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## Space Wars Ahead?





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

## True Education: Where To Find It?

Only a few years ago, the *Wall Street Journal* published an article on how college freshmen “get educated” at our major universities. It described how some “freshmen orientations” are structured in a number of our Ivy League campuses. **Warning to sensitive readers!** The following are not *my* words, but those of the writer as published in one of the most respected newspapers in the world: “At Princeton, the freshman class must attend ‘Sex on a Saturday Night’ (SoSN) during its first week. It’s a university-organized, student-performed play designed to warn about sexual assault and alcohol abuse. Many schools have similar programs. Its noble intentions are overshadowed, however, by a deleterious message: College is time to get busy (and not just in the library)! SoSN revolves around Joe, a bookish upperclassman, who is egged on by his peers to ‘score big’ on his first date with Frances, a naïve freshman. Armed with condoms and the keys to an isolated lovepad on campus, he sets out. The play then turns to their sex-crazed friends, who spend their Saturday plotting about hooking up. Meanwhile, Joe and Frances get very drunk” (September 5, 2007).

Frankly, I stopped quoting the above article when I did, because it becomes *much more graphic* later. And this article is just one of several I have read describing the *utter depravity* in much of what we call “higher education.”

Wow!

If there is a *real* God—and *there is*—what would *He* think about a society that condones such behavior and even includes it as a part of a college education? Although many of our colleges and universities teach their students at an advanced level in subjects such as mathematics, science and literature, our “Western” society seems to be coming apart faster than ever!

Addressing this issue, Dr. J. Martin Klotsche, Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Wisconsin states, “In short, the virtual elimination of illiteracy has not resulted in our discovering a more intelligent way of living. For if a correlation has existed between literacy and intelligence, we should have witnessed in our lifetime a decline in war, national strife, crime, delinquency and general social maladjustment. Yet quite the reverse is the case. For this literate 20th century of ours has also been the bloodiest and most turbulent.... The two great casualties of our times have been *truth* and *conscience* and unless we can restore these two values to a position of primary importance our educational efforts will have been in vain” (*Vital Speeches of the Day*, September 1, 1976).

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Over the last century, colleges and universities of the Western world have become incredibly secular. With few exceptions, they have not retained God in their knowledge (Romans 1:28–32). Their focus is on expanding students’ knowledge of the material

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# When Will Christ Return?

By Roderick C. Meredith

**P**rophesied end-time events are beginning to occur with increasing speed! The world you see around you is changing with greater rapidity than it has ever done in human history. *Your* personal “world”—your job, your family and friends, and the society around you—will be **quite different** within the next 10 to 15 years or *less*.

## Why?

Because the Creator, Who gives us life and breath, has specifically predicted that *this* “age”—this human society as we know it—will come to an **end** with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as King of kings. Your Bible describes a series of “trumpet plagues” that will occur before this

present age ends with the famous sounding of the “last trump.” We read: “Then the seventh angel sounded: and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’” (Revelation 11:15).

Jesus Christ described that the time of His Second Coming would be a time of **sin** and of **rebellion** against God—“as the days of Noah were” (Matthew 24:37). And the Bible clearly describes those “days of Noah” as a time when the rapacious lusts of God-rejecting men will cause them to pervert the marriage bond, to become involved in

continual violence and bloodshed and to corrupt their entire “way” on the earth (Genesis 6:5–13).

More and more *millions* of American, British, Canadian and Australian citizens *are turning completely away* from God, as they *corrupt* themselves through their rampant fornication—“living together” without any commitment in marriage. Many political and even religious leaders condone same-sex “marriage,” and as *violence* increases all over the earth with more and more ethnic wars, religious wars and the growing threat of **human annihilation** because even “outlaw” nations increasingly gain possession of atomic weapons, we can truly say that the “handwriting is on the wall.” As Jesus said, “When you see all these things, *know that it is near, at the doors*” (Matthew 24:33).

## A “DAY OF RECKONING”

A recent *60 Minutes* segment, entitled “Day of Reckoning,” described how the United States is in dire straits financially—and how *many* of its states and cities are on the edge of bankruptcy. The interviewer first talked with California’s then-governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, who acknowledged that his state’s financial situation was extremely serious and almost beyond resolution. For California faces a \$19 billion budget deficit and has a credit rating approaching “junk” status. It spends more money on public employee pensions than on its entire state university system. Many thousands of Californians employed by the state and its cities will undoubtedly lose their jobs within the next very few years!

Similarly, the state of Arizona is in such dire straits that it sold off its state capitol, its Supreme Court building and its legislative

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## ARE WE IN THE “LAST DAYS”?

Yes, there are literally **dozens** of indications that we are in the prophesied “last days.” Let me give you just a few.

One clear indication that we are in the “end times” is found in Matthew 24:21–22. Jesus had been asked, “What will be the sign of Your coming, and of the **end** of the age?” (v. 3). After describing a series of events, Jesus stated: “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; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.” Here, Jesus predicted the most *awful* and *enormous* national punishment in history and the possibility of **cosmocide**—if God were not to supernaturally intervene.

Cosmocide—the annihilation of all flesh—was not possible even during World War II. For although two atomic bombs were dropped to end the war with Japan, there were *no more bombs available* until months or years later. According to many authorities, it was not until about 1957 that—between the U.S. and the Soviet Union—enough atomic weapons existed to annihilate all humanity.

So, with the return of many of the Jews to Israel in 1948, and the degree of atomic weapons proliferation in 1957, we certainly entered the “time of the end” by then—if not even before then.

Also, in Daniel 12:4, God told Daniel, “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the **end**; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” Note that massive use of transportation facilities would mark the end-time, and a vast increase in man’s knowledge would occur—

chambers to a group of investors. It now *leases* these buildings from the new owners!

During the *60 Minutes* segment, Governor Chris Christie of New Jersey acknowledged his state’s very desperate financial condition. He lamented having to stop construction on a long-planned tunnel into Manhattan that would have provided about 6,000 jobs. The governor stated, “The bottom line is I don’t have the money. And you know what? I can’t pay people for those jobs if I don’t have the money to pay them. Where am I getting the money? I don’t have it. I literally don’t have it.... The day of reckoning has arrived. That’s it. And it’s gonna arrive everywhere. Timing will vary a little bit, depending upon which state you’re in, but it’s coming.”

Yes, as Governor Christie put it: “The **day of reckoning** has arrived!”

My friends, as *more tens of millions* of men and women in our Western, professing “Christian” nations *turn away* from God and blaspheme His name in word or in deed, Almighty God *will respond*. He will increasingly **chasten** the American and British-descended peoples because of their egregious **sins**. As your Bible says, God rebukes and chastens every son He *loves* (Hebrews 12:6). The Bible clearly indicates that as He humbles the modern descendants of ancient Israel, “The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower. He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail” (Deuteronomy 28:43–44).

His early-stage chastisements are *already underway*! Many of you who read this magazine realize that. God is already beginning to **break** the “pride of power” of the U.S. and British-descended nations (Leviticus 26:19). This

is all preparatory to the return of Jesus Christ to bring *genuine peace* at last through the *right kind of government*. For the Eternal God of the Bible is **real**. He **will** send His Son, Jesus Christ, back to this earth as King of kings (Revelation 11:15) within *this present generation*. Our “day of reckoning” is very near!

After describing a *detailed series* of events that will occur just before His Second Coming, Jesus said, “Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.... So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away” (Luke 21:28, 31–33).

If you really **believe** what Christ says, you will know what will transpire just before He returns. And you will *know* and *believe* that when these events are under way, mankind will indeed be in the “last generation” of human civilization, as we have known it. And you will know that there is **no way** that Christ’s return could be as far as a thousand *years off*!

Also, though this may shock some of you, nevertheless you also need to understand that there is **no way** that Christ’s return could be *tonight* or *tomorrow night* or even *next year*! How **dare** I say that? Because God’s inspired word tells us that “heaven and earth [may] pass away,” but that Jesus’ description of this entire *series of events* will **not** pass away! Certain prophesied events must occur, in the sequence Jesus described, before He will return. But indeed, though He *will not* return in 2011 or 2012, we know He **will** return soon—and that we truly **are** in the “last days.”



indeed, since World War II, we have come to take for granted the tens of millions of people hurtling through the air in our modern airplanes and jumbo jets. In almost every corner of the earth, men are now driving automobiles to and fro and are traveling around in a manner that would have been unthinkable before the 20th century began. In addition, the advent of radio, television and especially now, the widespread use of computers, have contributed to a virtual **explosion** in human knowledge when compared to past ages.

So, Christ will undoubtedly return within the lifetimes of the young people growing up today—and many of us older folks may also live to witness this awesome event.

### LET THE BIBLE INTERPRET THE BIBLE!

Sad to say, many prognosticators and interpreters of Bible prophecy will read a passage of Scripture and then *imagine* what it is all about! Of course, the *correct* way to understand the Bible is to honestly and thoroughly put together all the scriptures dealing with any subject—including prophecy—and then through careful study and heartfelt prayer come to *understand* the whole picture.

For instance, when you *carefully compare* the prophecies of Daniel, Revelation and Jesus' Olivet Prophecy as recorded in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21, a pretty clear picture emerges as to *when* and *how* Christ will return.

Notice Revelation 1:1: "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John." Here we find that this is *Christ's* revelation—not the

Apostle John's! We also read that the stated *purpose* is to reveal things or events that would shortly "take place."

In Revelation 2 and 3, we find an inspired description of the eras or ages of God's true Church. The *final* church era, Laodicea, is characterized as being "lukewarm." So even the majority of the true people of God in the **end-times** are



apparently overcome by a degree of worldliness and are influenced by our fun-seeking "me" generation. Revelation 4 and 5 describe the transcendent **glory** of God. Then chapter 5 describes how Christ only is found worthy to open the seals of Revelation and begin this revealing of end-time events.

Revelation 6, then, describes *in order* the events of the first six seals. Study it carefully and compare especially with Matthew 24:3–9. First, we find the description of the "white horse." This is clearly identified in Matthew 24:5 as a wave of *false prophets* sent out to use Christ's name and yet **deceive** the masses! (see also Revelation 12:9). Next in Revelation 6, we read of the "red horse" sent out to "take peace from the earth." Matthew 24:6–7 enlarges on this and shows that this will include not only war, but also **world war**. The *third seal*, the "black horse" of Revelation 6 describes tiny bits of food being carefully weighed—obviously a time of **famine**. Matthew 24:7 describes this next event as "famine."

Then the fourth seal is a "pale horse"—a **sickly** looking horse—which brings *death* and the *grave*. And Jesus concurs in Matthew 24:7 that the next prophesied event in this *series of events* leading up to His Second Coming is indeed **pestilence**—a *major disease epidemic* of unprecedented proportions. For after describing these four **major** events, the inspired John tells us, "power was given to them over a **fourth** of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth" (Revelation 6:8). And Matthew 24:7 adds that **earthquakes** will also be a significant factor during this time period.

