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# Personal

By Roderick C. Meredith, Editor in Chief



# Are You SURE?

Most people smugly drift along through life holding ideas and beliefs which they have never PROVED! This may not be too dangerous when it involves opinions about sports teams, or about who was the world's greatest politician, the most beautiful actress or things of that nature.

But when it involves one's eternal life-when it involves the whole PURPOSE for human existencethen we had better be absolutely SURE of our opinions. We had better PROVE beyond all doubt what we believe!

I well remember growing up in a small mid-western city. My family was average in most ways. Mom, Dad, Patty, Kathryn and I were the family—I was the oldest child. We attended one of the largest and most respected "mainstream" churches. My parents had both graduated from a small liberal arts college sponsored by our church. They were very devoted to the church, though not in a strident or fanatical way.

Some of my earliest memories include celebrating Christmas. My sisters and I were told that Santa Claus would come "sneaking down" our fireplace chimney and bring us presents each night before Christmas. It was an exciting time—lots of presents, a big family meal and "time off" from school!

Then we learned that the "Easter bunny" would lay eggs and we had to look for them all over the house on Easter Sunday mornings. Later, we were told that Christ rose from the dead on Easter, but that certainly was not the focus of our attention.

In Sunday School, we drew maps of the Holy Land, and memorized the Lord's Prayer and a few sentimental scriptures. But when we were drilled on the Lord's Prayer, it was never explained to us what "Thy Kingdom come" actually meant, or the vital phrase "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Rather, we were taught that if we were generally "good" boys and girls we would just "go to heaven"

when we died. Of course, Jesus Christ's direct statement, "NO ONE has ascended to heaven" (John 3:13) was never discussed. And certainly no discussion ever occurred regarding the dozens of scriptures clearly describing the Christian's GOAL of assisting Christ in ruling this earth—such as 1 Corinthians 6:2-3: "Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?"

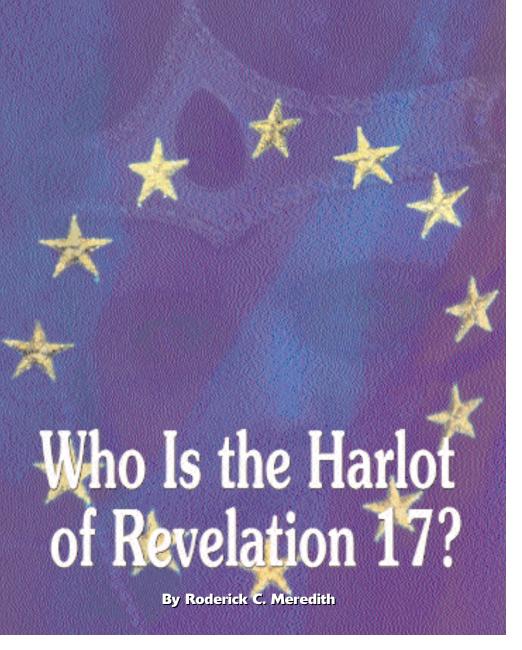
The sweet little old lady who taught us in Sunday School told us many times—as did others later—that Jesus taught in parables to make more clear the meaning of what He was saying. Apparently this sweet lady-like hundreds of sincere ministers and teachers-was unaware of Jesus' direct explanation of why He spoke in parables. "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, so that 'Seeing they may see and NOT perceive, and hearing they may hear and NOT understand; lest they should turn, and their sins be forgiven them" (Mark 4:11–12).

But, you may exclaim, "Wasn't Jesus trying to save everyone?"

NO, He was not, strange as that may seem. For He Himself said, "NO ONE can come to Me UNLESS the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:44). Then, for emphasis, Jesus essentially repeated that shocking statement, "Therefore I have said to you that NO ONE can come to Me UNLESS it has been granted to him by My Father" (v. 65).

That, my friends, is WHY most people on earth have never been-and are not now-any kind of

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ho is the mysterious "Harlot" of Revelation 17? This is a puzzle to millions of people—and even to many theologians. Yet the Word of God devotes most of an entire chapter—plus many references elsewhere—to this vital topic.

Whoever this great "Harlot" is, she is very powerful. She has, and will in the future, MARTYR untold millions of human beings. She is destined to dramatically CHANGE the lives of *every one of you* who read this article! This Harlot sits astride a system encompassing many nations and peoples, "Then he said to me, 'The waters which

you saw, where the Harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues" (Revelation 17:15). And she continues to exist right up to the Second Coming of Christ! For God's Word describes the "ten horns" or ten KINGS (v. 12) which will arise at that time: "These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.... And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire" (vv. 14, 16).

Modern theologians and Bible commentaries try to be "politically correct" in their references to this great Harlot. For instance, notice this comment from the Expositor's Bible Commentary, Vol. 12, pp. 553–554: "In an important sense, the interpretation of this chapter controls the interpretation of the whole Book of Revelation. For a majority of exegetes, Babylon represents the city of Rome. The beast stands for the Roman Empire as a whole, with its subject provinces and peoples. The seven hills (v. 9) are the seven selected dynasties of Roman emperors from Augustus to Domitian. The ten kings are heads of lesser and restless states, eager to escape their enslavement to the colonizing power. John's prediction of the fall of Babylon is his announcement of the impending dissolution of the Roman Empire in all its aspects."

Though these scholars may be sincere, it is amazing that they seem either unwilling or unable to see that the "woman"—the great Harlot—"RIDES" the Beast (modern Babylon). She is clearly set forth as being distinctly SEP-ARATE from the Beast—the empire with ten final kings giving their power and authority to one super-dictator also called the "Beast." Obviously, the woman cannot "ride" the Beast and at the same time *be* the Beast!

Many scholars do realize, however, that the Beast of Revelation 17 is the Roman Empire and its "revivals" in various forms. For a fascinating and thorough explanation of the identity of this "Beast" of Revelation 17, please write for a copy of our booklet entitled *The Beast of Revelation*. It will be sent to you absolutely FREE upon your request.

#### Who IS This "Woman"?

Please understand. Throughout the New Testament, the term "woman" is used as a symbol for a church. For instance, the Apostle Paul writes the Church of God at Corinth, "Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly; and indeed you do bear with me. For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ (2 Corinthians 11:1-2)." Clearly, the true church is here described as "betrothed" to Jesus Christ-in the position of an engaged woman to her fiancé who is Jesus Christ.

In Ephesians 5:23-24, Paul writes, "For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything." Again, the analogy clearly identifies the true Church as being in the position of a woman—a wife who is submissive to her husband. Christ. And in Revelation 12:1-5, we read the inspired account of the "woman"—this time ancient Israel, the "CHURCH in the wilderness" (Acts 7:38, KJV)—being used by God to bring forth the Messiah, "a male child who was to RULE all nations with a rod of iron."

Verse 5 picks up the story about "the woman"—now the true New Testament Church—fleeing into the wilderness to "a place prepared by God." The following verses make it even more evident that this "woman" is, in fact, the true Church of God that is protected by God Himself from the wrath of Satan.

So when we come to the "woman" of Revelation 17, it should be very obvious that—let-

ting the Bible interpret its own symbols-this woman is indeed a church. However, this church, "sitting on a scarlet beast" (v. 3) is truly a spiritual "harlot."

For she has entered into adulterous alliances with the leaders and kings of this world (v. 2). And the inhabitants of the earth are made spiritually "drunk" because of her false teachings. She is a "mother" church—giving birth to spiritual "harlots" (v. 5). And, as indicated, she deals in "mysteries," as did the ancient pagan religions before her.

#### **A PERSECUTING Church**

Also, this "woman" is a great PERSECUTING church. For John was inspired to write, "I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement" (v. 6).

Please think about that.

Who is this great fallen woman—a powerful church which has and which will again be "drunk with the blood of the SAINTS"? Obviously, she persecutes the true Christians—the true "saints" of God. They are described in Revelation 14:12: "Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

In contrast to the commandment-keeping Church of God, this great apostate church and her "daughter" churches REJECT the need to keep the Ten Commandments as a WAY of life! Somehow, in their spiritual drunkenness, they manage to reason around the plain and clear teachings of Jesus: "IF you want to enter into life, KEEP the commandments" (Matthew 19:17).

Historically, do we read about a great church that did persecute millions of people during the Middle Ages? Did such a church actually exist?

In his well-documented book, A Woman Rides the Beast (pp. 243-244), author Dave Hunt describes what the "woman" did for hundreds of years during the Middle Ages:

> Thus Roman Catholicism became "the most persecuting faith the world has ever seen... [commanding] the throne to impose the Christian [Catholic] religion on all its subjects. Innocent III murdered far more Christians in one afternoon... than any Roman emperor did in his entire reign." Will Durant writes candidly: "Compared with the persecution of heresy in Europe from 1227 to 1492, the persecution of Christians by Romans in the first three centuries after Christ was a mild and humane procedure.

every allowance Making required by an historian and permitted to a Christian, we must rank the Inquisition, along with the wars and persecutions of our time, as among the darkest blots on the record of mankind, revealing a ferocity unknown in any beast.

So when John saw this "woman" or apostate church "drunk with the BLOOD of the saints," he was certainly not exaggerating. Even scores of Catholic writers have been mightily embarrassed about what their church practiced for hundreds of years. For with the vast record of priests

sodomizing young men, of many popes openly maintaining mistresses and fathering illegitimate children all over Italy, high offices in the church being offered and bought for money—it has seemed to many objective historians that this powerful church was the veritable embodiment of evil in nearly every aspect.

#### Daniel's "Little Horn"

The prophet Daniel was inspired to describe this foul religious system as a "little horn." After describing the four great ruling kingdoms of the Gentile world—Babylon, Medo-Persia. Alexander's Greco-Macedonian Empire and finally Rome—Daniel then describes a "little horn" coming up among the early resurrections of the Roman Empire: "I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words." (Daniel 7:8).

In verses 25-27 of this same chapter, Daniel is inspired to describe the actions of this pompous "little horn" and how it would last right up to Christ's return and His RULE over the nations: "He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time. But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever. Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him."

Notice that this "little horn" is different from the pagan empire (v. 24), for it is, in fact, a RELIGIOUS empire! Note also that the human leader of this foul system speaks "pompous words" against God, persecutes the true Christians and intends to change TIMES and LAW. This is a direct reference to the fact that the Catholic Church fostered the idea that the Ten Commandments were subsumed to church authority and that they CHANGED God's commanded seventh-day Sabbath (Exodus 20:8-11; Hebrews 4:9-11). They substituted the pagan "day of the sun" in place of God's Sabbath.

Renowned modern historian Will Durant writes, "The serious temper of the Jewish Sabbath was transferred to the Christian Sunday that replaced it in the second century" (The Story of Civilization, vol. 3, 1972, p. 599). How did this happen? A Roman Catholic study course tells us that "the [Roman] Church transferred the obligation from Saturday to Sunday" (Father Smith Instructs Jackson). Catholic Mirror agrees: Catholic Church... by virtue of her Divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday" (Sept. 23, 1893). If you wish further information about the true biblical Sabbath, please write for our powerful and enlightening booklet, Which Day is the Christian Sabbath?

# The Papacy Predicted in Advance

As we have seen, the "little horn" of Daniel is describing the false church and especially its spokesman, the pope, speaking "pompous words." In the New Testament, God inspired the Apostle John to describe the "resurrection" of the final Beast, the Empire Roman (Revelation 13:1-10). Then, in verses 11-14, "another beast" is described as rising up who looks like a "Lamb," or Christ, but speaks like a "dragon," Satan the devil (Revelation 12:9). This exceedingly clever and sinister FALSE PROPHET "exercises all the power of the first beast (the revived Roman Empire) in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed." In other words, this great False Prophet is able to sway most of mankind to stand in awe of and **OBEY** the revived Roman Empire!

