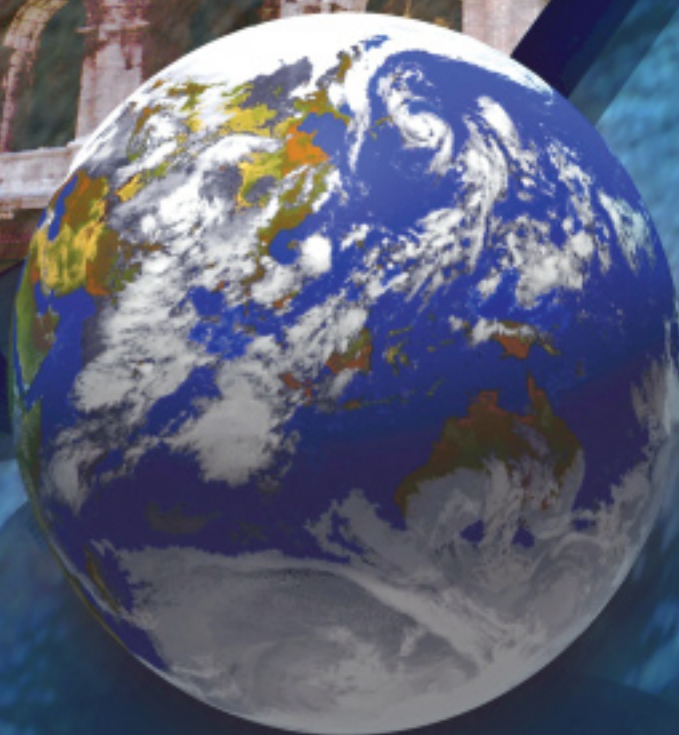


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Personal

By Roderick C. Meredith, Editor in Chief

Act on the Truth!

If there is any one thing I could wish for you readers of *Tomorrow's World*, it is that you would come to have the faith and the courage to *act* on the Truth. Through this magazine—and through the *Tomorrow's World* television program and other facets of this Work—we are giving you precious **truth** not understood by the majority of mankind. As Jesus said: “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because *narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it*” (Matthew 7:13–14).

Because the real truth of God's way is so very different from “mainstream” religion, many are hesitant to do anything about it. Or they are afraid it might “lead somewhere” they do not like, and so they “blot it out of their minds.” As Sir Winston Churchill said: “Men occasionally stumble over the Truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened!”

Does that describe you?

In the lead article of this issue, I discuss one of the most vital and important issues squarely facing *you*. Are you *fully* converted—*really* converted? Have you genuinely been “changed”—which is what the very word “convert” means? As Christ descends from heaven in a few years at the seventh trumpet, and the cities of this rebellious society are **shaken** to their foundations (Revelation 16:17–20), will *you* be prepared and qualified to **rule** with Christ in His soon-coming Kingdom? As the Apostle Paul was inspired to write: “*Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?*” (1 Corinthians 6:2).

In *your case*, does God seem “far away”—and do all the biblical verses about Christ setting up a *real government* on Earth seem vague and unreal to you? Have you really come to “know” God, or

have you just “grown up” in your parents' church—or perhaps “joined” the church of *your* choice? Is “your” church truly *God's Church*? Does it teach the real Truth about the entire **purpose** of human existence?

Please—for *your eternal good*—**think!**

Jesus Christ said: “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). If God is opening your mind to what is *really* going on in prophesied world events, and to true Christians' *urgent need* to prepare for **rulership** in Christ's coming Kingdom (Revelation 2:26–27), then I hope and pray that *you* will **act** on that vital knowledge! *For time is short*. We truly are living in the “last days” of this world's society under the influence of Satan the Devil.

Knowing the Truth is *not enough!* You must exercise the courage to **act** on the Truth. Many, many verses all through the Bible show us that we must act. One of my favorite passages is James 1:22: “But be **doers** of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

As we in this Work *warn* the American and British-descended peoples of the coming Great Tribulation, many hundreds of thousands are hearing or viewing our message through television, radio or the Internet. But they are often paralyzed by *indecision*—by the *unwillingness to do anything!* Notice how people often fail to respond to God's message. As God told Ezekiel: “As for you, son of man, the children of your people are talking about you beside the walls and in the doors of the houses; and they speak to one another, everyone saying to his brother, ‘Please come and hear what the word is that comes from the LORD.’ So they come to you as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, *but they do not do*

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The Danger of False Conversion

By Roderick C. Meredith

Millions have been taking their “conversion” to Christianity for granted! Have you?

Jesus Christ is *coming soon* as King of kings (Revelation 11:15). As the post-September 11, 2001 events continue to reverberate around the world, we all need to consider soberly the fact that we are truly living in the “last days.” We need to consider soberly whether we are *genuine* servants of the living Christ. Jesus said: “He who **overcomes**, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations” (Revelation 2:26). Are you “overcoming” and **changing** your life—month by month, and year by year, through Christ living His life within you? Are you *really* “overcoming”?

You, personally, only have *one* life. So putting aside all vanity and defense mechanisms, you need to be *totally honest* with yourself about your spiritual condition.

As the Apostle Paul wrote the Corinthians: “**Examine** yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. **Test** yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—**unless** indeed you are disqualified” (2 Corinthians 13:5). Does the Christ of the Bible truly **live** His life within you through the Holy Spirit? Or did you (*as I did!*) “grow up” in a church and take all of its doctrines and practices for granted?

Almighty God has materially **blessed** America, and the British-descended nations, above other peoples. We have also been *spiritually blessed* by having *free access* to the Bible—and literally *hundreds* of Bible study helps, and by the tremendous *freedom of worship* we have been granted. Also, through the material blessings, we have had *more time* to pursue the spiritual things, to

find God's truth, and to live it. But we have failed!

A Dead Religion

Although we cherish favorite opinions and man-made traditions—and *although we hate to be told we are wrong*—our “modern religion” is a **dead** thing.

Some of us realize it. But most people hate to **admit** it. It is painful to admit they have been **wrong**. But the **end** of this civilization is near! God says He is going to have to **punish** our people for our national and individual sins. “Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel; because I will do this to you, **prepare to meet your God, O Israel!**” (Amos 4:12).

Are you prepared? God tells us to *make ourselves ready!* The time is **now!** Most of you who read *Tomorrow's World* regularly realize that, in the past, you had been **lacking** something *for many years*. Now you have come to understand a great deal of *new truth*. A *new way of life* is opening up before you.

Now you are beginning to really **understand** Bible prophecies, and the great **purpose** being worked out here below. **Why** have you been in almost total *ignorance* of the real meaning of Bible prophecy and of world affairs all the years before this?

If you were truly a Christian—a begotten child of God—**why** did you never understand these things before? **Why** did God seem less than **real**? **Why** did you never really *study* and **understand** the Bible all these years?

Why, if he is a true minister of God, has your minister never really *understood* and preached the Bible and its prophecies?

Why does he almost **never** admit he has been *wrong* about some points? Why does he fail to constantly *grow in grace* and in *knowledge*?

And what about **you**? **Why** have you not done these things—if you have *really* been a Christian and a child of God for many years? We must **face the facts!** Excusing ourselves will do no good whatsoever when we are brought before the judgment seat of God!

Does This Mean Someone Else?

The little word *my* is precious to most people. They lovingly speak of *my* opinion, *my* job, *my* house, *my* country, *my* religion and *my* God.

We **resent** being told that *our* opinion, *our* faith or *our* religion is wrong. We like to continue to believe what we have been accustomed to accept as true. Everyone **hates** to admit he has been wrong.

Yet, in all this maze of religious Babylon, *somebody has* to be wrong! Are you willing to admit that *it could be you*? May God help you to do so! Because *if we will believe our Bibles*, we will find that **most** of the people on this earth are steeped in *religious error*. And even most professing Christians are **deceived!**

One of the *least understood* principles in the Bible is that God has purposely *blinded* this world (Romans 11:8), and is letting it go its own way and *learn lessons* during this first 6,000 years of human history. At the same time, God has allowed Satan to influence mankind; Scripture plainly describes Satan as “that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan,

who *deceives the whole world*” (Revelation 12:9).

Do you find that hard to believe? It is true. In *many places*, your Bible indicates that this *whole world* has been completely **deceived** in spiritual things. Remember that a deceived person *does not know* he is deceived. He is sincere. But he is *sincerely wrong!*

The great false religious system dominating our Western world today is pictured in Revelation 17. God describes this apostate church as a fallen woman—a *great whore*: “With whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the *inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication*” (v. 2).

Because of false teachings and false concepts assumed since childhood, most people are *spiritually drunk*—having a distorted outlook so that they are *unable to see spiritual truths*. Like *drunkards*, they are stupidly **satisfied** in the foggy, hazy, confused spiritual state in which they find themselves.

They **think** they are all right—on the surface at least. But deep down inside is the haunting realization that *something is missing*—their religion seems **empty**. God seems **unreal** somehow, and so very, very far away.

A Counterfeit Christianity

The **great religious deception** that has gripped this world is the result of Satan the Devil working through false ministers who preach a *counterfeit Christianity*. After all, a deceiver is a counterfeiter. And Satan the Devil is the *supreme counterfeiter* of the ages! Therefore, his minis-

ters have a doctrine that *appears to be the truth*.

The Apostle Paul describes these false Christian ministers—who were already prevalent in his day: “For such are *false apostles*, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For *Satan himself* transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his [the devil’s] ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be *according to their works*” (2 Corinthians 11:13–15).

Yes, Satan the Devil has **ministers!** They *appear to be* the ministers of Christ! But actually, they teach a doctrine of “no works”—*no obedience to God’s law*. Therefore, they themselves will be judged according to their evil works!

God warns us to “try” or *test* every spirit or spiritual doctrine that comes through men. “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but *test the spirits*, whether they are of God; because *many false prophets* have gone out into the world” (1 John 4:1).

Unknowingly, and in most cases sincerely, most of you have in the past been deceived by false preaching—which originated and proceeded forth from Satan the Devil through his demon spirits which inspire and influence the religious system and false ministers of our day! It is time to **wake up!**

In these last days before the second coming of Jesus Christ, you need to **know** whether or not you are *prepared to meet your God!* With an open mind, you should be willing to *prove* whether or not you have ever been *really converted*.

Your *misplaced confidence* in a **false conversion** is a *great and mortal deception* which could very easily cause you to forfeit *eternal life!* It is such a *dangerous* deception because your own personal **vanity** will, in many cases,



prevent you from admitting that *you have never been converted!*

Are you willing to **face** this possibility? Are you willing to **change** if God shows you *through His Word* that you have never really been converted before?

What Conversion Really Is

God’s word says: “Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His” (Romans 8:9). In plain language, you must have Christ’s *Spirit* in you or you are not a Christian—you have **never** been converted.