A "fourth" of the earth to perish? Most scholars acknowledge that this is **not** talking about one-fourth of the earth's surface—which is mostly ocean, mountains and desert anyway. It is speaking of one-fourth of the **entire population** of this earth! Without any increase in the earth's present population (now about 6.8 billion), one-fourth would represent about 1.7 **billion** people to be destroyed by these first four "horsemen."

Yet this inspired description of great suffering is **scarcely** a *foretaste* of the major events that will come soon afterward!

### THE GREAT TRIBULATION

The *fifth* seal of Revelation is, in fact, describing the *Great Tribulation*. The emphasis here is on the Church aspect—upon the fact that many of the people in God's true Church will be *persecuted*, martyred, as they were in past ages (Revelation 6:9–11). But other scriptures—including Matthew 24:21–22, Luke 21:22–24 and Jeremiah 30:4–7—tell us that this horrifying Tribulation will be not just upon the true Church

but also on the *physical* nations of Israel and Judah—including the United States and British-descended nations of the world. For biblical and historical **proof** of this, write or call us today and ask us for a copy of our booklet, *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*. It will be sent to you absolutely **free** upon your request.

The Great Tribulation involves a massive national **punishment** upon the physical nations of Israel who have **failed** to honor their covenant with God and have turned aside into gross immorality and hedonism. They have a “form” of religion—even of Christianity—but *deny* the **power** and authority of the Creator God! (2 Timothy 3:5). Professing Christians of our day will no doubt challenge God’s right to punish His people. God answers, “**Why** do you cry about your affliction? Your sorrow is incurable. Because of the multitude of your **iniquities**, because your **sins** have increased, I have done these things to you” (Jeremiah 30:15).

Immediately *after* the Great Tribulation comes the *sixth* seal, the “heavenly signs” (Revelation 6:12–16). Again, Matthew 24 corroborates this perfectly, “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken” (v. 29).

Then comes the “Day of the Lord”—the time of God’s full wrath upon **all** the rebellious nations of the earth (Revelation 6:17). After a large number of both Israelite and Gentile peoples are “sealed” and are protected from God’s final wrath (Revelation 7), then the “trumpet plagues” begin.

The first plague scorches one-third of the trees and **all** the green grass on the earth (Revelation 8:7). In quick succession, the following

plagues turn a third of the sea into blood, destroy one-third of the fish and one-third of all ships, poison one-third of the springs and rivers of water and blot out much of the light from the sun, moon and stars (vv. 7–12).

The fifth and sixth plagues describe what may be a totally sophisticated, gargantuan “Star Wars” type of attack by the European Beast Power upon its enemies. Then, a powerful counter-attack by a **massive** army of *200 million warriors*—probably composed of millions of Russians, Mongolians and Chinese troops who have **not** submitted to the arrogant European dictator called the “Beast.”

Finally, after a momentous three-and-one-half-year period of time—which will see tribulation and **captivity** for the peoples of Israel, powerful prophesying and “warning” to the Beast Power by the “two witnesses,” and protection for the *truly faithful* people in God’s Church (see Revelation 11:3; 12:14)—Christ will return in magnificent **glory** at the seventh trump! (11:15).

### OTHER STRANDS OF THE STORY

Meanwhile, just *before* the Great Tribulation, a powerful Arab combine will get together and threaten and provoke the coming European Beast Power (Daniel 11:40–45). Notice that this is at the “time of the **end**.” The more heavily armed and sophisticated Beast Power will swoop down on this “king of the south” like a “whirlwind.”

The forces of the Beast Power will also conquer the Jewish state of Israel and take over much of the Middle East—no doubt to gain control of the Arab oil reserves to fuel their war machine! Another “**end-time**” event is the attack upon

the “house of Israel” (Jeremiah 30)—the Great Tribulation. This will absolutely be a “time of trouble, such as **never** was since there was a nation” (Daniel 12:1). Soon after this massive Tribulation and Day of the Lord, Christ will return, “and many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake” (v. 2) in the **resurrection** from the dead at Christ’s Second Coming!

Also, just *before* the Tribulation, the seventh “revival” of the Holy Roman Empire will take place, and a final great dictator will win the support of ten national or regional leaders in Europe, whose ten territories together will make up the final, prophesied Beast Power (Revelation 17:8–12). Foolishly, the leaders of this awesome, military power think their sophisticated weaponry will somehow prevail even against Christ! They try to do battle even as the returning Christ and the armies of heaven descend in power, “These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful” (v. 14). All this clearly shows the degree of *deception* and spiritual **blindness**, which will have come over the *leading men of the earth* at that time. Indeed, the “god of this age” has absolutely “blinded [those] who do not believe” (2 Corinthians 4:4). Please remember that, until Jesus Christ returns to this earth, this is **Satan’s** world!

Remember also that this coming Beast Power is not only a military and political power. It is a “tool” that will be used by the great **harlot** described in Revelation 17. For, as these scriptures clearly tell us, the **woman rides the Beast!** (vv. 3, 7, 9).

The term “woman” is used in a number of scriptures in God’s word to symbolize a church. In 2 Corinthians 11:2, the Apostle Paul is inspired to

describe the true Church as a “chaste virgin” to Christ. In Ephesians 5, Paul describes the Church as being in the role of a woman with Christ as husband (vv. 23–25). In Revelation 12:6 and 12:14, the Church is pictured as a woman fleeing to a place of safety in the “wilderness.”

However, in Revelation 17, God is describing a great **fallen** church, “The mother of **harlots** and of the abominations of the earth” (v. 5). John was inspired to tell us: “I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement. But the angel said to me, ‘Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns’” (vv. 6–7). So this spiritually **drunken** church is also a great **persecuting** church. And it will be sitting on and guiding the Beast, the final revival of the Holy Roman Empire.

As this foul religio-political system comes together in Europe, and as a great False Prophet arises “according to the working of Satan, with all **power, signs, and lying wonders**” (2 Thessalonians 2:9), untold millions of Americans, Canadians, Britons and Europeans will be tempted and will even be *pressured* to become part of this rotten system. Many of you reading this now may be tempted to “join,” to lend support or at least “go along”!

**Do not be deceived by this system!**

For God Himself directly warns against Christians’ participation in this evil system: “**Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.** For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities” (Revelation 18:4–5). Indeed, the direct plagues of God are going to fall upon this system

and **all** those who are part of it! (see Revelation 16).

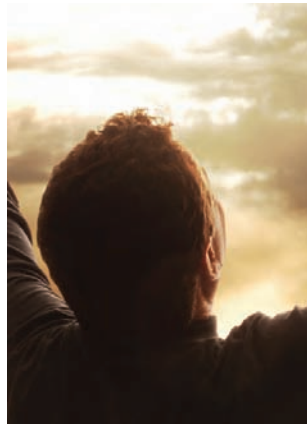
### So WHEN WILL CHRIST RETURN?

I tell you most sincerely that Jesus Christ **will not** return to this earth until we have experienced the most spine-tingling, earthshaking, dire, and **colossal** events since human beings have inhabited this planet. Professing Christian ministers who say, “Christ could come **tonight**,” are so out of touch with the truths of the Bible that it is almost unbelievable! On the other hand, for those true Christians who die before Christ’s return, He really *could* “come tonight.” For none of us knows exactly how many days or years we each may have left in our present lives.

In any case, remember that God Himself clearly reveals in His inspired word an *entire series* of events to occur *before* Christ’s coming. If you are willing to genuinely **surrender** your life to God and to let the living Christ **rule your life**, you may indeed become

part of that “little flock” of God, part of that true Church that will be taken to a place of **safety** on this very earth during the soon-coming Great Tribulation (Revelation 12:14).

Speaking of these events, Jesus Christ commands us all: “So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. Assuredly, I say to you, **this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place.** Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. **Watch** therefore, and **pray** always that you may be counted worthy to **escape** all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:31–36). ■



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# Questions & Answers

**Question:** Many people believe that a human being's soul or spirit can separate from the body and travel to far-distant places beyond the body's reach. This is not just a "New Age" or "Eastern religion" idea; even some who call themselves Christians believe in "astral projection" or "out-of-body experiences." Does the Bible teach that a human being's soul or spirit can operate outside the body?

**Answer:** There are people who have told stories of having an "out-of-body experience" during surgery, or of practicing "astral projection" (in which the soul supposedly travels to far away places while the body stays behind). Did the Apostle Paul describe a similar experience?

In 2 Corinthians 12:2–4, as in the two previous chapters, Paul was describing his own experiences as a minister of the true Gospel. He wrote: "I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter."

It is important to notice that in the previous verse (v. 1), Paul explained that he will come to "visions and revelations" of the Lord. The word translated as "visions" is the Greek *optasia*, meaning "a sight or vision presented to one, whether asleep or awake." The word translated as "revelations" is the Greek *apokalupsis*, meaning "laying bare, making naked a disclosure of truth, instruction concerning things previously unknown." In these verses, Paul acknowledges that he was **not** recounting physical experiences.

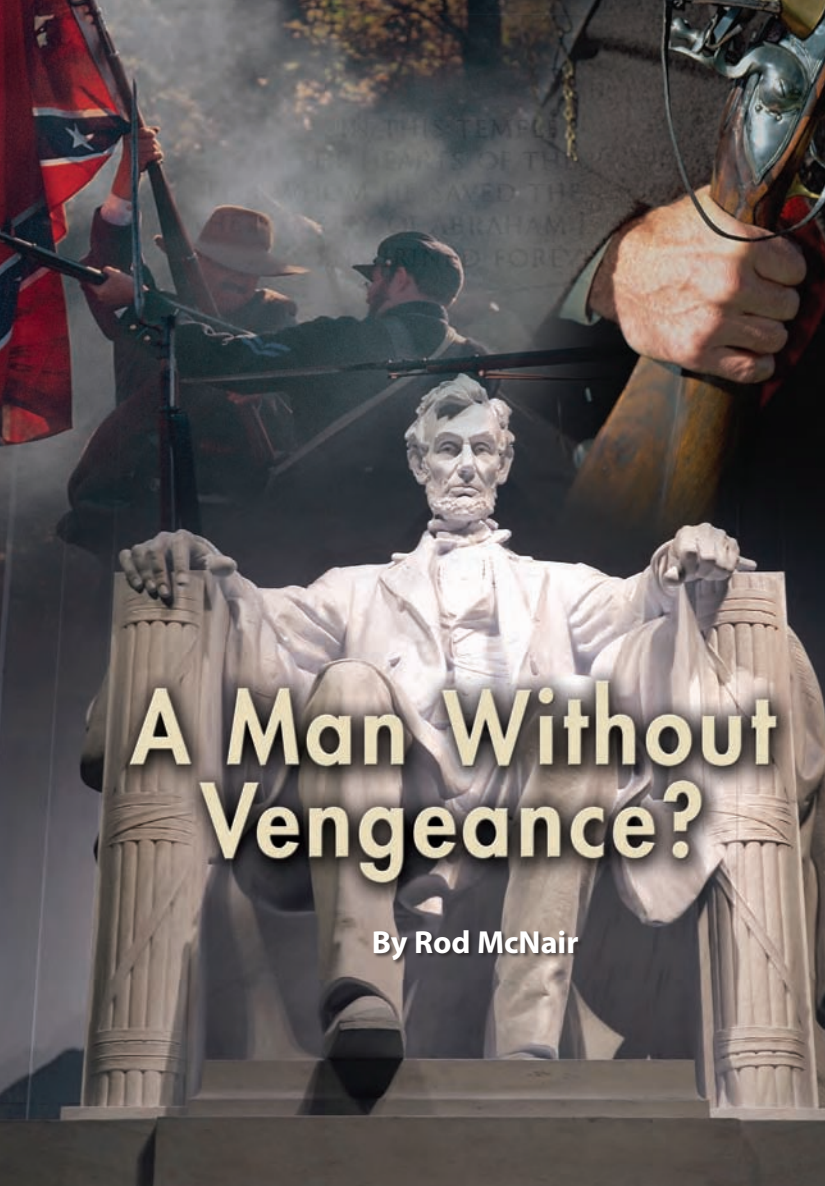
But was Paul describing an out-of-body experience? He tells us that his physical experience was so intense that he could not tell whether it was a mere vision within his mind, or whether he had actually been taken to heaven. Though Paul was plainly talking about visions at the start of 2 Corinthians 12, this particular vision felt so real that he was unable to explain what had happened, except that he had felt **as if** he were "out of the body." Paul did not draw his own conclusion, though; he said plainly—twice—that "God [not Paul] knows" the nature of his spiritual vision of Paradise.

