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## The Great **UNRAVELING**

There is a way of escape!



## Are We Ready for God's Intervention?

**D**aily, we read and see pictures of growing millions of distraught human beings fleeing their homelands in a desperate attempt to reach a place of safety. These people are increasingly arriving in Europe from Africa, the Middle East and other regions. Why? Because their human governments are failing. Because their own people are “desperate” to find a place where they and their children can have a reasonably sound feeling of physical safety and procure the basics of life, such as food, water and proper sanitation.

Yet, throughout the Middle East, Africa and many nations in Asia, South America and elsewhere, their governments are failing. Millions are literally starving right now in Venezuela. There are financial upsets and governments nearing bankruptcy in Brazil, Argentina and elsewhere throughout Latin America. Think of the hundreds of people being murdered, raped and tortured by the drug cartels in Mexico. Again, *why*?

When we read the inspired account in Genesis 6 of why God Almighty “destroyed” all flesh except the family of Noah, it becomes obvious that this present generation is coming very close to having reached the same degree of human degradation as Noah’s period. For in that day: “The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence” (Genesis 6:11).

Dear readers, when we read the constant reports in the news about how corrupt governments all over the earth are oppressing and impoverishing their peoples, it is obvious that Almighty God will soon intervene! For God tells us in His Word: “For I am the LORD, I do not change” (Malachi 3:6). The unchanging Jesus Christ is coming soon (Revelation 11:15). That is in fact the only hope for this corrupt generation!

### Doing the Work!

We in this Work have the wonderful opportunity right now to reach out to this world in growing power and proclaim the reality of the true God, the reality of Christ’s Second Coming and the real meaning of life which so very few on earth truly understand. We in this Work are driving ourselves to proclaim God’s Truth to this deceived and confused world. This Work

of the living Jesus Christ is constantly growing in power and impact. I hope all of you regular readers are praying for the continued growth of this Work! We are grateful for the increase in our *Tomorrow’s World* magazine subscriptions, which reached a new record of 539,000 unique individual subscribers receiving our March-April 2016 print edition. When you keep in mind that many copies are read by two or three



people, this means that perhaps more than a million of our fellow human beings are being reached by each issue of this magazine!

Yet we want to be good stewards of the resources God provides. So, you will see that this issue’s circulation number has gone down a bit. As many of you know, we ask those who have not been in touch with us for quite a while to “renew” their subscriptions. We are also finding ways to spread this message as cost-effectively as possible, and in ways to reach new audiences. Many of our readers, especially the younger ones, are “digital natives” who do most of their reading on the Internet—on their computers, or even on their smartphones. So, we are reaching out to those readers with a wonderful new “digital flipbook” version of this magazine. You can add it to your print subscription by going online to [TomorrowsWorld.org/digital](http://TomorrowsWorld.org/digital). You can even switch over to digital-only if you like.

Dear readers, let us remember that Jesus Christ commanded His servants: “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). This Work is fulfilling that command far more pow-

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erfully than any other similar work on earth today! We are grateful that we can be used by God as His servants to carry out His commission. And most of all, we are grateful to Almighty God that we have this opportunity, that He is giving us the strength and is opening the “doors” (Revelation 3:8) to go through and reach the whole world with the end-time message of Christ and warn the peoples of this world in a way most of them have never heard before. Thank God! We really do need to look forward with absolute faith and joy to Christ’s Second Coming, when He will “finish the Work” He has begun in this age today.

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ed society will soon come to an end when Christ returns as King of kings! Before that, however, God will have to absolutely shake this world so all nations will finally be willing to “listen” to His true servants and humble themselves to learn from His servants in Tomorrow’s World. And we also need to prepare ourselves. Read my article, “Are You Will-

ing To Change?” on page 5 of this magazine to learn what each of us *must* do!

The world often seems to be “coming apart” right in front of us, as Mr. Rod McNair explains in his article beginning on page 18 of this issue, “The Great Unraveling.” Yes, things are growing worse, and will grow still worse before the very end. Referring to the very end of this age, Jesus said: “There will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near” (Luke 21:25–28).

When all of us see these signs of the awesome power of the great God, as Christ returns in magnificent glory to rule this world, we can truly “lift up our heads” and be thankful and grateful that we have been willing to be the true servants of God at the end of this age! We can thank God for ever and ever that we have been inspired to give of our physical resources to help



“feed” God’s flock and with increasing power reach the more than seven billion of our fellow human beings

alive today as true servants of the living God! Finally, planet Earth will be a true paradise, unlike the countless human utopias that have been hoped-for but have failed, as Mr. Richard Ames notes in his article, “Global Utopia: An Impossible Dream?” on page 10 of this issue.

### **The Message MUST Go Out!**

We need to move forward ever more powerfully to proclaim this vital message, as the “darkness” is swiftly closing in on this world. And soon, when these things occur, we can be eternally grateful and filled with joy as we see our Savior and our elder Brother returning to give us the gift of eternal life.

This is our hope. And it is a **very real** hope! As our long-time readers of *Tomorrow’s World* know, the events immediately preceding Christ’s return are now well under way! So we can rejoice in Christ’s promise: “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book” (Revelation 22:7). And again: “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work” (Revelation 22:12). Let us be sure that our “work” will afford us a wonderful reward when Christ comes back to rule over His Kingdom forever! Finally, Jesus promises: “Surely I am coming quickly” (Revelation 22:20).

Let us go “all out” in preparing for this magnificent event so we may “be there” when Christ returns as King of kings, and receive a wonderful reward for what we have done in His service at the end of this age!

*Roderick C. Meredith*

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“As many as I love,  
I rebuke and chasten.  
Therefore be zealous  
and repent.”

—Revelation 3:19

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# Are You Willing To Change?

Your very life during the next few years  
depends upon your willingness to change.  
Your eternity depends on what you do with revealed truth!

By **Roderick C. Meredith**

**I**n the last few years, millions of viewers have watched the *Tomorrow's World* telecast, read the *Tomorrow's World* magazine or visited the *TomorrowsWorld.org* Web site. With each passing month, thousands upon thousands more are encountering this message for the very first time. They are reading the strong, plain-spoken Bible articles appearing in the *Tomorrow's World* magazine, and have studied our booklets and articles, showing the truth about the existence of their divine heavenly Father—the Creator—who gives them every breath they draw.

They have seen the utter ludicrousness of the evolutionary fantasy and other false teachings.

They listen, they read and they talk. Perhaps they talk to family members, or friends, or people at the office. Perhaps they talk to people at church, or at school.

Already, these millions listen, and they read, and they talk.

Yes, they listen, and they read, and they talk—but what will they **do**?

What will **you** do?

God says: "So they come to you as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their

own gain. Indeed you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them. And when this comes to pass—surely it will come—then they will know that a prophet has been among them" (Ezekiel 33:31–33).

What is it going to take for you to know, personally, that true servants of almighty God are speaking to you over the *Tomorrow's World* telecast?

What is it going to take for you to **heed** and **act on** the knowledge you are receiving through the *Tomorrow's World* telecast, magazine and Web site?

How much will prophesied supernatural punishment have to affect you, personally, before you are willing to **change** your ways and obey God?

For that is the key—*your willingness to change*.

Many thoughtful people are intellectually convicted by what they hear over the *Tomorrow's World* telecast and read in the pages of the *Tomorrow's World* magazine—and they know it is right. But they resist and resent having to change their way of life!

Yet, in this age above all others, your willingness to **change**—and to accept and obey the truth God is revealing through His servants in these end times is the key to your very survival—now and forever.

Before much longer you will be able to see that this is not just a sentimental idea—it is a fact. Read our powerful articles in this issue, and if God is opening

your eyes to understand, be ready to act! The world around us is in crisis as never before, as Mr. Rod McNair explains in “The Great Unraveling” on page 18 of this issue. And be sure to read Mr. Richard Ames’ “Global Utopia: An Impossible Dream?” on page 10 to understand just what is ahead for true Christians. But you must **act** to be one of those *true Christians!*

**Your Attitude Is the Key**

Down through the ages, every true servant of God has preached a message of change. This is simply because people have always tended to go the way of human nature—the way of vanity, selfishness, lust, hate and war.

Almost as if with one voice, those faithful men of God have cried out about the national crimes and sins of their peoples—not only in righteous indignation or wrath, but out of deep, personal concern.

Ezekiel cried, “Why should you die, O house of Israel?” (Ezekiel 18:31). Jeremiah lamented, “For He [God] does not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men” (Lamentations 3:33).

Great patriots all, they saw, with keen insight, the sickening excesses and sins of their people. They saw, through God’s special revelation, the prophesied punishments those people were bringing on themselves. They urged their people, whom they loved and want-

Preparing for Christ’s first coming, John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, “*Repent*, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” (Matthew 3:1–2). Soon after, Jesus began His own ministry, preaching the gospel of the coming government (or rule) of God. He proclaimed: “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:14–15).

Again and again, Jesus warned the people that the only way they could be saved was to repent of the ways,



habits and customs of the people around them and begin obeying God. He warned, “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3, 5).

As the New Testament Church began, the inspired Peter set forth the way to salvation: “**Repent**, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38).

And again, “*Repent* therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19).

The very word *convert* is a chemical term meaning “to change.”

To be spiritually converted, a person must be genuinely, actively sorry and repentant for his past disobedience to the true God, and then he must change his way of life to conform to God’s will.

