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What We Stand For

A personal message from the Editor in Chief, Roderick C. Meredith

The *Tomorrow's World* magazine has a definite *mission*. That mission is to carry out Jesus' command to His true servants given *after* His resurrection. Jesus gave *this command* and indicated that it would last "to the end of the age," when He said: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Amen" (Matthew 28:19–20).

"So, what makes *your* mission, and your understanding of Christ's commission, any different from 'mainstream' Christianity?" some will ask.

The difference is that we *really believe* that Jesus *meant it* when He told His servants to teach "**all things that I have commanded you.**" As you know, you will find example after example after example where "mainstream" Christianity has clearly and decisively departed from what Christ taught His original disciples!

Shocking? Am I all *alone* in saying this?

No. Because, interestingly enough, *dozens* of respected mainstream theologians and church historians acknowledge this strange contradiction.

Well-known Protestant historian Jesse Lyman Hurlbut acknowledged: "For fifty years after St. Paul's life a curtain hangs over the church, through which we strive vainly to look; and when at last it rises, about 120AD with the writings of the earliest church-fathers, we find a church in many aspects very different from that in the days of St. Peter and St. Paul" (*Story of the Christian Church*, p. 41).

If the professing Christian church became "very different" from what it was in the day of Peter and Paul, an honest inquirer should ask, "**Why?**" For the Apostle Paul commanded the Corinthians: "Imitate me **just as** I imitate Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1). And: "Jesus Christ is the **same** yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

So *genuine* Christianity should never *change* its fundamental teachings and practices! Yet, as Hurlbut and many others plainly admit, *this is exactly what has happened.*

Well-known philosopher and theologian Søren Kirkegaard wrote: "The Christianity of the New Testament simply does not exist... what has to be done is to throw light upon a criminal offense against Christianity prolonged through centuries, perpetrated by millions (more or less guiltily), whereby they have

cunningly, under the guise of perfecting Christianity, sought little by little to cheat God out of Christianity and have succeeded in making Christianity exactly the opposite of what it is in the New Testament. (*Attack Upon Christendom*, pp. 32–33).

That is **why** God inspired the Apostle Jude to write, near the end of the apostolic age: "Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude 3–4).

Jude said that people would have to "contend earnestly" or *fight* for the "faith which was **once for all** delivered." For, over the centuries, misguided men have tried to somehow turn God's "grace" into "license"—into some kind of permission to **disobey** God's spiritual **law** and the clear teachings of Jesus Christ!

So, what *do* we believe?

We of *Tomorrow's World* believe that we are **commanded** by God to get back to the *original* Christianity of Jesus and the apostles. We are deeply committed to "Restoring Apostolic Christianity"—living by the *first century Christianity* of the early Church of God, which was later subverted by false teachers. We are dedicated to teaching the *way of life* consistently taught by Jesus Christ. Remember, it was Christ who told the young man inquiring about the way to life: "If you want to enter into life, **keep the commandments**" (Matthew 19:17).

We are trying—through Christ in us—to inculcate that *entire way of life* into every aspect of our existence! We believe, as Jesus taught, that we should obey **all ten** of the Ten Commandments. We believe that this can **only** be done through Jesus Christ *living His life* within us through the Holy Spirit. Through Him, we are trying to **grow** in love and obedience to our Father in heaven. And we are also trying to grow in *love* and in *outflowing concern* for all those around us.

My personal favorite Bible verse is Galatians 2:20, where Paul wrote: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for

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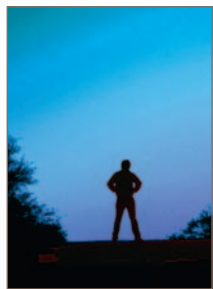


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The Missing “R” Word



By Roderick C. Meredith

What is
the least
understood
word in
modern
“Churchianity”?
The answer
may surprise
you!

No, it is *not* “recession”—though many economists fear one is coming. It is not even “resurrection”—though that word is often left out or completely misunderstood by professing Christians.

Then what is it?

It is the word that God’s servants have described, again and again, as the first step of *genuine* Christianity—the *first step* toward eternal life. When John the Baptist came preparing the way for Jesus Christ’s ministry, he began by saying: “**Repent**, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” (Matthew 3:2). The gospel of Mark records: “John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of **repentance** for the remission of **sins**. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to

him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins” (Mark 1:4–5).

Then Jesus Christ came, proclaiming: “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. **Repent**, and believe in the gospel” (vv. 14–15). And: “**Repent**, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17).

On the Day of Pentecost, when the New Testament Church actually began, God inspired the Apostle Peter to challenge the thousands who heard his voice: “**Repent**, and let every one of you be **baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38). The entire New Testament clearly shows that God’s Holy Spirit is granted only *after* **genuine repentance** and sincere acceptance of Jesus Christ as

Lord and Savior. That is a *vital* point, often completely overlooked or “watered down” by “mainstream” churches today!

I *know* that certain mainstream evangelists *use* the word “repent” from time to time—though *not nearly* as often as they should. However, in nearly every instance, they utterly fail to give a true *biblical explanation* of what repentance is all about. Notice how the above verses explain that you must repent and be baptized for the “remission of **sins**.” If you repent and are properly baptized, your sins are to be forgiven.

Obviously, then, the first step is to “repent” of **sin**!

But what is “sin?”

Why do so many who call themselves Christ’s ministers fail to tell you the inspired *biblical* definition of “sin?” Because it would automatically *condemn* their “just believe” gospel! Because it would clearly indicate how shallow and misguided their “just give your heart to the Lord” message truly is!

Please notice carefully the *biblical* definition of sin: “Sin is the transgression of the **law**” (1 John 3:4, KJV). In plain language, “sin” is **breaking** the Ten Commandments!

Yet almost every “mainstream Protestant” preacher will recite the mantra: “You are saved by **grace**, so you *don’t have to* keep the Ten Commandments!” Some will admit that the Ten Commandments are a “good general guide” for living, but insist that Christians “are not bound to keep them, as they are now under the new covenant.” Or they may say: “Christ nailed the Ten Commandments to the cross, so they are now done away.”

Do you get the picture?

If you doubt me on this, please, **please** go and ask your

own pastor: “Are Christians today commanded to keep **all** the Ten Commandments?” If you ask the question *in this way*, you will definitely get some variation of the answers or excuses that I have just cited!

Why?

The Ten Commandments Contradict Our Western Lifestyle

If our nominally Christian friends *really* followed Jesus’ instruction and example, they would have to **stop** all the wars! Yet *many* of our wars in the last several hundred years have involved “Christians” **killing** “Christians.” World War I saw Germans fighting fellow Catholics and Protestants in Britain, France and the United States. World War II saw Germany and Italy fighting **millions** of fellow “Christians” in Poland, Czechoslovakia, France, Belgium, Poland, Britain, the United States and Canada.

But Jesus clearly told His followers: “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you” (Matthew 5:43–44).

Shortly before He was put to death, Jesus told Pilate: “My kingdom is **not** of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here” (John 18:36). But our **anti-law**, professing “Christianity” has its ministers and priests “blessing” their troops—on each side—in time of war!

As you know, the *vast majority* of American, British and Canadian churchgoers would be *very* upset *if* their ministers told them, regularly and powerfully, that they *could not* remain members in good standing if they divorced their mates for any non-biblical reason, or if they lived in fornication, adultery or homosexuality!

Wow! The *drop in membership* would be *frightening* if professing ministers of Christ preached the full Truth of the Bible! And if these ministers preached regularly and powerfully against *lying*, *cheating*, taking God’s name in *vain*, or indulging in *pornography*, *gambling* and similar vices, *who* would be left in the mainstream “Christian” churches?

Many years *after* Jesus was crucified, God inspired James—Jesus’ brother—to write: “For whoever shall *keep the whole law*, and yet stumble in **one point**, he is **guilty** of all. For He who said, ‘Do not commit adultery,’ also said, ‘Do not murder.’ Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law” (James 2:10–11).

So, my friends, *all ten* of the Ten Commandments are *definitely binding* on true Christians. Regarding the time when Christ’s followers must flee to safety, just before the coming Great Tribulation, He tells us: “Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the **Sabbath**” (Matthew 24:20). Does anyone sincerely doubt that Jesus was talking about the *seventh-day Sabbath*—which He and His disciples always observed, along with the rest of the Jews? Notice what God inspired Isaiah to write about Christ’s soon-coming Millennial reign on the earth: “And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one **Sabbath** to another, **all flesh** shall come to worship

before Me,” says the LORD” (Isaiah 66:23). God’s holy Sabbath was never “done away.” And it *will be observed*—as Isaiah was inspired to foretell—by “all flesh” in Christ’s soon-coming reign on the earth!

But do *you* have the faith and the courage to do what God says now—in *this age*? Do *you* have the vision and the strength to obey Jesus Christ as Lord and Master, and to let Him live His life within you through the Holy Spirit?

Most professing Christians do *not* have that kind of faith and

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commitment. Though many Jewish religious leaders in Jesus’ day came to believe He was the Messiah, the pressure to “conform” to the majority held them back. As the Apostle John explains: “Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; *for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God*” (John 12:42–43).

How about *you*?

Of What Do You Repent?

As 1 John 3:4 clearly states: “Sin is the transgression of the law” (KJV). Though many professing Christians say, “all we need is love,” the apostle answers: “For this is the *love of God*, that we **keep** His commandments: and His commandments are not burdensome” (1 John 5:3). The *real* “love of God” that

Jesus wants us to have flows down the riverbed of the Ten Commandments. God’s magnificent spiritual law tells us *how* to love God and *how* to love our neighbor. Jesus Christ and the apostles magnified the law (Isaiah 42:21) or *expanded* its application to include the spirit or attitude involved; they did not “do away” with God’s law.

For instance, Jesus explained that we are not only forbidden to commit adultery, but we are not even to entertain lustful and adulterous thoughts in our minds.

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Matthew 5:27–28). Is *this* “doing away” with God’s commandment against adultery? *Of course not!* It is making it all the more binding! For God’s righteous law is—as James wrote—the “law of liberty” (James 2:12). If universally followed, it would indeed “liberate” us from the problems of war, adultery, broken homes, theft, fear, frustration and emptiness. The whole world would truly be a *much better place!*

How dare misguided preachers tell people that God’s wonderful law of life is “done away”!

This **terrible** error, in fact, blinds millions of sincere people from knowing **how** to repent! In many mainstream churches, people are given just a general idea of sin

and are almost **never** told that sin is *specifically* breaking God’s Ten Commandments! In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus Christ directly condemned such false ministers. He stated: “Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘*I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!*’” (Matthew 7:22–23).

