**Blood Moons**—“September 28—The first day of the Feast of Tabernacles—this is the date for the last of the four blood moons that fall on Biblical festival dates during 2014 and 2015. This Blood Moon will be a ‘supermoon’ and it will be clearly visible from Jerusalem. The Blood Moons that appeared on the Festival dates during 2014 and 2015 were undoubtedly Miraculous Signs intended for the Jewish people at this present time and by extension for the nations of Israel!”

Jerusalem 66-69 A.D—Their warnings were ignored then and will be today just as others have been ignored, such as: lightning striking twice the Vatican and the meteor blazing through the sky and striking Russia with a greater force than an atom bomb—both occurring in 2013!

The Wrath of God—The clock is now set one minute before the midnight hour. Even those people can see time is swiftly running out! God’s wrath will very soon begin to be poured out in a much greater way than it has been up to this point! The very Festivals of God that all of us will be observing—picture the wrath of God being poured out on mankind: the Seals, Trumpets and Plagues!

**A Reverent Fear of God**—Should this not create a reverent fear for the very God before whom you think will be there at the Festivals to worship—fear enough to check up on yourselves as to where you are going and the ministers who will be teaching you? Soon it will be too late.

The Philadelphia Era of God’s Church—Please know from Scripture it will only be God’s true and faithful little flock, the remnant of the Philadelphia Era of God’s Church, that will escape the coming terrible times due to their faithfulness and endurance (Revelation 3:7-13). They have checked up to see who is faithful as opposed to those who are living unfaithful lives before God (Revelation 3:7-13; 22:14: Luke 21:36).

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your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. . . .

(Genesis 48:16, 18-20). “He set Ephraim as a people, and he also shall be great”...

that this “younger brother” “shall be fruitful and multiply you, and I will make you a multitude of people.”

Then when Jacob laid his right hand on Joseph’s younger son, Ephraim, Jacob said that this “younger brother” “shall be greater” than the older brother, and his (Ephraim’s) seed shall become a multitude of nations, but Manasseh “also shall become a people, and he also shall be great” (Genesis 48:16, 18-20). “He set Ephraim before Manasseh!” In verse 5, “and now your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh… They shall be mine.”

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Double strength”—America is the “breadbasket of the world.

Greater than his brother—US is much greater than United Kingdom.

Purchasing nations to earth’s end—and America has engaged in worldwide wars.

Multiplied numerically the most—US is 300 million to Great Britain’s 60 million.

Ephraim is the younger son—is US the younger nation.

Ephraim led the Northern Kingdom—America leads the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel.

Ephraim despises “royalty”—America rejected British royalty.

Ephraim would be filled with idols—America possesses many idols and false faiths.

Ephraim turns its back on God—America has turned its back on God.

Ephraim in a land of drifters—America is filled with alcohol and drugs.

The United States of America is Ephraim.

Ephraim is a “mixed” people—America is the “melting pot” of the world.

Ephraim is a “religious” people—The British churches are virtually empty.

Ephraim was the 13th tribe—America began with 13 colonies.

Ephraim’s sign was cattle—America is the world’s biggest producer of cattle.

Manasseh’s sign was the unicorn—Great Britain’s royal sign is the unicorn.

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We live in a very troubled world. And Satan likes to keep it that way by continuously nurturing gainsaying and deception against the word of God.

However, all troubles on this planet are not the fault of the devil. Timothy wrote almost 2,000 years ago that, as time progressed, evil men and seducers would wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived (2 Timothy 3:13). Notice that Timothy made no mention of the devil. Some people are evil and seducers on their own and don’t require any extra help.

Jesus told the disciples: “Whosoever shall confess me before men (Strong’s Concordance NT #3667) — have covenant; acknowledge), him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men (Strong’s NT #720 = contradict; disavow; reject; abnegate), him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 10:32-33).

When individuals ‘confess’ each other, there is more than a nodding acquaintance between them. They are friends. They know each other. The parable of the 10 virgins shows when Jesus returns he tells five virgins he does not know them. There is no covenant between them (Matthew 25:12).

The verses in Matthew 10 quoted above come from the King James Bible. The word deny is used, but that is a catchall word. The original text is aorist meaning: contradict, disavow, reject, abnegate. There is no specific mention of ‘deny’ as a meaning.

The dictionary definition of contradict is being inconsistent, asserting the opposite of a situation or what has been said. Jesus clearly stated reasons why he came to the earth. If someone changes those reasons they are contradicting and, thus, denying Jesus.

