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...For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.



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## Total Surrender

Do you believe in the true God—the God of the Bible? If so, it is *vital* that you come to understand the *one basic attitude* that God looks for in people. What is it?

In this world's confused Christianity, many will tell you that God wants us, above all, to “accept Jesus.” However, you really need to ask yourself: “Which Jesus?” And what did Jesus Himself say was the most important attitude for a person to have?

Notice this statement by Jesus Christ: “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46).

Even in the Apostle Paul's day there were false ministers who were misrepresenting the genuine teachings of Christ: “For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted; you may well put up with it” (2 Corinthians 11:4)! So perhaps you have heard a lot about “another Jesus” who merely requires lip service—but this is NOT the Jesus Christ of the Bible!

It is vital that we have faith in the *true* Christ who is revealed to us in the inspired words of the Holy Bible—NOT in the ideas and traditions of men! It is equally crucial that we OBEY Jesus Christ—and not just appropriate His name or accept Him with an empty human faith or temporary emotional whim.

The Apostle James, one of Jesus' own physical brothers, was inspired to warn us about empty, vain faith: “You believe that there is one God [the Father and Christ]. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that **faith without works is dead?**” (James 2:19–20).

Even the DEMONS believe in God and Christ! That is, they *know* that Jesus Christ was a

real person who was crucified, and that God raised Him from the dead. They were there. They saw Christ's resurrection. They know! But strange as it may seem to some, just “believing” these things is NOT enough! The demons refuse to surrender their lives and wills to God and to DO what He says!

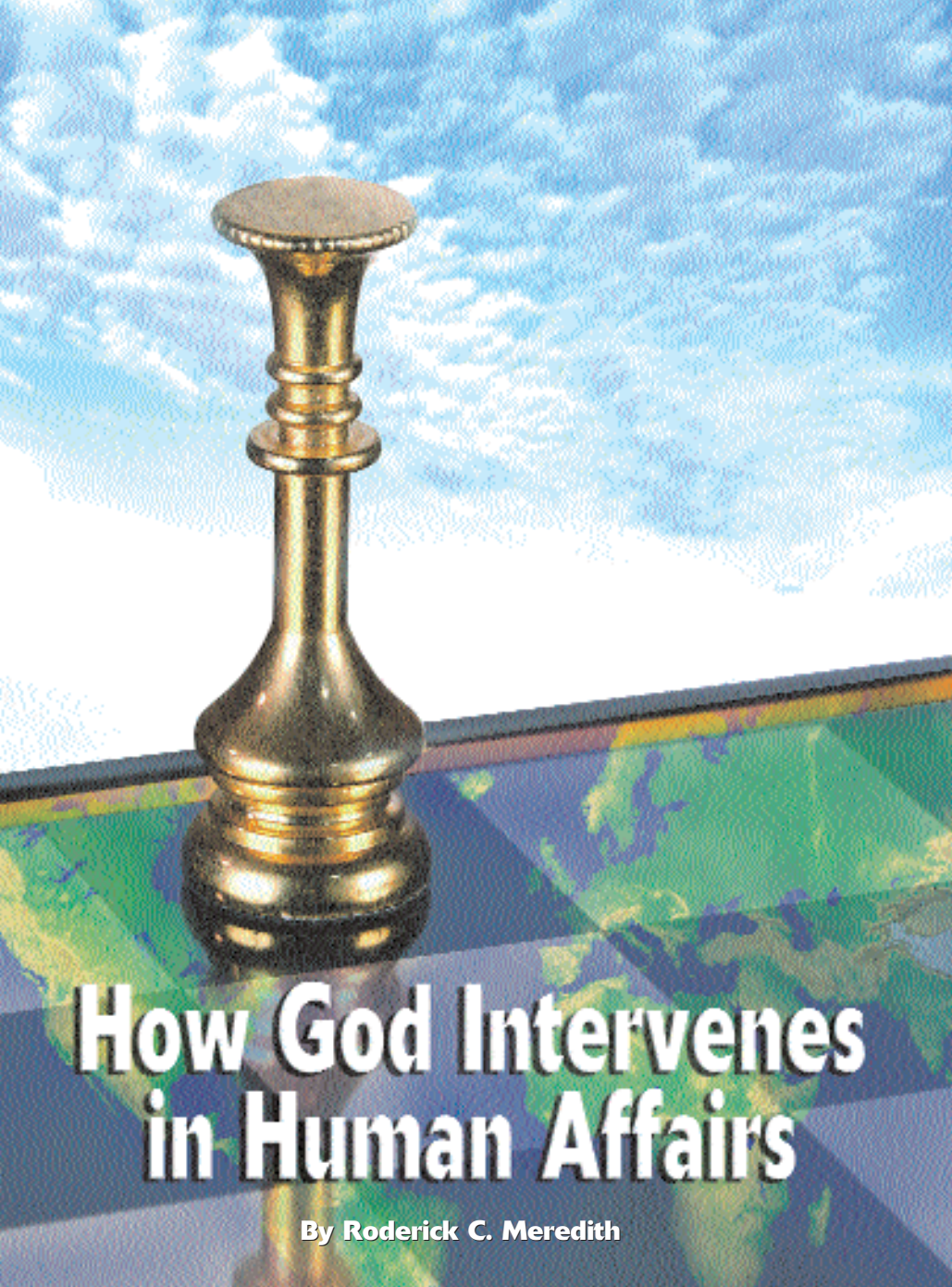
What about you? Are you content to just “believe” that there is a God out there somewhere, and that His Son, Jesus Christ, died for you? Do you have an empty faith, or a *living* faith that compels you to surrender your life totally to God—to give your life to Him through the true Jesus Christ, and so be willing to DO WHAT GOD SAYS no matter what? That is the kind of faith which is pleasing to God and which leads to eternal life in His Kingdom!

Jesus said: “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it” (Matthew 16:24–25).

When a young man asked Jesus the way to eternal life, what did He reply? “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. **But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments**” (Matthew 19:17). Jesus was the “Light” God sent into the world to show us how to live. He was our example, yet carnal men have come up with dozens of excuses as to how or why the Ten Commandments were somehow done away.

We have had many articles in *Tomorrow's World* giving PROOF that true Christianity involves obeying the Ten Commandments! So you must decide whether you will obey the God of the Bible or the religions of this world. It is just that simple.

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# How God Intervenes in Human Affairs

By Roderick C. Meredith

*How will God bring about the awesome events prophesied to occur in the years just ahead?*

**T**hough many professing Christians do not grasp it, the most awe-inspiring, mind-boggling, spine-tingling events in earth's entire history lie *just ahead of us!*

America, Canada, Britain and the peace-loving democracies of Western Europe will experience awful droughts, famines, disease epidemics, earthquakes, storms and other "natural" disasters unprecedented in our history.

WHY? Because the Creator God is going to *humble* us—to teach us lessons we could not learn any other way. America has been *given* national greatness and power. But America has not honored the God who gave it. And, collectively, we who are Americans seem intent on *dishonoring* Him in the increasing decadence of our national and personal lives.

Recently, *Tomorrow's World* has published several articles that describe what will happen over the next several years. Similar prophetic articles will appear in future issues. If you want a thorough explanation of the awesome political and social upheaval just ahead of us, write for your *free* copy of our eye-opening booklet *What's Ahead for America and Britain?*

But HOW are these terrifying events going to come about in our modern, highly technological society? Can we take steps to *stop* these catastrophic events from happening? Are modern food production techniques, storage and distribution systems, major flood-control dams, political organizations, medicine, science and industry already sufficiently developed to prevent such things from happening?

## **The Unseen Chess Master**

For a modern scientist, businessman or even a theologian who does not take the Bible literally, the biggest stumbling block to understanding God's prophecies is the failure to fully grasp the absolute reality of the true God—the Creator God revealed in the Holy Bible. Just how does God's power work? How does God rearrange the destinies of nations?

First of all, the God revealed in your Bible has the ability to exercise *total* power and *total* control of nations and individuals. "Behold, the nations are as a drop in a

bucket, and are counted as the small dust on the balance; look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing.... It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless” (Isaiah 40:15, 22–23).

Do you *believe* that? Or is Isaiah making this up or taking literary liberties in this perspective on divine power?

The prophet Daniel described how Nebuchadnezzar, king of one of the most remarkable empires of antiquity, became insane and was driven out of office “in order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will, and sets over it the lowest of men” (Daniel 4:17). God determines who will govern in the various nations, placing in office, sometimes, the basest of men.

Can Americans take comfort in this scripture after a close and contentious Presidential election? Can the British look at Prime Minister Tony Blair’s recent re-election and see God’s hand? Italy recently installed its 59th government since World War II, and other European nations are facing social and political turmoil. Are these nations getting the types of leaders they deserve, rather than the decent and wise leaders that they so desperately need? And who is to say what would happen if the current, aging pope should die this year? Whom would the cardinals elect to fill the shoes of this very popular, conservative pope?

The world’s present political stability is no more solid than a will-o’-the-wisp.

Moses described how God orchestrated and guided the dispersion of nations and peoples in antiquity. “When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the children of Israel” (Deuteronomy 32:8). As a chess master, God moves kings, queens, cardinals and pawns at will, according to His purpose. He guides various major nations to the area of the earth where He wants them and blesses or curses them in weather, war and prosperity according to how they yield to *His* will (cf. Leviticus 26).

### **And They Were Scattered!**

God does not need to watch the Weather Channel. He decides whether tomorrow will have clear skies or not. Jesus Christ said God “sends rain on the just and on the unjust” (Matthew 5:45). Occasionally God withholds rain, or sends too much, to teach people lessons!

In his epistle, James describes how a man of God “prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit” (5:17–18).

So God has power to water a land or to dry it up. The same applies to the wind, cold, hurricanes and clouds. And He uses this power on occasion to intervene in human affairs: “As when You break the ships of Tarshish with an east wind” (Psalm 48:7).

Several of the major turning points of history for the English-speaking peoples were determined by God’s intervention in the weather during battle. His interventions made possible the religious freedom, prosperity and power that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic powers of the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom continue to enjoy.

In 1586–87, Catholic domination of the English throne was made impossible by the execution of Mary, Queen of Scots. The following year, Spain’s King Philip II unleashed his “invincible” 124-ship armada against England in an effort to reassert Catholic control. Though the English naval forces fought tenaciously, they eventually exhausted their gunpowder. At that critical point, an unprecedented gale-force wind arose and drove many of the heavily armed, lumbering Spanish galleons to their doom! The weather-beaten ships that limped home to Spain were so damaged that many could never again be used.

Queen Elizabeth, commemorating the Spanish defeat, issued a silver medal, bearing the inscription: “God blew and they were scattered.” She *knew* who took charge of those winds at that critical hour in the history of her people!

### **A Miraculous Escape**

In 1940, Hitler’s forces had swiftly invaded France and the lowlands. They had cut off 330,000 crack British troops, forcing them to retreat with their backs to the English Channel at the port of Dunkirk. If the British lost this army, they could hardly have hoped to beat back the Nazi

hordes ready and determined to conquer them. Word went out all over Britain: “Winnie (Churchill) needs boats.”

Though the English Channel is normally rough and treacherous, hundreds of ships, yachts and small boats—anything that would move while staying afloat—were sent to rescue at least a remnant of the army. But the situation seemed grim. Then, surprisingly, bad weather on the continent grounded most of the German air force. But, instead of being rough and choppy as usual—dangerous for small craft—the channel became almost as calm as a bathtub! Men and women who had lived all their lives on its shore had never seen it so tranquil. Winnie’s motley armada of naval flotsam and jetsam rescued nearly one-third of a million British troops—the backbone of their entire army! Hitler was dumbfounded. The Nazi generals bitterly grumbled under their breath for having lost an easy kill. The British were profoundly thankful and called it “the miracle of the calm seas.”

I have spent four years of my adult life in Britain, and talked to several older men who were personally familiar with the Dunkirk rescue operation. They *all* got a certain glint or tear in their eyes when they talked about it. They *all* remembered the outpouring of gratitude to God by the British people after this event. Sunday, June 9, 1940, was appointed as a Day of National Thanksgiving for God’s deliverance at Dunkirk, and many English vicars will tell you that their churches were packed on that day and have *never* been as full since.

On the day before (June 8), London’s *Daily Telegraph* ran an

article about what it called “the miraculous deliverance” at Dunkirk. A British officer who had himself been rescued from Dunkirk said, “One thing can be certain about tomorrow’s Thanksgiving in our churches. From none will the thanks ascend with greater sincerity or deeper fervor than from the officers and men who have seen the Hand of God, powerful to save, delivering them from the hands of a mighty foe who, humanly speaking, had them utterly at his mercy.”

Yes, God **CONTROLS** the destinies of nations—and individuals.

### Hitler’s Devil

To enact His will among men, God uses His secret, invisible agents—righteous angels (and at times even fallen angels)—to influence, to deliver or to destroy.

The Bible reveals a fascinating insight into the working of the spirit world in 1 Kings 22. The inspired writer details an account of a conference before God’s throne. It seems that God had already decided to take out one of the most wicked kings in the history of Israel, King Ahab. The question was how to do it. God settled on the plan to prod Ahab to personally go to an upcoming battle with the Syrians at Ramoth-gilead. But God needed someone to stir Ahab up to go fight. In this case, an evil spirit spoke up and volunteered to do the job: “The LORD said to him [the evil spirit], ‘In what way?’ So he said, ‘I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his [Ahab’s] prophets’” (v. 22).

On the day of the battle, God already knew that the Syrian

army was stronger and would indeed defeat the Israelites. And Ahab, though he had disguised his rank to avoid being a target, was slain during the course of the battle when a “lucky” arrow pierced the joints of his armor (vv. 34–37). This was because God had determined that this evil king should neither stay behind out of danger, nor escape alive from the battle, but should perish right along with many of his defeated troops.