“Lawlessness”? Do you think for one minute that Jesus was talking about the *traffic laws* in an age of donkeys and ox carts? *No, indeed!* As God in the flesh, Jesus knew that false ministers would try to do away with, or water down, the great spiritual commandments that God actually gave *through Jesus* when He was the “Word”—the “Rock” (1 Corinthians 10:4)—the One who *literally spoke* the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai as God’s Spokesman!

When He came in human flesh, Jesus **always** told people that *His way of life* was to **obey** the Ten Commandments! When a young man came asking the way to eternal life, Jesus replied: “If you want to enter into life, **keep the commandments**” (Matthew 19:17). As Jesus explained in the Sermon on the Mount: “Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:19). So—in *Jesus’ mind*—**all** of God’s commandments are vitally important. Not *one* of them was ever “nailed to the cross” or remotely “done away,” as you see when you honestly put all of the scriptures together.

The Apostle Paul tells us: “Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but *keeping the commandments* of God is what matters” (1 Corinthians 7:19). And near the very end of the New Testament, God describes His true saints—those who are *genuine* Christians: “Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who *keep the commandments* of God and the *faith* of Jesus” (Revelation 14:12).

As we have seen, human beings are *cut off* from God—unable to receive the precious Holy Spirit—until they genuinely *repent* of “sin”—the transgression of God’s *law*. Then they must humbly receive Jesus Christ not only as personal Savior, but also as “Lord”—the One they will truly *obey*! As the Apostle Paul wrote: “The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now *if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His*” (Romans 8:7–9).

What Is True Repentance?

The unconverted, selfish, “carnal” mind of man wants its *own way*. So it will **not** submit to God’s law, as Paul explains. But, through the Spirit of God, true Christians can “master” the carnal attitude and the desires of the flesh and walk within God’s laws as a *way of life*. But **first**, to receive God’s Holy Spirit, one must truly *repent*. To “repent” means to *change*. Yes, it means one should be sorry—but one must be **so sorry** that he or she really *turns around* and goes the **other way**!

True repentance, therefore, involves a **total surrender** of one’s mind, heart and will to the Creator God, and requires the acceptance of the death of His Son in payment for **sin**. For sin demands **death**. That is why Christ had to “pay” the death penalty on our behalf. As the Apostle Paul wrote: “The wages of sin is **death**, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

Sin is so awful—so **vile** in God’s sight—that it automatically brings **death** in the Lake of Fire

unless it is genuinely **repented** of. Perhaps the best example of true repentance is shown in David’s prayer after his sin with Bathsheba. David cried out to God: “Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge” (Psalm 51:1–4).

Notice that David *never* tried to justify what he had done. He called it “sin,” and acknowledged that he needed to be “cleansed.” He also recognized that his sin was not primarily against Bathsheba—nor against her husband, Uriah, whom he had *murdered*—but **against God Himself**! David described his need to be delivered from the “guilt of bloodshed” (v. 14). Finally, David acknowledged: “The sacrifices of God are a **broken spirit**, a broken



If all the ministers who call themselves “Christian” were to preach directly and strongly about the **fourth** commandment, many church members would be in shock! Yet Jesus said: “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every** word of God’” (Luke 4:4). **Jesus and His followers always kept the biblical Sabbath—setting us an example.** Jesus told His followers *how* to keep the Sabbath, and **never** remotely hinted that this vital part of the Ten Commandments was to be “done away.” The *biblical* teaching on the fourth commandment is so plainly clear that even James Cardinal Gibbon, the United States’ leading Roman Catholic cardinal in his day, acknowledged: “You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify” (*Faith of Our Fathers*, 1876). Gibbon believed that his church had the authority to **change** God’s law, but Jesus Himself said otherwise!

and a contrite heart—These, O God, You will not despise” (v. 17).

This *attitude* of total *repentance* and *surrender* to God was a major reason why God called David “a man after My own heart” (Acts 13:22). God also loved David for having such a profound *love* for God’s commandments and laws—so totally **unlike** preachers today who say God’s magnificent law is too strict or harsh or burdensome. David wrote: “Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the

“penance” rather than **repentance**. People even tried to “buy” their way out of sin by purchasing “indulgences” from the priests. Martin Luther—the founder of Protestantism—was so horrified by this rotten practice that he started the Protestant Reformation. Luther was undoubtedly sincere—as are most Protestants today. But he only came *part-way* out of an entirely Babylonish system!

Because he considered the Roman Catholic “church laws” to

lation, Luther haughtily replied: “Should your Pope give himself any useless annoyance about the word *sola*, you may promptly reply: It is the will of Dr. Martin Luther that it should be so” (Alzog, *Manual of Universal Church History*, p. 199). Luther gave no other reason for such an unscriptural change. When it came to Luther’s own personal doctrinal convictions, he was truly a *self-willed* man.

From then on, most Protestant preachers and theologians have grown up with the concept that we are somehow “freed” from keeping God’s commandments! In their thinking, they confuse the *physical ordinances* of ancient Israel with the *spiritual law* of the Ten Commandments—though the two are totally different! They try to imagine that the Ten Commandments are not required under the new covenant. But God’s word makes it clear that the *spiritual law* of God—the Ten Commandments—is the very **basis** of the new covenant! Specifically describing the new covenant, Paul tells us: “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their *mind* and write them on their *hearts*; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people” (Hebrews 8:10).

Again and again—throughout both the Old and New

Jesus cried out: “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46). Jesus is *not* your “Lord” unless you *obey* Him! Frankly, you are **not a true Christian unless you are willing to *obey* God and do what He says!**

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be harsh and misguided, Luther invented the idea that Christians are “freed” from obeying God’s law. He introduced the idea of being saved by “**grace**” **alone**. In fact, in his German translation of the New Testament, Luther purposely **mis-translated** Romans 3:28, which states: “Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.” Luther, however, put it that “man is justified by faith **alone**.” When one of his critics corrected this mis-trans-

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Can “Grace” and “Penance” Replace Genuine REPENTANCE?

Long after the death of Jesus and the original apostles, misguided priests and theologians during the Dark Ages began to twist the whole concept of true Christianity around in strange ways. They began to teach the idea of

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Questions & Answers

Question: How can I know whether God's Spirit dwells within me?

This question is of special importance to Christians, because "if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His" (Romans 8:9). Jesus Christ promised that true Christians would receive God's Spirit, which would help them overcome sin and would lead them into all truth: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper... It abides *with* you, and will be *in* you.... [and] shall teach you all things, and remind you of all things which I said to you" (John 14:16–17, 26, Wilson's *New Emphatic Version*).

To properly answer the question, we should first look at *how* we receive the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Peter's explanation was simple, direct and profound: "Repent, *and* let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). To repent means to "turn around" from the way of selfishness and self-will, and to go the other way—God's way. Repentance is a heartfelt change from rebellion against the Lord's instruction to unconditional surrender to God.

A truly repentant person will desire to live by "every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). Scripture enjoins that one who has repented must then be baptized. This important requirement reflects the repentant person's inward faith in Christ's sacrifice and resurrection, and submission to the true Gospel of the Kingdom of God (Romans 6).

This raises an important related point: can an infant make the deliberate and rational choice, and change of heart, that precedes baptism? Obviously not! Just as an adult's baptism is not valid unless he or she has come to genuine repentance, an infant child is certainly not capable of mustering the faith and repentance that Scripture requires.

After baptism, one receives God's Spirit through the laying on of hands (Acts 8:17).

God's Spirit allows the Christian to "walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). But what does that mean? The Apostle Paul explains that "the love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us" (Romans 5:5, *ASV*).

Indeed, this supernatural, divine love is described as the fruit of the Spirit, which is abundant in the life of true Christians (Galatians 5:22–23). The Apostle John explains how this love is manifested: "This is the love of God, **that we keep His commandments**" (1 John 5:3). Indeed, it is through God's Spirit within that a Christian grows ever more able to keep God's commandments.

As John wrote: "Now by this we know that we know Him, *if we keep His commandments*.... Whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him" (1 John 2:3–5). Even more directly, it says: "All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us" (3:24, *NRSV*).

The commandments express love toward God and love toward neighbor (Matthew 22:37–40). Jesus said: "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:35). John expands on this: "We know that we have passed from death to life [through receiving God's Spirit], because we love the brethren" (1 John 3:14). Such love is demonstrated not by mere well-wishing, but by actual deeds (vv. 18–19).

This love deepens as one grows more and more like Jesus Christ, through the indwelling of God's Spirit, as the very nature of the Godhead is formed within us (Philippians 2:5; Galatians 4:19)!

This is how we know that God's Spirit is working within us, preparing us for eternal life in the Kingdom of God!



Is Sex Sin?

By Richard F. Ames

Countless millions in our sex-obsessed age are seeking every possible form of sexual satisfaction. What should a Christian do?

Popular television shows like “Desperate Housewives” and “Sex In the City” have made entertainment out of sexual immorality. Infidelity is treated as a joke, and sexual promiscuity as the norm. The once-common notion of “forbidden” fruit—that some activities, however pleasurable in the short term, are nevertheless

immoral—is dismissed as antiquated by millions today. Even regarding marriage, old standards are crumbling, as millions live in “open” marriages—while others strive to redefine the meaning of marriage itself.

Where does sex fit into all this? Is it “sinful” for two consenting adults to share physical intimacy?

Are there objective standards of sinfulness that still apply today? Who is qualified to define sinful behavior and attitudes? Is there any reason, in our modern age, to follow what the Bible teaches? If so, what happens to those who flout the Bible’s standards?

Historically, we see that when men and women have practiced adultery and unfaithfulness in their marriages, the family unit has suffered. At its height, the Roman Empire emphasized strong families, but this emphasis later changed as the Empire declined. Scholars have documented the decline in character and morality that contributed to the Empire’s demise. Historian E. B. Castle wrote that in addition to the problem of businessmen’s absence from their families, another problem contributed to the decline—“the consequent easy attitude to the marriage tie, the increasing frequency of divorce, and the growing freedom and laxity in women’s morals, all of which ended in a loosening of the old family unity in which the best in Roman character had its roots” (*Ancient Education and Today*, p. 119).

Will our modern civilization follow the pattern of Rome’s decay? The Roman philosopher Seneca, writing in the first century AD, observed that in his day, “some noble ladies reckon the years of their lives, not by the number of the consuls, but by that of their husbands, now that they leave their homes in order to marry others, and marry only in order to be divorced... Divorce was only dreaded as long as it was unusual; now that no gazette appears without it, women learn to do what they

hear so much about. Can any one feel ashamed of adultery, now that things have come to such a pass that no woman keeps a husband at all unless it be to pique her lover? Chastity merely implies ugliness” (*On Benefits*, Book III, xvi).

