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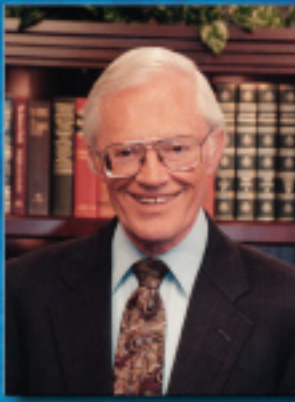
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Personal

By Roderick C. Meredith, Editor in Chief

Where Was God on September 11, 2001?

The powerful emotions generated by September 11, 2001, are still affecting millions of Americans. One common question still asked is: “*Where was God on September 11?*” A few weeks ago, my wife and I watched a Public Broadcasting System special—“Faith and Doubt at Ground Zero”—that asked this very question.

It featured the “biblically illiterate” American public “judging” God by every confused form of reasoning imaginable. Many asked: “*Why didn’t God intervene and stop it?*” Others, who had lost loved ones, wondered: “*Why did God ‘pick’ my loved one, and not others, to die?*” One man said that “God is a *barbarian*” for allowing the attack to happen!

Where did these people get their *false conceptions* of God and of His supreme purpose? Most were obviously “religious”—they were simply reflecting the confused notions of God’s Plan that they had learned from their religious teachers. Yet **not one** seemed to have any genuine understanding of how God is dealing with this world, and how He will *continue* to deal with the six billion human beings inhabiting this planet!

I say “continue” because there may be more terrorist attacks, plus raging wars, drought, floods, wildfires, famine, disease epidemics and powerful earthquakes (cf. Matthew 24:3–8; Luke 21:7–11)! Who are people going to “blame” for all of this?

Certainly not themselves!

The true God of the Bible allows everyone the right of “free moral agency.” He does not force everyone and every nation to do the right thing. For millions continue in adultery, fornication, sexual perversion, theft, cheating, lying and taking God’s name in vain. Yet these millions become “offended” if anyone questions the depth or validity of their religious commitment. They will vigorously defend the “church of their choice”—no matter how unbiblical its doctrines may be. They will continue to voice *their* opinion—and in practice **refuse** to genuinely **study** the inspired Word of God and accept its teachings as the absolute

authority in their lives. Some—like the man cited above—may even consider God a “barbarian” because He *allows* human beings to go their own way during this 6,000-year period. For, as we have told our readers again and again, the Eternal God has set aside 6,000 years for man to experience his *own* ideas of religion, education and entertainment under the influence of Satan the Devil.

Satan is the “god” of this present society. *He* is the one who heavily influences the perverted themes and stories portrayed on television, and in film, music and literature. The Apostle Paul was inspired to write that Satan is the “prince of the power of the air, the **spirit** who now **works** in the sons of disobedience” (Ephesians 2:2). *Satan* guides the attitudes and beliefs of people in this world’s atmosphere. He is “prince” of the atmosphere of our society.

Paul reveals that Satan has “blinded” this world from knowledge of the true God and His ways: “But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the **god of this age** has **blinded**, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them” (2 Corinthians 4:3–4). The Apostle John was inspired to describe Satan as “that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who **deceives** the **whole world**” (Revelation 12:9).

Human beings—as free moral agents—are able to experiment with their own ideas of what is right and what is wrong. Our first parents, Adam and Eve, went *directly contrary* to God’s instructions and obeyed Satan instead (Genesis 3:1–19). Mankind has been going in that direction ever since! God describes the “great” thinkers of the past in this way: “Professing to be wise, they became **fools**” (Romans 1:22). Then God inspired Paul to elaborate: “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them **over** to a **debased mind**, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled

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Who Controls The Weather?

By Roderick C. Meredith

Last summer, raging wildfires burned across vast portions of the American west. The United States is now enduring one of the worst droughts in decades. As *Time* magazine recently reported: “Cursed by a drought worse than the Okies saw at the height of the Great Depression, the West’s farmers are selling their cattle and leaving plots to blow toward the Rockies. As harvest season arrives, grocery stores will raise prices and the nation’s growers will seek relief, yet again, from a Congress with its own budget problems” (September 16, 2002).

Yes, food prices in the United States and Canada are destined to rise because of the serious drought. The *Wall Street Journal* for September 10, 2002 reported: “Wheat futures charged to the 30-cent-per-bushel daily trading limit at all three U.S. wheat markets and set fresh contract highs in all major months due to panic over dwindling world milling-wheat supplies.... This season, major reductions in output have been seen in four of the world’s largest wheat exporting nations—the U.S., Canada, Australia and Argentina. Both the U.S.

and Canadian all-wheat crops are seen at their smallest levels since the early 1970s, and those figures may be trimmed further as overly wet conditions threaten fields waiting to be harvested.”

Mainly because of the tinder dry conditions, enormous wildfires have destroyed literally millions of acres of forests and farmlands throughout the West. And the drought has been so severe in the mid-Atlantic states that entire church congregations have had special prayer services to cry out to God for relief.

Are all these extreme weather conditions just a product of “mother nature”? Most of the climate “experts” will calmly explain that there have always been shifting weather patterns throughout the world. They will say, in effect, that “this too shall pass.”

But will it?

Or are these current weather woes—the wildfires of enormous magnitude, the present “global warming” episode and the “worst drought in recorded history” in many areas—conditions that will just “pass away” and be forgotten in a few years? Will terrifying tornadoes, hurricanes, massive earthquakes and other such phenomena just follow the “normal” patterns of the past?

Here is a **challenge** to all of our readers: If such “normal” weather and other disaster-related incidents such as wildfires and earthquakes continue for the next ten years in their “normal” patterns, then you should simply *throw away your Tomorrow’s World* magazines, discontinue your subscription and assume that Jesus Christ is **not** going to return any time soon! **But**, if these “unusual” weather and related conditions continue to get worse and *worse*, then you had better “listen up”! You had better be willing to acknowledge that there is a **real** God—and that it is the Creator **God** who ultimately controls the weather!

How so?

Because, once you have proved to yourself (and you *can* and *should*!) that the Holy Bible really is directly *inspired of God*, then you should really **study** this “Manual for Survival” and acquaint yourself with the fact that the true God has always used the weather as a tool to chasten rebellious nations and sometimes even individuals. You should then be willing to ask yourself: “Where have we gone **wrong**? Is there some ‘lesson’ we should learn from the severe weather conditions that God predicts will be widespread just before Christ’s coming?”

What Jesus Christ Prophesied

When Jesus Christ was asked, “What will be the sign of Your coming and the **end** of the age” (Matthew 24:3), He began to warn His disciples that “many” false prophets (or preachers) would arise and deceive the “many.” Then Jesus predicted

wars and world wars. Finally, Jesus stated: “There will be *famines, pestilences* and *earthquakes* in various places” (v. 7). The Bible and history have recorded that, even by Jesus’ time, there were countless famines and earthquakes. Obviously, then, Jesus was indicating *much more severe* weather conditions than in the past.

And these conditions are **now** beginning to appear! As the *Associated Press* reported on September 11, 2002: “The Senate voted overwhelmingly yesterday to provide almost \$6 billion for ranchers and farmers battered by the drought, ignoring President Bush’s objections and highlighting the pressures lawmakers face as elections for congressional control draw near. With crops and pastures withering across the West, Midwest and Southeast, the measure won bipartisan approval in a 79–16 vote. Thirty-one Republicans joined 47 Democrats and one independent in supporting the proposal, as senators showed little taste for opposing a new boost in farm assistance at the height of the campaign season. ‘Help us with the drought,’ was the plea from agrarian states, said Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.), the chief sponsor. ‘Provide us assistance. Do what is right.’”

In contrasting weather, most of you have undoubtedly read about the “worst flooding of the century”—as it was called—which hit several nations in Europe this past summer. As we shall see, the Bible predicts both famine and floods to strike our peoples. Yet the vast majority of professing Christians “don’t have a clue” about this! And neither do their ministers! For most of

them seldom read and certainly do not understand biblical prophecy. They remain in ignorance of the *one-fourth* of the Bible that is prophetic. They remain in ignorance of our national identity. They remain in ignorance of the awesome prophesied intervention of God at the end of this age.

In Luke’s account of Jesus’ Olivet Prophecy, Jesus states: “And there will be **great earthquakes** in various places, and *famines* and *pestilences*; and there will be *fearful* sights and *great signs* from heaven” (Luke 21:11). And later: “And there will be *signs* in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the *sea* and the waves *roaring*” (v. 25). So, in Luke’s account, Jesus explained that “**great**” earthquakes would shake this earth! And with the seas and waves “roaring,” we will undoubtedly see enormous storms swamping even the most powerful ships built by man—plus huge *tidal waves* surging miles inland and devastating entire cities. *Talk about divine intervention!*

We often forget that the book of Revelation contains a direct message from Jesus Christ: “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things that **must shortly take place**. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John” (Revelation 1:1). In Revelation 11:6, God states how He will use two men described as the “two witnesses” to **control the weather**: “These have power to shut heaven, so that *no rain* falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over *waters* to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as

often as they desire.” Almighty God has *always* used His control over the weather as a means of chastening rebellious peoples and of guiding the outcome of battles and even the fate of nations.

God’s Intervention in the Weather

In the New Testament book of James, we are reminded of how the ancient prophet, Elijah, asked God to intervene in the weather: “Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; *and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months*. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit” (James 5:17–18).

One of the most significant prayers recorded in the Bible is the prayer of King Solomon as he dedicated the temple of God in Jerusalem. Part of this inspired prayer states: “When the heavens are shut up and there is *no rain* because they have sinned against You, when they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and turn from their sin because You afflict them, then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your servants, Your people Israel, that You may teach them the good way in which they should walk; and **send rain** on Your land which You have given to Your people as an inheritance. When there is *famine* in the land, pestilence or *blight* or *mildew*, locusts or grasshoppers; when their enemy besieges them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness there is; whatever prayer, whatever supplication is made by anyone, or by all Your people Israel, when each one knows the plague of his own

heart, and spreads out his hands toward this temple: then hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and act, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men), that they may fear You all the days that they live in the land which You gave to our fathers” (1 Kings 8:35–40).

At that point in his life, Solomon was very close to God. Almighty God directly spoke to Solomon and gave him wisdom and understanding above all men on the earth (1 Kings 3:10–12). So when Solomon describes in the above prayer how “the heavens are shut up and there is **no rain** because they have **sinned** against You,” *we should listen!*

We should all come to realize that the true God has *absolute control of the weather!* In a “dual” prophecy—a prophecy that applied to ancient Israel and also applies today to our peoples—God states: “If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments, and perform them, then *I will give you rain in its season*, the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. Your threshing shall last till the time of vintage, and the vintage shall last till the time of sowing; you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely” (Leviticus 26:3–5). Later in this prophecy God warns: “But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments, and if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, but break My covenant.... And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for

your sins. I will break the pride of your power; *I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze*. And your strength shall be spent in vain; *for your land shall not yield its produce*, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruit” (vv. 14–15, 18–20).