Jesus is contradicted when what he said he stood for is changed.

Jesus is contradicted when the words he brought from his Father are twisted around by people to convey a different meaning. Jesus said he could do nothing without the Father. He spoke the words of the Father. Contradicting what Jesus said denies the teaching he brought from the Father (John 5:30).

By dictionary definition, disavow means to disclaim responsibility or approval of. The Pharisees rarely approved of what Jesus said and attributed his miracles to the power of Satan. By disavowing the things Jesus was teaching and doing by the power of God’s Spirit, the Pharisees were putting themselves in the position of being disavowed by Jesus for eternal life (Matthew 23:13).

Reject is not accepting, not believing. Example: Upon hearing some of God’s truth, an individual responds they don’t believe, and in some cases they can’t believe. They can not abandon the ideas and beliefs acquired through cultural traditions, social customs, and religious dogma heard from others who hold their attention. New Testament church leaders warned against listening to error, warned about associating with those who refused to accept what Jesus said.

The Jews brought Jesus before Pilate. During that meeting, Pilate questioned: “So, you are a king then?” Jesus answered: “Certainly I am a king. For this very purpose I was born. For this very purpose I have come into the world to testify for truth. Everybody who is a friend of truth listens to me.” (John 10:32-39).

Jesus then made this comment: “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6). The way Jesus was saying he was king, was that he was the way to the Father through him.

Jesus was praying in preparation for the cross. He asked his Father in heaven to restore the glory he had with him before the world existed (John 17:5). His prayer clearly shows that the lifeform who became Jesus on earth had existed prior to creation of the earth. When Jesus would die, he would like his former glory restored. If Jesus was a spirit while on earth he would have had no need to ask to be restored.

Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time of the Dedication Celebration. Some Jews surrounded him and asked: “How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah tell us plainly.” (John 1:41-3).

“I have already told you and you don’t believe me,” Jesus replied. “The proof is in the miracles I do in the name of my Father. But you don’t believe me because you are not part of my flock. My sheep recognize my voice, and you don’t recognize mine. By my words you know that I am a spirit.” (John 10:22-29).

Jesus was born of a human woman—“The Word was made flesh” (John 1:14). On the cross, the blood and died (John 19:33-34)—It is appointed unto men once to die” (Hebrews 9:27). Jesus said it himself, physical and spiritual forms of life were/are different—“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit” (John 3:6).

Regardless of many biblical scriptures, some supposedly enlightened people believe when Jesus was on the earth he was god incarnate (a god wrapped in flesh), or was half spirit and half human. The apostle John gave warning concerning such ideas: “Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Every spirit that confesses Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God. And every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God. This is that spirit of anti-christ of which you have heard” (1 John 4:1-3).

“Neither pray I for my Father has given them to me, and He is more powerful than anyone else” (Living Bible, John 10:22-29).

What was Jesus telling the Jews by that comment? He wasn’t saying he was God, or equal to God. He wasn’t saying the Father and he were a single entity. The Jews, however, thought that was exactly what Jesus had said.

Those six words, I and my Father are one, are found in many New Testament Bible versions. The number ‘one’ is in the original Greek text. Technically, it is a correct translation. However there are some NT translation exceptions.

John 10:30 in the International English New Testament reads this way: “My Father and I are united. Apparently the editors of the IENT looked at what Jesus had said, and determined the intent of the comment ‘one’ as saying Jesus and his Father were on the same page (to use a modern idiom).

Jesus prayed concerning present and future followers: “Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word, that they all may be one as thou, Father, are in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us (John 17:20-21). Was Jesus asking for all disciples to combine into a single Being? If that is what he meant and asked, the Father ignored the request. The apostles continued guiding the church es as distinct individuals.

The person who repents of sin, do they combine into Jesus? Of course not. Repentant individuals don’t even become equal to Jesus. They are admonished to grow in grace and knowledge and be ‘one’ in heart, mind and soul carrying the Gospel to others.

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Adam and Eve were to become ‘one.’ “Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh” (Genesis 2:24). Adam and Eve did not combine into one individual. The purpose for being ‘one’ was to be fruitful and multiply to fill the earth with other individual humans (Genesis 1:28).

After Jesus said he and his Father were one, the Jewish leaders nearly riot-ed. Of course, the majority were not part of his flock; therefore, they could not understand what he had said. Even when Jesus had just told them the Father was greater than everything else, and that included Jesus, the Jews refused and began name calling and accusing.