Other similar passages may help us appreciate Paul's phrasing in its proper context. He wrote to the Colossians, "For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit" (Colossians 2:5). Was Paul telling the Colossians that he had left his body to be with the Colossians? Of course not!

Similarly, in this regard, note Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 5:3. Here, he describes that he is "absent in body but present in spirit." Scripture makes clear that for Paul to be present "in spirit" was a natural human phenomenon, in which his influence or sympathy could be appreciated apart from his bodily presence. It was **not** some kind of "bilocation" or supernatural travel.

Scripture helps us understand, in part, what Paul's vision was not. The Apostle John reminds us, "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven" (John 3:13). John wrote those words after Christ's resurrection. Had Paul actually ascended to heaven during his vision, John's words would not have been true. Rather, Paul experienced a vision, akin to the vision recounted in Matthew 17:1–9. In that passage, the word Jesus uses for "vision" is *horama*—a sight divinely granted in an ecstasy or in a sleep. Remember: when the disciples had this experience, neither Moses nor Elijah had ascended to heaven. Like Paul's experience, this was clearly a vision, not a mystical visit from two dead people!

Therefore, just as Peter, James and John did not actually ascend to heaven during their vision of the transfigured Jesus with Moses and Elijah, we can understand that Paul did not ascend to heaven, or engage in other instances of "astral projection" or out-of-body travel. Some people today may feel that they have had an "out-of-body experience" that seems real to them, but the Bible reveals that they are mistaken!



# A Man Without Vengeance?

By Rod McNair

On a cool and cloudy day in Washington, DC, the President-elect stepped forward to the speaker's table and prepared to address the throng of nearly 30,000 before him. The day was March 4, 1861, and Abraham Lincoln was being inaugurated as the 16th President of the United States.

The chill in the air reflected the mood of a deeply divided nation. "No inaugural address had ever been presented in such turbulent times. Rumors raced through the capital of threats to Lincoln and of attacks on Washington" (*A. Lincoln*, Ronald C. White, Jr., p. 388). As the President-elect was preparing to take office, the prospects for averting a shooting war were diminishing. Jefferson Davis had been sworn in as the President of a newly formed Confederate States of America just two weeks before. Seven states had already quit the Union, and four more were soon to follow. Within just 39 days of Lincoln's oath of office, the first shots were fired at Fort Sumter, near Charleston, South Carolina. A war that would last four painful years would begin, involving nearly three million fighting men, and leaving more than 620,000 dead.

In Lincoln's address to the assembled crowd, he made it clear that he was prepared to go to war to keep the Union

together. And yet, he also labored to set a conciliatory tone, to avert an armed conflict if possible. Toward the end of his speech, he made a powerful appeal to the brotherhood of the nation: "I am loath to close. We are not enemies but friends. We must not be enemies...."

## BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

Through the following four years, passions ran hot in a polarizing war that even split families. For every household that praised Lincoln's forceful effort to keep the Union together, another reviled him as a tyrant whose actions made a mockery of the Constitution of the United States. Divisions in America ran deep, and President Lincoln personally felt the pain of a divided house: five of his wife's siblings had sided with the Union, eight with the Confederacy (*House of Abraham: Lincoln & the Todds, A Family Divided by War*, Stephen Barry, p. ix).

Hated by some and idolized by others, Lincoln and his conduct of the war brought out strong emotions from partisans in both the Union and the Confederacy. Yet, as a man, Lincoln was widely respected by friends and foes alike for one quality that many would find surprising in any man in his position. In dealing with individuals, as attested by his contemporaries and by later historians, President Lincoln endeavored to treat all with fairness and dignity, to the extent he possibly could. Whenever in difficult positions, "he fell back on the foundation of his personality: honesty, integrity, compassion, and mercy. He seemed to have virtually no feelings of hate, vindictiveness, or malice" (*Lincoln on Leadership*, Donald T. Phillips, p. 59). This trait was so prominent that many of his contemporaries thought him weak and irresolute for his leniency. He granted more pardons than any other President, before or since.

Lincoln even seems to have imbued some of his generals with his mood of reconciliation. When Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox, Union General Ulysses S. Grant gave the Confederate troops a generous gesture of goodwill. Officers were allowed to keep their side arms, and all Confederate soldiers were sent home with their horses and mules, in order to plant their crops for the season. To this offer, General Lee responded gratefully: "This will have the best possible effect upon our men. It will be very gratifying and will do much toward conciliating our people" (White, p. 670).



During the formal surrender ceremony that followed, as Confederate General John B. Gordon and his men passed before the Union soldiers, no taunts or jeers from the Union lines were permitted. Instead, Union General Joshua Chamberlain gave the order for the “marching salute.” Immediately recognizing the honor this expressed to fellow soldiers, Confederate General Gordon wheeled his horse and gave the signal to his own brigades to salute in return. It had a profound effect, for instead of shaming the Confederates, the Union soldiers had treated them with respect (*The Passing of the Armies*, Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, pp. 260–261).

After the Civil War was over, some strident voices called for recriminations against Confederate soldiers and officers. But President Lincoln had left no doubt that he wished not to treat them like criminals, but rather to welcome them back into the fold (Phillips, pp. 60–61). During a post-war rally at the White House, Mr. Lincoln directed the band to play “Dixie” as a tribute to the Southern states.

In his memorable second inaugural address, Lincoln focused not on triumph and victory, but on healing and reconciliation. He uttered those famous words, “**With malice toward none, with charity for all**, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation’s wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations” (White, p. 666). It was President Lincoln’s hope that the wounds of war-torn America would heal quickly.

Sadly, after his tragic assassination, not everyone shared President Lincoln’s vision. While the next decade saw much progress

in “the establishment of public school systems, the granting of equal citizenship to blacks, and the effort to revitalize the devastated Southern economy” (*A Short History of Reconstruction*, Eric Foner, p. xiii), there was also much corruption and abuse, and scars remain to this day.

### WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW

One hundred fifty years later, President Lincoln’s personal sense of honor, mercy and desire for reconciliation is still needed today—and now more than ever. As a “culture war” divides the U.S. and other Western nations, political opponents reach ever-new levels of anger and vindictiveness. Civility in politics is simply not a reality today, according to veteran political reporters and syndicated columnists Cokie and Steve Roberts, “Not when a Republican lawmaker shouts ‘You lie’ at the President during the State of the Union. Not when a Democratic fundraising appeal refers to ‘fire-breathing tea party nut jobs’... Politicians in both parties run for office by denigrating the very institutions they want to join... the other side is not just wrong but evil” (“We Need Civility,” *The Pottstown Mercury*, November 19, 2010).

Personal spite in America, however, is not just limited to the political stage. Many in our generation have simply not been taught to “turn the other cheek” (Matthew 5:39) and handle conflict constructively. Instead, we see troubled youth murdering classmates and teachers to get back at bullies. We see motorists shooting each other for not yielding on the highways. We see disgruntled employees bringing weapons to work to settle scores. As movies, television programs, and video



games glorify acts of vengeance, an angry and unforgiving cancer of the spirit spreads.

Economic problems also deepen personal tensions, as families are forced to live within ever-shrinking budgets. Long-term unemployment has added to the stress of millions, and poverty in the U.S. has soared to its highest level in 50 years (“About 44 million in U.S. lived below poverty line in 2009, census data show,” *Washington Post*, September 16, 2010). For those still working, fears of losing a job can lead to more tension and pressures. Stress from fear of home foreclosures, and spiraling personal debt, can cause tremendous strain on marriages and families. As the U.S. faces its worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, people are being tested in ways they have not experienced before. Will these challenges make Americans stronger, or cause them to turn on one another?

Sadly, respected observers expect civil strife—with riots over food and other resources—in our future. Gerald Celente, CEO of Trends Research Institute, foretells a coming chaotic disintegration of the United States. Writer Alfred W. McCoy, in his article “Four Scenarios for the Coming Collapse of the American Empire” warns that several scenarios could combine “in thoroughly unexpected ways, [and] create crises for which Americans are remarkably unprepared, and threaten to spin the economy into a sudden downward spiral, consigning this country to a generation or more of economic misery.”

Protests in Europe have already turned violent, as austerity measures have snapped already frayed nerves. The so-called PIIGS



(Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece, and Spain) are now hanging by a financial thread. Union leaders in France have protested the French government's plan to raise the retirement age. Protests in Britain over tuition hikes even turned angry British rioters against the royal family, with a mob attacking a car carrying Prince Charles and his wife Camilla last December. Tensions over economic crises are indeed global.

### A NATION OF ENEMIES?

Now is not the time to be distracted by foolish desires for vengeance. Christ's command for patience and mercy, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 19:19), rings true, now more than ever. The question is, do we love our neighbor? Or, when under stress, do we allow desires for personal vengeance to take over? When money is tight and times are tough, will we take out our frustrations on those around us, treating them like enemies?

Yes, a Christian has been called to a life of spiritual warfare (2 Timothy 2:3). But sometimes we do not recognize the **real** enemy! Our neighbors, co-workers and family members are **not** our enemies. Yet, when we are under pressure, we sometimes make choices we later regret. We may say the wrong thing to a loved one, or may "cut off" speaking to family and friends because of words spoken or actions taken in moments of stress or frustration. But the Bible says we must not live that way: "Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord. Therefore, 'if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he

is thirsty, give him a drink... ' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:17-21).