Until recently, God has richly blessed the American and British-descended peoples above all nations of the earth. At one point, we controlled three-fourths of all the world’s developed resources. We won all the major wars and have had a living standard above all other peoples. But **now**, God is beginning to intervene to humble us—to **shake** us to our senses before it is too late! And He is beginning to use the **weather** as part of this humbling process.

Unless we truly **repent** and turn to the true God and begin to *keep His commandments* (Matthew 19:17), our days of national greatness are numbered! For we will experience massive **earthquakes** and volcanic eruptions such as have never before been seen by our peoples. We will go through continuing **drought**, *famine* and horrifying **disease epidemics** on a scale never before experienced by our peoples. A vital “key” to understanding exactly *how* and *why* these tragedies will strike is revealed in our powerful booklet, *What’s Ahead for America and Britain?* You **need** this fully documented booklet to genuinely understand about 90 percent of **end-time** prophecy. We will be pleased to send you this booklet absolutely **free** upon your request. Just call us or write the Regional Office closest to you, as listed on page 2 of this magazine.

God Is Speaking to Our Peoples

Once we realize that the American and British-descended peoples really are the descendants of the so-called “Lost Ten Tribes of Israel,” we can recognize the fact that God is speaking directly to **our peoples** in many of the Old Testament prophecies. In a prophecy that was written for us, *today*, the great God proclaims: “They do not say in their

Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom continue to enjoy.

In 1586–87, Catholic domination of the English throne was made impossible by the execution of Mary, Queen of Scots. The following year, Spain’s King Philip II unleashed his “invincible” 124-ship Armada against England in an effort to reassert Catholic control. Though the English naval forces tenaciously fought, eventually they exhaust-

Channel is normally rough and treacherous at that time of year, hundreds of ships, yachts and small boats—anything that would move while staying afloat—were sent to rescue at least a remnant of the army. But the situation seemed grim.

Then, surprisingly, bad weather on the continent grounded most of the German air force. But, instead of being rough and choppy as usual—dangerous for small craft—the channel became



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heart, ‘Let us now fear the LORD our God, Who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season. He reserves for us the appointed weeks of the harvest.’ Your iniquities have turned these things away, and *your sins have withheld good from you*” (Jeremiah 5:24–25).

Yet, we all need to realize that God is not an ogre. He is a God of love and mercy who desires to teach all of us—individually and collectively—the *lessons* we need to learn to prepare us for eternal life in His Kingdom. Because of His promise to Abraham, God has blessed and blessed our peoples with generally good weather—“rain in due season”—and excellent natural resources. Again and again, the true God has *intervened in the weather* to deliver the British-descended and American peoples. These successful interventions made possible the religious freedom, prosperity and power the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic powers of the U.S., Canada,

ed their gunpowder! At that critical point, an unprecedented gale-force wind arose and drove many of the heavily armed, lumbering Spanish galleons to their doom. The weather-beaten ships that limped home to Spain were so damaged that many could never again be used. Queen Elizabeth, commemorating the Spanish defeat, issued a silver medal, bearing the inscription: “God blew and they were scattered.” She *knew* who took charge of those winds at that critical hour in the history of her people!

In 1940, Hitler’s forces had swiftly invaded France and the lowlands. They had cut off 330,000 crack British troops, forcing them to retreat with their backs to the English Channel at the port of Dunkirk. If the British lost this army, they could hardly have hoped to beat back the Nazi hordes set on conquering them. Word went out all over Britain: “Winnie [Churchill] needs boats.” Though the English

almost as calm as a bathtub! Men and women who had lived all their lives on its shore had never seen it so tranquil. Winnie’s motley armada of naval flotsam and jetsam rescued nearly one-third of a million British troops—the backbone of their entire army! Hitler was dumbfounded. The Nazi generals bitterly grumbled under their breath for having lost an easy kill. The British were profoundly thankful and called it “the miracle of the calm seas.”

I have spent four years of my adult life in Britain, and talked to several older men who were personally familiar with the Dunkirk rescue operation. They *all* got a certain glint or tear in their eyes when they talked about it. They *all* remembered the outpouring of gratitude to God by the British people after this event. Sunday, June 9, 1940, was appointed as a “Day of National Thanksgiving” for God’s deliverance at Dunkirk, and many English vicars will tell you that their churches were

packed on that day and have *never* been as full since. On the day before, one British newspaper ran an article about what it called “the miraculous deliverance” at Dunkirk. A British officer who had himself been rescued from Dunkirk said: “One thing can be certain about tomorrow’s Thanksgiving in our churches. From none will the thanks ascend with greater sincerity or deeper fervor than from the officers and men who have seen the Hand of God, powerful to save, delivering them from the hands of a mighty foe, who humanly speaking, had them utterly at his mercy” (*London Daily Telegraph*, June 8, 1940). Yes, God *controls* the destinies of nations—and individuals—often by intervening in the *weather*.

Will We Genuinely REPENT?

In a dual prophecy for Israel that certainly applies to us **today**, God tells our peoples: “Also I gave you cleanness of teeth in all your cities. And lack of bread in all your places; yet you have not returned to Me,” says the LORD. ‘I also **withheld** rain from you, when there were still three months to the harvest. I made it **rain** on one city, I withheld rain from another city. One part was rained upon, and where it did not rain the part withered. So two or three cities wandered to another city to drink water, but they were not satisfied; yet you have not returned to Me,’ says the LORD. ‘I blasted you with **blight** and **mildew**. When your gardens increased, your vineyards, your fig trees, and your olive trees, the locust devoured them; yet you have not returned to Me,’ says the LORD” (Amos 4:6–9).

Notice that—in *chastening* His own people—the Creator will sometimes bring *drought* on one area and *floods* on another! But His *purpose* is always the same. It is to bring His people into heartfelt **repentance** from their mounting *sins*!

In another such prophecy that very obviously applies to the **end-times**, Joel describes God’s coming intervention in the weather: “Hear this, you elders, and give ear, all you inhabitants of the land! Has anything like this happened in your days, or even in the days of your fathers? Tell your children about it, let your children tell their children, and their children another generation. What the chewing locust left, the swarming locust has eaten; what the swarming locust left, the crawling locust has eaten; and what the crawling locust left, the consuming locust has eaten.... The field is wasted, the land mourns; for the grain is ruined, the new wine is dried up, the oil fails. Be ashamed, you farmers, wail, you vinedressers, for the wheat and the barley; because the harvest of the field has perished” (Joel 1:2–4, 10–11).

Then God commands His ministers: “Consecrate a **fast**, call a sacred assembly; gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and **cry out to the LORD**. Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as destruction from the Almighty” (vv. 14–15).

As most of you readers know, the “Day of the Lord” is mentioned about 30 times in the Bible. It occurs at the “time of the end”—at the time just before and including Christ’s Second Coming. So our Creator is warn-

ing all who will listen to “**cry out**” to Him and ask for forgiveness!

In the earlier fulfillment of this dual prophecy, Joel says: “O LORD, to You I cry out; for **fire** has devoured the open pastures, and a *flame* has burned all the trees of the field. The beasts of the field also cry out to You, for the water brooks are *dried up*, and *fire* has devoured the open pastures” (vv. 19–20). Then God commands: “‘Now, therefore,’ says the LORD, ‘Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.’ So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm” (Joel 2:12–13).

Even though our nations as a whole continue to indulge in illic-

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To Learn More...



God’s hand can be seen in the increasing number and severity of weather disturbances

that have been occurring in recent years. Why are these events increasing, and why did Jesus Christ predict such disturbances at the end of the age before His return? Please request our **FREE** booklet, *Who Controls the Weather?*, or download it from the Literature section of our Web site www.tomorrowworld.org.

Questions & Answers

Q Is it proper for Christians to exchange cards on Valentine's Day, February 14? I have been told that it is a Christian holiday, named after a saint.

A Most people take for granted the idea of Valentine's Day as the "lover's holiday." It is quite common for young children in school to exchange cards on this occasion, and for lovers to exchange gifts such as candy or flowers. But what is the real origin of this popular holiday, and why is it known as "Saint" Valentine's Day?

Many reference works trace the name of the holiday to a third-century Roman Catholic martyr by the name of Valentine. Note, however, what the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* says on the subject: "St. Valentine's Day as a lovers' festival and the modern tradition of sending valentine cards have no relation to the saints but, rather, seem to be connected either with the Roman [sexual] fertility festival of the Lupercalia (February 15) or with the mating season of birds" (15th ed., vol. 10, p. 336).

In this "Lupercalia... the names of young women were put into a box and drawn out by men as chance directed" (*Encyclopedia Americana*, "St. Valentine's Day"). This pairing off was, of course, linked with sexual immorality. That is where the phrase "Be my valentine" originated!

But where did the Lupercalia itself come from? It was celebrated in honor of the god Pan! In fact, "the name seems to be borrowed from the Greek name of Pan, *Lycaeus*, from *lukos*, a wolf... because Pan, as god of shepherds, protected sheep from the rapacity of wolves" (*Lempdere's Classical Dictionary*, p. 339).

Who was Pan? "The worship, and the different functions of Pan, are derived from the mythology of the ancient Egyptians.... He was worshipped with the greatest solemnity over all Egypt.... He was the emblem of [fertility]"

(*Lempdere's*, p. 439). The legend of Pan as the hunter of wolves and protector of the flocks originates in the ancient biblical account of Nimrod, the "mighty hunter" against God (Genesis 10:9) and builder of the Tower of Babel (cf. Alexander Hislop, *The Two Babylons*, 1917).