Men, too, are seduced by the false promises of adultery. With increased access to birth control, and the easy availability of abortion on demand, sexual activity has increased in the last few decades as men and women alike have come to believe they can avoid the consequences of that activity. Even the mass media contribute to a culture of immorality that brings about many ruined lives. Millions fail to take seriously the simple biblical admonition: “You shall not commit adultery” (Exodus 20:14). Yet if everyone kept this precept—the seventh of the Ten Commandments—lives would be far happier and society would be far more stable.

Just as God is the Creator of the physical laws that govern matter, He is the Lawgiver whose spiritual laws govern our lives. *He* defines sin (1 John 3:4). We would ridicule someone who tried to “deny” the law of gravity, and risk his life falling from a great height. But how many in our society try to deny the consequences of violating God’s spiritual laws?

Our modern western world increasingly rejects the Ten Commandments and continues its slide into immorality. Just how bad is it? The Barna Research Group surveyed ten moral behaviors among Americans, and gave this startling report: “Of the ten moral behaviors evaluated, a majority of Americans believed that each of three activities were ‘morally acceptable.’ Those included gambling (61 percent), cohabitation (60 percent), and sexual fantasies (59 percent). Nearly half of

the adult population felt that two other behaviors were morally acceptable: having an abortion (45 percent) and having a sexual relationship with someone of the opposite sex other than their spouse (42 percent). About one-third of the population gave the stamp of approval to pornography (38 percent), profanity (36 percent), drunkenness (35 percent) and homosexual sex (30 percent). The activity that garnered the least support was using non-prescription drugs (17 percent)” (“Morality Continues to Decay,” November 3, 2003).

What will happen to a society with these values? From beginning

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to end, the Bible reveals that obedience to God’s laws brings blessing, while disobedience brings cursing and penalty. This is not just an “Old Testament” concept. Notice: “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life” (Galatians 6:7–8).

Yes, there is cause and effect in life. When we do what is right, we enjoy a good effect, but when we do what is wrong, our sin causes a painful effect. Even if sin may seem pleasurable for a time, its after-effect will be devastating.

Sex in Marriage

Godly sex, in marriage, binds husband and wife together in love

and intimacy. The relationship between husband and wife also has a spiritual dimension, as the Apostle Paul explained:

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish” (Ephesians 5:25–27).

Yes, a husband is to love his wife as Christ loves His Church! Paul continued: “So husbands ought to love their own wives as

their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband” (vv. 28–33).

God values marriage, but what does He say about those who violate the marital bond? “Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled, but fornicators and adulterers God will judge” (Hebrews 13:4). The Bible

is clear; God made sex to be shared by husband and wife in marriage. Any other sexual relationship is sin. In fact, the Bible describes specific sexual acts that are prohibited, including sexual perversion (see Leviticus 18).

Just one chapter after outlining such prohibitions, God revealed the second great commandment: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18). Jesus quoted that passage from Leviticus again in Matthew 22:39. Of the Ten Commandments, the first four show us how to love God, and the last six show us how to love our neighbor. Jesus said: “If you want to enter into life, keep the commandments” (Matthew 19:17). Are you willing to obey God and keep the commandments?

Some states and nations are acting as if they know better than God! Support for “same-sex unions” is becoming more and more common, and polarizing opinions around the world. On November 18, 2003, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled that according to the

state Constitution, same-sex couples cannot be denied the right of civil marriage. The state of Vermont recognizes “civil unions” for same-sex couples. *The Washington Post* (September 23, 2003; p. A20) reported from Amsterdam that in the Netherlands, “as many as 8 percent of all marriages here, are now between people of the same sex.” A Canadian national poll taken in the summer of 2003 reported: “Currently just over half of Canadians (53 percent) strongly (28 percent) or somewhat (25 percent) support” same-sex marriage (Environics Research Group, press release, August 7, 2003).

In the first century AD, the city of Corinth in Greece was a center of worldwide commerce—and also a center of paganism, idolatry and sexual immorality. Nevertheless, many Corinthians repented of their sinful lifestyle and became Christians. The Apostle Paul warned them against the temptations of their day: “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornica-

tors, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God” (1 Corinthians 6:9–10).

Are you practicing any of those behaviors? God says that *none* who are will inherit the Kingdom of God! Some of the Corinthians had repented of those sins—and they were forgiven. The Apostle Paul continues: “And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God” (v. 11).

Misleading Leadership

In today’s society, many who pose as religious leaders mislead people by telling them that they are not sinning. The prophet Jeremiah lamented such false leadership, and foresaw dire consequences. “Shall I not punish them for these things?” says the LORD. ‘Shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as this?’ An

THE SONG OF SOLOMON

The Bible includes one whole book that depicts the romance of a man and a woman. That book is the Song of Solomon, also called the Song of Songs. As the *Holman Bible Dictionary* comments: “The Song itself gives expression to a uniquely biblical perspective on sexual love... Like Genesis 2:23–25, the Song celebrates God’s gift of bodily love between man and woman” (“Song of Solomon”).

The Song of Solomon is organized as a drama. Some analysts observe three main characters in the book. Solomon, as symbolic of the world, is seen as tempting the shepherdess with his worldly luxury, while she remains faithful to her unseen shepherd (symbolically the Lord). A loving, intimate relationship between a man and woman in marriage symbolizes the intimate relationship between Christ and the Church.

The *NKJV* introduces the Song of Solomon with this comment: “Allegorically, it pictures Israel as God’s betrothed bride (Hosea 2:19, 20), and the church as the bride of Christ. As human life finds its highest fulfillment in the love of man and woman, so spiritual life finds its highest fulfillment in the love of God for His people and Christ for His church” (Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1988).

Yes, within marriage, sex typifies the intimacy that God seeks with His Church. The Bible is very plain about it—God considers sex a wonderful part of His creation, and He has given us the principles for enjoying it in the way He intended.

astonishing and horrible thing has been committed in the land: the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own power; and My people love to have it so. But what will you do in the end?" (Jeremiah 5:29–31).

People may be deceived, but they "love to have it so." According to the Barna Research Group, many who call themselves "Christian" approve of cohabitation (defined as living with someone of the opposite sex without being married). Barna reports: "The biggest gaps between Protestants and Catholics were found in relation to cohabitation (deemed morally acceptable by 50 percent of Protestants and 66 percent of Catholics), sexual fantasies (51 percent and 63 percent, respectively), and gambling (52 percent and 70 percent, respectively)" ("Morality Continues to Decay," November 3, 2003).

Some who are careful to avoid physical adultery think that they can avoid sin by keeping their adulterous fantasies in their minds. Yet Jesus Himself revealed that it is possible to sin in the mind, even without illicit physical conduct. "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matthew 5:28).

As our Savior warned: "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies" (Matthew 15:18–19).

How much sinful sexual fantasy finds its way into your mind? Plenty, if you watch television! Even teenagers are vulnerable. "In the top 20 shows among teen viewers, more than eight in ten

(83 percent) include some sexual content, including nearly half (49 percent) that have sexual behaviors, and one in five (20 percent) that have sexual intercourse. The top teen shows average 6.7 scenes per hour with sexual content" (*Sex on TV 3: a Biennial Report of the Kaiser Family Foundation*, 2003). The report continues: "If you ask teens what role sex on TV plays in their own lives, nearly three out of four say it influences the sexual behaviors of kids their age, and one in four admits it influences their own behavior" (*ibid.*).

Yes, the media do influence our attitudes and behaviors. We need to be on guard against those temptations that lead us to sin. Pornography is a booming business around the world and leads many to sexual crimes, including child sexual abuse. In a Canadian study of convicted child molesters, 77 percent of those who molested boys, and 87 percent of those who molested girls, said they were regular users of hard-core pornography (*Report on the Use of Pornography by Sexual Offenders, Report to the Federal Department of Justice*, Ottawa, Canada).

Although the media are filled with sexual images, messages and temptations, a Christian must not give in to these influences. Jesus

taught us to pray: "And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one" (Matthew 6:13).

If you are indulging in pornography—or any other sexual vice—you need to repent! You need to quit sinning! You need to take decisive action to prevent your easy access to sexual temptations! The Apostle Paul gave this urgent instruction: "Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body" (1 Corinthians 6:18). Some believe that sexual sin is a "victimless crime." But God says that sexual sin is a sin against your own body!

Paul continues: "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy [Spirit] which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (vv. 19–20, KJV).

Will you make the commitment, if you have not done so already, to glorify God in your body and in your spirit? God's way of life through Christ is the abundant life, as Jesus stated in John 10:10. You *can* have that life of genuine happiness, if you follow the awesome and wonderful spiritual laws of God! ■

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Tribulation Ahead!

For many in North America, western Europe and a few other places in the world's developed countries, life has never been better. Jobs are available, salaries are high, food is plentiful,

security and social supports are adequate and leisure activities abound. However, just under the surface and around the edges of these bubbles of prosperity, powerful forces are preparing to erupt. Many today are oblivious to the fact that our modern world of affluence is about to explode into unimaginable chaos! Major Bible prophecies are on the verge of fulfillment. These prophecies will *come alive* and dominate headlines in the near future. The *real news* is sobering, yet filled with hope!

Present Distress

Over the last 50 years, forecasters and politicians have issued optimistic statements about the future. We are told that things are getting better, science is improving the world and medicines are conquering disease. We were told of a “peace dividend” as the Cold War ended, and expected that money spent on armaments could instead alleviate human suffering. There has been talk of a “road map” that will resolve Arab-Israeli tensions in the Middle East. Popes from John XXIII to Benedict XVI have led prayers for world peace. European leaders have said that if Europe unites it can avoid war on the continent. American leaders have planned to plant “seeds of democracy” to make the world a better place. Many have held on to a belief that the United Nations can solve the world's problems.

Yet all these optimistic hopes and idealistic intentions are beginning to ring hollow. Since the end of the Cold War, wars have *proliferated* and arms expenditures have *increased*, while hunger and poverty *have spread!* In the last few years, the world has witnessed the shocking rise of international terrorism and

increasingly brutal civil wars where countless civilians are raped, tortured, maimed, murdered, driven from their homes or sold into slavery! Around the world, we see rising crime and rampant corruption, global trafficking in drugs and armaments, and pornography spread by the Internet. Recent decades have witnessed the *emergence* of epidemic diseases like HIV-AIDS and the *resurgence* of ancient plagues like malaria, tuberculosis and cholera—diseases that are now resistant to antibiotics and exacerbated by poverty, malnutrition and the widespread lack of sanitation and access to clean water. The gap between rich and poor is growing. Human greed and climate change are contributing to ecological disasters. Competition for the earth's dwindling resources is increasing, and threatens to turn violent. This is the world we live in today. But *where* is this all leading? What does the future hold?