A truly converted person is *filled with* and *led by* the Holy Spirit of God. God places and lives His very *life* within us through His Holy Spirit. By this means, we are *begotten of Him* as

children and thus partake of *His very nature!* “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, *these are sons of God!*” (Romans 8:14).

Frankly, in the past, most of you did not even know **what** the Holy Spirit was, what it was supposed to do in your life, and *what* was the real result of your being led by God’s Holy Spirit.

In Romans 5:5, God tells us: “The *love of God* has been poured out in our hearts by *the Holy Spirit* who was given to us.” Through His Spirit, God gives us *His love*. Thus we partake of *His nature—His character*. And God’s character is expressed in the *spiritual principles* contained in the Ten Commandments—*obedience to God’s Law*. “For *this is the love of God*, that we *keep His commandments*. And His commandments are not burdensome” (1 John 5:3).

God’s Spirit leads us to **obey** Him as our Maker and Ruler. The Apostle Peter was inspired to write of “the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who **obey Him**” (Acts 5:32).

Real conversion, then, involves a genuine *surrender* to *obey God and His Laws*. In Acts 2:38, Peter was inspired to tell *how to be converted*. He said: “*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.”

You *repent* of **sin**. And what is the *Bible* definition of sin? “*Sin is lawlessness*” (1 John 3:4). That is the *Bible* definition of sin—breaking God’s Law! So to really be converted, you must **repent** of breaking God’s Law. Remember that Jesus Christ, in the New Testament, *magnified* this Law—particularly in Matthew 5 and the

Sermon on the Mount as a whole. We are to keep not only the letter but the *spirit* or intent of God's Law *in every phase of our lives*.

Jesus said: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke 4:4). You must *repent* of disobeying God's Law—His Word—His rule over your life. Then you need to *be baptized* as an outward sign of your willingness to completely *bury* your old self—and literally *give* your very *life* to God and to Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, High Priest and Master.

In Romans 6:1–4, the Apostle Paul describes baptism as a *burial* of the old self. It is to be a complete *immersion* of the body under the water as a type of the *burial* of the old selfish self in the grave.

False Conversion Is Very Common

Frankly, most people attending the churches of this world, though having been "baptized" by them, never really knew *what to repent of!* They did not know *what sin* really is.

At the time of their baptism, most people sincerely intend to "do better" or to "make their peace with God." But since they have not been taught what sin actually is, they completely fail to realize how *rotten* and *sinful* they have really been!

They never *really repent!* They are not "broken up" about the wretched state of their lives and their own human *vanity* and *selfishness* which expresses itself constantly in all of us.

Such people do not immediately begin to *study* and *understand* the Bible. They just continue to go along with the customs, the ways and the traditions of this

world. Their lives are not actually *changed*. They do not come to *know God personally!*

Speaking of *converted* people, Jesus said: "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, *He will guide you into all truth*; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you *things to come*" (John 16:13). A truly converted person, then, will be guided into *new truth* by God's Spirit. He will also come to *understand* and *grasp* Bible prophecy—or *important events to come!*

Genuine *conversion* actually *revolutionizes* a human being's life! It is a *renewing* of his *mind*—his *attitude*—his *character!*

He comes to really *know* God—to constantly *study* and *understand* more and more of God's Word—and he is able to *pray* and talk to God in a personal way. He receives constant *answers*—he is *blessed*—he *grows* more like Christ every month and year of his life!

The sad truth is that most professing Christians have never even begun to get ready to start on the road to this kind of Christian life!

Are you willing to face this fact and act on it?

Face Up to Human Nature

The Almighty God who created our minds and our human nature warns us in the book of Proverbs. He cautions: "There is a way that *seems* right to a man, but its end is the *way of death*" (Proverbs 16:25; 14:12).

It is only human nature to believe that *your way* is right. But God says that the way that *seems* right to a man ends up in *death!* Remember that the wages of sin is *death* (Romans 6:23).

The greatest stumbling block that prevents most people from accepting the *truth* and being *truly converted* is their own *vanity*. Most people have grown up in and attended some sort of church, and they hate to admit that they have *never been converted!* Human nature makes them want to proclaim their *own* righteousness.

God has inspired an *entire book* in His Word to deal with this common problem of human beings. It is the book of Job—one of the least understood books in the Bible.

The primary lesson in this entire book is that God *hates* our own human *self-righteousness!* Notice Job's attitude. "Far be it from me that I should say you are right; till I die I will not put away *my integrity* from me. *My righteousness* I hold fast, and will not let it go; *my heart shall not reproach me* as long as I live" (Job 27:5–6).

Job again voices his real attitude in Job 31:6: "Let me be weighed on honest scales, *that God may know my integrity.*" Even Job's carnal friends could sense his own self-righteousness and vanity. "So these three men ceased answering Job, because he was righteous *in his own eyes*" (Job 32:1).

Finally, after dealing *personally* with God and learning much more about his own *insignificance* and utter *weakness* and *wretchedness*, Job at last *repented*. "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but *now my eye sees You*. Therefore I *abhor* myself, *and repent* in dust and ashes" (Job 42:5–6).

But the real question remains: Have you ever come to really *abhor yourself?* Have you *repented* in "dust and ashes"? Have you *totally surrendered* yourself to God and given your

very life to Him to use *as He sees fit*?

God *commands* us to quit justifying the *self*! “Let the wicked forsake **his way**, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon” (Isaiah 55:7). But perhaps you think that you have not been wicked?

The Almighty God declares: “There is **none** righteous, no, *not*

Spirit and been begotten as His spiritual son or daughter.

That is **why** you have not been able to understand Bible **prophecy** before! That is **why** you never really *understood* the great **purpose** being worked out here below. And that is **why** God always seemed so far away—so **unreal**.

This lack of God’s Spirit is the reason that you were not continually **growing** in grace and in knowledge—and that you have

If God has shown you by the “fruits” that *this is the Work of His Church*, then you should fear to turn aside from the *truth*! Where *else* would you go?

Thousands of you have come to realize that you are receiving the *truth* and *message* of God through this work—the *Tomorrow’s World* telecast and the *Tomorrow’s World* magazine. You are beginning to realize that this is the Work of the true Church of God.

Many of you think you are already “saved,” when the truth of the matter is that you **never** have come to the place of *total surrender* to God and His *absolute rule* over your lives! Therefore, you have **never** received God’s Holy Spirit and been begotten as His spiritual son or daughter.

one” (Romans 3:10). Again, He states: “For all *have sinned* and fall short of the glory of God” (v. 23).

Yes, we have *all sinned*! We have all *broken God’s Law*. And most of us are **still** breaking His Law and *trying to justify doing so*!

God thunders: “For My thoughts are **not** your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:8–9).

Our own human *ways* and *reasonings* are always **wrong**! This means **you**! Do *not* apply this to someone else—apply it to **yourself**!

It is almost certain that most of you reading this article still have what the Bible describes as a “carnal” mind. Many of you think you are already “saved,” when the truth of the matter is that you **never** have come to the place of *total surrender* to God and His *absolute rule* over your lives! Therefore, you have **never** received God’s Holy

lacked vital scriptural truths for so many years of your life.

Now it is time to **awaken**! Now it is time to be *really converted*!

What You Should Do

First of all, you should apply this article to **yourself**. And you should strive **not** to let your feelings be hurt by the correction and the exhortation which is given here in deep love!

Remember that when Jesus had been showing His disciples that they had to “eat” of Him and His message, many had their feelings hurt and drew back. “Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, ‘This is a hard saying; who can understand it?’” (John 6:60). But Jesus asked the twelve: “Will you also go away?” (v. 67).

Then Peter gave an answer that has the *same significance* today. He said: “Lord, to whom shall we go? *You have the words of eternal life*” (v. 68).

But you have never thought of actually **doing** very much about it! If we are the servants of the **Most High God**, then you ought to **follow** our teaching and example as you see it is according to the Bible. You ought to apply such articles as this more *literally* and *personally* in your own private lives.

The Apostle Paul was inspired to write: “Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1). You need to *imitate* the example of God’s *true ministers*—and of Jesus Christ.

Frankly, most of you have never counseled with one of God’s true ministers about *real conversion* and *baptism*. Even as this article is being written, scores of people across the United States and Canada are calling us or writing to request personal interviews with God’s true ministers.

These people are beginning to *know* that this is the Work of God’s true Church on earth today.

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Questions & Answers

Q Many are confused about the manner of Jesus Christ's return. How will we know when He returns to Earth?

A Before His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven, Jesus Christ promised, "I will come again" (John 14:3). But many who call themselves Christians differ widely in their beliefs about the *manner* of Christ's return. Some think that He will come secretly; others believe that He will return twice—secretly at first, then later visibly. A few think that He has already returned to Earth. What is the truth?

Only moments after Christ ascended into a cloud (Acts 1:9), the Apostles were startled by the appearance of two divine messengers, who assured them: "This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in *like manner* as you saw him go into heaven" (vv. 10–11). These angels confirmed Jesus' promise that He would come again, and they explained the *manner* of His return. Notice what else Scripture reveals about the *manner* of Jesus' return.

Although the Bible does not tell us exactly when Christ will return (Matthew 25:13; 24:36), we are told that He will come *unexpectedly*—just as a "thief" in the night comes unexpectedly, without prior notice (Revelation 16:15; Matthew 24:42–44). Jesus compared His coming to that of a thief, because of the element of *surprise*.

Christ's return to Earth will not be clandestine or secretive. The Bible pictures His return as a *very dramatic event* (Matthew 24:29–30). There will be a tremendous *trumpet blast heard worldwide* (v. 31), as well as a *great shout*, signaling Jesus' imminent return and the resurrection of the dead in Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:16).

We are also told that when Jesus Christ returns, He will be clearly visible to everyone: "For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man

be" (Matthew 24:27). The Greek word *astrape*, used in verse 27, can mean "lightning" or any brilliant illumination. Verse 30 further describes Jesus' dramatic return: "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven... and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." The glorified and risen Christ does not appear like any mortal human being, but is "like the sun shining in its strength" (Revelation 1:16). So the Bible plainly describes the visible, loud, unmistakable return of our Savior!

Jesus Christ is prophesied to return to the same Mount of Olives near Jerusalem from which He ascended to heaven more than 1,900 years ago (Zechariah 14:3–4). But Christ will not return alone. He will bring with Him all the resurrected "saints."

The Bible plainly states that the *resurrected* saints will be "caught up" to meet Christ as He descends to Earth from the clouds. The resurrected dead in Christ, along with living Christians then made immortal, will rise to meet the returning Christ in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:15–17), before coming down with Him soon thereafter to the Mount of Olives.

Will *anyone else* come with Christ at His dramatic return? Scripture shows that an army of angels will accompany Him from heaven, in the glory of His Father (Mark 8:38; Revelation 19:14)!