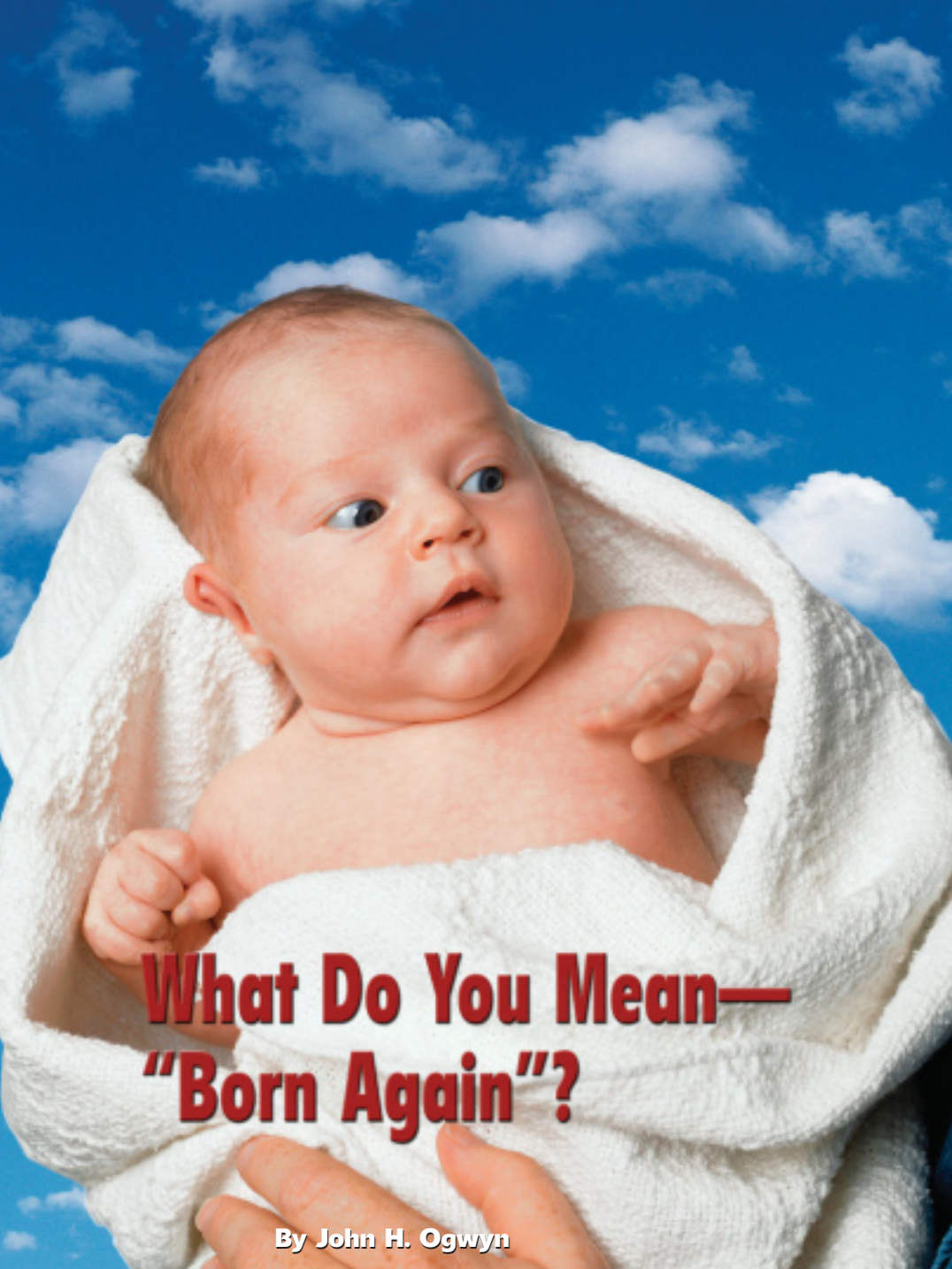
This wicked ruler Nimrod was the original *lupercus* ("wolf hunter") and *valentine* ("strong man"). He is the same figure worshiped by the Phoenecians as Baal, and appears elsewhere in Scripture under the name Tammuz (Ezekiel 8:14). This Nimrod was no saint—he was a licentious man, and an enemy of God, who came to be worshiped by the pagans after his death. He is more accurately a symbol of lust and violence, rather than love.

In 496AD, Pope Gelasius "Christianized" the pagan Lupercalia by changing its name. He also shifted its day of observance from February 15 on the sunset-to-sunset calendar, to February 14 on the Roman calendar—thus keeping in place the timing of the old Lupercalia's evening celebration.

The early Roman Catholic Church, seeking the allegiance of the pagan populace, attempted to "Christianize" the Roman Lupercalia festival along with other popular pagan celebrations. Purged of their most heinous elements and given new "Christian" names, celebrations popular from pagan antiquity continued among the people.

Was it right to do this? No! God instructs His people to take a far different approach: "Learn not the way of the heathen" (Jeremiah 10:2, KJV; cf. Deuteronomy 12:29–32). Instead of involving ourselves in commercialized holidays that are simply sanitized versions of ancient pagan *sex rites*, let us follow the ways of our Creator.

To learn more about "counterfeit" Christian celebrations, and the true Christianity that predated them, please write for our free booklet *Restoring Apostolic Christianity*.



What Do You Mean— “Born Again”?

By John H. Ogwyn

The gentle September air wafted through the open windows of the little country church where I sat as a child. Following the custom of countless other Protestant churches large and small, our little church was having a “revival meeting.” The visiting minister gave a stirring sermon traditional for such occasions, and strongly emphasized that we must give our hearts to the Lord and experience a new birth. “You must be born again!” he emphasized, over and over, throughout the week-long revival.

Like millions of others, those of us present that evening saw the new birth as a one-time, emotional experience that takes place when an individual “accepts Christ.” Is that *really* what Jesus Christ meant when He told Nicodemus that one must be “born again” to inherit the Kingdom of God?

Make no mistake about it; a new birth is absolutely vital! Without it we will never see the Kingdom of God. Jesus Christ said so in John 3:3! Yet the question

remains: what exactly is the new birth that Jesus described?

Different Ideas About the New Birth

Millions, influenced by Protestant evangelical preaching, understand “being born again” in much the same way as did the revival preacher to whose altar call I responded more than 40 years ago. Many other professing Christians, however, see it differently. Those whose background is in one of the more formal, “sacramental” churches have quite a different view of the “new birth.” The *Dictionary of the Bible and Religion* explains in the article “Regeneration” that the rite of infant baptism, practiced not only by Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, but by many Protestant churches as well, “is historically known as *baptismal regeneration* and rests on the belief that the sacrament, when performed aright, has the power to confer what it signifies, namely regeneration or new birth of the child to God’s family.”

Churches that view infant baptism as a sacrament believe that the ceremony itself confers regeneration, and that the baptized person at that point enters into the Kingdom of God. Evangelicals would argue that the individual must first make his own *personal* profession of faith, after

which he is “born again” and is, from that moment on, in the Kingdom.

Belief that we must be “born again” is not limited to those who profess Christianity. In today’s world, both Buddhists and Hindus also talk about rebirth. In its article on “Regeneration,” *The Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible* explains that many of the ancient mystery religions taught that their adherents were born anew through special rituals. They used the term “regeneration... to designate the salvation attained for the believer by means of initiation.” From Stoics and Pythagoreans, to adherents of Mithraism and of the ancient Eleusinian Mysteries, there was belief in the necessity of rebirth.

Arguments in religion have a tendency to spill over into other areas of life. Back in the 1970s, when Jimmy Carter became President of the United States, “born again” was thrust onto the front pages of newspapers. Since then, the term “born again” has increasingly been used to distinguish fervent believers in a felt, experienced Christianity from others whom they view as just “nominal Christians.” Many who stress the importance of what they call a “born-again experience” also look to “speaking in tongues” and similar types of emotional, charismatic phenomena as proof of their having experienced the “new birth.”

Those who view “born again” as a matter of sacrament and those who view it as personal experience do agree on one point. Both viewpoints assume that Christians are **already born again at this present time**. That belief is basic to their view of God’s plan of salvation. But are they correct? Understanding *when* the new birth occurs is crucial to clearly recognizing what is involved in salvation.

The WHEN of Salvation

Salvation is commonly misunderstood, even by professing Christians. According to the Bible, it is a *process*! Almost no one understands that vital fact. But first, let us ask: *why* do we need to be saved? Saved from *what*? After understanding these issues, we can begin to understand the *when* and *how* of salvation.

Simply put, we are saved from death—eternal death! The Apostle Paul tells us clearly: “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). He explains: “The wages of sin is death, **but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord**” (6:23). It is the divine Father who takes the initiative in bringing us to salvation. “God demonstrates His

own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8; cf. John 6:37, 44). Does the death of Christ then save us? Notice this startling truth: “Much more then, having now been *justified* by His blood, we *shall be* saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we *shall be* saved **by His life**” (Romans 5:9–10).

Notice that there is a salvation *process*! We all have sinned. In other words, we all have broken God’s holy, righteous law (1 John 3:4, KJV). In fact, Paul explains in Colossians 1:21 that we were previously alienated from God, and enemies in our mind, because of our own wicked works. As a result, we deserve eternal death. God took the initiative in making salvation possible; Christ took our place and died in our stead. His death alone, however, does *not* save us! It makes possible our justification and reconciliation. It means that we can be innocent and brought into harmony with God. Although God took the initiative, we must *respond* to His initiative. Peter explained this to those who heard his sermon on the day of Pentecost: “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38).

That is really only the first stage, however. At baptism, we make a commitment to obey God, and begin a spiritual development process. In Matthew 24:13, Jesus Christ makes it plain that only those who *endure to the end* will be saved. Salvation is a *process* that begins for us when we receive God’s Holy Spirit following baptism, and culminates when “this mortal must put on immortality” at the resurrection that occurs at Christ’s return (1 Corinthians 15:53).

Between our conversion and our death, God expects us to *do something*! Paul wrote: “Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” (2 Corinthians 7:1). Jesus Christ summarized what we must do in response to God’s love when He said: “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne” (Revelation 3:21). We do not *inherit* the Kingdom at conversion; rather, God expects us to live a life of growth and overcoming, empowered by His Holy Spirit.

In Galatians 2:20, Paul explains how we are to grow spiritually: “I am crucified with Christ: never-

theless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (KJV). Christ not only *died* to pay the penalty for sin, but after three days and three nights He *came forth* out of His grave *alive* forevermore. He was raised in power and glory as the "first-born from the dead" (Colossians 1:18). It is through His *life* that we also might have life eternal (Romans 5:10).

Just as new life is imparted in the process of human birth—with a begetting, a period of growth and development and then a coming forth into the world—so also is new life imparted in the process of salvation. We are begotten, we grow and develop as Christians, and then we enter into the Kingdom of

God. The "when" of salvation is the *resurrection from the dead*, when we will finally inherit the Kingdom of God as spirit-born sons of God. Christ said in Luke 20:36 that we will be the "children of God, being children of the resurrection" (NRSV).

Telling a Pharisee to Be Born Again

Nicodemus was shocked. He had come to Jesus secretly, at night, and had privately acknowledged that he and other religious leaders recognized Him as a man from God. Did he think Jesus would be appreciative of this stamp of approval, private though it may have been?

Whatever the Pharisee had expected, what Jesus told him came as a complete shock. You see, as a

Greek Expressions Referring to a New Birth

The Greek word *gennao* is rendered into English by both "born" and "beget." Sometimes Bible translators use these terms as though they were totally interchangeable. But that is just not so—and this seemingly small matter can lead to great confusion and result in a major error in understanding.

Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament says that *gennao* means "properly: of men begetting children... more rarely of women giving birth to children" (*Strong's* no. 1,080). *The Interpreter's Bible*, a 12-volume commentary, gives a simple but clear rule regarding when *gennao* should be rendered "born," and when "beget" would be preferable. "Birth can be considered either from the father's side, in which the verb is to 'beget,' or from the mother's side, in which the verb is to 'bear'" (vol. 8, Abingdon Press, p. 505). To "bear" is the active form of the passive "to be born."

The English word "beget" refers to the father's causal action that generates offspring. Synonymous verbs would be "engender," "sire" or "father." To "bear" refers to the mother's role in producing offspring—i.e., carrying to term and bringing forth into the world. In English, "begettal" by the Father is limited to conception. In Greek, however, *gennao* has a broader meaning and can be used to cover the entire range of the process of "bringing forth" a child into the world. We find one example of this when we note that in Matthew 1:20 *gennao* is translated "conceived," while in Matthew 2:1 it is rendered "was born." In each case the context makes obvious the proper translation into English.

One might wonder how the same word could be used to describe both a man engendering a child and a woman giving birth to a child. The answer is that the process is viewed as a whole. A *conceived* child in the womb is seen as *gennao*—"brought forth"—of its father. (If the child dies before birth, it was "brought forth" but is no longer.) A born child is also "brought forth" of its mother. For this reason, "brought forth"—which covers every aspect of the birth process from both parents' sides—is probably the best translation of *gennao*. True Christians are "brought forth" of God right now. We will *remain* "brought forth" of Him as long as we continue to grow with God's Spirit. Then, if we are overcomers (Revelation 2:26), we will finally be *fully* "brought forth" when we are spiritually *born* at the resurrection!



Pharisee, Nicodemus did not consider his salvation even to be in question! After all, he was a scrupulous observer of the law according to Pharisaic tradition. He had been born of the seed of Abraham to whom God had anciently made the promises. He had been circumcised on the eighth day, which made him a member of the covenant community. He was not one of the hated publicans, whom observant Jews considered unclean and sinful because of continual contact with Gentiles. He was not one of the *am ha eretz*—"the people of the land"—the ordinary masses who were so concerned with mundane matters of making a living that they had few free hours for the study of the Torah.

The Kingdom of God was the hope of Pharisees such as Nicodemus. They believed in the resurrection,

and believed that the Messiah would establish a Kingdom to rule all nations just as foretold by the prophets. However, Jews of the first century looked upon the Kingdom and the resurrection in almost wholly physical and materialistic terms. They looked upon entrance into the Kingdom as their birthright through the promises made in the covenant with Abraham. While they recognized the necessity of a Gentile proselyte shedding his old identity following circumcision and the "*mikvah*" (ritual immersion) to become a child of Abraham, they saw no similar need for themselves (cf. John 8:32–36). Were they not *already* the children of Abraham, and therefore heirs of the promises by nature?

Herein lay Nicodemus' shock at Jesus Christ's response to him. Christ said that Nicodemus was not

The term *gennao* can also be found in combination with other prefixes or words to refer to regeneration or a new birth. One such term is *anagennan*, which literally means "rebeget" or "rebear." It occurs only in 1 Peter (1:3, 23), and refers to our having been brought forth anew by "incorruptible seed"—a process seen as beginning with spiritual conception and culminating in the resurrection (vv. 4–5).

Another word, *palingenesia* (literally "becoming again"), is used in Matthew 19:28 and Titus 3:5. From these two verses we again learn of a process that begins with spiritual renewal, symbolized by baptism, and culminates in the resurrection—when the 12 Apostles will have literally "become anew," having received glorified spirit bodies (1 Corinthians 15:43–44). This is when they will sit on 12 thrones judging the 12 tribes of Israel.

A form of this expression, *palin genomai*, is the only Greek expression ever used in the *Septuagint* (a Greek translation of the Old Testament in use at the time of Christ) to refer to a new birth. It is used in Job 14:14, where Job anticipates the resurrection: "If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my *change* [*palin genomai*, 'rebirth'] come" (KJV).

The last expression we will examine is *genan anothen* in John 3:3. It is often rendered "born again," but many scholars believe it is best rendered "begotten from above." *Thayer's Lexicon* explains *anothen* as meaning "from above... from the top... Often... from heaven, or from God." But the next definition given is "from the first... Hence... anew, over again, indicating repetition (a use somewhat rare, but wrongly denied by many)" (*Strong's* no. 509). *Thayer's Lexicon* advocates this second definition for John 3:3 based on Nicodemus' response, in which he thought Christ meant he would have to "enter the *second time* into his mother's womb and be born" (v. 4)—a repeat of the human birth experience.

This, of course, is not the crux of the matter. Both ideas are correct. We must be brought forth *again*—only this time it must be *from above*. It is a process that originates with our Heavenly Father—not from below with an earthly father. The important point to understand about John 3 is what stage of the process is being described. In another context, *genan anothen* might have referred simply to our present stage of being "brought forth" or "fathered" of God right now. But, based on Christ's words in John 3, we can determine that He is indicating a completed process. Those who are *genan anothen* are seen here as composed of spirit (v. 3) and invisible like the wind (v. 8). So the phrase *genan anothen*, in the immediate context of John 3, is best rendered "fully brought forth again"—i.e., *born again* as "children of God, being the children of the resurrection" (Luke 20:36, KJV)!

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entitled to inheritance in the Kingdom of God based upon his *physical* parentage as a descendant of Abraham. Entrance into that Kingdom is solely based upon *spiritual* parentage.

In John 1, setting the stage for the John 3 account of Nicodemus' conversation, the Apostle John contrasted the entitlements of those who were to be born of the Spirit with those who had merely been born of the flesh. "He came unto his own possessions, and his own received him not. **But as many as received him, to them gave he authority to become children of God, even to them that believe unto his name: who were begotten, not of bloods, nor of the will of flesh, nor of man's will, but of God**" (John 1:11–13, *Panin*).

The ancient Greeks understood conception to take place when the seed of the father was united with the blood of the mother. Christ was emphasizing that this conception, which occurs in the mother's body as a result of human choice and passion, is not the one that produces offspring who will inherit the Kingdom. Ultimately it is not our physical parentage that is paramount, but rather our spiritual parentage!

When Will the New Birth Occur?

The biblical illustration of being "born again" is analogous to the physical birth process. The *spiritual*

regeneration that occurs at baptism is compared to begetting by one's father. Following begetting, we must grow and develop as Christians just as a fetus must grow and develop inside the mother before it is ready to be born. The Bible compares the actual birth to the resurrection. This is made clear in John 3:6 when Jesus told Nicodemus: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Paul explained in 1 Corinthians 15:50–53 that, while flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, we will be changed into **immortal spirit** at the resurrection.

Just as the wind possesses great power yet is invisible, so also will those be who have actually been *born of the Spirit* (John 3:8). In this life we have been like Adam—having a physical, mortal body. After the resurrection from the dead, we will have a glorified spirit body—just like Jesus Christ following His resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:43–49; Revelation 1:13–15). Our "vile body" will be changed to be like His "glorious body" (Philippians 3:21). Jesus Christ no longer grows tired or hungry. He is no longer subject to pain or death. Rather, He emerged from the grave never to die again! Jesus was restored to the glory that He shared with the Father before the world was, and now sits at the Father's right hand as our Intercessor and soon-coming King (John 17:4; Hebrews 4:14–16).

In Colossians 1:18 and Revelation 1:5, Jesus Christ is called the "firstborn from the dead." In Romans 8:29, He is termed the "firstborn among many brethren." This clearly implies that we will also be "born from the dead"! The Greek term translated "firstborn" is *prototokos*. *Protos* is a Greek word meaning "first in order and importance." This meaning is demonstrated by its use as a prefix in English words such as "prototype."

While the Bible uses many *analogies* to characterize true Christians—such as new-born babes in 1 Peter 2:2, adolescent children in Hebrews 12:6–7, living stones to be constructed into a spiritual temple in 1 Peter 2:5 or parts of the human body in 1 Corinthians 12:12—the *new birth* nevertheless remains the most *powerful* and *complete* description of what is *literally* involved in our entrance into the Kingdom of God. It explains what salvation is really all about—becoming literal sons of God (Hebrews 2:10).

Right now, true Christians are heirs, but not yet inheritors. Christ makes it plain that it is only at the

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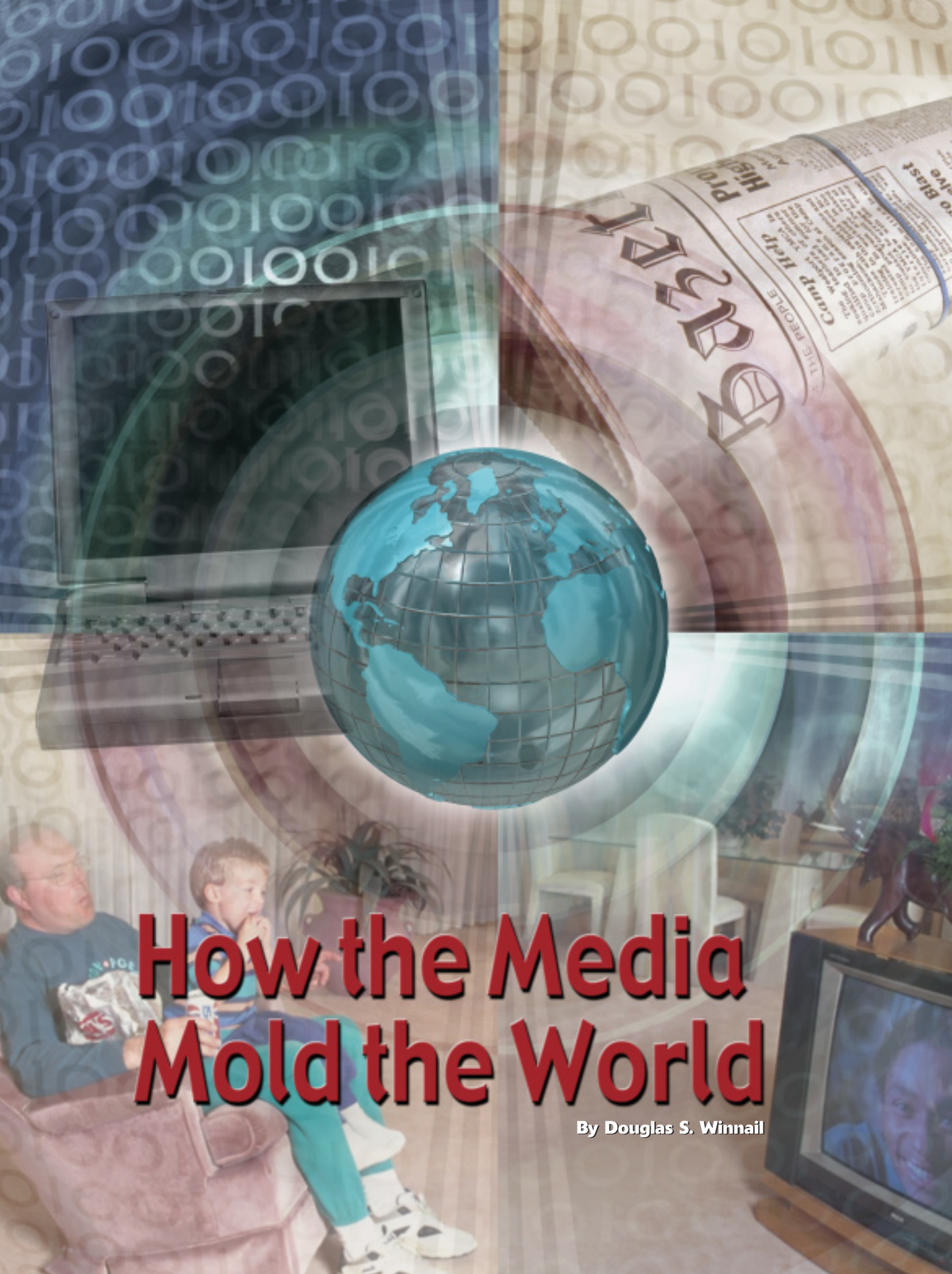
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How the Media Mold the World