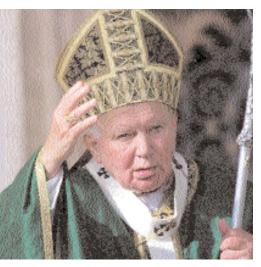
Then we read, "He performs great SIGNS, so that he even makes FIRE come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he DECEIVES those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived" (vv. 13–14).

As this system developed, a "man of sin" would be revealed—audaciously taking to himself titles and authority that belong *only* to GOD. He was to sit as a veritable "god" in the temple of God—using some of the very *titles* of God. In fact, though Jesus called God "Holy Father," Catholics call the pope *Most* Holy Father" and "Vicar of Christ"—which literally means "in *place* of Christ"!

Dave Hunt describes the blasphemous pretentions of the papacy:

The total submission that Rome requires has been expressed by many popes, but none said it more clearly than Nicholas I (858–67):

It is evident that the popes can neither be bound nor unbound by any earthly power, nor even by that of the apostle [Peter], if he should return upon the earth; since Constantine



Pope John Paul II continues his rule over a resurgent modern **Roman Catholic church that insists** it is the "mother" of all churches and that it alone has the "keys" to God's Kingdom. © Presslink Image

the Great has recognized that the pontiffs held the place of God upon earth, the divinity not being able to be judged by any living man. We are, then, infallible, and whatever may be our acts, we are not accountable for them but to ourselves. (A Woman Rides the Beast, pp. 153–154).

So the popes have claimed that they hold "the place of GOD on earth"! And what is most frightening is that they continue to make such claims—and even get away with it in our so-called "modern" world. For because the Roman Catholic Church is such an omnipresent and powerful entity, the media usually treads very lightly in attacking even the most outrageous and blasphemous claims of the modern popes and clergy.

But how is all this destined to affect your life?

#### The Beast and the Woman*—Together Again*

Few realize that the so-called "Holy" Roman Empire is being revived right under our noses! Throughout most of continental Europe, there is a great push for full European unity. And one of the major players in this geopolitical chess game is—you guessed it! the pope himself.

In his detailed and revealing book, The Principality and Power of Europe (pp. 36-37), British author Adrian Hilton explains what is now happening:

> While visiting Austria in 1983, the Pope spoke out against the national and artificial borders all over Europe. He added:

> 'Europeans should overcome the menacing international confrontaof states tions alliances, and create a new united Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals.'

> In 1988, he continued this theme when he addressed the European parliament in Strasbourg; an occasion at which many asked why a perceived leader spiritual addressing the issues of political unity. The Sunday Telegraph, in 1991, summed up the Pope's plans for the 'evangelisation' of Europe. It stated:

'He is calmly preparing to assume the mantle which he solemnly believes to be his Divine Rightthat of new Holy Roman emperor, reigning from the Urals to the Atlantic.'

Although the Bible certainly does not indicate that the final pope will be the "emperor" of this revived Holy Roman Empire; it does show that he will be the "power behind the throne." As God carefully indicates to us, the coming False Prophet "causes" those who will not worship this system "to be KILLED" (Revelation 13:15). So, as many popes did during the Middle Ages, he will use the power of the state—the "Beast"—to force His will on the entire western world!

Remember what happened under Hitler? A knock on the door, the father or mother grabbed and hustled into a van by the state police for saying or doing some "politically incorrect" thing! Do you think that could NOT happen again? If so, you could not be more wrong!

The God who gives us life and breath clearly describes how, once again, the woman "rides" the Beast. And what most people do not realize is that the false teachings and practices of this fallen "woman" have permeated the ENTIRE world. That is precisely what John was inspired to write: "So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the WHOLE WORLD; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Revelation 12:9).

Even sincere Protestants and Evangelicals have unwittingly been made spiritually DRUNK by the paganism of this system: "The

inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication" (Revelation 17:2). What each reader needs to realize is that SATAN is the invisible "god" of this present world (2 Corinthians 4:3–4). And that "all nations" are spiritually DRUNK.

In describing this entire system and the harlot "daughters" that have come out of "mother" Rome, here is what the respected Critical and Experimental Commentary has to say:

"Not merely Rome, but Christendom, as a whole, as Israel, as a whole has become a harlot.... External extensiveness over the world, and internal conformity to it—worldliness in extent and contents—is symbolized by the world-city's name, "Babylon." (Vol. 6, p. 710).

#### What You Should DO

Recent news reports from many nations have indicated that Catholic *persecution* of religious minorities continues. Although they have learned to smile and act agreeably in nations where the Protestants or others are in the majority, the old demons of hate and authoritarianism come out very quickly when Catholics are in control.

A recent article in *Christianity Today* magazine (August 2000, p. 30) reported: "In March, about 70 Protestant families were expelled from the Mexican village of Plan de Ayala, in Chiapas state, by the town's Roman Catholic majority. 'Fourteen homes were demolished by the mob as the Protestants fled to the hills for refuge,' reports Seventh-Day Adventist pastor Isias Espinosa." This is just a tiny sampling of the type of religious oppression practiced by this powerful church! And its leaders con-

tinue to emphasize that they are the ONLY true church—that others are, in effect, only "secondclass Christians." A recent report by Victor Simpson came through the Associated Press wire on September 5, 2000:

> Accusing some Catholic theologians of manipulating fundamental truths of the church, the Vatican rejected Tuesday what it said are growing attempts to depict all religions as equal... the Vatican equality refers to "personal dignity" of individuals and not to doctrine. It is the second recent document by the congregation [the Catholic 'Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith'l warning against abuses by Catholics in dealings with other religions denominations. Italian media have reported the congregation also has warned against the phrase "sister churches," saying that it contradicts the Catholic Church's identity as "MOTHER" OF ALL CHURCHES. That document has not yet been released. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, at a news con

ference repeatedly referred to a trend toward RELI-GIOUS RELATIVISM.

"The lack of unity among Christians is certainly a wound for the church," the document said, saying it hindered "THE COMPLETE FULFILLMENT OF HER UNIVERSALITY IN HISTORY."

The declaration, a complex theological document, was titled "On the Unity and Salvific Universality of Jesus Christ and the Church."

So they not only admit, but even *insist* that they are the "MOTHER" of all churches"! And they insist also that *they alone* have the "keys" to God's Kingdom!

Truly, it is time to WAKE UP! It is time for all who believe in God to go back and PROVE whether their religious beliefs and practices actually came out of the Bible—or out of "Babylon." For the Creator God tells all who will heed, "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have

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The Harlot "rides" the Beast! But what does Bible prophecy reveal about the Beast of Revelation? Is it a metaphor, a myth or a soon-coming reality? How will this Beast, together with the Harlot of Revelation 17, affect you and your family?

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# Questions & Answers

#### **QUESTION:**

"Where do you get the idea that mankind has been appointed 6,000 years of self-rule, to be followed by a 1,000-year reign of Jesus Christ?"

#### **ANSWER:**

Genesis shows that in a six-day period God reformed the earth and created the progenitors of all its present life. He then rested on the seventh-day Sabbath. This began a weekly cycle in which man is to work for six days and rest every Sabbath (Exodus 20:9–11). In Hebrews 4:3–11, the Apostle Paul explained that the seventh-day Sabbath pictures the wonderful era of peace and rest that will follow this current age of mankind's activity. The Apostle John was inspired to write that this coming era, beginning with Christ's return to set up His Kingdom, will last 1,000 years (Revelation 20:1–4)—a time often called, simply, the Millennium.

As the seventh day represents a 1,000-year period in God's plan, it follows that the previous six days of the week also represent 1,000-year periods. The Apostle Peter brought out this principle in discussing the anticipation of Christ's return: "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day" (2 Peter 3:8, KJV).

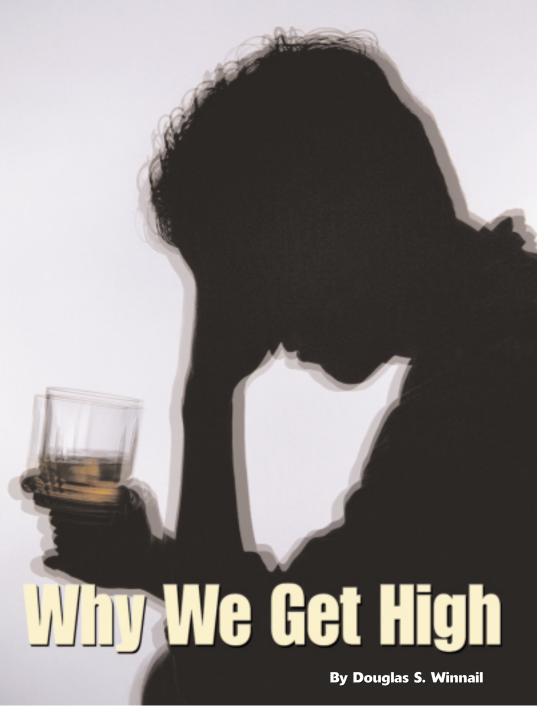
This concept was well known to the Jews of Peter's day. About 200 years before Christ, Rabbi Elias wrote, "The world endures six thousand years: two thousand before the law, two thousand under the law, and two thousand under Messiah." The famed historian Edward Gibbon wrote that "the tradition was attributed to the prophet Elijah" (Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, p. 403). The Encyclopedia of the Jewish Religion ("Millennium," Adama Books, 1986, p. 263) reports that the tannaim—rabbis of Christ's day—based such an interpretation on Psalm 90, written by Moses: "For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night" (v. 4). The

tannaim said that, as there were six days of creation, the world would last for 6,000 years. The seventh "world day" would be 1,000 years of the Messiah's rule (Sanhedrin 97a; Avodah Zarah 9a).

According to Gibbon, the 7,000-year plan of God was "carefully inculcated" in the early Church. The "church father" Irenaeus had been taught by Polycarp (disciple of the Apostle John). Sadly, Irenaeus departed from Apostolic teachings, but he apparently retained *some* truth. In *Against Heresies* (c. 150AD), he related a belief of the early church: "This is an account of the things formerly created, as also it is a prophecy of what is to come. For the day of the Lord is a thousand years; and in six days created things were completed; it is evident, therefore, that they will come to an end at the sixth thousand years."

To further illustrate the prevalence of the belief that the Millennium would begin 6,000 years after Adam's creation, many more writings by other early rabbis and "church fathers" could be examined: Rabbi Ketina, Lactantius, Victorinus, Hippotylus, Justin Martyr and Methodius, among others. Though these men may not always be relied upon for *biblical* truth, they certainly do attest to how widespread this understanding was in the early centuries after Christ's death. This, in fact, has been the respected opinion of "Christian" scholars throughout the centuries, up to our present day.

As a final scriptural point, God told Adam that in the "day" he ate of the forbidden fruit, he would die (Genesis 2:17). Yet Adam lived to be 930 years old (Genesis 5:5)! How is that possible? One way is just as Methodius and other early church commentators explained: since a day with God was a thousand years, Adam had to *die* before the first 1,000-year day was complete—and he did.



Why do millions abuse chemical substances? Is there a missing dimension in their lives? Are there real answers to these troubling questions?

he world is awash dangerous yet pleasure-producing—chemical substances. Millions use and these potentially deadly substances as selfadministered drugs—in spite of well-publicized risks and documented fatalities. But why do people do this? Why do young people and adults alike deliberately take such risks? Why would someone willingly court disaster? Surprisingly, the real keys to understanding and combating substance abuse are not found in clinical programs or medical textbooks, but in the Bible! This may sound strange to modern ears, but the evidence is available. It is clear. It is sobering—and it is encouraging!

## The Chemical Minefield!

Substance abuse is a global problem encompassing a broad range of chemicals. If something can be ingested, injected, inhaled or absorbed into the human

body, it can be abused! In America over 90 million people (nearly one-third of the population) either abuse these drugs or have a relationship with someone who is chemically dependent! Other countries face a similar problem.