When Jesus Christ comes again, He will return as "King of kings and Lord of lords" to establish the ruling Kingdom of God on Earth (Revelation 19:16). He and the resurrected saints will then begin to rule and teach the nations the way that will produce true happiness, joy and peace (Revelation 20:6; 5:10).

Jesus Christ will indeed come again—this time with great power and glory—and all mankind will witness His return! It will truly be the greatest, and most *dramatic and momentous*, event in the history of the world!

Rise and



Fall of Nations

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Where are the great empires of the past? Where is the Assyrian Empire? The Babylonian Empire? The Roman Empire? You can find what is left of them in museums, in ruins and in a few ancient stone buildings frequented only by modern tourists. Great nations rise and fall! Is it possible that the United States could be turned to ashes, like so many great nations that have gone before?

We cannot help but be impressed by the great empires of the past. The Babylonian Empire ruled the Middle East, and the armies of Nebuchadnezzar were unstoppable. The mighty Roman Empire lasted for 500 years, before falling to the Vandals and the Heruli. World War II saw the blitzkrieg expansion of the Third Reich across Europe and North Africa. Hitler's ambitions included conquest of the Soviet Union, but he failed, and Allied armies pummeled mighty Germany into a rubble heap. Can any nation or empire long endure? Can the U.S. last much longer as a superpower? What does the Bible say about the future of kingdoms, empires and nations? Does God have a say in what will happen? What are the lessons of history—and Scripture—and the warnings they portend for Western civilization?

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics consisted of 15 republics and one-sixth of the world's land surface, or 2.5 times the area of the U.S. This great superpower reveled in its Communist ideology; it fought for the hearts of nations all over the world and lost. On November 9, 1989, the symbol of its subjugation of Eastern Europe, the Berlin Wall, came tumbling down.

Now this once-mighty power has shattered into 15 struggling nation-states, with 12 tied together in the Commonwealth of Independent States. Who could have predicted the fall of this great superpower? A small group of biblically based Christians did understand that Eastern Europe would eventually escape the iron grip of the Soviet Union. How could they have known that? Bible prophecy predicted the rise of another great superpower, called the Beast in the book of Revelation. Nearly 50 years ago, Herbert W. Armstrong wrote that East Germany would be rejoined to West Germany, and that Russia "will be forced to relinquish her control over Hungary, Czechoslovakia and parts of Austria" (*Plain Truth*, April 1952, p. 16).

Shortly after Russia's 1956 invasion of Hungary, when many experts believed that the "Iron Curtain" had fallen inexorably on the nations of Eastern Europe, Mr. Armstrong wrote: "The way is being prepared for a colossal third force in world politics—a European Federation of Nations more powerful than either Russia or the United States!... We have shown years in advance what would happen to Russia's ill-fated Empire in Eastern Europe" (*Plain Truth*, December 1956, p. 3).

You can know the future from Bible prophecy. You *can* know the broad outlines of world history, and what will happen to the great nations of this 21st century! There is a God in heaven who is working out a great plan here on earth. He is giving human beings and human civilization six millennia to experiment with religion, science, government, business, education and social institutions. God is allowing human beings to go their own predictable, carnal way of selfishness, war, and violence, but He often intervenes in order to teach lasting lessons of life and death.

King Nebuchadnezzar ruled the mighty Babylonian Empire, but his arrogance and rejection of God's authority brought a great judgment upon him. King Nebuchadnezzar called upon the prophet Daniel to interpret a troubling dream. God revealed that the king would be driven from his throne to live with the beasts of the field for seven years. What was the lesson this most powerful king had to learn? He needed to learn "that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will, and sets over it the lowest of men" (Daniel 4:17). Or, as translated in the *King James Version*, the "basest of men."

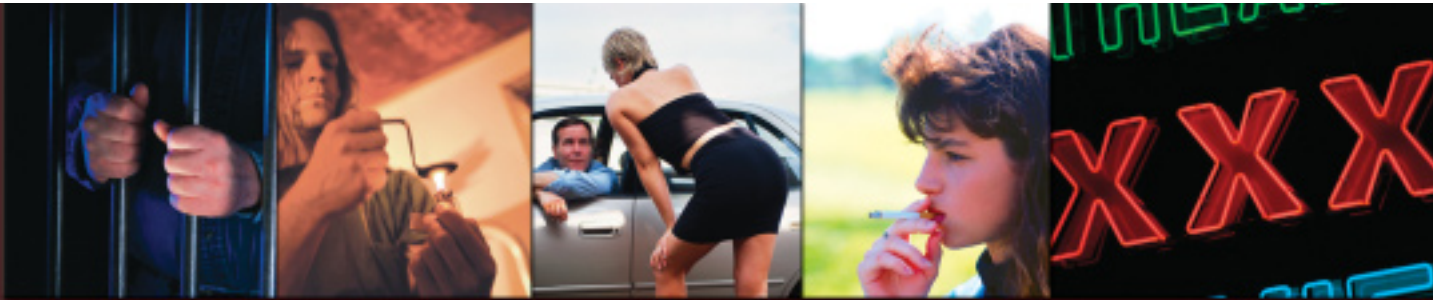
After the seven years, God restored the kingdom to King Nebuchadnezzar. The king had learned his lesson. Scripture quotes the king's repentant reflection. "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down" (Daniel 4:37).

Other great empires have fallen, just like Nebuchadnezzar's. In his book *When Nations Die*, author Jim Nelson Black recounts the fate of several modern empires. He writes: "The collapse of the Soviet Union, which has been constantly in the headlines since the fall of 1989, is clearly the most recent example of the fate of nations. But it is not the only

one. In this century alone [the 20th century] we have seen the fall of the German Reich, the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the Italian Empire of Benito Mussolini, the Japanese Empire of Hirohito, and not least, the British Empire” (p. xvii).

Why do nations decline and fall? History has proved, time and again, that a nation’s moral condi-

prosperity, as it happens, is largely dependent on lots of good private character. If lying, manipulation, sloth, lack of discipline, and personal irresponsibility become commonplace, the national economy grinds down. A society that produces street predators and white-collar criminals has to pay for prison cells. A society in which drug use is rampant must pay for



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Jim Nelson Black, researching decadence in modern society, listed such signs of decay as “luxury, skepticism, weariness, superstition... a preoccupation with self... promotion of the wrong people, the urge to overspend, and a rise of ‘liberal opinion’—that is, the popularization of attitudes and policies controlled by sentiment rather than sound moral judgment” (Black, p. xvii).

Yet God will deliver a nation that responds to His warning. Facing attack by the armies of Moab and Ammon, the Kingdom of Judah humbled itself and sought God. You can read the full account of this inspiring story in 2 Chronicles 20. King Jehoshaphat exhorted the people to trust in God for their victory. “Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper” (2 Chronicles 20:20). They did, and God gave Judah the victory! That *vital* principle applies today! Will we listen to the warnings God is giving us—even this very minute? Or will we nationally and individually become more and more decadent?

Note these sobering words by former U.S. Education Secretary William Bennett: “National

drug treatment centers. The breaking up of families means many more foster homes and lower high school graduation rates. A society that is parsimonious in its personal charity (in terms of both time and money) will require more government welfare. Just as there are enormous financial benefits to moral health, there are enormous financial costs to moral collapse” (*The Death of Outrage*, pp. 35–36).

Do Bennett’s words describe our modern American culture? Sadly, the answer is “yes.” Author Black shares a similar perspective. He writes: “Could our own culture already be in the latter stages of decline? Is it possible that America—once universally acknowledged as the foremost economic and military power in the world—may one day, perhaps very soon, go the way of Greece and Rome?” (Black, pp. xvii–xviii).

The answer is that, unless we repent nationally and individually, we will continue our moral decline into devastation and destruction. God Almighty, Who judges the conduct and character of nations, will bring upon us the Great Tribulation. No nation or empire can long endure without moral character and God’s blessing. Ancient King Nebuchadnezzar learned the hard way. He neglected the warning of God’s prophet, and lived with the beasts of the field for seven years. We saw, through King Jehoshaphat’s example, that God will bless a nation that humbles itself, that seeks God, and that acts upon the warnings and instructions of His prophets and servants!

God sent the prophet Jonah to warn the Assyrian kingdom. Jonah traveled to the Assyrian capital city,

Ninevah, along the Tigris River. His warning is recorded in the book of Jonah. “And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day’s walk. Then he cried out and said, ‘Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!’” (Jonah 3:4). How did the Ninevites respond? “So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes” (Jonah 3:5–6).

The Assyrians responded to the prophet’s warning. They repented of their evil ways and God spared them. This took place in the eighth century BC. So God spared them until they returned to their carnal ways. In 612BC, Nineveh was destroyed by the Babylonians, the Scythians and the Medes. God had previously used Assyria to punish ancient Israel. Israel went into captivity to the Assyrians. The kingdom of Israel was lost in history and became known as the “lost ten tribes.”

God had sent His prophets to warn Israel to repent. They refused to reform. So the kingdom of Assyria conquered the northern kingdom, the ten-tribed House of Israel, and moved the captives far to the east in Assyria. The final captivity took place around 721BC.

Then God also sent prophets to warn the southern kingdom of Judah, which also persisted in its sins. God used the kingdom of Babylon under King Nebuchadnezzar to punish the house of Judah. The majority of Jews were deported to Babylon over a period of two decades ending with the destruction of Jerusalem in 586BC. A young Daniel and three of his friends were taken captive and trained in the culture and literature of Babylon. These young men continued in the godly values they had been taught, and God used Daniel to interpret the dream of Nebuchadnezzar.

“Now in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar’s reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was so troubled that his sleep left him. Then the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. And the king said to them, ‘I have had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to know the dream’” (Daniel 2:1–3).

These advisors asked the king to tell them the dream so that they could interpret it. But the king threatened them with death if they could not tell him the *content* of the dream. The king, in effect, was test-

ing the astrologers’ and magicians’ claim to *divine* revelation. Daniel asked his friends to pray that God would reveal the dream, and during the night God made the dream known to Daniel, who gave the credit to God. “Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, ‘The secret which the king has demanded, the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king. But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these...’” (Daniel 2:27–28). Then Daniel proceeded to describe this great image in the king’s dream.

Daniel not only told the king what his dream was, but he also gave the interpretation. “You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. This image’s head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay” (Daniel 2:31–33).

Daniel told the king the dream’s meaning: “This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all; you are this head of gold” (Daniel 2:36–38).

Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar that God had made him a king of kings, saying: “You are this head of gold.” Here, God was revealing the power and authority that He, the Creator of the universe, was giving Nebuchadnezzar and his kingdom. Notice that the image also symbolized great empires to come. What were those empires that Bible prophecy predicted? Here is Daniel’s description: “But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others. Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly

strong and partly fragile. As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay” (Daniel 2:39–43).