By Douglas S. Winnail

Television, radio, movies, the Internet and print extend their influence upon our culture, our behavior and our brains! What is behind the powerful force of modern media?

We are witnessing a major cultural revolution that is having an incredible impact on our society. Yet, despite numerous warnings, few seem to understand what is really going on or where this surging wave of social change is taking us!

In the last 50 years the electronic media—radio, television, movies, video games and now the Internet—have enveloped the globe and transformed nearly every aspect of our lives. More than a decade ago, educator Neil Postman described the ascendancy of the Age of Television and the decline of the Age of Print as “the most significant American cultural fact of the second half of the twentieth century” (*Amusing Ourselves to Death*, p. 8). Modern media executives acknowledge that “television is undeniably the most powerful influence in our society today... we can communicate anything we choose almost anywhere in the world... instantaneously, in a puff of electrons” (*Down the Tube*, Baker & Dessart, pp. x, xiv). Educator Vincent Ruggiero has described the modern electronic media as “the most powerful force that has ever influenced the human mind and heart” (*Nonsense Is Destroying America*, p. 95).

However, this incredible power has a darker side. Because of its tremendous potential to influence culture, television is the most “effective propaganda vehicle” available today (*Redeeming*

Television, Schultze, p. 49). Communication professionals lament that the average person is “remarkably naïve” about how mass media operates, the personal agendas of scriptwriters and producers, the ultimate consequences to society of what is portrayed on the screen and how watching hours of television affects the developing human brain. Yet that information is available.

Many assume today that *when* and *what* we watch is merely a matter of personal taste. Some claim that only “extreme right wing religious fanatics” become upset over the content of films and television and that “mature” individuals prefer the “adult content” of modern media entertainment. However, these assumptions are self-serving myths unsupported by the actual evidence! In fact, knowledgeable members of the media and communications fields are increasingly vocal about the extremely detrimental effects of this modern electronic revolution. You need to understand how the media molds the world and the potential consequences of indiscriminate viewing on yourself, your children, your community and your country—because there is more at stake than many critics realize!

Profits, Pleasure and Propaganda

Just how did the electronic media take over the world? What drives the spread and acceptance of this powerful medium? The bottom line is: money! Some of the first radio stations in America were founded by department stores that made money selling radios. The major television networks in America are owned by

large corporations that are in business to make money. The goal of film studios is to generate profits through box office receipts. Television studios make money by attracting sizable audiences and “selling eyeballs” to advertisers. This is one of the reasons sex and violence play such prominent roles in films and television. Sex and violence sell—they attract audiences—and that translates into cash!

Another reason for the popularity of films and television is that viewers seek things that provide immediate gratification—pleasurable entertainment! Television and movies are easy to watch—and most people find initial viewing relaxing. The cares, worries and routines of life can be forgotten—momentarily. When the human mind is constantly bombarded with images it is unable to think and reflect. The immediate availability of novelty, excitement and titillating thrills provide a pleasurable escape for people who find their existence boring, empty, lonely or frustrating.

A third factor influences the content of modern films and television—the personal agendas of writers and producers who desire to reshape society along the lines of their preferences. The movers and shakers in the media industry “are generally liberal... inclined toward secularism... left of center... [with a] radical bent for shaking up the status quo” (Schultze, pp. 151, 156). Surveys indicate that 90 percent of Hollywood executives favor abortion, more than half feel that adultery is not wrong and almost 75 percent see nothing wrong with homosexuality (*ibid.*). Nearly 45 percent of this group claim no religious affiliation, and

93 percent seldom or never attend church. Entertainment created by such individuals is often in direct conflict with Judeo-Christian values that have anchored western societies for centuries. Film critic Michael Medved explains that this small group of liberal-minded social revolutionaries has turned the Hollywood dream factory into a “poison factory” that attacks religion, assaults the legitimacy of the family, promotes sexual perversions and glorifies ugliness (*Hollywood vs. America*, p. 3). When we view entertainment, we enter a world created by people whose values are often totally at odds with our own—we should be alert!

Social Pathologies Are Increasing

The last several decades reveal the tragic consequences of this attempt to use mass media to remake society. While Hollywood denies that violence on the screen makes society more violent—the facts indicate just the opposite! Researcher James Hamilton notes that “large literatures exist on the impact of television violence on society... the laboratory evidence firmly establishes that violence on television causes children to be more aggressive... children learn scripts of behavior from television that lead them to be violent in later life” (*Channeling Violence*, pp. 6, 30). More than 1,000 studies have established links between television violence and behavior that emerges later in life (*U. S. News & World Report*, Sept. 11, 1995, p. 66). When entertainment industry leaders deny that violent entertainment spawns violent behav-

ior, it is like tobacco company executives denying that smoking causes cancer—they are simply ignoring the facts!

Today we are witnessing the horribly tragic results of such misguided thinking. Increasingly, younger children are killing their peers and others who get in their way—then laughing and bragging about their exploits. Press reports repeatedly document the direct link between violence on the screen and human behavior. When television films on teen-age suicide were aired, researchers noted a significant increase in the number of teen suicides or suicide attempts (*Boston Globe*, Sept. 11, 1986). Films depicting characters playing Russian roulette with a loaded gun have inspired children to imitate this deadly game (*Arizona Republic*, March 16, 1998). A teenager who watched extremely violent videos killed a classmate—with a machete, while wearing a mask—just like a character in one of the videos (*Boston Globe*, Dec. 19, 1988). Recently in France another teenager killed a school friend with a knife while wearing gloves, a black cape and a mask like a movie character. After watching a horror film he commented: “I just wanted to kill someone” (*Irish Times*, June 6, 2002). When children watch more than 100,000 acts of violence on television before leaving elementary school, *it has an effect!* Continuous exposure to violence hardens us. Growing children, “bombarded by violence... begin to view life as cheap and expendable” (*Atlanta Journal*, March 18, 1992). This has serious implications for society.

The story of sex on the screen is similar. While Hollywood claims that only reli-

gious fanatics object to sex on television and that it merely gives society what it wants, studies show that more than 70 percent of Americans feel there is too much sex and vulgarity on television (Medved, p. 4). While writers and producers suggest that their films and programs only *reflect* society, they ignore that they are profoundly *influencing* the values of society. One college educator addressing the question “Is TV corrupting our kids?” states that “because much of the content of television and other mass media involves issues of sexual conduct, *the potential for influence in this area is especially great*” (*Atlanta Journal*, May 24, 1992). Another professor observes that “the media are so compelling and so filled with sex, it’s hard for any kid, even a critic to resist... *I think of the media as our true sex educators*” (*USN&WR*, Sept. 11, 1995)—yet films and television rarely show the serious consequences of promiscuous sex. The continuous portrayal of promiscuity as exciting, adultery as natural and divorce as acceptable plays a powerful role in molding attitudes and behaviors. It has a devastating effect on traditional Judeo-Christian moral values.

More than 150 talk shows are viewed by millions of Americans every week. For many, this is just part of the way to spend a day. However professional psychologists are concerned that “talk shows contribute to and even create more problems than they solve” (*Tuning in Trouble*, Heaton & Wilson, p. 4). To attract viewers, these shows focus on the bizarre and promote a distorted view of what it means to be “normal.” They offer unrealistically

simple solutions to complex problems, dispense dangerous advice and ignore the off-camera consequences for guests who have been encouraged to “courageously” reveal deeply personal aspects of their lives. Regrettably, millions of children who watch these programs “are soaking up the same doses of pathology, perversity and interpersonal aggravation that their adult counterparts tune in to every day” (*ibid.*, p. 169). Topics and behaviors presented on talk shows are eroding the foundations of a morally and mentally healthy society.

Trouble Ahead!

What does the future hold for countries whose citizens watch 20 to 30 hours per week of entertainment saturated with sex, vulgarity and violence? What will come of a nation whose people get most of their news from television, where the average story gets 30 seconds of coverage? What happens to a nation when its scriptwriters and producers deliberately undermine the moral values upon which it was founded? Perceptive observers see danger ahead! Ken Burns, award-winning producer

of the PBS series *The Civil War*, believes that “television is rapidly eroding the strength of our republic from within” (*Atlanta Journal*, March 13, 1991). In a column titled “Television and the Slide of Civilization,” writer William Murchison laments the modern “inability not just to distinguish between [good and bad, beauty and ugliness, truth and falsehood] but even to admit the possibility of a distinction” (*Dallas Morning News*, October 13, 1993).

Nearly 20 years ago, Neil Postman stated that “television

Endangered Minds

Today the average child watches between 25 and 30 hours of television a week. Yet Dr. Jane Healy warns that our “changing lifestyles may be altering children’s brains in subtle but critical ways” (*Endangered Minds*, p. 9). Neuro-anatomists know that the internal structure of the brain is modified by how it is used. Visual experiences register primarily in the right side of the brain. Language and reading exercises are focused in the left side of the brain. When children watch television several hours a day (where little conversation or thinking is involved) and read only 5–10 minutes a day, experts fear a detrimental effect on brain development. Since reading and watching television make very different demands on the brain, extensive television viewing could “reduce stimulation to left-hemisphere systems critical for development of language, reading, and analytical skills... may affect mental ability and attention by diminishing mental traffic between hemispheres... [and] may discourage development of ‘executive’ systems that regulate attention, organization and motivation” (*ibid.*, p. 209). Watching television can also be addictive (cf. *Scientific American*, February 2002).