Who is our real enemy? There is a very angry and spiteful spirit who influences our world, and stirs up hatred among the human family. He is a powerful spirit being who "works in the sons of disobedience" (Ephesians 2:2). At the time just before Christ's return, this being—Satan, the Devil—will cause even greater chaos and unrest: "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time" (Revelation 12:12). Paul exhorts true Christians to complete our course faithfully, and to "put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11).

Just before Jesus Christ returns and sets up His Kingdom, "many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another... And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold" (Matthew 24:10, 12). The Apostle Paul warns

that many in our day will become more selfish and spiteful as conditions crumble: "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty" (2 Timothy 3:1-4). Even some family members will betray one another, as Christ foretold: "But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet... Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death" (Mark 13:7, 12). The days ahead will be a time of growing incivility—and worse!



### CHRISTIANS WITH BROTHERLY LOVE

Thankfully, we do not need to fall into ever-increasing cycles of

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## THE WORLD AHEAD: WHAT WILL IT BE LIKE?



A time is soon coming when planet Earth will experience a wonderful transformation, and its people will live in peace and harmony under the loving rule of Jesus Christ. Do you want that peace in your life?

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I went to your presentation at Chester (United Kingdom) on Saturday, and I must say how much I enjoyed it. This was a first time for me, and I must say I found it very thought-provoking. Plus, the informal chat afterward was most helpful. I am looking forward to the next time.

P.J., Stoke Staffordshire, UK

**Editor's Note:** Approximately 100 *Tomorrow's World* Special Presentations were held during 2010, mostly across the United States and Canada, but also in nations around the globe. Several have already been held in 2011, and more are scheduled. *Tomorrow's World* subscribers will receive notifications of any presentations in their areas. You can also go to [www.TomorrowsWorld.org](http://www.TomorrowsWorld.org) to look for presentations you might like to attend. A partial list of March-April 2011 *Tomorrow's World* Special Presentations across the United States is included on the back page of this issue.

On television as on radio and Internet, people are preaching the Gospel; but sometimes I wonder what is the purpose of the prediction—is it love of Jesus or donation? After every few sentences, most of the preachers ask for donation, promising the viewers they will be blessed. Can money buy God's blessing? Worst, they refuse to preach the fourth commandment, the Sabbath. However, I have been receiving booklets and magazine from *Tomorrow's World* for years; you never ask me for a donation to keep receiving your publications. I am convinced that you are motivated by the love of God, not by the greed for money. Your booklets help me a lot.

R. V., Pompano Beach, FL

I just finished reading your November-December 2010 issue and all I can say is "Wow!" Pure, unadulterated truth in a world where many are forsaking it in droves, instead preferring watered-down, feel-good, showmanship Christianity. Please don't stop what you are doing!

J. R., Tennessee Colony, TX

Just a note of appreciation for the *Tomorrow's World* magazine, which I have been receiving for some time now. When I receive a new issue, I can hardly put it down until I have gone through it. I really enjoy the instructive information I get. Thank you so much. I am a 90-years-of-age mother, who wants her oldest son, 67 years of age, to be introduced to your publications.

E.B., Cincinnati, OH

Thank you for the insight that *Tomorrow's World* magazine has given me. I truly believe that it is most "spot on" solving some of the Bible's hardest puzzles to understand. But you have made it leap out at me. It all makes it so clear and I can see the demise of this world and its systems falling apart every day. It just gets more insane and sinful at a very fast pace. God bless you all.

P. C., Mudgeeraba, QLD, Australia

I am so impressed about the booklets, magazines and literature you have sent to me. It really helps me a lot; especially to my religious development and awareness aspect of my life. I just read the literature entitled "Who is the Devil?" which struck me upon reading the title alone. This reading reminds me the warning that God has given us—the false worship of every year's Halloween and the wearing of demonic masks during All Souls Day. It made me realize that we seem to like praising Satan and his deeds in the world. I am very thankful for your magazine. It is my hope that God will shower on you more blessings to continue your journey.

S. C., Malita Davao del Sur, Philippines

Thank you so very, very much for *Tomorrow's World* magazine. I am sometimes so terribly sad to see what some people are doing with the God-given talents and the twisting of mind. For years, I have been saying we are back to Sodom and Gomorrah. They were destroyed, but it is now on a larger scale. I pray that the Lord keeps giving you the strength for all the serious and full-of-understanding work you and your staff are doing.

H. V., Noarlunga Downs, SA, Australia

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## Primogeniture

In times of economic woe, nothing lifts the hearts of the British public quite like a royal wedding. On Friday, April 29, Prince William and Kate Middleton will marry at Westminster Abbey in London. Dr. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, will conduct the ceremony while Richard Chartres, Bishop of London, will give the address. The bishop has been a long-time family friend of Prince William. The Prime Minister has announced that the day will be declared a public holiday so the British people can rejoice with the royal couple.

Buckingham Palace is keen to avoid a media circus on this occasion. Photo-hungry journalists often made William's mother's life unbearable. Though she was often the darling of the press, many blame Lady Diana's untimely death in a Paris road tunnel in 1997 on the overzealous efforts of these "paparazzi."

Prince William is widely respected for conducting his life with a balance of royal dignity while maintaining the common touch. He recently completed his training as a helicopter pilot with the United Kingdom's Search and Rescue Force. It is a tradition amongst the sons of the royals that they gain military experience in their twenties. Prince Charles served as a Royal Air Force pilot in 1971 and then as a Royal Navy commander until 1976.

### THE NEXT KING?

For some years, many in the press have suggested that Prince William would be a more appropriate successor than his father, Prince Charles, upon the death of Queen Elizabeth II. The sentiment subsided for a time after Prince Charles married Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, but has regained strength now that William and Kate are to marry.

According to a *Reuters* press agency report of November 21, 2010, soon after William and Kate

announced their engagement, a "report in the *News of the World* showed that 64 percent of people wanted William and his future bride as next in line to the throne... The ICM survey also found that fewer than one in five people wanted the crown to pass to Charles and Camilla."

Why should such a question arise? And why not hold a referendum to find who the British public would choose as their next king? The answer lies in a centuries-old tradition that predates the current House of Windsor's claim to the throne. Going back to the times of the Saxons and Normans, England has been ruled by the son (or at times, the daughter) of the prior monarch.

The rule behind the king's selection is known as **Primogeniture**. The *Compact Oxford Dictionary* defines it this way: "pry-moh-jen-i-cher / noun: 1 the state of being the firstborn child. 2 the system by which the firstborn child, especially the eldest son, inherits all his parents' property."

The word is taken from the Latin *primo* ("first") and *genitura* ("birth"). Among the European royal families there are several variations on the principle, but in England the rules are quite straightforward and dictate that Prince Charles is next in line to be king—despite what the public or the press may say. Only if Charles died first or **voluntarily** relinquished his right to the throne—a circumstance most consider very unlikely—could William inherit it instead of his father.

The concept of a monarchy is foreign to many people who live in a republic. They cannot understand how and why such an archaic and anachronistic institution should still exist. Even so, many Canadians, Australians and New Zealanders are content to have the English monarch as their titular head. There is a sense of stability



Prince William and Kate Middleton

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that comes with the Westminster form of constitutional-monarchical government.

God promised in Genesis 49, that in the “last days,” Jacob’s (Israel’s) sons would be blessed with great wealth and power. These twelve tribes’ descendants are found today primarily in the areas of the northwestern European coastline and the British Isles—along with their descendants around the world. Long-time readers of *Tomorrow’s World* understand that the British and American peoples are among the descendants of the ancient twelve tribes of Israel. They have been the primary beneficiaries, though we now see those blessings vanishing at an ever-increasing rate,

As these “last days” approach their climax, other prophecies are being fulfilled regarding these nations’ troubles and punishment by God. When God the Father sends His Son back to the earth as His chosen “Lord of lords and King of kings” (Revelation 17:14), Christ will be assuming His rightful role as King of His Father’s Kingdom. God the Father will Himself be following the pattern of primogeniture, as Christ is indeed the “firstborn of many brethren” (Romans 8:29) with many other kings ruling under Him (Revelation 1:5–6).



Queen Elizabeth II

## KING OF KINGS

Indeed, the ultimate fulfilment of this ancient tradition will manifest itself in the coronation of Jesus Christ as King of kings. Let us notice some wonderful prophecies for this coming Kingdom.

We read: “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder... upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever” (Isaiah 9:6–7).

Also: “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” (Revelation 11:15).

Revelation 19 describes the returning Christ as the Word of God coming to earth on a white horse, and reveals that “He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS” (v. 16).

Jesus Christ will be King of kings. But who are the kings over whom He will be King? Your Bible explains that—right now—God is preparing His people to rule on earth under Jesus Christ. Revelation 5:10 describes these rulers

as “us”—indicating that John was writing to Christians of this present age. The previous verse identifies the “us” as those whose sins are washed away in Christ’s own blood.

What is the reward of faithful Christians today? It is that Christ will have “made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever, Amen” (Revelation 1:6). Amazing as it may seem, God is calling true Christians today to develop the character required to assist Jesus Christ in bringing peace and prosperity to a sin-sick world. Such an honour will be bestowed upon those who have overcome the world and their own human nature. It is not easy to

overcome and win the battle against the constant pull of human nature within, and society’s pressures without. But God tells us it is worth it. Revelation 21:7 explains our reward, “He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be my son.”

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—Rod King



# Space Wars Ahead?

By Richard F. Ames

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**Your Bible warns of a time when war in space will shake planet Earth and all living human beings. How will this affect your future? You need to know!**

Nearly 50 years ago, on May 25, 1961, United States President John F. Kennedy set a goal for his nation—a goal that many thought impossible. Addressing the U.S. Congress, he said: “This nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to the Earth.”

Kennedy’s call resonated with millions of Americans. Human beings have always been fascinated by the heavens—and, indeed, we should be. As the Psalmist wrote “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork” (Psalm 19:1).

Responding to Kennedy’s challenge, the U.S. space program recruited thousands of scientists and engineers. Manufacturers devised new technologies to produce rockets, computers, and

navigational equipment. It was a little more than eight years after Kennedy’s challenge when Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong stepped out of the Lunar Module on July 20, 1969 and proclaimed: “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”

Three-and-a-half years later, in December 1972, Apollo 17 astronauts Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt became the eleventh and twelfth Americans to walk on the Moon. No one has been back since. But now, nations such as India and China are launching spacecraft and preparing for their own manned Moon missions.

The People’s Republic of China has entered the space race and has developed sophisticated space assets, including the ability to shoot down a satellite! The *China Real Time Report*, posted on the *Wall Street Journal* Web site, featured an article titled: “China a Step Ahead in Space Race.” “China appears to be pulling away from the pack in Asia’s space race after announcing plans to launch its second lunar probe, Chang’e-2, on October 1—China’s National Day. If the mission succeeds, it will put China another step ahead of India in the race to become the second nation, after the United States, to land an astronaut on the moon. China has pledged to do that by 2025 and India by 2020—setting up a 21st Century Asian version of the Cold War space race between the U.S. and Soviet Union” (September 28, 2010).