Who were these empires? Again, all serious Bible scholars agree on their identity. Daniel continued to describe what would eventually happen to this great image. The head of gold represented the Babylonian Empire from 625 to 539BC. This empire was replaced by the Medo-Persian Empire from 558 to 330BC, represented by the chest and arms of silver. The belly and thighs of bronze represented the Greco-Macedonian Empire of Alexander the Great from 333 to 31BC. The two legs of iron represented the rising and falling Roman Empire, which first rose in 31BC, and most recently fell with the collapse of the German-Italian Axis at the end of World War II. The ten toes of iron mixed with clay represent one final future revival of the Roman Empire.

Notice that the final worldly kingdoms, represented by the great image Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream, will all come to an end. The image represented four world-ruling empires and their continuation until the end of mankind’s civilizations at the end of this age. They will all be replaced by what is called the fifth kingdom, the coming Kingdom of God.

Daniel wrote: “You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth” (Daniel 2:34–35).


And what is this stone? Daniel describes its meaning: “And in the days of these kings [symbolized by the ten toes] the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever” (Daniel 2:44).

The history of the world is the story of nations and empires that prospered and later turned to dust. Will we learn the lessons of history? Some nations declined slowly before their demise. Others were destroyed or conquered suddenly.

Daniel was in the city of Babylon the night the Persian army conquered the city. And through Daniel, God also let king Belshazzar know what was going to happen to him and the empire. This is the famous

story of the “handwriting on the wall.” King Belshazzar prepared a feast, a great party, for a thousand of his nobles. They drank wine out of the plundered golden vessels from the Temple in Jerusalem. “In the same hour the fingers of a man’s hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king’s palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. Then the king’s countenance changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his hips were loosened and his knees knocked against each other” (Daniel 5:5–6).

Daniel was called upon to interpret the message that this mysterious hand had written on the wall. “And this is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN” (Daniel 5:25). Daniel then told King Belshazzar: “This is the interpretation of each word. MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it; TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting; PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.... That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain. And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old” (Daniel 5:25–28, 30–31).

Today, the handwriting is on the wall for America and all the British-descended nations. The warning signs are all about us as we become more decadent and immoral. Yet there is still time for us to repent nationally and individually. Will we listen to God’s warnings? We need to turn to the Savior of the world! As Jesus said: “Watch therefore, 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). We need to take action, before it is too late! 

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Rejoice, But Remember

For much of the English-speaking world, the summer is a season of national holidays. July 1 marks Canada Day. July 4 is Independence Day in the United States. On August 15, more than a billion citizens of India—one-sixth of the world's population—will observe their nation's Independence Day.

How should God's people view national holidays? We are "strangers and pilgrims" (Hebrews 11:13) on Earth. Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20). True Christians must in one sense recognize the absurdity of proclaiming personal or national "independence" when mankind is utterly dependent on God.

Yet the Bible describes God's people keeping national holidays with His approval. The Book of Esther introduces Purim, honoring virtuous Queen Esther who saved the Jewish people from the plotting of the king's chief servant, Haman. The Bible also refers to Hanukkah (John 10:22–23), which commemorates the Maccabees' successful struggle against Syria's King Antiochus, and their belief that God kept a ceremonial lamp burning eight days with just one day's oil. Jesus Christ Himself kept this national holiday, also called the Feast of Dedication, showing by example that Christians can honor their nations without dishonoring God.

Like the Jewish people at Hanukkah, Americans can on July 4 thank God for what He has done for them as a nation,

and individually. Their nation's expansion and prosperity, properly understood, is not a sign of righteousness or the correctness of their cause, but rather of God's fidelity to His promises. God told Israel that He would *withhold* His promised blessings, as punishment for their sins, for 2,520 years after Israel's 721BC captivity. But His promise was *unconditional* so, beginning around 1800AD, the United States and Britain began to receive God's long-withheld promise, leading to a time of great wealth, expansion and world leadership unprecedented in history.

Two centuries later, the British-descended nations have fallen from the heights of their wealth and prominence, and the U.S.—though still the world's only "superpower"—is no longer the unchallenged moral, political and economic leader of the "free world." Much of the world sees the U.S. as a corrupter of youth and an exporter of culture-destroying filth, not as the guardian of democracy and freedom celebrated by the Independence Day holiday.

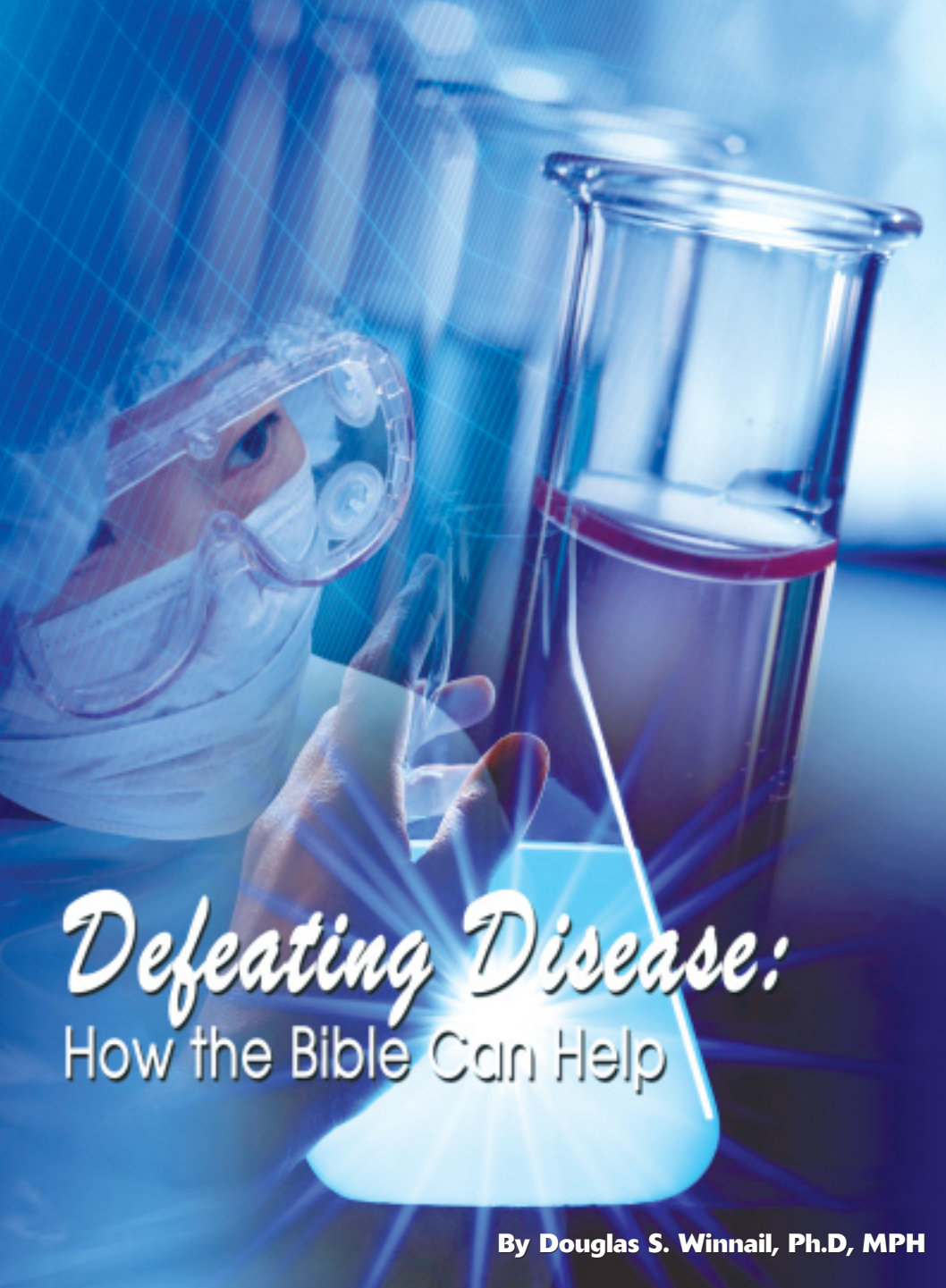
Yet millions in the U.S. will nevertheless rejoice on July 4. In stark contrast, on July 18, millions of Jews will with sadness observe Tisha B'Av—the ninth day of their calendar's month of Av. On that date, over the centuries, the Jewish people have suffered many tragedies. Both the First Temple and the Second Temple were destroyed on Av 9; the

first in 586BC by the Babylonians and the second in 70AD by the Romans. These tragedies alone would warrant a national day of mourning. Yet Av 9 has gained further sad significance. In 1492, King Ferdinand of Spain demanded that all Jews leave his kingdom. Their deadline was Av 9. More recently, World War I began on Av 9 in 1914, setting in motion a time of European turmoil leading to the Holocaust.

The U.S. and British-descended nations still enjoy many of the blessings God once gave. But how have we handled them? Have we carried out a Holocaust of our own? Forty million aborted babies would say "yes"—if they could. Bible prophecy shows that we will, sooner rather than later, reap what we have sowed, as the English-speaking nations become pariahs in world affairs and many true Christians face horrific persecution—even martyrdom—for their faith.

As we enjoy our Independence Day celebrations, thankful for our blessings, we would do well to remember the example of Tisha B'Av. God does not guarantee that His people's times of remembrance will always be joyous, and Bible prophecy warns the U.S. and British-descended nations that severe trials are ahead. So as we rejoice this year, let us also remember the Source of our blessings, and our need for repentance—nationally and individually—before Him. □

—William Bowmer



Defeating Disease: How the Bible Can Help

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The history of the human race is the story of an endless struggle against disease. We declare war on cancer and heart disease—yet they remain leading causes of death. Mammoth efforts were expended to eradicate malaria—a disease that helped topple the Roman Empire—yet it is returning with a vengeance. Citizens of the world are urged to fight against AIDS—yet this new disease is ravaging nations and destroying

lives around the globe. Billions of dollars are spent annually in the battle against disease, but the problems continue to grow. *Is there something we have failed to see?*

As a new millennium dawns, leaders in government and the medical community are beginning to realize that medicines, money, research and legislation alone cannot win the battle against disease. Winning the battle will require utilizing *every* tool available—and

learning more effective ways to address problems. The situation we face on a global scale is serious. Old plagues once thought conquered are reemerging. Deadly new diseases are appearing. Health systems in many nations are deteriorating under the strain of burgeoning populations and limited financial resources. While the cry of “health for all” appears a noble and attainable goal, Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland, director-general of the World Health Organization, acknowledges that “it remains elusive”—an *illusion* that keeps slipping over the horizon (*Foreign Policy*, Jan-Feb 2002, p. 25).