Surely you have noticed that the articles in the *Tomorrow’s World* magazine constantly show you how many of the habits, customs and beliefs of this world are contrary to the commands of God? What are the days you should keep holy? What is the reward and true goal of the Christian? What should we do about the constant exhortations to obey the commandments of God—all of them? What should we do with the instructions about how to live by every word of God?

Are you really *doing something* about this precious knowledge God is giving you?

Following is a letter—typical of many—from a man who knows he should change. Notice: “I greatly ap-

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ed with all their hearts to serve, to repent of their sins—to change.

They answered the cry of people who had myriad problems—people who said, “He’s only bad-mouthing the nation, and he never offers any solutions!”

They did offer solutions—vast, far-reaching solutions to world problems, and to the problems of individuals, by giving God’s own answer.

The answer is to *repent*—to be willing to change. For to repent not only means to be sorry—it means to be so sorry you are willing to quit doing that which is wrong and to turn around and go the other way.

*True repentance involves a **real change**.*



preciate the literature you have sent me for the past two years. I have learned a lot of things and perhaps I have come close to giving my whole self to God. It's too bad that I fell short. Since I am going to Oklahoma State University this fall, I think that your material that you have been sending me would go to waste. I can plainly see that the materialistic pull and social influence—especially my roommates'—would cause me to put it aside. As you may probably see, I am not too worried about God's wrath. I put the matter aside and think, God will pull me through sooner or later.

“At least I know where to run when the times get bad. That is almost like getting something for nothing isn't it? I have no excuse. I have seen the truth and ignored it. I'm not disenchanted and looking for an answer to man's ills. I have found the answer through your work. I'm not confused. I'm just sinful. It's a pity that your literature had to be wasted. I am just a typical human.”

### Too “Weak” To Change?

Do you, too, resist having to change? Does it seem too difficult to you to change from your way of life to God's way of life?

You need to realize that this is a wrong part of human nature that in itself needs to be repented of! God says, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9).

God is here describing the kind of nature you have! You probably do not like to change. You probably do not like the idea of admitting that your religion or your way of life may have been wrong.

Notice this striking description of the human mind in Professor James Harvey Robinson's enlightening book, *The Mind in the Making*:

“We are incredibly heedless in the formation of our beliefs, but find ourselves with an illicit passion for them when anyone proposes to rob us of their companionship. It is obviously not the ideas that threaten themselves that are dear to us, but our self-esteem which is threatened... The little word *my* is the most important one in human affairs, and properly to reckon with it is just the beginning of wisdom. It has the same force whether it is *my* dinner, *my* dog, *my* house or *my* faith, *my* country and *my* God. We not only resent the imputation that our watch is wrong, or our car shabby, but that our conception of the canals of Mars, or the pronunciation of ‘Epicetus,’ or the medicinal value of salicine, or of the date of Sargon I, are subject to revision...”

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## Towering Arrogance?



**Forty years ago, on June 26, 1976**, the CN Tower in Toronto was opened to the public. For 31 years it held the title of the world's tallest free-standing structure in the *Guinness Book of World Records*, until September 2007 when Dubai's Burj Khalifa surpassed its height of 553.33 meters (1,815.4 feet).

For more than three decades the CN Tower stood as a record-holder, an iconic structure that came to represent not only Toronto but also to a great extent the nation of Canada. Along with the more practical benefits for building the tower, such as improving communications and television signals, the structure was built to put Toronto "on the map." For 57 million Canadian dollars, CN Railways (Canadian National Railways) intended it to be a landmark demonstrating a great achievement for Canadian industry and setting the city apart from its neighbouring cities across the border.

Recognisable around the world, it is seen as one of the great engineering achievements of Western society and was declared one of the modern Seven Wonders of the World (*CNTower.ca*). Constructed primarily from 40,500 cubic meters of poured concrete, which had to be poured continuously for almost a year by a team of 1,537 construction workers, it also contains 998 kilometers (or 620 miles) of post-tensioned steel and 4,535 metric tons (5,000 tons) of reinforcing steel.

In the same year the tower was superseded by the Burj, engineers installed an LED lighting system running up its full length, including its antennae. Each night, as the sun sets, the tower lights up paying tribute to Canada's colours. Throughout the year, its lighting changes to recognise "citywide events, charitable events and

causes, seasons and special holidays and a special program to honour repatriated Canadian soldiers" (*ibid.*).

### Towering Pride?

It has been said that the tower is a symbol of pride for Toronto residents and all Canadians, so many thought it fitting for the city to use the nation's iconic symbol to be lit in rainbow colours each year celebrating Toronto's Gay Pride Week.

The CN Tower is not alone in such display. Structures across North America also light up with rainbow colours in celebration of homosexual pride. From the White House, to the Empire State Building, to Cinderella's Castle at Walt Disney World, historic and cultural landmarks are used to show support and solidarity in Western society's promotion of the LGBT agenda. This year in Toronto, a new milestone will be heralded as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau joins the city's "Gay Pride" parade. Sitting front and centre along with Mr. Trudeau will be homosexual Syrian refugees recently welcomed to Canada as part of the event's focus on the "queerness of Middle Eastern cultures" (Arshy Mann, "Justin Trudeau to be first prime minister to attend Pride Toronto," *DailyXtra.com*, December 17, 2015).

Western advances in industry—as demonstrated by the awe-inspiring, engineering marvel in structures like the CN Tower—now sit in the shadows of towering achievements from the Middle East. Towering over the Burj, Saudi Arabia's planned Jeddah Tower is set to be at least 1,000 metres (3,281 feet) high, soaring in an almost perfect juxtaposition to the tumbling morality of nations like Canada, which at one time struggled to uphold the core values found in your Bible. How poignant



it is for Bible-believing Canadians when they see their nation's iconic structure, built to put a city on the map and identify a nation, now being used to promote a way of life contrary to the God who blessed this nation.

### **Tower of Shame?**

In Genesis 11 we read about the construction of another tower in the Middle East. "And they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth'" (Genesis 11:4). In the land of Shinar, located in modern day Iraq, the first kingdom recorded in the Bible set about to construct a city and a tower, as it says, in order to "make a name for ourselves." Led by Nimrod, whose name can literally be translated "to rebel," this kingdom sought to create a society contrary to God's law, to literally supersede His authority with their vain attempts of constructing a city and tower which would reach up to the heavens. Dr. Douglas S. Winnail wrote an inform-



ative, thought-provoking article on Babel and Europe's parallels in the July-August 2003 issue of *Tomorrow's*

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*World*, titled "Europe: A Modern Tower of Babel"—especially relevant today with recent events transpiring in Europe.

What has been recorded for our benefit is the result of Babel's construction. God intervened and said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech" (Genesis 11:6-7). A people of one mind or purpose, whose desire was contrary to God and whose language was confused, bears striking similarities to the corruption, pride, vanity and nonsensical sociopolitical dialogue we see permeating Canada and Western society as a whole.

As the city of Toronto grew vertically with numerous skyscrapers and high-rise condominiums, the obvious side effect was a disruption to radio and television communications. The original intent behind the CN Tower was one of practicality; it allowed for some of the highest quality television set receptions in North America. However, the Tower's purpose since its early construction has been corrupted. It now primarily stands to support and promote social engineering rather than acting solely as the engineering marvel it was intended to be. We are instructed by our Creator to "Cry aloud, spare not; lift up your voice like a trumpet; tell My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Isaiah 58:1) and as the Tower of Babel sought to reach to the heavens, so does the sin of our nation's cities and mankind as a whole. Instead of simply standing in awe of these structures, we should let the misuse of our landmarks serve as a national warning, "for her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities" (Revelation 18:4-5).

—Jonathan Riley

# GLOBAL UTOPIA

## AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM?

Countless human beings have lived and died trying to create “heaven on Earth.” Your Bible promises that God can and will soon succeed where mankind has failed!

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By **Richard F. Ames**

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**K**ings, dictators and military leaders have dreamed of world domination and of conquering all the nations of the world. The great empires of the past have revealed in the display of their grandeur and power. Today, modern China has the world’s longest history as a continuous nation, beginning with the Xia Dynasty from around 2070–1600BC. The Egyptian Empire powerfully ruled over nations during the enslavement of the ancient Israelites, until their Exodus in the 15<sup>th</sup> century BC. There have been many other empires, such as the Russian Empire that ended in 1917, the Mongol Empire under Genghis Khan, the Byzantine Empire that ended in 1204, and the British Empire that effectively ended in 1997 when China gained governmental control over Hong Kong.

Great empires have come and gone. And the world has known little universal peace in the past 6,000 years. Dictators have sought to create their own version of Utopia, but have failed. In spite of two World Wars to halt the global conquering intentions of Germany and the Axis powers, the lust for world power continues. Will humanity ever establish world peace?

Your Bible reveals the good news that a new world government will bring universal peace to planet Earth. Today, however, most people feel they are facing a hopeless future. Modern society is now suffering from corruption, terrorism, climate change and conflicts of all sorts. Thank God that the coming new

world government will produce universal peace and prosperity. It may seem like an impossible dream, but your Bible guarantees the most beneficial world government ever—and you can play a part in it!

The common idea of Utopia is a glorious, perfect world of peace and prosperity. The word itself derives from the Greek, meaning “no place” or “nowhere.” The *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* defines Utopia as an imaginary place: “an imaginary place in which the government, laws, and social conditions are perfect.” Yet such humanly devised places are often not quite what they seem to be, as was famously and ironically depicted in Thomas More’s novel, *Utopia*.