Coming Chaos!

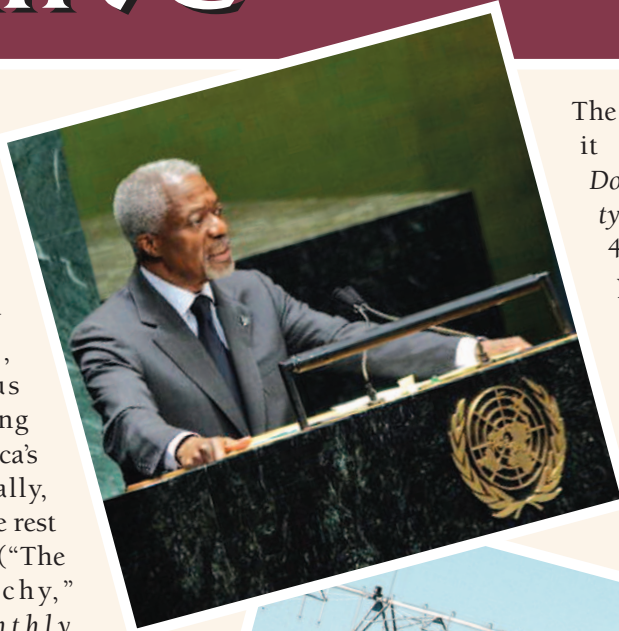
Many who read the Bible recognize that world events are beginning to resemble the conditions that Jesus said would prevail on earth just before His Second Coming. Jesus prophesied that the end of this age would be marked by religious deception, proliferating wars, ethnic strife, famines, disease epidemics and increasingly devastating natural disasters (Matthew 24:3–7). He warned that these signs were merely the “beginning of sorrows” and they would continue to escalate, for “then there will be *great tribulation*, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved” (Matthew 24:21–22). Jesus foretold that conditions on earth would reach the point where human survival would hang in the balance—unless God intervenes to save mankind!

Some today believe the Bible and accept Jesus' statements, but many others are highly skeptical, and even laugh at these ideas. To believe in Bible prophecies about the approaching end of the age *invites ridicule* from many quarters of society. Such ideas are usually relegated to the wacky realm of religious fanatics. However, one who wishes to dismiss Jesus' statements must *ignore* what knowledgeable observers have been saying for more than a decade.

In 1994, correspondent Robert D. Kaplan, who has served as a consultant to the U.S. Army Special Forces, wrote a famous article predicting that: “West Africa’s future, eventually, will be that of the rest of the world” (“The Coming Anarchy,” *Atlantic Monthly*, February 1994, pp. 44–76). West Africa today is characterized by increasingly violent, lawless and ungovernable countries—where national boundaries are becoming meaningless, and poverty, corruption, disease and environmental devastation are rampant and spreading.

In Kaplan’s view, the burgeoning and incredibly polluted cities in the developing world—such as Delhi, Calcutta and Beijing—are “ecological time bombs” that will eventually implode. He noted that multi-ethnic India and Pakistan are “increasingly dysfunctional” and will “probably fall apart” while “Egypt could be where climatic upheaval... will incite religious upheaval in truly biblical fashion” (*ibid.*, pp. 27, 51–53). It is hard to brush off Robert Kaplan, who sees a future of spreading chaos and anarchy, as a religious fanatic.

Robert Harvey, a former member of the British Parliament and assistant editor of *The Economist*, offers a *similar* disturbing view of the future. Harvey writes: “As the new millennium dawns, the same seeds of global disorder, even anarchy, that grew into the years 1914–1945 are being sown today. Radicalism and ethnic nationalism are already on the rampage... Bigger powers show signs of going their own way. America is disengaging from Europe and vice versa, Germany and Japan are becoming more politically assertive and China is rearming... Unless action is taken... we will gaze towards the same horizon of *global horrors* as our great-grandfathers, this time through a nuclear haze.

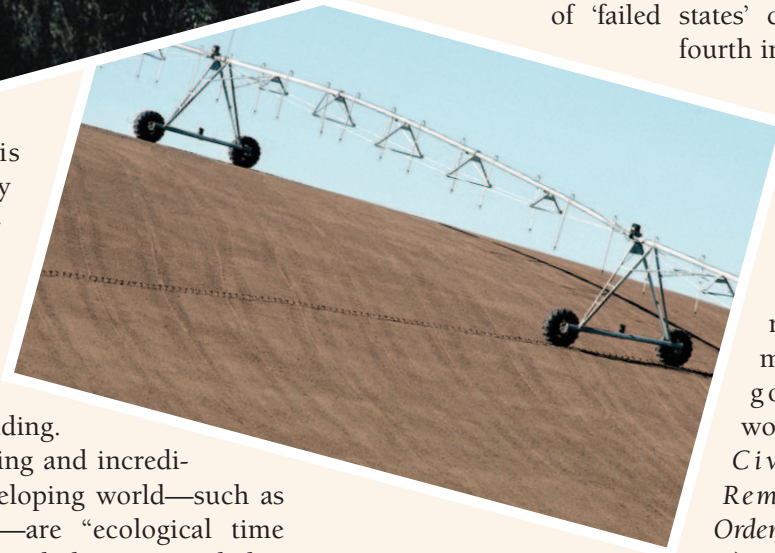


The world is a much more dangerous place than it has been for nearly half a century... *Doomsday—global anarchy... is a real possibility*” (*Global Disorder*, Harvey, pp. xxxi, xxxii, 456). Robert Harvey is not a religious fanatic, yet he is describing the *same dangers* that Jesus Christ foretold more than 2,000 years ago!

Harvard Professor Samuel Huntington has warned for more than a decade that “clashes of civilizations” will be the greatest threat to world peace. He wrote: “The weakening of states and the appearance of ‘failed states’ contribute to the fourth image of a world in

anarchy... This picture of a world in chaos... is close to reality.

It provides a graphic and accurate picture of much of what is going on in the world” (*The Clash of Civilizations and Remaking of World Order*, Huntington, p. 35). He concluded: “On



a worldwide basis civilization seems in many respects to be yielding to barbarism, generating the image of an *unprecedented phenomenon, a global Dark Age, possibly descending on humanity*” (*ibid.*, p. 321). These are not the conclusions of a religious fanatic, but of a highly respected and influential scholar who also sees a great tribulation looming in the future.

These knowledgeable scholars foresee ominous scenarios, but Bible prophecy reveals that the future is actually filled with hope! Jesus foretold that although a great tribulation lies just ahead, it will not result in cosmocide; He reassured us that “for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.” Jesus will return in power to establish the Kingdom of God on this earth, and to bring about a “restoration of all things” (see Acts 3:19–21). His prophetic words will *come alive* in the years ahead. For more information on this exciting subject, please request our free booklet, *Do You Believe the True Gospel?*

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Coming: Resource Wars!

By Douglas S. Winnail

Growing competition for dwindling resources is fueling conflicts around the world. Bible prophecy reveals where this race for resources will lead!

Jesus foretold that His Second Coming, and the end of this age, would be preceded by increasing reports of ethnic strife, international conflict and war. He said that “you will hear of wars and rumors of wars... for nation [*ethnos*—“people” or “tribe”] will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom... these are the *beginning* of sorrows” (Matthew 24:3–8). Although ethnic strife and conflict among nations has raged throughout history, we have

clearly entered a *new and more ominous phase* of the drama of human civilization.

Today, as the world’s population approaches 6.5 billion, the natural resources required to sustain human life and culture—fresh water, food supplies and energy sources—are being stretched to the limit. As we reach and exceed the environmental limits on the earth’s exploitable resources, nations of the world are being drawn into an increasingly serious geopolitical

game that is playing out on a global scale for high stakes—world dominance and national survival! This global race for the earth’s remaining resources is fueling a growing number of conflicts around the world. Scientists, geopolitical analysts and world leaders realize that this dangerous and potentially deadly game will *intensify in the years ahead!*

Few today realize that these sobering developments were *predicted* in the Bible. Long ago, God inspired His prophets to describe

the *very conditions* that are making headlines today—to demonstrate that *God alone* is able to predict the future and bring it to pass. The prophet Isaiah recorded: “For I am God, and there is no other... *declaring the end from the beginning*, and from ancient times things that are not yet done” (Isaiah 46:9–10). You need to understand how coming conflicts over dwindling resources will affect your future.

Source of Conflicts

A 2003 report by the Worldwatch Institute calculated that “roughly *one quarter* of the 50 recent wars and armed conflicts have involved a struggle for control of natural resources” (*Vital Signs 2003*). These conflicts include access to oil in Iraq, Nigeria and Colombia, routes for oil and gas pipelines in Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Chechnya and Georgia, control of lucrative African diamond mines in Sierra Leone and Angola (and gold in Rwanda), and profits from timber and precious gems in Cambodia. Local and regional conflicts over the control of natural resources are often described in the media as “civil wars”—but in reality, are *hugely profitable operations* run by warlords to arm their followers and line their own pockets. These resource wars, waged for *greed* rather than need, have brought human tragedy—“more than 5 million people killed during the 1990’s, as many as 20 million driven from their homes” (*The Anatomy of Resource Wars*, Worldwatch Paper 162, 2002).

In the years just ahead, wars over resources will enter a more ominous phase. Former National Security Advisor, Zbigniew

Brzezinski, notes that with the world’s energy demands soaring, the race for resources will “rekindle historical claims, revive imperial aspirations and *fuel international rivalries*”—especially in the resource-rich, yet highly unstable areas of the Persian Gulf and around the Caspian Sea (*The Grand Chessboard*, p. 125).

Harvard’s Samuel Huntington offers a similar assessment: “The Gulf War [1991] was the first post-Cold War *resource war between civilizations*. At stake was whether the bulk of the world’s largest oil reserves would be controlled by Saudi and emirate governments dependent on Western military power for their security or by independent anti-Western regimes which would be able and willing to use *the oil weapon* against the west” (*The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*, pp. 251–252). Huntington outlines several scenarios involving conflicts over energy resources that could lead the world’s military powers into a *global war*. The race for resources will grow more acute as the world’s population expands, and the risks of conflict will increase in several vital areas that will affect your life!

The Water Crisis

At first glance, the world appears to have plenty of water—since water covers nearly 70 percent of the earth’s surface. However, less than 3 percent is fresh water, and most of this is locked up in glaciers or permanent snow packs, or is buried underground in deposits too deep to reach—which means that less than 1 percent of the earth’s water is available for the essential human needs of drinking, cook-

ing and growing crops. Sadly, much of the fresh water today is either polluted or not located where it is needed. South America has 26 percent of the world’s fresh water yet only 6 percent of the world’s population, while Asia has 60 percent of the world’s people yet only 36 percent of the world’s fresh water.