Perhaps it is time to ask: Why have we failed to win the battle against disease? Have *real* solutions been ignored? Can *religion* play a fundamental role in this crucial struggle? Did a loving and all-wise Creator reveal fundamental concepts that would *revolutionize* our approach to health? Does the Bible contain practical principles that could *effectively eliminate* the incredible burden of sickness that plagues the world?

A Global Curse

In the early 1900s, infectious diseases were the leading causes of suffering and death in America and Europe. With improved sanitation and the introduction of antibiotics, these plagues were significantly reduced, but new killers have emerged.

Today in America 725,000 people die annually from heart disease, and about 540,000 die from cancer. While these diseases kill *less than 1 percent* of the population, the suffering and pain inflicted is real—and the financial burden is huge. Americans spend more than \$1 trillion a year *treating* disease! Yet to really grasp *the curse* of disease we need a global perspective.

Outside the developed world, we see a *sobering* picture, as infectious diseases ravage *incredible numbers* of people. In Africa, Central and South America, the Middle East, Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific, preventable and curable diseases like diarrhea, respiratory disease, tuberculosis and malaria *kill* more than 13 million people a year—with children taking the hardest hit. However, the number of people who *live with* and *suffer from* these diseases is almost mind-boggling!

Between 300–500 million people contract malaria each year. Every day 3,000 children die of malaria—mostly in sub-Saharan Africa. Tuberculosis (endemic in much of Africa and Southeast Asia) is spreading rapidly in Russia and Eastern Europe. In the next 20 years, tuberculosis will infect *one billion* new people and kill 35 million. AIDS is rapidly becoming the greatest threat to health, economic development and national stability in many African and Asian countries. More than 2.5 *billion* people are at risk from mosquito-borne Dengue fever in tropical and subtropical countries. There are 50 million cases and 25,000 Dengue-related fatalities each year. More than 60 million are exposed to sleeping sickness and about 500,000 contract the disease each year. Five hundred million are at risk for schistosomiasis (bilharzia,

snail fever) and 200 million are afflicted. Intestinal worm infections plague *one half of the human race—three billion people*. More than 146 million suffer from bacteria-transmitted trachoma that has left six million blind. More than 120 million people are at risk for onchocerciasis (river blindness) and 18 million are infected annually. Measles infects 30 million and kills nearly a million each year. Leprosy still disables between one and two million people (*WHO Fact Sheets* at www.who.int).

Tragically, the heaviest burden of infectious disease falls on the poorest, least-developed countries of the world. Many of these countries are also burdened with crushing debt, crumbling infrastructures, and rampant corruption (see *World Press Review*, October 2001, pp. 3–15), and are simply unable to deal with such horrendous problems—so people continue to suffer under the *global curse* of disease. A British colonial physician once wrote that “the great mass of Africa... has carried a more grievous burden of disease than any other region of the world... the present inhabitants of tropical Africa host a wider variety of human parasites than any other people” (*Bid the Sickness Cease*, Ransford, 1983, pp. 7, 13). In some regions of tropical Africa, 60–90 percent of the population carries parasites. To eliminate this agonizing burden of disease, we must understand and address the *true causes* of the problem.

Causative Factors

For many, the solution to the problem of infectious disease is finding more money to buy medications and establish clinics to deliver treatments. This alleviates

suffering by treating the symptoms—but *does not address* the underlying causes of the problem. That is why the World Health Organization and the United Nations have focused on breaking the “*vicious cycle* of poverty, ignorance and disease.” Most infectious diseases that plague developing countries are associated with *poverty*—crowded, unsanitary living conditions, lack of clean water, failure to properly dispose of human waste and garbage, lack of protection against disease-bearing insects (window screens, mosquito nets, repellants and insecticides). People living in poverty and governments strapped for cash simply do not have access to, or cannot provide, these health-promoting means (see *World Press Review*, June 2001, pp. 3–15).

Ignorance also plays a critical role. People living in poor rural areas often do not know that mosquito bites and tsetse flies transmit disease. Countless millions do not realize that sexual activity and injecting street drugs can transmit AIDS. Many who do not understand disease transmission use water from streams, lakes and waterholes contaminated by human and animal wastes—because it is the only water available. Unknowing consumption of animals and other organisms that transmit diseases is also a factor in contracting serious illnesses. Close contact with sick people and their personal items and traveling to and from disease-ridden areas aids the spread of disease.

Motivation is a critical factor in promoting health and preventing disease. Many know what to do to avoid becoming sick, yet do not act accordingly. People smoke in spite of warnings that smoking

causes cancer. Many eat diets rich in fat and calories in spite of warnings that such diets lead to heart disease, cancer and diabetes. Many know that hands should be washed carefully after urinating or defecating and before preparing or eating food, but simply do not do it. Changing individual behavior is a major challenge in the battle against disease. *These fundamental issues must be addressed* before the burden of sickness will be lifted and the battle against disease will be won.

A New Perspective

But how do you banish ignorance? How do you change human behavior? How do you motivate people to think and act differently? How can you eliminate disease and consequences of poverty without money? These are generally not areas of expertise for medical doctors, health planners, government ministers and economists—yet finding answers in these areas is *critical* to lifting the burden of disease. Education obviously must play a major role in banishing ignorance. What a person *believes* is a major factor in motivating behavior change. Addressing the consequences of poverty and eliminating disease without money will require *rethinking* how we tackle the problem. We must find ways to impact large numbers of people without building more schools, hiring more teachers or putting more people on government payrolls. We need to ask—is there anyone *already positioned* who is capable of doing the job?

Believe it or not, *religious leaders* occupy an ideal position for eliminating ignorance and promoting behaviors that can defeat dis-

ease. Religious leaders have regular weekly contact with large numbers of people—usually all age groups. They promote values that influence personal behavior. Many are already paid by a private organization. The major problem is that religious leaders have *not been prepared* to function in this vital role of preventing disease and promoting health. In fact, many religious leaders are simply *unaware* of the *powerful potential* of their position. Most government, clergy and medical personnel assume the primary role of religion is to comfort the sick and console the bereaved. While this is helpful, it overlooks a **God-intended role** for religious leaders that is clearly outlined in the Bible.

Biblical Principles

The Bible states that “the fear of the LORD is the *beginning* [starting point] of knowledge” (Proverbs 1:7). When we look to Scripture for instructions about health, it is remarkable what our Creator has revealed. God told the ancient nation of Israel that it could *avoid* the curse of disease if it *obeyed* His commandments and statutes (Exodus 15:26). The commandments of God recorded in the Bible contain powerful tools designed to prevent disease and promote health. Sadly, many theologians assume these instructions no longer apply today—and *ignore* them. Because of this mistaken belief, most people—the medical community included—are *unaware* of the potential contribution biblical religion could make in the field of public health.

The Bible reference to clean and unclean animals is no secret. Yet many assume these ancient dietary regulations are no longer relevant and that Christians have

been liberated from “outdated” restrictions. Such assumptions thrive because theologians do not understand the reasons for, or the benefits of, these instructions. Commentaries often spiritualize away these important laws. However, in its comments on Leviticus 14:1, the *Expositor’s Bible Commentary* states: “Priests were public health officers in addition to their religious role.” Religious leaders in ancient Israel taught people *not to eat* unclean animals (Leviticus 11; Deuteronomy 14). Many of these animals carry disease-causing organisms. Eating undercooked flesh of pigs, bears, rabbits, dogs and horses can transmit tularemia and trichinosis to humans (see *Control of Communicable Diseases Manual*, Benenson, 1995). All shellfish are considered unclean. Crayfish and lobsters are scavengers that feed on dead organisms that can transmit disease. Filter-feeding clams and oysters concentrate viruses that cause hepatitis and paralytic or neurotoxic shellfish poisoning (*ibid.*). Liver fluke infections are common where raw fish and crayfish are widely consumed. These diseases can be *prevented* by not eating foods the Bible calls “unclean”—which is cheaper and more effective than *treating* disease.

Biblical admonitions also include *avoiding contact* with animals that have died or with whatever has touched them (see Leviticus 11:32–40). Porous earthen vessels, potentially contaminated, were to be destroyed to avoid spreading disease. These biblical regulations are consistent with sound microbiological techniques, and are fundamentally important in fighting infectious disease. It was the priests’ job to teach and explain these laws.

Priests were to designate as unclean those who had contagious diseases *characterized by skin rashes*, such as leprosy, measles, smallpox and scarlet fever. Such individuals were to be isolated from others to prevent the spread of disease (see Leviticus 13). These biblical guidelines are the basis of medically sound *quarantine procedures* that have been used for centuries. Bible guidelines include avoiding contact with personal items of sick people that could transmit germs (Leviticus 13:47–59). Contaminated items were to be washed or burned (which destroys microorganisms). Biblical health instructions even applied to dwellings—mold or fungal growth had to be scraped off, or a house would be quarantined or demolished. Cracks, which harbor ticks and other disease-bearing bugs, were to be plastered (Leviticus 14:33–48). The priest functioned as both a *public health educator* and a building inspector, to promote health and prevent disease.

The Bible acknowledges that body fluids can be a vehicle for transmitting disease (Leviticus 15). Contact with human waste materials, nasal discharges, tears, saliva and other fluids, or contact with soiled towels or linen, can spread infectious disease. Trachoma—a leading cause of blindness—is spread by contact with soiled hand towels and eye-seeking flies. Those coming into contact with fluids from a sick person had to wash their hands and clothes in water, bathe, and remain isolated from other people until evening as a precaution against spreading disease (Leviticus 15:11). Men and women were to bathe after having sexual relations (Leviticus 15:18). The

purpose of these sanitary laws was to promote health and prevent disease (Leviticus 15:31). *They were not just ceremonial rituals.*

One of the most practical and powerful biblical admonitions states that when people dwell together, human wastes are to be *deposited outside* the living area and *buried* (Deuteronomy 23:12–14). This prevents waste



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materials from coming in contact with people, flies and other organisms that transmit disease. It also prevents the contamination of water supplies. Many diseases, such as diarrhea, dysentery, hookworm, roundworms, cholera and typhoid, result from contact with human waste. Wearing shoes and not using human waste as fertilizer are also important preventive measures. The sanitary disposal of human waste, and access to clean water, are two of the most important ways of preventing disease (see *Water and Dirt—matters of life and death*, World Health Forum, 1997, Vol. 18, pp. 266–268). One physician stated that if these two goals could be achieved, nearly 75 percent of Africa’s diseases would disappear! God instructed Israel’s religious leaders to promote these goals—to protect health and to *provide an example* for other peo-

ples (Deuteronomy 4:1–8). Sadly, modern religious leaders have failed to grasp the importance of their **God-given** role in promoting behaviors that defeat disease.