When Adolph Hitler rose to power, a noted German Lutheran minister, Martin Niemoller, perceptively stated, “Verily a time of sifting has come upon us. God is giving Satan a free hand, so that He may shake us up and so that it may be seen what manner of men we are.”

Evidently, God did specifically allow *demons* to possess or strongly influence the Nazi dictator. British author George Bruce wrote, “Can the mystery of the evil of Nazism be explained? Was there a Satanic nucleus at the heart of it? One interpretation of its nature that should be mentioned is the link between Nazism and the alleged attachment to black magic and occultism of Hitler and his inner circle, including Goering, Himmler, Goebbels, Ley and, in the early days, Dietrich Eckart and professor Karl Haushofer.

“Hitler, according to what may seem to many people a far-fetched belief, was the *medium* through whom contact was made with supernatural powers of evil. Hermann Rauschnig, who observed Hitler with a cold and analytical eye, declares that he was a medium, ‘**possessed by forces outside himself**—almost

demoniacal forces.’ Rudolf Olden, political editor of the newspaper *Berliner Tageblatt* in the days of Nazism’s rise to power, remarked how the overwhelming, almost superhuman Niagara of words that poured forth during Hitler’s speeches sometimes reached a climax dur-



**Less than 60 years ago, Adolf Hitler, speaking as if possessed by “supernatural forces,” mesmerized Germans into supporting his plan to bring Europe under German control.**

ing which he literally ‘spoke in tongues’ and seemed possessed. André François-Poncet, French Ambassador to Berlin, also referred to this apparent demoniacal possession” (*The Nazis*, Hamlyn, 1974, p. 154).

After citing a number of other observers who felt Hitler had dark spiritual help, George Bruce speculated, “And does not this theory of Hitler being dominated by evil supernatural forces throw light for the first time on the reason for Auschwitz, Treblinka, the deaths of six million Jews, the plan to murder 33 million of the Slav population of Russia, the readiness to sacrifice three or four million of Germany’s young manhood in war and, finally, the long-term aim, reported by Fabian von Schlabrendorff, for the total and permanent destruction of

Christianity throughout the world?” (p. 156).

Hitler’s Europe was a mild precursor of what God’s inspired Word prophesies concerning the future revival of a satanically influenced “Babylonian-Roman system”: “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a habitation of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!” (Revelation 18:2).

It is a sobering thought to consider that some of the most important players on the world scene who are shaping our destinies cannot be seen. We need to be much more aware of the very real *spirit world* around us. And we must make absolutely certain that we are guided by the Spirit of God!

### **How Does God Know in Advance What Will Happen?**

How does God know what will take place in the future? How can He prophesy about some event hundreds or even thousands of years in advance? From the beginning, God has been an acute and perceptive observer of human behavior. He really knows what we are like. God fully understands how humans tend to degenerate, to compromise and to forsake the right way.

Right after giving ancient Israel the details of His law

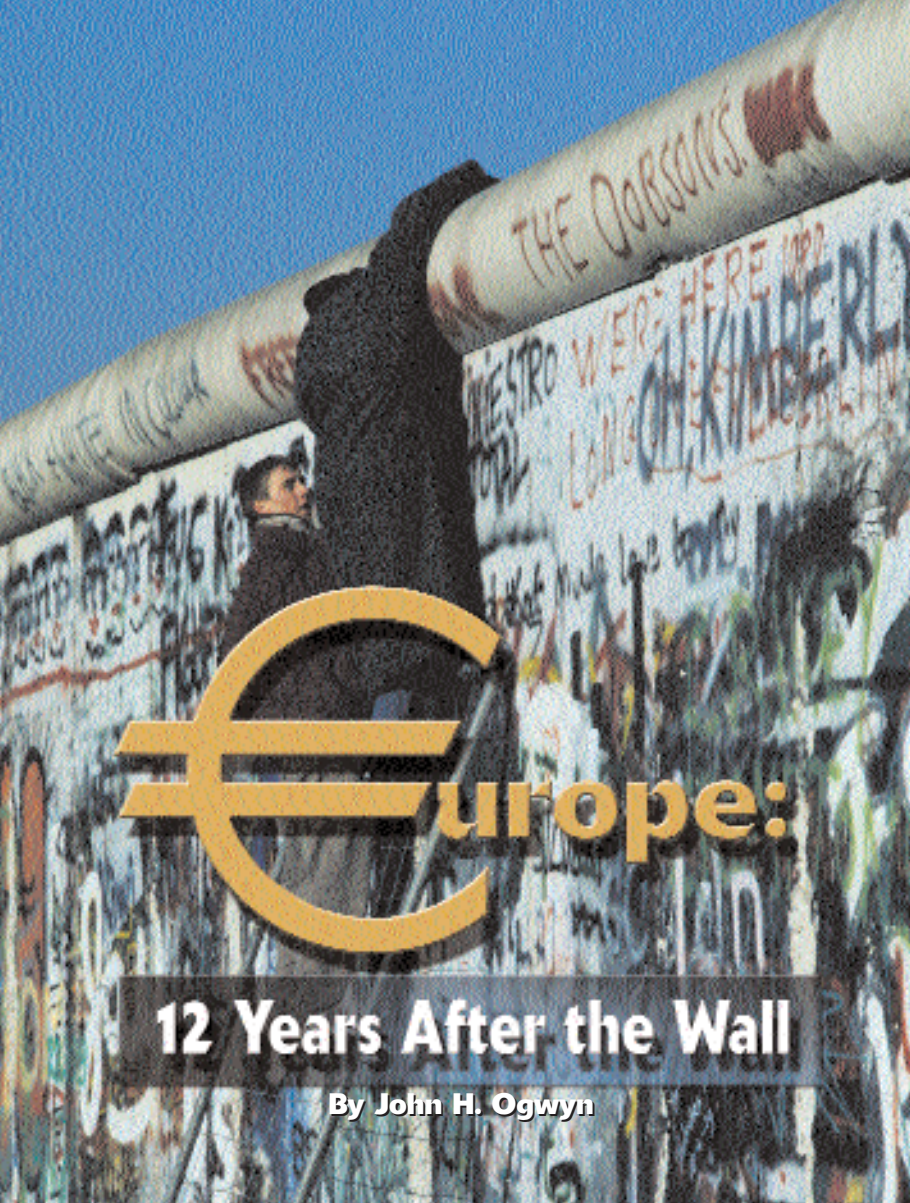
through Moses, God told Moses: “Behold, you will rest with your fathers; and this people will rise and play the harlot with the gods of the foreigners of the land, where they go to be among them, and they will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them. Then My anger shall be aroused against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured. And many evils and troubles shall befall them, so that they will say in that day, ‘Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?’” (Deuteronomy 31:16–17).

God, who created us, has unique and profound knowledge and insight about us. He can authoritatively predict what the basic conditions of peoples and nations *will be* in the future. Then, by skillfully manipulating the determinants of national power such as the weather, human leadership and other circumstances, God can fulfill *specific* prophecies that are sometimes astonishing in their minute detail.

An example of this divine intervention is the remarkable story of Cyrus the Great, king of the Persian Empire. Incredibly, God inspired the prophet Isaiah to describe Cyrus by *name* and by *deed* almost *two centuries before* Cyrus was born!

Around 740–720BC, Isaiah wrote under divine inspiration: “Who says of Cyrus, ‘He is My shepherd, and he shall perform all My pleasure, even saying to Jerusalem, “you shall be built,” and to the temple, “your foundation shall be laid.”’ Thus says the LORD to His anointed, to

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Students of the Bible, however, had known all along that Germany would be reunited. Prophecy made this clear, as we will see later in this article. But at the time, even the so-called “experts” were caught by surprise. As *U.S. News & World Report* magazine wrote at the time: “Now that the dam has burst, no one knows what will stand and what will be swept away. By any measure, the East German government’s capitulation to popular dissatisfaction marks a smashing victory for an opposition movement that was as stunned as everyone else by its sudden success. In an unlikely season of grass-roots protest, a peaceful exodus of 200,000 East Germans, accompanied by equally peaceful demonstrations by hundreds of thousands more, brought a Stalinist government to its knees in less than six weeks” (Nov. 20, 1989, p. 20).

East Germans by the tens of thousands poured into West Germany. First they came through neighboring Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Soon the East German government stopped trying to restrict this emigration, and thousands poured through the Brandenburg gate into West Berlin, dancing in the shadow of the hated Berlin Wall. Long a symbol of the Cold War and the East-West divide, the wall itself would soon be gone—as would the East German government itself.

The autumn of 1989 was truly a heady time. Starting in Poland with Lech Walesa’s Solidarity movement entering the government in August, Communist governments across Eastern Europe began to fall like dominoes. It appeared that the Cold War was over and the West had won. Events of the last 12 years, however, have shown that the legacy of post-Cold War Europe has been far more complex than most could have foreseen. But what does a changing Europe *really* portend for Britain, the United States, and the entire world?

Astounding changes in Europe since World War II have brought about a balance of power far different than could

*Post-Cold War developments that shocked the “experts” were predicted long ago in the pages of your Bible!*

**F**or those who watched it unfold, the scene can never be forgotten. Euphoria filled the air as thousands of East Germans poured into West Berlin, dancing and embracing in the shadow of the Berlin Wall. East German guards stood passively by and watched revelers chip off parts of the wall as mementos. Only days earlier, these guards would have shot anyone approaching so close to the wall. Suddenly, it seemed, everything had changed.

Europe’s post-World War II order crumbled within a matter of weeks, beginning in September of 1989. The Iron Curtain, which had seemed a permanent fixture to those coming of age in the 1950s and 1960s, was suddenly no more. Even government analysts who had devoted years to studying the European scene were dumbfounded by both the speed and the comprehensive nature of the changes taking place.



have been imagined at the war's end. Like the rest of Germany, post-war Berlin lay devastated and ruined. Russian troops poured in from the east, while American and British troops advanced from the west. Germany's cities and factories were smoldering ruins. Her economy had collapsed, along with her government and her armies.

After the war, Germany was divided into four occupation zones controlled by British, American, French and Russian troops. Within a couple of years, cooperation among the occupying powers was rapidly breaking down. The Russians were busily removing all of the goods and machinery that they could lay their hands on, calling it war reparations. They dismantled virtually everything of value in their occupation zone and transported it to Russia.

Conditions in the zones governed by the western powers were also in disarray. "The currency had fallen to 1/500th of its official value. The commercial system had fallen apart. Farmers and store owners hoarded goods, barter was the order of the day, and cartons of cigarettes and packets of nylon stockings had become the most desirable working currencies" ("The Crisis That Transformed Europe," *Dallas Morning News*, July 26, 1998).

## Corn and Crisis

Sometimes great events are propelled by seemingly insignificant occurrences. So it was that a shipment of corn set in motion a series of events ultimately bringing about today's European currency, the euro.

As 1948 began, the German population was on the brink of starvation. The U.S. government responded by shipping corn, grown in the American Midwest, to hungry Germans. Though corn was a staple in American diets, Germans used it almost exclusively as animal food, prompting Johannes Semler, the German director of economics for the Western powers' occupation zones, to voice in January 1948 a sarcastic comment that the Americans were sending the Germans *huhnerfutter*—"chicken feed."

General Lucius Clay, the American military governor in Germany, was furious when he learned of Semler's remarks. General Clay summarily fired him and replaced him with a rotund economics professor from Nuremberg, Ludwig Erhard. Professor Erhard was a leader of a movement called the "*Ordoliberal*," which combined an emphasis on order with belief in a free-market economy.

On June 18, 1948, the Western allies announced Erhard's currency reforms. The worthless reichsmark gave way to a new deutsche mark, but this only solved part of the problem. Economic controls remained, affecting prices and wages and stifling the German economy. Erhard had no authority to make modifications in these controls, but there was no provision that said he could not abolish them. So that is exactly what he did, from one day to the next.

Startled by Erhard's conduct, General Clay asked him for an explanation. "Herr Erhard," he sternly said, "my advisers tell me that what you have done is a terrible mistake. What do you say to that?" "Herr General, pay no attention to them!" Erhard replied. "My own advisers tell me the same thing" (Ibid.). Subsequent history confirms that Erhard was right and the advisers were wrong. This event is considered the launching of Germany's post-war economic miracle.

The Soviets quickly grasped the significance of the Western zones' new currency. Since war's end, the four occupying powers had been negotiating over the future of the German nation. The Western Powers saw that the Soviet Union was foot-dragging and had no intention of allowing a reconstituted Germany in any form acceptable to the West. When the Western Powers unilaterally introduced a new currency, the Soviets correctly understood this as a decision to establish a new political entity within the Western occupation zones. Currency and nationhood always go hand in hand. That was clear to the Soviet Union in 1948, and it ought to be clear to anyone watching the establishment of the euro today.

When the new deutsche mark began to circulate in the Western Powers' zones in Berlin, the Soviet Union decided to strike back—by shutting down the overland routes through East Germany by which the Western Powers had brought supplies into West Berlin. The Soviets anticipated that their bold stroke would force the Western allies to withdraw from Berlin and allow Russian control of the entire city. Their ploy backfired, bringing about one of the most dramatic events of the early Cold War. Immediately after the Soviets announced the blockade, General Clay contacted General Curtis LeMay, commander of the U. S. Air Force in Europe, and together they planned a counter-offensive. By June 26, the Berlin airlift had begun. Between June 26 and September 30, 1949, more than 278,000 airlift flights took place. At one point, a plane was either landing or taking off in West Berlin every 90 seconds, with thousands of

tons of supplies brought in daily. The Soviet blockade was effectively broken!

The events surrounding the Berlin airlift served to galvanize the Western Powers to the threat posed by their former ally, the Soviet Union. April 1949 saw the signing of the North Atlantic Treaty, creating NATO. On May 8, the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) was launched, combining the three Western military occupation zones.