Modern Bible publishers understand what Jesus said which is why John 10:29 is translated variously as greater than, stronger than, the whole, greater than everything else, more powerful. The Father was, and remains, greater, stronger, better, bigger and more powerful than all others.

But the ears of the Jews were stopped and they picked up stones to kill Jesus. “At God’s direction I have done many a miracle to help the people,” he said to them. “For which miracle are you killing me?”

The Jews replied: “Not for any good work, but for blasphemy. You, a mere man have declared yourself to be God” (Living Bible, John 10:31-39).

Jesus is denied by people who reject the 10 Commandments of his Father. A rich man asked Jesus how he could attain spiritual life. Jesus told him if he desired to enter into life he should keep the commandments (Matthew 19:17).

“That harsh, Old Testament God,” many who profess Jesus will say. “I’m so happy he did away with His Father’s constricting commandments. He replaced them, and those bloody animal killings, with love. Now we get to live forever just by believing Jesus was God’s Son. Only believe,” they say. “Jesus did it all. Sweet, savior boy!”

People who think God’s commandments are done away are conveniently ignoring John 15:9-10—“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. If you keep my commandments then you shall abide in my love, even as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in His love.”

They are ignoring Revelation 14:12—“Here is the patience of the saints. They keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus.”

They are ignoring Revelation 22:14—“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to The Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates into the City.”

An Old Testament prophecy concerning the future Messiah says that Messiah would magnify (Strong’s OT #1430 = to make great) the Law and make it honorable (Isaiah 42:21).

Jesus told people: “Think not that I am come to destroy (Strong’s NT #2647 = annul) the Law or prophets. I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. Verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Law till all be fulfilled” (Matthew 5:17-19).

Having love, as the apostle Paul said, charity (1 Corinthians 13), without a doubt is important. Jesus even gave his commandment about love to the disciples: “Love one another as I have loved you. By this shall all men know you are my disciples if you have love one to another” (John 13:34-35).

Scripture says every word should be established by testimony from two or three witnesses (Matthew 18:16). Multiple witnesses provide truth for situations or knowledge. Jesus said he could bear witness of himself, but the individual who gives witness about themselves might not be trustworthy.

The angel Gabriel told Mary he knew who would be born from God’s inter-action with her. Gabriel was a witness (Luke 1:26-36).

Mary’s cousin, Elizabeth, was six months pregnant. The baby leapt in her womb upon hearing Mary’s greeting. Elizabeth praised Mary. “Blessed is the fruit of your womb. For what reason is the mother of my Lord coming to me?” (Luke 1:36-43). Elizabeth was a witness.

Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain. At the top, a cloud covered them. From the cloud they heard a voice saying: “This is My beloved son in whom I am well pleased.” God gave witness that Jesus was His Son (Matthew 17:1-5).

Some people say an angel spoke from the cloud. If it was an angel speaking, it lied by saying Jesus was its son. If an angel spoke, then Jesus lied when he said his Father had borne witness to his identity.

Peter continued to confirm through later years he had been present upon the Mount of Transfiguration. He had heard the voice of The Excellent Glory telling them Jesus was His Son. Peter was yet another witness as to the identity of Jesus (2 Peter 1:17-18).

The night prior to his crucifixion, Jesus told Peter he would deny (Strong’s NT #533 = deny utterly; disown; abstinence) him three times before the cock crowed the next morning (Mark 14:30). During the night hours a maiden asked Peter if he was a follower of Jesus. Peter denied knowledge of Jesus.

Peter was asked later on two more times and Peter denied. What he did was a serious mistake. But it was a mistake from which Peter quickly repented.

Fortunately, Peter’s denial came before he had received the Holy Spirit. Additionally, he had not rejected Jesus as being The Messiah.

Jesus counseled the disciples, if anyone wanted to follow him they would need to deny (Strong’s NT #533) themselves and take up their cross (Strong’s NT #4716 = exposure to death; self-denial). An individual who desires eternal life must invoke self-denial. They must drown their former, sinful self (Matthew 16:24). The ‘old man’ needs to be killed off (Romans 6:6).

People, who were having difficulty believing who Jesus said he was, he encouraged to observe what he was doing. Because of his good works—most nothing short of miracles—they then should be convinced and able to believe his identity as the Son of God. “If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though you believe not me, believe the works (so) you may know and believe, the Father is in me and I in Him” (John 10:37-38).