The Bible also takes a strong stand against adultery, fornication, homosexuality and other unhealthy sexual activities (Leviticus 18). Sex outside marriage is labeled a sin, and in many cases was punishable by death in Old Testament times (see Leviticus 20:10–13). In sharp contrast to the modern notion that unrestricted sexual activity is liberating, the Bible pointedly states that “whoever commits adultery... *lacks understanding*” (Proverbs 6:32), and that sexually promiscuous people *sin against their own bodies* (1 Corinthians 6:16–18). Public policies like this—promoted by religious leaders and backed by civil authority—were designed to prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases—including AIDS. Those who downplay this effective approach are helping to foster epidemic diseases. An “ounce of prevention is [still] worth a pound of cure”—and is much less expensive in dollars and lives! This was the biblical message religious leaders were to convey—but it is a message often ignored today!

The clear thrust of many biblical principles is to *prevent* problems before they arise. Proverbs 22:3 states that “a prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished.” From a public health perspective many diseases can be prevented—saving money and lives—by taking wise precautions ahead of time. Malaria can be prevented by installing screens on doors and windows, using mosquito nets, insect repellants,

wearing protective clothing and eliminating breeding sites for mosquitoes—in standing water, old tires and garbage dumps. The sanitary disposal of human and animal waste prevents contact with people, flies and other organisms that can spread disease. Sexually transmitted diseases—including AIDS—can be prevented by obeying biblical instructions. That is why God instructed religious leaders to promote these behaviors.

The Coming Restitution


One of the tragic consequences of the modern separation of church and state has been the loss of an important alliance between civil and religious leaders in the struggle to defeat disease and promote health. Doctors and theologians often become antagonists working within the confines of their separate disciplines. As a result of this split, religious leaders have *failed to perceive or perform* an important role. Dr. Richard Muga, Director of Medical Services in Kenya, commented in an interview that religious leaders can do much to lift the burden of disease. He made the remarkable observation that “perhaps churches *do not know* what they should be doing” and that “*someone needs to remove the blindness.*”

The facts of history and Bible prophecy attest to the accuracy of Dr. Muga’s astute assessment. Scripture indicates that Satan has *deceived* the whole world (Revelation 12:9), and that leaders are often *blind* to obvious solutions (Isaiah 56:9–10; Matthew 15:14). Blindness can result from mistaken assumptions. Modern theologians do not understand


their God-given role in preventing disease and promoting health, because of events that occurred early in Church history. As the number of Gentile Christians increased, pressures mounted to make a clear distinction between Christianity and Judaism. Arguments were devised discouraging observance of the Sabbath, Holy Days and biblical health laws (see *From Sabbath to Sunday*, Bacchiocchi, 1995, chapter 2). Scholars called these practices *burdens*, intended only for Jews, and claimed that Jesus “nailed these regulations to the cross” as no longer relevant. Yet in fact, Jesus instructed His disciples to keep even the least of God’s commandments (Matthew 5:17–19; John 14:15), and taught that *our sins*—not God’s laws—were nailed to the cross (Colossians 2:13–14), when Jesus was made “to be sin for us” (2 Corinthians 5:21). Scripture further teaches that Paul’s writings would be twisted out of context (2 Peter 3:16), and that a time is coming when the whole world will learn to live by the laws of God (see Jeremiah 31:31–33; Ezekiel 11:14–20; 36:24–27; Zechariah 14).

The Bible reveals that while the “whole creation groans” (Romans 8:18–23), a “restitution of all things” lies just ahead (Acts 3:19–21). Jesus Christ will return to Earth to establish the kingdom of God, and God’s law will be proclaimed to the whole world from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:2–4; 9:6–7). In this coming world-ruling government, Church and state will be reunited (Revelation 5:10). During this millennial period, Jesus Christ and the saints will teach people to *obey* the laws and statutes of God (Isaiah 30:20–21). The burden of suffering will be

lifted. The battle against sickness will be won, and disease will begin to disappear (Isaiah 35:5–6; Jeremiah 30:17). While this sounds incredible today, *it is part of the gospel—the good news* of what the future holds!

In tomorrow’s world, the blindness that has obscured the true role of biblical religion will be removed (Isaiah 42:7). Religious leaders, in partnership with health professionals, will defeat disease and promote health—*using biblical educational principles*—backed by God’s supernatural power (Revelation 11:15–18). Leaders today who have the vision and courage to structure health policies around a sound biblical model will ride the crest of a wave that is destined to sweep over the earth in the years just ahead. Anyone brave enough to examine the Bible will find that it challenges assumptions that have blinded generations, and can play a vital role in defeating disease! 

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Letters to the Editor

TOMORROW'S WORLD

I want to express my appreciation for the article "Comfort in Times of Tragedy" in the March-April 2002 *Tomorrow's World*. It was enlightening, and revealed the truth of God's Word that when we share our sorrow with our Father in heaven, He gives us comfort in times of many tribulations.

J. A., Hohoe, Ghana

I eagerly look forward to reading *Tomorrow's World*. Your magazine is the only source I have found anywhere that teaches the Bible accurately and unbiased. In the past year I have lost a six year old son to cancer, suffered a divorce, job loss and have had my car stolen. With all of these disasters, your message in *Tomorrow's World* keeps renewing my strength and keeps me uplifted and watching for the imminent return of Jesus Christ. Keep up the good work, for you are doing God's Work.

T. F., Regina, SK, Canada

Since my son showed me the first copy of *Tomorrow's World* I had ever seen, I have read every one you have sent me from cover to cover. I have learned some important information. I am doing your *Bible Study Course*, and have read some scriptures and learned their meanings that didn't make sense before. I have most of your booklets, and when I am done reading them I pass them on to my children.

L. E., Council Bluffs, IA

The reason I am writing is to let you know that I really enjoy your *Tomorrow's World* magazine and *Bible Study Course*. I am a firm believer that man must live by every word of God. I get so full

of joy when I have been studying and all of a sudden I get information on what God showed me through your literature. Thank you so much for your compassion for people and your effort.

C. T., Florence, AZ

My husband and I really enjoy your truthful and enlightening teachings about the Bible. We also enjoy the fact of how you insist upon us following you in the Bible because in watching other ministers, we have found that often many scripture references are misquoted and if you don't follow on your own, you could be misled. Thank you for being unafraid to speak truthfully and openly to the people.

Y. R., Jackson, MS

I have been listening to your programs for some time now and I am so inspired by your preaching because so many preachers distort the Truth. The first two programs I saw with you both, I said to myself that this seems to be the follow-up of Mr. Armstrong.

S. R., Clarendon, Jamaica

BOOKLET

For some time I've been reading the material you have sent me. The booklet on the English-speaking nations [*What's Ahead for America and Britain?*] is quite an eye-opener! To boot, it seems to be happening right before our eyes! The March-April 2002 issue, with the article "Conflict Over the City of Peace" by Mr. Ogwyn, promises to be another one of your "wake-up" calls. I want to thank you for sending me these materials. All the articles are easy reading.

A. C., Tularosa, NM

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Moral Decline Ahead

One of the most surprising developments of the last 50 years has been the *dramatic shift* away from Judeo-Christian moral values that provided the foundation of Western civilization. Older generations wonder why this is happening and where it will lead. Younger people seem oblivious to the concern. What goes unrecognized today is that dozens of prophecies are *coming alive* right before our eyes! While some analysts realize *why* this is occurring, most have no idea *where* these changes will lead—yet the Bible reveals what lies ahead!

God predicted this incredible turn of events—and the resulting consequences—long ago. Moses warned our forefathers that “after my death you will become *utterly corrupt*, and *turn aside* from the way I have commanded you. And evil will befall you *in the latter days*” (Deuteronomy 31:29). In recent decades, America—while claiming “In God We Trust” on its coinage—*outlawed* the posting of the Ten Commandments in public places. The Western media has become increasingly hostile to Judeo-Christian values. Public schools demand value-neutrality. Religious leaders are increasingly prone to ambiguity and compromise in vital areas of doctrine and morals. The result has been a surge in divorce, cohabitation, sexual promiscuity, perversion, teen pregnancy, abortions, child abuse, drug abuse, rape, cheating, shoplifting, embezzling, bankruptcy, incivility, and violent crime—the very things God prophesied would happen to nations that forsake His laws (see Hosea 4:1–3; Malachi 2; 2 Timothy 3:1–9).

The intellectual elite of America and Western Europe—academics, writers, filmmakers, television producers, liberal politicians and theologians—have promoted this “do-your-own-thing morality”. William Bennett, former U.S. Secretary of Education, charges that “over the last two decades they have waged an *all-out assault* on common sense and the common values of the American people... we thus appear to be witnessing the gradual abdication of

the... traditional underpinnings of American culture” (*The Devaluing of America*, Bennett, 1992, pp. 13, 26). Yet God prophesied that “those who *lead* you cause you to err” (Isaiah 3:12; 9:16; Jeremiah 23:13). Educator Vincent Ruggiero bluntly asserts that “popular culture has been *infected by nonsense*—nonsense about truth and reality, nonsense about self, nonsense about thought and feeling. These false views have had a devastating effect on peoples lives” leading to the breakdown of the family, self-indulgence, and undermining the pursuit of excellence (*Warning: Nonsense is Destroying America*, p. vi). Yet God foresaw: “My people are foolish, they have not known Me. They are silly children, and they have no understanding” (Jeremiah 4:22). Even theologians have been affected. Bennett remarks that at a time when people needed strong moral guidance, “the church establishment *took a hike*” by downplaying sin and the importance of marriage while condoning promiscuity, easy divorce and homosexuality (Bennett, pp. 222–223). Yet God prophesied that “those who handle the law did not know Me... the prophets have become wind... [they] prophesy *lies* in my name” (Jeremiah 2:8; 5:13; 23:25).

Scripture reveals that misguided leaders will call “evil good, and good evil” (Isaiah 5:20). Today liberals assert that homosexuality and adolescent sexual activity are normal, and that traditional marriage is oppressive and confining. Former judge and acting Attorney General Robert Bork notes that many now want “the deviant to be normalized” and the normal made deviant (*Slouching Toward Gomorrah*, pp. 3–4). God warned that our society would become like Sodom and Gomorrah—sick from head to toe (Isaiah 1:2–10). Modern entertainment is so saturated with sex, violence and anarchy that normal relationships, respect for law and order and the value of human life are disappearing—especially in the young. Author Jim Nelson Black notes journalist Barbara Walters’ conclusion that many young people today have “no



sense of discipline. No goals. They care only for themselves... they are becoming a generation of *undisciplined barbarians*" (*When Nations Die*, p. 19; see Isaiah 3:4–5, 12).

