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Crisis in Pakistan...*Is it Prophetically Important?*

by Mark Armstrong

Recently we were awakened by the sobering news of the assassination of Mrs. Benazir Bhutto in Pakistan. An almost mythical figure in Pakistani politics, she was campaigning for a return to power, promoting democratic ideals and hoping to forge an atmosphere friendly toward the West. While the news was shocking, it was predictable. Pakistan's population seethes with a hatred the western mind can barely comprehend. With the realization that Pakistan has an operable nuclear arsenal, there is grave concern at the highest levels of the U.S. military and government as to the status and security of those weapons.

Reassuringly, the Pentagon has released a statement declaring that, for the time being, Pakistan's nuclear assets are secure.

However the best connected, most knowledgeable experts on the region have surfaced to express concern that current instability in Pakistan, bordering on anarchy, could lead to an overthrow of the Musharaff government.

Experts agree that there are elements of radical Islam, not only in Pakistani society, but within the Musharaff government, and inside the Pakistani military that could conceivably stage a coup, and ultimately gain control over an estimated eighteen medium range missiles with nuclear warheads.

Two of Pakistan's four provinces are ruled independently of the Pakistani government. They are tribal regions ruled by Islamic clerics oriented toward the Taliban and support-

ive of al Qaeda. The people there virtually worship Osama bin Laden. These are remote regions, bordering on Iran to the south, and Afghanistan on the west, that have never been conquered by an outside power, "dating back to, and including Alexander the Great," according to Monsoor Ijaz, one of the foremost experts on the situation. Osama bin Laden himself, is suspected of hiding out in this area that has a long history of impenetrability.

A hotbed of terrorist indoctrination and training, President Musharaff has long been under U.S. pressure to bring these tribal regions under his control. But it's seen as politically impossible and it may be militarily impossible as well.

We've seen how the people of this region react when society erupts in outrage. They are continuing to riot even now. They destroy everything they can. Buildings and vehicles be-

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Not by Might, nor by Power, but by My Spirit

by Jim Josephsen

When writing to the 1st Century Church of God, men such as Luke, Paul, Tertius, John, and Peter would utilize a phrase which we commonly read today - *Holy Spirit*. This English phrase, rightly translated, is found in most English version Bibles. Referring to the *Holy Spirit*, these men would write or speak in the Greek language using the phrase *hagios pneuma*. If speaking Hebrew the

phrase *kodesh ruwach* would be used.

The Greek *hagios pneuma* and Hebrew *kodesh ruwach* both mean the same. *Hagios* and *kodesh* translate into the English meaning; *sanctified, set apart, consecrated, pure, holy*. The words *pneuma* and *ruwach* both mean; *wind, spirit, mind, vitality, conscience, vital principle, mental disposition*.

Hagios pneuma translated into the English, *Holy Spirit*, is used dozens of times in the New Testament.

Kodesh ruwach translated into the English as *Holy Spirit* is used only three times in the Old Testament. Rather than using the phrase *Holy Spirit*, the Old Testament commonly uses *Spirit of the Lord, Spirit of God* or *God's Spirit*.

The 1st Century Church of God was fully aware what the *Spirit of God* was because the church maintained the Old Testament perspective of God's Spirit. The Old Testament was

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WHERE ARE THE MIGHTY AND THE NOBLE?

by Michael Burkert

Have you ever wondered how it is that God's church consists more or less, of common, normal, everyday people? The church is obviously lacking large numbers of professional men and women such as doctors, lawyers, and scientists of various disciplines and of course politicians.

There is a reason for this. First and foremost no person in God's church arrives here on his or her own volition. If you are not called out of the

Sunday keeping world, you simply are not here. God's church has few, if any volunteers. Each and everyone of us who have repented, received baptism and the receipt of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands DID SO UNDER DIRECT ORDERS from the Eternal God!

Why do you suppose that God commands us to attend the Feast of Tabernacles every year? (Of course, the Feast of Tabernacles symbolizes the "called out ones" living temporarily in our earthly bodies.) How-

ever there is another reason we celebrate the Feast. We come together as a FAMILY.

There is no doubt that attending the annual FOT is God's way of insuring we take advantage of spending time with our family; both physical and spiritual family. God intends that we share our LOVE and devotion to our FAMILY. After all, we in God's Church are in many cases closer to each other than we actually are with our blood relatives.

This is certainly my situation, and

I know it's one that I share with many. I can't help but to wonder about the future, particularly that first Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem, when the King of kings calls on all of us to attend that first Feast held in the Kingdom of God.

Have you ever taken a look around at the people who attend the Feast? Who sits next to you at your weekly Sabbath Services? Have you ever given any thought to just who your brothers and sisters in Christ are?

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A Flood of Warnings

by Stanley Roberts

Does God care about this world? What is God's reaction to all that is happening in our world today? Does God get disgusted at what He sees? Is God concerned? Is He angry? Is He involved at all? Is He a loving God who cares about mankind? Will He ever interfere in our world? And, if so, when?

When you observe today's news, do you react immediately with disgust, concern, disdain, and feel that you need to do something about it? Or, like millions of others in the world, have you become tired of hearing the endless stream of bad news and would just as soon curl up on the sofa, watch a full length cartoon movie, and drift away into slumberous apathy and completely ignore what is happening in the world?

Wars that continually plague the Middle East never calm our concerns as nation after nation seem to have unexplainable determination to fight with one another. The news from Iraq never ceases to capture our fears that another nineteen-year old soldier was killed by a cowardly roadside bomb. Afghanistan has fallen behind in the headlines but still haunts the families who have young men and women in harm's way. Terrorist plots and the fears of another major attack that could make 9/11 seem insignificant in comparison, have troubled analysts from every corner. The costs have sky-rocketed into the millions of dollars for security upgrades to all facets of business. An example of this is obviously the airline industry that has put in place security measures that have made an impact on airline ticket prices, travel time, delays, all of which cost consumers in ways that are incalculable. And do they really keep a would-be terrorist from his demoniacal plot?

On the horizon looms the continued fear of an attack on Iran by Israel or the United States which could involve other nations with commer-

cial ties, such as oil, to Iran. How many hidden contracts are there which restrict these nations from backing Israel and/or the United States against a soon to be nuclear powered terrorist entity? And don't forget, the two bordering nations of India and Pakistan, both of which possess nuclear weapons, could erupt in war that would immediately affect over one billion people in that region.

The world had become so absolutely heinous in its lust and greed for power, money, and pleasures that God Almighty became disgusted with mankind as a whole.

China, the sleeping giant that no longer sleeps, is becoming a powerhouse of manufacturing, industrial, technological, and military might that, in their sheer numbers, is unmatched by other nations. They are affecting practically every country of the world by their cheap labor costs and their willingness to dump commodities on to unsuspecting economies.

What about Japan? A former enemy in World War II, no longer a trade partner, but now a trade lover. Americans love the goods that are bought from every day items on store shelves to the expensive automobiles that are now rivaling major American auto makers like General Motors. How is this possible? Considering the size of General Motors, one can only ask, who's next? Ford, General Electric, American Airlines, Dow? And what has it cost America in domestic jobs, manufacturing, suppliers, and distributors? Small mom and pop businesses, to huge nationwide chains, have gone bankrupt due to slumping sales and lack of market share. They simply cannot compete with these rolling giants. Markets are being gobbled up by anyone in the world who cares to take them.

America is for sale.

Not to be undersold are the homeland problems. Murder, rape, robbery, kidnapping, violence, drugs, pornography, and crime of every sort are all but ignored by the media who would rather report on the personal garbage of some "celebrity." Because, in our insatiable appetites, we need to know. Most citizens are completely unaware of the crime that is present even in

the little rural communities which were once home to the strongest resource our country possessed, the family. Today, our country has more prisoners in jail than the entire population of some smaller countries. There aren't enough columns in our local newspaper to report all the hideous crimes that happen every day and grow on our society like a bulging cancer slowly deteriorating every good and decent characteristic that made our nation the greatest in the world.

There was a time when the earth was not so different than it is today. The world had become so absolutely heinous in its lust and greed for power, money, and pleasures that God Almighty became disgusted with mankind as a whole. He reveals his thoughts in Genesis 6:5-6, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart." Try to imagine, God Almighty, the supreme immortal being with the universe in His control, the divine Creator of the heavens, earth, sea and every living creature,

who is love, who created man, becoming so disgusted that He is ready to completely destroy man from off the face of the earth. Notice verse 7, "And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them." What a sobering thought. Has our world today reached a similar state of utter disgust and stench in the nostrils of God? Does the Bible warn of such a time?

There lived a man during that day who shared some of the same concerns, feelings, disgusts, and condemnations of the society around him. He had the same opportunity, as we have today, to simply bask in his own personal wealth, in his own private world, and simply ignore what was happening to his world around him. He could have gladly faded into the shadows and become intermingled with his society and no one would have noticed him. There was only one

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TWO WORLDS ON A COLLISION COURSE

By Michael Burkert

The WORLD WAR OF ISLAMIC EXPANSION began a very long time ago. From the earliest days of U'bul Kassim, now known as Mohammed, war between Islam and all others has been in the offing. War between worlds divided by their basis of culture. On one hand, we in the Western world base our civilization on the Bible. The Islamic world bases its civilization on the Koran. A conflagration of monumental proportions is about to engulf us all.

Fundamentalism is a word that came from the heart of the Christian religion. It means faith that goes by the word of the Bible. Fundamental Christianity, or "going with the Bible," does not mean going around beheading people! There is no fundamental Islam. THERE IS ONLY ISLAM. The question is how the Koran is interpreted.

Peter wrote in his Second Epistle that the Bible says what it says. He told us that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation (2 Peter 1:20). However, this is not the case with the Koran, or any Islamic texts. They are all pretty much interpreted as the local "holy man" pleases.

Today we are witnessing a unique phenomenon. Our western politicians, even our own President of the United States, appear as experts on the intentions of Islam. They know better than all the "holy men" in the mosques around the world, all those who deliver *vicious and hateful* sermons against anything that is either Christian or Jewish.

Our politicians, both Democrat and Republican, think that there is good Islam and bad Islam. They think they know even how to differentiate between the two, except that NONE OF THEM KNOW HOW TO READ A WORD OF ARABIC. None have EVER received detailed instruction in Islam.

They are totally deceived, deluded

or victims of their liberal desire to *see the good in evil*. Our politicians have all been briefed by pinhead academics that are blinded by their liberalism as to the true nature of the Islamic threat.

So much is covered by "politically correct" language that, in fact, the truth has been lost. For example, when we describe Islam in the West, we use our own language and terminology. We describe Islam in terms of democracy and fundamentalism, in terms of parliamentarianism and all kinds of terms, which we take from our own English language dictionary.

A good analogy is this: Can you imagine a football reporter from the NFL describing a European soccer game in American football terms? We can't use our language and culture, to describe or even to begin to understand anything so foreign as the Muslim civilization. For Islam, you've got to use the language of Islam. That language is ARABIC. It's not German, English or French. It's ARABIC.

Let me explain the principles that are driving the religion of Islam. Of course, every Muslim has to acknowledge the fact that there is only one god and that one god is Allah.

But that's not enough! The Muslim must also acknowledge that Mohammed is his prophet. These are the fundamentals of the religion and without them, one cannot be a Muslim. This "pillar" of Islam is repeated daily and publicly in all Islamic coun-

tries and realms. It is loudly proclaimed five times per day from hundreds of thousands of mosques, over sophisticated public address systems.

Larger than that, Islam is a civilization. It's a society, A WAY OF LIFE. It's a religion that has provided first

and foremost a wide and unique legal system (*Shar'ia*) that engulfs the individual, society and nations with rules of behavior. If you are Muslim, you have to behave according to the rules of Islam which are set down in the Koran and which are VERY DIFFERENT than the teachings of the Bible.