Expanding populations are placing *unsustainable demands* on existing water supplies. In the last 75 years, the world’s population has increased by 300 percent while the use of water has increased by 600 percent (see *New Scientist*, November 7, 2001). Today, more than 500 million people live in 31 countries that lack adequate water supplies, and more than 1 billion people have no access to safe drinking water—which is a major factor in the spread of disease. In many countries, ground water in aquifers is being pumped at rates that could within the next several decades deplete these valuable stores of water, on which 2 billion people depend. By 2025, nearly 5 billion people will find it difficult or impossible to meet their fresh water needs. Add to this rising temperatures and record-breaking droughts around the world induced by climate changes, and we begin to see the immensity of the water-related crisis looming over our modern world.

The *World Water Development Report* produced by the United Nations states that the world “is facing a serious water crisis. All the signs suggest that it is *growing worse* and will continue to do so... the future for many parts of the world looks bleak.” Koichiro Matsuura, director-general of UNESCO, the United Nations agency responsible for water, has stated: “Of all the social and nat-

ural crises we face, the water crisis is the one that lies at the heart of our survival and that of our planet. No region will be spared from the impact of this crisis” (*The Times*, July 31, 2003). United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan has warned that “fierce national competition over water resources has prompted fears that *water issues contain the seeds of violent conflict.*”

A major factor contributing to conflicts over water is that 40 percent of the world’s population lives in 263 river basins where

the water must be shared between two or more countries. When one country takes more than its share, depriving other countries of necessary water, disputes arise. Plans by India to divert water from major rivers for irrigation will threaten the survival of 100,000 people downstream in Bangladesh. In America’s arid southwest, so much water is drawn from the Colorado River that by the time it reaches Mexico it is nearly dry—which has generated friction between the United States and Mexico. In the volatile Middle East, Turkey has built giant dams over the headwaters of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers that also supply Syria and Iraq with much needed water. Since 1950 there have been more than 500 disputes between countries over water “of which 37 involved violence and 21 involved military action” (*The Times*, July 31, 2003). One consultant observed that “with national survival at



stake, *such conflicts could end up in full scale war*” (*ibid.*).

Considering the magnitude of this looming global water crisis, it is remarkable how few realize that the Bible has long warned of this very situation. More than 2,000 years ago, the prophet Joel fore-

told that the end of this age would be marked by a devastating drought on a scale unprecedented in all of history: “Has anything like this happened in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?... *the day of the LORD is at hand... the field is wasted, the land mourns, the grain*

is ruined... the animals groan... the water brooks are dried up” (Joel 1:1–20). God also warned his chosen people that if they rejected His instructions and disobeyed His laws, “I will break the pride of your power; I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze... *the LORD will change the rain of your land to powder and dust... until you are destroyed*” (Leviticus 26:14–20; Deuteronomy 28:15, 23–24). The Bible *explains why* we are seeing record-breaking temperatures and droughts in America, Canada, Australia, South Africa and north-west Europe.

The prophet Isaiah reveals that this end-time water crisis will affect the *entire world*. “The earth mourns and fades away [dries up and withers]... the earth is also defiled [polluted] under its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore the curse has

devoured the earth” (Isaiah 24:4–6). Human beings are beginning to reap the results of greedy, shortsighted actions that have disrupted the ecological balance of the planet. We are heading toward a global disaster, because we have wastefully exploited one of the fundamental elements necessary to sustain life on this planet—limited supplies of fresh water. As supplies of fresh water dwindle, conflicts over this precious resource will increase and erupt into violence.

Food Shortages

The global water crisis has another disturbing dimension. Worsening water shortages are beginning to *undermine food production* around the world. A recent report states: “For several decades, the increase in food production has out-paced population growth. Now much of the world is simply running out of water for more food production” (*Water: More Nutrition Per Drop*, 2004). In four out of the last five years, world grain consumption has been greater—by hundreds of tons—than the amount of grain produced. This has depleted reserves and reduced the world supply of grain to the lowest level in 30 years. Much of the decrease in grain production is due to the depletion of ground water used for irrigation and rising temperatures associated with global warming—which limits how much farmers can grow. This downturn in production is occurring as the demand for food grains continues to soar, driven by expanding populations and rising affluence in heavily populated countries.

China offers a prime example of the food-related problems

looming on the horizon. Between 1950 and 1998, China increased wheat production from 90 million tons to 392 million tons.

However, in four of the last five years, the wheat harvest in China has fallen short of consumption levels by more than 70 million tons—a drop that exceeds the entire grain harvest of Canada! Wells are running dry in many grain-growing areas of China because of the over-extraction of ground water. Rising temperatures are withering crops, and deserts are spreading into once-irrigated cropland, reducing grain production. The Chinese have covered this shortfall by using up their once-massive reserves. They are now beginning to import large amounts of grain to feed their growing and increasingly affluent population, which is driving up grain prices and raising food prices around the world. This will be especially hard on the poor in developing countries who live on less than a dollar a day and spend up to 70 percent of their income on food: they will slowly starve!

The soaring demand for food grains is coming at a time when world food production is slowing down because of a lack of water for irrigation and rising global temperatures. World fisheries are also collapsing due to over-fishing. All this points to a coming period of *food scarcity* and *intensifying competition for dwindling food supplies*. While many today see terrorism as a major threat to security, Lester Brown, head of the Earth Policy Institute, believes that “for much of humanity, the effect of water shortages and rising temperatures on food security are far more important issues” (*Outgrowing the Earth*, 2005). He has also noted that rising food prices [and rising prices for

water] could be “life-threatening” to the poor of the world and “could create economic and political stresses on an unprecedented scale... people who are unable to buy enough food to keep their families alive would hold their governments responsible. They would likely take to the streets, creating unprecedented political instability in the Third World cities... The world is moving into uncharted territory on the food front, *facing a set of problems on a scale that dwarfs those of the past*” (*State of the World 1998*, p. 17).

This troubling world food situation was also foretold long ago in biblical prophecies. Jesus Christ predicted that widespread “famines” and “pestilences” [epidemic diseases] would be a sign that His Second Coming was near (Matthew 24:7; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:11). The Apostle John used one of the fabled Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse to symbolize *scarcity* and *widespread food shortages* that would mark the end of this age (Revelation 6:5–6). God also warned His chosen people that if they disobeyed their Creator, their food supply would be disrupted and consumed by their enemies—“you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it... When I have cut off your supply of bread... you shall eat and not be satisfied” (Leviticus 26:16, 26; see also Deuteronomy 28:30–33; 50–52). This is beginning to happen today!

The Energy Dilemma

A third vital resource, generating fierce global competition and violent conflict, is oil. Oil is the lifeblood of our modern industrialized world. It fuels more than 90 percent of the cars, buses,

trucks, trains and airplanes that move on this planet. It heats our homes and businesses. It is used to generate electricity, drive factories, and to make plastics, paint, fertilizer, insecticides and dozens of other products. Modern military forces run on oil. Any event that disrupts the flow of oil to industrialized nations will have immediate and catastrophic consequences. Without oil, our industrialized world would grind to a halt. Because our world is so dependent on oil, professor Michael Klare concludes that “petroleum is unique among the world’s resources... *it has more potential than any of the others to provoke major crises and conflicts in the years ahead*” (*Blood and Oil*, Klare, p. xi). This becomes obvious when we notice ominous trends that are building in the world today.

For many years, America was blessed with adequate deposits of oil. Before World War II, America was the world’s leading producer of oil. America’s *self-sufficiency* in oil powered its economic growth and its increasing military dominance. During the Second World War, “American wells supplied six out of every seven barrels of oil the allied powers consumed over the course of the war” (Klare, p. 10). However, domestic production began to decline in the 1970s, and America is now *importing* more than 50 percent of its oil from foreign nations.

The world’s largest known oil deposits today—containing more than 60 percent of the world’s oil—are located in just five nations around the Persian Gulf: Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Other large deposits of oil and gas exist in the land-locked central Asian nations around the Caspian Sea. Pipelines

are required to deliver Caspian oil and gas to world markets. The location of pipelines—“umbilical cords” of the industrialized world—means millions of dollars in profits for those operating pipelines. One of the reasons American troops are in Afghanistan is that oil companies want to build a pipeline through Afghanistan to the Indian Ocean. Russian troops are fighting in Chechnya to maintain control of oil refineries and existing pipelines that carry Caspian oil to ports on the Black Sea. One reason American troops are in Iraq is that Iraq sits on large amounts of oil that America needs. An American-led coalition drove Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait to ensure an uninterrupted supply of Middle East oil to the west. Americans have established military bases around the Persian Gulf to protect the flow of oil through the Straits of Hormuz—the “Achilles heel” of the global economy—where one-fifth of the world’s oil passes through every day. America, Russia and China are basing troops and conducting maneuvers in central Asian nations bordering the Caspian Sea to gain access to the extensive oil and gas deposits in that region.

The prophet Joel foretold that just before the return of Jesus Christ, there would be a period of great scarcity. Just as oil—olive oil—was vital to the economy of ancient Israel, so today is oil—petroleum—vital to our modern economy. Just as ancient Israel experienced a time of grave scarcity—a time when “the oil fails” (Joel 1:10), so too will our modern nations experience a fulfillment of this dual prophecy. The prophet Hosea warned that the Israelite nations would depart from the Lord and forget that God gave them their resources (Hosea 1:2; 2:8). They

would become dependent on foreign nations that would eventually forsake them and turn against them (Hosea 2:5-6; Jeremiah 4:30; 30:14). Moses warned that if the Israelites disobeyed God, a foreign power would *devour their resources* and “*they shall not leave you grain, or new wine or oil*” (Deuteronomy 28:50–51). God warns that because of Israelite disobedience, He will break the pride of their power, and that “those that hate you shall reign over you” with the result that “your highways shall be desolate” and “you shall have *no power* to stand before your enemies” (Leviticus 26:16–19, 22, 37). Because America and Britain and other Israelite nations have become so dependent on imports of foreign oil, our highways will become desolate and our ability to conduct military operations around the world will be severely impaired if oil exporters drastically raise prices, or reduce or cut off the flow of oil.

Bible prophecy outlines an end-time scenario that is *actually developing today!* The prophet Daniel reveals that at the “time of the end” the king of the south [a Muslim federation] will attack (Hebrew *nagah*—“thrust or push

against”) the king of the North [a European power]. This king of the north will launch a counter-attack and will overrun many countries to the south. “He [the king of the north] shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over *all the precious things* of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels” (Daniel 11:40–43). The precious things of Egypt and Libya include *significant deposits of oil and natural gas*.