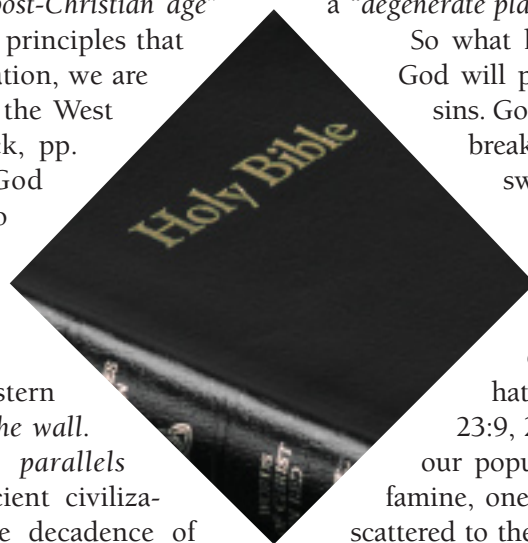
Theologian Carl Henry described the *reemergence* in Western culture of a "**pagan mentality**" that believes "there is no fixed truth, no final good, no ultimate meaning or purpose, and that the living God is a primitive illusion... it champions mysticism, occult forces and powers, communion with nature and exotic religions" (*The Twilight of a Great Civilization*, p. ix). God prophesied of His rebellious people, "they have begotten *pagan* children" (Hosea 5:7) and turned to worthless gods (Jeremiah 2:11). Black notes that "like Germany, France, Great Britain, Canada and Australia before us, the United States has finally entered the *post-Christian age*" and that, by rejecting Christian principles that have supported Western civilization, we are rejecting "the ideals that lifted the West above ancient paganism" (Black, pp. 11, 178). The light that God intended the Israelite nations to provide to the world is going out (Deuteronomy 4:1–10). But just *why* should we be concerned?

For America and other Western nations, the *handwriting is on the wall*. Many scholars see *sobering parallels* between the decadence of ancient civilizations in their decline and the decadence of Western culture today. In ancient Egypt, Carthage, Greece and Rome, "the *collapse of society* began each time with a *period of obvious moral decay*" (Black, pp. 186–188). Black warns that "every one of the symptoms of decline [lawlessness, degenerate art and music, overspending, corruption, decline in religion, education and traditional values, materialism, abortion, murder, focus on self, immorality, divorce and sexual perversion]... are present in this nation today... to ignore such lessons is to *court disaster*"

(p. 4). Journalist Morris Berman warns that "as the twenty-first century dawns, American culture is... in a mess... the system has lost its moorings, and, like ancient Rome is drifting into a dysfunctional situation" (*The Twilight of American Culture*, pp. 1–2). Bork cautions that "our trajectory continues *downward*... we are on the road to *cultural disaster*" (Bork, pp. 2, 11). Peter Hitchens laments of Britain, "a great civilization... is on the edge of extinction and... we have very little time to save it" (*The Abolition of Britain*, p. ix). Black quotes Bennett's assertion that in light of the coarseness and vulgarity of our time, "there are just too many signs of *decivilization*; that is, civilization *gone rotten*" (Black, p. 7). Yet God prophesied that our people "have *perverted* their way, and they have *forgotten* their God" and have become a "*degenerate plant*" (Jeremiah 3:21; 2:21).

So what lies ahead? Bible prophecy reveals God will punish our nations because of our sins. God warns "If you do not obey... I will break the pride of your power... bring a sword against you... send pestilence among you... lay your cities waste... scatter you among the nations... I will stir up your lovers against you... I will deliver you into the hands of those who hate you" (Leviticus 26:14–34; Ezekiel 23:9, 22–35). Ezekiel reveals one third of our populations will die by pestilence and famine, one third by the sword and one third scattered to the wind—meaning a future captivity (Ezekiel 5:12; 4:13). Our punishment will be a lesson to the whole world (Ezekiel 5:14–17; Deuteronomy 29:24–29). This period of national chastisement is "the time of Jacob's trouble" and will occur in "the latter days" (Jeremiah 30:7, 24). Our peoples will be restored, but only after real repentance. To learn more about this sobering topic, request our free booklets *What's Ahead for America and Britain?* and *Who Controls the Weather?*

—Douglas S. Winnail



Teaching Char



By John H. Ogwyn

Chastity. The very word has an old-fashioned sound, and seems quaint and out of date to a generation reared on MTV. “Get real,” some might say in response! But what *is* real? Is it the glamour of movie stars, pop-music stars and sports idols? Is it the television sitcoms, populated with witty people who routinely engage in out-of-wedlock sex, yet whose life circumstances always seem to be portrayed as more humorous than tragic?

A number of mainstream magazines have focused on the concerns of many parents about what is happening to young children in our increasingly sexualized culture. In October 2001, *Good Housekeeping* ran an article titled “Surviving Britney Spears”—with the subtitle: “What to do when your preteen worships this latter-day Lolita.” Britney is a risqué role model for young girls, and “has created a persona about as virginal as Madonna’s” (p. 103). Parading through videos in cropped-tops and bikinis, she has incredible appeal to girls as young as eight or nine.

Popular culture in the Western world takes sexual activity outside of marriage as a given. Whether it is the steamy love scenes in the movie *Titanic* or the provocative

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images on the latest music videos, young teenagers are increasingly immersed in an erotic world. The results are quite evident if you just look around the campuses of most American middle schools. Many young girls, barely into their teens, look and act like *prostitutes!* While civil libertarians would be outraged at the idea of Bibles being given away to teenagers in such a venue, the fact that condoms and abortions should be made available without parental knowledge or consent seems normal to them!

Teenage promiscuity still causes some concerns in our society, but adult promiscuity, on the other hand, hardly raises an eyebrow anymore. As late as the 1950s and 1960s, it was called “living in sin” and was actually illegal in virtually every state of the Union. Today, according to *American Demographics* magazine, the most common household composition in the United States (32 percent) consists of an unmarried couple without children (December 2000, p. 59). *U.S. News & World Report* called unmarried co-habitation a “shadow issue” in the family values debate. “Unlike divorce or unwed childbearing, the trend toward cohabitation has inspired virtually no public comment or criticism” (March 13, 2000, p. 48). In an earlier article on the same subject, *USN&WR* made the observation that premarital sexual activity was something that even most churches were loathe to talk about anymore. “Condemnation of adult

premarital sex has virtually vanished from religious preaching” (May 19, 1997, p. 57).

What are the consequences of these attitudes and behaviors? Jennifer Grossman, an MSNBC-TV contributor, succinctly observed in an interview with *U.S. News & World Report* that “people are surfeited with sex—and yet we’re starved for love” (May 19, 1997, p. 58). All of the hippie-era talk of “free love” has proven to be quite a misnomer. It was *not* real love, and it has been anything but free! Many social ills have resulted, including growing numbers of illegitimate births, single-parent households, abortions, and sexually transmitted diseases. But that is not all. Both domestic violence and child abuse occur with far greater frequency in households where the partners are not married to one another, but are merely “shacking up.”

In a speech given at Hillsdale College on November 15, 2000, a recent university graduate and author made some very telling observations. Wendy Shalit titled her address “Modesty Revisited.” In introducing her topic to an audience of college students and faculty members, she observed that “the vocabulary of modesty has largely dropped from our cultural consciousness.” She went on to explain that modesty’s loss had been social pathology’s gain. “Many of the problems we hear about today—sexual harassment, date rape, young women who suffer from eating disorders and report feeling a lack of control

over their bodies—are all connected, I believe, to our culture’s attack on modesty. Listen, first, to the words we use to describe intimacy: what once was called ‘making love,’ and then ‘having sex,’ is now ‘hooking up’—like airplanes refueling in flight” (reprinted in *Imprimis*, March 2001).

Be the Primary Influence in Your Children’s Lives

The point is that this world does not offer a very healthy set of values and attitudes to your children. Some parents, when looking at the influence of school, media, and peer groups, are ready to give up and conclude that it is a lost cause. Many “baby boomers,” looking back on the excesses of their own youth, have lacked both the moral certainty and the courage to give their own children strong values. Without moral certainty, it is impossible to even have firm values to convey. As the twentieth century progressed, the Bible was increasingly ignored and shunted aside as an absolute guide and authority for life. Belief in a sovereign Creator God gave way to belief in evolution. Moral ambiguity replaced moral certainty.

However, even many religious parents have been shocked and disappointed by their children’s moral choices. In some cases this has been because they naively assumed that if they tried to live by biblical standards of morality in their own life, their children would just automatically

copy. This is not necessarily the case, because there are many other influences at work on your children than just your personal example. What, then, can be done?

Parents cannot be the *only* influence in their children's lives, but if they have the *will* to do so, they can certainly be the *dominant* influence. Those who recognize the value of chastity, and want their children to recognize its value, are involved in a culture war with the world around. How can you effectively combat the influence of contemporary society? How can you ensure that you are the dominant influence in your children's lives?

First, you must seek to make your home a godly oasis in the midst of a corrupt world. One simple starting point is to greatly restrict (or even eliminate) television. Do not allow children to isolate themselves from the family, holed up in their rooms, tuned into their own music and surfing the web on their own computers. When my sons were growing up, for instance, we never had fights about the music they were listening to. The reason was very simple. We had only *one source* of music in our home—a stereo in the living room, which we listened to together as a family! By choosing the appropriate music, my wife and I helped set the mood and the atmosphere we wanted in our home.

Second, you must set careful limits in the amount of association you allow your children with neighbors and schoolmates. Children must be guided and restricted in their choice of

friends and playmates. Do not naively assume that others will not improperly influence your child. Know those with whom your children spend time, and ensure proper supervision of their play and activities.

Finally, spend time with your children. Seek to make family and church the focus of your children's social life. If your children spend most of their time in settings where people with differing values are their primary influence, why would you expect your child to embrace your values?



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Have family meals around the dining table, take family trips, go camping and hiking. Do things! Worship God together as a family. This not only includes going to church services as a family, it also includes having family prayer and Bible study. It is important to regularly spend time together with your children—talking, listening, visiting and teaching. While you certainly cannot control all of the future choices your children will make, never lose sight of the fact that you can greatly *influence* those choices if you are willing to make the effort.

Fostering Attitudes of Purity

We have all heard the adage, “you are what you eat.” While this is true nutritionally, it is just as true mentally. Our mental diet has much to do with shaping the kind of person that we become. The Apostle Paul emphasized: “Finally brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things” (Philippians 4:8). We cannot foster attitudes of purity in our children if we allow them to constantly feed their minds on trash. Violent, sexually explicit television shows, movies, and video games make for a destructive mental diet.

From lullabies to stirring martial tunes, music can create or enhance virtually any mood. In addition to the atmosphere created by a song's mood, we must also consider its words and message. Lyrics that are angry, rebellious and vulgar, or that celebrate fornication or adultery, convey an inappropriate message. With music videos, the effect of the message is multiplied, as the impression received through the ears is reinforced by what is received through the eyes.