Some have tried to produce world peace with their own inventive forms of government and Utopia. However, critics insist that such a place would require extraordinary regimentation, that no one would have freedom of choice. So, will there ever be some form of Utopia on planet Earth? Is the idea of a global Utopia an impossible dream? The 1965 Broadway musical, *Man of La Mancha*, featured the popular song titled “The Impossible Dream.” It describes a valiant struggle to “reach the unreachable star.” Truly, we all yearn for a glorious world of peace and prosperity. Is that goal **impossible** for us to achieve?

Your Bible reveals a future world **far** more glorious than that envisioned by futurists and human visionaries. What is the reality of the future? There is a new world coming, the Kingdom of God, that will not only allow freedom of choice, but will require a choice between life and death, blessing and cursing.



Many religious people place their dreams for the future on a vague concept of heaven, but your Bible reveals the specific world-ruling governmental structure and the peaceful benefit it will bring to all peoples.

### **Dystopia or Hope?**

Will the future bring Utopia? Or Dystopia? Dystopias are the opposite of Utopias. Dystopia is defined as: “an imaginary place where people lead dehumanized and often fearful lives.” The *Gulf News* gave this somewhat scary geopolitical analysis of the European Union and European trends. The article titled “Europe’s Politics of Dystopia,” gave this assessment: “In Germany, the Netherlands, Finland, Denmark, Austria, and Sweden, too, the popularity of populist, anti-EU, anti-migrant right-wing parties is on the rise... Failure to act decisively now will lead to the eventual failure of the peaceful, integrated, globalised, supranational state that is the EU, and the rise of dystopian nationalist regimes. The contours of such places have been reflected in literary work such

as George Orwell’s *1984*, Aldous Huxley’s *Brave New World*, and Michel Houellebecq’s latest novel *Submission*. Let us hope that they remain confined to the printed page.”

So, what will your future be like? The November 15, 2015 issue of the *New York Times Magazine* was titled “The Future Issue.” The creative cover presents the future as a game of chance. Its wheel of fortune suggests that the future may be “Mysterious,” “Violent,” “Bankrupt,” “Unequal,” “Optimized,” “Peaceful,” “Crowded,” “Glorious,” “Automated,” “Synthetic,” “Doomed,” or “Utopian.” Which of these descriptions of the future, if any, will predominate and come true? *The New York Times* states: “no one knows what the future holds.” Is that statement true? Can anyone **really** know the future? Can you really trust Bible prophecy?

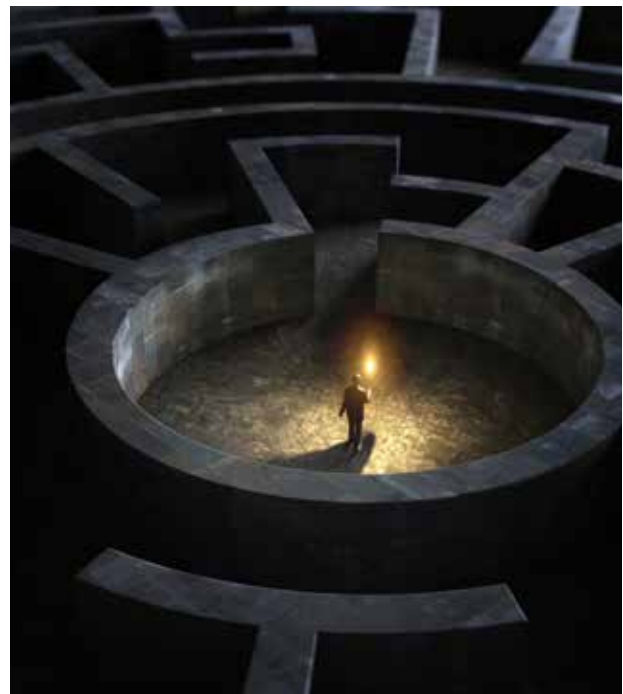
We can be thankful that the Creator God has all power in the universe. He is omnipotent, as it tells us in Revelation 19:6. God sustains this tiny planet in the Milky Way galaxy by the word of His power, as it tells us in Hebrews 1:3. When God declares future trends and

events, nothing can stand in His way, for “The mouth of the LORD has spoken” as it states in Micah 4:4, for example. One of the most inspiring examples of fulfilled prophecy concerns the Messiah’s first coming. Most any Bible dictionary will list the Old Testament prophecies concerning Christ’s first coming and their fulfillment as documented in the New Testament. The Old Testament contains more than three hundred references to the Messiah’s coming. In his book *Science Speaks*, author Peter Stoner examined the probability of one person fulfilling just 48 of those prophecies. For that to happen by chance would be one in ten followed by 157 zeros. As someone calculated, that would be like trying to find one specific electron out of all the electrons in all of the known universe on the first attempt.

And that considers only forty-eight of the hundreds of Messianic prophecies that were fulfilled. In other words, the prophecies concerning Christ’s first coming could never have been fulfilled by chance. They were powerfully predicted and fulfilled in hundreds of exacting details. Yes, you can trust Bible prophecy!

**How Will Nations Unite?**

Statesmen have suggested that a one-world government would solve our problems. But has the United Nations, which observed its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary on United Nations Day, October 24, 2015, brought us world



tensified. We need a new world government that will guarantee world peace! But is such a government even possible? *Not only is it possible, it is prophesied in your Bible!* In Matthew 6, the Messiah, Jesus Christ, gave us an outline of prayer subjects. We should pray, “Your Kingdom come” (Matthew 6:10)!

But what will that Kingdom be like? Who will govern the nations? How will the Millennial government be organized? Who will be the top leaders in God’s coming Kingdom? World history demonstrates that mankind does not know the way to peace; we aim toward Utopia but all too often seem to create Dystopia. But it does not need to be that way—and your Bible reveals the final outcome

**WE NEED A NEW WORLD GOVERNMENT THAT WILL GUARANTEE WORLD PEACE! BUT IS THAT POSSIBLE? NOT ONLY IS IT POSSIBLE, IT IS PROPHESED IN YOUR BIBLE!**

peace? The United Nations can document many humanitarian services and achievements. Yet, the Science and Security Board of the *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* has set its symbolic doomsday clock to **three minutes** before midnight. The Bulletin made their announcement on January 22, 2015.

Has the danger increased or decreased since that announcement? You know the answer to that question. Terrorism and regional conflicts have in-

of mankind’s efforts. We can trust Bible prophecy! Specific prophecies have come to pass, are right now coming to pass, and are guaranteed to come to pass in the future. Many in the world dream of lasting peace among nations. Some of you may have seen the sculpture outside of the United Nations in New York, depicting a man beating a sword into a plowshare. That sculpture is based on a prophecy of Isaiah. Describing a future time under the world-ruling Kingdom of



God, the prophet Isaiah states: “They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore” (Isaiah 2:4).

Notice that Christ, the King of kings, will have the power to stop nations and individuals from rebellion and war. True Christians will reign with Christ in His coming Kingdom: “And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years” (Revelation 20:4). What will the saints, all true Christians, be doing in the coming Kingdom, during that thousand years? Listen to the song of the saints: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth” (Revelation 5:9–10).

### Your Utopian Job?

As kings and priests in God’s coming Kingdom, faithful Christians will teach the nations the **way** to peace.

God is now calling His people to train as kings and priests. Shockingly, only a very few professing Christians understand the glorious calling and future that God is preparing for the saints, all true Christians, in the coming Kingdom. Notice some of the positions

in which the born-again saints will serve. “To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen” (Revelation 1:5–6). Also: “And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations” (Revelation 2:26). Yes, some of the saints, faithful Christians, will be ruling over nations, helping them and teaching them to practice God’s way of life and love. How wonderful it is that God wants you to be a part of His world-ruling Family!

Remember what Jesus told His faithful apostles. What will they be doing in the Kingdom? The Apostle Peter asked Jesus that question: “Then Peter answered and said to Him, ‘See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?’ So Jesus said to them, ‘Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel’” (Matthew 19:27–28).

Who will supervise the twelve apostles in God’s coming Kingdom? Remember God called ancient King David “a man after My own heart” in Acts 13:22. Bible prophecy reveals that King David will rule over the united houses of Israel and Judah: “David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them” (Ezekiel 37:24).

So, what will be your job in the kingdom? Faithful Christians will have different responsibilities depending on their training in this life, and their service to Christ, the Church, and humanity. You may be familiar



with the parable of the minas, or the parable of the pounds. The King rewards those servants who were faithful and

had actually gained from their original gift. “And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. Then came the first, saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned ten minas.’ And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.’ And the second came, saying, ‘Master,

your mina has earned five minas.’ Likewise he said to him, ‘You also be over five cities’” (Luke 19:15–19).