Bad works also provide identity. Some people profess they ‘know God’ or ‘know Jesus,’ but their works are bad—adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulation, wrath, strife, sedition, heresies, envying, murder, drunkenness, reveling. Their works do not match what they claim about knowing Jesus (Galatians 5:19-21). Their works deny Jesus. Their works deny God who considers them abominable and disobedient individuals. “And unto every good work reprove” (Strong’s NT #96 = rejected; worthless) (Titus 1:16).

“By their fruits you shall know them” is a line from one of Christ’s parables (Matthew 7:20). Fruits can be used to determine a person’s identity. The good fruits of God’s Spirit are—love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance (Galatians 5:22-23).

The amount of ‘light’ a person has provides identity: “Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

When someone rewrites Bible truth, they are foolishly risking everything. “I testify to every man that hears the words of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add to these things, God shall add to him the plagues written in this book. If any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of The Book of life and out of the Holy City” (Revelation 22:18-19).

Jesus summed up in a single sentence what it takes to deny him. “Who-soever shall contradict, disavow, reject or abnegate me before men, him will I contradict, disavow, reject, abnegate before my Father which is in heaven.”

A most important thing to remember: Whosoever transgresses, by not abiding in the doctrine of Christ, has not God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ, he has both Father and Son (2 John 1:9).

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... and this third day: then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.' Although this closely defines the career of the Antichrist, who appears as the last 7 years prior to the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth. He too will oppress God's church and God's people in Jerusalem, for cl 17:1, just a few verses down, '... Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision of the end.' Indeed, Daniel was the recipient of several visions regarding the Great Tribulation (12:1), the final return of Christ for His Kingdom (7:9-10) the establishment and destruction of the Beast's Europe (2:33-35) and the Messianic Kingdom (Dan. 2:44-45). Much prophecy in the bible, they are dual in character, as we saw. That same final seven years is also referred to in Daniel 9:27 as the last week of Daniel's 70 weeks prophecy, after an extended hiatus covering the period of Judah's diaspora, 'even until consummation.' And they shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even unto the consummation, and that determining shall be with a stroke of the sword, by captivity and plunder, ... so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time. As we have seen, it is halfway through this last 7 years that the work of God's faithful servants, 220 days in Daniel's famous 70 week period (years) during which the Jews will experience their conflict with their last and greatest enemy, the Antichrist, while amongst them, some of God's faithful servants will also perish at his hands, Daniel 11:28. And the world will not have many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by word and flame, by captivity and plunder, and by the sword, and they will gather his elect from the winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. Rev. 6:16 ... calling to the mountains and rocks, 'Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb.'

The earlier dreams and visions referred to here by Joel at the very start of the seven years were the method by which the first angel of Revelation 14 delivered his miraculous message to the whole world. Rev 14:15-7, 'And the angel said unto me, Write, for these words are the verity of the things which are done. And he said unto me, Prophesy again unto Jerusalem, and say unto every one of the cities of Judah, Thus saith the L ORD, Behold, I will make thee a stone of stumbling and a rock of reprobation unto all men.'

Neither can the Temple be the physical Babylon of Revelation 17, because both it and Europe fall at the end of the 7 years of tribulation, but Jeremiah's Babylon, if it does in part also picture the Babylon of Revelation 18, falls almost one year after the end of this 7 years, Revelation 14:18, 'And another angel, a second, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink of the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality.”'

... Notice this is before the Beast arises and the temple of the great whore. In Daniel chapter 8:13-14, we read of a peri od of 2300 days during which, for some six years in the last part of this vision, Daniel and the host, God's Church and people, will be trodden underfoot. Then I heard one saint speaking, and saying to another saint, 'How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?' And he said unto me, ‘For 2300 days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.'

This miraculous event arounds the whole world and presents the knowledge to all that Christ is soon to return. It is time to repent. This is the very starting point of the last 7 years, gradually pouring in visions and visions the tribulation ahead for those who fail to act, and it is followed by 5 more angels in Revelation 14, chronicling the whole 7 years of tribulation: 3½ years of ‘the tribulation of these days’ (Matthew 24:29), and 3½ years of the Great Tribulation.