Purity involves a way of thinking, and is not merely a matter of avoiding certain prurient behavior. Entertainment and the arts should elevate the human spirit by celebrating what is good and noble, and what is pure and

lovely. Parents who wish to foster purity in their children will be very careful in the music, movies and books that they allow.

The Apostle Paul explained to the young minister Titus that he should encourage the older women to teach the younger women principles of modesty and chastity. It is important for parents and older friends and family members to help provide guidance for young girls in this area. Skirts that are too short and tight, plunging necklines, high slits and other similar styles are designed to send a *sexually seductive message* to men. While many young women would deny this is their intention and say that it is just “the style,” their parents need to help them grasp that, regardless of their motive for doing so, they are projecting an image that is seductive and sexually arousing to men. No godly young woman would ever want to dress or behave in a way that would make it harder for a young man to keep his thoughts pure. Unless girls are actively taught, they just do not understand the difference between the male and female mind. An inner attitude of purity and modesty should be conveyed through dress and grooming as well as behavior.

In the context of teaching young people to avoid styles that wrongly emphasize sexuality, parents have a duty to explain in a positive way about God’s approach to sex. God made us male and female and He said that it was *very good!* Teaching about sex should be presented by explaining that it is a precious gift that God has given. If it is used properly, it plays a vital part

in what was designed by God to be the most wonderfully happy of human relationships, marriage. When sex is misused, it produces hurt and pain that can wreck entire lives. Young people should be taught that much of their future happiness will depend upon learning to cherish purity. Purity is a necessary attitude in every happy, healthy marriage.

Not only must there be proper teaching and explanation, but young people also need to be given proper boundaries that will safeguard purity. **For teenagers to be allowed to pair off and date in the modern sense is to encourage intimacy without commit-**



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ment. The Apostle Paul commanded, “flee youthful lusts” (2 Timothy 2:22). Those who are not married should avoid being alone in intimate situations. Proper boundaries that are set early on, and drilled into young people from the beginning, can help them avoid dangerous situations later on. Young people have lots of hormones and little experience with life. They need guidance and supervision.

Purity can be cultivated and fostered in your family, even though we live in the midst of a corrupt and impure world. Go to God for His help and blessing.

Realize that parents can encourage a mental diet of what is wholesome and uplifting. This must be coupled with teaching young people to value and cultivate an image that reflects purity. Taken together with positive teaching and establishing safe and healthy boundaries, parents have at their disposal tactics that make a difficult battle very much winnable.

Protecting and Encouraging Chastity

During childhood and adolescence, we lay the foundation for marriage and family. The values promoted by contemporary society undermine chastity and purity among young people. They do this in everything from clothing styles to entertainment. In addition, contemporary dating practices further advance the immorality agenda. Make no mistake about it: there is nothing more destructive to building a happy, loving marriage than immorality!

It is vital for young people to understand that commitment is intended to *precede* intimacy. In contemporary western society young people pair off at an early age. They “go steady” even in middle school, much less high school and college. It is taken for granted that teenagers will have their girlfriends or boyfriends. Of course, these so-called steady relationships are anything but *steady!* Breaking up regularly, these young people quickly begin to cast about for another “steady.” They are not really prepared—either emotionally or financially—to marry for years to come. However, contemporary dating

practices ensure that—long before the commitment of marriage—opportunities come early for greater and greater intimacy. When children are engaging in “necking” and “petting” as early teens, how long will it be before they have full intercourse?

The intimate behavior of prolonged kissing and caressing is sexually stimulating and was intended by the Creator to be the arousal portion of the sexual act. As such it belongs only in marriage and should not be engaged in by those who are unmarried. With the dating practices that are generally taken for granted in our culture, however, intimate practices are fostered and encouraged. Movies, television, books and magazines all promote this sort of behavior as acceptable and normal.

The Bible clearly teaches that all sexual activity outside of marriage is sin (1 Corinthians 6:9–10)! If virginity is to be maintained until marriage, then chastity and purity must be nurtured and protected. This helps lay a foundation for future faithfulness in marriage. With both younger children and teenagers, parents have responsibility to teach and to guide. They are also responsible for protecting their children from situations that they may not be able to handle. Young people should not simply be left to themselves or allowed to pair off. It is a recipe for disaster.

It is natural that young people want to spend time together—and there is nothing wrong with that. Social activities can be very enjoyable, and are important to young people. Such activities are best, however, when held in the context of entire families getting together. Picnics, outings to

the bowling alley or the skating rink, or trips to sports, musical and cultural events need not involve each teenager pairing off with someone of the opposite sex. These should be group activities involving *friends* of both sexes. After all, youth is a time to develop a wide variety of friendships. Learning to have healthy friendships with members of the opposite sex is very important preparation for future courtship and marriage.


In Western culture, dating has become confused with courtship, and distinctions between the two have been lost. Single dating is really what used to be called courtship, and should be reserved for those who are old enough to pursue marriage seriously. Until that time comes, developing a variety of friends, and participating in group activities, is the best social outlet for young people.

If chastity and purity have great value, then it stands to reason that this value must be explained and taught to our young people. They certainly will not receive this message at school or from the movies, so if they are going to hear it at all, it must be at home and at church. Immorality is not glamorous and romantic; rather, it produces serious and potentially life-wrecking consequences. It not only frequently leads to disease and unwanted pregnancy, but also to hurt, confusion, and guilt. Casual sex cheapens and degrades what the Creator designed to be shared by two married people in a special relationship that they do not have with any other human being. To protect purity, not only must the value of it be understood and appreciated, but also potentially tempting or

compromising situations must be avoided. Strong emotions are at work and many young people have kidded themselves that they could “handle” the situation, only to find out to their future regret that they could not. If you plan to avoid engaging in intimate behavior before you are married, then you should start by avoiding being in intimate settings that are located away from the eyes of others (Proverbs 15:3)!

Chastity and purity are guardians of the *sanctity* of marriage and the family. The family is the basic building block of society. No nation can be stronger than its homes. Chastity and purity are qualities that can *only* be passed on to the next generation if they are not only deeply valued and cherished, but also actively taught and encouraged. Difficult? You bet! But never lose sight of the fact that it is possible to teach chastity in an unchaste world. ^[TW]

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THE DANGER OF FALSE CONVERSION (continued from page 8)

They realize the *importance* of *personal contact* with the true ministers of Jesus Christ who are actually **doing** His Work of preaching the message of the Kingdom of God as a last witness to this earth.

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When you are finally ready to *repent* of breaking God's laws, of following human traditions, of *conforming* to this society and its ways, then here is what God requires of you: "The sacrifices of God are a **broken spirit**, a *broken* and a *contrite heart*—these, O God, You will not despise" (Psalm 51:17).

When that time comes, you will quit *arguing* and *reasoning* with the ministers through whom God shows you by the "fruits" that He is working. You will not grudgingly hang on to a *false conversion* any more. You will not find that your "feelings" are hurt by the correction and exhortation of God's chosen servants.

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And all of you need to realize the vital importance of coming to a real conversion! Do *not* put it off too long! Remember that God does not have a habit of doing His Work through *deceived ministers*! If you want to be *really sure* of your spiritual state, you should counsel with the true ministers of God who are being used as instruments to preach His message to this dying world. You then need to *humble yourself* to take their advice—to follow their instructions—if you are satisfied that they are *truly* God's ministers.

Be Willing to Change

Never forget that before real conversion comes *real repentance*. You need to humble yourself until you can sincerely repent as David did in Psalm 51. "Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my *sin*. For I *acknowledge* my transgressions, and my *sin* is always before me" (vv. 2–3).

Notice that David did not try to justify himself—he *acknowledged* his sin freely and asked for forgiveness. He continued: "Against You, You only, have I *sinned*, and done this evil in Your sight" (v. 4). God did not need to argue or "reason" David into admitting his guilt! As had Job, David had come to see himself as he really was and to **abhor** himself. *And you are no better!*

At that time, you will be *humble* and *teachable* like a little child—not assuming that you are a spiritual giant before you even start on the road to real conversion. And you will realize the *great danger* of *assuming*—because of spiritual pride and vanity—that a previous *false conversion* was the real thing. You will **know** that this kind of vanity could prevent you from ever being *truly converted*—and could *cut you off from God for all eternity!*

You will also **know** that God gives the *right advice* through the **same** ministers He is using to preach His message to the world. "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." 

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ACT ON THE TRUTH! (continued from page 3)

them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain” (Ezekiel 33:30–31).

God grant that you will be able to *wake up* and to *act!* For your eternal good, **do not** be afraid to acknowledge that you, personally, have **never** experienced the kind of “conversion” the Bible clearly talks about—that you have **never** experienced the genuine power of the Holy Spirit in your life to help you **grow** “to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13).

Let me be brutally honest. Most professing Christians and churchgoers have **never** been taught the powerful message of the soon-coming Kingdom of God. They have **never** been taught what “sin” actually is! So they have been *unable* to fully **repent** and be properly baptized as God commands.

Have you been taught about real repentance?

Please read carefully the following explanation of genuine repentance from one of God’s faithful servants:

“So let me say right here something about conversion I find most people do not understand.

The **REPENTANCE** required as a *condition* to being truly converted by receiving God’s Holy Spirit is something far different than most people suppose. It is infinitely more than merely “seeing” God’s **TRUTH**, or some of it, and being good enough to embrace and accept it. It is something altogether different from merely *agreeing with certain doctrines*.

Whoever you are, **YOU HAVE**, or you *have had*, an **IDOL**. You have had another ‘god’ before the true living Almighty God. It might be your hobby or your habitual pastime. It might be your husband, or wife, or child or children. It might be your job. It might be your own **VANITY**, or lipstick you paint on, or your business or profession. Very often it is the *opinion of your friends*, your family, your group or social or business contacts.

But whatever it is, that idol must first be **CRUSHED**, **SMASHED**—it must be literally *torn out of your mind*, even though it hurts more than having all your teeth pulled out and perhaps a jawbone, too! I don’t believe that many people experience this painlessly. I don’t know of any anesthetic that will render it pleasurable. Usually it seems like something more excruciating than the agony of death by the cruelest torture” (*Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong*, Vol. 1, p. 593).

Dear reader, have you ever experienced *that kind* of genuine **repentance**?

Jesus Christ is *now* training a cadre of truly converted, **changed** and faithful Christians to serve under Him in His coming **world government**. The time for half-baked Christianity is over! The time for “playing church” has passed! Please read carefully and prayerfully the lead article in this issue: “The Danger of False Conversion.” Ask God for real *understanding*. And ask God for the *faith* and the *courage* to act on His Truth.



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LA, Shreveport: KSHV—Ch 45, SUN 8:30 am
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