The Koran was a product of the "utterings" of one man, Mohammed, from the time he was 40 years old until his death in 632 AD.

The Bible is the accumulated and inspired WORD OF GOD, which was recorded over a very, very long period. The Bible is consistent in its message and all parts fit together. The Bible continually reveals the Eternal God's LOVE FOR MANKIND.

The New Testament reveals the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ. That Gospel or GOOD NEWS is of a coming Worldwide Kingdom of God, ruled over by Jesus Christ along with millions of resurrected spirit beings. That GOOD NEWS or Gospel reveals God's plan for mankind and is absolutely awesome, when one realizes the incredible potential every one of us has!

But the key is salvation through Jesus Christ. Personal salvation

means that each individual human being is looked after by God, Himself, who will call each of us, at the appropriate time, to Jesus Christ. The Ten Commandments are God's rules for living.

There is another point in the Bible, which is highly important. This is the idea that man was created in the image of God. Therefore, Christians and Jews are instilled with the concept that you don't just walk around and murder the image of God. Unfortunately, many nominal Christians, particularly "churches," have *perverted* the teachings and rules of the Bible.

They've used the Bible to reinforce their misguided and often viewpoints and man-made rules and policies. History has seen a number of pogroms and massacres of non-Christians in the name of God and in the name of Jesus Christ.

Let's take a look at the essence of Islam. Islam, the creation of Mohammed and his seventh-century cohorts, was invented with the idea that ISLAM SHOULD RULE THE WORLD. Look, then, at the difference between these three religions.

- Judaism speaks and teaches about national salvation. Namely that at the end of the story, when the world becomes a better place, the tribes of Israel will be in their own land, ruled by their own king and serving God.

- Christianity espouses the concept that every single person in the world, once called by God and through sincere repentance can achieve eternal life through Jesus Christ.

- Islam on the other hand, pronounces that it will rule the world! A verse from the Koran, well known by all Muslims reads, "Allah sent Mohammed with the true religion SO THAT IT SHOULD RULE OVER ALL THE RELIGIONS."

The idea, then, is not that the whole world would become a Muslim world at this time, *but that the whole world would be subdued under the rule of*

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Islam.

When the Islamic empire was established in 634 AD, within seven years the core of the empire was created. The rules that were taken from the Koran and from the customs that were credited to the prophet Mohammed were translated into a real legal system.

Jews and Christians could live under Islam provided they paid a special tax or *Jiziya* and accepted Islamic superiority. Of course, they had to be humiliated. To this very day, in the few Muslim countries where infidels or non-Muslims are allowed to live, they live in humility and are held in utter contempt by Muslims.

Mohammed did accept the existence of all the Biblical prophets before him. However he also said that all these prophets were Muslims. Abraham was a Muslim. In fact, Adam himself was the first Muslim. Isaac and Jacob and David and Solomon and Moses and Jesus *were all Muslims*, and all of them had writings similar to the Koran. Therefore, world history is Islamic history because all the heroes of history were Muslims.

Furthermore, Muslims accept the fact that each of these prophets brought with him some kind of a revelation. Moses brought the *Taurat*, which is the Torah, and Jesus brought the *Ingeel*, which is the Gospel or the New Testament of the Bible.

Why then is the Bible not similar to the Koran?

Mohammed explained that the Jews and Christians forged their books. Had they not been changed and forged, they would have been identical to the Koran. But because Christians and Jews do have some truth, Islam concedes that they cannot be completely destroyed by war, at least for the time being.

Nevertheless, the laws are very clear, JEWS AND CHRISTIANS HAVE NO RIGHTS whatsoever to independent existence. They can live under

Islamic rule provided they keep to the rules that Islam enforces upon them.

What of unruly Jews and Christians who refuse to live under the domination of Islam? It then becomes the obligation of all Muslims to fight and punish the infidels. This is the struggle, or *JIHAD*, which demands all Muslims fight in the name of and for, Islam.

Jihad means war against those people who don't want to accept the Islamic superior rule. That's *jihad*. They may be Jews; they may be Christians; they may be Polytheists. Some Muslim "holy men" espouse the idea that nominal Christians are in fact Polytheists because of the rigid belief in the trinity doctrine. A Muslim I once knew exclaimed while passing a Catholic Church that "There is the church of THREE ALLAHS."

A recent pamphlet that was distributed around the Islamic world by Osama bin Laden calls for *jihad* against America. The reason, America is the leader of the Christian world. The pamphlet said nothing about America's support for the State of Israel. It had to do with America polluting and desecrating "holy Islamic soil" with our filthy infidel feet.

Islamists believe that there are Americans in Saudi Arabia and other Islamic countries, where no Christians should be! In Osama's pamphlet there is not a single word about the State of Israel. Only that Americans are desecrating the home of the prophet.

The Koran sees the world as di-

vided into two spheres. The first sphere is the nations and regions of the world that have come under Islamic rule. In Islam, this is known as *Dar Al-Islam*, or Land of Submission. The second sphere consists of those regions of the world *that will come under Islamic rule in the future*.

This includes lands and nations that FORMERLY were controlled by Islam. Spain, Portugal, parts of France and the Balkans come to mind. This is known as *Dar Al-Harb*, or Land of War!

There is a division of the world, which is very clear. Every single person who begins a study of Islam comes to know this almost immediately. It's this "Land of War" which in the end times MUST BE CONQUERRED. The non-Muslim world will continue to be in the "Land of War" until it comes under Islamic domination. This is what Muslims believe. NOT JUST RADICAL MUS-

LIMS, BUT ALL MUSLIMS.

They believe this because Allah says it's so, in the Koran. Allah has sent Mohammed with the TRUE RELIGION in order that the truth will overcome all other religions. The triumph of Islam over all others is a CORE BELIEF of Islam. They believe that it will come to pass and soon!

Within the Islamic vision of this world, there are rules that govern the individual lives of all Muslims. The rules are very strict. Essentially, there are no differences between schools of law. However, there are four streams or factions within Islam, with differences between them concerning *the minutiae* of the laws.

All over the Islamic world, countries have favored one or another of these schools of laws. The strictest school of law is called *Hanbali*,

mainly coming out of Saudi Arabia. There are no games there, no playing around with the meanings of words. If the Koran speaks about war, *then it's war*.

There are various perspectives in Islam with different interpretations over the centuries. There were good people that were very enlightened in Islam that tried to understand things differently. They even brought traditions from the mouth of the prophet that women and children should not be killed in war.

These more liberal elements do exist, but there is one thing that is very important for us to remember. The *Hanbali* school of law is extremely strict, and today this is the school that is behind the Islamic expansionist movement led by Osama bin Laden and Al-Qaeda.

Even if we talk about the existence of other schools of Islamic law, when we're talking about fighting against the Jews, or fighting against the Christian world led by America, it is the *Hanbali* school of law that is being followed.

In Islam there is a fundamental rule about territory. Any territory that comes under Islamic rule cannot be de-Islamized. Even if at one time or another an infidel enemy takes over the territory that was under Islamic rule, it is considered to be perpetually Islamic. IT MUST BE RETAKEN AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE!

This is the reason that whenever you hear about the Arab-Israeli conflict, you hear about territory. There are other aspects to the conflict and a Palestinian homeland *is not one of them* when you look below the surface. Because of this very fundamental rule of the *Hanbali* school of law, Spain and France need to be looking over their collective shoulders! Much of Europe will soon receive a very surprising wake-up. The Islamic expansionists have not forgotten THEIR lost lands in Europe. Nor have they forgotten the primary European antagonist, the Roman Catholic Church.

Nominal-Christian civilization is viewed as a religious opponent AND an obstacle in the path of conquering

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Islam. The Roman Catholic Church has historically opposed Islamic encroachment and will soon do so again, with all the power the "Mother Church" can muster!

Islam was created to be the army of Allah. Every single Muslim is a soldier in this army! Every single Muslim that dies in fighting for the spread of Islam is a martyr, *no matter how he dies*.

It matters not how much of a scoundrel a Muslim may be, *as long as he practices Islam*, and dies in its "holy" cause. Paradise is GUARANTEED! Only non-believers, no matter how good or pious they were in this life, go to Hell.

Muslims are essentially at war with all others in a perpetual war that will not end until the entire world is under Islamic domination. The struggle is not a war that stops! Victory must be achieved by either destroying all infidels or gaining their submission to Islam. This is a war they believe is the will of Allah. ISLAM MUST BE THE RULING RELIGION. This is a war that will not end!

Peace in Islam can exist only within the Islamic world. Peace can only be between Muslim and Muslim. With the non-Muslim world or non-Muslim opponents, there can be only one solution. A truce or cease-fire is acceptable ONLY until Muslims can gain more power. It's an eternal war until the end of days.

Peace can only come *if the Islamic side wins*. The two civilizations can only have periods of cease-fires. And this idea of cease-fire is based on a very important historical precedent, which, incidentally, Yasser Arafat referred to when he spoke in Johannesburg after he signed the Oslo Accords with Israel.

Let me remind you that the document speaks of peace; although you wouldn't believe that if you read the document! You would think that you were reading some science fiction piece. After reading it, it's difficult to believe that it was signed by the Israelis, who are well-versed in Islamic culture and civilization.

A few weeks after the Oslo agree-

ment was signed, Arafat went to Johannesburg, and in a mosque, made a speech in which he apologized, saying, "Do you think I signed something with the Jews which is contrary to the rules of Islam?" Arafat continued, "That's not so. I'm doing exactly what the prophet Mohammed did."

Whatever the prophet is supposed to have done becomes a precedent. What Arafat was saying was, "Remember the story of *Hodaybiya*." The prophet had made an agreement there with the tribe of Kuraish for 10 years. Then he trained 10,000 soldiers and within two years marched on their city of Mecca.

Thus, in Islamic jurisdiction, it became a legal precedent that you are only allowed to make peace for a maximum of 10 years. Secondly, at the first instance that you are able, you must renew the *jihad* and break the "peace" agreement.

In the State of Israel, it has taken over 50 years for the Israelis to understand that they can't talk about any permanent peace with Muslims. It will take many more years for the western world, despite coming terrorist attacks in which thousands if not millions may be killed, to understand that we are in a *perpetual state of war* with the Islamic world. An Islamic world that has the RESOLVE to win!

This should be understood: When we talk about war and peace, we are not speaking in German, American or French terms. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT WAR AND PEACE IN ISLAMIC TERMS.

What makes Islam accept a cease-fire? There is only one reason that any Muslim would seek a cease-fire or truce of any kind. It's when the infidel enemy is too strong. Cease-fires

are only tactical options.

We need to take a careful look at the successes of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabela, the Spanish Monarchs who rid Spain of the Islamic problem that had plagued Spain for EIGHT HUNDRED YEARS. The year was 1492.

A little over 200 years later, Poland's King John III eliminated the Muslim threat to Western Europe near Vienna. Overwhelming force and complete MILITARY DEFEAT set back the attempted Islamic conquest until today, our current time.

When the *Jihadists* gain possession of nuclear weapons, THEY WILL USE THEM. There will be no negotiations. No terms other than unconditional surrender to Islam. After all, it is Allah's will!

The reason that we recently had war in Bosnia and Kosovo is because Islam succeeded into entering these

regions. Wherever you have Islam, YOU WILL HAVE WAR. It grows out of the attitude of Islamic civilization. Europe, with twenty million Muslims is not far from a cataclysmic war. Civil war between Muslims and non-Muslims.

Furthermore, there is another fact that must be remembered. The Islamic world has not only the attitude of open war, but there's also war by infiltration. Saudi Arabia (*Hanbali* school of law) is spending hundreds of MILLIONS of dollars to not only build mosques in western nations, but to relocate hundreds of thousands of Muslims into "infidel lands."