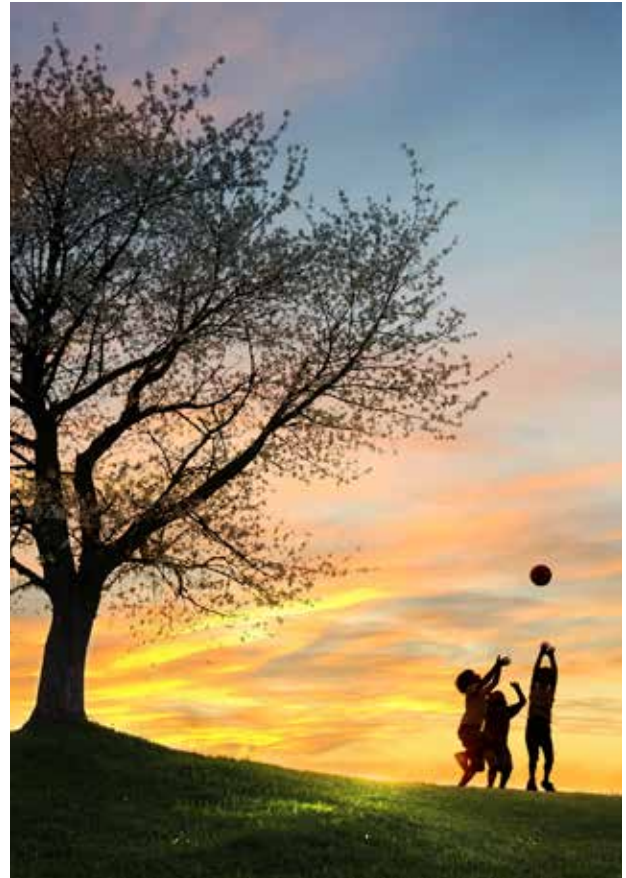
Yes, today’s true Christians are in training to serve and rule. The idea of floating around in heavenly clouds forever is **not** what your Bible teaches. Rather, true Christians will rule on a utopian planet Earth.

### True Utopia Is Coming!


What many consider an impossible dream, a global Utopia, will come true. The Prince of Peace will teach the way to peace and prosperity. Jerusalem will be the capital of planet Earth. “Thus says the LORD: ‘I will return to Zion, and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, the Mountain of the LORD of hosts, the Holy Mountain.’ Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each one with his staff in his hand because of great age. The streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets’” (Zechariah 8:3–5).

Instead of urban violence, gang murders, and the early death of children, families will live safely and securely. Elderly men and women will live in peace and no longer experience so many kinds of abuse. Farms will prosper with sustainable agriculture. Read this inspiring prophecy in Amos 9:13, “Behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; the mountains shall drip with sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; they shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them,’ says the LORD your God” (Amos 9:13–15).

Thank God that there is hope for the future of the world—and there is hope for **your** future! Instead of a dehumanized Dystopia, the glorious Kingdom of God will surpass even the most magnificent Utopia imagined by optimistic dreamers. Today’s faithful Christians, the true saints, will be in the first resur-



rection to assist Christ in ruling the world. They will usher in the Millennium of world peace. The prophet Isaiah gives us this Millennial vision: “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea” (Isaiah 11:6–9).

Thank God that His kingdom is coming soon! You need to be watching the prophetic trends and signs announcing Christ’s return! You need to pray, “Your Kingdom come!” 

MAY WE  
SUGGEST?

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# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## Only the return of Christ will put planet Earth “Under New Management”!

**Question:** If God is all-powerful, why does He allow Satan to be the “god of this age” (2 Corinthians 4:4)?

**Answer:** Scripture makes it clear that the devil—Satan—is currently in charge of planet Earth. Even Jesus Christ Himself, shortly before His arrest and crucifixion, acknowledged Satan’s authority: “I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me” (John 14:30).

How does the devil exert his rule? He influences world events by injecting his evil ideas into the minds of human beings, much as a television transmitter broadcasts its signal into the air to be received in people’s homes. This analogy can help us see why Scripture calls Satan the “prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others” (Ephesians 2:2–3).

Was there always a Satan? No! God created a powerful and beautiful archangel named Lucifer, who along with Michael and Gabriel served at God’s throne in heaven. Why did this Lucifer (Latin for “light-bringer” or “morning star”) fall and become Satan

(Hebrew for “accuser” or “adversary”)? You can read about this in Ezekiel 28:12–17 and Luke 10:18.

Lucifer and a third of the angels (Revelation 12:3–4) rebelled against their Creator, and were cast out from God’s presence (vv. 7–9). Evidently, Lucifer and his angels had been given the task of preparing the earth for its part in God’s plan for humanity. Unhappy with the role God had given him, this powerful archangel led an unsuccessful rebellion against God the Father and the Word (John 1:1–3).

Satan failed in his rebellion, but he remains in the office God gave him, where he is ironically still instrumental in God’s plan. Human beings are spending 6,000 years living their own way, influenced by Satan’s spirit of selfishness and evil. They are writing with their own blood, sweat and tears the history of

what it is like to live in disobedience to God’s way.

The Word came to the earth a little more than 2,000 years ago, incarnating as a human being—Jesus Christ. By living His perfect life—filled with the Holy Spirit without measure—He demonstrated that with God’s help, human beings can live in obedience to God, and reject Satan’s way (Galatians 2:20).

It is because of Jesus Christ that Satan’s rule on the earth will soon end. That is why the devil is only called the god of “this age.” A thousand-year age is soon coming when Jesus Christ will replace Satan as the ruler of this world. We call that time “the Millennium.” Jesus Christ, who came to the earth as a human being and lived a perfect sinless life, will come again as King and topple Satan from his position of rulership.

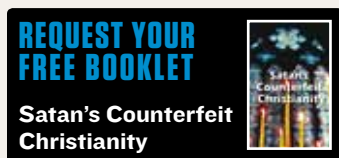
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Since the Millennium is not here yet, what can we do to escape the evil effects of Satan’s rule? Those who repent, are baptized and accept Jesus Christ’s sacrifice can, through the power of the Holy Spirit, come under God’s government *now* and receive the power to resist Satan’s influence in their lives. “Therefore submit to

God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded” (James 4:7–8).

God is watching to see who is obeying Jesus Christ, and who has surrendered to evil. “For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? Now, ‘If the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?’” (1 Peter 4:17–18).

When the Prince of Peace returns to set up His government over the nations, Satan’s rule will end. “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out” (John 12:31). God speed that day!





## General Strike Remembered

**S**uppose for a moment that your employer came to you with the news that you would henceforward be required to *work longer hours for a lower wage*. Indeed, everyone in your industry would have to make the same sacrifice. And unless you would accept these new working conditions you would be “locked out” of your job and prevented from working—*your job would cease to exist*.

How would you react to such disastrous news? Would you protest that your wages are already low and that you have a spouse and children at home—but then meekly submit when you find that your home circumstance makes no difference? Or would you choose to fight with all your strength to protect your profession and your family?

You then learn that the labour union will do its utmost to fight on your behalf by calling a strike. Such is the volatility of the moment that workers in many other industries decide to strike in sympathy with your plight. In no time at all, you find yourself part of a *general strike* that threatens the very fabric of your nation and the survival of your government.

Hard to imagine? Well, this is precisely what happened in Great Britain 90 years ago when—for nine days in May 1926—1.2 million coal miners went on strike and a half-million workers from other industries lent their direct support. Most people have long forgotten this singular event, but it holds important lessons for the turbulent times ahead of us. As increasingly alarmed voices tell us that “*hard times are coming*,” it is worth recalling the details of this strike and reminding ourselves of important biblical principles that apply to employer/employee relations.

### Coal Mining in Crisis

In 1914, around one out of every ten working men in Britain was employed in the coal industry. This made coal mining the most important industry in the country, and the miners’ union a formidable force to be reckoned with. However, in the years following World War I, coal mining fell on hard times. Heavy domestic use during the war had depleted Britain’s rich coal seams and less coal was being exported, allowing coal from other countries such as the United States, Poland and Germany to take up the slack. Many British mines were inefficient and in need of modernization. Productivity was waning and total coal output was falling.

All of this spelled crisis—but then the situation deteriorated further. As part of reparations after the war, Germany was allowed to re-enter the international coal market by exporting “free coal” to France and Italy, which produced an unwelcome fall in coal prices. In 1925, Britain reintroduced the gold standard and the impact of this sharply depressed domestic wage rates. At the same time, mine owners, wanting to maintain their profits, often insisted on longer hours and pay cuts that would see miners’ wages declining to pre-war levels. All of this led ultimately to the loss of jobs, and soon miners formed the single largest group among the unemployed.

So it was no surprise that after so many years of dissatisfaction, the miners, led by a firebrand communist general secretary, were spoiling for a major “bust up” with their capitalist enemies. On “Red Friday” (July 30, 1925), a confrontation was defused when the government announced a nine-month subsidy to the coal in-





Striking Tyldesley miners gather outside the Miners' Hall

dustry. A Royal Commission was appointed to conduct an enquiry into the industry and draw up recommendations for its future. In hindsight, however, this was only a pyrrhic victory for the miners because it allowed the government time to thoroughly prepare for the inevitable conflict they knew was coming. By contrast, the miners' unions were scarcely prepared at all.

When the strike began on May 4, 1926, the miners and other workers (railway men, transport workers, printers, dockers, ironworkers and steelworkers) were completely committed to the cause and rapidly brought much of the nation to a standstill. However, the Trades Union Congress (TUC) that supervised the strike was actually not in favour of the strike and worked to undermine its effectiveness, as did the Labour Party—the political arm of the unions—and, of course, the government, neither of which supported the strike.

In retrospect, the strike was doomed from the start. The TUC prevented many workers in “secondary industries” from striking. The Labour Party distanced itself from the extreme left revolutionary elements that lay behind the strike. The government recast what was, at its heart, an industrial dispute as a political struggle that threatened “the road to anarchy!” The well-prepared government used every means at its disposal to fight the strike, including the army and navy, a volunteer force to maintain essential services, and a “militia” of special constables to maintain the flow of supplies.