Alcoholic beverages are consumed and abused around the world. Alcohol produces pleasurable effects by relaxing muscles and sedating the brain so that worries temporarily vanish. In moderate amounts, alcohol produces healthful changes in the human body. But frequent use at intoxicating levels clouds judgment, slows reflexes, causes memory loss and blackouts, damages the heart and liver, weakens the immune system and causes birth defects.

Drunkenness is directly linked to accidents, job loss, violent crimes and suicide. In short, alcohol abuse kills and maims. It disrupts and destroys the very fabric of normal human society.

The use of tobacco is "the most serious and widespread addictive behavior in the world and the major cause of preventable deaths in our society" (An Invitation to Health, Hales, 5th ed., 1992, p. 399). Smoking is directly linked to heart disease, strokes, lung cancer and respiratory diseases like emphysema, breast and bladder cancer, miscarriage and—in children of smokers—low birth weight, birth defects and mental retardation (Ibid., pp. 403–408). Smokers have a death rate three times higher than non-smokers and have five times more heart attacks.

Recreational drugs are chemical substances taken for thrill and pleasure. LSD and PCP are hallucinogens that alter mental perception and promote a feeling of superhuman strength—yet these drugs can trigger violent behavior and psychotic attacks. Cocaine and amphetamines provide a temporary feeling of heightened energy and confidence but damage the heart and brain. Designer drugs such as Ecstasy—used by thousands at all-night dance parties called "raves"—create feelings of warmth and openness yet can *permanently* damage brain cells and can kill the user (see *Time*, June 5, 2000, pp. 62–73).

Nearly one half of the drug abuse in the United States involves the misuse of prescription drugs. This involves forged prescriptions, Medicaid frauds, black market sales, accidental misuse of prescribed drugs by the elderly and errors made by physicians (see *Prescription Drug Abuse: The Hidden Epidemic*, Colvin, 1995). Perhaps one of the biggest areas of concern is the astonishing increase in the use of Ritalin, a physician-prescribed drug given to American children diagnosed with ADHD (see accompanying box: America's New Disease!)

Caffeine—the active ingredient in coffee, tea and a variety of soft drinks—is probably "the most-used drug in the world" (Hales, p. 345). High levels of caffeine ingestion have been linked to heart problems, breast lumps and bladder cancer, but conclusive proof is lacking. However, large amounts of caffeine can cause irritability, nervousness, insomnia and gastrointestinal disturbances. Continued use of caffeine containing beverages can lead to psychological and physical dependency (see *Drugs*, *Society and Human Behavior*, Ray & Ksir, 1990, pp. 230–232).

#### **Cost of Abuse**

Many widely used chemical substances damage the brain, heart and lungs of the user as well as the bodies of unborn children. The use of drugs contributes to the leading causes of death in the world heart disease, stroke, and various types of cancer. Drug abuse also generates an incredible financial burden for society. Estimated costs of substance abuse in America exceed \$240 billion a year (Colvin, p. 100). In the United States approximately "one out of five hospital beds is occupied by someone with substance abuse as a contributing factor" and nearly "50 percent of all preventable deaths are related to some aspect of substance abuse" (Ibid.). A World Bank study indicated "tobacco use causes a net global loss of \$200 billion [U.S. dollars] per year" (World Health, Sept./Oct. 1998, p. 23). Substance abuse and its consequences are major medical and social problems.

But why do we do it? Why do young people and adults around the world use and abuse dangerous chemical substances that clearly have the capacity to damage and destroy our brains, our bodies, our families and ultimately our societies?

#### **Underlying Causes**

Media reports and many academic publications suggest that substance abuse is due to poverty, low self-esteem and genetics. Drugs users are said to be *victims* of their environment and their heredity. Yet these commonly accepted ideas downplay or ignore evidence that clearly points in *another direction*. While some may have a biological sensitivity to alcohol and other chemicals, there is a well-recognized *psychological aspect* of substance abuse—which involves choices that individuals make for themselves.

Numerous studies indicate that people begin using drugs out of *curiosity*. Many are *lured by the illusion* that a magical substance can make you happy, outgoing, confident and provide meaning for an otherwise empty life. Many are looking for a way to escape the pressures of life or the boredom of daily routines or deal with depression (Hales, p. 318). Many begin using chemical substances for social reasons—to fit in and gain acceptance, to enhance low self-esteem, or make an impression and be noticed. Advertising promotes the mistaken idea that to have fun you have to use chemical substances. Millions of impressionable people see substance abuse behaviors modeled in movies or on television. Culture also plays a role in substance

abuse. Russians, for example "are the world's heaviest drinkers" and the director of a Moscow clinic comments, "if you don't drink in Russia, something is wrong with you" (*World Press*, Nov. 1997, p. 44). Many individuals in other cultures also share this view!

Perhaps the most instructive information available today comes from extensive research on young people (see page 14: Risk Factors for Substance Abuse). These risk factors are primarily social and psychological factors—involving the influence of parents and peers—that mold the values and personal behavior of young people. The more risk factors individuals have, the more prone they will be to abuse chemical substances. This suggests that substance abuse is strongly associated with a lack of values, a lack of guidance, a lack of positive role models and a stronger relationship with negative peers than with parents. Research indicates that young people who associate with non-conforming peers involved in a deviant subculture are more prone to substance abuse than young people who have personality problems or face socioeconomic difficulties (Ray & Ksir, p. 13). While genetics may be a factor for some who develop chemical dependencies, formative environmental influences appear to play a much more significant role. These important findings provide valuable clues for solving the problem of abuse.

#### **Real Solutions**

Today, the medical model of addiction dominates the thinking of much of the Western world (see The Diseasing of America: Addiction Treatment Out of Control, Peele, 1989). This model suggests that people who abuse chemical substances or have behaviorrelated problems are the victims of a disease—faulty genes that produce internal chemical imbalances. Yet this currently accepted theory promotes the false notion that people "have little control over their lives.... It also excuses lawlessness by wildly mixing up moral responsibility with disease diagnosis" (Hales, p. 318) That is an incredible statement! Much of the information today about substance abuse actually undermines personal responsibility. Even programs that attempt to cultivate the capacity to "say no" to drug abuse are incomplete in significant ways.

Studies in human behavior have identified important factors associated with the *prevention* of substance abuse. Young people who "are religious, attend school regularly, get good grades, have good relationships with their parents and do not break the law are the students who report the least drinking and drug use" (Ray &

Ksir, p. 13). These powerful values and positive behaviors can be fostered in the home by competent and caring parents and other adult members of the family. Promoting positive values that foster personal responsibility—by right education, positive peer influence and by a good example—is a *documented and proven* method of preventing and combating substance abuse (see page 14: Factors Preventing Substance Abuse).

But there is more to the story! If people are going to "say no" to drugs and other risky behaviors, they must have compelling reasons that go beyond just wanting to stay healthy and improve one's self image. Writing in the *Unesco Courier*, Federico Mayor states, "to fight the demand for drugs, we have to go to the root of the problem and give life a purpose... we must offer young people not just a means to live but a reason to do so" (Dec. 1998, p. 9). Young people and adults need to be informed about the personal and social consequences of substance abuse and develop "refusal skills" to say no to tempting yet dangerous situations. But on a more fundamental level, everyone needs to understand the ultimate reasons for avoiding risky and destructive behaviors. Those reasons, however, are not found in medical textbooks or treatment manuals but are revealed in the Bible.

#### **The Biblical Dimension**

One of the guiding philosophies of life today is "if it feels good, do it." While this sounds logical, it is a shortsighted philosophy with dangerous consequences. In a world devoid of meaning, we have become hooked on a search for new and different sensations. A movie star recently said, "Give it to me, I want to taste it, I want to feel it." Tragically, our secular society has thrown away the *divine road map* that explains in detail not only *how* to live life, but *why* we need to live a certain way. The Bible shows the way out of the global problems of substance abuse.

The Scriptures *reveal* the *true purpose* of life and the *real reasons* for living a certain way (knowing when to say *yes* and when to say *no*). In Genesis we learn that the Creator of the universe made us in His own image (Genesis 1:26–27) and that we are to *take care* of what God created (v. 28). The Bible states the human body is "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14), that our body is "the temple of God" and that "if any man [person] *defiles* the temple of God, God will destroy him" (1 Corinthians 3:16–17). The concepts of *personal responsibility* and facing the *consequences* for our own actions are fundamental

themes that permeate the Scriptures. God made us free moral agents for the purpose of learning to make wise choices (see Deuteronomy 30:15–20). It is the job of parents and leaders in society to teach younger generations the way to live that leads to a truly abundant life (Deuteronomy 4:6–10; 6:7; Proverbs 22:6). Young people must be taught and shown by example that the laws of God are practical and not just ceremonial (Proverbs 3:1–2). Experienced adults must convey the lesson that "there is a way that seems right [thrilling, exciting, full of fun] to a man, but its end

is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12). Young people must be encouraged to "ponder the path of [their] feet" (Proverbs 4:26), to set worthwhile goals (Matthew 6:33), to do their best (Ecclesiastes 9:10) and to choose their friends carefully (Proverbs 1:10–19). The way to real happiness involves making wise decisions (Proverbs 3:13–15)—not the futile search to find a magical chemical substance!

The Bible also gives specific guidelines regarding the use of chemical substances. The Scriptures warn repeatedly against drunkenness and the abuse of alco-

#### **America's New Disease**

More and more Americans are concerned that they or their children might have ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder). Symptoms include poor attention span, poor self-control (impulsivity) and hyperactivity. Although no specific cause has ever been identified, many Americans believe they have found a cure—Ritalin. In 1997 five million people in America were on the drug—an astounding 700 percent increase since 1990. However some physicians are beginning to ask if Americans are *really* afflicted by a *new* disease or if we are merely facing the consequences of our own actions?

ADHD is thought by some to be due to excessive motor activity in the brain. While this may be true for a small number of individuals, this theory does not account for important environmental influences. About 90 percent of Ritalin users live in the United States where it is "primarily a white, middle-to-uppermiddle class phenomenon" (see *Running on Ritalin*, Diller, 1998, p. 36). Males outnumber females four or five to one. ADHD children often come from households characterized by "severe marital discord, low social class, large family size, paternal criminality, maternal mental disorder and foster care placement" (lbid., p. 97).

Perhaps the most sobering observations made by Dr. Diller, a pediatrician, involve the parents and family patterns of children with the symptoms of ADHD and its related conditions, CD (control disorder) and ODD (oppositional defiant disorder)—with symptoms that include: often loses temper, argues with adults, deliberately annoys others. Diller states "many kids improved sufficiently without medication, just by working with the family and the school" (lbid., p. 84). It appears that many ADHD children never develop a moral sense—they are never adequately socialized. Their parents either do not have time to parent or do not know how to parent!

According to Diller, modern American society may be an ADHD-generating culture—in other words, we are doing it to ourselves. Two-career families and single mothers who work outside the home are part of the mix. Children farmed out to day care centers and pre-schools, who are not ready for that exposure, feel abandoned by their parents. These "sad, angry children who feel bad about themselves act out their confusion and insecurity" and are labeled ADHD kids (lbid., p. 82). Television programs and video games that promote aggression and feature impulsive acts of violence aggravate the problem. This all feeds the spiraling demand for Ritalin. Since 1990 the makers of Ritalin have enjoyed a 500 percent increase in profits from the sale of the drug (lbid., p. 35). What we used to handle successfully with education and discipline—including spanking—we now want to treat with drugs (lbid., pp. 188–198).