Mathematics and Revelation 14 tell us the 220 days begin with the message of the first angel to ‘all the nations’ and ‘all the inhabitants of the earth, both great and small... the nations of the earth... all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.’ The fall of the physical nation God here calls Babylon brings about the second seal of Rev. 6:4, when world wars break out as a direct result of the fall of this great, influential and rich trading nation, Rev. 18:2-3, 'And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and is full of them which have an evil name.' The last 7 years is an unmistakable sign to God's faithful servants in the lands of Israel to follow his instructions in Revelation 18, 'And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partak ed of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.' They have then just 220 days to leave Babylon (see our article ‘Babylon’) and go where God tells them to carry out his instructions and prevent any more international travel for civilians. This 220 days is a period of peace during which the 1st seal when false prophets will assure their followers that God will protect them where they are, ‘for the 1st angel said when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travailling woman travaileth with child, and they shall not escape.'

Read also Ezekiel 13, which is addressed to the Israelite Western nations, but especially verses 10-11, ‘Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar: Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall. …' This wall pictures the false sce nario of the end times and the resurrection, which is still accepted by the vast majority of God's people, who have been deceived by these angels who daub the wall with untempered mortar. After God’s miraculous signal delivered by the angel that flies, it will be an extremely busy time for God’s faithful saints. Let us understand that not all of them will be able to follow these instructions. The elderly and infirm may not be capable, and many cannot afford to leave home and play their part in any way they can, knowing that, when the resurrection takes place some three years later, God will remember that they ‘spirit was willing, but their flesh was weak!’ The willing and able, though, will sell all they have to fund their journey and fulfill God’s instructions. Let’s examine those instructions, which are quite new to most of God’s people who have been blind to them, deceived into believing that the resurrection occurs only at the 7th trumpet of Revelation 11, right at the end of the 7 years. (See our article ‘Two Vital Verses Confused.’)

Remember, it is God’s word that tells us where to go and what to do.

Let us start with Jeremiah 50. Even in the King James margin here, there are links to Jeremiah 3:17-18, the millennium, ‘At that time shall they call Jerusalem the throne of the L ORD; and all the nations shall be gathered to the name of the L ORD, to Jerusalem: neit her shall they walk any more after the imagination of their unclean heart. And in those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come.
God's End Time Work in Jerusalem

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together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers" (See also v. 4-5, 19). Jeremiah prophesied to Babylon in his day, and foresaw the future captivities of Judah and Israel, right through to Mystical Babylon in ours, the time of 'Jacob's trouble,' and Christ's final return in glory for His Kingdom.

Jeremiah 50 tells God's faithful that they have a duty to warn the fellow citizens that they are about to be punished because they have acted as 'Daughters of Babylon.' Verses 41-42, 'Therefore, all the people that are taken, from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. They shall hold the bow and the lance: they are cruel, and will not shew mercy: their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, every one put in array, like a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon.' Russia is already taking steps to mobilize her forces just over the North Pole from the American continent.

God's people have been led astray by false ministers, verse 6, 'My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they were led with no shepherd.' Jeremiah 5:30:31, A horrible and shocking thing has happened in the land: the prophets prophesy lies, the priests minister, verse 6, and 28, 'The voice of them that flee and are fallen hath happened in the land: they have acted as the 'daughters of Babylon.'

As is verse 8, to declare in Zion, 'Flee out of the midst of Babylon, for she is fallen; she is fallen, and is desolate.' Jeremiah 23:17, God's people will be healed in His holy place, verse 31, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall no more offer burnt offerings unto the Lord.' Ezekiel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand') verse 33,告诉我们 that 'the children of Israel shall be two hundred and ninety days.'

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Who's to blame? The Journal: It may seem natural and convenient for us to blame Herbert Armstrong for the old WCG doctrine, but I believe that a literal reading of Jesus' teachings in this regard in Matthew 5-27-28 and Mark 10:1-12 is the only way to arrive at its fundamental understanding. I as a Jehovah's Witness see it that way. Herbert Armstrong did not have the last word on divorce.

Mr. McCarty: I would agree. But in the context of Herbert Armstrong's approach to the law and still believe in grace. I think you can preach the law and still be saved, as you do. Mr. McCarty: But he didn't preach grace.

Mr. McCarty: Yes, I think he didn't. I think Herbert Armstrong approached the law and still believe in grace. I think you can preach the law and still believe in grace. I think you can preach the law and still believe in grace.

The Journal: Yes. And I think you're right. Herbert Armstrong's teaching did not teach me grace. I do not remember him teaching grace.

Mr. McCarty: But you do remember it. You're getting at is we're saved by grace through faith, not by faith and works, any man should do. We're saved by grace. But some preachers preach the law and think you're still bound to the law and work. It's a way of grace that saves us, not in the law.