On May 12, the TUC called off the strike, but the frustrated miners continued to strike until the end of

November, by which time most miners had reluctantly gone back to work. In the end, they were forced to accept all the measures that had previously been imposed on them, so the strike gained them nothing. Indeed, the lesson of history is that calling strikes rarely, if ever, solves the problem.

Yet there is a solution to the problems that workers and employers face: we need to live God's way!

### Practical Bible Principles

The Bible is quite explicit about *practical principles* that we might apply to the betterment of modern “industrial relations.” Here are several that provide, in simple terms, the *ultimate spiritual context* in which to place human behaviour.

**Mankind's present economic system is essentially amoral and needs a system of morals attached to it, to make it work effectively for the common good**

To employers God says, “Masters, give your [bond] servants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven” (Colossians 4:1; see also Ephesians 6:9 “giving up threatening”). To employees God says, “[Bond] servants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ” (Ephesians 6:5; see also Colossians 3:22). Ideally, each should be working for the good of the other! But, if an employer is harsh, that is still no excuse to rebel. We read: “Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh” (1 Peter 2:18). We are also told to “count [our] own masters worthy of all honor” (1 Timothy 6:1).

One day—sooner than many expect—Jesus Christ will return and establish God's perfect government on this earth. Then, we will see a dramatic change for good in how we treat each other. In the meantime, we have to live in this world and make the best of what we have. Mankind's present economic system is essentially *amoral* and needs a system of morals attached to it, to make it work effectively for the common good. Applying Christian values and morality will ensure success in everything we do.

—John Meakin



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# THE GREAT **UNRAVELING**

**Times are tough, and will grow tougher...  
but there is a way of escape!**

*The fabric of our world seems to be unraveling before our very eyes. Society seems to be barreling downhill like a runaway train out of control, with no brakes, no conductor and no clear view ahead. Uncertainty and fear pervade the global mood. Many worry about the surge in racial tension, violence and terrorism, amorality and anger politics. Others fear a global economic collapse. Around the world, many are beginning to feel that something is terribly wrong.*

*What can you do? Read on!*

**T**he world truly seems to be coming apart all around us. Old assumptions no longer seem to apply. To make sense of the events of the year 2014, *New York Times* writer Roger Cohen summed the year up this way: “It was the time of unraveling. Long afterward, in the ruins, people asked: How could it happen? It was a time of beheadings... It was a time of aggression... It was a time of breakup... It was a time of weakness... It was a time of hatred... It was a time of fever... It was a time of disorientation...” (“The Great Unraveling,” *nytimes.com*, Op-Ed, September 15, 2014). In other words, 2014 was a time of great distress around the world.

A year later nothing had changed. If anything, the runaway train was careening faster and faster. On August 30, 2015, blogger Chris Hedges wrote of the unstable mixture of frustration and anger around the globe, and the violence it was spawning: “The physical, environmental, social and political disintegration is reflected in an upsurge of nihilistic violence driven by rage. Crazy gunmen carry out massacres in shopping malls, movie theaters, churches and schools in the United States. Boko Haram and Islamic State (ISIS) are on killing rampages. Suicide attackers methodically commit deadly mayhem in Iraq, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Yemen, Algeria, Israel and the Palestinian territories, Iran, Tunisia, Lebanon, Morocco, Turkey, Mauritania, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, China, Nigeria, Russia, India and Pakistan” (“The Great Unraveling,” *truthdig.com*). Where will it all end? Is this the “new normal”?

The November 2015 and March 2016 terror bombings in Paris and Brussels have confirmed many Europeans’ sense that something fundamental has changed, and it is not clear whether it will be possible to change back.

In the Middle East, five years of war in Syria have not only destroyed much of that nation, but have profoundly affected Europe to the northwest. In November 2015, blogger John Feffer described how the great upsurge of refugees into Europe is destabilizing that continent and may rip it apart. He wrote: “The figures are staggering. In what looks like a vast population transfer from a disintegrating Greater Middle East... an anti-immigrant, anti-Muslim fervor is now gripping parts of Europe, while far-right parties are,

not coincidentally, on the rise... All of this (and more) represents a stunning development that could, sooner or later, reverse the increasingly integrated nature of Europe, raise walls and barriers across the continent, and irreversibly fracture the European Union...” (John Feffer, “John Feffer: On the Verge of the Great Unraveling,” *tomdispatch.com*, November 10, 2015). Just three days later, 130 people were killed in coordinated attacks around Paris. And on January 1, mob sexual assaults took place in Cologne and in other cities around Germany, shocking the European Union and prompting more concerns about radical fringe elements amongst asylum seekers in Europe.

Also in December, the *Financial Times* Web site summed up the world’s economic outlook for the year this way: “In 2015, a sense of unease and foreboding seemed to settle on all the world’s major power centers. From Beijing to Washington, Berlin to Brasília, Moscow to Tokyo — governments, media and citizens were jumpy and embattled. This kind of globalised anxiety is unusual... At the moment all the big players seem uncertain—even fearful.” (“Battered, bruised and jumpy: The whole world is on edge,” *FT.com*, Gideon Rachman, December 28, 2015). Since that time, more fears of a global collapse have surfaced.

### **Will You Be Ruined?**

What are we to do? Are we to worry and feel anxiety about the future? As we see these events happening around us, how are we to respond?

It may not just be world events and national problems that worry you. You may also be concerned about your own personal challenges. With what some are calling “the unraveling of globalization,” jobs are increasingly difficult to find and keep. Many people are



Police guard a fence keeping Middle Eastern refugees out of Slovenia

under stress as money grows tight. Families are suffering from the effects of crushing personal debt, all over the world. Others suffer from relationship challenges—getting along with their mate, relating to their children or parents, or overcoming personal problems.

Whatever you are stressed about—and no matter how our world *seems* to be unraveling—we can have

## FROM DIFFERENT VANTAGE POINTS, MANY HAVE A SENSE THAT THINGS ARE NOT GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

hope. There is a way of escape, through God's way of life, even when we find our world falling apart. It is important to note that the societal decline and decay *we are seeing today* were predicted many centuries ago. Paul wrote about it in his second letter to the young evangelist and pastor, Timothy: "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, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power" (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

What a list! Paul was trying to explain, in as many ways as he could, what he foresaw through God's inspiration. It would be a catastrophic *moral collapse* at the end of the age. It would be a time when people would be more concerned with their own selfish desires than serving their Creator, or serving their fellow man. It would be a time when people would be more concerned for themselves than for their children or future generations. Historian and Harvard professor Niall Ferguson has predicted the collapse of "the American empire" within our generation. One of the reasons why he feels the United States will collapse is that our generation is more concerned with ourselves than with the next generation ("Niall Ferguson: Four Reasons America is Falling Apart," *thinkadvisor.com*, Gil Weinreich, May 2, 2013). What an indictment!

From different vantage points, many have a sense that things are not going in the right direction. People are

concerned that things are spiraling out of control in economics, politics, morality, industry, education; they sense that there is an erosion of civil order. Decent people all over the world fear there is something going wrong.

How did this happen? Where *did* we go wrong? To find the cause, we have to look at the past. The legalization of same-sex marriage in countries around the

world is a serious sign that there is something wrong in society. The rise of infidelity, divorce, and the breakdown of the family is an issue causing social problems around the globe. The scourge of abortion has for decades meant that, even in our enlightened, modern world, scores of millions of precious lives have been tragically

snuffed out. However, even these social ills are not the real source of our problems! We have to look beyond the last few years, or last few decades. We need to look into history. Frankly, we need to go back to the beginning. Where can we find the beginning? The biblical book of Genesis.

### The Beginning of the Answer!

Scoffers—even some professing Christians—contend that the book of Genesis is myth and fable. But Genesis is Scripture, and all Scripture is given "by inspiration of God" (2 Timothy 3:16). Genesis includes the account of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden—and Jesus quoted from Genesis 1 and 2 (Matthew 19:4-6). Adam and Eve were real, and the choices they made produced consequences for the whole human family. They set in motion the social ills and societal decay we face today.

In the book of Genesis, we read that God created



the grass, the trees, the fish of the sea, and the birds of the air. He created everything! He created man,

and from man He created woman. He told them to populate the earth and rule righteously over it. He taught them what they needed to know to thrive in their new environment. But very quickly, something went awry. Notice in Genesis 3:1: "Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Has God indeed said, "You shall not eat of every tree of the garden"?' " Here, Satan the Devil entered the

picture. This is the angel who perverted his way, and chose a path of rebellion against God. And now, in the Garden, he sought to sell that way to the first human beings. Further, we read: “And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.”’ Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil’” (Genesis 3:2–5).

## YOU NEED NOT BE AFRAID WHEN THE WORLD UNRAVELS AROUND YOU! THERE IS A PATH TO SECURITY, PEACE AND HOPE!

Satan set the trap. He told them God is a liar! That has always been his message: *“Don’t trust God. Don’t follow all of what this book says. You can pick and choose. You can choose to be unfaithful to your spouse. You can murder with impunity. You can lie and cheat and steal for a ‘good’ cause!”* Humanity has certainly followed this path, blindly making its own rules. But it all started in the Garden of Eden.

What happened to Eve? She took the bait. “So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings” (Genesis 3:6–7).