A return to the biblical concept of the family, where the father provides guidance and resources for a safe environment and the mother is the homemaker and supplies the personal attention so essential to the development of young children, would begin to immediately reverse this new American disease. The real solution for many ADHD and related disorders involves preparing to handle the responsibilities of marriage and learning how to parent—not more prescriptions for Ritalin.

hol (Proverbs 20:1; Romans 13:13; 1 Corinthians 5:11; 6:10; Ephesians 5:17-18; 1 Peter 4:1-3). However, the Bible also recognizes the healthful aspects of alcohol (1 Timothy 5:23) and sanctions its use in a variety of ways

(Deuteronomy 14:26; Ecclesiastes 9:7; Matthew 26:29). The message of Scripture is moderation (Philippians 4:5, KJV). When this message is missing, especially in the home, serious consequences arise. Young people, who see alcohol and other substances abused at home and find their own abuse of chemical substances sanctioned or tolerated by parents, tend to seek out peers who do the same things—which leads continued abuse. Following biblical guidelines will go a long way toward preventing the abuse of chemical substances. Doing what "feels good" for the moment is the easy road to selfdestruction!

The Bible not only records ultimate reasons and specific instructions for preventing abuse, it provides personal case studies for our admonition. Solomon was given wisdom by God (1 Kings

3:9-12), but he apparently learned some lessons the hard way—by experience! In chapter 2 of Ecclesiastes, Solomon describes his futile attempt to find happiness by pursing whatever physical pleasure his heart desired—the proverbial wine (2:3), women and song routine. His experiment was an abysmal failure, and he became a candidate for suicide (2:17). The ultimate lesson Solomon learned is recorded at the end of the book: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment" (Ecclesiastes 12:13–14). This is the ultimate reason for not abusing chemical substances—we will all be held accountable by our Creator for our actions! When Jesus Christ returns to this earth, those who have learned to make wise choices and live according to the laws of God will be rewarded, while those who

> ignore His divine laws and guidelines will be punished (Matthew 25:31-34; Revelation 11:18).

Substance abuse has plagued mankind down through the ages. Yet research indicates "drug addiction is highly treatable if patients are motivated and feel they have something to live for.... Individuals must feel there is something better in the world than drugs" (Hales, p. 369). The medicalization of substance abuse—viewing it as disease—is human attempt to remove the feeling of guilt from the abuser. This approach not only ignores the real causes of substance abuse, but also takes away powerful motivating factors for avoiding abuse or

changing destructive behavior. The Bible explains that God will reward those who walk in His ways, as well as those who overcome personal behavior problems. Our Creator not only reveals the true purpose for human life, He also outlines the way that leads to happy, healthy fulfilling lives. When that knowledge is missing from our lives, we are irresistibly lured by the temptation to get high! To learn more about your Creator, the true purpose of life and the powerful, unchanging principles that lead to real happiness, request our free booklets The Real God: Proofs and Promises and Your Ultimate Destiny. These booklets could end your search for a chemical crutch and change your life forever! ....

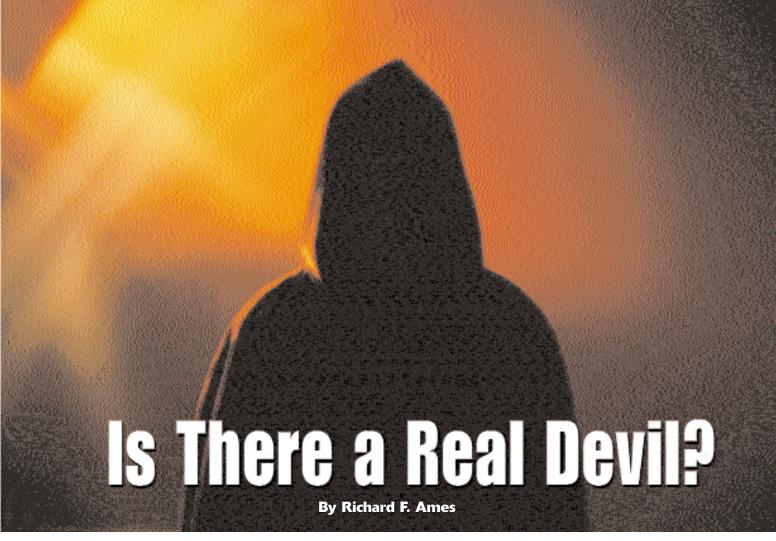
#### **Risk Factors for Substance Abuse**

- **Early alcohol intoxication**
- Adult examples of drug use 2.
- 3. Peer approval of drug use
- Parental approval of drug use
- 5. **Absence from school**
- Poor academic achievement 6.
- Low educational aspirations 7.
- Little religious commitment 8.
- 9. **Emotional distress**
- Dissatisfaction with life 10.

(Drugs, Society and Human Behavior, Ray & Ksir, 1990, p. 14)

#### Factors Preventing Substance Abuse

- A purpose in life
- A strong system of values
- Positive parental examples
- Close relationship with parents
- 5. Positive peer influences
- **Academic achievement** 6.
- High educational aspirations
- Regular school attendance 8.
- Regular church attendance Realistic long term goals 10.
- Knowledge of consequences 11.
- Hope of a reward 12.



Is the occult world increasingly affecting our youthand our whole society? Is the devil real and, if so, how does he deceive mankind?

outh culture is increasingly involved with the occult. Witchcraft glamorized as youngsters flock to each new Harry Potter book and teenagers turn their television sets to "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." Teen music often glorifies the devil, and some high school gunmen have even committed murder in his name.

In some intellectual circles it is not fashionable to believe that the devil exists. Yet at the same time, many otherwise intelligent people find it adventurous or exciting to attempt contact with the world of darkness. What does the Bible say about this extremely important topic? If there is a world of demons and a real devil, you need to know how to resist and overcome such influence.

Your Bible explains why there is so much trouble and evil in the world. We read in Revelation, "So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Revelation 12:9).

Here, your Bible describes a powerful spirit being, called the Devil and Satan, as "the great dragon" and "that serpent of old." And we learn an amazing truth which few today believethat he has deceived the whole world.

How has he done this? Christians need to know his strategies and tactics. But first we need to understand how he came to exist. Did God create the devil?

Two chapters in the Bible— Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28—describe Satan's origin. Isaiah prophesies about an end-time king of Babylon who will rule a resurrected Roman Empire (described in Revelation 13, 17 and 18), but the *type*—the human king mentioned—transitions to the anti-type, Satan the

Devil, also called Lucifer. "How vou are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High" (Isaiah 14:12–14).

Lucifer was cast back to the earth. He allowed vanity and greed to incite rebellion against God. He wanted to knock God off His throne. But he failed, and still has his throne on the earth. The name Lucifer is a Latin word rendered "Morning star" or "Day Star" in other translations. Jesus said, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven" (Luke 10:18). Lucifer, bringer of light, became the purveyor of darkness.

The Apostle Paul explains that many are blinded to the true gospel and the truth of the Bible. "But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them" (2 Corinthians 4:3-4). Notice that after Lucifer was cast down and became Satan, he became "the god of this age" or, in the King James translation, "the god of this world."

God did not create the devil, but He did create all the angelic beings. He created three cherubs or archangels-Lucifer, Michael and Gabriel (the cherub Michael is called an archangel in Jude 9) and each apparently led one-third of the angels. We read that the

dragon, Satan, was cast back to earth with one-third of the angels. "And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth" (Revelation 12:3-4). As we have explained in other articles, stars are a symbol of angels (cf. Revelation 1:20). One-third of the angels followed Satan and became demons.

#### Ezekiel 28—Type and Anti-Type

The prophet Ezekiel describes Lucifer's original responsibilities, and subsequent downfall. As in Isaiah 14, we again see type and anti-type. The King of Tyre is the type, and the cherub who became Satan is the anti-type. "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord God: "You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you"" (Ezekiel 28:12–17).

Lucifer was a created being, given responsibility over the earth long before human beings were created. He had the free choice to obey or to disobey, just as human beings have the power to choose right or wrong. But Lucifer rebelled- he refused to carry out the will and government of God. As Ezekiel wrote, "You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you."

So we see that God did not create Satan the devil. He created the cherub or archangel Lucifer, who rejected God's government, sealed his character as an evil, sinful being, and in rebellion transformed himself into Satan the devil.

Adam was given the opportunity to replace Satan as ruler of this world. But Adam and Eve succumbed to temptation and sinned. Note that it was Satan who first sinned and fell. Adam and Eve, and every human except Jesus Christ-Immanuel, God in the flesh—have sinned. Scripture tells us, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

A second Adam, Jesus Christ, had to resist the devil and conquer him. Scripture tells us that after 40 days of fasting, Jesus was physically enervated, but still battled the devil with scripture. Refusing to obey Satan, Jesus finally gave him an order, saying, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve" (Matthew 4:10).

Jesus proved that He would not give in to the devil. Jesus was tempted in all points as we are, vet without sin (cf. Hebrews 4:15). He proved He has the character and righteousness to rule the earth. When Jesus returns as King of kings, He will replace Satan as the prince of this world, banishing him for 1,000 years. But until then, Satan will continue to deceive the whole world. Could he be deceiving you?

#### An Angel of Light?

One of Satan's greatest deceptions is the false belief that he does not exist. Still, many participate in occult religions that openly worship Satan, his demons or some manifestation of evil. Some witches and sorcerers practice deadly rituals-even to the extent of human sacrifice. But God warned ancient Israel to reject all these forms of paganism and Satanism. "When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners" (Deuteronomy 18:9–14).

God warns us to reject occult practices and paganism. Yet these

practices are increasingly common, and even accepted in society. An estimated 50,000 in America alone practice "Wicca"—a form of polytheistic nature worship so wellestablished that the U.S. Army chaplain's office now provides pastoral services to military Wiccans



Wiccan worship continues to grow in the western world with its impact being felt even in the United States armed services. A military chaplain's worship items include a knife called an Atham, purifying oil, salt, water, candles and a crystal ball. © KRT Image

("Witchcraft Gets Army's Blessing," Chicago Tribune, June 18, 1999) and a marketing executive from the major bookseller Barnes and Noble recently estimated a "U.S. 'Pagan' buying audience" of 10 million. Some high school killers have even been influenced by occult religion. Yes, one of Satan's major deceptions is through religion itself! The Apostle Paul uncovers this tactic, pointing out that Satan will not always appear as a serpent or a dragon, but will disguise himself as an angel of light! "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works" (2 Corinthians 11:13–15).

Satan, the prince of darkness, can appear as an angel of light, not just as the stereotypical dark force of occult worship. The Apostle Paul warned that Satan has his own ministers who appear as ministers of righteousness. That is why we challenge you not to believe us just because we assert some truth. We urge you to go to your Bible to find the truth. Remember the Bereans in Acts 17:11? Luke wrote that they, "searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so." We all need to do that!

Some clergy may be sincere, but sincerely deceived. Some ministers preach that you do not need to keep the Ten Commandments; they falsely equate obeying God's law with salvation by works! But if any minister tells you that you do not need to obey God, ask him if he approves of rebellion against God. The Apostle Peter wrote, "For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?" (1 Peter 4:17).

The Apostle Paul also warned those who disobey God's truth. "To those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek" (Romans 2:8–9). The Bible plainly teaches obedience to the truth, to gospel, to the Ten Commandments and to God's righteousness. Counterfeit religion

is one of Satan's deceptions. He appears as an angel of light, but leads millions away from the true light of the Bible.

#### **Satan Works on Our Weaknesses**

The devil also seeks to capitalize on our human naturewhich is already vanity, selfishness, greed, envy and lust! There is an evil influence that, as the

malice, anger, hostility and hate. We should be angry at evil and the ways of Satan, but we must never hate another human being. We should despise their wicked conduct and attitude, but we should love even our enemies, as Jesus taught in Matthew 5:44.

Be warned. Satan can control you if you do not control your anger. "Be angry, and do not sin': do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the pray that way? Pray for your enemies. Learn to let go and forgive. You will be thwarting Satan, and you will not be giving into his attitude of malice and revenge!