Bible prophecies clearly indicate that deadly conflicts over vital resources will become a significant factor in international relations as the end of the age approaches. Conflicts over oil can erupt in the volatile and highly unstable oil zones of the Persian Gulf and the Caspian Sea, or in the South China Sea. Conflicts over water or food can erupt wherever scarcities arise. These events will affect your life in the years just ahead. The Bible reveals that only the divine intervention of Jesus Christ will put an end to the escalating wars over dwindling resources (Matthew 24:21–22). Will you be ready for that soon-coming event? ■

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

My husband and I, were raised [in a Sabbath-keeping church]. We had no idea there were other Sabbath-keeping groups. We began studying about the Feasts on our own almost two years ago, thinking we would never find a church home. I met a woman and she told me that her church kept the Feasts, and it skyrocketed from there. We have been unable to put our Bibles down (so to speak). We never expected to change our beliefs on the Millennium—but we have and are blown away, every time we read a booklet or simply read our Bibles, how we could never have seen it before. Thank you so much for God's Work.

R. W., Reno, NV

I love the way that *Tomorrow's World* explains today's events with the word of God contained in the scriptures. It really brings to light to me of how I have lived in my past and what I need to do to change myself as an individual. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I really love the "Personal" at the beginning of each magazine. I really wish I could receive your magazine every month.

S. B., Carthage, MO

Being one of those people who find it difficult to understand the Bible, it gives me great pleasure reading *Tomorrow's World*. It is much easier to digest the way you explain it.

J. W., Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom

Thank you so much for your organization and all that you are doing. Since reading your magazine and booklets, and watching your TV program, my faith has grown tremendously. I love God with all of me and it is very important to me that I have a truthful understanding of God, His word and my living in accordance to His will. You have really helped me with this, in bringing God's Truth in a direct and no nonsense way.

B. F., Vancouver, BC, Canada

Thank you so very much for all the material I have received. I have learned so very much—so many things I never knew. It has opened my eyes so much. I thank God I found you on the Internet when I did, because God knows I needed this in my life. I am now taking the *Bible Study Course*. I am learning so very much, and I am also enjoying it very much.

L. M., Sanford, NC

Please cancel my subscription to your magazine. I find very little help or guidance reading it. It's written in a bossy-preach manner I find hard to connect to. This over-zealous focus on what you perceive as your "interpretation" of scripture, many times taken out of context, is disturbing. I've put my faith in Jesus and try to focus on serving Him. I'll leave end times and His return in His hands. And as for His plan, our focus should be on the unsaved in this world and pray for them and never mind "Tomorrow's World." Tomorrow will come soon enough.

B. C., Pointe-Claire, QC, Canada

My family and I very much enjoy reading the *Tomorrow's World* magazine and booklets. In the past we have been very unclear about many issues and you have helped us understand about end-time prophecies and about ourselves. There have been many inspiring and enlightening articles. Your magazine is a terrific update on world events around us.

J. S., Currais Novos, Brazil

I learn more and more from every issue, and every time I reread your booklets. My life was a wreck when I received my first issue. Now, down the road, I am a different person. I have health and security and the happiness that has eluded me all my adult life. All this came about because I changed my ways to His ways. So, thank you!

G. M., Derry, Ireland

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Sixty Years in the Shadow of the Bomb

By John H. Ogwyn

Lifting off from the American base on the Pacific island of Tinian in the wee morning hours, the crew of the *Enola Gay* began its six-hour flight to Honshu, the main island of Japan. It was August 6, 1945, and the target was the city of Hiroshima. Just after 8:15 a.m., a trigger was pulled, releasing the single five-ton bomb that was the massive B-29's sole cargo. That bomb, nicknamed "Little Boy," changed our world forever. Now, 60 years later, we are still living under the shadow of its famous mushroom-shaped cloud.

In the atomic bomb, the very power of the universe had been harnessed to create the most destructive weapon imaginable.

Tail gunner George R. "Bob" Caron, who had been momentarily blinded by the flash of the bomb's ignition, described the scene to the other crew members: "It's like bubbling molasses down there... the mushroom is spreading out... fires are springing up everywhere... it's like a peep into hell." Eighty thousand Japanese died as the direct result of that single blast, and another 60,000 died from the effects of radiation and other injuries before the year's end.

Over the weeks and months ahead, both the magnitude and the horror of what had been unleashed that August morning reverberated across the United States and around the world. A new age had been ushered in. People every-

where wondered: what did this frightening new weapon portend for the future of the human race?

Today, six decades after that fateful blast, people have not stopped wondering. Of course, now it is not only the U.S. that has the bomb. Nor is it simply a standoff between two nuclear superpowers whose vast arsenals guarantee "mutually assured destruction." As more and more nations gain the bomb, worries about nuclear proliferation continue to grow. And what will happen if terrorists obtain such awful destructive power?

At the close of World War II, many believed that with war having grown so terrible, mankind would finally be forced to renounce war once and for all. Yet the decades since Hiroshima have been marked with almost constant wars. Our world has grown *more* dangerous, not less so!

Did you know that the pages of your Bible directly prophesy the modern nuclear age, and the consequence of those weapons' future use? Do you know how this will affect you and your family? Against whom will such terrible weapons of mass destruction be used in the years to come?

Today's world is far different from the world of 1945. We need to understand where the world is going, yet neither politicians nor scientists have been able to give us the answer. But the answers *are* available, in the pages of your Bible!

The Dawn of the Nuclear Age

In 1938, Hungarian physicist Leo Szilard fled to the U.S. to escape Europe's growing Nazi menace. Szilard knew that German scientists were trying to harness the tremendous destructive power of atomic energy, and he knew the

danger of letting the Nazis have a monopoly on such knowledge. In 1939, Szilard persuaded Albert Einstein to write a now-famous letter warning President Franklin D. Roosevelt of this grave danger.

Einstein's tremendous prestige gave credibility to what seemed like a fantastic proposition at the time: the notion that human beings might actually learn to split the atom and unleash unparalleled power. This letter was the seed from which the U.S. nuclear program grew.

Shortly after receiving Einstein's letter, President Roosevelt appointed an Advisory Committee on Uranium. At Columbia University, in March 1940, scientists began to experiment with chain reactions involving carbon and uranium. In December 1941, Japanese planes attacked Pearl Harbor, prompting U.S. entry into World War II and unleashing a massive infusion of funds for the research effort that eventually produced the first atomic bombs.

Just five months after America entered the war, the Army Corps of Engineers opened an office in New York City to oversee the construction of production plants for atomic weapons. That office was officially named the Manhattan Engineer District Office—which later came to be called the “Manhattan Project.” Not long afterward—on December 2, 1942—Professor Enrico Fermi of the University of Chicago successfully produced the first atomic chain reaction.

The Manhattan Project grew until it had harnessed the efforts of about 150,000 workers at several sites across the U.S., and had spent about \$2,000,000,000 to produce the very first atomic weapons. The first atomic bomb was successfully

detonated at Los Alamos, New Mexico on July 16, 1945. Later that very same day, the bomb to be dropped on Hiroshima was loaded aboard the *U.S.S. Indianapolis* for shipment to Tinian Island, where the *Enola Gay* awaited.

Three weeks later, the *Enola Gay* released its terrifying cargo. Then, on August 9, 1945, a second atomic bomb was dropped on the Japanese town of Nagasaki. World War II quickly came to an end, and the U.S. was for a time the only nation with nuclear technology. For a brief moment, the U.S. stood at a pinnacle of power both economically and militarily. However, the U.S. monopoly on power was not destined to last.

The Soviet Union, like the U.S., had been exploring nuclear technology for several years. Aided by captured German scientists, and by American military secrets obtained through espionage, the Soviets successfully exploded their first atomic bomb on August 29, 1949.

With that event, the “arms race” was underway.

Great Britain tested its first atomic bomb in 1952. France joined the “nuclear club” in 1960 and China had its first nuclear weapon in 1964. As more nations gained the atomic bomb, nuclear technology also became more refined. In 1952, the U.S. exploded its first hydrogen bomb—a weapon that, although physically smaller than the Hiroshima bomb, was 2,500 times more powerful. The Soviet Union followed suit in 1953 with its own “H-bomb.”

As more bombs were built, and bomb technology became ever more refined, military strategists devised more efficient methods of releasing those bombs. The B-52, a U.S. bomber introduced in the early years of the nuclear age,

could deliver a nuclear payload within a range of 6,000 miles.

When the Soviet Union in 1957 launched the Sputnik satellite, the world came to fear the possibility of a missile attack from space. Soon came ICBMs—intercontinental ballistic missiles—such as the U.S.-deployed Atlas missile, which had a range of 5,000 miles and a cruising speed of 16,000 miles per hour.

Both the U.S. and the Soviet Union developed an elaborate network of underground missile silos, and developed rockets that could carry multiple warheads. Missiles could also be launched at sea; the U.S. in 1960 launched the Polaris-class submarine, which could carry 16 nuclear missiles, each armed with four warheads that could target different locations.

The Spreading Nuclear Danger

From the very beginning of the nuclear age, many scientists and military leaders suspected that this new weapon was a Frankenstein monster destined to do great harm. Though fearing the spread of nuclear weapons, most recognized that once the “nuclear genie” had been let out of the bottle, it could not be put back in. As a result, for much of the 1950s and 1960s, mankind lived in constant fear of a nuclear exchange between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

These fears were heightened by superpower confrontations such as the Soviet blockade of Berlin in 1948–49, and the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. Schools across the U.S. held “duck and cover” drills, teaching students how to respond in case of nuclear attack. Thousands of families built personal fallout shelters. The nuclear threat seemed very

real in those days, to an entire generation that came of age under the shadow of the mushroom-shaped nuclear cloud.

By the late 1960s, there were five known nuclear powers in the world—the U.S., the Soviet Union, Great Britain, France and China. Hoping to reduce the risk of global catastrophe, these nations in 1968 proffered the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. Although 116 nations signed the treaty—often under pressure from their nuclear-capable benefactors—this treaty did not eliminate the growing nuclear threat. India did not sign the treaty, and in 1974 detonated its own nuclear device, becoming the sixth known member of the “nuclear club.” Among the other nations that did not sign the treaty are Israel and Pakistan, both of which are now known to have developed their own nuclear weapons.

Researchers have estimated that by 1961, there were enough nuclear bombs in existence to destroy the whole world. In spite of the Nonproliferation Treaty, the race continued—for more and bigger bombs, and for better means of deploying them. When U.S. President Ronald Reagan took office in 1981, he became Commander-in-Chief of a military with 8,000 intercontinental ballistic missiles, facing a Soviet Union with 4,000 ICBMs of its own. The Soviets had 5,000 planes capable

of delivering nuclear weapons; the U.S. had 4,000 such planes.