One of the key issues that the western world is not paying much attention to, is the tremendous growth of Islamic power in the western world. What happened in New York with the

World Trade Center is not something that came from the outside. Yet "political correctness" hobbles us from doing what must be done to eliminate the threat. In the current war of Islamic expansion, we cannot even identify just who and what the enemy is. We can't even use the word...enemy!

Because of this blindness, our nation will most likely fail to wake up before it's too late. We may soon find ourselves under attack by weapons of mass destruction, WMD. Clearly, our Islamic enemies would have no moral reservations regarding the *nuclear incineration* of millions of American and Israeli infidels. Politically correct "multiculturalism" has failed miserably in Europe and it's failed in the United States as well. Political correctness disallows us as a nation to recognize our mortal enemy. To do so, might "offend" someone.

The Bible clearly tells us that in the end times, life will become very precarious. Our demise as a nation of wealth and influence can only be averted if we, as a nation, OBEY THE WORD OF GOD. The American people could avoid the disaster that looms in our near future, if we would get down on our collective knees and seek God's forgiveness. Since it's highly unlikely that we will do so, our national future is bleak.

Since we are a nation divided I am reminded of something Jesus said. "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself SHALL NOT STAND" (Matthew 12:25) Without national unity and resolve, the United States of America cannot win this war. It remains to be seen just how much misery our nation will be forced to endure when we could have eliminated the threat had we seen fit to do so.

Pray always that you may be found worthy to escape all things that must soon come to pass. Pray that you may be found worthy to STAND with your Savior when He returns to this earth. He will soon come and establish the Kingdom of God ON THIS EARTH. Pray that you have what it takes to be a part of that Kingdom. □

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the only *scriptures* the 1st Century Church of God used (cf. **II Timothy 3:16**, **II Peter 1:20-21**), consequently what the Old Testament revealed, the Church understood. The *Spirit of God* and all that pertains to God is *Holy* because *God is Holy* (**Leviticus 19:2**). After the Day of Pentecost, the phrase *hagios pneuma*, *Holy Spirit* was more commonly used to refer to the Spirit of God.

Still the New Testament retained the teaching of the Old when referring to God’s Spirit. Consider a few examples - **Acts 5:9** ... *Spirit of the Lord* ..., **Romans 15:19** ... *Spirit of God* ..., **I Corinthians 3:16** ... *Spirit of God* ..., **I Corinthians 6:11** ... *Spirit of our God* ... **II Corinthians 3:17, 18** ... *Spirit of the Lord* Compare **I Thessalonians 4:7-8** ... God, who has given unto us *his holy spirit* ... with **Isaiah 63:11**. God put *his holy spirit* within Moses. Notice **Genesis 41:38**; Joseph was a man in whom the *Spirit of God* is. **Jesus Christ was given the Spirit of God, without measure** (**John 3:34**). God lives in us by virtue of the fact that He has given us *His Spirit* (**I John 3:24** and **4:13**).

The concept of the *Holy Spirit* being the third member of the godhead was never expressed in the Old Testament scriptures and was absolutely unheard of by the 1st Century Church of God. The Greek philosophic concept of *hypostases*, the Catholic *Athanasian Creed* and the revered Christian doctrine called the *Trinity* are all pagan doctrines, which were carnally contrived centuries after the death of the Apostles. The 1st Century Church of God would not have tolerated the pagan inspired concept of the Trinity.

What did the 1st Century Church of God understand of this *hagios pneuma*, of this *holy Spirit of God* and what can we understand today? For those baptized and imbued with the spirit, just what is the *Spirit of God*? Let us consider Paul’s teaching as

found in **I Corinthians 2:6-16**. Paul explains an important reality by comparing the *Spirit of God* with the *Spirit of man*.

For what man knows the things of man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God, that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receives not the things of the spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned. (**I Corinthians 2:11-14**).

Paul refers to the *Spirit of God* and to the *spirit of man*. What is the *spirit of man*? How is it similar to the Spirit of God; how is it dissimilar?

To understand the *spirit of man*, we need to recognize that there is a *physical element* and a *spiritual element* of created man.

Consider **Job 33:4** in explanation of *physical man*. *The spirit of God hath made me* In **Genesis 1:2** we read *the Spirit of God*, God Himself, *moved across the face of the waters*. God, who is a Spirit (**John 4:24**) moved across the waters and God exercised His spirit power when He created man (*made me*) of the dust of the ground **Genesis 2:7**. Continuing in **Job 33:4** ... *and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life*. God breathed into man’s nostrils and in so doing brought Adam to life.

By reading **Job 33:4** we understand the created *physical element* of man which God initiated at creation and still sustains today. God sustains the birth process; God continues through that created process to create man (notice **Psalms 139:14-16**, **Job 10:8-9**). God also sustains the principle of the breath of life as witnessed when the baby leaves the water filled womb, coughs and takes its first breath.

Consider **Job 32:8** - *there is a spirit in man and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding*. Here we read of the *spiritual element* necessary for physical man.

Zechariah 12:1 informs us that God *formed the spirit of man within the man*.

In **Ecclesiastes 12:7**, Solomon explained, when a man dies, the body, *created from the dust of the earth* (**Genesis 2:7** and **3:19**), composed of minerals and elements common to the earth, decays and decomposes and *the*

spirit in man goes back to God, who gave it.

God’s Word states *the spirit in man returns to God upon death*. We can confirm this fact when reading **Luke 8:55**. Notice Jarius’ daughter had died (**Luke 8:49, 53**). According to the Bible, her spirit then went to God, who gave it. When Jesus Christ commanded her to arise (to come back to life out of her *death sleep* (cf. **John 11:11-14**, **Job 14:12-15**, **Psalms 13:3**, **I Thessalonians 4:14-16**) notice what Luke writes - **Luke 8:54-55**. *And her spirit came again and she arose*. Her *spirit of man* which left her at death went back to God, who gave it. Her *spirit of man* then came back into her at Christ’s command and she revived. The spirit of man and the human body must operate together in order to complete a living person. One cannot exist nor thrive

without the other. The *spirit in man* does not function when the body is dead.

The spirit of man is the *spiritual element* necessary within every human being. *Never to be compared* to the metaphysical, philosophic concept of the immortal soul (a pagan doctrine which cannot be found in the Bible), the *spirit of man* provides man the power of human reason, of human understanding, of human experience. The spirit in man is a *spirit element* in man but is not immortal. It *does not function* apart from the body. Only God the Father and Jesus Christ have immortality (**I Timothy 1:17, 6:16**); have eternal life inherent (immortality) within (**John 5:26**) themselves. Man is only mortal (**Job 4:17, I Corinthians 15:53-54, II Corinthians 5:4**).

In **Ecclesiastes 3:19-21**, Solomon explains the spirit of the beast. What is that spirit of the beast? It is what we today call *instinct* or *innate animal patterned behavior*. Notice what God teaches us through His written Word regarding the difference between the *spirit of man* and the spirit of the beast. The *spirit of man* created for co-existence in physical man is located in the mind of man. God *teaches* man *more than the beasts of the field and makes us wiser than the fowls of the earth* (**Job 35:11**). The *inspiration* of the Almighty gives man *understanding*, wisdom and human reason whereas speaking of the ostrich (and all animals), *God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding* (**Job 39:17**). Notice also **Psalms 32:9**; *be not as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding, whose mouth must be held with bit and bridle*.

Man is different from animal, insect, fowl and aquatic life. Man has a spirit which is human understanding, which allows for human reason, logic and independent thinking. These qualities the beast does not have. Man can think and reason and choose with purpose. The *spirit of man* allows man the ability to make conscious choices, to empathize, love, emote,

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to exercise character, volition and personality, to know right from wrong morally, humanly. Yet man's spirit, if not properly controlled and exercised is also capable of performing great evils. Man was given the capacity to exercise free moral choice.

Both man and animal, composed of flesh and blood, eventually die. Both go back to the earth, both decompose. The spirit in the beast will not be resurrected. But man will be resurrected (**John 5: 28-29, I Corinthians 15:22**) and the *spirit in man* is necessary to facilitate the resurrection, when God brings human flesh back to life (**Ezekiel 37:1-6**) or transforms flesh to spirit (**I Corinthians 15:49-53**).

Paul explained, man knows all that pertains to human life and will, to human reason and logic, to human experience because of the *spirit of man* which is in him (**I Corinthians 2:11**). The *spirit in man* allows man to function as a man, utilizing the characteristics and elements unique to man.

There are characteristics and elements of animals (beasts) which man cannot know (to do) because man does not have the spirit of the beast. Likewise, there are elements, characteristics, thoughts, attributes and behaviors of God which man cannot know (to do) *naturally* because man *does not have* the Spirit of God (in him). A human baby is not born with the Spirit of God in him/her. Man is born only with the *spirit of man* in him/her. The *Spirit of God is a gift given* conditionally, to those who are baptized, to those who choose to obey God (**Acts 2:38, Acts 5:32**).

The *Spirit of God* is (among so much else) the power, love, mind, quality, virtue, characteristics, vitality, persuasion, awareness, energy and disposition of God. All these attributes are *holy*, sanctified, set apart from human qualities, because the possessor of *these qualities* (God Himself) is *spirit* and is *holy*.

Just as the *spirit in man* allows a human being to exercise and practice, to think and behave humanly, so the *Spirit of God* in man provides the at-

tributes and abilities, the knowledge and energy for a human being to exercise and practice, to think and behave like God while in the flesh.

Your ability to excel in human endeavors, in academics, as an artisan, composer, musician, engineer, scientist, statesman, humanitarian, in athletic endeavors and so much more; is all made possible by the *spirit of man* in you. This spirit in your mind, which is uniquely yours, provides the mental acumen and energizes your fleshly body, allowing you to function and behave in your flesh, the way you do. You are who you are because of your *spirit of man* in you.

Now those who have repented and were baptized, now being obedient to God, have the *gift of the Spirit of God*. God's Spirit, an actual part of God Himself is now infused with our spirit of man (**Romans 8:14-16**). Paul explains that the carnal mind is enmity against God. The carnal mind, which is the *spirit of man mind* (without the Spirit of God) cannot be, is not able to be, by nature, subject to or obedient to God. They that are in the flesh, carnally minded, are those who do not have the *Spirit of God* in them (**Romans 8:5-10**).

Paul continues, *but you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit if so be that the spirit of God dwells in you ... for if you live after the flesh, you shall die: but if you through the Spirit do mortify (put to death, to subdue or deaden) the deeds of the body, you shall live (Romans 8:9, 13)*.

Just as the spirit in man provides man the characteristics and qualities of humanity, so the Spirit of God provides man the ability to practice Godliness and to exercise Godlike character. Christ stated: *Be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect (Matthew*

5:48). The *Spirit of God* that dwells in you gives you the ability to make this possible. God's *spirit* provides the wherewithal, the ability, and the resources to manifest God-like character. The Spirit of God in you is a part of God in you which aids you in excelling beyond the ways of carnal flesh, beyond the banalities of human existence. *God's Spirit* lifts you up and elevates you to a new frame of mind and a new way of living.

The Spirit of God provides you with the means to transform your mind, to convert your thinking and actions, to overcome the world and the ways of this world. The Spirit of God provides you with the knowledge to know what is acceptable to God, what is godly behavior. The Spirit of God reveals the deep things of God. The *spirit in man cannot know* the deep things of God. To carnal man, the things of God are foolishness, mysteries and uncertainty.

Just as the spirit in man allows man to excel at carnal things, so the Spirit of God allows His children to *excel at godly living*, while in the world. Just as an individual with the spirit of man, man's mind, man's psyche, must develop and exercise and study and practice in order to "get better" at human pursuits, whatever they may be, so the Spirit of God, must be practiced and exercised, developed in order for one to grow godly.