These fears correlate with what teachers observe in the classroom. Students today have shortened attention spans; they struggle with reading and writing assignments, exhibit less creativity, are easily bored and distracted, lack perseverance, give up easily and have difficulty remembering instructions and thinking through problems (*ibid.*, pp. 13, 42). A Canadian study reported that these problems *increased noticeably* in communities after the introduction of television (see *The Impact of Television*, Williams). This study also found that “television may have a negative impact even for adults on creative problem-solving performances and persistence” (*ibid.*, p. 124); many would rather escape from problems than find solutions! However, research also indicates that better students watch less television, and that “personal interaction with adults is critical” for the development of problem-solving, language, and listening skills (*ibid.*, pp. 198, 266). Dr. Healy relates that “children who have been talked to [and asked questions] and had stories read to them are at a real advantage” because “they’ve learned how to listen and pay attention”—and learned how to think (Healy, p. 80). We can understand the serious consequences of watching too much television when we realize that the brains of children who watch less television may actually develop differently than the brains of their couch-potato peers!

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has culture by the throat... when a population becomes distracted by trivia, when cultural life is re-defined as a perpetual round of entertainments, when serious public discussion becomes baby-talk, when... a people become an audience and their public business becomes a vaudeville act, then a nation finds itself at risk; *cultural death is a clear possibility*" (USN&WR, Dec. 23, 1985, p. 59; Postman, pp. 155–156). Postman also warned that, because of our constant exposure to the present-centered medium of television, "we are being rendered *unfit to remember*" (*ibid.*, pp. 136–137). This is sobering when historians point out that "in the great empires of history we see a picture of our own world... virtually every one of the symptoms of decline that can be detected from history is present in this nation today... to ignore such lessons is to court disaster" (*When Nations Die*, Black, p. 4). Columnist John Leo observed similarly that "we are living through a *cultural collapse*" (USN&WR, March 27, 1995, p. 16) and that the media are often guilty of "cheerleading for the unraveling of the social structure" (USN&WR, June 1, 1992, p. 19). Judge Robert Bork has warned that "television is showing the **end of western civilization** in living color" (*Slouching Towards Gomorrah*, p. 335). Do we grasp what is being said?

Dark Forces

But why would individuals in the media seek to undermine the foundations of a society where they enjoy more freedoms than ever before? Why would nations

tolerate films and programs that sow seeds of self-destruction? Why do we ignore obvious lessons of history as we gorge ourselves on trivial amusements? Film critic Richard Grenier believes we have allowed a small class of self-proclaimed intellectuals who dominate the electronic media to "capture" our culture. The ideas of this reactionary group that disdains the fundamental ethical values of western Judeo-Christian culture "come spewing forth out of every TV" and permeate the scripts of nearly every film—that we watch by the hour (*Capturing the Culture*, pp. xx–xxi). Television critic Medved makes the perceptive observation that Hollywood is "following its own warped conceptions of artistic integrity, driven by some dark compulsion beyond simple greed" (Medved, p. 286).

In our modern, politically correct culture, certain topics are carefully avoided—especially theological topics that hearken back to an earlier "pre-enlightened" era. Yet these intellectually taboo topics hold real answers to the questions that we have just raised. The Bible, a book held up to ridicule by many in the media, *explains why* the most powerful and influential means of communication yet devised has been used to such warped and perverted ends. The Scriptures reveal this world is actually under the sway of an extremely cunning spirit being—Satan the devil. The Bible refers to Satan as "the god of this world" who has *blinded the minds* of those who *do not believe* (2 Corinthians 4:4). He is also called the "prince of the power of the air, the spirit who *now works* in the sons of disobedience" (Ephesians 2:2). The name Satan means "adversary"—and Satan has been in rebel-

lion against the way of God from time immemorial (Isaiah 14:12–15; Ezekiel 28:14–18). This is the dark force who works through people to generate and promote the warped content of the media that degrades the values and behavior of our modern world—yet many do not even believe that Satan exists!

When we compare what is projected on the silver screen with what the Bible reveals about Satan's influence, the connection is obvious. The Bible explains that when people reject God and His ways, God gives them over to a "debased [Satan-influenced] mind" which revels in sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, murder, strife and *all kinds* of evil—including homosexuality and other perversions (Romans 1:18–32); an accurate description of modern media entertainment! God also allows us to reap what we sow (Jeremiah 2:17–19). We are told that, because our society has forgotten God and rejected the ethical values of the Bible, "*in the last days* perilous times will come"—people will be selfish, materialistic, callous, brutal, "despisers of good... lovers of pleasures rather than lovers of God" (2 Timothy 3:1–5)—again, a dead-on description of our age! Isaiah describes the society of modern Israelite nations as "sick" from head to toe (Isaiah 1:3–6), where people are determined to "call evil good, and good evil" (Isaiah 5:20). God proclaims through the prophet Hosea: "My people are destroyed for lack of [right] knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you from being a priest for me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children"

(Hosea 4:6). These are sobering warnings to a society that has been willingly misled by the corrupting influence of modern, misguided media.

A Better Way

How can you survive a cultural collapse? How can you live and raise children in a society where religion has been watered down and corrupted, and moral values are under constant attack by the most powerful medium ever invented? What hope is there for the future? Again, the Bible provides informative answers.

The Apostle John *reveals* where our human civilization is heading. He writes that “the world is *passing away*, and the lust of it, but he who does the will of God abides forever” (1 John 2:17). The Apostle Paul admonished Christians in the vulgar, secular city of Corinth to “*come out from among them and be separate*” (2 Corinthians 6:14–18). Peter urged his listeners to “repent” so they might “be saved from this perverse [corrupt, misguided] generation” (Acts 2:38–40). Repentance is turning with sorrow from a way of life that you realize is wrong, and following God’s instructions. Those instructions provide guidelines for living in our media-saturated age—if we will use them.

David knew that he had to “turn my eyes away from looking at worthless things” (Psalm 119:37). Isaiah wrote that “he who walks righteously [according to the commandments of God—Psalm 119:172]... stops his ears from hearing bloodshed and shuts his eyes from seeing evil” (Isaiah 33:15). Paul admonished the

Corinthians to “flee [avoid] sexual immorality” (1 Corinthians 6:12–18). These are biblical guidelines for dealing with the sex and violence that permeate the media today—such degrading amusements should be avoided! This requires *thinking* and *decision-making* on our part—the very activities that watching television tends to discourage!


The challenge for parents in this age of media is still to “train up a child in the way that he should go” (Proverbs 22:6). This does not happen when television is used as a *babysitter*. If children watch television or videos, adults should be present to provide guidance and perspective. It is even better if adults can show—through instruction and by example—there is an exciting real world beyond television, movies and video games. Libraries are full of books about animals, science, geography and literature, and of biographies of people who have learned powerful lessons about life. Encourage children to be physically active and to think about what they want to do with their lives (Proverbs 4:26). Help them to see the needs of others, to discover their own talents and to develop skills and abilities to serve other human beings. Teach them the benefits of living according to the laws of God (Deuteronomy 4:1–9), and that consequences come from rejecting and violating those laws. Encourage children to use their time wisely (Ephesians 5:15–16), and to focus on things that are true, noble, just and pure (Philippians 4:8) so they can avoid the pitfalls of this age.

The real hope for anyone with the courage to come out of this world and believe the Gospel of the

coming kingdom of God (Mark 1:14–15) will be the opportunity to work with Jesus Christ and the saints in re-orienting our misguided society and restoring true values. The Bible indicates that when Jesus Christ returns there will be a “restitution of all things” (Acts 3:19–21), the saints will become the teachers of God’s way of life (Isaiah 30:20–21), and the laws of God will be proclaimed from Jerusalem to the whole world (Isaiah 2:2–4). This is what *Tomorrow’s World* is all about. This message of God’s way is what modern religion has forgotten, and the secular media has replaced with sex, violence and trivia.

In the Millennium, the media will proclaim God’s way of life to every human being. You can have a part in this mission if you resist being molded by the media of our present age and develop your own talents and abilities to serve your Creator. TW

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A Beauty and the Beast

The Truth *really* is more remarkable than fiction—especially the powerful truth of Bible prophecy! In recent decades stunning events have appeared in the news that prove the Scriptures are not fables composed by men, but are *inspired revelations* of an Almighty God. Human forecasters know the folly of trying to predict the future, yet God told the prophet Isaiah: “I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done...I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass” (Isaiah 46:9–11). Bible prophecy is history recorded in advance—by a God powerful enough to make it happen! Today, ancient prophecies are unfolding—right before our eyes! The future is sobering; it is not a fairy tale!

Deceptive Beauty

In the book of Revelation, we are introduced to a “woman” of dazzling beauty dressed in purple and scarlet and adorned with gold and jewels (Revelation 17:4). The woman is a great “harlot” who has made the nations drunk with her false teachings (Revelation 17:1, 2, 15). She has committed fornication (had intimate political relations) with the kings of the earth. She rides a scarlet beast and is given a name: “Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and of the Abominations of the Earth” (Revelation 17:3, 5).

The identity of this mysterious woman has long fascinated and puzzled Bible readers. For centuries numerous theologians have linked the woman with the Church of Rome—yet our politically correct age deems this unsuitable and accusatory. However, to reject this connection is to ignore the obvious. The Bible often uses the term *woman* to refer to a *church* (see Revelation 12:6, 13–17). The woman of Revelation 17 is a church having great pomp and splendor, which disseminates doctrines that are contrary to Scripture and meddles in the politics of this world. These features have marked the Roman Church from its inception.

The *scarlet* color of the woman and the beast is also the color of the Papacy: “the Papal Throne is Scarlet. It is borne by twelve men in Scarlet. The Cardinal’s hats and robes are Scarlet” (*Halley’s Bible Handbook*, p. 732). Scarlet is also the predominate color of the Vatican’s Swiss Guards. Vestment robes worn by priests and popes are studded with gold and jewels.

This dazzling woman is also described as the “mother of harlots” (Revelation 17:5). Vatican press releases stress the Catholic Church is the “mother” of all churches and that other Christian churches are not “sisters” but “daughters” that emerged from the Roman Church during the Reformation. The real source of many Protestant and Catholic doctrines (i.e., Christmas, Easter) is not the Bible; their source is paganism. Rome, site of the Vatican, is called “the Eternal City.” The Bible refers to the home of the woman as “that great city” and as a *modern day* “Babylon” (Revelation 17:18; 18:1–2). The seven heads of the beast ridden by the woman are seven mountains (Revelation 17:9)—Rome sits on seven hills. The connection between the woman of Revelation 17 and the Roman Church is hardly fiction.