Are other Asian nations also running in the space race? The *WSJ* article states: “Japan, meanwhile, launched its first lunar satellite in June last year, and announced a plan this year to send a robot to the moon in five years and to construct an unmanned base there in 10 years.”

Europe, too, has space goals. President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy stated this: “We must promote Europe as a space power. To achieve this we must build on the experience of ESA [the European Space Agency]. ESA should be reinforced in order to obtain full responsibility for the implementation of the space missions that Europe’s status of world power requires” (*ESA News*, October 29, 2010).



## U.S. MISSION TO MARS?

On April 15, 2010, U.S. President Barack Obama gave a major speech at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, announcing a change in U.S. space policy. He proclaimed: “Early in the next decade, a set of crewed flights will test and prove the systems required for exploration beyond low Earth orbit. And by 2025, we expect new spacecraft designed for long journeys to allow us to begin the first-ever crewed missions beyond the Moon into deep space. So we’ll start—we’ll start by sending astronauts to an asteroid for the first time in history. By the mid-2030s, I believe we can send humans to orbit Mars and return them safely to Earth. And a landing on Mars will follow. And I expect to be around to see it.”

Landing astronauts on Mars and later returning them to Earth requires much more fuel and other resources than a trip to the Moon. With that in mind, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

has seriously considered a **one-way** trip to Mars. One newspaper account explained it this way: “NASA is looking for volunteers to fly to Mars—the snag is that you won’t come back. It is actively investigating the possibility of humans colonizing worlds such as the Red Planet. The settlers would be sent supplies from Earth but would go on the understanding that it would be too costly to bring them home. NASA revealed that it had already received more than \$1 million to commence work on the project at its Ames Research Centre in California. Centre director Pete Worden, who claimed humans could be living on Mars by 2030 despite the inhospitable conditions, said: ‘The human space



program is now aimed at settling other worlds” (“NASA Mars mission a one-way trip, it’s the biggest dead-end job ever,” *The Herald Sun*, October 29, 2010).

Will anyone volunteer for a one-way trip to Mars? A *New York Times* Op-Ed contributor gave this report: “If it sounds unrealistic to suggest that astronauts would be willing to leave home never to return alive, then consider the results of several informal surveys I and several colleagues have conducted recently. One of my peers in Arizona recently accompanied a group of scientists and engineers from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory on a geological field trip. During the day, he asked how many would be willing to go on a one-way mission into space. Every member of the group raised his hand. The lure of space travel remains intoxicating for a generation brought up on ‘Star Trek’ and ‘Star Wars.’” (“A One-Way Ticket to Mars,” Lawrence M. Krauss, September 1, 2009).

Not only are nations interested in space exploration—private companies and adventurous individuals also want to venture into space. Boeing, the world’s largest aerospace company, has announced a plan to take tourists into space. Notice this report: “Boeing said Wednesday that it was entering the space tourism business.... The flights, which could begin as early as 2015, would most likely launch from Cape Canaveral in Florida to the International Space Station. The Obama administration has proposed turning over to private companies the business of taking NASA astronauts to orbit, and Boeing and Bigelow Aerospace of Las Vegas won an

\$18 million contract this year for preliminary development and testing of a capsule that could carry seven passengers. Current NASA plans call for four space station crew members to go up at a time, which would

leave up to three seats available for space tourists. The flights would be the first to give nonprofessional astronauts the chance to go into orbit aboard a spacecraft launched from the United States. Seven earlier

space tourists have made visits to the space station, riding in Russian Soyuz capsules.” (“Boeing Plans to Fly Tourists to Space,” *New York Times*, September 16, 2010).



## WEAPONS IN SPACE

Human beings have long wanted to control the space above planet Earth. Forty nations now operate space satellites. And it is no secret that military weapons designers are planning space-based lasers, and particle-beam weapons that are nuclear-powered. One key U.S. official, General Joseph Ashy, Commander in Chief of the U.S. Space Command, put it bluntly several years ago: “It’s politically sensitive, but it’s going to happen.... we’re going to fight in space. We’re going to fight from space and we’re going to fight into space.... That’s why the U.S. has development programs in directed energy and hit-to-kill mechanisms. We’ll expand into these two missions—space control and space force application—because they will become increasingly important. We will engage terrestrial targets someday—ships, airplanes, land targets—from space. We will engage targets in space, from space” (“Waging War in Space,” *Nation*, December 9, 1999).

War in space would also increase the danger of an accidental nuclear



exchange, which could lead to the total devastation of modern Western civilization. The article continues with this sobering example: “Is war in space inevitable? The idea of such a war has been around since Sputnik, but for most of the Cold War it remained safely within the realm of science fiction and the carefully proscribed U.S.-Soviet arms race. But a dozen countries now can reach space with satellites—and, therefore, with weapons. China strutted its stuff in January 2007 by shooting down one of its own weather satellites 530 miles above the planet” (“U.S. leads in preparing for war in space,” *New York Times*, March 9, 2008).

U.S. Undersecretary of State Robert G. Joseph made it clear that his nation would act forcibly to defend its space systems: “We reserve the right to defend ourselves against hostile attacks and interference with our space assets. We will, therefore, oppose others who wish to use their military capabilities to impede or deny our access to and use of space. We will seek the best capabilities to protect our space assets by active or passive means” (“Talk of Satellite Defense Raises Fears of Space War,” *Washington Post*, December 17, 2006).

## ALIEN THREAT?

As mankind extends its reach further into space, what will we find there? For decades, popular culture has imagined space aliens discovering Earth. Sometimes those aliens are thought benevolent and friendly. Sometimes, however, the aliens are just as violent and warlike as human beings.

Do aliens exist? University of Cambridge physicist Stephen Hawking thinks so, and he thinks we should be careful. Consider this news report: “The aliens are out there and Earth had better watch out, at least according to Stephen Hawking. He

has suggested that extraterrestrials are almost certain to exist—but that instead of seeking them out, humanity should be doing all that it can to avoid any contact.... He suggests that aliens might simply raid Earth for its resources and then move on... He concludes that trying to make contact with alien races is ‘a little too risky.’ He said: ‘If aliens ever visit us, I think the outcome would be much as when Christopher Columbus first landed in America, which didn’t turn out very well for the Native Americans’”



(“Don’t talk to aliens, warns Stephen Hawking,” *The London Sunday Times*, April 25, 2010).

Hawking’s speculations sound more like fiction than good science. But your Bible reveals the truth that a Savior will descend from outer space, coming to planet Earth to bring with Him deliverance, prosperity and peace. He will conquer the forces of Satan and the human beings who are supporting an evil anti-God dictator.

## PROPHESIED SPACE WARS

The book of Revelation in your Bible foretells a great war in the heavens. The great adversary, Satan the devil, is exposed in scripture. He was defeated in an earlier attempt to take over God’s throne. Will he make one last attempt to conquer God? One of

the greatest space wars in history will yet take place before Christ returns. This will be a battle between God’s angelic army and Satan’s demonic army. “And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (Revelation 12:7–9).

This milestone will signal an end-time sequence of events leading up to the return of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Satan will lose that war in heaven. He will be so angry that he will direct his wrath toward physical human beings. How will you know that a great space war has taken place? The heavenly message continues, “Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time” (Revelation 12:12).

Satan the devil will cause great tribulation on planet Earth. We will need to trust God for protection during the dangerous times ahead! During the time of Satan’s wrath, during the Great Tribulation Jesus spoke about (Matthew 24:21–22), Satan will attack God’s Church. God will protect the “woman”—the Church (Revelation 12:13–16). Satan will then attack an unprotected remnant of God’s Church, true Christians who “keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Revelation 12:17). Those who remain faithful will be in the first resurrection to meet Christ in the air at the last trumpet (1 Corinthians 15:51–52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16).

Thank God, that Satan will have only a short time before he is bound and cast into the bottomless pit for a thousand years (Revelation 20:1–3).

But you need to watch and pray, and understand the prophesied space war that lies ahead.

We have seen the biblical description of one great war in heaven. A final war will take place, as the world's military powers fight against an invader from "outer space." At first, when Christ returns, not everyone will accept Him as their Savior. Some will fear Him as an invader who has come to take away their power. Can you imagine the combined force of all the nations' military power being unleashed against Christ as He descends from heaven? Yes, the armies of rebellious nations will fight against the Messiah as He returns from heaven! How will He respond? John describes the scene: "Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" (Revelation 19:11-16).

And what will be the result of that battle? John describes: "Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, 'Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, that you may eat the flesh of kings, the

flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great" (Revelation 19:17-18).

Jesus Christ will conquer all nations that oppose Him. We read: "And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh" (Revelation 19:19-21).

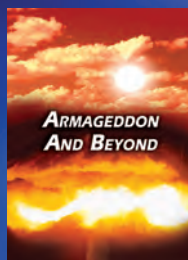
### FROM WAR TO PEACE

The victorious Prince of Peace will set up His government to rule all nations. The Kingdom of God will rule the nations of planet Earth with justice and equity. That is the good news in which we rejoice!

So, who will win the space race? The encouraging answer is: Jesus Christ will win the space race! He has all power in the universe. Christ upholds "all things by the word of His power" (Hebrews 1:3). Or, as the *Moffatt* translation states it, He "sustains the universe by his word of power."

We look forward to the ultimate future of peace on earth, peace in space and peace in the heavens. After a thousand years of Millennial peace, God's plan will then move into another stage. Notice: "Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And 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 21:2-4). Yes, a glorious future lies ahead for the heavens and for planet Earth. May God help you to prepare for that awesome destiny. ■

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## Germany's Quiet Comeback!

Twice in the last century, Germany's attempts to dominate Europe by military means left the continent covered with blood-stained ruins! However, in the last several decades, Germany has once again—quietly and steadily—begun to take a dominant role in Europe: economically, politically and even militarily. Bible prophecies have long foretold the resurgence of Germany just before the return of Jesus Christ. We are watching these ancient prophecies *coming alive today!*

### A MULTI-FACETED RECONSTRUCTION!

Following the tremendous German-induced carnage of two world wars, visionary political leaders in Europe sought to end the bloody conflicts between neighboring countries by tying the nations of Europe together in an economic and political union. The European Economic Community of the 1950s and the European Union of the 1990s were largely French-inspired attempts to bind Germany to Europe, to prevent future wars on European soil. During those years, the reconstructed German economy became the “locomotive” driving European nations towards an “ever closer union.” Some viewed the EEC and EU as a French rider guiding a strong German horse!