By the fall of 1949, the post-World War II order seemed to have settled on Europe. It appeared that Germany's division into two nations—one tied to the West and the other dominated by the Soviet Union—was permanent. Not only was Germany divided—so also was the rest of Europe. Two superpowers—the United States and the Soviet Union—seemed to be dividing the entire world into competing spheres of influence, most dramatically shown by what Sir Winston Churchill called the “Iron Curtain” which Russia had draped across Europe.

The Berlin Wall—the most visible symbol of Europe's post-war division—was erected in 1961, 12 years after the end of the Berlin airlift. This massive concrete barrier seemed to give evidence of the permanence and intractability of the East-West divide. With all of this as backdrop, the events of the autumn of 1989, 40 years after the Berlin airlift, appear all the more remarkable. After all of the billions spent on an escalating arms race and the face-off of hundreds of thousands of NATO and Russian-led Warsaw Pact troops across Europe's east-west divide, the Iron Curtain collapsed without a shot being fired. Within weeks, what had previously seemed permanent was simply no more!

## Post-Wall Europe

The past 12 years have seen a dramatic reordering of the political, military and economic arrangements in Europe. These changes have not simply affected Europe; they clearly have global implications. A new currency—the euro—was launched on January 1, 1999. The euro was made possible

because of the success of a currency that had been introduced 50 years earlier, Germany's deutsche mark. How dramatically things had changed in those intervening years!

Economic unity and political unity are inexorably tied together. The German architects of this system understood that point from the beginning. A common currency, by its very nature, must involve a common economic policy. There must be commonality in everything from labor law to taxation. How can there be unity on these matters without an overriding political structure that can enact and enforce legislation? It simply cannot be done! This has stirred debate in the United Kingdom and the Scandinavian nations. Although some politicians have sought to obscure the point, acceptance of the euro will, by its very nature, involve ceding sovereignty to a supranational government.

Britain's Conservative Party opposition unsuccessfully sought to make an issue of this point last June in the country's general elec-

tion. The majority of British voters had their minds on other concerns, and had also been beguiled by Prime Minister Tony Blair's promise to allow a referendum on the issue before dumping the pound for the euro.

Despite politicians' occasional denials, the European Union is clearly on the way to becoming far more than a trading bloc or customs union. European Commission President Romano Prodi has urged that more powers be granted to the European Commission. This echoes French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin's call for the harmonization of business taxation across the EU, a European constitution, a European public prosecutor, and a Europe-wide package of social protection for workers. Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt has given his backing for a Europe-wide tax system. German Chancellor Schroeder's government has floated ideas for a revamped governing structure for the European Union that would involve the establishment of a federal union for the whole of Europe.

While Britain, Sweden, and Denmark express reluctance to accept the euro in place of their nation-



**The Euro—Europe's new currency—is being promoted vigorously by European Union leaders despite many citizens' reluctance to abandon their national currencies.**

al currencies, the European Union is preparing for expansion eastward. Not only have countries like Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic shown great interest, even Russian President Putin has expressed interest in not being left behind. Encouraged by the Germans, Russia is already at the point of adopting the euro as its reserve currency in place of the American dollar. Where is this leading in the months and years immediately ahead?

In the last 12 years, changes in Europe have been profound. Germany is now the most powerful and populous wholly European nation, 80 million strong, right in the heart of Europe. The euro is set to completely replace existing national currencies in Europe—and to challenge the American dollar as the world's chief reserve currency. For the first time since World War II, Germany has deployed troops (peacekeepers in the Balkans) outside her borders. The European Union is implementing a Rapid Deployment Force separate from NATO.

Amid these developments, Europeans are discussing the EU's future governmental structure. What emerges will be vastly different from the Common Market of old. How will laws be made for the European Union—and who will make those laws? National sovereignty is fading and, as many in Britain are beginning to learn to their surprise, regulations made by bureaucrats in Brussels take precedence over laws passed by Parliament.

## What the Future Holds

Where is this headed? Incredible as it may seem to some, the answer to that question was recorded thousands of years in advance. The Creator God has revealed history in advance—and it is written in the inspired pages of your own Bible!

The ancient Hebrew prophet Hosea foresaw much that is today happening on the world scene, especially regarding Great Britain. Using the events of his day as a backdrop, Hosea looked centuries into the future to what the Bible calls the “time of the end.” Though sometimes referring to the southern kingdom of Judah, Hosea primarily addressed the northern kingdom of Israel where he lived (Israel and Judah had split into two totally separate nations after the death of King Solomon, more than 150 years before Hosea began his ministry). He wrote in the eighth century BC, beginning his prophecies in a time of great material prosperity and peace in northern Israel. Coupled with this prosperity, however,

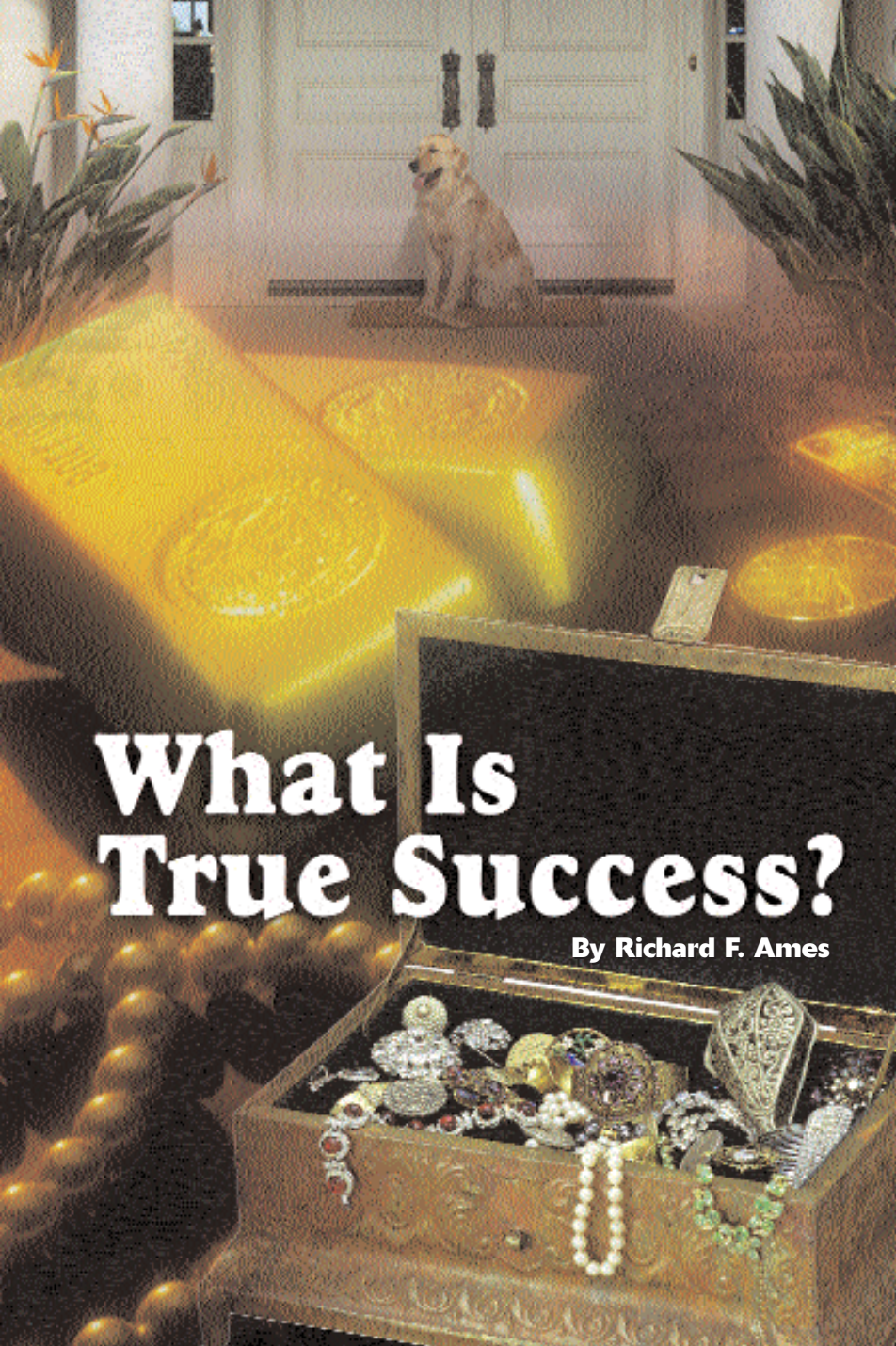
was moral laxity and unfaithfulness to God. Hosea spoke of the impending punishment and Assyrian captivity that was to come upon the northern House of Israel in his day. He also looked far beyond his day to describe the end-time punishment as well as the ultimate deliverance and re-establishment of Israel at the time of the Messiah. The events of Hosea's day foreshadowed end-time circumstances, and his prophecies will have their most complete fulfillment in our day and in the months and years immediately ahead of us.

Hosea 12:1 speaks of Ephraim (the ancient ancestors of the modern British nations) entering into a covenant or treaty with the Assyrians (ancient ancestors of the modern German nation), foreshadowing Britain's current entanglement with the German-dominated European Union. He compared the swift disappearance of Ephraim's glory to a bird flying away (9:11), echoing the British Empire's rapid demise in the days right after World War II. Additionally, Hosea foresaw the massive immigration and resultant racial tensions that would affect Britain (7:8).

God compares modern British leaders to “a silly dove, without sense” in their foolish attempt to look to Germany as a savior (7:11). This is certainly illustrated by the desire of the current British government to replace the pound sterling with the euro and thus to give up sovereignty to a continental European power led by Germany—something resisted by their predecessors twice in the 20th century at great cost of lives and resources.

The real problem, however, goes far beyond economics or politics. Our modern American and British-descended nations have forgotten their Maker (8:14) and rejected the knowledge of God and His ways (4:6). The consequence will be a future national destruction (5:9) and captivity (9:3), followed ultimately by national repentance during the tribulation and by restoration after the return of Jesus Christ as King of kings (3:5; 14:4).

Much has happened in the 12 years since the Iron Curtain crumbled and the Berlin Wall came tumbling down. The stage is now being set in Europe for the most dramatic power shift that can be imagined. Events in Europe during the next few years will usher in the final crisis at the close of this age. But take heart! Jesus Christ tells His true followers to lift up their heads in hopeful expectation when they see these events beginning to happen, because at that time they will have the assurance that their redemption finally is drawing near (Luke 21:28). [TW]



# What Is True Success?

By Richard F. Ames

*The rewards abounding in our thrill-seeking culture appeal to billions around the world. But what truly defines success? Wealth? Status? Physical pleasure? What is true success, and will you ever achieve it?*

**M**ost people want success in life. But what defines success? For millions, financial gains define success. In Spring 2000, the Dow Jones Industrial Average and NASDAQ indicators reached a peak. Technology stocks were climbing in price, and investors were enjoying their elevator lift to higher value. But from March 24, 2000 to November 17, 2000, the market plunged—and the total paper value of stocks lost an

incredible 2.4 trillion dollars (*USA Today*, November 11, 2000, p. B3).

Consumer confidence plunged. Retirement accounts plummeted in value. Many dreams of wealth and material security were shattered, confirming the wise words of King Solomon thousands of years before, who urged that we: “do not overwork to be rich; because of your own understanding, cease! Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away like an eagle toward heaven” (Proverbs 23:4–5).

Over a period of several months in the year 2000, \$2.4 trillion made wings and flew away. Many whose security was in their bank accounts were crushed by this downturn. But where is *your* security? What is your idea of success? In this article, we will see what the Bible says about three common criteria for success—wealth, status and sensual pleasure—and we will see how these contrast with true success.

## Wealth and Possessions

Are this world’s wealthy tycoons its most successful individuals? Should we look to their examples as our model? God certainly wants us to be faithful stewards. He wants us to use natural resources and our God-given talents to help others. He expects that we will work to earn a living and provide for our family. The Apostle Paul gave this counsel: “For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: if anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread” (2 Thessalonians 3:10–12).

But does the possession of great wealth bring true happiness and success? Ancient King Solomon was extremely wealthy and wise. From his point of view, he had everything—there was nothing in the world that he could not have. According to 1 Kings 11:3, he had 700 wives and 300 concubines! Did Solomon achieve the epitome of happiness? He wrote: “I acquired male and female servants, and had servants born in my house. Yes, I had greater possessions of herds and flocks than all who were in Jerusalem before me. I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the special treasures of kings and of the provinces. I acquired male and female singers, the delights of the sons of men, and musical instruments of all kinds. So I became great and excelled more than all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me” (Ecclesiastes 2:7–9).

Solomon was striving to experience “life to the full.” But what was the result of his experience? “Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, for my heart rejoiced in all my labor; and this was my reward from all my labor. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done and on the labor in which I had toiled; and indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 2:10–11). The *NIV* states it this way: “everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind.”

The wisest and wealthiest man of his time concluded that all his treasure did not produce lasting happiness. He experienced temporary satisfaction, but all of his pleasure and wealth

amounted to “vanity and grasping for the wind”—to futility or grasping for the elusive. Solomon did not achieve true success through accumulating wealth, because his possessions produced nothing of lasting value! When you die, you do not “take it with you.” In his wisdom, Solomon saw that human activity apart from God amounts to vanity—meaninglessness and futility.

Many years ago, I had a friend who graduated number one in his economics class from an eastern university. He had his Corvette convertible, his women and his wine. But he confided in me that something was missing. His wealth and business success did not bring him happiness. We all must learn that fundamental lesson of life. In the book of Luke, Jesus gave what is called the parable of the rich fool. See if this parable does not describe the attitudes of our 21st century. “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.’” (Luke 12:16–19).

This rich man placed his confidence in the security of his possessions, which let him indulge in life’s pleasures. But notice the wake-up call immediately afterward: “But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God” (Luke 12:20–21). We must all stand

before the judgment seat of Christ, as we learn from 2 Corinthians 5:10 and Romans 14:10. Now is the time to repent of our covetousness, lust and greed.