In the first year of Reagan’s presidency, the U.S. spent \$178,000,000,000 on defense. By 1986, that figure had more than doubled to \$367,000,000,000. By 1986, researchers estimate that the world’s stockpile of nuclear



weapons included more than 40,000 nuclear warheads—the equivalent of *one million* Hiroshima bombs!

The 1990s ushered in a time of nuclear uncertainty. With the fall of the Soviet Union,

experts have feared that Soviet nuclear technology—or even actual nuclear weapons—may fall into the hands of “rogue nations” and terrorist groups. Western observers have found murky but troubling evidence of nuclear programs underway in Iraq, Iran, Libya and North Korea. While many had hoped for a “peace dividend” upon the fall of the Soviet Union, the threat of nuclear war—and the number of countries capable of waging it—has actually increased.

Libya has publicly renounced its efforts to acquire nuclear weapons. Any Iraqi nuclear research was effectively squelched by the U.S.-led invasion that overthrew Saddam Hussein. Yet other countries remain as nuclear threats. Antony Barnett, a correspondent for a respected London

newspaper, reported last year on the vast illegal market for nuclear equipment and expertise, and concluded that the weapons programs of Iran, Libya and North Korea all led back to Pakistan. “In the network of illegal radioactive trade,” he wrote, “all roads point to Pakistan. More precisely, they lead to the Khan Research Laboratories in Kuhuta in north Pakistan” (*The Guardian*, January 18, 2004).

Barnett recounted the history of Abdul Qadeer Khan, a Pakistani scientist and ardent champion of Islam who, as the father of Pakistan’s nuclear program, has been dubbed “the godfather of the Islamic bomb.” In the 1970s, Khan worked for Urenco (an Anglo-Dutch-German nuclear consortium). When India exploded its first atomic bomb, Khan set out to obtain a bomb for Pakistan. As Barnett explained: “Khan became aware of secret blueprints for two types of uranium enrichment centrifuges... [and] went on to steal the blueprints and a list of Urenco suppliers” (*ibid.*). In 1998, when Pakistan finally exploded its own bomb in the deserts of Baluchistan, Khan was hailed as a national hero.

Since renouncing its own nuclear program in 2004, Libya has helped the International Atomic Energy Agency piece together the cartel of middlemen feeding the network of nuclear know-how and equipment. A frightening picture has emerged, as Barnett reported: “It is believed that rogue scientists from Pakistan, motivated by million-dollar payouts, were helped by German middlemen and Sri Lankan businessmen based in Dubai. The middlemen are believed to have secured items for Iran from European, Asian, and North American companies... U.S. intelligence claims that the Pakistani

government, through the Khan laboratories struck a deal which swapped Pakistani nuclear centrifuge technology for North Korean long-range missiles” (*ibid.*).

Indeed, in the summer of 2002, American spy satellites actually photographed Pakistani cargo planes loading missile parts in North Korea.

How can—or how should—the U.S. respond to the prospect of a nuclear North Korea? As *Newsweek* magazine reminds us, “Kim Jong Il has one thing going for him: his ability to threaten the world with doomsday weapons” (“Nuclear Offense,” February 21, 2005). The *Newsweek* article by reporters Michael Hirsh and John Barry went on to observe that the U.S. nuclear arsenal is aging, and that “the last scientists who helped build America’s Cold War arsenal will retire in about five years.”

It is one thing to hold an enemy state at bay with the threat of “mutually assured destruction,” but it is quite another to try to use the same threat against terrorists who have no state—and whose exact locations are not even known.

Is nuclear proliferation destined to continue indefinitely? Will armies devise ever-more-effective ways to bring destruction on their intended targets? Where will this ongoing threat of nuclear terror actually end?

What Bible Prophecy Reveals

Have you ever considered that Jesus Christ of Nazareth was the greatest newscaster who ever lived? Jesus did not simply report the news that had already happened—He reported what **would happen** in the future! In the pivotal Olivet Prophecy, spoken just

days before His crucifixion, Christ told his disciples how to recognize the end of the age—the time just before His return. He mentioned specific events such as warfare—not only large-scale conflicts among sovereign countries or kingdoms (*basilea*, in Greek), but also ethnic conflicts within and among nations (*ethnos*, in Greek). Bloody ethnic conflict was a hallmark of the twentieth century, playing a major role in launching both World Wars and scores of smaller subsequent wars.

Christ went on to describe a terrible time ahead, in which—were it not cut short—“no living thing could survive” (Matthew 24:22, *NEB*). Before the atomic age, which began in the middle of the 20th century, mankind had never had the ability to exterminate all life from the planet. Jesus of Nazareth foretold our modern age of weapons of mass destruction, *nearly two millennia before it came!*

The book of Revelation depicts scenes of future battles and warfare unlike anything known in ancient times. The Apostle John, who saw in vision the weapons and armies of the future, did not have words for much of what he saw; he could only compare it to things with which he was familiar. Yet we can discern much from his descriptions. Describing the future attack by an Asian alliance against the coming European superpower, John uses the language of his day to describe futuristic weapons out of whose “mouth” issued “fire, smoke and brimstone” (Revelation 9:17). John is not describing conventional weapons, for he tells us that this massive attack will destroy one-third of humanity (v. 18)—destruction on a scale that is impossible without the most modern weapons of our day.

Describing the final destruction of Babylon, the ancient headquarters city of the Beast power, John again describes something that can only be understood in the light of modern day weapons of mass destruction: “Therefore her plagues will come in **one day**... and she will be utterly burned with fire... and the kings of the earth... will weep and lament for her, **when they see the smoke of her burning, standing at a distance for fear of her torment**, saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in **one hour** your judgment has come” (Revelation 18:8–10).

The weapons available in John’s day could not have carried out such swift and total destruction. His description, however, is perfectly compatible with the scope and effect of the nuclear destruction to which the world was introduced at Hiroshima in 1945.

When mankind discovered nuclear weapons, many feared that science’s final gift to mankind was the ability to destroy itself. This frightening legacy was foretold in the pages of your Bible nearly 20 centuries in advance! Human beings have incredible intellect, but lack the wisdom and the spiritual character to avoid misusing that intellect. The real answers do *not* lie within ourselves. Rather, as the prophet Jeremiah wrote long ago: “O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps” (Jeremiah 10:23). Mankind’s very survival will depend upon the direct intervention of the coming King of kings—Jesus Christ, the Prince of peace. Only He—not mankind—can finally dispel the shadow of the bomb, and bring about a peaceful future in Tomorrow’s World. ■

Tomorrow's Youth

Out of this World!

In June of 1969, a pilot was practicing with a strange-looking flying machine. This pilot had a reputation for “staying with the ship” until the very last moment, only an instant before it was too late to eject. This day, he was practicing with an odd contraption; it was awkward, difficult to control and dangerous. On board it had the most powerful small computer then available to help it fly, but it did not work very well. When it failed (as it was wont to do, and as it did on this day), the daring young pilot took over the controls manually—but it still crashed.

One month later, he would have another opportunity, but crashing and walking away would not be an option. There would be no room for error, because on the morning of July 16, 1969, this Apollo 11 pilot and two other Americans strapped themselves to the top of a six-million-pound, 36-story-high rocket that would launch them off the surface of the earth. *Destination, the moon!*

Four days later, astronaut Neil Armstrong would once again be at the controls of one of these funny flying machines. After circling the moon several times, he entered the contraption—the lunar lander—with fellow astronaut Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin. Saying farewell to command module pilot Michael Collins, he separated his craft and began the descent to the moon’s surface.

What an amazing adventure this must have been. And what a privilege! In all of human history, no one had ever been so close to this distant rock that had so fascinated mankind.

From twelve miles up, Armstrong and Aldrin raced across the face of the moon until it was time to begin the final descent. After a short fuel burn, they began to drop. All was going according to plan as they fell toward the moon. Closer and closer they came. At 2,000 feet above the moon’s surface, all was going “by the book,” but suddenly something went wrong. An alarm sounded, indicating that the com-

puter was failing. Too much data was coming in for the computer to handle. Procedures called for the mission to abort, but Armstrong instead took the controls away from the computer. He was going to land—and no one would try to stop him.



Most who were watching the events unfold on television that day had no idea how dangerous the situation had become. It would be 25 years before a CBS television special revealed some of these details. Armstrong and Aldrin had come more than 250,000 miles. A third of a million people had worked for this moment for nearly ten years, and now it came down to this. Time was running out. Fuel was running precariously low. The planned landing site was strewn with huge boulders, and an alternate site was needed. By some estimates, by the time they spoke

those immortal words, “Houston, the Eagle has landed,” there were a mere seven seconds of fuel remaining. After that, they would not have had enough to return—and there would be no rescue!

The Dreams of the Young

Several millennia ago, a young shepherd boy looked up at that same moon, and at the surrounding stars. Reflecting on his seemingly small place in the vast cosmos, he asked his God: “When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, ‘What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?’” (Psalm 8:3–4).

Even though this inquisitive teenager could not go to the moon, he was nevertheless fascinated by what he saw in the night sky. This young man—who would later become King David of Israel—realized how small he was. But he also recognized that human life is not ordinary in the universe: “I will praise You, for I am fearful and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works,

and that my soul knows very well” (Psalm 139:14). David discerned that there is a great purpose being worked out here below.

Teenagers often ask such questions that many adults have long since left behind. Perhaps this is because teens have more time, or perhaps it is because their curious minds, unfiltered by adult preconceptions, naturally wonder about life’s deeper questions. We all recognize the youthful desire to know “why?”—it begins when a toddler first begins to drive its parents crazy with that simple one-word question, and it continues into the teen years, when growing minds want to know the meaning of life, and look for ways to express what they are feeling and wondering. “What is it all about? Why was I put here? What is the purpose of life? Who and what am I? Is there really a God? If there is a God, what is His plan for me?”

Maybe adults stop asking these questions because they become too distracted. Maybe they stop asking because of life’s disappointments, and because the sought-after answers have never come. Whatever the reasons, youthful enthusiasm and inquiry normally wanes, only to be renewed in some when they approach the end of life and want to know, “Is this all there is?”

When David asked his question—“What is man that You are mindful of him?”—he was doing more than merely wondering. He really wanted to *know* the answer.

Your Ultimate Destiny

If you had told someone in David’s day that a man would someday walk on the moon, and that you could see him by watching a little box in your home,

the reaction would have been amazement—the truth would have seemed almost too startling to believe. The answer to David’s question, however, is *even more* startling and amazing—even to our jaded modern society.