Mysterious Beasts

The book of Revelation also mentions an aggressive war-making “beast”—*revived* after being mortally wounded—that makes war with the saints (Revelation 13:1–10). This resurrected beast will ultimately include ten kings who yield to the beast their sovereignty just before the return of Christ (Revelation 17:11–14). This end-time union or federation will be tenuous and short-lived, and will perish at the Second Coming of Christ (Daniel 2:41–45). Current efforts to create a European Union closely resemble these prophecies—as does the difficulty European powers have working together.

The Apostle John, author of the book of Revelation, describes a *second* beast that *appears* like



a lamb yet speaks like a dragon (Revelation 13:11–18). This lamb-like beast deceives people by great signs, promotes devotion to the first beast and causes many to receive the mark of the beast. The lamb-like beast has a number—666. Halley records: “Irenaeus, a pupil of Polycarp, a pupil of John, understood the 666 to be the Greek word *Lateinos*...[which] means *Latin Kingdom*. Papal Rome made Latin its official language” (*Halley’s Bible Handbook*, p. 726). Papal decrees and official Vatican documents are still issued in Latin. It is no coincidence that the symbolism of the lamb-like beast of Revelation 13 includes the dazzling woman of Revelation 17.

Beauty and the Beast

The central role that Rome and the Catholic Church are playing in the effort to unite Europe fits remarkably into prophecies about the rise of an end-time beast power from the ashes of the old Roman Empire. The treaty that created the European Economic Community was signed in 1957—in Rome—by largely Catholic countries. In 1982 the Roman Catholic pontiff delivered a carefully crafted statement to promote European unity at the climax of his tour of Spain. In an impassioned appeal to all Europeans, the Pope stated: “I John Paul, bishop of Rome and pastor of the universal church, from Santiago [de Compostella] issue to you, old Europe, a cry full of love; Find yourself. Be yourself. **Discover your origins. Give life to your roots**” (*International Herald Tribune*, November 10, 1982).

While the Pope’s words were primarily a call to Europeans to rediscover their Catholic Christian heritage, his statement rings with prophetic significance. Daniel records a prophecy about a tree (picturing the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar) that was to be

chopped down, but its *stump and roots* were to remain—bound by a band of brass and iron until seven times had passed (Daniel 4:14–25). The king’s seven years of insanity partially fulfilled the prophecy. However, the Bible also reveals that a prophetic year of 360 days is the equivalent of 360 years (see Numbers 14:34; Ezekiel 4:4–6). Seven prophetic years (of 360 days) amount to 2,520 years. Babylon fell in 539BC (see *Eerdman’s Handbook to the Bible*, p. 432). Seven prophetic times from 539BC brings us to 1982—the date John Paul urged Europeans to “give life to their roots.”

Since 1982 the *modern Babylon* emerging in central Europe from its ancient roots has seen dramatic growth. In 1989, seven years after the Pope’s statement in Santiago, the Berlin Wall came tumbling down—uniting 80 million Germans in the heart of Europe. In 1994 the Treaty of Maastricht created the European Union with a central bank and a common currency. In 1996, the European Parliament passed a law calling member states to respect Sunday—a law that has yet to be enforced. However, Pope John Paul continues to stress the importance of Sunday worship. The *enforced* observance of Sunday instead of the biblical seventh-day Sabbath would fulfill another prophecy—that an end-time religious leader “shall intend to change times and law” (Daniel 7:25). Legislated Sunday observance could become the *mark* of the beast that John mentions in Revelation 13:16–18!

The years just ahead will see an increasingly intimate—yet antagonistic—relationship between the developing European Union and the Roman Catholic Church—as the woman maneuvers to ride the beast. However, unlike the movie, this deceptive beauty and increasingly assertive beast will *not* live together happily ever after! To learn more about this vital subject request our free booklet *The Beast of Revelation*. Bible prophecies are *sure* and are *coming alive* today!

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Must We Obey God To Be Saved?

By Richard F. Ames

Many claim that there is nothing one must do to be saved. Just “come as you are and accept Jesus.” Some would say that all you have to do is “believe”—and that anything more is seeking salvation by works. Is that what your Bible really teaches?

At some time in your life, someone has probably asked you the question: “Have you been saved?” What did you answer? We know that all who respond to God’s calling, and who genuinely repent and are baptized, will be forgiven of their sins, and given the gift of the Holy Spirit—the spiritual power enabling them to live a new life. But what does it *really* mean to *respond* to God’s calling?

On the day of Pentecost in 31AD, in the first inspired sermon of the New Testament Church, the Apostle Peter spoke in Jerusalem to several thousand people, after which they became convicted for their part in killing the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Thousands asked Peter and the other Apostles: “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” (Acts 2:37).

Here was Peter’s opportunity to tell them that they did not need to do anything. But what did he actually say? “Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit’” (Acts 2:38).

Peter gave them wonderful news—that they could be forgiven of their sins, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. But he insisted on two points—that they repent, and that they be baptized. If *you* had been listening to Peter,

grieving over your part in Christ's death and wanting to change your life and receive forgiveness, what would you have done? Would you have argued with Peter: "I won't repent! I won't be baptized! Those are works, and I don't have to earn my salvation!"? If you had done so, you would have been *arguing against* God's plain instructions, including basic New Testament teachings.

Of course, no one can earn salvation. But a willful *disobedience* against God's instructions is a sure sign that you have not really repented or become truly converted.

How did the crowd respond on this first Day of Pentecost in the New Testament Church? Scripture shares the wonderful news. "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:41–42).

On that day, 3,000 repentant new Christians obeyed God's instruction—they repented and were baptized. They did as Jesus had told all Christians to do: "Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel'" (Mark 1:14–15).

Jesus gave two requirements here—requirements with which many do not agree. Some want to be "saved" but ignore the matter of repentance. What is repentance? The Greek word translated "repent" is *metanoeo*, which means to "think differently." One must repent of sin. But what is sin? "Whoever commits sin also

commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness." (1 John 3:4). The *King James Version* puts it plainly—"sin is the transgression of the law." When you transgress one of the Ten Commandments, you have sinned. As the Apostle James wrote: "For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. For He who said, 'Do not commit adultery,' also said, 'Do not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty" (James 2:10–12).

When we repent of sin, we are deeply sorry for having transgressed God's law. We no longer have a hostile attitude toward God and His law of liberty. We no longer have a carnal attitude that is enmity against the law of God (cf. Romans 8:7). After repentance, we want to be in harmony with God's law of love—the Ten Commandments. ***Repentance brings a deep change in our thinking, and a commitment to live by every word of God.*** As Jesus said: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke 4:4).

Repentance is more than an intellectual awareness of sin. Genuine repentance brings deep sorrow for our sins. Think of the woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears (cf. Luke 7:38). This is deep repentance.

But there is also a worldly sorrow that is not genuine repentance. Notice Paul acknowledging the Corinthians' repentance: "Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us

in nothing. For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death" (2 Corinthians 7:9–10).

Some criminals express worldly sorrow, saying that they are sorry for their crimes (or sins), when in fact they are saying, deep down: "I'm sorry for getting caught" or "I'm sorry for the guilt I'm feeling, or for suffering the penalty for my crime. But if I get a chance to commit another crime, I will." It is not only criminals who have this worldly sorrow. Many who become addicted to sex sins, to alcohol or drug abuse or to other unhealthy habits, may feel a sorrow. But without a genuine change of heart, and without a change of behavior, their continual sinning will lead to death! The sorrow of the world works death.

Godly sorrow—true repentance—brings different, better fruit. Notice its characteristics, as described in Scripture: "For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter" (2 Corinthians 7:11).

Those who have genuinely repented both *think* differently and *behave* differently. They are serious in their commitment to change their lives! Such individuals will actually make dramatic changes. Remember what John the Baptist said to the Pharisees and Sadducees who came to his baptism? "Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him and were baptized by him in the

Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, ‘Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance’” (Matthew 3:5–8).

If we continue to practice sin with no change in our attitude or life, there is no genuine repentance. Psalm 51 is David’s acknowledgement of his sin. Read that Psalm and it will help you. Notice that David did *not* ask for “justice”! Justice for David would have meant the death penalty. “The wages of sin is death” for us all (Romans 6:23)! So, in his repentant attitude, David asked for mercy. “Have

say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?” (Romans 6:1–2). Should a newly begotten Christian, whom God has forgiven and granted grace (unmerited forgiveness and pardon), continue to transgress God’s law and disobey God? Paul says plainly: “Certainly not!” The biblical evidence is overwhelming. We cannot continue to disobey God and be given the gift of salvation. Paul was dealing with false Christians who were trying—like many today—to use grace as a license to sin!

The Apostle Jude also condemned this unbiblical approach to grace. “For certain men have crept

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mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin” (Psalm 51:1–2).

David acknowledged his sin. He prayed earnestly for God to cleanse him. Have you ever prayed that way? “For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight; that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge” (vv. 3–4).

How did David sin “only” against God? David had committed adultery with Bathsheba. He sent Bathsheba’s soldier-husband Uriah to the front lines to be killed. Certainly David “sinned” against them. But *God* commanded: “You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery” (Exodus 20:13–14). David sinned against the Lawgiver, and came under God’s death penalty.

David’s repentance sets an example for all of us. We all need that humble and contrite attitude! “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart; these, O God, You will not despise” (Psalm 51:17).

After we come to the point of repentance, as David did, and we obey Christ’s instruction to be baptized, we are forgiven of all our past sins and we begin to walk in newness of life. How, then, should we continue to respond to the unmerited pardon and grace that God has given us? Notice: “What shall we

in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ” (Jude 4). The *New Revised Standard Version* states that these “intruders... pervert the grace of our God into licentiousness.” The *New International Version* words it this way: “They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality.” How many professing Christians are doing just that today? Those who pervert the grace of God are saying by their conduct: “We are free to transgress the Ten Commandments; we don’t need to obey God and keep His commandments!” That is wrong! That form of rebellion is carnality, not conversion! The truth is that keeping God’s commandments is an expression of love. The first four commandments show us how to love God, and the last six commandments show us how to love our neighbors. As the Apostle John wrote: “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome” (1 John 5:3)—or “not grievous” as the *KJV* has it.

So, as the Apostle Paul strongly stated, we cannot continue to live under grace if we are *practicing sin* at the same time. No truly repentant Christian would want to practice sin while claiming grace. The true Christian has “died to self” at baptism, as Paul explains: “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him

through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:3–4).