In his article titled “Civilizing Greed,” Dinesh D’Souza writes of a “resurgence of greed in the new economy” as he discusses entrepreneurial capitalism. “More than any other social type, except perhaps the clergy, the entrepreneur is in everyday conduct oriented to the noble task of helping and serving others.... An entrepreneur’s profit is merely the register of how much he has improved the lives of his fellow human beings” (“Civilizing Greed,” Dinesh D’Souza, *San Diego Union-Tribune*, February 11, 2001, p. G1).

Can entrepreneurs—indeed all businessmen, and all of us—live up to such a standard? Can we follow the second “Great Commandment,” which Jesus Christ gave in Matthew 22:39, that: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself”?

D’Souza wrote that Jim Collins, author of the best-selling book *Built to Last*, “indignantly asked: ‘What happened to the early Silicon Valley ideal of making better products and lasting companies so that the world would be a better place?’ Collins charged that today’s entrepreneurs have simply lost their sense of higher purpose. ‘All that you greedy capitalists want,’ he complained, ‘is to go out and make obscene amounts of money’” (Ibid.).

It appears that “greed is in,” but we might ask: “Was it ever out?” You might recall the 1987 movie *Wall Street*, in which Michael Douglas, playing financier Gordon Gekko, philosophized that “greed is good”—a statement adapted from a real-life

commencement address given by U.S. financier Ivan F. Boesky, who told graduating UC Berkeley students that: “Greed is all right, by the way... I think greed is healthy. You can be greedy and still feel good about yourself.”

The Bible strongly condemns this philosophy, reminding us that “the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many

words: “The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. ‘Vanity of vanities,’ says the Preacher; ‘vanity of vanities, all is vanity.’ What profit has a man from all his labor in which he toils under the sun? One generation passes away, and another generation comes; but the earth abides forever” (Ecclesiastes 1:1–4).

The word “vanity” or “vanities” occurs 35 times in the book of Ecclesiastes. This theme of

are attracted toward high position in society. Even the mother of James and John, two of Jesus’ disciples, came to Him and asked that her sons be given a high position in His kingdom. “She said to Him, ‘Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom.’ But Jesus answered and said, ‘You do not know what you ask’” (Matthew 20:21–22). He explained that these positions were for ones cho-

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sorrows” (1 Timothy 6:10). You *cannot* be greedy and still feel good about yourself. Covetousness, or greed, is called idolatry in Colossians 3:5. The worship of wealth is considered idolatry, which is sin, bringing the penalty of death. “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

Putting your trust in financial gain leads to pain, sorrow, idolatry and death. As Jesus said: “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses” (Luke 12:15). What does your life consist of? Are you falling into the traps of greed and lust for wealth? Are you trying to be rich? As many stock market investors have found out, Proverbs 23:5 certainly rings true, “for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away like an eagle toward heaven.”

In *Ecclesiastes*, King Solomon wrote lasting lessons to which we should pay heed. He begins the book with these

futility, and meaninglessness is illustrated throughout the book. Have you ever felt that life had no meaning, or that life was a drudgery? Solomon continues: “All things are wearisome; more than one can express; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, or the ear filled with hearing” (Ecclesiastes 1:8, NRSV).

Is mankind ever satisfied? Does he ever get “enough”? Vanity, in the context of *Ecclesiastes*, is anything that does not have lasting value! But God has created every human being to have lasting value. The key to true success is to understand what life is all about! Why are we here on earth? What is our ultimate destiny? The *Tomorrow’s World* magazine and telecast can help you understand the answers to these vital questions.

### **Status, Power and Position**

Worldly wisdom teaches us to climb to the top of the corporate ladder at others’ expense, no matter what it takes to get there. Many

sen and prepared by God the Father. (v. 23)

Jesus then offered a key to true success. “You know that the rulers of the gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave; just as the son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:25–28).

Who would be the greatest? The one in a high government position lording it over others? No! The greatest is a true servant—one who truly cares for and helps others! Notice that the Son of God, Jesus of Nazareth, took little children up in His arms. He stooped down to wash the feet of His disciples (see John 13). Jesus Christ sacrificed His life for us all! “God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that

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# Questions & Answers

**Q** Acts 15 shows that the New Testament Church imposed only four requirements on new Gentile converts: “to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood” (Acts 15:20). The Sabbath, Holy Days and dietary laws are conspicuously absent, so why should today’s Christians observe them?

**A** It is important to understand that the Acts 15 conference was discussing circumcision—not abrogation of the spiritual law and biblical statutes contained in the Books of Moses (the first five books of the Bible). Because Sabbath-keeping, Holy Day observance and dietary laws are not directly mentioned, some incorrectly assume that these were abolished by the conference. But note that seven of the Ten Commandments are *also* missing in Acts 15. Can a Christian thus take God’s name in vain, dishonor parents, murder, steal, lie and covet? Of course not! The Acts 15 conference did not void these laws, just as it did not annul Sabbath-keeping, Holy Day observance and dietary laws.

Notice Jesus Christ’s own words: “**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God**” (Matthew 4:4). Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 8:3—applying it to *all* humanity, both Jew and Gentile. The word of God to which Jesus referred was none other than the Old Testament.

Christ revealed God’s purpose for the Sabbath when He stated: “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath” (Mark 2:27–28). Notice that the Sabbath was originally made for *all humanity*—not just for the Jews! Jesus clearly stated that He was the Lord of the Sabbath—revealing its relevance for God’s people. In addition, Jesus’ habit and custom included Sabbath-keeping (Luke 4:16). Later, we notice the Apostle Paul still observing—and encouraging by his example—observance of the Sabbath *long after* the Acts 15 conference (see

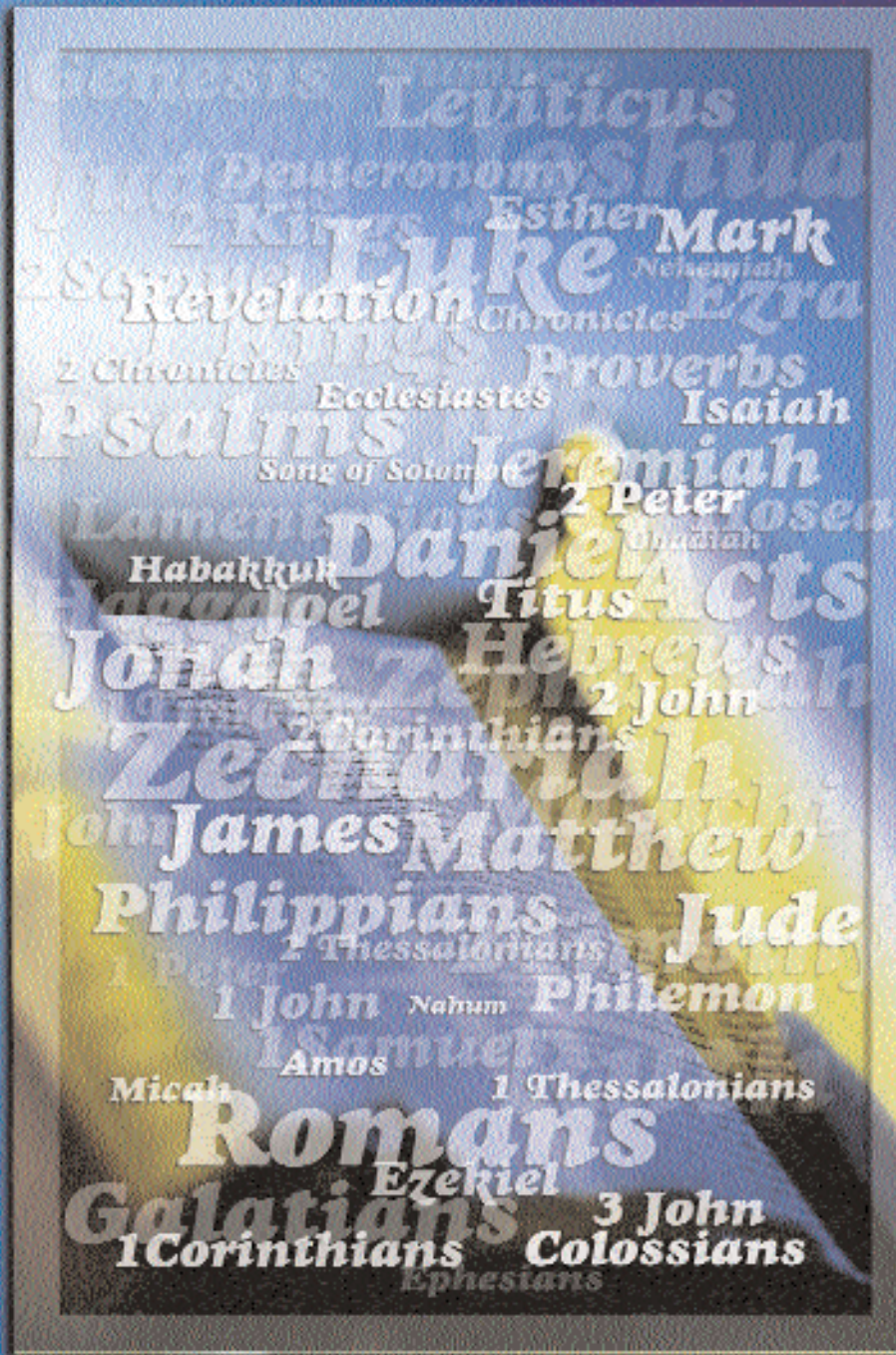
Acts 17:2–3). The New Testament shows both Jews and Gentiles keeping the Sabbath; in Acts 13:42–44, we see an entire city assembling on the Sabbath to hear Paul preach.

Paul taught Christians to “keep the feast”—the Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread (1 Corinthians 5:7–8). The New Testament also refers to the annual Holy Days of Pentecost and Day of Atonement (Acts 2:1; 20:6; 1 Corinthians 16:8; Acts 27:9). If these days, along with the remainder of God’s Feast days, were made null and void, then why were the Apostles and Gentile Christians still keeping them? The answer is obvious: God *did not* nullify His laws and special Feast days.

The Apostle Peter understood God’s dietary laws, which were mentioned in Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14 and were in existence before Moses (Genesis 7:2). When told in a vision to rise and eat common and unclean animals, Peter responded: “Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean” (Acts 10:9–14). In this vision, Christ did not change the dietary laws; He revealed that Peter “should not call **any man** common or unclean” (v. 28)—thus opening the door of salvation to the Gentiles. This vision set the stage for the inspiring decisions recorded in Acts 15.

Acts 15 **affirms** the biblical laws as revealed in the Old Testament. The Apostles, by quoting the prophets when speaking to the Gentiles, demonstrated that all of God’s Word remained relevant for the Gentiles, and explained that new Gentile converts would later grow in understanding of God’s way: “For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath” (Acts 15:21). Rather than nullifying God’s laws, Jesus Christ and the Apostles reaffirmed them—revealing their spiritual importance! Jesus emphatically answered those who would think otherwise: “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill” (Matthew 5:17).

# The Bible:



## A Book For All Time

By Mark Mendiola

**F**rom Adam to Armageddon and beyond, the Bible covers the dawn of civilization to Jesus Christ's return to establish the Kingdom of God on earth. No book has been more maligned or misunderstood. Yet it remains the world's best-seller of all time. From Genesis to Revelation, it gives a panoramic view of mankind from our ancient history to our enigmatic future.

No publication has been more intensely scrutinized or hotly debated. Scholars, intellectuals and even theologians question its veracity and cynically doubt its divine inspiration. Many have died to preserve it when government and religious authorities have tried to destroy it, yet the most controversial book ever written has withstood the test of time.

Some 40 different men over thousands of years authored the books of the Old and New Testaments. Despite their differences in occupation, backgrounds and culture, the Bible is extremely cohesive in themes and principles.

Queen Victoria credited the Bible with the British Empire's supremacy. Prime Minister William E. Gladstone once commented: "The Bible is stamped with a Specialty of Origin, and an immeasurable distance separates it from all competitors."

No other publication had as great an impact on the United States during its formative years as the Bible. It was read by America's greatest leaders, who openly



espoused the virtues of studying it and following its teachings.

George Washington warned: “It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.” Abraham Lincoln believed “the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man.” John Quincy Adams made it a practice to read it through once every year: “So great is my veneration for the Bible,” he said, “that the earlier my children begin to read it the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens of their country and respectable members of society.” Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed: “A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education.”

## Astounding Discoveries

Even as we enter the 21st century, archaeological discoveries verify the validity of the Bible and the extent of its authenticity. As Sir William Herschel, an English astronomer, said: “All human discoveries seem to be made only for the purpose of confirming more and more strongly the truths contained in the sacred scriptures.” Sir Isaac Newton stated: “There are more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history.”

In their book *Ancient Secrets of the Bible*, authors Charles E. Sellier and Brian Russell explain: “The Bible, in point of fact, stands on very solid scientific ground. As experts have learned more about the sciences of archaeology, geology, climatology, anemology, vulcanology, linguistics, sociology, and many other disciplines not even known to some of the older and more strident critics of the book, the feasibility, indeed the probability, that the historicity of the Bible is accurate in every detail becomes more and more defensible.”

Jeffery L. Sheler has highlighted important archaeological discoveries that have confirmed the existence of people and events recorded in the Bible but not previously verified by outside secular sources. “In extraordinary ways, modern archaeology has affirmed the historical core of the Old and New Testaments—corroborating key portions of the stories of Israel’s patriarchs, the Exodus, the Davidic monarchy, and the life and times of Jesus” (“Is the Bible True?,” *U.S. News & World Report*, October 25, 2000).

The 1993 discovery of an inscription in the ancient Israelite city of Dan in upper Galilee was truly significant. A basalt stone was found, identified as part of a shattered monument from the ninth century BC, apparently commemorating a military victo-

ry by the king of Damascus over ancient enemies. The fragment clearly refers to the “House of David” and “the king of Israel.”