The Apostle Paul answered David’s question when he wrote *this* about mankind: “For some little time You have ranked him lower and inferior to the angels, You have crowned him with glory and honor, and set him over the works of Your hands... For You have put everything in subjection under his feet.” Then Paul adds to David’s thoughts: “Now in putting everything in subjection to man, He left nothing outside [of man’s] control. But at present we do not yet see all things subjected to him [man]” (Hebrews 2:7–8, *The Amplified New Testament*).

Why not? If it is God’s purpose to put everything (the sense of the passage is “everything that is”—meaning the entire universe) in mankind’s hands, why has He not yet done so? The answer is obvious: mankind would do to the universe what it has done to the earth. We would ruin it—and would destroy it if we could, while we tried to destroy one another! God has to prepare mankind before it can accept such a weighty responsibility.

Young people are idealistic, and they want their lives to count for something. They want to know the answers to some very big questions. Sadly, most people reach the end of life without ever knowing why they were born. The good news is that you *can* know, and the answer is beyond your wildest imagination! There *is* a purpose for life. There is a goal greater than going to the moon—and it is definitely *not* what you were taught in Sunday School! If you are a young person, or even a not-so-young person, and would like to learn about the ultimate destiny that God has planned for you, write for our free booklet, *Your Ultimate Destiny*. It is out of this world!

— Gerald Weston



Seeking the Kingdom?

Fifty years ago, on a hot summer day in Anaheim, California, cartoonist Walt Disney launched an amusement park that would become a cultural icon not only in the United States, but all around the world. In the half-century since Disneyland opened on July 17, 1955—when more than 28,000 visitors braved 100-degree temperatures to enjoy the park on its first day—more than 500 million visitors have vacationed either at Disneyland or at its sister park Disneyworld in Orlando, Florida. One estimate suggests that 70 percent of Americans will visit either Disneyland or Disneyworld at least once in their lives.

This is not just an American phenomenon. Since 1992, more than 100 million people have visited the EuroDisney theme park in Paris, France. Tokyo Disneyland, which opened in April 1983, now receives more than 10 million visits each year. Another Disneyland park is scheduled to open in Hong Kong in September 2005.

Disneyland advertises itself as the “Magic Kingdom” and “the happiest place on Earth.” Tourists go there to escape, however briefly, from the cares and worries of life. The park’s Frontierland attractions harken back to a romanticized past, and its Tomorrowland attractions look forward to an idealized future. When the park first opened in 1955, founder Disney described his vision of Tomorrowland: “Tomorrow can be a wonderful age. Our scientists today are opening the doors of the Space Age to achievements that will benefit our children and generations to come... The Tomorrowland attractions have been designed to give you an opportunity to participate in adventures that are a living blueprint of our future.”

Over the years, that “blueprint of our future” has changed many times. “Flight to the Moon” became “Mission to Mars.” Chemical company Monsanto’s “House of the Future” gave way to its “Adventure Through Inner Space.” The creative minds

behind Disneyland have done their best to depict a wonderful tomorrow in the “Magic Kingdom”—but that depiction has proved to be as changeable as the human mind.

Still, Disneyland taps into a desire that virtually all human beings share: a desire for a world of prosperity, pleasure and peace, offering adventure and fulfillment. Yet nobody can stay at Disneyland forever. At the end of the day, park visitors must return to a world of smog, traffic, poverty, stress and crime. So we may wonder: is Disney’s vision of a “Magic Kingdom” merely the stuff of idle fantasy, or does mankind actually have some genuine hope for something better?

Jesus Christ came with a message. He proclaimed the Kingdom of God—a Kingdom that, under His leadership, will rule planet Earth and bring a thousand years of peace, harmony, justice and love after six thousand years of mankind’s misrule. His Kingdom will then extend on into eternity, after giving every human being ever created the opportunity to hear and accept His message. At that wonderful time, as the Apostle John tells us, “God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away” (Revelation 21:4).

Hundreds of millions on Earth today have sought the “Magic Kingdom.” God’s people, too, are seeking a kingdom—the true Kingdom of God. Even the happiest place on Earth today pales in comparison to God’s Kingdom. This is why true Christians follow Jesus Christ’s admonition: “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33). Christians who fervently seek God’s coming Kingdom discover that the “happiest place on Earth” today is where they are, right now, close to the God whom they love and serve.

—William Bowmer

The Missing “R” Word (Continued from page 8)

Testaments—God gives a *consistent teaching* on obeying His spiritual law, The Ten Commandments. Even before the old covenant was given, Abraham—“the *father* of all those who believe” (Romans 4:11)—was blessed: “Because Abraham **obeyed** My voice and **kept** My charge, My **commandments**, My statutes, and My laws” (Genesis 26:5). We have seen that David *loved* God’s commandments—and he is designated as a future king under Christ to rule over *millions* of people in Tomorrow’s World (Ezekiel 37:24).

Then Jesus came along, telling the young man who asked the way to eternal life: “**Keep** the commandments”! And, *contrary* to misguided Protestant teaching, the Apostle Paul *definitely practiced obedience* to God’s laws, *kept* God’s Sabbaths and Holy Days, and wrote in 1 Corinthians 7:19: “Keeping the commandments of God is what matters”!

God’s Way Is CONSISTENT!

In the soon-coming reign of Jesus Christ, *all* nations will be keeping God’s commandments! This will be the basis of the *entire way of life* in Christ’s soon-coming reign over this earth! Describing God’s Kingdom to come in the “later days,” the prophet Micah clearly states that God’s **law** will be taught and obeyed. “Many nations shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.’ For out of Zion the **law** shall go forth, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem” (Micah 4:2).

The truth is that each human being will eventually have to *surrender* his life and will to God and—through Christ living in Him—**keep** the **commandments** of God, which reflect His *entire way of life*! Hebrews 13:8 tells us: “Jesus Christ is the **same** yesterday, today and forever.” And the Apostle Paul wrote: “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but *Christ liveth in me*: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20, KJV).

Christ—living *His life* within you through the Holy Spirit—will help you grow and overcome to **keep** God’s commandments as a way of life, *just as He did*. For He is the **same**. He does **not change** His basic spiritual standards. *Please understand that!*

The very *starting point* of true Christianity is to *fully surrender* to God, and to **repent** of breaking His commandments and the *entire way of life* they represent! Then, one must come to a *profound* realization of the depth of God’s love in giving His Son to be our Savior—and one must genuinely accept Jesus as *Savior* and *Lord*! Then, there will be no arguments—no trying to *get around* the clear, consistent example set by Jesus, the

apostles and the entire Church of God for hundreds of years until **paganism** took over the name of professing Christianity and only a few small groups of true Christians remained! That “falling away” was predicted *many times* in the New Testament (see Acts 20:29–31; 2 Thessalonians 2:3–12; Jude 3–4). That is why the Apostle John was inspired to write about “the Devil and Satan, who *deceives* the **whole world**” (Revelation 12:9).

May God help each of us to be willing to *surrender completely* to do the will of our Creator, and to *keep His commandments*. Keeping them brings about a truly *wonderful* way of life! We must **not** be afraid of the “R” word! You and I must *repent* at the beginning of our Christian lives, and *keep on* repenting and **growing** in grace and in knowledge all the days of our lives. God’s Word tells us: “But **grow** in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). Only *then* may you receive and have the help of God’s Holy Spirit, “whom God has given to those who **obey** Him” (Acts 5:32). Only *then* will you truly be learning and practicing the *way of life* that will prepare you for service in Christ’s soon-coming Kingdom to be set up *on this earth* (Revelation 5:10). ■

To Learn More...

True Christianity can change your life! Christ’s much-neglected teachings are the foundation for a peace and happiness that you can experience!

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What We Stand For (Continued from page 2)

me” (KJV). This one verse summarizes true biblical Christianity better than any other, and it typifies the approach to the Truth in which we believe.

As Jesus said: “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). If truly practiced—as the Bible instructed it must be—genuine Christianity would free the entire world from war, rape and violence, from theft and dishonesty, from adultery and broken homes—and, in turn, it would “free” our modern professing Christian nations from wasting untold trillions of dollars in taxes and other spending to let us “afford” the above sins of mankind! Our taxes would go down and our young men and women would never have to go off to war. There would be no need for locks on our doors, for police and security guards or for a host of other protective arrangements.

But above and beyond all of that, the whole world would experience an inner peace and joy that it has never before known. It is called “the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding” (Philippians 4:7). With children growing up in loving and stable homes—with an entire society that tried to worship and obey its Creator and His magnificent spiritual laws—the earth would be filled with a depth of fulfillment and happiness beyond anything we have experienced.

Are we dreaming?

Is this all an impractical “dream”? No way! It is exactly what your Bible predicts conditions will be like in Tomorrow’s World! This is the fulfillment of the “Gospel”—the good news of the Kingdom of God—the good news of Jesus Christ’s soon-coming rule on this earth (Revelation 11:15). As Isaiah foretold: “They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea” (Isaiah 11:9). And: “Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, and instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; everlasting joy shall be theirs” (Isaiah 61:7).

We at Tomorrow’s World gratefully preach and publish the message of Christ’s sacrifice for our sins, proclaiming the good news that through Jesus’ death on

the cross we can be totally forgiven our sins! But we also enthusiastically proclaim the good news of Christ’s return as King of kings, and of His glorious reign over this entire earth. We thrill to anticipate our part in that coming Kingdom, when the true saints will assist Christ in reorganizing, teaching and ruling this world as kings and priests. For God’s inspired word proclaims that He has—in His great plan—“made us kings and priests to our God: and we shall reign on the earth” (Revelation 5:10).

The “bottom line” is that you either truly believe the Bible or you do not! We choose to look to God and His inspired word as the ultimate authority in our lives.

Then, through His Spirit, we strive to live by every word of God in this life, and we eagerly look forward to God’s intervention in human affairs and the soon-coming Kingdom of Tomorrow’s World. We know it will be “darkest just before the dawn.” Because we are His obedient servants, God has given us genuine understanding of many detailed biblical prophecies of the near future, which we share with you who understand. Your Bible says: “For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” (Revelation 19:10). So we are duty bound to help you understand the truly awesome prophetic events that will occur as we near the end of this present age! Beyond all of that, however, we look expectantly toward Tomorrow’s World, and to the opportunity to teach and serve billions of our fellow human beings during the coming Millennium.

Describing the traumatic events just ahead, Jesus told His servants: “Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near” (Luke 21:28). So we encourage all of you to be grateful that God has made His forgiveness available through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to rejoice in knowing that Jesus Christ will live His life within true Christians by the power of the Holy Spirit. We encourage you to be preparing enthusiastically for the soon-coming Kingdom of God—a time of genuine peace and joy on this earth.

This is who we are. This is what we truly stand for!



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