However, the political landscape *changed dramatically* when the Berlin Wall (which divided East and West Germany) came down in November 1989. The “surprise union” of the two Germanies in October of 1990 brought together 80 million Germans in the heart of Europe, and Germany suddenly became the most populous nation in the EU. When the Germans moved their capital from Bonn to Berlin, one perceptive Irish leader commented that the “German horse has thrown its French rider and headed for Berlin”—which is now the EU's second largest city, after London, and well ahead of Madrid, Rome, Paris or Brussels. Another observer

commented that “it is more than clear that the Germans are holding the handlebars, and the French are pedaling” (*Der Spiegel*, December 20, 2010).

In recent years, Germany has developed the strongest economy in Europe and the fourth largest economy in the world. Germany is also the biggest contributor to the EU budget and the German city of Frankfurt provides a home for the European Central Bank. As a result of Germany's growing financial clout, the Federal Republic of Germany has been able to demand conditions for the agreements to bail out EU members (Greece, Ireland and potentially Spain, Portugal and Italy) in the ongoing financial crisis in Europe—and this has been *very disturbing* to other members of the EU (*Der Spiegel*, December 20, 2010).

Germany has also lobbied for more monitoring and central control over the national budgets of EU members. There has even been speculation that if EU members are unable to agree on how to resolve their ongoing financial crises, Germany may leave the monetary union (along with other more financially stable northern and central European countries) and possibly re-introduce the German mark in place of the euro (*Der Spiegel*, December 27, 2010). Germany would be the *obvious leader* of any new configuration of European nations.

### GERMAN MILITARY RESURGENCE

Even more interesting and ominous are Germany's activities in the military sphere! In 1987, Germany and France established a French-German military brigade through which their soldiers could work together in the defense of Europe. In December 2010, France saw the first deployment of German soldiers on French soil since World War II. The German soldiers, members of the French-German brigade, were deployed to Strasburg—





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an area that has been disputed between Germany and France for the last century (*Detroit Free Press*, December 10, 2010). Germany has also played a leading role in promoting common procurement policies for equipment by European militaries.

In 1995, German soldiers began serving outside of Germany as part of a NATO peace-keeping force in the Balkans—a force that Germany has *commanded* numerous times since then. In 2006, German troops saw action in Africa for the first time since World War II as part of a United Nations peace-keeping force deployed to the Congo. Also in 2006, German forces were deployed in the Middle East for the first time since World War II, when the German navy began patrolling the coastline of Lebanon, and German pilots commenced reconnaissance operations. In 2007, Germany sent troops and fighter planes into combat in Afghanistan as part of a NATO mission. Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg, Germany's defense minister, paid a well-publicized visit to Afghanistan in December 2010 to encourage more than 4,000 German troops stationed in that country (*The Local*, December 28, 2010). In 2008, German armed forces were dispatched to the Horn of Africa to help combat pirates in that unsettled region (*euobserver.com*, October 12, 2008). Today, 65 years after the end of World War II, more than 8,000 German troops serve in various parts of the world—a fact that is largely accepted by the German people and the world community.

Unbeknownst to many, the German Air Force has since 1958 been training its combat jet pilots in the United States at Holloman AFB near Alamogordo, New Mexico—due, in part, to excellent year-round flying weather in this sparsely settled region. These “top gun” German pilots have been trained in U.S.-manufactured F-4F Phantoms and European-manufactured Tornado jet fighters. Some of the U.S. Air Force's most advanced aircraft—the F-117 Nighthawk “stealth” fighter and the F-22 Raptor fighter—have also been based at Holloman AFB. Is it significant that, before World War II, German pilots were quietly trained in France and that German

tanks were tested in Russia? The details of Germany's present military comeback may appear to some as unrelated and unimportant bits of historical trivia, yet these typically German preparations will play into a bigger end-time picture.

## SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES

Dozens of Bible prophecies clearly indicate that just prior to Jesus Christ's return, Germany (identified in your Bible as “Assyria”) will once again play a prominent role on the world stage and have a major impact on modern Israel (not just the modern Jewish nation of Israel, but also the U.S. and the British-descended nations). Long ago, in prophecies that have a *dual application for today*, God warned the Israelites that if they disobeyed His laws and turned from His way of life, there would be *serious consequences*—

including military defeat and captivity in foreign lands (Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28). The prophet Isaiah foretold that God would use Assyria as the “rod of My anger... I

will send him against an ungodly nation, and against the people of My wrath” (Isaiah 10:5–11). The prophet Hosea warned that Israelite peoples would look to the Assyrian in a time of need (Hosea 7:11–12; 12:1), but that the Assyrian and his allies would turn on the Israelite people and carry them away into captivity (Hosea 2:5–13; 5:13; Jeremiah 30:4–14; *see especially* Ezekiel 23:5, 9, 22)—*because* the Israelite peoples have “forgotten” their Maker and treated “the great things” in God's law as “a strange thing” (Hosea 8:1–14). Hosea prophesied that as a result of the Israelites' rejecting God's instruction, “the Assyrian shall be his king, *because they refused to repent*” (Hosea 11:1–5). As we observe the quiet but steady comeback of Germany to a position of great prominence in Europe, we are witnessing these ancient prophecies *coming alive today!* To learn more about Germany's impact on future world events, read our July-August 2010 *Tomorrow's World* article “Growth of a Strongman: Germany Rising Again” or request our reprint article, “Resurgent Germany: A Fourth Reich?”

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# Easter or Passover: Which Is for Christians?

By Dexter B. Wakefield

This spring, billions of people will memorialize Jesus Christ's resurrection by observing the ancient rite of Easter. Although the festival's name and seasonal observance pre-date Christianity, and the Easter Sunday observance does not even correspond to the actual day of Christ's resurrection, most professing Christians assume that the non-Christian festival has now been "Christianized" into something of which Jesus Christ would approve. But is their assumption correct? Christians who study the Bible carefully, who look closely at the historical record, will come to a different conclusion. Rather than commemorate Christ's resurrection on an incorrect date, they will commemorate His sacrifice by observing the Christian Passover, in the way the early Church did—in the way He instructed—as we find in Scripture. Does this shock you? Read on!

## "CHRISTIANIZING" THE FESTIVALS OF ANCIENT SEX GODDESSES?

The origins of pre-Christian Easter festivals in pagan cultures are well known in history. In the ancient world, some of the greatest female deities were the various incarnations of the great fertility goddesses known as Ishtar (Babylonian), Astarte (Phoenician), Atargatis (Philistine), Ashtoreth (Hebrew), Eastre (Anglo-Saxon), Ostara (German) and Aphrodite (Greek).

These goddesses are regarded as essentially the same deity, due to the similarities of their mythologies, worship, names and festivals. These factors are what define a deity as its worship moves between cultures. The primary fertility festivals for these deities (and their associated male consorts) were in the spring—a time of renewal and birth.

In *The Myth of the Goddess*, Anne Baring and Jules Cashford write, "Now we read everywhere of goddesses and gods who take their being from one Primordial Goddess who is the origin of all things.... The goddess has many names and many different tales are told about her, but one story is *unvarying* throughout the Near East. The goddess becomes separated from the one she loves, who dies or seems to die, and falls into a darkness called 'the Underworld.' This separation is reflected in nature as a loss of light and fertility. The goddess descends to overcome the darkness so that her loved one may return to the light, and life may continue.

"Aphrodite is primarily a descendant of the Mesopotamian Goddess Inanna-Ishtar, who became Astarte in Phoenicia and was called Atargatis by the Philistines, and Ashtoreth by the Hebrews. Inanna's consort, Dumuzi, and Ishtar's Tammuz became, in the Greek tradition, Aphrodite's Adonis, the dying and resurrected son-lover of the goddess in a new form.

"The Greek goddess Aphrodite loses her lover, the beautiful Adonis.... Now the goddess no longer rescues him herself, but has to ask the god Zeus to allow him to return to life from spring to autumn, the



fertile season of the earth. Finally, Jesus, son of the Virgin Mother, Mary, dies.... Christ is 'rescued' by his Father in Heaven, but, like the others, his return coincides with the date of the earth's regeneration. Easter is celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox, so that Christ's resurrection, like those before him, also reflects the turning of winter into spring" (pp. 145–147).

Another well-known cultural anthropologist, Joseph Campbell, drew the conclusion that the "Christian" practice of Easter "occurs on the date of the annual resurrection of Adonis, which in the Christian cult became Easter. In both the pagan cult and the Christian, the resurrection is of a god" (*Occidental Mythology*, p. 138).

These authors are expressing a view commonly held among cultural anthropologists that there was a significant continuity in "Christianized" Gentile cultures with their pagan past. They had a tendency, over time, to superimpose Christian themes as a veneer over their existing pagan practices, which were already deeply ingrained in their societies and psyches. They are saying that in history, the incorporation of Easter as memorial to Christ's resurrection is an adaptation of an earlier *pagan* resurrection festival. **The practice did not originate in Christianity.**

While it is true that most professing Christians observe Easter, reasoning that it commemorates Christ's resurrection, **the Bible actually commands Christians to observe a memorial to His sacrificial death!** When Christ instructed His followers to keep the Passover with a fulfilled, Christian meaning, it became a memorial to *His sacrifice* as the Lamb of God—not to His *resurrection*. Christ avoided confusing the meaning of

His unique sacrifice with the well-known pagan "resurrection" rites of His time and before.

In fact, God's Holy Days do include a date to commemorate the resurrection of faithful Christians at the return of Jesus Christ (1



Corinthians 15:12–20, 50–52). That Holy Day is known as the Feast of Trumpets, which occurs in the autumn (Leviticus 23:24), not in the spring. As we shall see shortly, the practice and the meaning of the Christian Passover are explicitly taught in the Bible and were taught by the first-century Church.

Yet, as Christianity spread into Gentile areas, with passing generations, some churches tended to gravitate back toward prior pagan cultural practices of their own societies, and away from religious practices that held associations with Judaism.

As a result, the proper observance of Pasch, or Passover, was changed both in its time and meaning. Historians in main stream Christianity acknowledge the transformation. The *New Catholic Encyclopedia* explains, "Not only was the significance of the Jewish feast changed by the Christians, but

also the date. The Jewish method of fixing the date, the 14th of Nisan, did not confine it to any one [Roman calendar] day; at a very early time [Roman] Christians assigned their Pasch to the Sunday following the Jewish feast" (1967, vol. 5, p. 7). Pasch is Latin for Passover. But upon the change of *date and meaning*, this celebration is more appropriately identified by the English word *Easter*.

"The Asiatic practice in the 2d century of observing Easter [Pasch] on the day of the Jewish Passover conflicted with the *Roman* custom of celebrating Easter on Sunday, the day of the Resurrection.... Originally both observances were allowed, but gradually it was felt incongruous that Christians should celebrate Easter on a Jewish feast, and unity in celebrating the principal Christian feast was called for" (p. 8).

"Quartodecimanism [meaning the practice of observing Passover on Nisan 14 of the Hebrew calendar], prevalent in Asia Minor and Syria in the 2d century, emphasized *the death of Christ*, the true Paschal victim (John 18:28; 19:42), while *Roman practice* emphasized the observance of Sunday as the day of the *Resurrection*.... As Christianity separated from Judaism, **Gentile Christians objected to observing the principal Christian feast on the same day as the Jewish Passover**" (vol. 12, p. 13).