“The reference to David was a historical bombshell. Never before had the familiar name of Judah’s ancient warrior king, a central figure of the Hebrew Bible... been found in the records of antiquity outside the pages of the Bible,” Sheler wrote, noting it was an inscription written not by Hebrew scribes but by an enemy of the Israelites.

That discovery evoked renewed scholarly interest in an inscription found more than a century ago. The Mesha Stele is a basalt monument from the ninth century BC that commemorates Moabite King Mesha’s military victory over Israel. The lengthy text describes how Moab had been oppressed by “Omri, king of Israel” and by Omri’s successors. Israelite King Omri reigned for 12 years, starting at about 929–926BC (1 Kings 16:21–28). Omri’s name also appears on rock inscriptions of three Assyrian kings—Tiglath-Pileser III, Sargon II and King Shalmaneser III.

As author Grant R. Jeffrey points out in his book *The Signature of God*, other Assyrian inscriptions confirm the Bible’s records about Israelite Kings Ahab, Jehu, Joash, Menehem, Pekah and Hoshea. The Black Obelisk discovered in 1846 in Iraq even shows King Jehu of Israel bowing in obeisance to Assyrian King Shalmanesar II. It identifies Jehu as “the son of Omri.” Archaeologists have found ancient inscriptions confirming the names of Jewish Kings Ahaziah, Uzziah, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh and Jehoiachin.

Archaeology also has confirmed the existence of the Philistines, whom some scholars have suggested were invented by priestly scribes in the middle of the first millennium BC.

“But modern archaeology has uncovered a wealth of information regarding the Philistine ‘sea people’ thoroughly consistent with their portrayal in the Bible,” Sheler wrote.

He also noted that archaeology has not been altogether silent on the biblical patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. “Kenneth A. Kitchen, an Egyptologist... argues that archaeology and the Bible ‘match remarkably well’ in depicting the historical context of the patriarch narratives.”

Kitchen pointed out that Joseph was sold by his brothers into slavery for 20 silver shekels in Genesis 37:28. That matches precisely the going price of slaves in the region during the 19th and 18th centuries BC, as affirmed by documents recovered from what is now modern Syria. In the fifth and fourth

centuries BC, the price of slaves had risen to 90 to 120 shekels during the Persian Empire.

“If the story of Joseph had been dreamed up by a Jewish scribe in the sixth century, as some skeptics have suggested, argues Kitchen, ‘why isn’t the price in [Genesis] also 90 to 100 shekels? It’s more reasonable to assume that the biblical data reflect reality.’”

Sheler noted that while many scholars argue that although there is not much direct evidence of the Exodus, this is insufficient reason to deny that it actually happened. “Nahum Sarna, professor emeritus of biblical studies at Brandeis University, argues that the Exodus story—tracing, as it does, a nation’s origins to slavery and oppression—‘cannot possibly be fictional. No nation would be likely to invent for itself... an inglorious and inconvenient tradition of this nature,’ unless it had an authentic core. ‘If you’re making up history,’ adds Richard Elliott Friedman, professor at the University of California, San Diego, ‘it’s that you were descended from gods or kings, not from slaves.’”

Dr. Nelson Glueck, a renowned Jewish archaeologist, observed: “It may be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference. Scores of archaeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or in exact detail historical statements in the Bible. And by the same token, proper evaluation of Biblical descriptions has often led to discoveries” (*Rivers in the Desert*, Glueck, p. 31).

## Divine Authorship

Of all books ever published, the Bible is unique in that its authors cite divine inspiration and directly quote the Great Creator God. “Thus says the LORD” is woven throughout its pages.

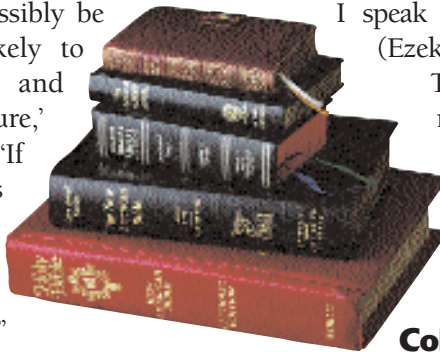
The Apostle Paul wrote: “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16). At that time, only the Old Testament was available. The New Testament books later authored by Paul and other Apostles meshed perfectly with it.

Perhaps nothing more convincingly shows the Bible’s divine authorship than fulfilled prophecy. Bible prophets predicted the rise and fall of empires hundreds, if not thousands, of years before any hint of their existence. No other book even remotely comes close to such a feat.

“So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it,” God says (Isaiah 55:11). He says: “I am ready to perform My word” (Jeremiah 1:12). “‘Is not My word like a fire?’ says the LORD, ‘and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?’” (Jeremiah 23:29).

The prophet Ezekiel wrote: “Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ‘Son of man, look, the house of Israel is saying, ‘The vision that he sees is for many days from now, and he prophesies of times far off.’ Therefore say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘None of My words will be postponed any more, but the word which I speak will be done,’ says the Lord GOD’” (Ezekiel 12:26–28).

The Living Creator God has the infinite power to back up what He says and see that it comes to pass. It would be wise for modern nations to heed the warnings contained in the Bible.



## Cohesive Design

The inspired order of the Old and New Testaments also stamps God’s divine authorship on the Bible. The most common Bibles today contain 66 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament, but this is not the original design. Just as there are 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet, there were originally 22 books of the Old Testament, which was written primarily in Hebrew.

The Old Testament was divided into three main sections—as Jesus Christ confirmed. He said to His disciples after His resurrection from the dead: “‘These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.’ And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures” (Luke 24:44–45).

Seven is used throughout the Bible as a number for completion. The Bible begins with the seven-day week of creation in Genesis and concludes with repeated references to seven in Revelation—seven churches, seven candlesticks, seven stars, seven seals, seven trumpets and seven last plagues. When we combine the three sections of the Old Testament with the four sections of the New Testament—the Gospels and Acts, the general epistles, Paul’s epistles and Revelation—we find there are seven major sections in inspired Scripture.

The Bible is well-packaged. In the Book of Revelation, Christ refers to Himself as “the Alpha and the Omega,” the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet (Revelation 1:8). He is the Living Word of God (John 1:1, 14). Note also that just as there are 27 letters in the Greek alphabet, there were 27 books in the New Testament, which was written in Greek.

Revelation, the last book of the Bible, concludes with many allusions to Genesis, the first book of the Bible. It speaks of a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21:1), just as Genesis begins with “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). There are references to the “tree of life” (Revelation 2:7; 22:2, 14), just as Genesis refers to the tree of life in the midst of the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:9; 3:22). Satan the devil is also called “the serpent of old,” referring to the serpent in the Garden of Eden (Revelation 12:9, Genesis 3:1–4). From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is cohesive.

## Understanding the Bible

Amazingly, the Bible even predicts many would not understand it and would consider it cryptic. Most people in the world are drunken with false doctrine and ideas that blur the precious truths contained within its pages. Many consider it sealed. Others think they are not educated enough or must be fluent in Hebrew or Greek to understand it. Even ministers are confused about its teachings.


The prophet Isaiah predicted: “Pause and wonder! Blind yourselves and be blind! They are drunk, but not with wine; They stagger, but not with intoxicating drink. For the LORD has poured out on you the spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes, namely the prophets; and He has covered your heads, namely, the seers. The whole vision has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is literate, saying, ‘Read this, please’; and he

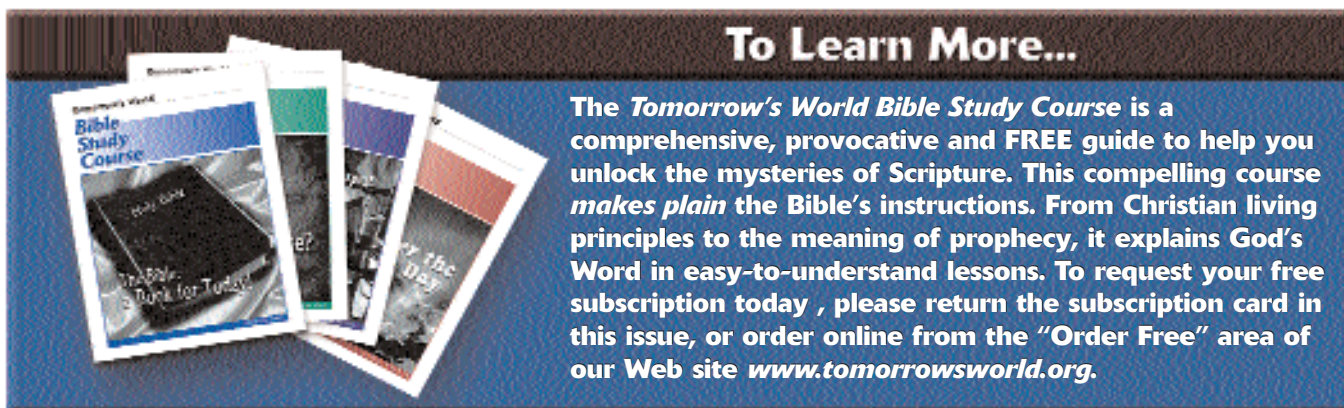
says, ‘I cannot, for it is sealed.’ Then the book is delivered to one who is illiterate, saying, ‘Read this, please’; and he says, ‘I am not literate’” (Isaiah 29:9–12).

To understand the Bible requires searching for its truths like precious gold or silver, digging deep to mine its quarry while maintaining a humble, child-like attitude. Isaiah also explained: “Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? For precept must be upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little” (Isaiah 28:9–10). Those unwilling to scour the entire Bible and allow it to interpret itself will find this a difficult stumbling-block (v. 13).

Are you like the Ethiopian eunuch who did not understand what he was reading in the Bible? “And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go near and overtake this chariot.’ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ And he said, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him” (Acts 8:27–31).

Jesus Christ said that His disciples would be given the spiritual discernment to understand the hidden truths of the Bible. He told His disciples that He spoke in parables so only they would understand the mysteries of God, and the world at large would not (Matthew 13:13, 16–17).

The Living God who inspired the Bible must open our minds to understand it as we show Him a willingness and humility to obey His instructions. God says: “But 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). “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments” (Psalm 111:10). Obedience to God is the key that will unlock for you the truths of the Bible: a book for *all* time! 



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# The Return of Epidemic Disease

The world is heading toward a public health calamity of disastrous proportions. After declining for nearly a century, age-old plagues have re-emerged—with a vengeance—in forms resistant to modern antibiotics! Infectious diseases in the United States have risen by nearly 60 percent in the last 25 years, now causing 25 percent of all deaths. According to the American Medical Association, “the problem is global and very serious” (*Journal of the American Medical Association*, Feb. 7, 2001, pp. 601–602). Microbiologist Alexander Tomaz warns that “we are on the verge of a *medical nightmare* that would turn the clock back to the days before antibiotics” (*Killer Germs*, Zimmerman, 1996, p. 55).

This surprising re-emergence of infectious disease was “unforeseen” by medical scientists who assumed that “ancient” plagues like cholera, diphtheria, malaria and tuberculosis were under control and nearly eradicated. Yet these deadly diseases—and a host of new ones—are spreading around the globe. We cannot afford to ignore what is happening. The dramatic return of epidemic disease will influence the future course of history.

## Ancient Prophecies—Modern Plagues

Jesus predicted that, just before His second coming, the world would experience an escalating series of calamities: wars, violence, famines, earthquakes and *pestilences*—disease epidemics—on a global scale (Matthew 24:7; Luke 21:11). The Apostle John, describing the end of the age, mentions a *pale horse* that will kill *one quarter* of the world’s population with the sword, hunger and “the beasts of the earth” (Revelation 6:8). The Greek word for “beasts” is *therion*, meaning a dangerous animal or venomous creature. Disease-causing bacteria and viruses—called “wee beasties” because of their diminutive size—are finding new opportunities because of recent decades’ social, political and economic turmoil. Sexual promiscuity, violent political upheavals, natural dis-

asters and economic privation facilitate the spread of disease. Meanwhile, the magic bullets of modern medicine—antibiotics—are losing their capacity to control dangerous microbial agents.

In the last two decades, one such agent—HIV/AIDS—has infected 36 million people, claimed 22 million lives and left 11 million orphans. This devastating new pestilence, caused by a virus which destroys the immune system, spreads rapidly among intravenous drug users and the sexually promiscuous. The AIDS epidemic is devastating entire regions in sub-Saharan Africa, and is spreading ominously in populous Southeast Asia. AIDS has been called “a viral nightmare that ravages all nations and threatens the very existence of our species” (Zimmerman, p. xi). Christ described that such events would occur at the end of the age (see Matthew 24:21–22).

The focus on AIDS has, however, obscured an even greater menace—the re-emergence of tuberculosis. TB is the world’s most deadly infectious disease, currently infecting 2 billion people—*one third* of the world’s population (*JAMA*, Jan. 18, 1995, p. 220). The TB virus can hide for years in an *inactive* form, then be activated by poor health, malnutrition, stress or another infection. AIDS patients are particularly susceptible to TB because of their damaged immune systems. One physician commented that “the twin plagues of AIDS and tuberculosis [have] come together in a synergy of terror never before seen in medical history” (Zimmerman, p. 86).

It is frightening to note that the world’s “hot zones” for TB—sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia—are also hot zones for AIDS. Eastern Europe has ten times as many TB cases as AIDS, and “the worst situation for multi-drug resistant TB ever documented in the world” (*Arizona Republic*, Mar. 21, 1999). World Health Organization officials have warned that “drug-resistant TB could become the principal epidemic of the next decade” through immigration, tourism and rapid international travel (*Ibid.*). These factors could similarly



spread the deadly hemorrhagic fevers caused by the Ebola and Marburg viruses. The mosquito-born West Nile virus recently appeared in New York City—its first appearance in the Western Hemisphere—causing concern among health officials (*JAMA*, May 2, 2000, p. 2,188). Together with a rapidly expanding global population (more than 6 billion people) and huge, crowded cities, these create a “recipe for disaster” (Zimmerman, p. 226) and “the greatest health disaster the world has ever known” (*Ibid.*, p. 87).