For the first time, Adam and Eve felt guilty. Why? Because they had turned away from God, and chosen a different path. Every one of us has the same nature! Like our parents, every last human being has chosen the wrong way—except for Jesus Christ, who did not sin! So, why are we surprised that evil, corruption, moral depravity and violence increase? It all started back there, in the Garden. Adam and Eve were cast out of the Garden, thus cutting off the human race from God. And that is the path of the majority of humankind ever since.

### Choose God’s Way!

The question is, what path are you on? Are you seeking to obey God and walk in *His paths*? Do you have the authority to decide what is right and wrong, or is that God’s prerogative?

The fabric of society is unraveling around us. But what can *you* do about it? You and I can choose to go on the right path and resist the wrong one. Notice what Jesus said in Matthew 7:13–14: “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult

is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.” What do you do, when everything around you seems to be falling apart? What do you do when you have a serious conflict with a mate? When you feel your world at home is crashing down on you? What do you do when

you can’t seem to get out of the cycle of strife and arguments? Where do you turn, if you are struggling in your marriage?

Give up your own way. Choose to walk in God’s paths, the ways of Jesus Christ, of the Bible. Society is on the wrong path—but *you* need not follow blindly.

Just before Jesus Christ gave His life for the sins of the world, He spoke these encouraging words: “Let not your heart be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know” (John 14:1–4). Satan portrays God as a liar. He snarls, “You can’t depend on what God says—you can’t *trust* God.” But we, at some point in our life, are going to have to decide who we will believe: those who are influenced by the message of Satan the Devil? Or the *real God of the Bible*?

Notice Jesus’ response to the doubting Apostle Thomas: “Thomas said to Him, ‘Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me’” (John 14:5–6).



### Hope in Christ!

The only way to life is through a personal relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ. We must let Him put His Spirit in us and live His life in us. We must keep His commandments. We must begin to walk the way He walked, and live the way He lived. We must reject the way of the world!

The prophet Jeremiah lived through the collapse of a powerful nation, the ancient nation of Judah. *He lived through the unraveling of a kingdom.* He mourned over the sins of his people and the punishment they suffered because of their sins. But he also *lived* through it—and *survived!* He was faithful to God. He was part of God’s Work at that time, involved in preaching to that generation the message of truth and hope and the true way of life. His message resonates for our generation, facing so much uncertainty, today. On the one hand, Jeremiah prophesied the punishments they would go through for their rebellion against God. Then, however, he added the encouragement of life and peace beyond the dark times. Here were the words God was speaking to that generation: “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope” (Jeremiah 29:11).

A future and a hope. What could be better? That is what everyone wants—whether you live in Brussels or Birmingham, Colombia or Cote d’Ivoire. All parents want their children to live in a world of peace. They want the security to know they can work and provide for their own. They want to know how to cooperate

with their neighbors. They want to know how to make their marriage and family relationships work.


This is not yet that world. Millions have fled Syria and suffer as refugees, seeking a home. Other millions are displaced right in their own nation, with nowhere to run. Families in the Ukraine live in a nation with a collapsing economy, as a result of ongoing fighting between government loyalists and insurrectionists. The suffering goes on and on.

Sadly, because of humankind’s choices, this world’s path leads to chaos, destruction and death. But the Eternal God says that, ultimately, He has in mind a future and a hope for all those who are willing to choose His way. Read further, in verses 12–13: “Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”

### Act While You Can!

The world is changing. At the time of the end, Jesus said, “there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken” (Luke 21:25–26). Christ is coming back, and He will stop humankind from exterminating itself, just in time. However, some will mistake Him for the enemy and will be frightened, because they do not know Him.

But to those who know Him, His return will be a thrilling event! “Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near” (Luke 21:27–28).

You need not be afraid when the world unravels around us. There is a path to security, peace and hope. There is a way that brings fulfillment and tranquility—even in tough times. Our Creator God is holding that opportunity out to you! Act on the truth! The choice is yours! 

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# No Boundaries?

**H**ave you seen the slogan, “No Boundaries”? “No Boundaries” is a pop-culture catchphrase that has a bold sound and a big problem. Even though it sounds gung-ho, it actually contradicts a Biblical principle that is fundamental to success in life. A proper understanding of “boundaries” is one of the most critical lessons for a young person to learn.

## Boundaries at Creation

In the first pages of the Bible, as we read about God’s re-creation of the earth, we are introduced to the concept of “boundaries.” We read, “Then God said, ‘Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.’ Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament” (Genesis 1:6-7). The Hebrew word translated “firmament” in this verse simply refers to the band of atmosphere in which we live. This atmosphere separates the liquid water of lakes, streams, rivers and oceans from the water vapor that gathers in clouds in the sky. God created a “boundary.”

In Genesis 2, the Creator established one very special time boundary: “And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it” (Genesis 2:2-3). As the sun dipped below the horizon, crossing the boundary between the sixth and seventh day, mankind was introduced to the Sabbath. On one side of that boundary, God worked and recreated the earth. On the other side, He rested, sanctifying His Sabbath day.

But, there was one more boundary to establish as God began to work with Adam and Eve.

God planted a garden “eastward in Eden” (Genesis 2:8). He put man within the garden to enjoy the abundance from the plants and trees. But He also established a boundary. “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die’” (Genesis 2:16-17). God introduced Adam and Eve to the concept that He, as Creator, had the authority to establish a boundary between what could be eaten and what could not. Their obedience to His authority was crucial to their success and happiness. Of course, we read in the next chapter that they defied that boundary, and took of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. As a result, God established consequences. He drove them out of the Garden, and created a geographic boundary line guarded by a powerful angel.

## Boundaries in History

As we glance through the pages of the Bible, we see that God established boundaries, both with individuals and with Israel.

In Exodus 3, when Moses was personally introduced to God, the first thing God did was establish a boundary. He said, “Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground” (Exodus 3:5). In other words, God said, “You can wear your sandals everywhere else. But when you stand in My presence, in this place, you are on holy ground.”

Recognize the boundary. Act differently. Take off your shoes.



After leaving Egypt, when the people of Israel arrived at Mount Sinai, God prepared them to receive His Law. As part of His training for the people, He designated a boundary line between where they could stand and where on the mountain they were not allowed. "You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, 'Take heed to yourselves that you do not go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death'" (Exodus 19:12). The people had to grasp the fact that God had authority over them. He would not tolerate trespassing on the area that He declared to be off-limits.

In Exodus 20, we then read a description of God's fundamental laws of life. These laws describe boundaries in how we interact with God and our neighbors. The First Commandment teaches us that we are not to create and worship a host of gods. Second, we must not worship God with physical images. Third, we must

**Our loving God has established boundaries to protect us and create within us a reflection of the boundaries that define Him**

not use God's name carelessly. These three commandments create an "outline" of how we are to view God, worship Him, and use His name. You might say that they are like a "buoy-rope" designating the boundary line of a "safe-swimming area" in a lake. That "safe-swimming area" is further outlined by His Fourth Commandment—that we keep the seventh-day Sabbath holy. If we fail to obey this instruction or others like it, we are crossing the boundary into unsafe waters.

The last six commandments establish more points of reference in our boundary between success and failure in life.

If we dishonor our parents, murder, steal, lie, commit adultery or covet, we're crossing the line that God established between good and right conduct with our neighbors, and destructive and sinful actions that bring grief and heartache. And God wants us to have a deep reverence and even appropriate fear of His disapproval in order to keep us in safe waters. He said as much to the Israelites in Exodus 20:20. "Moses said to the people, 'Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.'"



**Boundaries and You**

What about you and me? Do we need to understand and respect the boundaries God has set? Of course!

If we think about the principles we've already reviewed, it is easy to see that these boundaries apply to us, even though we live thousands of years after the Ten Commandments were given.

We also have New Testament scriptures that teach us more about God's thinking in terms of boundaries. For example, men are given boundary lines as to how to view women. Christ said, "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matthew 5:28). If we stay on the safe side of that boundary line, we'll not be viewing pornography, or looking at girls in a lustful way. Paul reminded Timothy, in 1 Timothy 5:2, that he should treat younger women as sisters: "with all purity." Those who become involved in sex and sexual foreplay before marriage are described in 1 Corinthians 6:9 as having no part in the kingdom of God. With these markers forming an appropriate boundary line, our "dating" boundaries are established by God. Crossing that boundary into the danger zone may be appealing in the moment, but the ultimate fruit will be bitter.

Our God of love has established boundaries to protect us, love us and create within us a reflection of the boundaries that define Him; "And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him" (1 John 4:16).

No boundaries...? No! Boundaries—healthy ones!

—Jonathan McNair

We like to continue to believe what we have been accustomed to accept as true, and the resentment aroused when doubt is cast upon any of our assumptions leads us to seek every manner of excuse for clinging to it. The result is that most of our so-called reasoning consists in finding arguments for going on believing as we already do.”

What a classic illustration of the human mind—your mind!

Now notice what God says about the natural, fleshly mind of man, “The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be” (Romans 8:7). And in the previous verse, God says that “to be carnally minded is death.”

So the Bible shows that the very key to your survival is your willingness to repent of your own ways and change your own ideas, customs and beliefs so that they really correspond with God’s ways and teachings as revealed in your Bible.

### God’s Truth Brings Responsibility

God has shown many of you readers that this is His Work. Through the *Tomorrow’s World* telecast, and in the pages of this magazine, you are constantly challenged in plain, clear terms to obey the Ten Commandments literally as God intended. You are learning

to keep His days holy and to come out of this world’s numerous pagan religious observances, customs and traditions.

But many of you just sit back

and say, “Well, I agree with what you teach, but I don’t see that there is anything I need to do about it.”