### **CHRISTIANIZED VENEER OR SOLID SCRIPTURAL PRACTICE?**

It is clear that Easter is a "Christianized" pagan festival. And in Scripture, God strongly condemns attempts to worship Him with practices taken from the worship of false gods. Notice how He instructed Israel:

"When the LORD your God cuts off from before you the nations

which you go to dispossess, and you displace them and dwell in their land, take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.' You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way; for every abomination to the LORD which He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods. Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; **you shall not add to it nor take away from it**" (Deuteronomy 12:29–32).

God clearly tells us to avoid recycling pagan religious customs for His worship. We are to worship God as *He* instructs, not as we might reason on our own. Keeping Easter certainly *adds* to what God instructed, and rejecting the Christian Passover certainly *takes away* from what we are told to do as Christians.

Christ said, "This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And *in vain* they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men" (Mark 7:6–8).

### THE GOSPELS SHOW WHAT TO DO

Some people may be surprised to learn that the New Testament gospels have a lot to say about the actual practice that Jesus and His disciples followed the night before Jesus' death: "And He sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and prepare the *Passover* for us, that we may eat'... And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is My body which is given for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.**' Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new

covenant in My blood, which is shed for you" (Luke 22:8, 13–20). He also washed the disciples' feet and instructed them to do the same for each other (John 13:1–15).

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Christ said that they were eating the Passover and that they should "do this in remembrance of Me." He commanded them to keep that night as a **memorial to Him**, and He showed them the manner in which to keep it, using unleavened bread as a symbol of His body and wine as a symbol of His blood.

### WHEN TO OBSERVE THE PASSOVER?

Now notice on what day of the Hebrew calendar these events took place. It is important to note that, by biblical reckoning, a day begins at sunset and ends with sunset the next day.

The First Day of Unleavened Bread, an annual Holy Day, falls on Nisan 15 of the Hebrew calendar and begins at the evening ending Nisan 14 (Leviticus 23:5–6). In the time of Christ, the Jews killed the Passover lamb the afternoon of Nisan 14 at about the hour Christ, the Lamb of God, died at the hands of the Romans. Christ's last supper took place at the *beginning* of Nisan 14, on the evening *before* the crucifixion. That night He was betrayed by Judas, denied by Peter and beaten before the high priest (Matthew 26:30–75; John 18:1–27).

The following morning—still Nisan 14—He was tried by Pilate, condemned, scourged and crucified (Matthew 27; John 18:28–40). Notice in John 19:31 that Christ had to be buried before evening "because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should

not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day)." These scriptures show conclusively that the Passover memorial that Christ ordained was on the evening that *began*

Nisan 14. This was the evening before the Jewish Passover celebration, which was held in the evening beginning the Holy Day of Nisan 15.

### THE MEANING OF THE SYMBOLS

We now have seen *what* Christ instructed His followers to observe as a memorial to Him, and *when* they were to keep it. But *why* did He say to do this? The Apostle John, in his gospel, preserved Jesus' explanation of the *reason* for the Passover bread and wine: "I am the bread of life.... I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world... Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:48, 51–54).

### CHRIST IS OUR PASSOVER

The events of the Exodus pictured what would be fulfilled later in Jesus Christ. **Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, is our Passover sacrifice.** As the Apostle Paul reminded the Corinthians, "For indeed Christ, our *Passover*, was sacrificed for us" (1 Corinthians 5:7).

Remorse and repentance are not the same thing. True repentance changes what we are going to do—it **changes our future.** But all the repentance in



the world **cannot change what we did**. Only one thing can remove the guilt of our past sins—the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ.

“For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life” (Romans 5:10). Christ was resurrected on Saturday evening, after exactly “three days and three nights” in the tomb (Matthew 12:40). We have a living, resurrected Savior, and our hope for eternal life is by resurrection through faith in Him. *Jesus Christ’s resurrection is of great importance to Christians, but we were not given a spring festival to commemorate it.*

### THE APOSTLE PAUL’S TEACHING

What did the first-century Church teach and practice? Here is what Paul told the Christians at Corinth: “For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus **on the same night in which He was betrayed** [the evening of the beginning of Nisan 14] took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.**’ In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in **remembrance of Me.**’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes” (1 Corinthians 11:23–26).

This is Paul’s explicit instruction for the Church to keep the Passover as a memorial—at the very same time, in the same manner and with the same meaning that Christ taught His disciples.

While it is clear that this was the teaching and practice of Paul and the Corinthian Christians, it is also interesting to note that, historically, this doctrine continued into the

second, third and fourth centuries AD in the churches in Asia Minor, which were raised up by Paul and guided by the Apostle John in his old age. The Roman church, which advocated the observance of Easter, labeled those who continued the practice of observing a Christian Passover on Nisan 14 as *Quartodecimans*—from the Latin for “four and ten.” The eastern or Asiatic churches, however, insisted on continuing in the faith delivered to them by the apostles.

Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna—a disciple of the Apostle John—debated the issue with Pope Anicetus (ca. 155AD) and asserted that he had been personally taught the proper observance by the Apostle John.

Later, “an attempt by Pope Victor I (189–198AD) to impose Roman usage [Easter] proved unsuccessful in the face of a determined opposition led by Polycrates, Bishop of Ephesus [a church founded by the Apostle Paul].... All accepted the Roman practice except the Asiatic bishops. When Victor attempted coercion by excommunication, St. Iranaeus of Lyons intervened to restore peace (Eusebius, *History Ecclesiastical*, 5. 23–25). During the 3rd century Quartodecimanism waned; it persisted in some Asiatic

communities down to the 5th century” (*New Catholic Encyclopedia*, 1967, vol. 5, p. 8; vol. 12, p. 13).

The fact that this practice dropped out of sight is not surprising. The Christians who continued their Quartodecimanism were excommunicated and made anathema in the fourth century by the increasingly powerful Roman church, and as a result many suffered terrible persecution—even death. It is clear that the Asiatic churches considered it extremely important to keep the Passover on Nisan 14!

**Actually, this practice of observing the Christian Passover did not die out, but continues today as a faithful observance by true Christians every spring, in the evening at the beginning of Nisan 14.**

The Bible teaches that it is important for us to worship God as He commands—and to commemorate Christ as He taught us to do. We should not borrow religious practices from pagan cultures! This spring, billions of people will keep Easter. But a few true Christians, who faithfully follow Jesus’ instructions and the examples of the Apostles Paul and John, will joyfully continue the observance of the Christian Passover. Which will you choose? ■

## THE HOLY DAYS: GOD’S MASTER PLAN



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# TOMORROW'S

## Can You Stand Alone?

One night while I was in college, I went to the movies with a group of friends. We had no particular movie in mind, so we made our choice based entirely on our fondness for the actors. But when a highly offensive scene took place on the screen, we realized that we had made a mistake. I remember feeling stunned, and I was not even sure of what I had just seen.

However, I will never forget that one of the guys in our group immediately stood up to leave the theater. I had never before witnessed anyone walk out on a movie before it ended, so I was shocked to see his bold reaction. But my friend's strong response was correct, and not only did he do the right thing by objecting; his example influenced the rest of us to decide to leave, too.

It is rare to find someone with clear convictions—someone who is willing to stand alone to do what is right, regardless of what others do. But, sometimes, that is **exactly** what is necessary when a situation calls for it. Perhaps you have been in uncomfortable circumstances similar to what my friends and I experienced in that theater, where you felt that you **should** do something, but you were afraid to be the first to act. No doubt others were having similar thoughts, but were waiting for someone else to act first.

Maybe you, too, have looked back at a circumstance where you “went along with the crowd” and regretted not having taken a stand. Maybe you have asked yourself, “How can an impressionable young person, sensitive to friends’ opinions, grow up to be a person who is willing to stand alone?”

### PRESSURE TO CONFORM

For most human beings, the desire to be accepted by one’s peers is very strong. This can be especially true for

young people, since social environments such as family and school are where we first learn how to “fit in” with the people around us. Much of our self-image is shaped by our early formative experiences, so our perception of social success or failure during those years is a vital factor in developing our self-esteem. It can be painful and lonely to be cast as an “outsider”—or to be thought of as “different” or “weird.” As a result, many people—particularly young people—tend to conform to others’ expectations in order to be accepted.

Although the term “peer pressure” has become so common that we may think of it as trite, those words form a good description of what many young people face every day. To get along with peers, they are *pressured* to put aside their own values, priorities, likes and dislikes, in order to conform to the group and thus win acceptance.

It can be difficult to go against the group. And, sometimes—depending on the nature of the pressure—it can be **unwise** to go against the group. If your peers are prodding you toward studying harder, remaining chaste, loving and respecting the people around you, and generally improving your life and your community—if they are the kind of people, like my college friend, who inspire you to reject offensive behavior whether in “entertainment” or in real life—then that is a **good** pressure that can help you grow and flourish.

Sadly, though, for most who face peer pressure, that is not the reality. Most peer pressure bombards its victims with messages telling them that they are inadequate and their life is incomplete, unless they go along with the crowd—even though the crowd does not often have the individual’s best interest at heart. To resist these strong



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messages is not easy. To reject them puts a young person at risk of losing acceptance by his or her friends. Yet, at times, it becomes necessary to “stand alone” if one is to maintain one’s values and grow toward maturity.

### A BIBLICAL EXAMPLE

The Bible gives an excellent example of a young person who had the courage to stand alone in the face of pressure. Likely a teenager at the beginning of the book that bears his name, Daniel was taken from his homeland of Judah to the ancient city of Babylon during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 1:1–6). Daniel and his friends were expected to eat food and drink wine provided by the king as part of their training to serve within the palace. Although the Bible does not specify what was wrong with this food, Daniel knew eating it would cause him to be defiled (v. 8).

Daniel had to choose. Would he eat the food and become defiled? Or would he uphold his commitment to God and refuse to eat the defiling food? In one sense, it would have been far easier for him to eat the king’s food. Refusal was no small matter. Even the chief of the king’s eunuchs feared for his life if something went wrong, so Daniel could only imagine how much worse it would have been for a slave to offend the king (v. 10). Eating the food would have preserved Daniel’s physical well-being, and he might have rationalized that “God would understand” that he had no other practical choice, as a captive in a foreign land.

However, courageous Daniel did not see it that way. He was willing to do what was right, regardless of the risk. What made the difference for Daniel?

One primary difference was the strength of his conviction. We read that “Daniel *purposed* in his heart that he would not defile himself” (v. 8). In other words, Daniel **made up his mind** to do what he did. As simple as that sounds, the act of making a firm personal decision is an essential element of doing the right thing. Having made a firm personal decision, you are no longer so vulnerable to the emotional appeal of going along with others. Once Daniel knew in his heart that there was no room for compromise, he could stand alone even in this difficult—potentially life-threatening—situation.