#### Satan's Fate—and Christians' Victory!

We have seen a few of the devil's strategies and how to avoid his deceptions. Realize that Satan's fate is already decided. At



Realize that Satan's fate is already decided. At the final judgment, all the wicked will be consumed in the lake of fire. Satan and his demons will also be cast into the lake of fire.

Apostle Paul states it, "now works in the sons of disobedience." Paul writes of our deliverance, through Christ, from our past participation in the lusts of human nature. "And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh. fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others" (Ephesians 2:1-3).

We must be able to identify in our own nature our human weakness and tendency to sin. That is why we need a living Savior to redeem us first of all from our past sins, and to give us the power to overcome the influences of the world, Satan and our own human nature!

Some Christians struggle against their uncontrolled anger. Some who have been offended let their feelings turn to bitterness,

(Ephesians 4:26-27). Uncontrolled anger can lead to a satanic bitterness, and anyone consumed with anger could end up in a lake of fire. Do not let Satan get the best of you. Learn to live at peace with others. We read, "Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled" (Hebrews 12:14–15).

Even many Christians face difficulty and stress because of past hurts and abuse. They let a root of bitterness spring up in them. They want to hold on to the pain of the past and even to relish some imagined revenge. But what does God say? "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord" (Romans 12:19). God will ultimately inflict righteous judgment and punishment on all unrepentant sinners. But Christians need to learn to forgive! Jesus taught us in the "outline prayer" to ask God to "forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors" (Matthew 6:12). Do you the final judgment, all the wicked will be consumed in the lake of fire. Satan and his demons will also be cast into the lake of fire. "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41).

We look forward to the time when all evil will be banished from this earth. We pray, "Thy Kingdom come!" Until then, Satan and his demons will continue to attack and deceive wherever they can. What can you do to overcome this evil force? Christians must overcome the influence of the world, the power of Satan and his demons and their own human nature.

First, we need a close relationship with God and Christ. God will protect us from evil. The outline prayer in Matthew 6 teaches us to pray, "And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

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# Petters to the Editor

#### TOMORROW'S WORLD MAGAZINE

Thank you for the cover story in the November-December issue of *Tomorrow's World*—"How Would Jesus Vote for President?" It is just so clear and to the point. The cover itself is an eye-catcher, for the eyes of our country. Most anyone who looks at it will have to be moved off confusion and onto the Truth.

R. E., Ripton, VT

I just received my first magazine two days ago, and I find I can't put it down. I have read it once, and am now reading it over again. I just happened upon Ithe *Tomorrow's World*I TV program, and have since called and gotten tapes. I now want to learn more of the Truth of the Bible through the *Bible Study Course*.

N. V., Elk City, OK

I can't watch the program; we don't have access to cable yet. I want to thank you for the magazines and *Bible Study Course* and all the literature. I'm sincerely thankful.

M. B., Smiths Grove, KY

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I just received the newest issue of *Tomorrows World* magazine; and I am deeply disappointed in your stance lin "How Would Jesus Vote for President?" I concerning voting. We were instructed by Jesus to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's" and certain laws made by man, which you advise us to follow, can only be changed by man. It is not accurate to say it does not matter which candidate gets elected, as there is an obvious choice between blatant evil and concerned good. Your advice to fellow Christians

not to bother voting is like voting for the blatant evil, as you do not make a stand for the good. Currently, like it or not, we are citizens of this country; and accountable for how we handle this stewardship.

K.W., Naples, ME

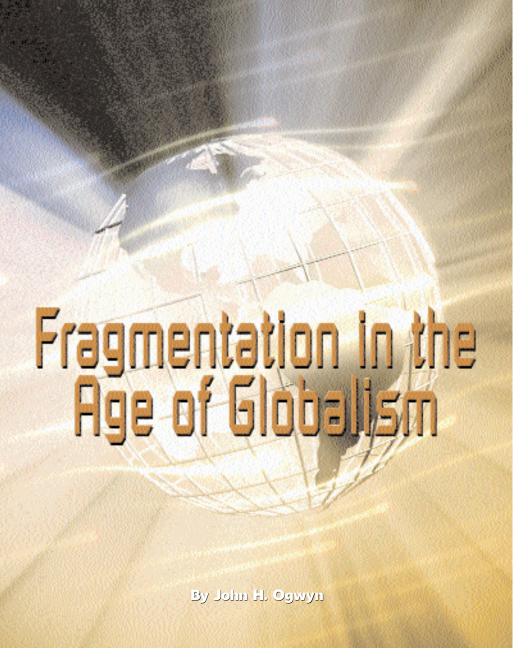
Dear K. W.: What you call an "obvious choice" reflects a misunderstanding of Scripture. To "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's" and to obey the civil authorities (cf. Romans 13) does not mean that a Christian should ever violate God's laws. The key is in Philippians 3:20, where we are reminded that a Christian's citizenship is in heaven. Do you as a professing Christian abhor the evil perpetrated by a repressive dictatorship overseas? Of course! But why then do you not work for the overthrow of that dictator? "I'm not a citizen of that country," you might say, "so I cannot affect it the way I can affect my country." And that is exactly the point! A true Christian's citizenship is in heaven. Acts 5:29, cited in the article, makes plain that: "We ought to obey God rather than men." Our obedience to God comes firstahead of our obedience to any civil government. If we live in a country that permits evil (as all do to some degree) we must never endorse that evil ourselves. The "lesser of two evils" is still evil. Rather, through our obedience to God, we can have an influence far more profound than if we try to choose among the greater or lesser evils of the governments of this world.

#### **BIBLE STUDY COURSE**

I just wanted to write a short note to tell you how much I am enjoying the *Bible Study Course*. I have been in many Bible classes throughout my lifetime, but this study goes into the deeper things of the Bible, and I love it. My brother is also enrolled in this same study, and we compare our thoughts and have long conversations about what we are learning. Than you again for this study; I'm sure that when I have finished all these lessons I will have much more knowledge.

D. K., Downers Grove, IL

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n recent years, our world has been moving inexorably toward becoming a "global village." Rapid travel and instantaneous communication have tied the entire globe together to a degree unimaginable just a generation ago. Satellite and computer technologies have broken down the restrictions of national borders in the flow of information and ideas. Multinational corporations and conglomerates now dominate virtually every field from finance to manufacturing—further integrating the world economy.

Make no mistake about it; today's world economy is more interconnected than ever before. Japanese companies are not simply Japanese companies, American companies are not simply American companies and French companies... well, you get the point! In many cases something that is "American made" contains components that were manufactured in a number of other

countries. Japanese auto manufacturers have plants in the United States and American companies have plants in Mexico and Latin America. Even when people think they are buying a familiar national brand, often the manufacturer or the brand name is actually owned by a multinational conglomerate headquartered half a world away.

Our global economy is characterized not only by free trade in goods and services, however. Of even greater effect is the free movement of capital all around the world. Global financial markets exert tremendous influence on worldwide economic conditions. Interest and exchange rates, as well as stock prices in various countries, are very much interrelated. There has been rapid growth of the global financial markets because financial capital is free to be moved wherever in the world it will be best rewarded. Because of this, we now find that pension funds in Canada can be directly affected by events in the economies of Russia or Thailand.

Yet, paradoxically, as the world becomes more and more

interconnected, nations are increasingly subdividing and fragmenting along old ethnic and religious lines. Europe, Asia and Africa have, during the last decade, all been rent with warfare and violence directly related to such ancient divisions. Government and financial leaders have pointed to such conflicts as an illustration of the need for a viable alternative to the present, unsteady system of independent nation-states.

Billionaire financier George Soros in 1998 wrote a book titled *The Crisis of Global Capitalism*, in which he discussed some of these very topics. He observed that financial markets are inherently unstable and what solution did Mr. Soros propose? "To stabilize and regulate a truly global economy, we need some global system of political decision-making. In short we need a global society to support our global economy... the sovereignty of states must be subordinated to interna-

tional law and international institutions" (excerpted in Newsweek, Dec. 7, 1998, p. 84).

Leaders in government, as well as in finance and industry, are worried. They see a world increasingly interconnected in the economic sphere, and thus threatened with worldwide economic dislocations as a result of strife and conflict in far-flung areas of the globe. Such instability could threaten the entire economic edifice that mankind is building up.

#### The Cold War Is Over—Where Is Peace?

The English-speaking nations spent more than half of the twentieth century, beginning in 1914, locked in wars either "hot" or "cold." Finally, in 1989, it all seemed to be over. The Iron Curtain was no more. People danced in the streets throughout Eastern Europe. There was a sense of euphoria in the air. Two years later, in December 1991, the Soviet Union itself ceased to exist. In its place were a noncommunist Russia and more than a dozen other independent republics. The Cold War was over and the West had won! After four decades of living under the nuclear shadow of "mutually assured destruction," peace had finally been achieved. Or had it?

The bipolar world dominated by two superpowers is no more. What remains, however, is a far more fragile and complex arrangement. Nowhere is this fragility more evident than in the Balkans, dubbed in the 19th century "the powder keg of Europe."

Additionally, there has been major bloodletting involving the Kurds in Turkey and Iraq and various tribal factions in both East and West Africa. East Timor has broken away from Indonesia, the Philippines is faced with its own breakaway movement and even tropical paradises such as Fiji have been torn by coups rooted in ethnic rivalries. Ancient conflicts have also re-erupted between Hindus and Muslims in India, not to mention between Jews and Arabs in the Middle East. Of course problems in the Middle East always raise the specter of disruptions in the flow of oil—and therefore of major disruption in economies around the world.

All of this fragmentation is occurring at a time when big business is becoming ever bigger. Merger mania has gripped the international business community. Banks, insurance companies and manufacturing concerns are continually merging and becoming part of ever-larger conglomerates, while trade barriers between nations are increasingly being eliminated.

In the aftermath of the cold war, the economies of the former Soviet bloc were tied to those of western nations. Many thought that this economic interdependence would guarantee peace, eliminating the potential for war. The result has been far different than was imagined in those heady days of 1989. It is certainly true that economies all over the world are increasingly chained together. But there has been a dawning awareness, sharpened by the Asian meltdown of 1997, that no chain is any stronger than its weakest link. Increased linkage in such a fragile, fractious global environment has made affluent western nations more vulnerable than ever before.

These are the circumstances that provided the backdrop for the so-called Millennium Summit, held at United Nations headquarters in New York, from September 5–9, 2000. This was the largest gathering of world leaders ever and took place at the 55th annual meeting of the UN General Assembly. Throughout its history, the United Nations has proven itself inept and ineffectual in resolving problems on the world scene. With a General Assembly that is little more than a debating society for third world countries, and a Security Council that can be easily paralyzed by big power vetoes, the UN has very little that is positive to show for its decades of existence. Events that have required military actions have generally had to rely on American troops if effective action was to be taken; though at certain times this has been under ostensible UN auspices. It was in this context that French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine made an announcement to the General Assembly in his speech during the Summit on September 7. "The European Union has decided to equip itself to be a major political actor and play its full role on the international stage" (Agence France-Presse, Sept. 12, 2000). The EU, he announced, intended to create and equip a military force of 60,000 for use in international missions by 2003.

Many leaders realize that a world increasingly integrated economically still lacks the political and military means to prevent the disruption of that integration. Even more, the world lacks anything to provide an overarching sense of identity for its people that would provide loyalty to global institutions. Without a sense of common identity, fragmentation along old fault lines can only worsen.

#### **Contenders for World Power**

A number of years ago, Poland's Catholic primate, Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski of Warsaw, defined three geopolitical contenders for power on the world scene. "Three Internationales," he called them (see

Malachi Martin, The Keys of This Blood, p. 21). He categorized them as the Golden Internationale, the Red Internationale, and the Black Internationale. The Golden Internationale was the Cardinal's name for the financial powers, the transnationalist capitalist leaders of the West. The Red Internationale referred to the socialist leaders of the East. The Black Internationale was a reference to the Roman Catholic Church with its black-robed priests and nuns.