Your Bible reveals God’s awesome plan of salvation. Salvation is a free gift, which we could never earn. Most Bible students are familiar with one of the fundamental scriptures on the subject: “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast” (Ephesians 2:8–9). Notice that God’s grace is a gift, but faith for salvation is also a gift of God! Verse 10 is often overlooked by those

Peter and the Apostles continually demonstrated an attitude of obedience to God. Notice Peter’s boldness in speaking to the Jews’ Sanhedrin. This council had commanded the Apostles not to preach in the name of Jesus. What was their response? “But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: ‘We ought to obey God rather than men’” (Acts 5:29).

One of the themes of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, is that obedience to God brings blessings, and disobedience to God brings curses. You can receive God’s wonderful blessings and His gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. But

sinner the gift of the Holy Spirit after baptism. Notice that this gift of God’s Apostles “laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit” (Acts 8:17). Children, and empowers us to grow spiritually.


who turn grace into a license to sin: “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10). Our response to God’s grace produces good works, and we walk in them; that is, we continually produce good works. We must bear the fruit of true Christianity in our lives.

We cannot grow spiritually without God’s Spirit. As we have read, God gives a repentant sinner the gift of the Holy Spirit after baptism. Notice that this gift of God’s Spirit is given by the laying on of hands by God’s true servants. The Apostles “laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit” (Acts 8:17). The Holy Spirit is the spiritual power from God that begets us as His children, and empowers us to grow spiritually.


We need the Holy Spirit to overcome the downward pull of human nature. Paul described his struggles with human nature: “I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin” (Romans 7:25).

Notice Paul’s attitude of obedience. Will God give the Holy Spirit to those who have an attitude of disobedience? No, He will not! As Peter plainly stated: “And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who *obey Him*” (Acts 5:32). God will not give the gift of the Holy Spirit to those in an attitude of disobedience.

God will only give His special spiritual blessings to those who are willing to repent, to believe and to obey Him. As Peter wrote: “For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who *do not obey* the gospel of God? Now ‘If the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?’” (1 Peter 4:17–18).

Jesus Christ is our living Savior. We shall be saved by His life (Romans 5:10)! I pray that you, too, will participate in God’s wonderful plan of salvation. 

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The Origin of the Universe

Over the last century, debate has raged regarding the origin of the universe. Has the universe always existed? If not, when did it come into existence—and how did it come into existence?

If there was a moment of time when the universe came into existence, logic alone would tell you that a creator was involved. When we look at a well-designed painting, we inherently know that it has not always existed. Scientifically, one could have the wood frame dated, as well as the pigments in the paint, and it would quickly become evident that there was a specific time when

Einstein laid the foundation for understanding that matter has not always existed, with his famous “general theory of relativity.” This well-accepted principle of physics was used to demonstrate mathematically that the universe had a beginning, and that all matter came into existence from outside the physical realm, outside the laws of physics.

In Hebrews 11:3 we read: “The worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that the things which are seen [the universe] were not made of things which are visible [matter].”

The Bible clearly states that the universe was not made

So, in the creation event—what some scientists call the “big bang”—the Creator God brought the universe into existence by His power or energy. This becomes the missing ingredient that explains what astrophysicists are observing in the universe.

There is one more crucial bit of amazing information about the creation and origin of the universe, which we can find in God’s word and which has recently been proven in astronomy and physics: “It is He who sits above the circle of the earth... who stretches out the heavens like a curtain” (Isaiah 40:22). The Hebrew verb translated “stretches” is in the present tense. In other words, God is still stretching out the universe. This fits precisely with what has been observed by the Hubble telescope: the universe is still rapidly expanding.

In the same verse, we read that God “spreads [the heavens] out like a tent to dwell in.” Here, in the Hebrew, “spreads” is in the past tense. God’s Word indicates that in the original creation event, He stretched out the heavens, and that the universe is still being stretched out in continuing expansion, as seen by the Hubble telescope.

Amazingly, science is finally catching up in understanding with the Bible concerning the origin of the universe.

—Jeffrey Fall

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the painting was brought into existence. A painter must actually have painted the canvas.

In the last decade, the Hubble telescope has provided dramatic new evidence that the universe has not always existed. The universe is rapidly moving apart, and is constantly expanding. Most scientists now believe that the universe exploded into existence some 14 or more billion years ago.

This evidence of the creation event, which some scientists call the “big bang theory,” is mounting year by year. Science now confirms that there has been no past eternity of matter! Amazingly, even Albert

from pre-existing matter. That fits precisely with the evidence in astronomy and physics. So, if the universe was not made of pre-existing material or matter, how did it come into existence? Science cannot answer this, but God tells us His method of creation: “He has made the earth by His power” (Jeremiah 10:12). God created the earth—and all the universe—from His power, or energy. Nuclear physicists have known for years that energy can theoretically be converted into mass and, conversely, that mass can be converted into energy. This is how the mass of a nuclear bomb is released into energy.

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it sex and gorge themselves on brutally violent and sexually titillating films and television shows, even though the use of illegal drugs continues to rise especially among our young people, even though the worldly liberals continue to dominate our media, our politics and even most of our churches, *you* personally should begin to see “the handwriting on the wall” as God’s intervention in the weather becomes more and more obvious. **You**, personally, can begin to seek God with *all your heart*. You can turn to Him in heartfelt repentance and faith through the *true* Jesus Christ of the Bible and let God *rule your life*!

Then, you will have God’s promised divine protection in the years just ahead. You will have His blessing and guidance through the traumatic situations all humanity will soon face. “Then” as God told ancient Judah: “you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, *when you search for Me with all your heart*” (Jeremiah 29:12–13).

After describing the terrifying events just ahead of us, Jesus instructed: “*Watch and pray always* that you may be counted worthy to *escape* all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36). May God help you to do just that! And may He guide you to act on the knowledge you have just received. TW

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resurrection, “When the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him...” that He will say to the resurrected saints, “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom” (Matthew 25:31, 34). Jesus Christ clearly revealed to His disciples in Matthew 24:13 that only those who endure and persevere to the very end will be saved. God has a great ultimate purpose. He is reproducing Himself in us! We can be in God’s Family as fully born children—younger brothers of Jesus Christ who was the firstborn of *many* brethren (Romans 8:29).

In the ceremony of baptism, Christians prefigure the resurrection itself (Romans 6:1–5). It is at the resurrection that we will finally put on immortality and actually inherit the Kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 15:50–53). We are symbolically buried in a watery grave, and then emerge out of the water to walk in newness of life. In John 3:5, Christ referred to the necessity of being born both of water and of the Spirit. In the Bible, water is often used as a type of the Holy Spirit (John 7:38–39). Emerging from the waters of baptism is a symbolic birth—a type of our actual rebirth at the resurrection.

To equate the biblical “born again” with conversion, or an emotional experience at baptism, is to miss the entire point that *salvation is a process*! Salvation *begins* with our receiving God’s Holy Spirit after baptism and thus becoming a partaker “of the divine nature” (2 Peter 1:4). Christians then grow in grace and knowledge throughout the rest of their physical lives. The salvation process will culminate at the resurrection with the Christian’s full arrival into the glorious Kingdom of God as a fully glorified, Spirit-born son of God. Truly, God is “bringing *many* sons to glory” (Hebrews 2:10)! Will you be one of them? If so, you must be “born again”! TW

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WHERE WAS GOD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001? (continued from page 3)

with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness” (vv. 28–29).

Do you see a “debased mind” at work in this world’s society? Do you see why man’s wisdom is called “foolish” in the eyes of God? (1 Corinthians 1:20).

God has called out a *very few* individuals to know Him and to serve Him during this age. Jesus called His people the “little flock” (Luke 12:32), and emphatically stated: “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day” (John 6:44). To make this point very clear, Jesus repeated this same fundamental truth in verse 65: “And He said, ‘Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.’”

Apart from those few “called out” ones, God has let humanity go its own way since Adam and Eve. He *intervenes* in the major affairs of the world, when necessary, to bring about His overall purpose. He also intervenes to help and guide those whom *He* has called out of this world now. But, overall, God *allows* humans to make their *own decisions* in this worldly society that is cut off from Him. That is why God’s Word tells us: “The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to men of understanding, nor favor to men of skill; but **time and chance** happen to them **all**” (Ecclesiastes 9:11).

No, the true God does **not** single out or “pick” *anyone’s son or daughter* to die in a general tragedy such as the Holocaust, the Bataan Death March or the September 11 attacks! Jesus Christ revealed the “mind of God” in such tragedy: “There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, no; but unless you **repent** you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, no; but unless you **repent** you will all likewise perish’” (Luke 13:1–5).

Since the beginning of human life on this earth, God has *allowed* humans to have free moral agency and to **choose** the path they will follow. As a whole, humanity has always chosen to **disobey** God and His commandments. Therefore, God’s Word tells us: “Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, that it can-

not save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your **iniquities** have separated you from your God; and your **sins** have hidden His face from you, so that He will **not** hear” (Isaiah 59:1–2).

Misguided individuals and deceived ministers can argue with God. They can invent their own “brand” of religion. But, in the end, they will suffer until they are made truly humble and willing to **seek God** and begin to honestly and sincerely **do what He says**. Otherwise, God tells us: “There is a way that **seems** right to a man, but its end is the way of **death**” (Proverbs 14:12). From one end of the Bible to the other, “sin” is described as breaking the great spiritual law of God, the Ten Commandments. God’s word specifically tells us: “Sin is the transgression of the **law**” (1 John 3:4, KJV).

As long as humanity persists in breaking God’s spiritual law, we will see the confusion, “mindless suffering” and continual tragedies and death continue. Individually, though, *you* can avoid this suffering if you will turn to the God of the Bible *with all your heart* and **do** what God clearly tells us in His Word. As Jesus told the young man who asked for the way to eternal life: “If you want to enter into life, **keep the commandments**” (Matthew 19:17).

As Paul wrote: “Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but **keeping the commandments** of God is what matters” (1 Corinthians 7:19). And John described the true saints of Almighty God: “Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who **keep the commandments** of God and the *faith* of Jesus” (Revelation 14:12). But even to be able to keep the Ten Commandments, you must truly *surrender* your life to God, and accept Jesus Christ as your Savior *and* your Lord and Master. Then—*through the Holy Spirit*—Christ will live His obedient life in you. As Paul wrote: “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but *Christ liveth in me*: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20, KJV).

God will not “force” you to keep His commandments any more than He “made” the events of September 11, 2001 turn out as they did. Each must **choose** which path of life to follow. As God told His people Israel: “I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; *therefore choose life*, that both you and your descendants may live” (Deuteronomy 30:19).



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