We are not to quench the spirit (**I Thessalonians 5:19**). We are to stir up the spirit (**II Timothy 1:6-7**). We must walk in the spirit, in order not to fulfill the lust of the flesh (**Galatians 5:16**). The fruit of the Spirit of God is in *all goodness, righteousness and truth (Ephesians 5:9)*. The fruit of the Spirit of God is love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, meekness, faith, temperance (**Galatians**

5:22-23).

Those who are baptized and have the gift of God's Spirit in them are nonetheless still composed of flesh; still have human bodies that can get in the way of God's Spirit. Just as Christ was able to, by the power, characteristics and attributes of the Spirit of God in Him, so we must strive to overcome our flesh and the daily battles that stand before us, to overcome sin. Christ in us can conquer the flesh, if we allow Him to do so with us.

Christ told his disciples that the *spirit is truly ready* (willing and wants to) *but the flesh is weak (Mark 15:38)*. How true this is! So often we desire *to do* in our flesh, but we find ourselves at a loss of energy, lacking the discipline, at a loss for effort. We get tired, depressed, empty of purpose, lethargic. We let sinful and base behaviors get in our way. We feel sorry for ourselves, we lose hope. Often the flesh is diseased, aging.

Now consider what Christ spoke, from a spiritual perspective, of *God's Spirit* in you. *God's Spirit* which is boundless energy, which is perfect execution, which is complete and thorough knowledge; which is truth, which cannot be contained nor limited in results, is *always willing, ready and able* to perform. Yet how often do we allow our flesh to get in the way of God's Spirit? Consider, when we reject His correction; when we continue in behavior that is sinful, carnal, that is opposed to the law; when we exhibit vanity, ego, selfishness, arrogance, we are fighting God's Spirit, we are allowing our weak flesh to get in the way of God's *willing Spirit*.

God explained through the prophet Zechariah (**4:6**), that His work is always accomplished *not by might* (money, worldly possessions, wealth, gallantry), *nor by power* (organizational size, physical prowess or the competencies and energies of men) *but by God's Spirit*. God's spirit, *His hagios pneuma* was the driving force that moved the men and women in the 1st Century Church to, as it was

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The Annual Christian Challenge

by Jim Josephsen

It's that time of year again which challenges the integrity of the Christian.

What is a Christian? By dictionary definition, a Christian is one who professes a belief in the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Greek word *christianos*, from which the English word Christian derives, means follower of Christ. Therefore, the literal definition of a Christian is one who follows Christ. This seems logical. The Apostle Paul told the members of the Church of God in Corinth, to follow me as I follow Christ. Other modern translations of the Christian Bible structure Paul's admonition as follows: Imitate me just as I imitate Christ or follow my example, as I follow the examples of Christ.

To the Christian, Christ is the Head, the Lord, the Master, the One looked up to, the one honored and worshipped. Certainly, Jesus Christ is the leader of the Church, the Christian faith and the one to follow. And of course, for after all, Christ is the namesake of the religion which claims over 2.1 billion adherents worldwide, with the United States, Britain, Canada, Australia and the Scandinavian countries each tallying the overwhelming majority of their populations as Christians. Jesus Christ is the reason a Christian claims to be one.

Jesus Christ taught His disciples, who in turn carried His words into the then known world; words which 21st Century Christians can read and from which be edified. Jesus Christ said the disciple is not above his master: but everyone that is perfect shall be as his master.

One of Christ's disciples, the Apostle John, understood what Christ meant and wrote it this way in one of his letters to the first Century Church; he that says he abides in him (in other words, he who says he lives in Christ, who says he has accepted the Lord,

who claims to be a Christian) must walk (live the same kind of life) even as Jesus walked.

How did Jesus Christ walk? Jesus Christ walked blameless, acceptable in the sight of God, without fault, without sin; merciful, compassionate, considerate, honest, trustworthy, truthful, responsible yet bold and direct when He needed to be. Yet of all the characteristics exemplified by Christ, it is clear, as the Christian Bible is replete with scriptures telling us, Christ was without sin. In Him was no sin; He knew no sin; He is pure in the sight of God; He is righteous. And what is sin? As John wrote, sin is the breaking of the law; all unrighteousness is sin. (See our booklet – *Could Jesus Have Sinned?*)

Another disciple, the Apostle Peter, took Christ's teaching and expounded its meaning by further explaining to those who were (who claim to be) the followers of Christ - you have been called because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you should follow in His steps: He never sinned and no deceit was found in His mouth.

Christ left examples, personal living lessons, for His disciples to follow. One of the reasons Christ came to the earth, part of His purpose for coming, was to educate, to teach and to show by example, how a person is to live a life that is righteous, proper, pleasing and acceptable in the sight of God, a life that will ensure salvation and eternal life.

Consider what Peter wrote. Notice a necessary characteristic of Jesus Christ, which those who call themselves Christians are to follow. Notice the phrase, "and no deceit was

found in His mouth." Simply put: Jesus Christ never lied. There was no deceit, no guile, no falsehood, no pretending, no misleading, no fantasy, no caprice and not even a little white lie; there was no lie that ever emanated from the mouth of Jesus Christ.

Found in the Christian Bible is a life and death warning, as follows: "but the fearful and unbelieving and the vile and murderers and sexually

immoral and sorcerers and idolaters and ALL LIARS, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Even as the 9th Commandment clearly spells out, you shall not give or bear out a falsehood against your neighbor, the groundwork was laid, you shall not lie. As the Scriptures teach, ALL liars, whosever loves

lies and tells lies, shall not go unpunished. Their reward is gehenna fire; they will not be allowed in the Kingdom of God.

Here it is again, that time of year which challenges the integrity and very sincerity of Christians around the world - Christmas!

Oddly enough there is a somewhat increasing minority of Christians here and there that are turning sour toward the Christmas celebration. Still not wanting to eliminate completely "the spirit of the Christ-child," some churches here and there are reevaluating the sincerity of the holiday.

And why not? Over the past fifteen years there has been a barrage, a surge of information which has exposed the history and reality of the Christmas observance. Whether communicated through the Internet or as depicted in TV documentaries, the background and chronicles of this

pagan holiday are becoming more transparent.

Some Christians are seeing Christmas for what it really is, an observance, the origins being deeply rooted in pagan traditions, folklore, myth and legend. Still the vast, clear and overwhelming majority of Christians still hold to and revere, adore and perpetuate Christmas with tenacious zeal, with religious passion.

One element of Christmas (passed off as harmless, innocuous, child-like, appealing, for the fun of it) is the plump, white-bearded, red-suited old man of modern folklore and commercialism, Santa Claus (an English name, a modification of the Dutch Sinterklaas which is an alteration of Sint Nikolaas or Saint Nicholas). (For more information see our booklet *Christmas ... the Untold Story*).

Adapted from the 3rd Century character St. Nicolas, the Bishop of Myra, Santa Claus has been the central element of the Christmas lie that has been used to keep children in line. How often have you heard, or perhaps even said, "If you don't behave yourself, Santa Claus won't bring you any presents." You know the seasonal song, "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." Santa Claus pretty nearly seems to have replaced the responsibility of parental discipline and God's judgment.

One of the responsibilities of a Christian parent is to bring up a child in the training and admonition of the Lord. Certainly, a Christian parent is not to lie to their children. Yet how often they do!

The Santa Claus (or whatever the name given throughout the world to the character who represents the St. Nicholas tradition) lie is a sin committed, perpetuated by countless billions of Christian parents and Christian teachers, used on countless billions of innocent, trusting, gentle, unsuspecting children. That practice has once again been carried out in 2007.

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A Christian, particularly a Christian parent is to imitate and follow the examples of, follow in the footsteps of, to be as the Master, the Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ, the one whom a Christian is to follow, never lied. Yet each year at this time, the lies are told. This is that time of year when once again the integrity of the Christian is challenged; to lie or not to lie?

If you celebrate Christmas, perpetuating the lie of the sweet, joyous story of Santa Claus to your child and all the while claiming to be a Christian, then you've got a problem.

It is time you repent of your sin, of your lies. It is time to ask Jesus Christ to forgive you for being disrespectful and disobedient toward Him as you have misled and lied to your children, causing them to believe in a fantasy, a fairy tale, a pagan holiday, in a clear deception, in a lie and not the truth.

Once again the challenge is set before you. Either lie (after all it's only innocent fun; it's only for the children) or speak the truth, as is required of you by the Master, Jesus Christ.

Perhaps now is also the time to start looking into and understand the lies rooted in Sunday worship, Easter services and the Trinity. That is just the start. It's time to learn the truth of the Bible and speak the truth, especially when it comes to the teachings of Jesus Christ, the very Savior of the World. □

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said, *turn the world upside down.*

The question for you personally in God's Church today is - will you allow God's Spirit to excel in you and accomplish His work through you? Will you allow God, by His Spirit, His mind, His power, His character, His truth in you to work a great work through you? Consider what Christ said, **John 14:12.**

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Who are the “called out ones”? Why have they been called to God's Church? Do you truly LOVE THY NEIGHBOR, in this case that brother or sister in Christ sitting in the row ahead of you?

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE DIFFERENT

We are different. We have been called-out. Ephesians 1:4-5 tells us, *According as he hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Having PREDESTINED us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.*

God chose us before we were born. Some of us were called early, some later in our lives. For everything, God has a purpose. So, why did He call you? Why me? Why are we given the truth, while others are left blind? These are questions that I ask in my prayers. The answer is provided to us in scripture.

Look at Ephesians 6:12-13. *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Whereas take unto you the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand the evil day, and having done all, TO STAND.*

God chose us because **WE HAVE**

gently; exercise the fruit of the spirit and watch and pray always! Ask God to give you more of His character, His mind, His power, His Spirit, the attributes that will assist you in overcoming your weak flesh. Allow the Spirit of God; the gift God has given you, to be the driving vitality which **will** accomplish His works through you and through the Church in these last days. Not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of God in you the Work will get done! □

THE RIGHT STUFF. We have the ability and tenacity to serve Him, and to contribute to the work He wants done on the Earth. He chose us because we readily accept the fact that there is a **MISSION TO ACCOMPLISH.** He knew us before we were born, and had a pretty good idea as to what we would become. The Bible doesn't record any cases where a person “volunteered” to serve as a called-out member of the Family of God. In every case, God chooses his Elect. Many resist the call. I certainly did. However, the time came when I had to admit that I had a real problem, and I had no course of action available to me, except that of accepting the call.

Many of us have been called late in life. For some it has taken years of study and prayer, until FINALLY the call is heeded. From there true repentance, baptism and receipt of the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands!

As new creatures in Christ, it's a daily struggle for us to overcome the

influences of this deceived world. It's not an easy thing to be a member of God's Church. It isn't easy to keep the Sabbath when there are so many pressures not to do so. Again, I know that I share the same situation with many if not most of my brethren.

Who hasn't been called to God's Church? Why haven't they been called? When will they finally understand the truth?

Over the course of my adult life, I've served under many different General Officers, Colonels, and other officers of various ranks. Most were pretty good at their chosen professions. Many were outstanding soldiers, devoted to the nation, their profession, and devoted to the officers and soldiers serving under their command. I am reminded of one of the miracles performed by Jesus, that miracle which involved a Roman officer and his servant.

Mathew 8:5 tells us, *And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum there came unto him a Centurion, beseeching him. And saying Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.”* Jesus mar-

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come targets as crowds fill the streets. Musharaff knows that radical elements within Pakistani society, and possibly within his own military would react with mindless rage if he dared try to interfere in the Islamic tribal regions.

Will Musharaff survive? He's narrowly survived numerous assassination attempts on his own life. He has enemies, not only within Pakistan, but detractors all over the world, including here in the U.S. Some of them are presidential contenders.

Will the nuclear arsenal remain secure? How might those weapons be utilized in the event they fall into the hands of the Taliban or al Qaeda? How might India be expected to respond to such an event, particularly in light of the fact that they also pos-

sess nuclear weapons? Will the U.S. stand by Musharaff in the face of this crisis?