The first two, he stressed, offered a completely materialistic view of the world.

Both Western capitalists and Eastern socialists view history from a secular perspective. In their raw form, In their current forms, neither capitalism nor socialism can offer any transcendent goal or purpose. Nor can either produce a just and equitable society where prosperity is sustainable indefinitely. As a result, the age-old ethnic and religious rivalries threaten to fragment an interdependent world.

Unless human emotions and actions can be channeled differently, they will fracture the whole global economic house. An identity that transcends the current divisions and rivalries is clearly needed. For all of the internationalists' desire to supersede the independent nation-state, they have been unable to devise an alternative that would claim the loyalty and stir

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both systems are exclusively materialistic and concerned with the here and now. The Vatican, which has played a dominant geopolitical role in centuries past and aspires to do so once again, takes a different view.

Western capitalism lures the world to her bed by promising the twin pleasures of freedom and prosperity. However, some see that the West has confused freedom with moral anarchy. These capitalists worship bottom-line profits and individuality over virtue and community. Large corporations are notorious for their willingness to lay off tens of thousands of employees if the move is expected to boost their stock prices immediately and reward top management with handsome bonuses. As corporations have increasingly become multinational, any allegiance to employees, a local community, or even to a nation has become minimal or non-existent.

As for the Red Internationale—the socialists history has shown that a centrally planned economy has not been able to compete with an entrepreneurial one. Despite promises of constructing a workers' paradise, the communists ultimately had to rely on barbed wire fences and armed guards to keep their people from leaving "paradise."

The Red utopian promises have failed and left millions of once true believers disillusioned in their wake. However, among intellectuals who still subscribe to the possibility of a man-made utopia, and among have-nots witnessing an ever-widening gap with the haves in bottom-line capitalistic countries, forms of Marxism still retain drawing power.

People the world over are increasingly aware of the failures of exclusively materialistic philosophies. the emotions of the average man in the street. People do not develop intense emotional loyalty to faceless bureaucrats. How, then, is the looming crisis of fragmentation in an age of globalism to be resolved?

After a period of relative dormancy, the third geopolitical force mentioned by Cardinal Wyszynski, Roman Catholicism, is increasingly flexing its muscle. The Vatican offers a different worldview than either capitalism or communism. And in addition to a worldview, it offers a source of emotional unity; fostered by ritual and pageantry that unites different peoples with different languages and cultures.

In 1981, a private meeting took place in the Vatican between the pope and American CIA Director William Casey. Mr. Casey was a deeply devout Roman Catholic who attended mass almost every day. Director Casey and President Ronald Reagan had come to believe that "there was a potential third superpower in the world—the 109-acre Vatican city-state—and that its monarch, Pope John Paul II, had at his command a remarkable arsenal that might tip the balance of the Cold War. In a meeting that would not be revealed to the world for another decade, Casey... helped seal an alliance between the [pope] and the Reagan Administration" (Reader's Digest, Oct. 1996, p. 213, excerpted from Bernstein and Politi, His Holiness).

Vatican influence was crucial in bringing about the emergence of a non-communist Eastern Europe in 1989 and, along with that, the collapse of the postwar, bipolar world order. Today, Vatican influence is increasingly being felt in the Middle East as welland is destined to grow markedly.

#### **History Recorded in Advance**

Where will the influence of this third force lead? The answer has been recorded in advance, believe it or not! It is found in what to most people would seem an unlikely source—the Holy Bible. In Isaiah 46:10, God tells us that He declares "the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure." Bible prophecy, which constitutes more than one quarter of all Scripture, is simply history recorded in advance! What does it reveal about the turbulent times in which we live and the days ahead of us?

changed in form, has persisted to our day. Called by God "Mystery, Babylon the Great" (Revelation 17:5), it is described as a great "mother" church which will play a major role in end-time events.

Jesus Christ warned His disciples in Matthew 24 that there would be false prophets who, while claiming to represent Him, would lead people astray with a false message (vv. 5, 24). This false system will NOT promote Buddha or Mohammed, but rather will use the *name* of Jesus Christ while substituting a different message than the one that He taught. Through His Apostles, Christ warned of a time when a great charismatic religious leader—"THE false

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In the book of Revelation, God reveals that in the end-time, a system He calls "Babylon" will arise in Europe and dominate the whole earth. Revelation 18:9–18 and Ezekiel 27 describe a great worldwide *trading bloc* that will completely dominate the global economy. Babylon involves far more than mere economics, however. It is also a *political system* called the "Beast" (Revelation 17:9–13), possessing great military power and strength (Revelation 13:4). But, as we will see, *religion* is the "tie that binds" this whole system.

The original Babylon, or Babel, was founded by Nimrod in the land of Shinar, in what is now Iraq (Genesis 10:8–11). Here the people—all of one language—came together to build the famous Tower of Babel to keep from being fragmented and scattered. The tower was to reach into heaven—a prideful venture that directly challenged God (Genesis 11:1–4). The Almighty intervened and divided the various nationalities by giving them different languages (vv. 5–9). This halted construction of the tower.

This parallels our modern time remarkably. In fact, the economic and political integration of European nations with their different languages has frequently been compared with the ancient Babel project. As an example, the European Commission sponsored a widely distributed poster of the Tower of Babel and the words, "Europe—Many Tongues, One Voice."

In addition to trying to build a political empire, Nimrod also promulgated an idolatrous system of worship known as the Babylonian Mysteries, through which he sought to unify his subjects. It may surprise you to learn that this essentially pagan religion, though prophet"—would work apparent miracles and "lying wonders," which would deceive the vast majority of people on earth, even in this modern, secular age (2 Thessalonians 2:9; Revelation 13:13; 19:20).

This false religious leader, who is soon to emerge on the world scene, will head the great Babylonian Mystery system just mentioned. He will ally himself and the religious empire that he heads with a yet-future politico-military leader to arise in Europe. This will constitute the seventh and final resurrection of the old Holy Roman Empire. For a detailed explanation of this subject combining the Bible with the record of secular history, please request our free booklet, *The Beast of Revelation*.

You see it is religion—a false Christianity—that will ultimately be used as the "glue" to bind a fragmenting world together. This is the only way unity and common identity on a global scale can be achieved. The bad news about an unholy alliance of false religion with economic, military, and political interests is not the end of the story, however. God revealed through the pen of the prophet Daniel the good news beyond the bad. "And in the days of these kings [the final ten who constitute the revived Holy Roman Empire] the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed" (Daniel 2:44).

According to the inspired word of God, Jesus Christ is going to return to this earth as King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:11–16). When He does, He will sweep away the false systems that men have erected and replace them with the glorious Kingdom of God, a government based upon the righteous laws of Almighty God.

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Pornography is one of the fastest growing sectors of the global economy as people from throughout the world buy staggering volumes of sexually explicit materials. Americans alone spend an estimated \$8 billion a year on it, making pornography one of the most profitable industries in the United States. How can nations with Judeo-Christian underpinnings justify their massive production and consumption of such objectionable material? Historically, cultures that have repudiated morality have rotted from the inside only to collapse.

t 4:31 a.m. on January 17, 1994, Southern California's densely populated San Fernando Valley was jolted by the most devastating earthquake in the United States since the 1906 San Francisco temblor. Nearly 60 people were killed, 1,500 others seriously injured and 12,500 structures damaged, including major Los Angeles freeways.

The earthquake measured 6.7 on the Richter scale. Its total damage estimate of \$15 billion made it financially one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history, comparable to the destruction caused in 1992 by Hurricane Andrew in the southeastern U.S. Was it merely coincidence that the quake's epicenter was at Northridge, Calif., considered the nation's pornography capital? More than 80 percent of all video pornography made in the U.S. is filmed at Northridge studios within five miles of the epicenter.

The destruction that occurred in the Los Angeles area is a forerunner of the national punishment coming on the U.S. and other nations in the western world for their blatant disregard of moral standards prescribed by God's living spiritual laws, including guidelines on marriage and sexual relations. The proliferation of pornography in western society today is a disturbing cultural phenomenon, symptomatic of a hedonistic age that rejects traditional values.

Whether displayed behind convenience store counters or posted on the Internet, pornography is a corrosive element eating away at the vitals of civilized society. Raunchy pornographic material in

various forms-including magazines, videotapes, cable television and Web sites—is easily accessible to people of all ages.

Calling Internet pornography the "red light district of cyberspace," Concerned Women for America, a public policy organization founded by Beverly LaHaye in 1979, stated, "There has never been a time in history when such massive distribution of pornographic material has been paralleled. And, sadly, because of the nebulous quality of the Internet, currently very few safeguards or age-check procedures are in place to monitor its distribution."

Wall Street Journal The reported on April 1, 1998: "Oddly, the porn industry has blossomed precisely because the product no longer has to be viewed in steamy movie theaters in the company of raincoated men, but can be enjoyed in the privacy of the home."

As the National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families reported in 1996, computer users can download "softcore nudity, hard-core sex acts, bestiality, bondage and domination, sadomasochism... scatological acts... and child pornography."

Sexual deviance most would not have imagined a few years ago is gaining widespread acceptance as it is advanced in various media venues. Politicians, theologians, news commentators and celebrities celebrate today what would have provoked outrage not long ago. Past generations would be appalled by the lewdness blatantly discussed and displayed throughout society. Yet inspired writers of the Holy Bible foresaw this degeneration in morality and warned of its consequences.

#### **Biblical Injunctions**

In both the Old Testament and the New Testament, the Bible flatly condemns sex outside marriage. The Seventh Commandment plainly states, "You shall not commit adultery," which includes not only extramarital sex, but also sex before marriage (fornication) and homosexuality. That commandment is viewed as too restrictive in today's "anything goes" culture. Yet were society to adhere to it, a host of problems caused by violating it would be sharply reduced.

Genesis, the first book of the Bible, states: "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.... Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good" (Genesis 1:27, 31).

Sex between a man and his wife is very good because the Living God designed and created it to preserve the family institution and bond married couples together. As a result, society in general is strengthened when families are strong. Adultery, however, brings inestimable grief to couples, their children and acquaintances when a mate violates the trust of a spouse.

Released last September, The Unexpected Legacy of Divorce: A 25 Year Landmark Study concludes that parental divorce has a profound and lasting impact on children's emotional lives, which they feel most acutely in their adult relationships. Children of divorce experience lives fraught with crippling fears of loss and disaster, and greater use of drugs and alcohol during youth. They also have fewer marriages, fewer children and more divorces than children from intact families, the study showed.

As God instructed Adam and Eve. mankind's first married couple: "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed" (Genesis 2:24-25).

God reaffirmed the sanctity of marriage when He included the command against adultery in the Ten Commandments, which He thundered to the Israelites Mount Sinai (Exodus 20:14). In addition to that commandment, God outlined specific laws of sexual morality in Leviticus 18, warning that His people were not to indulge in the sexual practices of the pagan cultures around them. "You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the LORD" (Leviticus 18:5).

God then elaborated by for-(Leviticus incest 18:6-18). He also reinforced His command against adultery (v. 20). God strongly condemned homosexuality and bestiality as (vv. perversions 22-23). Transvestitism also was condemned (Deuteronomy 22:5).

It is not popular or politically correct today to call deviant sexual behavior "perverse," yet God shows that indulging in widespread sexual promiscuity defiles nations. History strongly attests that such nations bring punishment on themselves. The licentious ancient Greek and Roman empires and many other nations have written that lesson for all of us to consider.

"Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you. For the

land is defiled: therefore I visit the punishment of its iniquity upon it, and the land vomits out its inhabitants. You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations, either any of your own nation or any stranger who sojourns among you (for all these abominations the men of the land have done, who were before you, and thus the land is defiled), lest the land vomit you out also when you defile it, as it vomited out the nations that were before you" (Leviticus 18:24–28).