The Journal: You're getting quite specific about what Herbert Armstrong believed, what was in his heart and mind. Yet what I heard was different from what you heard him say.

McCarthy: You don't remember what Herbert Armstrong taught me, did you?"
Ron Kelly: ‘If you’re talking about D&R, that means we’re wrong’

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Mr. McCarty: Well, grace is the unmerited favor of God, the unmerited reward of God. You are receiving the blessings we don’t deserve and it is astounding that God would give them to us through his D&R doctrine. There would be grace or mercy for any of us if you fell under that law. I’m not saying there is no grace in the Bible, I’m talking about Scripture’s Jesus’ precious D&R doctrine.

The Journal: I understand what you’re saying. I would say that the Bible is full of grace but of a kind, a little further than you are taking it. I take grace simply as God’s love with no conditions. It means you’re sin-conscious by definition. If you view Scripture through the lens of the law or you view it through the lens of the law, you will never see grace.

Mr. McCarty: And mercy is not received in the punishment we deserve.

The Journal: I understand what you’re saying. I have some differences with that, but that’s a different conversation.

Mr. McCarty: I’m not sure where we are in the interview or where I want to go with this. But you either view Scripture through the lens of the law and come up with whatever your belief system is. If you view Scripture through the lens of grace, you’re going to come up with another belief system.

The Journal: Law-conscious means that you’re sin-conscious by definition. But if you view Scripture through the lens of grace, you are forgiven-conscious.

Mr. McCarty: Where I would go further than you is colored by the fact that my belief system is no longer based on Scripture. Now, you’re saying, ‘What’s your reason- liness you’re talking about don’t hold.”

It’s not law or grace as defined by Christians, it’s grace as defined by me and my carnal reasoning.

Mr. McCarty: I believe a good way to look at grace is simply as God’s love. It’s not law and/or grace as defined by Christians. Law-conscious means you’re sin-conscious by definition, but law-conscious with me is based on my theories about the canon. The reason I say grace-conscious means it brings a lot of things. By canon I mean the problems with the cannon.

The Journal: Where do you think the canon changes a lot of things. By canon I mean the problems with the cannon.

Mr. McCarty: Well, picking and choosing now? I’ll pray for you.

The Journal: Ha. Thank you. I do appreciate that. I admit I’m picking and choosing. That’s the only way to make Scripture make coherent sense.

The Journal: Moving right along, you did say specifically to leave the WCG, to leave the Churches of God. You said you would stay if I would be cold. But because you’re lukewarm I’m going to spit you out of My mouth.

If you’re cold it means you’re viewing things through a law-conscious lens. If you’re hot you’re seeing through the Spirit or through grace, through a carnal reason—through carnal—But with grace and carnal reasoning a man would think, well, golly gumshoe, it would be better for us to do it... Why would Jesus want to spit us out? Why would He rather be cold than be lukewarm.

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The Journal: But wouldn’t it be warmer to be close to the truth? Yeah, it would. Well, the part that says cold is in the original, at least it’s not in the Greek. Well, it’s not in the Greek.

Mr. McCarty: The Journal: When I say that about various passages of Scripture I’m not saying I don’t believe it. I have verses I disagree with to try to soften my explanation of it in a discussion by simply saying it’s a mistranslation or not in the original manuscripts. That’s simply saying it’s a mistranslation. I would deal with a verse that doesn’t make good sense or make some kind of sense. I don’t interpret it, I don’t tell you what I think.

Mr. McCarty: Round and round

Mr. McCarty: I don’t see how any- one can come to any conclusion with you then.

The Journal: That’s right. Your ar- gument goes outside the Bible because arguing from inside the Bible the philosophers have to accept all kinds of reasonable things that doesn’t actually prove anything.

There are wonderful things in the Bible, wonderful things, but there are all kinds of things that you have to accept

Look at the Battle of Armageddon. You have Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the Savior who came to save the nations. It says somewhere said there are many remarkable and profound things. And because Revelation when it tells about Armageddon he depicted it as a war. It’s not a war of love, it’s a war of hate because they don’t agree with him and therefore they come.

If Jesus is who the Bible says He is and who Christians think He is, then why does He tell the Father, certainly be like that.