No one “in the know” seems inclined to downplay the importance or the catastrophic potential of the crisis in Pakistan. The whole of “Christian” Europe is surely very concerned to see tensions escalate so dangerously to their south, with radical Islam erupting in a renewed rage. Will this situation contribute substantially to the “King of the North, King of the South” scenario of Bible prophecy?

The situation in Pakistan, the whole of the Middle East and Europe has lots of angles and the potential for twists and turns ahead. But the simple answer to the question just posed is YES. □

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veled at this man's faith and granted him his wish and the servant was healed. The servant was possibly a soldier in the command of this Centurion. "Home" may well have been the barracks that housed the Centurion's soldiers.

A Roman Centurion was an officer of both staff and command rank. He would have commanded a Roman Army "Century," which consisted of 100 soldiers. This is about the number of a modern day U.S. Army "Company," although companies can vary somewhat and some tend to be a little larger than 100 soldiers. A Roman Century was the smallest maneuver element of a Roman Cohort (three to six Centuries) which itself was part of a Roman Legion.

The Roman Centurion that approached Jesus was the equivalent of the modern U.S. Army Captain. While a modern-day Captain is indeed a rank of authority, and both a staff and command rank, an Army Captain is hardly a "wise, mighty or noble" person. He certainly didn't meet the criteria addressed in the Bible.

Take a look at 1 Corinthians 1:26. Notice that it clearly states, *For you see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called.* In Jesus' ministry, it appears that the highest ranking officer in the Roman Army, that KNEW who Jesus Christ was, and had the FAITH to warrant the performance of a miracle was none higher than that of a modern-day army captain.

The so-called "wise" men and women of our modern times have not been called. Most of the individuals that would be classified as "wise" are *liberal to the core*. Liberal-socialist enlightenment qualifies them to the classification of "wise." They are so wise in the ways of the world, the ways of sin and corruption, that short of a calling in the manner in which Paul was called to God's work, they

would never heed the truth preached by the ministers of God's church.

Some of the "wise" men are nominal Christian preachers. They have built MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR ministries based on false doctrine, false messages, false healing, and false promises! Any idiot that waves his suit-coat and fells 20-25 "believers," all for the TV audiences' benefit is unlikely to receive the call that you and I received.

We can pray that God will wise-up these chumps, but I think it highly improbable. Not until they REPENT. That too is highly improbable. However, God can call anyone He chooses to, and there is always hope. Had we known Paul in his earlier days, we probably would never have given a thought toward him ever receiving the call.

LOOK AT THE SO-CALLED WISE, MIGHTY AND NOBLE

Take a look at the "mighty" men, just in our country. How many U.S. Presidents have received the call? How many U.S. Senators? Congressmen? General Officers, Colonels, or Senior Non-Commissioned Officers of the army, air force or Marines? How many Admirals, or even Chief Petty Officers of our naval forces? Not many. Not many at all. Why?

These are mighty men and women. There is no doubt of their intelligence, their education, their professionalism, yet few are called to the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many are dedicated nominal Christians. During my military career, I kept Sundays for many years. I went to Protestant Chapel services on and off. I would regularly see my Division Commander or my Brigade Commander present for Chapel Services. Yet none knew the truth then, and few know it now. *They hear the parable, yet they understand not!*

As to "noble" men the word in the time of Paul meant a member of a

hereditary class possessing a special authority or rank. The term is more commonly associated with royalty such as Queen Elizabeth, or Prince Charles of Great Britain. The term is readily applied to Kings and Queens, Dukes, Duchesses, Counts and Countesses as well as Barons and Baronesses. In the United States, we have thankfully been spared all of the royalty nonsense. There are unfortunately, exceptions.

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In our country, I've heard the term applied to such families as the Kennedy's, Kerry's, Gore's and the Edwards'...and yes, I've heard the term "noble family," applied to Bill and Hillary Clinton. These are all extremely wealthy families. I suppose that all of these families may have the wealth, power and political clout to meet the criteria of nobility, in that sense, but to the best of my knowledge, none have received the call from God, to come to Him through Jesus Christ.

The term "noble" however, seems a stretch if one is to apply to persons such as the Clintons and Kennedys. But then who am I to say. After all, the term "noble" applied to Herod. I'm not sure that I ever want the term applied to me.

The members of God's Church are by and large simple, salt of the Earth type everyday folks. People that have common sense, a sense of fairness, and KNOW THE DIFFERENCE FROM RIGHT AND WRONG. Garner Ted Armstrong once preached a Biblically inspired sermon in which he said that in the Kingdom, we shall sit in judgment of the nations of Israel. He further stated in that sermon that there exists today, members of God's Church who are wise, fair, and KNOW THE LAW. Not the law of man, but the LAW OF GOD.

The time will come, when that little gray-haired lady in the third row renders judgement against those who would do evil. She will know what

is right, and what has to be done. Not in this world, but in the world tomorrow, the world governed by Jesus Christ. The "wise, the mighty and the noble" will one day answer for their failure to do the right thing when they had the chance to do so!

Political correctness will not be a concern of God's government on Earth. God's empowered spirit beings, those who sit in judgement of the Tribes of Israel, will know what to do, and to what degree to do it. The Ten Commandments will no longer be barred from the schoolroom or the courthouse wall!

Jesus will rule with a rod of iron, through the efforts of His resurrected Saints. Those Saints will come from the little people of today, not the "wise, the mighty, and the noble. People like you and me, who know what has to be done; aren't afraid to do what has to be done; and through deep devotion to Jesus Christ, our Savior, our High Priest and future King of kings, can be counted on to serve God.

This is not our world. We have no authority or jurisdiction in this world. Our power and authority will be granted to us only when Jesus returns to this Earth and establishes the Kingdom. Then, the Bible tells us that the resurrected Saints shall be priests and judges. The time is short for this world. We don't have long to wait.

We live in a rotten, filthy, satanically governed world. Common sense has gone AWOL. Political correctness is the current rule of Satan. Good is bad, bad is good. People no longer seem to understand the difference between right and wrong.

Murderers, child molesters, rapists, corporate thieves are given a free ride. Filthy rotten perverts have infiltrated the pulpits of nominal Christian churches. Nobody is accountable for their crimes and their sins.

It's always somebody else's fault, or the fault of the "system," or it's because of some other excuse. This will change soon. In the Kingdom of God, that most wonderful world of tomorrow, we will rule, as resur-

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Feast-goers at Salamander Bay, Port Stephens, New South Wales, Australia

AUSTRALIAN FEAST REPORT 2007 SALAMADER BAY – PORT STEPHENS

The Intercontinental Church of God observed the 2007 Feast of Tabernacles in the Salamander Bay area of Port Stephens, NSW. We have kept the Feast at this site for the past three years and once again we had an enjoyable Feast in a good facility.

In each of the past three years we have been privileged to have visitors from the United States join us to observe the Feast. This year Mark and Shirley Petkovich from Tyler, Texas and Shirley's mother, Barbara, made the trip. Everyone was grateful they did as they added a great deal to our enjoyment of the Feast.

Prior to coming to Sydney just before the Feast, Mark, Shirley and Barbara had commenced their Australia tour in Queensland, visiting the late Steve Irwin's "Australia Zoo" and also flying to Cairns to take in the Great Barrier Reef and the rain forested hinterland behind Cairns which rises to the Atherton Tableland.

In Sydney they visited the Blue Mountains and the Three Sisters, a landmark at Katoomba, the main mountains tourist town. They also took in the sights of Sydney, the Opera House, the "Coat Hanger" (Harbour Bridge), the Rocks, Bondi Beach and the tallest observation deck in the city, Sydney Tower.

We are hoping very much that quite a few more of our United States brethren, and others, will want to come to the Feast in Australia next year and in years to come and enjoy a part at least of what Australia has to offer.

Now to the Feast itself. We had 21 in attendance this year. We also had a number of brethren unable to attend for various reasons, especially from our Gold Coast group who observed the annual Holy Days together.

The Feast sermon material this year was again primarily sermons by Garner Ted Armstrong, most of which were entirely new to those attending. Apart from the Annual Holy Day sermons, titles included "Love Your Enemies", "5 Minutes With Christ", "My Burden Is Light" and "The Wise Of This World" among others. Mark Petkovich gave two talks on the Work conducted out of the office in Tyler that were very appreciated.

We again had a number of whole of group activities as well as smaller group activities organised by individuals. Ruth and Gunnar Arness and Chris Waterman put on a fantastic lunch at their house, Linda, Fay and Vince hosted a great BBQ night and we had a very enjoyable dinner cruise on the evening of the Last Great Day. Some went out to sea whale watching, some made an early morning climb of Mount Tomaree, that forms the southern headland of Port Stephens. Yet others, Nick and Barbara and Alan gave the local golf courses a good work out. We all took a memorable trip by ferry to Tea Gardens – just to see what was there – oh, and to have lunch.

In the early morning of last day of the Feast of Tabernacles we had one baptism. Most of the brethren were in

attendance to witness the baptism of Barbara Stolk into God's Church and the great joy of her husband Nick.

Next year the Feast will again be in the Port Stephens area but this time at Shoal Bay. The township of Shoal Bay is located just inside the entry to Port Stephens from the sea on the southern side. It has a beautiful beach and there are two ocean beaches just a short walk or a three minute drive away. The venue is in the Shoal Bay Holiday Park. The Holiday Park has various standards of cabin accommodation and powered caravan sites. The Feast next year is out of school holidays so Feast goers will have a great deal of accommodation to choose from, both at the site or in the wider area. Check out the Feast website for further details. See you all there.

Murray Allatt

F.O.T. Kings Beach '07

What a wonderful, uplifting, spiritual, and physical Feast of Tabernacles was enjoyed this year at Kings Beach by 83 of God's people. Meeting in the



Noel and children present gift to Mr. Mitchell

Lodgepole Room of the North Tahoe Convention Center, our God was praised and honored by inspiring song services, prayer, and sermons, and our fellowship with one another was marvelous!

The theme of the feast was the wonderful world tomorrow we all look forward to and strive for each and

every day, and that theme was vividly portrayed in the display themed after Isaiah 11 by Charlotte Mitchell. Speakers Ray Fain, Terry Gooch, Chris Cumming, Jim Josephsen, Robert Bruce, John Mitchell, and Mark Armstrong brought that theme out in message after message. On Wednesday, we had "Youth Day," and Matthew St. George and Josh and Jessie Pickard spoke during the sermonette time on what growing up and being a teen in God's church was like. Nicole Azeveclo worked with the Sabbath school and children's choir. Chris Cumming conducted an open forum Bible study during the week prior to church services which was Menu-Driven covering many topics of interest.

We had a rousing contest of Bible Bowl, won by the "young-uns" from the Chowchilla, California area (they were coached by their parents). The ice cream that followed made defeat for everyone else worthwhile. Ray and Anita Fain hosted the Family Entertainment Night, and it was something! Ray and Anita, with help

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Group photo at Kings Beach

from their daughter, Becky, had the hall decorated with balloons and snacks, and the dancing (see photos of the Chicken Dance, Macarena, YMCA, Limbo, etc.) as well as regular dancing was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We went to Incline Bowl in Incline Village, Nevada and approximately 30 brethren had a blast bowling. We won't repeat the scores, however the feast elder was beaten by 3-year old Emily (he claimed he had a bad back!).

Our raffle night was a great success, with prizes of all types being raffled off. Again, see the photos as well as the video clips on the church web site.

A "Servants Luncheon" was held for all who had served during the feast, and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The highlight of the feast was the
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Noel Azevedo (lower left corner) directs children's performance.



Mr. Chris Cumming conducts Bible study.



Mr. Jim Josephsen



Family Night



Mr. Terry Gooch



Dance at Kings Beach



Mr. Ray Fain



Kings Beach Picnic Above/View of Tahoe

baptism of Danny Red from Chowchilla and Millie Watabashi of Sacramento. What a blessing to welcome brethren into the family of God at His feast!