#### **Gross Domestic Product**

In June 14, 1999, Forbes magazine examined how high technology and high finance have given the smut industry respectability. It noted that many companies specializing in pornography are actively traded on well-known stock exchanges. Some are opening retail outlets nationwide for shoppers to peruse. "Welcome to the modern peep show. Today's legal porn business is a \$56 billion global industry," the business publication stated.

Forbes proceeded to break down 1999 world sales of pornography by category: adult videos, \$20 billion; sex clubs, including 2,500 U.S. strip joints, \$5 billion; magazines, \$7.5 billion; phone sex, \$4.5 billion; escort services, \$11 billion; cable/satellite payper-view television, \$2.5 billion; CD-ROM/DVD-ROM, \$1.5 billion; Internet sales and memberships, \$1.5 billion, and novelties \$1 billion.

"Phone companies, cable companies, hotel chains and now investment bankers are all part of the act. As pornography becomes more appallingly graphic, it is becoming more mainstream," Forbes reported.

In 1998, 8,948 new hard-core videos hit the U.S. retail market, up from 1,275 in 1990. Many of those were produced in the Northridge, Calif. area. That year, Americans rented 686 million "adult" tapes. In 1999, XXX-rated videos generated \$5 billion in sales and rentals, double the revenue of five years previously. U.S.



Garish neon signs glare out their sleazy messages in red-light districts and, alarmingly, in upscale business areas of the western world's cities.

adult cable and satellite industries generate \$310 million in annual revenue. According to Forrester Research of Cambridge, Mass., \$1 billion in pornography flows over the Internet-one might say like sewage.

In June 2000, syndicated columnist Cal Thomas sharply criticized AT&T for deciding to carry a pay-per-view channel that shows sexually explicit films on its cable television system. AT&T recently acquired TCI and MediaOne Group Inc. "How much is it worth to Ma Bell to be transformed from a family-friendly company with a positive image into a call girl that cares only about profits and apparently little about the delivery system that sends filthy images into people's homes?" Thomas asked.

In her book, The Sex Sector, Lin Lean Lim of the International Labor Office in Geneva points out that pornography and prostitution comprise a global economic force that probably exceeds half a trillion dollars. Illegal prostitution is a \$2 billion-a-year business in Britain, where an estimated 115,000 prostitutes ply their trade. About 500,000 sex including tourists. many pedophiles, visit Thailand each year to engage in illicit sex, which generates about \$25 billion—or 12 percent of that Asian country's gross domestic product.

"Like it or not, legal or not, the sex sector is an economic activity of such massive proportions in many countries it must be measured in terms of GDP," Lim wrote.

#### From Thought to Deed

Law enforcement officials who have investigated sexual abuse, rape and murder cases confirm that repeated exposure to pornography has turned many men into sexual addicts, predators and abusers. Hours before his execution in 1989, notorious serial killer Ted Bundy stated: "I have lived in prison a long time now, and I've met a lot of men who were motivated to violence just like me. And without exception, every one of them was deeply involved in pornography, without a question, deeply influenced and consumed by an addiction to pornography."

Nations that claim to be Christian are hard-pressed to reconcile the onslaught of pornographic material with their traditional values. Jesus Christ warned; "You have heard that it was said to

those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matthew 5:27-28).

Christ plainly shows that viewing pornography violates the seventh commandment against adultery and transgresses God's spiritual law, which is sin (1 John 3:4). Viewing graphic images of lewd behavior can scar our minds. The Apostle Paul warned that our consciences can be seared with a hot iron if we are not careful (1 Timothy 4:2). The Book of Proverbs astutely notes: "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7).

The Apostle James cautioned that the slightest temptations entertained in our minds can lead to actual acts of sin. "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God' for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires [or lusts] and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is fullgrown, brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren" (James 1:13-16).

Pornography is not victimless. Victims include men whose twisted fantasies turn into criminal acts or become so desensitized they show no warmth or affection toward their wives; degraded women who turn to prostitution, pose in magazines or participate in graphic films; children molested by family members or exploited by filmmakers or magazine publishers. Rape, sexual abuse, family breakups and sexually transmitted disease cost millions in law enforcement, judicial, social and medical costs.

The Bible plainly shows that Satan the devil is the god of this dark age and the author of perversion and confusion. Urging Christians to stand against the wiles and scheming of the devil, the Apostle Paul warned: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12, KJV).

Yet throughout the western world, pornography is promoted and defended by those who argue it is a form of freedom and enlightenment. Notice how the Creator God views this warped reasoning. "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!" (Isaiah 5:20-21).

#### **Downhill Slide**

The turning point in the United States for the commercialization of pornography came in 1973 when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Miller v. California that "pornography," but not "obscenity," was protected by the First Amendment, muddying the issue.

the However. Attorney General's Commission Pornography was established shortly after President Ronald Reagan gave his second inaugural speech in 1985. It included an enforcement unit that aggressively prosecuted pornographers.

"During the Reagan and Bush administrations, the Justice Department successfully prosecuted child pornographers and large-scale purveyors of obscenity; and, in the process of effectively enforcing the obscenity laws, collected millions of dollars in fines and forfeitures to offset the costs of enforcement," Morality in Media president Robert Peters wrote in a July 28, 2000 article.

President Bill Clinton assured voters in 1992 that "aggressive enforcement of federal obscenity laws by the Justice Department... will be a priority in the Clinton-Gore administration."

However, the pornography industry has exploded with unfettered success in recent years. "During the first six years of the Clinton administration, federal obscenity law enforcement declined by over 80 percent. In fiscal year 1997, there were only six prosecutions in which the lead charge was a violation of federal obscenity laws. In fiscal year 1998, the number was eight. Worse yet, to our knowledge, there have been NO prosecutions initiated against major interstate distributors of hardcore pornography in several years," Peters wrote. He speculated that Clinton was pressured by elitist supporters in Hollywood, the Playboy empire, the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force and People for the American Way to ease off enforcing obscenity laws. Scandals in his administration also made it difficult for him to urge U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno to prosecute porn cases. "It isn't easy to champion a public morality cause when dogged by accusations of personal immorality," Peters wrote.

Pornographers have flourished from the benevolent neglect the porn industry has enjoyed under Attorney General Reno. "It's a great time to be an adult retailer," Paul Fishbein wrote in 1998 in *Adult Video News*, a trade publication for the video porn industry. Many pornographers endorsed President Clinton's reelection in 1996, Peters noted.

A successful crackdown on the pornography industry accomplished during the Reagan/Bush years can be duplicated in the new administration, he said, "but it will take a president and attorney general who understand the harms that pornography causes and who mean business about enforcing federal obscenity laws."

#### **A Crucial Juncture**

Rather than being a shining beacon on a hill as President Reagan fondly envisioned, the United States exports prodigious volumes of some of the vilest material imaginable in the form of pornography. A nation that prides itself in its Judeo-Christian roots is accountable to the Living God for promulgating such filth throughout the world.

Regarding sexual immorality, Old Testament prophets strongly condemned Israel and Judah for defiling themselves by engaging in filthiness, abomination and lewdness. New Testament apostles also repeatedly denounced adultery and sexual immorality. Modern nations producing and trafficking in degrading pornography should heed their warnings.

In Ezekiel 23, the prophet Ezekiel strongly condemned the gross immorality of both Samaria, the capital of Israel, and Jerusalem, the capital of Judah, in very explicit terms. He showed that God would raise up a powerful conglomerate of Babylonians and Assyrians to punish the entire house of Israel for its lewdness.

The prophecy is dual. What happened in the past to ancient Israel and Judah will recur in the future. The Bible shows a modern Babylonian Empire, spearheaded modern **Assyrians** Germans, will arise on the European continent (Send for our free booklet The Beast of Revelation). Inspired by a charismatic religious leader who will denounce American and British cultures for their steep slide into immorality, including the export of pornography, the Europeans will justify unleashing horrific punishment on the U.S. and British Commonwealth peoples.

As unbelievable as it is to contemplate, American, British, Jewish and other modern Israelitish people will be plunged into national punishment even worse than the Holocaust unless they repent of their widespread immorality and sexual sins. Although they now are considered allies, the remilitarized Europeans primarily will be used by the Living Creator God to chastise modern Israel and Judah.

Describing a scenario frighteningly reminiscent of the Nazi death camps of World War II, Ezekiel warned: "They shall deal furiously with you; they shall remove your nose and your ears, and your remnant shall fall by the sword; they shall take your sons and your daughters, and your remnant shall be devoured by fire. They shall also strip you of your clothes and take away your beautiful jewelry. Thus I will make you cease your lewdness and your harlotry" (Ezekiel 23:25–27).

"For thus says the Lord God: Surely I will deliver you into the hand of those whom you hate, into the hand of those from whom you alienated yourself. They will

deal hatefully with you, take away all you have worked for, and leave you naked and bare. The nakedness of your harlotry shall be uncovered, both your lewdness and harlotry" (vv. 28–29).

"Therefore thus says the Lord God: 'Because you have forgotten Me and cast Me behind your back, therefore you shall bear the penalty of your lewdness and your harlotry" (v. 35).

It is not too late for nations in the western world to repent of their plunge into the cesspool of pornography and immorality, defiling themselves, but time is running out.

The Bible shows when Jesus Christ returns to establish the Kingdom of God on earth, He will cleanse these nations and restore their former greatness after they bitterly repent of their widespread lewdness.

"And I will cause the captives of Judah and the captives of Israel to return, and will rebuild those places as at the first. I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned and by which they have transgressed against Me.

"Then it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise, and an honor before all nations of the earth, who shall hear all the good that I do to them; they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and all the prosperity that I provide for it.' Thus says the LORD: Again there shall be heard in this place... the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who will say: 'Praise the LORD of hosts, for the LORD is good, for His mercy endures forever" (Jeremiah 33:7–11)!

#### WHO IS THE HARLOT OF REVELATION 17? (continued from page 8)

become rich through the abundance of her luxury.' And I heard another voice from heaven saying, 'COME OUT of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her PLAGUES" (Revelation 18:3-4).

In Christ's name, I urge you: please begin to genuinely STUDY your Bible as never before! Also, do yourself a favor and write in for your absolutely FREE enrollment in our inspiring and most helpful Tomorrow's World Bible Study Course. Study through this course and follow Paul's inspired admonition, "PROVE all things, hold fast that which is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21, KJV).

And again, I urge you to write in immediately and request your FREE copy of our truly revealing booklet The Beast of Revelation. This booklet—coupled with this article you are now reading—will give you the full picture and PROOF of the nature of the powerful and ominous forces now rising in Europe.

As Jesus said, "Watch." Keep your eyes on this revival of the Holy Roman Empire. "Watch" how it slowly but surely begins to gain total power in most of Europe—then Central and South America and finally most of the entire world. "Watch" how other churches are, bit by bit, coaxed, persuaded or finally coerced into going back to the "mother" church. Frankly, you will be disappointed to see how many supposedly dedicated Protestant and evangelical leaders will be maneuvered into giving up much of what they have always believed when real PRESSURE is put upon them.

Will YOU also turn aside from the God of the Bible? For your eternal good, pray for real understanding, faith and courage. Obey Jesus' instruction, "Watch therefor, and PRAY always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:36).

#### IS THERE A REAL DEVIL? (continued from page 18)

God will protect you and deliver you from the evil one, if you ask Him to-if you choose the Kingdom of God and reject the kingdom of Satan. As He inspired the Apostle James to write, "But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.' Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4:6-8).

These are two key points to remember in our battle with Satan. God has made these promises. You need not give in to depressing influences and feelings. Do not give in to temptations Satan throws your way. Resist! And draw near to God. Get down on your knees and pray to your Father in heaven. Study the Bible, God's Word, and follow its instructions. When Jesus faced Satan's temptations, He fought the devil by quoting scripture. Jesus used these spiritual weapons. You need them too!