### A Lesson for Mankind

Thousands of years ago, God made a covenant with the ancient nation of Israel, promising to remove sickness from its midst if it would obey His divinely revealed laws (Exodus 15:26; 23:22–25; Deuteronomy 7:12–15). God also warned that He would bring *curses*—including terrible and incurable diseases—if Israel willfully disobeyed (see Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28). Those curses are coming to pass today among the descendants of ancient Israel. This includes the American and British-descended peoples; for more information on this topic, please request our free booklet *What’s Ahead for America and Britain?*

The Creator of the Universe warns His chosen people that if they reject His instructions: “I will even appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever... I will break the pride of your power... I will also send wild beasts [including *wee beasties*] among you, which will rob you of your children, destroy your livestock, and make you few in number... your highways shall be desolate” (Leviticus 26:16–22). God further warned, “the LORD will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you... your ox shall be slaughtered before your eyes, but you shall not eat of it... the LORD will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues” (Deuteronomy 28:21, 31, 59). The Bible

indicates that these curses would apply to future generations of Israelites (Deuteronomy 29:14–15).


These sobering prophecies have *come alive* in recent epidemics that have swept Britain and raised alarm in America and other nations. The outbreak of mad cow disease has claimed more than 80 human lives, caused hundreds of thousands of British cattle to be destroyed and cost the British government \$7.5 billion. It has “wreaked havoc on Britain’s once-proud beef industry” as other nations ban imports of British beef (*London Daily News*, Oct. 27, 2000).

Then came foot-and-mouth disease. Entire herds of apparently healthy cattle and sheep were slaughtered to control the epidemic. Some farmers contemplated suicide in the face of staggering losses (see Deuteronomy 28:34). Others, watching clouds of smoke rolling over the countryside from pyres of burning animal carcasses, spoke of a “plague of biblical proportions.”

Journalists referred to Britain as “the leper of Europe” (see Deuteronomy 28:37–42).

Travel through many parts of Britain was drastically curtailed. Agricultural experts in America and other countries clearly understood their own vulnerability (*USA Today*, April 17, 2001).

Few today see the return of epidemic disease as a consequence of breaking the laws of Almighty God. Even to suggest such a connection invites ridicule.

But the Bible *predicted* the current and future plagues—and that the effect of these plagues will be especially severe on the English-speaking peoples of the world who have “forsaken the covenant of the LORD” disregarded His laws (Deuteronomy 29:25). The whole world will come to understand this lesson (Deuteronomy 29:24–28). The surprising re-emergence of epidemic disease is a warning that Jesus Christ’s return is near. To learn more about this vital subject, request our informative free booklet *Fourteen Signs Announcing Christ’s Return* and continue reading *Tomorrow’s World*, where prophecy comes alive. 





# The Feminist Mistake

By Douglas S. Winnail

*Women are looking beyond feminism, and making remarkable discoveries!*

**S**urprising changes are in the wind. Women are writing articles, publishing books, giving seminars and setting up Web sites to convey a sobering message—that a generation of women has been misled and deceived! Executive Diane Passno observed: “We’ve been duped... We bought into a lie that sound-

ed so good... feminism as a world view has wreaked havoc on our culture” (*Feminism: Mystique or Mistake?* Passno, 2000, pp. 3, 169). A growing number of accomplished women are questioning and rejecting feminist ideology because it has not produced the “glorious fruits” that were promised. Have you had a similar experience—or have you noticed this dramatic shift?

Since the 1960s, feminist ideas have surged over our society like a tidal wave, sweeping along academics, clergy, entertainers, politi-

cians and the media. In the wake of this flood, traditional concepts about marriage, family and sex roles have been rejected or radically altered. While only 34 percent of young women identify themselves as feminists, much larger numbers have absorbed the assumptions and ideas of feminism (*American Demographics*, April 2001, p. 44). The “surface issues” of feminism—equal pay, equal opportunity and equal rights—are reasonable ideas. But there is a *dark side* to this powerful force, and a more radical agenda that is kept out of view. The

destructive impact of this deceptive ideology is also becoming obvious. As a result, courageous women are stepping out from the crowd and making surprising discoveries. Their search has carried them beyond feminism and back to a source their mentors rejected.

We need to understand the origins of modern feminism, *why* it spread and *why* it is failing. We need to grasp the *prophetic significance* of the modern feminist movement and what lies ahead, because a *real* revolution is soon to come—one *very different* than feminists envision. That future is outlined in the Bible—a book often blamed for many problems that women face. But first we need to notice important lessons we can learn from the history of the women's movement and why a shift back to traditional values is occurring. This information could change your life in remarkable ways.

## Roots of a Movement

The roots of modern feminism can be traced to social changes that occurred in American and Britain in the 1800s. During the great debates over the abolition of slavery the status of women did not go unnoticed. “Women were powerless. They could not vote.... They had no legal rights; they could not own property, nor could they have custody of their children in case of divorce... in Massachusetts and Vermont it [was] a greater crime to steal a cow than to abduct and rape a girl” (Passno, pp. 14–15). Women who joined the first wave of feminism sought equal treatment and opportunity—to be recognized as human beings—not as property. In addition to seeking the vote, they campaigned against

alcohol abuse, traffic in drugs, prostitution, child labor, exploitation of the poor, dangerous working conditions, and horrendous disparities in wages and living standards between rich and poor. Many of these *equity feminists* were guided by principles of their religious faith. They were pro-family and against divorce.

But the developing women's movement also contained a *radical* element that did not share a devotion to biblical principles. Feminists, such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, saw the Bible and orthodox Christianity as the real cause of women's oppression. In an attempt to undermine the biblical foundation of sex roles, Stanton published *The Woman's Bible* in 1895, which reinterpreted scriptures dealing with women and asserted that the Bible *was not* the inspired word of God but had been deliberately manipulated by male translators. Stanton claimed that in America we have “a state without a king, a church without a Pope, and now we are to prove it possible to have a family without a divinely ordained head” (*The Woman's Bible*, Fitzgerald, 1993, p. xviii). She urged women to “rebel” against the idea of “heaven-ordained subjection” (p. 158). These views marginalized the radicals from the women's movement—but their ideas did not die.

The civil rights era of the 1960s generated a *second wave* of the women's movement and a return of radical ideas—that targeted marriage and the traditional family. Women were told that domestic roles were inferior and restrictive. Betty Friedan, a former revolutionary-turned housewife, beckoned women to a brave new world outside the home (see *Newsweek*, Nov. 9, 1998, p. 72).

Describing her plight as a “trapped housewife,” Friedan wrote that she felt like a “freak... passive and apart” due to a “feminine mystique which defined woman only as a husband's wife, children's mother” (*The Feminine Mystique*, 1973, pp. xi, 5). Friedan asserted that a woman's *real* fulfillment and identity were in a career outside the home. Her message found a receptive audience in a generation enamored with freedom and discarding traditional values.

Friedan acknowledged that her education (at an exclusive women's college) did not prepare her for the domestic role she was trying to play (p. 6), and that she sensed no great purpose as a housewife and mother (p. 69). Friedan quoted Theodore Parker (a liberal Boston theologian of the 1850s): “To make one half the human race [women] consume its energies in the functions of housekeeper, wife and mother is a monstrous waste” (p. 85). Friedan's book speaks of marriage as a “state of slavery” asserting that women can only become “complete human beings” by rejecting marriage and motherhood (pp. 87–89). In “an act of rebellion” (p. 80), Friedan divorced her husband and moved out of suburbia—and helped spark a sexual revolution. Millions have followed her example.

Ironically, the “pied pipers” of feminism who lured women out of the home and nearly destroyed the traditional family in a single generation were very often unhappily married or divorced, never married and childless or bisexuals or lesbians (*Domestic Tranquility*, Graglia, 1998, p. 13). Carolyn Graglia (happily married, fulfilled full-time mother and trained lawyer) noted that “it was these

jaundiced abdicants from traditional femininity that led the assault on the traditional wife and mother” (Ibid., p. 16). They labeled devotion to home and children “a virtually worthless pursuit” and women who enjoyed being homemakers “mentally disturbed” (Ibid., pp. 17–18). Men were expendable, happiness was independence (by divorce or abortion if necessary), sexual freedom demonstrated equality and heterosexual love was inferior to love between two women (see *What Our Mothers Didn't Teach Us*, Crittenden, 1999).

The pupils of radical feminist leaders have generated a third wave of the women’s movement—*resenter feminists*. Walking in the footsteps of Stanton—who resented being born a woman—these women are organized, *angry* and determined to change *totally* the way society thinks and functions. They blame men, and a Bible-based patriarchal society created by men, for women’s woes. They consider knowledge, truth and reason to be masculine concepts used to control women. They question all history because it was written largely by men. Naomi Goldberg explained their ultimate goal: “The feminist movement in Western culture is engaged in the slow execution of Christ and Jehovah... God the Father of Judeo-Christian Scripture as the architect of the patriarchal society... will have to

go... we women are going to bring an end to God” (*Spirit Wars*, Jones, 1997, pp. 180, 195).

Women’s studies programs have become battlegrounds in a “gender war” where young women are “converted” to view society as “a patriarchal system of oppression” that must be overthrown (*Who Stole Feminism?* Sommers, 2000, p. 47). In feminist classes “resentment is harbored and nurtured” and women are encouraged to “get angry” as they discuss how they have been victimized by men (Ibid., p. 42). Lesbianism is promoted as a wedge for dismantling patriarchal culture. Goddess worship is fostered and erotic pleasure emphasized. Feminist educators want boys educated more like girls to “rescue” them from their masculinity (see *The War Against Boys*, Sommers, 2000).

### Rotten Fruit?

What are the fruits of 40 years of feminist activity? What does their utopian world actually look like? On the positive side, women have better wages, more freedom, more opportunities and fewer barriers in nearly every aspect of life. However, these new freedoms have spawned a host of problems. As women left home for the workplace, the quality of family life deteriorated and “latch-key” chil-

dren appeared (children who come home after school to an empty house). Trashing traditional moral values and the lack of parental supervision in the home led to increased sexual activity among teens, soaring rates of sexually transmitted disease, a 400 percent rise in births to unwed mothers, increasing numbers of children living in single parent homes and the feminization of poverty. Legalizing abortion to facilitate sexual freedom has killed millions of babies and scarred millions of women! Day care—the option for many working mothers—appears to foster aggressive and defiant behavior in children (*Arizona Republic*, April 19, 2001).

While liberal intellectuals talk about feminism’s pursuit of tolerance and progress, perceptive women are more realistic. Graglia noted “the forked tongue of contemporary feminism” which is “the creation of women who rejected the traditional family and traditional femininity” and that “the ideology they developed is based on *misrepresentation* of the facts—feminism’s falsification of reality” (Graglia, pp. 17, 354). Danielle Crittenden saw that her generation discovered the hard way that feminist slogans like “domestic dependency is dangerous to women” and “love can flourish only between adults when everyone pays his or her own way” were lies (Crittenden, pp. 63, 96). Studies actually show that “when women support themselves, there is a lesser degree of bonding between husband and wife” (Graglia, p. 25).

Journalist Dale O’Leary noted that “educating young people to believe that men and women are the same, or that motherhood is the same as fatherhood, is lying to children” (O’Leary, p. 162).



**Betty Friedan, author of *The Feminine Mystique* and pioneer of 1960’s-era feminism.**



Passno saw that “feminists and their cohorts in psychology and education brainwashed an entire generation into thinking that the sexes were no different... is it any wonder that this type of *nonsense* has resulted in male/female gender confusion with tragic results” (Passno, p. 29). Observed Crittenden: “Feminism has failed women... the belief that women should bear no consequences for their decisions, that we can live independently of men and children—that we *should* live independently of them—is among the **great foolish and destructive beliefs of our age**” (Crittenden, pp. 24, 191).

But how could modern, educated, men and women be misled so easily to discard traditional values that have stabilized human societies for thousands of years? The answer—our secular society has lost sight of the fact that we are not alone in the universe. The Bible reveals that “we wrestle... against *spiritual hosts of wickedness* in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12), and that Satan and his demons have *deceived* the whole world (Revelation 12:9). Satan misled Adam and Eve by appealing to their emotions and reasoning abilities (Genesis 3:6–13). Today, intellectuals reason that the Bible is the cause of women’s oppression. However, the real cause is the *misreading* of Scripture. Jewish sages who thanked God daily that they were not born as women, and theologians such as Augustine and Thomas Aquinas who viewed women as “defective and misbegotten males,” got their ideas from pagan Greek philosophers like Plato and Aristotle who taught that women were “inferior” creatures (see *Christianity and Feminism in Conversation*, Coll, 1995, pp.

72–73). Because perverted ideas about women were promoted by men calling themselves Christian, many have assumed these ideas came from the Bible. That is part of Satan’s attempt to discredit Scripture.

The Bible also reveals that human beings can be possessed by evil forces (Mark 5:1–15; Acts 16:16) and become *unwitting pawns* who promote Satan’s agenda. Friedan revealed that when she was writing her book attacking marriage and the traditional family, “the book took me over, *obsessed* me, wanted to write itself... I have never experienced anything as powerful, truly mystical as *the forces* that seemed to take me over when I was writing *The Feminine Mystique*” (Friedan, pp. 7–8). Only belatedly did Friedan ask: “Am I wrong to try to redefine our concept of family?” (Friedan, p. xxi). The tragic results indicate that she was! Today, women are declaring feminism “bankrupt as a movement” (Passno, p. 8) and “one of the bad jokes that history occasionally plays on us” (Crittenden, p. 65). Ironically, feminists urged women into the workplace just as Russian women began clamoring to return to the home (Graglia, p. 11). Feminists have *ignored* this lesson of modern history.