All too soon it was over and after the final strains of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," God's people returned to their homes, sad, but filled with strength and faith to obey God in the days ahead.

John Mitchell

2007 Colorado Springs Feast Report

The Colorado Springs feast was in my opinion the most successful I have ever been a part of, the joy and fellowship and not to mention the sites were overwhelming. The aspens were just beginning to turn yellow and gold and the surrounding mountains were towering spectacles of constant beauty.

We had a limited amount of events scheduled, simply because I felt the brethren needed time to explore the surrounding areas and activities available. Many made the trip to the top of Pikes Peak where tales of overwhelming beauty and splendor abound, not to mention freezing temperatures on the summit. Visits were common to the Cliff dwellings, Zoo, Seven Falls, and Garden of the Gods. There was so much to see and do; it can't all be done in just one feast. Many of the brethren express a strong desire to continue the feast site in Colorado Springs and with Gods blessing, it will continue on.

We had a total of 87 registered, with a high attendance of 81 on the Last Great Day, everyone seems to have had a desire to attend

all the scheduled activities. Our average attendance was in the neighborhood of 90% of our registration, which made for a full hall every day. We had the blessing of one baptism in Colorado Springs (Lucas Landgren), we welcomed him in as the first of many new brethren in Colorado Springs.

We heard many wonderful Sermons and Sermonettes focused mainly on the

Family of God and Gods plan for man. The church events for the most part went together without a hitch, we did experience one failed event, the air sports for the children, it was a miscommunication of timing, it was unfortunate but when all was said and done the other events and the area activities were so wonderful, the one

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Colorado Feast Congregation





Mr. Frank Scherich conducts baptism Luke Landgren

flaw was soon erased from the minds of all the brethren. The church Picnic was an incredible success, wonderful food and fellowship. The Church raffle was great as usual, we raised a whopping \$767.00 which offset many of the feast expenses. The Fox Run Park on the border of the Black Forrest outside of Colorado Springs offered us a facility that was more than accommodating and the weather was perfect, sun shinning, about 80 degrees, what a wonderful memory.

It truly was a joy to meet so many brethren I had never met before, I feel as though I had found long lost family, and equally, it was so sad to have to say good bye so soon after we had met. We are looking forward already for next years Feast of Tabernacles in Colorado Springs and welcome anyone else to join in on the fun and joy there is in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Ron Harmon



Montage from Colorado Springs

Myrtle Beach, SC

The Feast of Tabernacles 2007 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina qualified as one of the best Feasts ever. From the sensational skies and sparkling water to the generous smiles and joyful worship, words do not fairly describe the fall gathering of God's church rehearsing in unity for the world tomorrow.

Several encouraging sermons were presented, just what the eager assembly needed.



Mr. Frank Scherich



Mr. Ron Harmon



Rafting near Colorado Springs



Bingo night at Myrtle Beach '07



First morning service at Myrtle Beach

So many remarked this year's sermons were strong and helped them build on their existing knowledge and wisdom. While it seems implausible after decades of Feasts that the speakers would find anything to add to the enormous body of revealed knowledge and truth of the church, many new messages inspired by the Holy Spirit were delivered, showing the church continues to grow spiritually and the speakers continue to mature. Clearly all of the speakers had prayed and done their homework.

Some highlights of the speaking schedule included the message delivered by our beloved Feast Coordinator Robert Nunnery, who spoke on the seven characteristics that identify us as true Christians. James Ricks spoke on staying clear of cultural and spiritual deception. Mark Armstrong's powerful speech centered on examining a few of the more alarming

trends among of the offshoots of the former Worldwide Church of God, God's people, and promoted the warm sincere hope that God's church will remain on the trunk of the tree, doctrinally speaking.

Events, activities and gatherings occurred throughout the Festival. All was done to the credit of the Church, very professionally and full of merriment and spirit. As usual, God's people were generous with their time and were blessed with quality fellow-



ship from start to finish. Some highlights included the Family Bingo afternoon which drew nearly 100. The Fabulous Feast Family Dance set new levels of participation. The brethren danced to a broad variety from the DJ of the Feast who has come each year from North Carolina just for this event. The Raffle and Talent Show was super fun, and it raised a substantial sum to offset the Church's Feast cost. And Kelly Pierson's Karaoke Night was another memory making night. Unity and clean fun were abundant and easy to find.

A special Bible Study was conducted by Dr. Ricks on the evening of his visit, along with Richard Moore, and another classic video was shown from our dear Garner Ted Armstrong - his Last Great Day sermon of 1999. It wouldn't be a complete report without mentioning the best Feast Choir ever, thanks to the leadership of Trudeau Tedford and

great participation of the choir. All of our singers and musicians did a fine job.

The Feast started auspiciously with 295 happy brethren coming together the first day to enjoy God's Feast for another year in beautiful Myrtle Beach. If you've never been there with this Church you don't know what you're missing. Mr. Robert Nunnery kicked off the Feast by honoring our veterans of the Armed Services. Each veteran received a personalized certificate on behalf of the Church. A special Veteran's certificate was awarded to one of our fallen comrades Bernie Bercosky thanking him additionally for over forty years of serving God's people. Bernie's widow, Lois Bercosky, accepted the award and had words of kind appreciation for the Church. Bernie will truly be missed. God's miraculous cycle of life continues, as three baptisms took place during the Feast,

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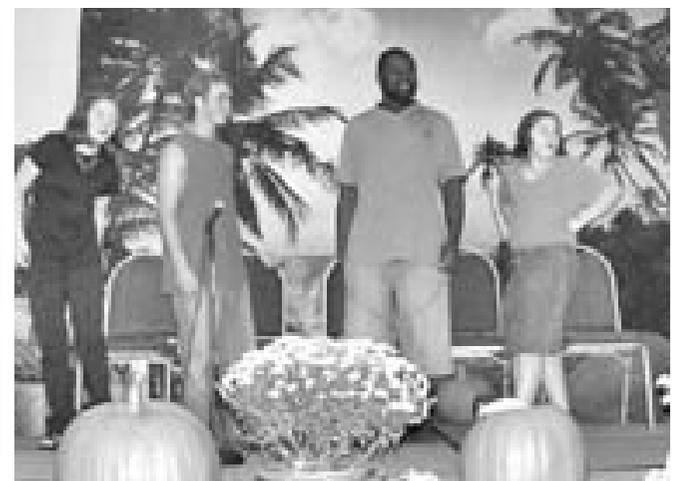
Mr. Nunnery's presentation to Teens.



Mr. Nunnery presents Mrs. Lois Berkosky



Children's Choir



Family night show

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confirming the continuing steady growth of God's work.

Two services were held on the first day, which brought to mind the glory days when twice a day services were the norm. Another Myrtle Beach attendance record was set when 322 were in attendance for Mark Armstrong and Dr. James Ricks' visit on Sabbath. On Saturday evening, the ICG hosted a Singles Get-Together Reception and Hospitality Hour followed by the Family Dance with the theme, "Lets Go to the Hop." On Sunday after services, was Family Bingo. Monday's messages continued to build on the theme of "New" World Governments with emphasis on the return of Jesus Christ to establish His Kingdom, wiping the earth clean of all Satan's governments. Monday night was Karaoke Night.

After Tuesday's messages, the ministers, hosts and deacons were treated to lunch. Mr. Nunnery spoke and gave each in attendance the opportunity to give a brief introduction. The "Myrtle Beach Ministry" continues to grow. As proof, on the Sabbath, Kelly Pierson, a dedicated

servant from the Kingsport, Tennessee congregation was ordained into the ministry. Tuesday evening the Feast Raffle was held. During the raffle we enjoyed intermittent displays of talent, ranging from songs to standup comedy. Wednesday morning came too quickly – the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles. Wednesday night, helping God's church remember its roots, we showed a video of our dear Garner Ted Armstrong giving a sermon in Panama City Beach on the last Great Day in 1999, which everyone seemed to enjoy and appreciate... then...the Last Great Day, with Mr. Tom Haltom providing an excellent and crisp message to carry home. All sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" as hugs and tears flowed equally.

All during the feast, our common greeting was B.F.E. – "Best Feast Ever!" At least three other Sabbath-keeping groups meeting and keeping the feast in Myrtle Beach provided us constant visitors and even a few came and stayed for the duration and told us they would be back. What more could we ask for? God's Kingdom Come! Until the, see you next year in Myrtle Beach!

Shawn Stephens

Destin Feast Report

Despite a last-minute change of venue for Festival meetings and activities in Destin, Florida the ICG Feast there was a resounding success. The last minute location worked out beautifully, providing numerous opportunities not available at the location originally planned. For instance, we had a full kitchen



Mr. Mark Armstrong speaks at Destin



Mr. Stanley Roberts speaks at Destin



Mr. Mike Garrett



Children's special music at Destin



The picnic was held in the Pavillion at State Park Beach.



Mr. Tony Brazil



Destin Feast Congregation



Mr. Tom Griffith



Dr. James Ricks



Mr. David Overstreet Sr.



David Overstreet Jr. at Destin Beach, FL



Andrew and Hunter Armstrong frolic in the Gulf



Mrs. Lori Null at keyboard

available so that we were able to provide refreshments and snacks on a daily basis without the huge expense associated with professional catering.

The Feast in Destin was coordinated by Mr. Stanley Roberts, with extensive activity planning assistance from Mrs. Cindy Hunter. We had a strong speaking schedule that included commentary from Mark Armstrong, and Sermons, Split Sermons and Sermonettes from Stan Roberts, Tom Griffith, Mike Garrett, Jim Josephsen, Dr. Ricks, Verne Steury, Tony Brazil, Joe Null, Charles Gulley, Michael Burkert, Marlon Harris, Clyde Crawford, David Overstreet, Sr., David Overstreet, Jr., and Denton Clarke. Quite a lineup! And best of all, the messages were delivered with sincerity, thoughtfulness and *humility*. How refreshing!

Activities included the Hospitality Night where many of the new arrivals were able to meet, become reacquainted and enjoy the excitement of the commencing Feast. The second

evening activity was a Karaoke party, hosted by a local professional. On Sunday, Sept. 30, we had a teen and young adult outing in the afternoon at a local Racetrack and Recreation center. Later in the evening, was the Family Dance, complete with a professional DJ, and this year it was a costume affair! Nothing remotely resembling Halloween, mind you. But quite a few recognizable characters showed up from the days when TV and the Movies were good clean fun! Everybody had a great time.

A wonderful cookout/picnic was held outdoors at the Henderson Beach State Recreational Pavilion, with great food and great weather for all to enjoy. Later on in the evening, everyone gathered back at the Destin Community Center for the ever-popular annual Feast Raffle. The Raffle always makes for a fun and exciting evening, with lots and lots of exciting and desirable prizes. Proceeds go to help defer Feast expenses.

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Brethren enjoy the day at the picnic, Destin Beach State Park

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There were also children's Bible classes, workshops and educational activities throughout the Feast, culminating in an activity for kids of all ages, the Sea Blaster Sunset Cruise. Our Feasts on the Florida panhandle have always had a warm, friendly and familial flair. This year was no different, and everyone departed after the Last Great Day having once again obeyed God's command to keep the Feast, full of inspiration from the daily services, lifelong memories and renewed camaraderie unique to the



Hunter at Destin Beach

ICG.

We're back to Panama City Beach for the Feast in '08, but certainly were impressed by all that we enjoyed in Destin this year. See ya at PCB!

Montgomery, Indiana Feast Summary 2007

Some of us were so eager to start the Feast that we arrived early to the Gasthof Amish Village – to rain on Tuesday! Even Wednesday morning contained remnants of the showers from the day before. It appeared that the Feast weather might be less than optimum **But wait**, Indiana was behind about a foot of precipitation for the year and the land needed the moisture. In fact, there was a "No Burning" restriction due to the persistent drought. We had a bonfire scheduled for Sunday night after the picnic. God must have been smiling on our plans and preparations. We had our picnic with near-perfect weather and the bonfire, thanks to the rain in due season.