Another important difference was that Daniel’s personal decision was founded on the rock-solid foundation of God’s word. Daniel knew that God’s word is truth (John 17:17). Truth, by definition, is *always* truth! It was as true when it was written as it is now, and will be true in any circumstance at any time. Daniel knew what he had to do, because God had defined what defiles a person. Daniel did not rely on his own opinion, or anyone else’s, to shape his ideas; they were based on the right foundation.

### ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE

In every young person’s life, there will be times when it becomes necessary to “stand alone” and resist the pressure of the crowd. This is not always easy to do. However, the Bible says that “those who have their powers of discernment trained by **constant practice** to distinguish good from evil” are able to handle such dilemmas (Hebrews 5:14, *English Standard Version*). Daniel’s strength of conviction was based on the solid foundation of God’s word, and yours can be, too. By putting God’s word into practice in your life now, you can develop the personal strength of conviction that will allow you to accept the challenge when it is time to stand alone.

—Phil Sena





# GIRLS ARE GIRLS NO MORE

Rearing a teenage girl in today's world can be like navigating a minefield—blindfolded! This point was well illustrated by two recent articles in Canada's popular *Maclean's* magazine, dealing with the challenges facing our youth—and by one middle school softball game.

In a *Maclean's* cover article titled "Outraged Moms, Trashy Daughters," we read that girls today are reared "in a hyper-sexualized culture replete with Bratz dolls, porn-inspired American Apparel ads, and the message telegraphed by Kim Kardashian and her tabloid-cover cohorts that a leaked sex tape is the quickest route to female success.... Snooki, the 22-year-old star of the reality show *Jersey Shore*, whose ambitions consist of getting drunk, vomiting on camera, and spending days in a tanning salon, is the star of the hour" (August 16, 2010).

This very sad phenomenon became woefully apparent at my daughter's middle school softball game. Her teammates were athletic, academically successful, well-behaved young ladies. Most came from affluent families. These girls were what the world would consider model students. However, during a weather-related game delay, something bizarre and disturbing happened.

To entertain the restless crowd, the operator of the public address system began pumping out sexually suggestive music—with lyrics that were explicit and inappropriate even for adults. As I began to look for someone who might be able to correct this significant error in judgment, I saw that many of the young ladies in the dugouts—clearly familiar with the tunes—had jumped up and begun dancing together to the music, using well-choreographed and suggestive rhythmic gyrations that seemed more appropriate for a brothel than a middle school softball game.

Even more astonishing was that no other parents seemed concerned. Rather, some even joined in the insanity of the moment, signaling approval and affirmation of their darling little girls' sexually provocative behavior.

Is this the behavior we want to teach our children? Is this the way of life we want our young girls to learn? Have we considered where this will lead? Will the result be good? **Of course not!** (Leviticus 19:29; Revelation 21:8).

Finally, I found the man responsible for playing the music—one of the school's coaches. When I explained my concern to him, I was shocked to hear his reasoning for such madness. Dismissing the idea that the music was inappropriate, he suggested that different people simply have different ideas about what is appropriate. He also observed that this was the kind of music children listen to, and that parents should realize that they cannot control what their children watch or hear.

Was he right? **Of course not!** Parents should take note of what their children are watching and hearing—and must teach them what is right and wrong. We must avoid exposing them to inappropriate content, and we must teach them to make their own wise decisions to avoid what is inappropriate. We must set the standards by which our children will live, and not blindly accept the ridiculous idea that we are not responsible for our own children.

Another *Maclean's* article offers a family physician's expert advice as to how parents can overcome the media and peer influence that threatens to steal the innocence and corrupt the minds of our precious children: "Parents have this 1980s mindset that you should give your child autonomy and independence, let your children make their own mistakes. One father said to me, 'I don't think it's any of my business what my daughter's doing on her Facebook page.' That '80s mindset is wildly inappropriate in the 21st century. Parents need to understand it's a dangerous world these teenagers have created.... 15-year-olds are not adults, they're not competent to police themselves, and that's why they need adults to be engaged in their world" ("Inside the Dangerously Empty Lives of Teenage Girls," May 10, 2010).

As parents, we need to take seriously the God-given responsibility to train up our children (Proverbs 22:6). We can do this successfully by following the instructions our heavenly Parent has given us. If you want to navigate with certainty and confidence through the virtual minefield of parenthood in today's world, please order our free booklet *Successful Parenting: God's Way*—and remove the blindfold before it is too late for your family!

—James Ginn





## A Man Without Vengeance?

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hatred and animosity. Jesus said that His most faithful followers will be different. They will be called spiritual “Philadelphians” (Revelation 3:7–13), for their kindness to their neighbors and their passionate zeal for the Truth. They will be known for their love for one another (John 13:35)—and even for loving their enemies (Matthew 5:44).

These true Christians will be following the example of Jesus Christ. Even under extreme duress, He refused to hate His enemies. He was scourged and beaten while His executioners taunted Him mercilessly. And yet, He is recorded as saying, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do” (Luke 23:34). **Jesus Christ was the Man without vengeance.** His example inspired others: the martyr Stephen said almost the exact same words as he was being killed: “Lord, do not charge them with this sin” (Acts 7:60).

When true Christians observe the New Testament Passover (see “Easter or Passover: Which Is for Christians?” on page 22 of this issue), they learn the attitude of true humility toward one another, as Christ taught by example (John 15:15). They learn to be forgiving of others, not lashing out at them (Luke 6:37). They become people of strong personal character, “wise as serpents and harmless as doves” (Matthew 10:16). **These** are the kinds of people God is looking for today, to prepare for His Kingdom. The question is: What does He see in your conduct, and in mine?

### WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE

Jesus Christ presented an important parable about reconciliation. A man had two sons, one

obedient and one disobedient. The disobedient son squandered his whole inheritance on “wine, women and song,” but one day repented and returned to his father in profound humility.

His father was overjoyed! Though he did not condone his son’s sins or lifestyle, he was grateful that his son had found his way to repentance. Seeing his son a long way off, he ran to meet him, hugged him, and tearfully welcomed him back. Later, when the older son vengefully wanted his brother to be



rejected for his past misdeeds, his father said “No.” Instead, he told his angry son, “It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found” (Luke 15:31–32).

Are we not grateful that God forgives us when we wholeheartedly repent and turn to Him? As recipients of His mercy, if we are becoming like Christ, how can we not be willing to extend our mercy to others—husbands or wives, parents or children, friends or co-workers—even if they have said or done hurtful things to us (Philippians 2:5)? True Christians are to do everything in their power to be “first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy” (James 3:17). Even under stress, Christians must not seek vengeance (Romans 12:19). Vengeance belongs to God, who always judges with ultimate fairness and equity.

During Lincoln’s administration, one of the President’s many unpleasant duties was to deal with military dismissals. In one such case, the military sought to discharge a young officer for “quarrelling with other officers.” Instead of approving his discharge, President Lincoln sent the young man back to his unit with a letter of fatherly advice: “You have too much of life before you, and have shown too much promise as an officer, for your future to be lightly surrendered... **Quarrel not at all... No man resolved to make the most of himself, can spare time for personal contention**” (White, p. 653). The young officer, James Madison Cutts, went on to become the only soldier in U.S. history to win the Medal of Honor three times.

True Christians are exhorted to follow the same advice. Do not quarrel. Forgive and forget. Do not seek vengeance. Why? Because we are to become like God, and our Father is always “ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abundant in kindness” (Nehemiah 9:17).

One hundred fifty years after the Civil War began, the U.S. is just one of many nations facing unprecedented dangers and challenges. Now is the time for faithful Christians to resist the distraction of conflicts that squander our time and weaken our spirit. Jesus Christ warned, “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly... Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:34–36).

Even in tough times—*especially* in tough times—we must be men, and women, without vengeance! ■

## True Education: Where To Find It?

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world through application of the scientific method, and on preparing them to live and work in the pluralism of a global society. These institutions infuse young men and women with in-depth secular understanding, goals and ideals. Yet the foundation of knowledge, the Word of God, is left out. Students may learn how to earn a living and to navigate the political realities of the world, but do not learn how to live in a godly sense.

We should not be surprised that in our world today fewer and fewer seem willing to commit to living the way of life of authentic, original Christianity. I hope you are an exception. Through this magazine and the *Tomorrow's World* telecast, we encourage millions to experience the exciting way of life of the Bible. Of course, living by God's word means we have to accurately know what that way entails and develop a heartfelt commitment to do so. A first step is getting the right education irrespective of our age, gender, or economic or social status.

I have learned that true education, as Scripture presents it, goes far beyond knowledge production. It must teach the spiritual values without which all the other pursuits will lead to ruin! True education must be based on the Truth of God. Only a person with willingness to learn from the Great Teacher, and follow His example, will build a proper foundation to receive true knowledge.

In the four years since I established Living University with the help of a handful of former Ambassador University faculty members, hundreds of students have completed on-line theology courses that have greatly enriched their lives. Last semester, more than 200 adult learners were enrolled. One never knows how students will be brought to Living University. I would like to share with you the story of one. In her own words:

"Much to my surprise, one day last summer, I found a booklet entitled *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy* on my own bookshelf in my own basement. I had gone to retrieve a book on the glycemic index, thinking I knew exactly where the book was. However, in that book's place, was the booklet mentioned above written by Herbert W. Armstrong. The contents of this booklet amazed me. As soon as I had finished reading

it, I was on the Internet looking for this Mr. Armstrong. Consequently I found myself, not only on the Living Church of God's Web site, but enrolling in course THL 135..."

**True education**—the recapturing of true and permanent values—is the underlying focus at Living University. At Living University, in all we do, we challenge each other to fulfill our mission, to "Recapture True Values." Living University brings insight and depth to the study of God's word and enables the development of the whole person for Christian leadership and service. Its students are taught to apply biblical values to every facet of life—including art, literature, health, science, music and human relations. This opportunity affords personal and spiritual development.

Of course the university has to have support to function. The Living Church of God provides a basic grant each year to fund its operations. But to function effectively, it needs the support of those willing to contribute, whether by prayers or by donations or by enrolling in courses. If you would like to learn more about the opportunities Living University provides, and how you can be a part of this important endeavor as a student or supporter, please visit the university's Web site: [www.livinguniv.com](http://www.livinguniv.com).

**The gift of true education** at Living University—one of the most valuable endeavors of our time—helps to prepare individuals for potential roles of future leadership in God's Work in these end days. Living University, by training Christian leaders all around the world, seeks to bring instruction in God's Way beyond geographical boundaries to all peoples. As its motto states: "All the World Is Our Campus."

Are you interested in developing your *leadership* potential? Are you interested in *really* preparing for *your part* in Christ's coming Kingdom—the soon-coming Government of God that will rule over this entire world upon Christ's coming? Then *take action!* Become involved with Living University through your earnest prayers, and consider becoming fully involved by signing up for Living University classes that provide a genuine preview of *true* education in Tomorrow's World!



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