Few today grasp the *prophetic significance* of the modern feminist movement. Yet the Apostle Paul wrote that “in *latter times* some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons” (1 Timothy 4:1). When we understand the demonic influence behind radical feminism, it is not surprising why the U.N. Conference on Women in Beijing (which promoted abortion, prostitution, child sex and pagan goddess worship) has been called “the

most radical atheistic, anti-family crusade in the history of the world” (O’Leary, p. 173). Paul also stated that “in the *last days* perilous times will come... men [people] will... creep into households and make captives of [captive] gullible women loaded down with sins, *led away by various lusts*” (2 Timothy 3:1–6). The feminist movement, appealing to emotions and desires, has deceived millions of women and undermined biblical morality and the traditional family in less than a generation. Isaiah recorded a startling end-time prophecy about the nations of Israel: “As for My people, children are their oppressors, and **women rule over them**. O My people! Those who lead you cause you to err” (Isaiah 3:12). These words could not be more relevant to our culture today. The Bible describes that a period of feminist activity will be one of many deceptions in Israelite nations just before the return of Jesus Christ.

## The Revolution Ahead

The future also holds exciting news. When Jesus Christ returns to set up the kingdom of God on earth, there will be a “restoration of all things” (Acts 3:19–21). The truth of God will go forth from Jerusalem to all corners of the world (Isaiah 2:2–4; 11:9). Human beings will learn that God did not create men and women to live independently and alone, but in a mutually enjoyable relationship (Genesis 2:18). God *designed* men and women to be *different* and gave them *complementary* roles (Genesis 1:27–28). They are each to glorify God as they fulfill their *unique* roles. Women were *not* created inferior to men—as an

afterthought by the Creator—but for the special opportunity to foster relationships and to bear and nurture children—the future members of God’s family.

God designed marriage to picture a God-plane relationship characterized by *permanence*, where divorce has no place (Ephesians 5:22–33; Matthew 19:6–8). In the kingdom of God, the laws of God will safeguard marriage and the family. Society will learn that the best environment for children is a home where both biological parents provide uniquely different inputs in a lifelong marriage. Regrettably, many women today feel unable to fully devote their energies to raising children, as divorce, poverty, family illness or materialistic desires pull both spouses into the work force. The feminist idea that successful women must get out of the home is also a factor.

The Bible reveals that men are to lead the family and play primary roles in the public sphere and that a married woman’s primary role is in the domestic sphere working *with* her husband (see Genesis 2:18–25; Titus 2:4–5). Although demeaned by feminists, managing a family and a household is a demanding responsibility that requires just as much skill as running a business (see Proverbs 31:10–31). These roles, however, are not exclusive. Miriam (Moses’ sister), Deborah (a judge) and Esther (a queen) played prominent public roles in the history of Israel. The New Testament specifically mentions the contributions of single women. The widow Dorcas had a reputation for serving others by making clothes (Acts 9:39). Lydia

was a successful merchant (Acts 16:14–15). Aquila and Priscilla were a husband and wife team that assisted Paul in his ministry in the early Church (Acts 18:18, 26). Both men and women are to serve as role models so that important social values can be transmitted to future generations




(Titus 2:1–5). The powerful and practical truth of these biblical principles is generating a return to traditional values.

In spite of decades of feminist pronouncements that fulfillment should be sought in a career outside the home, many women are making astounding discoveries! They are quitting jobs and moving to the suburbs to raise children—“and are startled by how much they enjoy being mothers” (Crittenden, p. 136). Many young women, after training for careers, “later discover that raising a family demands far more brains and creativity than they would need in the corporate world” (Passno, p. 166). Graglia wrote movingly about her marriage: “When I stopped practicing law and became a housewife, an unexpected benefit was that I felt even better loved than before. I began to feel the glow of contentment and self-satisfaction which derived in part from the realization that my husband cared for me enough... to provide so well for me and our children”

(Graglia, p. 365). She found that the joys and delights of motherhood “were not only *incomparably satisfying*, but were the best learning experiences of my life” (Ibid.). Graglia understood that her role in molding the lives of a future generation was much more significant than preparing legal briefs. She sensed an incredible purpose that Friedan and others had missed.

Radical feminist ideas have fostered a massive deception on an unsuspecting world. Millions of women have been deceived into ignoring traditional biblical guidelines in their search for fulfillment. The results of feminist attempts to restructure society have been tragic and the costs horrendous. However, there is hope ahead. We can prepare to play an important role in the coming kingdom of God by developing a real understanding of God’s true purpose for men, women, marriage and the family. TW

## To Learn More...



Men and women can avoid the mistakes of misguided feminists, and can bring joy and fulfillment into their lives, by moving beyond feminism and rediscovering the roles their Creator outlined in the Bible. Please request our FREE booklet *Build a Joyous Marriage* or download it from the Literature section of our Web site [www.tomorrowworld.org](http://www.tomorrowworld.org).

# Letters to the Editor

## **TOMORROW'S WORLD**

I wanted to let you know how moved I am by your program *Tomorrow's World*, and how your intelligent interpretation of Bible verses and Bible prophecy has touched my mind and made so many things clear that I was never able to understand before. Many years ago, I watched a program with Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong called *The World Tomorrow*, and his teachings were very clear and concise also. I remember Richard Ames from that program, and always enjoyed his speaking on the Bible.

J. W., High Point, NC

I watched the television program today, on "The Seven Laws of Success." I am a subscriber to *Tomorrow's World* magazine and to the *Bible Study Course*. I just took my first test, on the first four lessons of the course. Thank you very much; the *Bible Study Course* is edifying, the magazine is great and the television program is also excellent. May God really bless you!

E. V., San Salvador, El Salvador

I am writing to you to say "thank you very much" for sending me the *Tomorrow's World* magazine and the free *Bible Study Course*. It is an awesome message that I have learned from these lessons, and it is a big encouragement for me to seek God and read my Bible.

L.S., Auckland, New Zealand

It has been my question for a very long time: "Where will Heaven be?" Please allow me to thank you for the eye-opening and revealing article in your May-June 2001 issue, "The Reality of Christ's Coming Kingdom." Now I don't have to guess anymore!

W. J., Roadtown, British Virgin Islands

This last weekend I was visiting my sister. She happened to see the May-June 2001 issue of the *Tomorrow's World* magazine, and read your article "Bible Principles of Health." Her comments to me were most interesting. For many years she knew that I do not eat shellfish or pork. She thought I had adopted Jewish laws for health and diet. My explanations have not helped her understand, until she read your article. She said that the article was excellent and very educational, and that she learned a lot from it. She said she now understands the driving force behind my practice. Thank you for your wonderful article.

J. J., Beach Park, IL

## **BOOKLETS**

I enjoy your magazine very much, but as I am rather blind to the idea that Britain and America are the "ten lost tribes," I can only get a limited amount of benefit from reading it.

A. S., Lincoln, NB

*Editor's Note: Many are surprised to learn that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples—and others of Northwest Europe—are indeed among the "ten lost tribes" who vanished into history when Israel was taken into captivity in Assyria. Recognizing this amazing truth is essential in order to understand how prophecy will continue to unfold in the years before Jesus Christ's return. To learn more about this little-known but vital aspect of history and prophecy, please write for your FREE copy of our booklet What's Ahead for America and Britain?*

The booklet I recently received, *Twelve Keys to Answered Prayer*, is awesome. I am presently studying intercessory prayer in my Bible class. The highlights of this new booklet have given me a more in-depth knowledge of what God expects from me, and what I can receive through prayer.

A. F., Oak Park, IL

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while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). Jesus’ example was one of service, sacrifice and love. “For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life” (Romans 5:10).

Whatever position one may hold in this life, it will never bring true success unless it is used in service toward others. Jesus gave the principle of service: “He who is greatest among you shall be your servant” (Matthew 23:11). And notice this warning for those who want the chief seat: “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (v. 12). One of the measures of true success is the degree of service one is willing to give. False success depends on the *get* principle—the default characteristic of human nature!

Intellectual prowess—accumulating knowledge—is another false measure of success. God wants us to use our minds to learn *true* values and *true* knowledge. Unless one has chosen biblical humility, his material knowledge may lead to intellectual vanity—a feeling of superiority and even of arrogance. Knowledge puffs up, as the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 8:1. Today’s common anti-God forms of education are simply vanity. Paul wrote: “Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, ‘He catches the wise in their own craftiness’; and again, ‘The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile’” (1 Corinthians 3:18–20). How many times have you seen so-called “experts” use their expertise to pervert or dismiss the plain truth of Scripture? Truly, “the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.” Writing to the Greek Corinthians (who, as he observed earlier, “seek after wisdom”) Paul wrote: “For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks fool-

ishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men” (1 Corinthians 1:22–25).

True knowledge—lasting knowledge as opposed to vanity—is available only to those who humble themselves to live by God’s wisdom rather than the world’s. As Jesus prayed: “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to

babes” (Matthew 11:25). Babes in Christ will have the greater wisdom and understanding. “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments” (Psalm 111:10).



**True success is found in serving and giving. “He who is greatest among you shall be your servant” (Matthew 23:11).**

## Pursuit of Sensual Pleasure

Some seek pleasure as life’s ultimate goal. King Solomon, who “had it all,” wrote: “I said in my heart, ‘Come now, I will test you with mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure’; but surely, this also was vanity” (Ecclesiastes 2:1). Today’s society seeks pleasure through sexual licentiousness, drug abuse, alcohol abuse and every imaginable form of stimulation. The Apostle John warned: “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever” (1 John 2:15–17). True success is lasting—it does not pass away—but lust and pride will meet their end, and those who embrace these will pay the price.

Sexually transmitted diseases are on the increase in the United States. The book of Proverbs contains a father’s warning to his son, urging him to avoid harlots. “For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil; but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death, her steps lay hold of hell.... Remove your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house lest... you

mourn at last, when your flesh and your body are consumed” (Proverbs 5:3–11).

Millions—even billions—are deceived by sexual temptations. They are sowing to the flesh and, as Galatians 6:8 warns, of the flesh they will reap corruption. But God intends us to experience sexual pleasure in marriage. He wants us to enjoy life to the full within His laws and His precepts. Jesus Christ came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly (John 10:10). God’s way brings fun today without bringing regret and suffering tomorrow. “The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it” (Proverbs 10:22).


After all of King Solomon’s experimentation, he came to a final conclusion. “And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is wearisome to the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:12–14). The NRSV states it this way: “Fear God, and keep His commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone.”

Some religions teach that it is impossible to keep God’s commandments. They invent amazing interpretations to excuse their lack of submission to God and Christ. Yet as the Apostle Paul stated: “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13). The Bible reveals the unseen and immutable laws of life. When we are in harmony with those principles and instructions, we are blessed. From the beginning of the Bible to the end, you will find that obedience to God’s way of life brings blessings, and disobedience to His way of life brings curs-

es. The world’s criteria for success—possessions, power, position and pleasure—only bring pain, suffering, failure and death. Those whose measure of success is self-indulgence, self-aggrandizement and self-centeredness harm themselves and others.

True success comes only through the Savior of the world, who taught us to live by every word of God. When we do that through the power of the Holy Spirit—God’s gift to those who repent and are baptized—we live truly happy and successful lives, and help others into the kingdom of God and the family of God. Jesus told His disciples: “Freely you have received, freely give” (Matthew 10:8). We strive to do that in this magazine. The *Tomorrow’s World* telecast, magazine, *Bible Study Course* and all our other free booklets and tapes are dedicated to educating all who will listen to biblical truth, so that they may be successful in this life, inherit the kingdom and experience true success for all eternity. TW

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## HOW GOD INTERVENES (continued from page 7)

Cyrus, whose right hand I have held—to subdue nations before him and loose the armor of kings, to open before him the double doors, so that the gates will not be shut” (Isaiah 44:28; 45:1).

Today, many scholars say that these scriptures in the book of Isaiah must have been written contemporaneously with the

events they describe. They deny that Isaiah wrote a prophecy 200 years in advance of its fulfillment. On what basis do they deny this? They do not have facts to prove their point—only a lack of faith that God is the Almighty who truly intervenes in human affairs!

Look at what historians know about the events which took place about 539BC when Cyrus conquered Babylon, an “impregnable” city-fortress

renowned throughout the earth for its power. Unable to surmount the massive fortified walls around Babylon, which had repelled so many other invaders, Cyrus’ men diverted the Euphrates River, which normally flowed under the heavy city gates as it passed through the city. By lowering the river level and by having a spy unlock the inner gates along the river, Cyrus’ army invaded the city in a totally unexpected manner and took the

Babylonians by complete surprise.

Was God surprised? No. He had described nearly 200 years earlier how a leader specifically named “Cyrus” would conquer great kings by going through “the two leaved gates”!

Soon after this, Cyrus issued the order to allow the Jews to voluntarily return to their homeland and Jerusalem and—in another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy—he instructed them to rebuild the Temple (Ezra 1:2–4; 6:2–5).

### God’s Purpose Stands


God foretells during these “latter days” that man’s “knowledge shall increase” (Daniel 12:4). Perhaps the distinctive hallmark

of our time is the explosion of material knowledge. Technological changes are totally overturning what we used to think of as “normal.” In His wisdom, the Creator knew that when our focus would be primarily on materialism, our lives would be entrapped by idolatry and paganism. What we are sowing today, we shall reap tomorrow. The One who *delivered us* again and again from past national threats like conquest by the Spanish Armada and annihilation by the Nazis at Dunkirk, has definitely prophesied that since we have *rejected* Him and His Ways, He will now set His hand—in love—to *punish us and humble us* in a coming Great Tribulation!

We could only forestall this by a national change of heart and,

individually, by a sincere return to God that demonstrates a willingness to follow His Ways, His righteous laws and His *rule* over our lives. Will we?