Ninety-six souls obeyed God's commandment and came to the peaceful, pastoral, millenium-like setting of the Gasthof Amish Village in Montgomery, Indiana to keep the Feast of Tabernacles 2007. The physical setting was practically perfect; in fact, you could leave your car parked on the premises for the whole Feast, if you wanted. The commute from the Inn to our meeting hall above the restaurant was a grueling 100-yard trek. Maybe. After services, one only had to walk downstairs to the excellent restaurant, eat dessert first, then feast from the buffet – or even treat yourself to a BLT (Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato sandwich) as the kitchen staff accommodated us with turkey bacon and labeled any dish that contained pork products.



Mr. Dale Sherman and Mr. Jim Josephsen conduct Bible study.

Everyone at the Gasthof welcomed us and seemed pleased that we were there. As we were ending the Feast there was a tragedy and an opportunity for us to demonstrate the love and compassion that we were taught by the many excellent speakers during the Feast. Our response indicated that we had taken to heart what we had learned. (More on this, later.)

Wednesday afternoon, we had fellowship, freshly popped popcorn and refreshments in what was to become known as the "Bingo Hall" that was located only half the trek as to our meeting hall. Everybody was in good spirits, looking forward to the "**Best Feast Ever**"! It was a wonderful beginning of the Sabbath, the First Day of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Thursday morning began with the first of seven **Sabbath Schools**, which started at 9:45 AM and ended when services began at 10:30 AM. Mrs. Suellen Johnson would continue this teaching for the children for seven days. Mr. Mike Partridge opened services with some preliminary comments to set the proper mood and tone for the Feast and then

led us in singing. Mr. Dale Sherman, conducted the offering. Mr. Jim Josephsen gave the sermon, challenging us with the question, "**Are You Ready?**" teaching about the celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles in the past and the present and asking if we are ready for eternal life.

In the afternoon, Mr. Dale Sherman and Mr. Jim Josephsen gave a Bible study on "**Understanding God's Spirit.**"

Friday, Mr. Mike Partridge led songs and Mr. Jim Burleson gave the sermonette, "**Dams – Great Britain and the United States.**" Mr. Gary Johnson sang and played special music, "**I'm Just a Poor, Wayfar-ing Stranger.**" Mr. Jim Josephsen's sermon, "**This is the Way; Walk Ye in It,**" followed.

The rest of the day was filled with activities, including a **Lunch for the Ladies** and the **Golf Tournament**. There was also a sign-up and rehearsal for the **Talent Show** that was given Tuesday night.

As the Sabbath approached, Mr. Dale Sherman and Mr. Wayne Graves presented a Bible study on "**The**



Mr. Mark Armstrong speaks at Gasthof



Children's special music



Mr. Mike Garrett sings special music at Gasthof Inn



Raffle night Gasthof Inn, Montgomery, IN



Mr. David Bramasco host for the Raffle.

Eight Signs in the Gospel of John", based on Appendix 176 of the Companion Bible.

Mr. Bob Ayers led the song service on the Sabbath and Mr. David Bramasco gave the sermonette, "**The End of Days.**" Lynne Ritenour sang "**Romans 8:28**" for special music. Mr. Stan Roberts delivered the sermon "**What Is the Kingdom of God?**" We had an afternoon service, viewing a movie about how a global flood, and not eons of gradual erosion by the Colorado River, rapidly formed the Grand Canyon. After sunset, it was over to the "Bingo Hall" for, you guessed it, BINGO, fresh popcorn, ice cream and fellowship!

Sunday services saw another full attendance of 96, buoyed by the appearance of Mr. Mark Armstrong and the other festival co-coordinator, Mr. Mike Garrett who sang "**Because He Lives.**" Mr. Bob Ayers led the song service and Mark Armstrong spoke of news of the work and world events and urged all of us to remain close to "the trunk of the tree." Afterwards, Mike Garrett delivered the sermon "**Seven Proofs That God Exists.**"

Three more individuals joined the family of God via an afternoon baptism, **William Carter, Jim Thuot** and **Barbara Simmons**. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed fun, food and fellowship at the picnic under clear skies and perfect weather. Movies and the **bonfire** (thanks to the early rain!) rounded out the evening.



Dale Sherman, Floyd Kielczewski, Gary Johnson

On Monday morning, Mr. Wayne Graves led the song service and Mr. Larry Wright gave the sermonette, "**The View in the Rear View Mirror.**" Special music was by Mr. Richard Messer, "**The Song of Jonah**" and Mr. Mike Partridge gave the sermon, "**A Great Warning.**" During the afternoon, we had **bowling** at a local alley in nearby Washington and had the lanes entirely to ourselves. Some even got in a couple of games of the dreaded "Pool"! In the evening, we had a **County Fair** night with everyone winning at least one prize, unlike some county fairs you may have attended. You could even go "fishing" without an out-of-state fishing license!

Seventy-two people attended the Tuesday morning service with Mr. Wayne Graves leading the song service. Mr. Floyd Kielczewski gave a sermonette on "**Faith**" and Mr. Dale Sherman entertained us with special



Family Music Night

music, "**Our God is Building a Nation.**" Mr. Gary Johnson presented a sermon on the wiles of the devil in "**Conflict & Diversions.**"

The long-awaited **Raffle** was held in the afternoon in the Bingo Hall with popcorn and other goodies to satisfy our appetites and wet our whistles. As the raffle progressed, many people got just what they needed and wanted from the multitude of items. The **Talent Show** began around 7:00 PM and spotlighted the truly talented folks who attended our Feast site. At one point, Mrs. Suellen Johnson, who had organized the Talent Show, came to the front of the meeting hall with a baby asleep on her shoulder. In a small, still voice, Suellen related that there had been a tragedy in the Amish community. A 37-year-old father had been badly burned over 50 to 80% of his body when a pressurized kerosene lamp had exploded. To make matters

worse, his mother had broken her hip in escaping from the burning home – which was a total loss. The wife and three other children had escaped with little or no injury. Since our hosts could not leave the building before we did, and wanted to attend to the Amish family's needs, she asked everyone to quietly and quickly leave. We did. Many of us prayed that night for the father and his mother and the Amish family that we did not know, had never met, but we suddenly felt compassion for our suffering, fellow man.

The next day, a voluntary offering was collected for the family. We were updated on the condition of the family members and urged to continue to pray for all of them. Mrs. Suellen Johnson gave the funds we had collected to the local Amish elder and he was speechless. One of the dining room servers even inquired about our

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act of kindness. For many of us, this was the **best part** of the **Best Feast Ever**, showing love and kindness to strangers and expecting nothing in return.

Wednesday began with Mr. David Bramasco leading songs and Mr. Bob Ayers giving the sermonette, “**Why Was I Born?**” Mr. Dale Sherman, Mr. Gary Johnson and Mr. Floyd Kielczewski performed the “**Blessing of the Children.**” The **Sabbath School** class sang “**In My Heart There Rings A Melody**” and each member read selected Bible verses. Mrs. Annie Partridge sang “**Amazing Grace**” a *cappella* for special music. Mr. Dale Sherman, gave the sermon, “**Eight**” – following along the lines of the Bible study presented earlier in the Feast.

All 96 people again attended for the Last Great Day, Thursday. Mr.

David Bramasco led songs. Mr. Mike Garrett delivered the offering message and sang special music, “**Because He Lives.**” Mr. Wayne Graves gave the sermonette entitled “**The Eleventh Suggestion**” and Mr. Mike Garrett gave the final sermon of the Feast, “**The Eighth Day.**” With tears in our eyes, we sang our anthem “**God Be With You**” and left the **Best Feast Ever** with memories that will endure through the Millenium, the Last Great Day and beyond – forever!

Epilogue (by Suellen Johnson): Here is a quick update on our Amish family who lost most of their home and was injured during a tragic fire. The thirty-seven-year-old father is in a medical induced coma so his burns will heal. His mother, the eighty-one-year-old grandmother who broke her hip while getting out of the burning home is doing as well as an eighty-one-year-old can be

expected to do. The two children, who suffered minor burns, are healing just great. All six of the children are staying with their Aunt Rachel who has been one of our helpful and loving staff at the Gastoff restaurant. We received a call this week from Joclyn, our contact at the Gastoff.

The local Amish community was taken aback by the concern and love that we in the ICG, a group of “outsiders” have shown them. Joclyn also said that all of the Gastoff people were also taken aback by our outpouring of love and how we felt that we needed to help.

Feast Kimberling City, MO.

We had a friendly and happy group numbering between 165-167 every day but one.

All of our functions were well attended. They ranged from Silver Dollar City, Branson Belle, Bingo, Family Night Dance, Bingo, Ladies Tea, and of course, our annual Golf Tournament.

The raffle this year broke our previous record of money brought in. Thanks goes to everyone who helped achieve this.



Dr. James Ricks and Mr. Michael Burkert

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rected spirit beings, under the authority given us by Jesus Christ.

Everyone who reads this knows what I’m talking about. We all know that there are wrongs to be righted. We all know that WE are accountable to God. We also know that in the future, evil doers will be held accountable, and that the wages of sin are death! It’s really sad, that so many people living today are unaware that

God will one day hold them accountable, even if our liberal court system won’t.

We are living in the end times. As Watchmen, we must continue to do the Work God has ordained us to do, until the end. Never forget what Jesus told us in the Olivet Prophecy. He warned us that in the Great Tribulation, things would get much worse, before they get better. He also said, “*But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.*” (Matthew 24:13). □

The weather was great every day providing an enjoyable time for everyone.

Our annual picnic was held on the last day of the Feast and the weather was absolutely perfect.

We had three baptisms this year.

We had really good discussions one of which was on Prophecy with

Dr. James Ricks and Mr. Michael Burkert. The other one was with Dr. Ricks and Mr. Daryl Craig on India and it’s pagan worship and the conditions of life there. It was really an eye opener.

God blessed us with great friends, great times and perfect weather for the Feast. □

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problem, he had a calling from God. And that calling required his personal attention. It required his obedience. It called for the spotlight, not the shadows. This calling demanded that he stand up and warn the people of his day, and not to be so concerned with his own life. His name, of course, is Noah.

In Genesis 6:8 we read, “But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.”

There could have been millions of people inhabiting the earth by this time and yet only one righteous man found favor in the eyes of God. How unbelievably sad that a whole society, whole nations, the whole world could have rejected God and His great goodness. The fact that the world had become so corrupt that no one, with the exception of one man, was found living a righteous life, is hard to believe. And yet, what of our world today? Do we have whole nations who have rejected God? Are there whole societies who are com-

pletely intertwined with paganism and idolatry? Do any countries seek only for themselves by their insatiable lust and greed? What about individual states or counties, neighborhoods or single families, business associates, friends, family members? What about...you?

Noah found favor in God’s eyes because, verse :9 “Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations and Noah walked with God.” What separated Noah from the entire world? He was just. Webster’s dictionary defines “just” as, “acting or

being in conformity with what is morally upright or good.” He was upright. He walked or followed God. And what is God? God is loving, joyful, peaceable, forgiving, kind, gentle, slow to anger, long suffering, patient, and faithful. The list is endless of the characteristics which separate God from the carnal nature of mankind. Noah had these same qualities. He resisted the temptation to follow his own carnal nature as did the rest of the world. He chose to follow God and his ways and that is why God looked upon him with favor. Can man

today exhibit these same qualities? By himself, no. By following God and His ways, yes!