But God says, “For not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified” (Romans 2:13).

Again, God says, “Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin” (James 4:17).

In the main, you regular readers of *Tomorrow’s World* really know what you should be doing. You know that you should *begin acting* on the vital knowledge you learn through God’s Work.

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### Will You Act While There Is Time?

How will you feel when these events you have been reading about suddenly come to pass in front of your very eyes? How will you feel when you have known about these things all along—have known that you ought to begin to obey God and act on this knowledge He was freely revealing to you—but have just sluggishly or stubbornly refused to change your ways and come under His protection in time?

Are you going to react like the fellow who wrote this letter? “I’m not a Christian. It takes a man to be one of them. I don’t pray. I never prayed in my life. I had a chance to join a church but the way they put it across didn’t seem right to me. I had a good chance to go the way of evolution but it didn’t seem right.

“When the truth did come along I wasn’t so dumb that I didn’t recognize it. I help support this work financially because I believe in it 100 percent. But, please don’t think that I pray. I can’t begin to humble myself enough.”


Shocking?

Yes. At least it should be, if you can comprehend the stakes involved.

The God of your Bible states, “On this one will I look: on him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word” (Isaiah 66:2).

You should surely know by now that we are not playing sentimental little games with you. We challenge you to prove what we say about world events and the fulfillment of biblical prophecies. For what we teach **can be proved** and **does stand proved**.

But simply **knowing** these things will do you or your loved ones no good whatever. For you must **act** on the truth. You must live by God’s laws—all of them. You must **change** your approach and your very way of life to conform to the example and teachings of the true Jesus Christ of your Bible.

For the sake of your life and your eternity, will you exercise the courage and determination to make this **change?** 

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# TURNING POINTS *in* WORLD HISTORY

## Rise of the “Chosen People”

**D**oes God really guide the course of history? Few today realize that Moses, the Exodus and the Israelite kings (David and Solomon) were part of one of the most significant turning points in the history of the world. That turning point affected other powerful nations during a 500-year period from 1400 to 900bc. The “trigger” for this historic change was a spectacular series of events that occurred around 1200bc. Those dramatic events provide a remarkable confirmation that God guides the course of human history—just as the Bible states: “He makes nations great, and destroys them” (Job 12:23), and “He removes kings and raises up kings” (Daniel 2:21).

### The End of an Age

The collapse of Bronze Age cultures around 1200bc has been described as “the worst disaster in ancient history, even more calamitous than the collapse of the western Roman Empire” (Robert Drews, *The End of the Bronze Age*, p. 1). It has also been called “a pivotal moment in history” and “a turning point for the ancient world” (Eric H. Cline, *1177 B.C.; The Year Civilization Collapsed*, p. xv). The Bronze Age (3000bc to 1200bc) was a period between the Stone Age and Iron Age characterized by the widespread use of bronze tools, weapons and instruments. It was an age that saw the beginning of writing (cuneiform in Mesopotamia and hieroglyphics in Egypt), the development of law codes, urbanization, centralized governments, empires, the advance of learning in mathematics, astronomy and navigation, far-reaching trade networks seeking sources of tin and copper (to make bronze) and distribution of manufactured products.

The relatively stable world that characterized the post-Flood years of the Bronze Age came crashing down in a few decades around 1200bc, when a series of catastrophes combined in a “perfect storm” that wiped away the signs of civilization in the eastern Mediterranean region. Archaeological studies reveal that during this violent period, “every city in the eastern Mediterranean was destroyed, many of them never occupied again” (Drews, p. 4). Similar destruction occurred in southern Greece and Asia Minor. Causes of the collapse included: climate changes, droughts, famines, disease, earthquakes, volcanic eruption, internal revolts, the increasing use of iron, and invasions by the Sea Peoples that disrupted trade routes that were a vital part of this interconnected world.

The sudden and violent end of Bronze Age cultures saw the break-up of empires, a severe reduction of learning and the demise of once-dominant powers: the Egyptians, Hittites and Trojans in Asia Minor, and the Minoans and Mycenaeans in Crete and southern Greece, who controlled Bronze Age trade routes (see Cline). However, the collapse of the Bronze Age also set the stage for the emergence of “a new set of powers and a fresh start with new civilizations, including... the Phoenicians, Philistines and **Israelites**” (*ibid.*, pp. 174-175). Yet the end of the Bronze Age was only one phase of this major turning point in history—there was *another phase* that was a vital part of God’s overall plan for mankind.

### The Rise of Israel

According to Scripture, a number of milestones—Moses, the plagues on Egypt, the Exodus and the giving of the law at Mt. Sinai—also occurred toward the end

of the Bronze Age ca. 1400bc. The collapse of the Bronze Age around 1200bc occurred during the time of the Judges when the twelve tribes of Israel were moving into the Promised Land of Palestine. This was a “time of anarchy and upheaval” (Judges 21:25; Frank E. Gaebelain, ed. *The Expositor’s Bible Commentary*, Vol. 3. Zondervan: 1992. p. 506) just as archaeologists have found. Egyptian inscriptions reveal that among the Sea Peoples who invaded Palestine were the Shardana and Danuna (possibly the Israelite tribe of Dan) who were circumcised and wore horned helmets (Cline, pp. 1-8), much as the Danish Vikings of a later age have been depicted. Cline suggests “the Israelites took advantage of the havoc caused by the Sea Peoples in Canaan to move in and take control of the region” because they would be “among the groups of peoples who will make up a new world order, emerging out of the chaos that was the end of the Late Bronze Age” (pp. 95-96).

When God delivered the Israelites from bondage in Egypt and gave them His law at Mt. Sinai, they were told, “if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a *special treasure* to Me above all people” (Exodus 19:5-6; Deuteronomy 7:6-7). God intended that the Israelites, with His laws and His blessing, would stand out from pagan nations around



Danish fighters preparing to invade England by sea  
(*Miscellany on the Life of St. Edmund*, 12th century folio on vellum)

them (Deuteronomy 4:1-8). The divinely revealed religion of these “chosen people” included the monotheistic worship of the One True God, laws that forbade human sacrifice, infanticide, fornication and adultery,



lying, stealing, murder and killing for entertainment. The laws of God protected the family unit and promoted

equality before the law, individual accountability, education and learning, social responsibility and the importance of patience, mercy and humility (see *World Perfect: The Jewish Impact on Civilization* by Ken Spiro).

### Israel Blossoms

After the collapse of the Bronze Age, with the appearance of the prophet Samuel and kings David and Solomon (about 1000bc), the nation of Israel grew and blossomed, and the real fruits of the laws of God became evident to other nations. When the Queen of Sheba (in southern Arabia) came to visit Solomon, she was astounded when she saw his wisdom and the peace and prosperity of his kingdom (1 Kings 10:1-10). Established in their Promised Land by the hand of God, the Chosen People could provide an example of a better way of life to their neighbors and the world.

In the centuries that followed, the Israelites as a nation did not remain faithful to their covenant with God. God is now grafting many Gentiles into “spiritual Israel” to receive His promises and blessings. Yet the influence of Israel has remained. When the Jews returned to Jerusalem in 539bc, Ezra and Nehemiah labored to restore the religion of their Israelite ancestors (Ezra 7:1-10; Nehemiah 8). Through the efforts of generations of Jewish scribes (Romans 3:1-2), the laws of God were preserved to exert great influence on the laws and values of Western civilization—which led John Adams, America’s second president, to conclude, “The Hebrews have done more to civilize men than any other nation” (Spiro, p. 71).

The collapse of the Bronze Age *created space* for the Israelites to emerge from the chaos of crumbling empires to play an important role as “Chosen People” in one of the most momentous turning points in world history. These dramatic events also illustrate how “the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses” (Daniel 4:25).

—Douglas S. Winnail

# CHASING TWO RABBITS?

## What happens when your priority is “having it all, my way”?

**H**ave you ever felt that you were being pulled in several directions at once, such that you just could not achieve your goals? We can have excellent goals, yet not know which ones to pursue with the limited time and resources we have. Having good goals is necessary, but it is not enough.

I remember talking with a young man who was trying to settle on a career path. I realized that he had talent behind his ideas, but the specific tasks he would need to pursue would require him to go in very different directions.

Ultimately, he came to realize that while several of his options were viable and full of great potential, one man could not realistically accomplish them all. His dilemma brought to my mind an ancient proverb attributed to the well-known Chinese philosopher Confucius (551–479BC), who reportedly said, “He who chases two rabbits catches neither!”

That simple bit of folk wisdom highlights an important principle. It is essential to have a clearly defined goal if one is to succeed. A short attention span and the tendency to try to go in more than one direction is a sure path to failure. What good is it to have two excellent goals if the pursuit of one gets in the way of pursuing the other?

A study of those individuals who have made great contributions and enjoyed success in any field reveals almost without exception that they had clearly defined, worthwhile goals and that they pursued them with energy, drive and tenacity.

Of course, Confucius does not have the last word on this topic. Your Bible—always the best foundation for any plan or instruction—has a great deal to say on this topic. For instance,

it recounts how Jesus was approached by a young man who asked Him an important question, one that every thinking person

should ask: “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” Jesus told him, “...if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?” Jesus replied, “‘If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.’ But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions” (Matthew 19:16–22).

The young man said he wanted eternal life, but he would not give up his emphasis on pursuing wealth. He was “chasing two rabbits.” In another place, Jesus said, “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon” (Matthew 6:24). “Mammon” refers to the unreasonable desire for, or emphasis on, wealth.