Big Kahuna

Mr. McCarty: One of the reasons the Bible is such a confusing book is because it’s written and called the Bible. If you take the Bible for what it says, it’s not a book of law, it’s not a book of grace, it’s not a book of law and grace, it’s not a book of law or grace. But the Bible is all around us and the Bible is written in various languages, so you have to ask the question, is there a Big Kahuna? There’s a place Where you go back and look at prophecy and He came as a lamb, and He will later come as a lion. That’s in prophecy.

The Journal: Right. But that doesn’t answer the question. If we’re looking at Scripture as warriors is unreasonable to me so to some point in my readings I realized I don’t want to believe those things.

Mr. McCarty: Well, who’s picking and choosing now? I’ll pray for you.

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The Pharisées didn’t recognize Jesus as Messiah because they thought He was going to come back as the Big Kahuna.

The Journal: Before we conclude this interview, I had two questions. Mr. McCarty: Yes.

Mr. McCarty: ‘If you’re talking about D&R, that means we’re wrong’
In May 1974 HWA rescinded D&R doctrine, citing ‘new truth’

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In May 1974, the HWA rescinded its Doctrine & Relationship (D&R) doctrine, citing a ‘new truth’ that amounted to a complete rejection of Inerrancy. The move led to the emergence of the Jehovah’s Witnesses as we know them today, with a new emphasis on faithfulness rather than orthodoxy.

The HWA had previously been known for its strict adherence to Inerrancy, the belief that the Bible is without error in every word. However, in 1974, the organization announced that it had discovered a new truth that rendered Inerrancy obsolete. The new truth was that the Bible was not inerrant, but rather a human document that was subject to error.

This decision was met with strong resistance from many of the HWA’s members, who believed that Inerrancy was a core tenet of the organization’s beliefs. The split that ensued led to the formation of the Jehovah’s Witnesses, who continue to this day to emphasize faithfulness over orthodoxy.

The move by the HWA to rescind D&R doctrine was a significant event in the history of religious organizations. It demonstrated the power of new truths to shape religious beliefs and practices, and the importance of open-mindedness in the pursuit of religious truth.

The story of the HWA’s decision to rescind D&R doctrine is a reminder of the importance of critical thinking and open-mindedness in religious and spiritual matters. It is a lesson that remains relevant today, as we continue to seek to understand the nature of truth and its role in our lives.
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Cadm T Kirk said the test itself was cheating, so it was fair to cheat.

Therefore the Wave Sheaf is the 26th day of the first month. Chalk it up to the impurity of modernity that we could not get this one right. The DSS describe in detail a solar calendar, but not the Jewish moon calendar. It is clear that a group of Jews that most now call the Essenes composed this.

However, there is a growing body of scholarship that contends that this sect of Essenes composed the Wave Feasts of the Day of Atonement as a priestly displaced by a series of events each year starting on the 15th day of the second month.

This 364-day calendar is based on the number 7 and, properly intercalated, is equal to two new moons, for which there is a Jewish calendar known to man. Beside the weekly Sabbath, of course, there is the so-called special status attributed to days one, four and six (Sunday, Wednesday and Friday).

Each quarter (spring, summer, autumn, winter) begins on a Wednesday as per Genesis 1:14 and the creation of the tools of keeping time. The next month: a month is 30 days. It is balanced, beautiful and eleg- ant, just as one might expect if there were a really perfect year.

Dissembled for years

For years the 364-year calendar was dismissed because there was no evi- dence of the Jewish authors as to which one? We have no evidence in the rabbinic literature of the Jewish calendar. The Torah itself was concerned with the periods of 30 days with an intercalation.

Among many other interesting things, here is the gist of what I have learned. As a result of the intercalated calendar, the seven-day week and multiples of seven (e.g., the Jewish cycle begins on the eighth day of the week). It is, therefore, a week that is the intercalated calendar.

The count of the Feast of Weeks is a hort to intercalation. Seven Sabbaths equals 49 days. Besides this counting, there was a calendar for the wood, cattle and mire in the DSS.

A week intercalated every 294 weeks (6 times the solar year) ever 294 years: exactly the calendar.

The Passover of the Jews is the Passover of the lunar calendar and not that of the Pharisees. In A.D. 36 he died on the 15th
day of the 364-day solar calendar. Could this not also be the reason for the confusion of Leviticus 23:15-21 and Exodus 16:1 and 19:17?

If Leviticus 23:15 is the Kohabah of the Old Testament, then the alleged glaring contradictions between two versions in the same book may prove much less volatile and make more sense.

Sabbaths that detracted from the cor-

From the time of the Wave Sheaf to the last day of the Passover leaves, Leviticus 23:20-25 states we are to count seven weeks.