The outcome of that society was total destruction by water. Even with the warning for over 120 years from Noah, whom the Bible describes as a preacher of righteousness, the people would not listen. The story continues in Genesis 6 and verse 13, "And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth." God then instructed Noah to build an ark for the survival of himself and his immediate family. Then in verse 17, God states: "And, behold, I even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die." The earth had become so evil that God had no other choice than to destroy every living creature and start anew with Noah and his family. Have we entered a time, once again, when man's iniquities have become so enormous that God's wrath will once again be executed upon the earth?

Jesus put forth a parable to the multitudes which He would later expound to his disciples. In Matt 13:24, Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: (v.25), But while the men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit then appeared the tares also. (v.27), So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath it tares? (v. 28), He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? (v. 29), But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. (v.30), Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but

gather the wheat into my barn." The disciples didn't understand why He spoke to the multitudes of people in parables and they asked him to declare unto them the parable of the tares of the field. Jesus gave them an astounding analogy and answered them in verse 37, saying, "He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; (v. 38), The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; (v. 39), The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. (v. 40), As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. (v. 41), The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; (v. 42), And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. (v. 43), Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Jesus is describing a time of separating evil, wicked, offensive children of Satan the devil from the children of God and His kingdom. Those, like Noah, who have followed God and have His characteristics will be saved, but those who refuse to submit to God will be burned up like chaff in a furnace. And when was this to happen? At the end of this world or the end of this age as some translations describe. God is not going to let this world continue on in its evil course forever. When do you suppose this will happen? Will you have advance warning of this time? Will you have time to decide to repent? Or, will it come upon mankind suddenly?

In Luke 17 and verse 26, Jesus further compares this end time with the time of the flood. He states, "And as it was in the days of Noe [Noah], so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. v. 27, They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe [Noah] entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them

all. (v. 28), Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; (v. 29), But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. v. 30, Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."

Here again we see Jesus describing His coming as a time of utter destruction which will take place upon the wicked that dwell on this earth. All those who have chosen to ignore God and His ways will be destroyed. All those who hate righteousness and love iniquity will be destroyed. And it happens during a time when human beings are trying to live life as normal as possible, but all the while, rejecting God. Who does this include? Who will be destroyed?

In Revelation 21, John is writing down and recording the things that he saw in vision. And he makes a terrifying statement, which is a direct quotation from a great being that is talking to him. In verse 6, this being describes Himself and says, "It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. (v. 7), He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God and he shall be my son." This personal quotation can only be a description of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. No one else can claim these titles except the God family. He describes the overcomers as those who will inherit all things. What does God have? What does Jesus Christ have? What will these overcomers have, but all things? But notice His next statement, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death." Are there any of these people alive today? How far must you go to find these characteristics? Where must one look to find a liar? What about an unbeliever, or one who is fearful? Are there any sorcerers,

those who deal in fortune telling, palm reading, witchcraft and the black arts? What about those who are abominable? In Proverbs 6 and verse 16 it says, "These six things doth the Lord hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto him. (v. 17), A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, (v. 18), An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, (v.19), a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."

All of these wicked characteristics are everywhere prevalent in our society today. It is all around us. You can't venture out of your home without being scratched, banged up, beaten up, or smashing headlong into the evilness of our world today. Our world is full of wickedness. And it tends to weigh heavy upon a Christian life. It tends to drag a person down. One who is trying to walk a righteous life can hardly go on without succumbing to the gutter talk, the filthy appetites, and the absolute garbage of our society. The only escape and the only salvation is by living a life, like Noah, that is in harmony with God. Jesus Christ left us the perfect example.

The good news is that God will not tolerate this state of existence forever. He is going to intervene and He will ultimately destroy the wicked from off the face of this earth. There will be no more time for warning. God is going to destroy the wicked, not by plagues, not with water, but with fire. He will eventually take a personal hand in ruling this world. He will rid it of all the wickedness. Only then will a transformation take place on this earth that is unimaginable. Our world will finally be as God intended. It will be overflowing with beauty, harmony, happiness, prosperity, and peace. And righteousness will reign. If you are not trying to live a righteous life, how will you survive? Who can save you? Shouldn't you be asking that question now? What excuse will you give? You won't be able to say "There was no warning." God has given a flood of warnings. □

LETTERS

Dear Mr. Armstrong,
Gentlemen, Of all the ministers and
pastors I have listened to on TV,
Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong is the
most accurate. He is the best!

M. E. in Texas

Dear Mr. Armstrong
Thank you for replying so soon.
This information helped me beyond
words.

S. E. in the USA

Dear Mr. Armstrong,
I just want everyone there to know
that I appreciate you all very much.
Garner Ted helped me to change
my life and understand the Bible so
much better. I needed that and I still
do. Thank you.

T. K. in Texas

Dear Sirs,
I thoroughly enjoy your program. I
only wish you were on the air every
day.

N. G. in Florida

Dear Mr. Armstrong
Warm greetings from the Philip-
pines. I would like to say thank you
for the GTA DVD which you sent
me that I received yesterday. I
really appreciate it a lot.

A. C. in the Philippines

Dear Mr. Armstrong,
Thank you for the visit to the Tulsa
area. I enjoyed meeting Mr. Mark
Armstrong. Thank you again for the
wonderful sermons. Thanks so
much for your continued WORK.

B. P. in Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Armstrong
For years I read the Worldwide
Church of God literature. Then it
disappeared. It seems that it has
been resurrected. Great news. I
found it by accident BUT I am glad
to have rediscovered it.

J. B. in England

Dear Sirs,
Thank you for sending me your
information. I will be working with

your guidance and I look forward to
growing closer to God.

R. S. in the USA

Dear Mr. Armstrong
Thank you for taking the time and
sending us a wonderful sermonette.
We appreciate the time you give us,
we know you are very busy. Thank
you for helping us to understand
and have a much clearer picture.

E. E. in Nevada

Dear Mr. Armstrong,
Just finished listening to the Garner
Ted Armstrong's video "Atlanta
Personal Appearance." Thanks so
much for featuring the sermon. It
was so good to hear it again. It was
very timely.

D. B. in Utah

Dear Mr. Armstrong
Thank you so much for the tapes
you have sent me. I enjoy them so
much and share them with family
and friends.

T. K. in Indiana

Dear Mr. Armstrong,
Thank you for being so prompt
with the reply to my question.
Thank you also for the information.

V. H. in Florida

Dear Mr. Armstrong
I just want to say, "Thank you
soooooo much" for continuing
Garner Ted's TV messages. I can't
begin to tell you how much I
appreciate you doing this and how
much it means to me, and how
much it is needed. It is almost
impossible to find a church that
preaches the truth. I have been
reading and listening to Garner Ted
and his father, Herbert W.
Armstrong, for many, many years.

P. B. in North Carolina

Dear Sirs,
I am reading and so enjoying "The
Real Jesus." I'm not sure how it
came to me, but I'm grateful. My
mother, who died in '96 was an

avid reader of your father and
grandfather. Just a "little" enclosed
for postage. God bless you. *E.L.D.*

Dear Mr. Armstrong,
I thank God for all your efforts to
make the Bible more effective for
us. Thank you so much with the
truth about the Sabbath.

C. M. in Arkansas

Dear Mr. Armstrong
Thank you so much for this infor-
mation. It is much appreciated! You
have cleared up a huge question in
my mind. I will pass this on to my
sister, as well.

K. W. in the USA

Dear Mr. Armstrong
I can't express my feelings when I
came across your program. I knew
the voice and the face was familiar
- the thing that threw me off was
the hair. Last time I watched Garner
Armstrong, his hair was black.
Come to think of it, so was mine.
Anyway, glad to see him again. I
was always a follower of Herbert
W. Armstrong, which is where I
first saw Garner Ted teach. One of
my prize possessions is a copy of
"The Real Jesus." Keep up the
"good fight of faith." There just are
not many programs giving out
sound biblical teachings.

R. M. in Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Armstrong
Viewed the program yesterday for
the first time in many years. I am
requesting "Christmas—The Un-
told Story" and "Economic, Politi-
cal and Religious Impact of War
with Iraq." THANKS!

V. H. in Missouri

Dear Mr. Armstrong,
Keep up the good work and thanks
for such a timely response.

C. B. in Southeast USA

Dear Sirs,
Thank you a million times for
today's "Your Daily Start." It helps
me deal with everything I have

been struggling with, giving me a
different outlook and a perfect
understanding.

Q. M. in Washington State

Dear Mr. Armstrong
Thank the Armstrong family for all
the years of faithful ministry!

C. K. in Illinois

Dear Mr. Armstrong
It sure is nice to have servants of
Jesus who tell the truth about him!!

Y.A. in Georgia

Dear Sirs,
I pray that you are well and wait
anxiously for my next "Your Daily
Start."

D. A. in the USA

Dear Mr. Armstrong
Thank you for the speedy response
and terrific reference.

L. L. in Virginia

Dear Mr. Armstrong
I have just finished Garner Ted
Armstrong's book, "The Real
Jesus," and am of the absolute
opinion that this is the most impor-
tant book - second only to the Bible
itself - ever written. It is my dearest
wish that everyone have access to
this piece of literature by Mr.
Armstrong. Thank you, thank you
for making this book available and
may you continue to keep it in print
until the prophesied Famine of the
Word. If anything is preserved after
Christ returns, it must be this book.

J. G. in Canada

Dear Mr. Armstrong
Very good information. I can say
it's nice to finally see information
that has been looked up and
checked out. Thank you and may
God bless you!!!

T. R. in Canada

Dear Mr. Armstrong,
Garner Ted Armstrong said years
ago that weather changes were
going to hit us. I remember him
saying that on December 23, 1974,
when I met him for the first time.

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So I believed him then and I believe him now, even after over 30 years. Hang in there and tell the truth of GOD to the nation. I am in Oklahoma during the savage ice storm,

and I remember his statement just like it was yesterday.

B. P. in U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Armstrong
Thank you for my recent booklets and cd's. Y'all have had a big impact

with my spiritual life.

K. C. in Mississippi

Dear Mr. Armstrong
Thank you all for what you all have done over the years for my own personal knowledge of God and His

Son, Jesus Christ.

M. P. in Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Armstrong
Thanks for your news commentary, "Hitler and Nazi Resurgence." Well done. *W. G. in Tennessee* □

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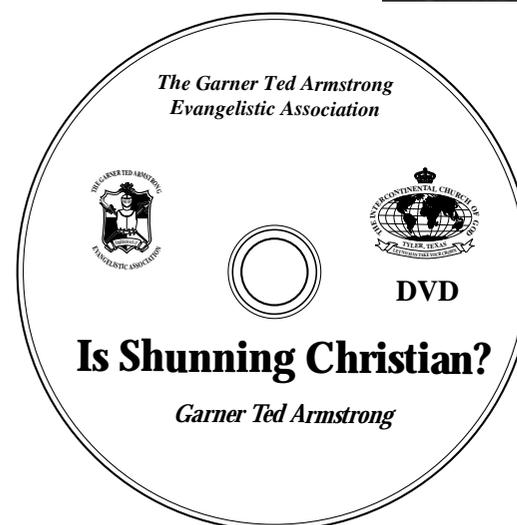
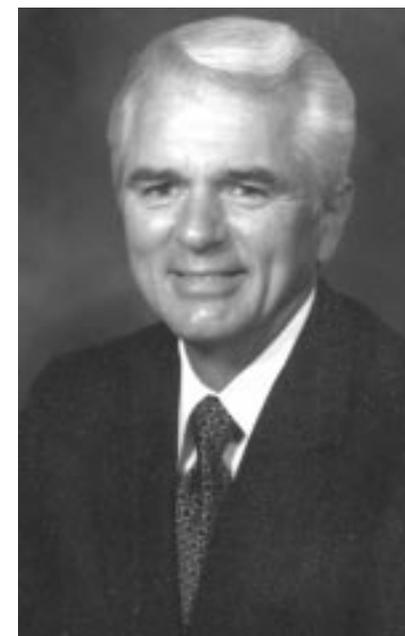
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