If not, the great Creator of heaven and earth will intervene in our leadership and that of other countries. He will *distress us* through weather and other disasters. And He will *allow* perverted demon spirits to strike at and *destroy* the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic nations and their allies through their influence over envious, hateful leaders yet to appear on the world scene!

God is Almighty! He has the power to bring about the inspired prophecies of His Word. God’s will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven. 

### TOTAL SURRENDER (continued from page 3)

Simple? It *should* be simple, but the human mind plays devious tricks on us. For we do not want to be looked down on or ostracized by our fellow men, our family, our lodge or our club.

Many of us are like the Jews of Jesus’ day: “Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God” (John 12:42–43). If you find something in God’s teachings that may cause you to lose favor with others, will you pull back, disregard it and, consequently, disobey? Perhaps you say, “It doesn’t make any difference.”

Think about this: “But 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).

A genuine Christian must remember that he is NOT his own. He is bought and paid for by the blood

of Jesus Christ! So it naturally follows that he will strive to *obey* God fully. A true Christian knows that Christ really is his “Lord,” his actual “Boss”! *This* is the attitude God is looking for: TOTAL SURRENDER to Him. This is the attitude that will show God that—unlike unfaithful Satan and his disobedient demons—you and I will always be LOYAL, having active faith to *do* what God says.

Ask God for the attitude of total surrender to Him. Take time to learn His ways by studying the Bible. Remember to *do* what the Good Book says. Read carefully our booklets and the articles in *Tomorrow’s World*. Thoughtfully, compare what we teach with your Bible. Do not worry about “what other people think.” Learn to “prove all things; hold fast that which is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:21, KJV).

Then, with God’s guidance through His Spirit, you will allow Him to build within you that one basic attitude which, if continued, will ensure your place in the everlasting Kingdom of God.



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### INTERNATIONAL:

#### —AUSTRALIA

**Adelaide:** ACE—Ch 6/31, SUN 11:30 am, THUR 8:30 pm  
**Brisbane:** BRIZ—Ch 31, SUN 8:30 am  
**Melbourne:** MCTC—Ch 31, TUE 11:00 pm  
**Perth:** CETL—Ch 31, SUN 9:30 am

#### —GUYANA

**Georgetown:** CNS TV—Ch 6, SUN 2:30 pm

#### —JAMAICA

**Kingston:** CVM TV—Ch 4, 8 & 9, SUN 7:00 am

#### —PHILIPPINES

**Borongan:** Borongan Cable—Ch 17, SAT 3:00 pm  
**Kidapawan Mindanao:** Kidapawan Cable—Ch 19, SAT 8:30 am  
**Naval, Leyte:** Naval Cable—Ch 11, SUN 9:00 am  
**Nabunturan:** Nabunturan Cable—Ch 21, SAT 10:00 am  
**Maasin City:** Maasin Cable—Ch 13, SUN 12:00 pm  
**Naval Biliran:** Bilinet Cable—Ch 11, SUN 10:00 am  
**Ormoc City:** Ormoc Cable—Ch 3, SAT 12:00 pm  
**Sogod Leyte:** Sogod Cable—Ch 13, SUN 12:00 pm

#### —TRINIDAD

**Trinidad, Port of Spain:** CCN—Ch 6, SAT 3:30 pm

### UNITED STATES:

**AL, Birmingham:** Cable—Ch 4, SUN 2:30 am  
**AL, Troy:** WRJM—Ch 67, SUN 8:30 am  
**AR, Fayetteville:** Access TV—Ch 8, SUN 8:30 pm  
**AR, Little Rock:** KASN—Ch 38, SAT 8:00 am  
**AZ, Phoenix:** Access—Ch 22, WED 4:00 pm  
**AZ, Prescott:** Cable—Ch 13, SAT 5:30 pm; SUN 6:30 am  
**AZ, Tucson:** Access—Ch 73, SAT 4:30 pm; SUN 11:30 am  
**CA, Anaheim:** Adelphia—Ch 3, WED 6:00 pm  
**CA, Buena Park:** Adelphia—Ch 55, SUN 5:00 pm  
**CA, Eureka:** Cox—Ch 10, FRI 5:30 pm  
**CA, Garden Grove:** Time Warner—Ch 6, SUN 10:30 am  
**CA, Modesto:** AT&T—Ch 8, TUE 3:00 pm  
**CA, Norwalk:** Public Access—Ch 55, THUR 5:00 pm  
**CA, Oceanside:** KOCT—Ch 18, SUN 5:30 pm  
**CA, Sacramento:** RCCTV—Ch 75, WED 7:00 pm  
**CA, San Andreas:** MediaOne—Ch 4, TUE 4:00 pm  
**CA, San Diego:** Cox—Ch 18 & 24 THUR 6:00 pm  
**CA, San Francisco:** Community TV—Ch 29 THUR 5:00 pm  
**CA, Sonora:** TCCCA—Ch 8, SUN 8:00 pm  
**CA, Turlock:** Charter—Ch 2, MON 8:00 pm  
**CT, Enfield:** Cox—Ch 15, THUR 2:30 pm & 7:00 pm  
**CT, Naugatuck:** Tele-Media—Ch 10, TUE 9:30 pm  
**FL, Gainesville:** Cox—Ch 55, SUN 8:00 pm  
**FL, Ocala:** Cox—Ch 71, SUN 10:00 am  
**FL, Tampa:** Time Warner—Ch 19 & 20, THUR 8:00 pm; MON 3:00 pm  
**GA, Atlanta:** AIB—Cable, THUR 6:30 pm; SAT 1:30 am  
**GA, Macon:** Cox Cable—Ch 18, SUN 5:00 pm; TUE 7:30 am; FRI 2:00 pm  
**HI, Hilo:** Na Leo—Ch 14, TUE 10:30 pm; FRI 9:30 pm  
**HI, Honolulu:** Olole—Ch 52, THUR 2:00 pm  
**HI, Kailua-Kona:** Na Leo—Ch 14, TUE 10:30 pm; FRI 9:30 pm  
**HI, Kauai:** Ho'i'ke—Ch 12, MON 1:30 pm  
**HI, Lanai:** Akaku—Ch 3, 12 & 13, WED 8:30 pm  
**HI, Maui:** Akaku—Ch 44, SAT 9:30 pm  
**HI, Molokai:** Akaku—Ch 3, 12 & 13 WED 8:30 pm

**IA, Des Moines:** AT&T—Ch 15, SAT 10:00 am; SUN 11:00 am  
**IA, Dubuque:** TCI of Iowa—Ch 45, THUR 7:30 pm; MON 7:30 pm; TUE 10:00 am  
**IA, Waterloo:** Cable—Ch 2, WED 9:00 pm  
**ID, Pocatello:** Vision—Ch 12, SUN 7:30 pm; FRI 1:00 pm  
**IL, Bloomington:** AT&T—Ch 10, SUN 8:30 am; MON 9:00 pm  
**IL, Chicago:** WGN—Cable, SUN 6:00 am (ET)  
**IL, Peoria:** AT&T—Ch 20, SUN 7:30 pm  
**IL, Springfield:** TCI—Ch 4, TUE 6:00 pm  
**IN, Anderson:** Insight—Ch 3, WED 9:30 pm  
**IN, Lafayette:** Insight—Ch 16, TUE 8:30 pm  
**KS, Chanute:** Cablevision—Ch 5, SUN 7:30 am; TUE 5:30 pm  
**KS, Parsons:** Time Warner—Ch 21, WED 7:00 pm; WED 9:30 pm  
**KY, Paducah:** Public Cable—Ch 2, WED 3:30 pm  
**LA, Monroe:** Time Warner—Ch 49, WED 10:00 pm  
**MA, Cambridge:** CCTV—Ch 22, TUE 4:00 pm  
**MA, Malden:** Access TV—Ch 3, SUN 11:00 am  
**MD, Baltimore:** TCI—Ch 5, SUN 4:00 pm, WED 4:00 pm  
**MD, Westminster:** Adelphia—Ch 19, TUE 10:30 am, THUR & FRI 10:00 am  
**MN, Duluth:** Public Access—Ch 24, SAT 11:00 am; SUN 7:00 pm  
**MN, Minneapolis:** MTN—Ch 67/58, THUR 6:30 pm  
**MN, Minneapolis:** NW Community—Ch 19, SAT 10:30 pm; SUN 4:30 am, 10:30 am & 4:30 pm  
**MN, Roseville:** CTV—Ch 15, SUN 7:30 pm; MON 3:30 & 11:30 am  
**MN, St. Paul:** SPNN—Ch 34, SUN 8:30 pm  
**MO, Kansas City:** KCWE—Ch 29, SUN 6:00 am  
**MO, Springfield:** KSPR—Ch 33, SUN 8:30 am  
**MO, St. Louis:** Double Helix—Ch 22, MON 4:00 pm  
**MS, Jackson:** Time Warner—Ch 11, WED 12:00 am & 4:00 pm  
**MT, Billings:** BSC—Cable, Daily 9:30 am & 7:30 pm  
**MT, Butte:** BSC—Cable, Daily 7:30 pm & 8:30 pm  
**MT, Great Falls:** BSC—Cable, Daily 9:30 am  
**MT, Great Falls:** Public Access TV—Ch 7, TUE 6:00 pm; FRI 6:00 pm  
**MT, Helena:** BSC—Cable, Daily 9:30 am  
**MT, Kalispell:** BSC—Cable, Daily 5:00 am  
**MT, Missoula:** BSC—Cable, SUN 9:30 am & 9:30 pm; WED 9:30 pm  
**NC, Wilmington:** Time Warner—Ch 4, WED 10:00 pm  
**ND, Bismarck:** CATV—Ch 12, SUN 3:00 pm  
**NE, Omaha:** KPMT—Ch 42, SUN 8:00 am  
**NH, Hanover:** CATV—Ch 6, SUN 5:00 pm & 11:00 pm; MON 5:00 am & 11:00 am  
**NJ, East Windsor:** Ch 3 & 27, WED 5:30 pm  
**NJ, Oakland:** Cablevision—Ch 71 & 72, SUN 6:30 pm  
**NM, Albuquerque:** CCC27—Ch 27, SUN 9:30 pm  
**NM, Rio Rancho:** CABLE ONE—Ch 51, THUR, 7:00 pm  
**NV, Carson City:** Access TV—Ch 10, SAT 9:00 pm  
**NV, Gardnerville:** Community Access—Ch 26, SAT 3:00 am & 3:00 pm; SUN 3:00 am & 3:00 pm  
**NV, Reno/Sparks:** SNCT—Ch 30/16, SUN 7:30 pm  
**NY, Batavia:** Time Warner—Ch 19, WED 6:30 pm  
**NY, Binghamton:** Time Warner—Ch 6, FRI 5:00 pm  
**NY, Brooklyn:** BCAT—Ch 56/69, SUN 3:00 pm  
**NY, Canandaigua:** FLTV—Ch 12, SUN 11:30 am  
**NY, Delmar:** TV 18—Ch 18, WED 3:00 pm  
**NY, Elmira & Corning:** Time Warner—Ch 1, SUN 9:30 am  
**NY, Hauppauge:** Cablevision—Ch 70, FRI 10:00 pm  
**NY, Irondequoit:** ICAT—Ch 15, SUN 7:00 pm, TUE 9:30 am & 7:00 pm

**NY, Ithaca:** Pegasys—Ch 13 & 78, SUN 8:00 pm, TUE 7:00 pm, WED 4:30 pm  
**NY, Oneonta:** Time Warner—Ch 23, WED 8:30 pm  
**NY, Port Jefferson:** TCI—Ch 1/99 MON 9:00 pm  
**NY, Queens:** QPTV—Ch 35, check local listing  
**NY, Riverhead:** Cablevision—Ch 27, MON 4:30 pm  
**NY, Rochester:** Community TV—Ch 15, SAT 12:30 pm  
**NY, Schenectady:** Community TV—Ch 16, MON 8:30 am  
**NY, Utica:** Adelphia—Ch 3, MON 9:00 pm  
**OK, Tulsa:** KTFQ—Ch 41 SAT 12:30 am  
**OR, Beaverton:** Community Access—Ch 51, SAT 1:00 am SUN 7:00 pm; TUES 11:30 pm; FRI 5:00 pm  
**OR, Portland:** MCTV—Ch 11, SUN 12:30 pm  
**PA, Sayre:** Time Warner—Ch 18, MON-FRI, 5:00 pm  
**RI, Providence:** WPXQ—Ch 69, SUN 9:30 am  
**TX, Austin:** Community Access—Ch 11, MON 5:30 pm  
**TX, Corpus Christi:** TCI—Ch 10, THUR 2:00 pm; FRI 10:30 am; SUN 11:00 am  
**TX, Dallas:** Community Television—Ch 14b, FRI 2:00 pm; SAT 1:00 pm; SUN 11:00 am  
**TX, Temple:** KPLE—Ch 31/46, SUN 7:30 pm  
**VA, Chesterfield:** Comcast—Ch 6, THUR 6:30 pm  
**VA, Fredericksburg:** COX—Ch 25, MON 8:00 pm  
**VT, Barre:** Ch 7, SAT 9:00 pm; SUN 2:00 pm & 11:00 pm  
**VT, Montpelier:** Adelphia—Ch 15, TUE 9:00 pm; WED 3:00 pm  
**WA, Kennewick:** Charter—Ch 13, SUN 8:00 pm; TUE 8:00 pm  
**WA, Seattle:** TCI—Ch 29, SAT 7:00 pm  
**WA, Vancouver:** Clark/Vancouver—Ch 49, SUN 9:30 am  
**WI, Wausau:** Charter—Ch 10, THUR 9:00 pm; FRI 7:30 am

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**TX, Tyler:** KLTU—Ch 7, SUN 6:30 am

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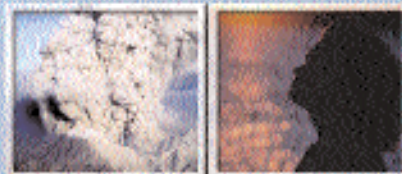
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