The Apostle Paul tells us to be fully armed spiritually. "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that vou may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" (Ephesians 6:10–13).

You need the whole armor of God. If you are clothed with this armor you can win the battle. Satan is battling for your mind, for your character and for your spirit. But with God on your side, you can conquer him. Know your enemy. Know his strategies. As the Apostle Paul wrote, "we are not ignorant of his devices" (2 Corinthians 2:10).

Can you actually overcome the devil? Yes, you can, if you use the sword of the Spirit—the Word of God-and if you live by that word. When Jesus resisted Satan, He said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke 4:4).

The power of God's Word in you can conquer Satan. The Apostle John wrote, "I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one" (1 John 2:14).

God will give you the victory through Jesus Christ—you can overcome evil. And the Creator God will banish Satan and his demons forever. They will be replaced by Jesus Christ and His faithful servants in the coming Kingdom of God.

You can have peace of mind. Act on the instructions of your Bible, and with the help of the Savior, you too can overcome Satan.

#### ARE YOU SURE? (continued from page 3)

Christians. Only about one-third of the earth's population professes the name of Jesus Christ. Yet the Apostle Peter said "there is NO OTHER NAME under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

You must understand that—if you are willing to accept the plain words of the Bible—people are not truly "Christian" just because they profess the "name" of Jesus Christ. Most of the mainstream religions have done JUST THAT! For they constantly attach Jesus' name to ALL kinds of unbiblical ideas and beliefs. Yet Jesus clearly said, "But WHY do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46). Again, Jesus narrowed the field down a great deal when He very clearly said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" (Matthew 7:21-23).

So have you honestly and objectively taken time to PROVE what Jesus Christ actually taught? And are you willing to ACT on that proof once it has come clearly and distinctly into your mind? Or are you like most people who are afraid to accept Truth because it may affect their relatives, their friendships, their jobs or their "social standing"? Are you, perhaps unwittingly, somewhat like the Pharisees of Jesus' day? "For they loved the PRAISE of men more than the praise of God" (John 12:43).

I know that many of you reading this are ministers or various kinds of religious teachers. It is important for your eternal life—AND FOR ALL OF US—to understand the words and experiences of a great minister I am about to quote, who faced a similar dilemma in his life about being willing to stand up for TRUTH whether or not it hurt his professional or social standing. In volume 1 of his Autobiography, p. 528, Herbert W. Armstrong wrote:

I know of evangelists who probably are sincere in supposing they are serving God and who would like to be free to proclaim many truths they now hold back. They reason something like this: "If I go farther, and

preach those things, I'll lose all my support. I'd be cut off from the ministry altogether. Then I could preach NOTHING. Better serve God by preaching as much of the Biblical truth as possible, than to be prevented from preaching anything."

They are relying on the financial support of MEN, or of organizations of men. Anyone in that predicament is the SERVANT of MEN. and NOT of God, whether he realizes it or not.

A man accosted me as I was walking along the gravel country road, between the Firbutte School and the Jeans School in the fall of 1933.

"You won't get far," he said. "You're preaching the straight truth of the Bible. That offends people. The Bible is like a sharp two-edged sword. It cuts-it reproves, corrects, rebukes—people won't support that kind of preaching! You won't get far."

But I was not relying on the support of PEOPLE. If people paid me, I would have to serve people. If I were to serve God, I would have to look solely to God for support!

Of course God does work through human instruments. But I had to rely on God to lay it on the hearts of people to support the kind of preaching that obeys Isaiah 58:1 by crying ALOUD—lifting up my voice and showing the people their SINS!

Each of us, deep down, should genuinely PROVE what we believe. For again and again, God's Word tells us that Satan the devil "DECEIVES the whole world" (Revelation 12:9); that Satan will soon be imprisoned so that "he should DECEIVE the nations no more" (Revelation 20:3); that Satan is the "god" of this present age who has BLINDED those who do not believe (2 Corinthians 4:4) and that Satan has false ministers who will present "another Jesus," a "different spirit" and "different gospel" (2 Corinthians 11:4).

When eternal life is involved, we need to be SURE. So we should cry out to God for genuine understanding. Then we should be willing to follow the Truth wherever it may lead. With God's help, each of us will need to exercise real faith and COURAGE to actually do that.

Robert Meredith

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#### **International**

Adelaide: ACE-Ch 6/31, SUN 11:30 am, THUR 8:30 pm

Brisbane: BRIZ-Ch 31, SUN 8:30 am Melbourne: MCTV-Ch 31, TUE 11:00 pm Perth: CETL-Ch 31, SUN 9:30 am

Georgetown: NBTV-Ch 9, SUN 10:00 am

#### -NEW ZEALAND

Auckland: Prime Television-Ch 41, SUN 8:30 am

#### -MEXICO

△ Mexico City: Cambio—1440 AM, SUN 12:00 noon

Borongan: Borongan Cable—Ch 17, SAT 3:00 pm Naval, Leyte: Naval Cable-Ch 11, SUN 9:00 am Hinabangan, Samar: Omerez-Ch 7, SUN 9:00 am

#### CANADA (nationwide)

ON, Toronto: Vision—SUN 6:30 pm (ET & PT)

#### **United States**

- AL, Birmingham: Cable-Ch 4, FRI 4:30 pm
- AL, Troy: WRJM—Ch 67, SUN 8:30 am
  AR, Fayetteville: Access TV—Ch 8, SUN 8:30 pm
- AR, Little Rock: Comcast -Ch 18, FRI 9:30 am
- AR, Little Rock: KASN -Ch 38, SAT 8:00 am
- AZ, Phoenix: Access-Ch 22, TUE 1:00 pm
- AZ, Prescott: Cable—Ch13, SAT 5:30 pm; SUN 6:30 am
- AZ, Tucson: Access—Ch 73, SAT 5:00 pm; SUN 11:30 am CA, Anaheim: Adelphia—Ch 3, WED 6:00 pm
- CA, Buena Park: Comcast—Ch 55, THUR 7:30 pm
- CA, Eureka: Cox-Ch 10, FRI 5:30 pm
- CA, Garden Grove: Time Warner-Ch 6, SUN 10:30 am
- CA, Modesto: Cable One-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, Riverbank: *SONIC*—Ch 9, WED 6:00 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: Marcus—Ch 2, MON 8:00 pm
- CT, Enfield: Cox-Ch 15, WED 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 19, SUN 10:00 am
- FL, Tampa: Time Warner--Ch 19 & 20, SAT 8:00 pm; SUN 8:00 pm
- GA, Macon: Cox Cable-Ch 18, SUN 5:00 pm; TUE 7:30 am;
- HI, Hilo: Na Leo-Ch 14, TUE 10:30 pm; FRI 9:30 pm
- HI, Honolulu: Olelo-Ch 52, THUR 2:00 pm
- HI, Kahului: Akaku-Ch 44, SAT 9:30 pm
- HÍ, Kailua-Kona: Na Leo-Ch 14, TUE 10:30 pm; FRI 9:30 pm
- HI, Kauai: Ho'ike-Ch 12, MON 1:30 pm
- HI, Lanai: Akaku-Ch 3, 12 & 13, SAT 9:30 pm
- HI, Lihue: Ho'ike-Ch 12, MON 1:30 pm
- HI, Maui: *Akaku*—Ch 44, SAT 9:30 pm HI, Molokai: *Akaku*—Ch 3, 12 & 13 SAT 9:30 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; FRI 1:30 pm; MON 3:30 pm; TUE 10:00 am; WED 2:00 pm
- 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 11:30 am; WED 7:00 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, Kokomo: Insight—Ch 16, WED 10:30 pm IN, Lafayette: Insight—Ch 16, TUE 9:30 pm IN, Noblesville: Insight—Ch 18, TUE 9:30 pm

- KS, Chanute: Cablevision—Ch 5, SUN 7:30 am; TUE 5:30 pm KS, Parsons: Time Warner-Ch 21, WED 7:00 pm & 9:30 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, TUE 4:30 pm MD, Baltimore: TCI—Ch 5, SUN 4:00 pm, WED 4:00 pm
- MN, Duluth: Public Access-Ch 24, SAT 7:00 pm; SUN 7:00 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
- 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
- ND, Bismarck: CATV-Ch 12, SUN 3:00 pm
- NE, Omaha: KPTM—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, Oakland: Cablevision-Ch 19/20, SUN 7:00 pm
- NM, Albuquerque: CCC27-Ch 27, SUN 7:00 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, Brooklyn: BCAT-Ch 56/69, SUN 3:00 pm
- NY, Elmira & Corning: Time Warner-Ch 1, SUN 9:30 am
- NY, Hauppauge: Cablevision—Ch 70, THUR 10:30 pm NY, Irondeguoit: ICAT—Ch 15, No set time
- NY, New York: Bronxnet-Ch 70, THUR 5:30 am & 11:00 pm
- NY, Port Jefferson: TCI-Ch 1/99 MON 9:00 pm
- NY, Riverhead: Cablevision-Ch 27, MON 4:30 pm
- NY, Rochester: Community TV-Ch 15, SUN 10:00 am
- OR, Portland: MCTV-CH 11, SUN 10:00 am; TUE 1:30 pm
- SC, Charleston: Comcast-Ch 2, SUN 6:30 pm
- 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, Richmond: AT&T—Ch 7, SUN 9:00 pm
- VT, Barre: Ch 7, SAT 9:00 pm; SUN 2:00 pm & 11:00 pm
- WA, Kennewick: *Charter*—Ch 13, SUN 8:00 pm; TUE 8:00 pm WA, Seattle: *TCI*—Ch 29, SAT 12:00 pm
- WA, Vancouver: Clark/Vancouver—Ch 49, SUN 9:30 am
- WI, Wausau: Charter-Ch 10, THUR 9:00 pm; FRI 7:30 am

IL, Chicago: WGN-National Cable, **SUN 6:00 am (ET)** 



**TELEVISION SUPERSTATIONS:** 

WGN: SUN 6:00 am ET

VISION, Canada: SUN 6:30 pm ET & PT

#### **New Television Stations:**

IN, Bloomington: Insight—Ch 53, WED 7:00 pm NY, Binghamton: Time Warner—Ch 6, FRI 5:00 pm NY, Oneonta: Time Warner—Ch 23, WED 8:30 pm PA, Sayre: Time Warner—Ch 18, MON-FRI, 5:00 pm

**Philippines** 

Kidapawan: Mindanao,Kidapawan Cable—FRI 7:30 pm

Jamaica

Kingston: CVM TV—Ch 4, 8 & 9, SUN 6:00 am

#### **Radio Stations:**

Trinidad & Tobago, TBC, Port of Spain—730 kHz AM, THUR 5:30 pm United Kingdom, Manx Radio—1368 kHz AM, 89/97.2/103.7 mHz FM SUN 10:00 pm Mexico, Mexico City, Cambio—1440 AM, SUN 12:00 noon Barbados, Barbados, CBC—900 kHz AM, MON 8:00 pm Philippines, Manila, DWBL—1242 kHz AM, THUR 10:30 pm; SUN 3:30 pm Philippines, Ozamiz City, DXSY—1242 kHz AM, SUN 8:00 am

#### **New Radio Stations:**

Martinique, Radio Banlieue-Relax—103.4 FM, SUN 6:15 am
Martinique, Radio Campêche—98.3 & 101.6 FM, TUE 8:00 am; SAT 8:00 am
Martinique, Radio St. Pierre—88.7 FM, SAT 8:00 am; SUN 8:00 am
South Africa, Gauteng Province, Radio Punt—1322 AM, THUR, Times vary
South Africa, Western Cape, Radio Tygerburg—104 FM, THUR, 7:30 pm