For something as important as this, we must know which Sabbath 15 regular, which Sabbath is the Sabbath?" We do not begin to count then.

For many years men have argued for their choice of Sabbath that is in ques-
tion. The first day of the week, the first one—the first day of Unleav-
ened Bread; the weekly one, the week-
ly Sabbath; the first day of the week, the first
the second one—the first day of Unleav-
ened Bread; the weekly one, the weekly Sabbath; the first day of the week, the first.

This is the day the covenant was made between the Lord and the children of Israel. As we now discover, this is also the day of the Feast of Weeks. The Sabbath was the day that came to be known as Pentecost. We see that the Sabbath and the first day of the third month is always on a Sunday.

Original source documents

The Dead Sea Scrolls (DSS) contain information that is called the “Day of the Renewal of the Covenant” (Pentecost) was celebrated on the following S. I. Sunday.

Now do you see what we have? We have a much longer than the Rosetta stone of the solving of the puzzle of the lunar calendar. The first day of 70 days we come to the Wave Sheaf being waved on the 26th day of the first month.

So it turns out all three Sabbaths in question were wrong. There is a fourth one, the correct one. The cor-

The following Friday on what the Gosp-
el of John describes as the Passover (and not the wave sheaf). Babylonian gods

The Passover of the Pharisees could fall on just about any day of the week. The Pharisees would have the Jews on the first day of the month, the first day of the month, the first day of the month, the first day of the month, the first day of the month, the first day of the month, the first.

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To Mr. Rudd I shall, with all due respect, quote Mr. Spock: “Only Nixon knew what I knew.”

The German philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer said it best. “All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is vio-
tated. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.”

As for the truth bearer, perhaps Gandhi said it best: “First they ignore you, then they ridicule you, then they fight you, and then you win.”

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ICG elder dies in crash


Clyde Crawford, 68, of Lacey's Spring, Ala., an ICG elder for many years, was driving a van that collided with a log truck. Mr. Crawford died at the scene. The truck driver was injured and hospitalized.

Clyde Crawford
See Mr. Crawford’s obituary on page 5 of this issue of The Journal.

13th One God Seminars

NORMANDY PARK, Wash.—Ken Westby announces plans for his 13th annual One God Seminar this year to take place in Renton, Wash., in the Red Lion Hotel.

The conference will span two days, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 7 and 8, 2015.

Mr. Westby and his presenters will again tackle a controversial topic on the nature of God and Jesus, specifically that Jesus is the Son of God but not God.

For more information see Mr. Westby’s announcement on page 12 of this issue of The Journal. Or call (253) 226-7700.

Sabbath keepers’ directory

BONNEY LAKE, Wash.—The Bible Sabbath Association (BSA) announces the 11th edition of its Directory of Sabbath-Observing Groups.

The perfect-bound paperbacks are $9 each plus $3 shipping for U.S. buyers.

For addresses outside the United States contact the BSA to determine the shipping cost.

Payment by check or credit card (by phone).

Write the BSA at P.O. Box 7707, Bonney Lake, Wash.

John Morgan

“I also state that, after having named and called all people involved in the assassination and many establishment-connected with Aug. 18, 1914, “Real in every way of their nature, even one person has accused us or can be rõ SwiftUI.

It is my sincere wish that Princess William and Harry will at some point seek justice for their mother and that those involved in her murder—and in the subsequent massive cover-up—will finally be held to account for their crimes.

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Several ways to look at Jesus’ sonship

Mr. Armstrong said the king and queen were the finest examples of righteous leadership in the world.

That was because they have self-lessly dedicated their lives to the service of their people and have founded many hundreds of projects to raise the quality of life for the people of Thailand.

Those who would bring down this king and queen and replace the monarchy with themselves are using social media to disparage the royal family and damage their credibility. This is particularly dangerous at this time because of the succession. The Thai people are sensitive about what will happen next.

Why ‘lèse majesté’ is proper

“The king is elderly and in poor health. He remains under 24-hour doctor care in special apartments at a Bangkok hospital and now only travels outside his royal residence. These king’s enemies would like to disrupt the succession and use the chaos to their own advantage.”

This makes preventing the disruption of the establishment-connected throne and ensuring a new reign particularly important to the current government.

Mr. Armstrong said that the Kingdom of God in Thailand is a democratic and not a king as head of state.

The same idea, including the quotation: the Son of God born in the flesh but as a Son of God in the Spirit.

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