### Choose Your Goal

Which “rabbit” will you pursue? That is, what is your primary goal in life? The Bible states plainly that, if we are to have spiritual well-being and true prosperity, we must “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness” (Matthew 6:33).

Righteousness? What could that mean? Anciently, King David of Israel defined it this way: “My tongue shall speak of Your word, for all Your commandments are righteousness” (Psalm 119:172).

Wise King Solomon also understood these things and was inspired to write, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths” (Proverbs 3:5–6). Good advice, then and now. Moreover, what happens when we seek first the Kingdom of God? We may worry about so many other goals, but Jesus reassures us, “all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33).

Society offers us so many distractions, options and confusing choices. It is so easy to lose our focus. Setting the goal to seek first God’s kingdom and put His ways into practice will bring real peace of mind—along with the spiritual and physical blessings we desire.

—*J. Davy Crockett, III*



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Informative, eye-opening, enlightening and detailed message that outlines Original Christianity and the attempts made in proclaiming the true Christianity. God bless your ministry! I am inspired by your articles and have made the change in attending the Living Church of God.

V.W., Saint Andrew, Jamaica

No doubt and this is very true that God's Sabbath is Saturday. All who accept this will be blessed. I am thankful for *Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?* It cleared all my doubts on this issue. God clearly said that Sabbath should be remembered. May God bless all your team.

I.J., Rawlpindi, Punjab, Pakistan

I want to thank you very much for your love, time and research accuracy in sharing the good news of God's plan for man's salvation. God bless you all for persevering through the years, running the great race God has set out for you and being there when I needed someone. Thank you also for your up-to-date news on world affairs and what is really "going on" as it affects us through Bible prophecy.

S.D., Kelowna, BC, Canada

I give praise to God for the booklets I have received. It is good reading for me. Napoleon once said that all the empires of the world began and ruled with the sword, but one empire started with love and continues to rule with love, the empire of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please send me your booklet, *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*.

E.M., Ararat, VIC, Australia

I look forward to receiving your literature. All your booklets and *Tomorrow's World* magazines have been a great help to me, as prophecy is being fulfilled very rapidly. All that we hear and learn and put into practice is preparing us for our Lord's coming.

P.B., Mississauga, ON, Canada

Thank you for your booklets. They are so full of the truth, and fairly easy to read and learn from. It is very hard to talk to family of what I have learned from you about the Bible, as my mother is 83 years old and has a faith mixed between Roman Catholic and Assemblies of God beliefs. My husband also has quite strong set ideas, and both are quite strong people. My daughter attends a church in Chinchilla that is a bit "jazzed up" these days. I feel unable to show my family a better way for them.

C. J. Mapleton, QLD, Australia

**Editor's Note:** It is God, not a zealous family member, who does the calling. Your part as a Christian is to be the very best personal example you can be (James 2:18). It is rare to find someone who was "argued into" the Truth by a zealous family member, but many are the stories of someone who came into the Truth because of a relative's sterling Christian example. Be an example of Christian longsuffering, patience, kindness and love, and do not compromise regarding God's word, and your family members will see for themselves the happy result of your Christian commitment.

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## Einstein, God and Gravitational Waves

**O**n February 11, 2016, a group of very excited scientists announced that after patiently searching for decades they had discovered *gravitational waves*.

Some called this the “breakthrough of the century.” At the announcement, some even cried tears of joy (“It’s Official! Gravitational waves have been detected, Einstein was right,” *ScienceAlert.com*, February 11, 2016). But why all of the celebration? What *are* gravitational waves? And what can such a discovery tell us about the God behind them?

The story of this discovery goes back a hundred years to 1915, when 26-year-old Albert Einstein published his theory of general relativity. His theory was revolutionary, explaining that any mass in space—such as the sun or the earth—bends and distorts space and time around them. This bending of space and time—or “spacetime”—causes the effect we see as gravity.

### What Does It Mean?

To visualize the effect for yourself, try rolling a small marble across the smooth sheet of a neatly made bed. Normally, it would roll in a straight line. *Next*, imagine that a heavy bowling ball was sitting in the middle of the bed, causing the sheet to sink into the mattress. Now, if you roll the marble too near the location of the bowling ball, it will curve in *toward* the bowling ball.

Einstein’s theory explained that this is how gravity works. An object like the earth bends spacetime around it, causing objects like the moon to “curve in” toward it. The sun, much larger than the earth, causes such a deep distortion that the planets of the solar system orbit in place instead of flying away.

General relativity is considered one of the best-proven scientific discoveries in human history, though one of its key predictions—gravitational waves—had never been proven true.

Einstein’s theory predicted that certain colossal events in space—such as a collision between two black holes, the densest and most massive objects in the universe—would create gravitational waves. These waves would be distortions in the fabric of spacetime, where it is stretched and shrunk, and they would travel from the event outward throughout the universe like ripples spreading from a splash in a pond.

However, such waves would distort space in small amounts that would be impossible to detect—impossible, that is, until September 14, 2015, when scientists working on the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) experiment did, indeed, detect the existence of spacetime waves. LIGO’s superbly sensitive instruments measured the stretching and shrinking of spacetime—one of the “ripples” of a massive cosmic event—as a gravitational wave passed through the earth. It did so even though the distortion in spacetime was mind-bogglingly small—just one-thousandth the diameter of a subatomic proton!

Just to be sure, the scientists spent the next five months checking and double-checking the results, and the evidence was clear and unmistakable. After a century of looking, gravitational waves *had* been discovered. Einstein’s prediction was correct.

The violent cosmic event that caused these waves was summarized by Dr. Kip Thorne: “The colliding black holes that produced these gravitational waves created a violent storm in the fabric of space and time, a storm



in which time speeded up and slowed down, and speeded up again, a storm in which the shape of space was bent in this way and that way" ("Gravitational waves: breakthrough discovery after a century of expectation," *TheGuardian.com*, February 11, 2016). Black holes are the densest objects in the universe, and the collision was estimated to have occurred 1.3 billion light years away.

### Ripples in Space and Time

What a strange and fantastic universe we inhabit, where even space and time can "ripple" like the surface of a lake! What powerful forces must be at play in this universe to *cause* such violent and space-altering events! And what insight they give us into the nature, power and goodness of the Great Creator of all things.

For instance, how was Albert Einstein, over the course of meditating and performing "thought experiments," able to deduce the existence of such waves in the first place—waves caused by objects billions and billions of miles away, which he had never seen nor ever *would* see in his lifetime?

He could do so because our universe is **comprehensible**—a lawful and orderly creation! God has "appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth" (Jeremiah 33:25), and the creation—from one end of heaven to the other—demonstrates that it has been designed by the Sovereign Lawgiver!

That a mere human being on planet Earth could contemplate the vast reaches of the cosmos, and could by meditation and computation uncover principles that would not be confirmed until *100 years later*, is a tribute to God's magnificent and orderly *design* at the foundation of reality!



The discovery of these waves also highlights how *powerful* our Creator is. Consider that the test of the infamous "Tzar Bomba" thermonuclear device in October 1961 was the largest man-made explosion in history. Heat from the blast was felt more than 150 miles away ("Big Ivan, The Tzar Bomba ('King of Bombs')" *Nuclear-WeaponArchive.org*, September 3, 2007), and the explosion's mushroom cloud rose in the atmosphere almost two-thirds the distance to outer space.

Yet even the terrible power of Tzar Bomba is less than a mere infant's toy compared to the event the LIGO scientists measured. Scientists estimate that at the moment these black holes collided, the gravitational waves they emitted contained the equivalent of "taking three suns and annihilating them" (McDonald).

When we consider such majestic power, we may be reminded of the words of the patriarch Job: "Indeed these are the mere edges of His ways, and how small a whisper we hear of Him! But the thunder of His power who can understand?" (Job 26:14).

In a universe where cosmos-shaking black hole collisions are merely *whispers* of His power, how much *more* powerful must be the One who *upholds* that universe by the word of His power (Hebrews 1:3)?

Such discoveries should give us pause and cause us to wonder with grateful hearts at the mind-boggling inheritance our heavenly Father holds in store for us. No, God did not create this universe around us as some sort of grand "show" for us merely to look at and wonder about, forever at a distance. The universe revealed for us by scientists such as these LIGO astrophysicists is, in fact, *your future and your destiny!*

Jesus tells us that "He who overcomes shall inherit *all things*" (Revelation 21:7)—and "all things" means "all things"! The Apostle Paul noted that this inheritance extends far beyond what we can see now with our eyes and includes the entirety of God's created realm—vast beyond belief (Hebrews 2:8)!

As scientists probe deeper and farther into the universe, they continue to uncover the power of God, the greatness of His plan for us and the incomparable magnitude of His gift to those who choose to become His children!

—Wallace G. Smith



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### BARBADOS

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### SOUTH AFRICA

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CBS Action	Sky TV 148	SU 8:30 a.m.
CBS Drama	Freeview 74	SA 7:30 a.m.
CBS Drama	Sky TV 149	SA 7:30 a.m.
CBS Reality	Freeview 66	SU 7:30 a.m.
CBS Reality	Sky TV 146	SU 7:30 a.m.
Gospel	Sky TV 587	MO 7:00 p.m.
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CHCH SU 8:30 a.m.

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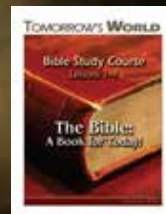
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