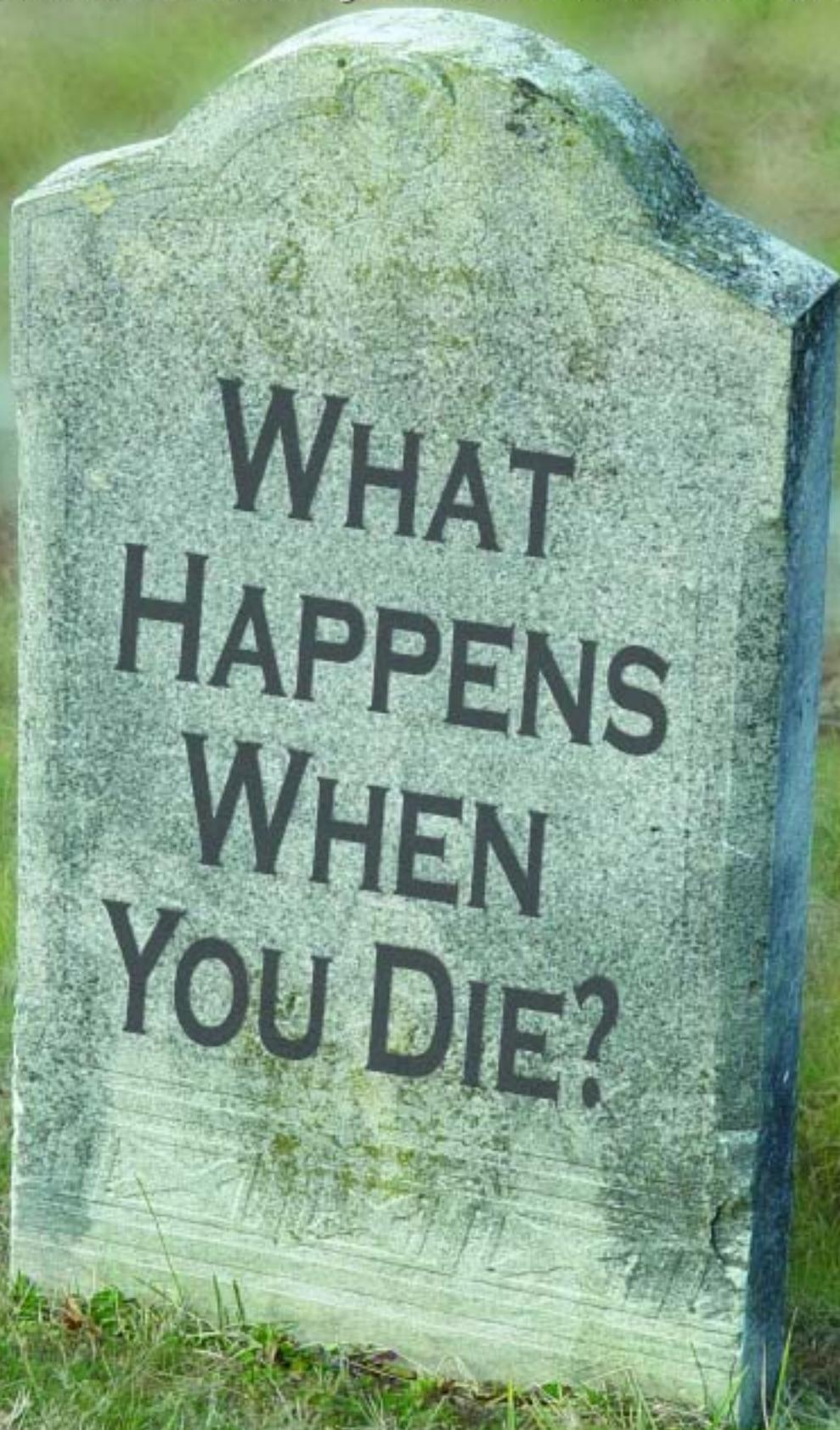


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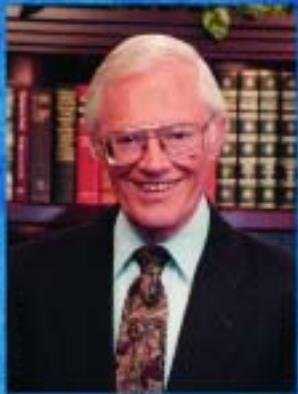
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Personal

By Roderick C. Meredith, Editor in Chief

Do You Serve God or Mammon?

Our world today is more materialistic than it has been for millennia—maybe more than it has ever been. Today's society is *obsessed* with greed and possessiveness. Mankind today *worships* material things and places their acquisition as the first priority in life.

Some of this "gimme" obsession rubs off even on professing Christians. The Apostle John wrote: "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world" (1 John 2:15-16).

Can we honestly say that we do *not* love the world while we watch hour after hour of television? Many church members watch more murders taking place *every week* than most people would ever see in a lifetime in the real world—bad as it is! And the incessant "get, get, get" philosophy, which permeates television commercials and many of the shows themselves, certainly does rub off on us too.

We are *not* immune to Satan's broadcasts!

And what about the television and rock music "idols"? How many of us realize that the deep emotion, shouting and cheering that often welcomes a sexually licentious or even blasphemous rock star is a *perversion* of the fervent adoration and worship that belongs only to God?

Having lived abroad for four years of my adult life, I have seen firsthand that we in North America, more than most anywhere else in the world, do tend to worship material things. Yes, *worship!* For vast numbers of people in the United States and Canada will do just about *anything* in order to own a house, a car, a computer—even a second, third or fourth television set. A man may take two jobs and work such long hours that he wrecks his health. The wife, *even* while her children are small, may also choose to work long hours outside the home, sacrificing those precious

hours that she could be spending with her growing children, on the pretext of "buying them *things*"—instead of teaching them, training them and building within them a deep and abiding sense of security and self-esteem.

"But we just couldn't make it if we didn't both work," the typical North American couple might exclaim. Make it? Make *what*? Would your family *starve* to death? Would they be *unclothed* or *homeless*? In *almost* every case, the honest answer is: *No!* The family would just have a *smaller* house. Or a *smaller* television set. Or would have only *one* car instead of two.

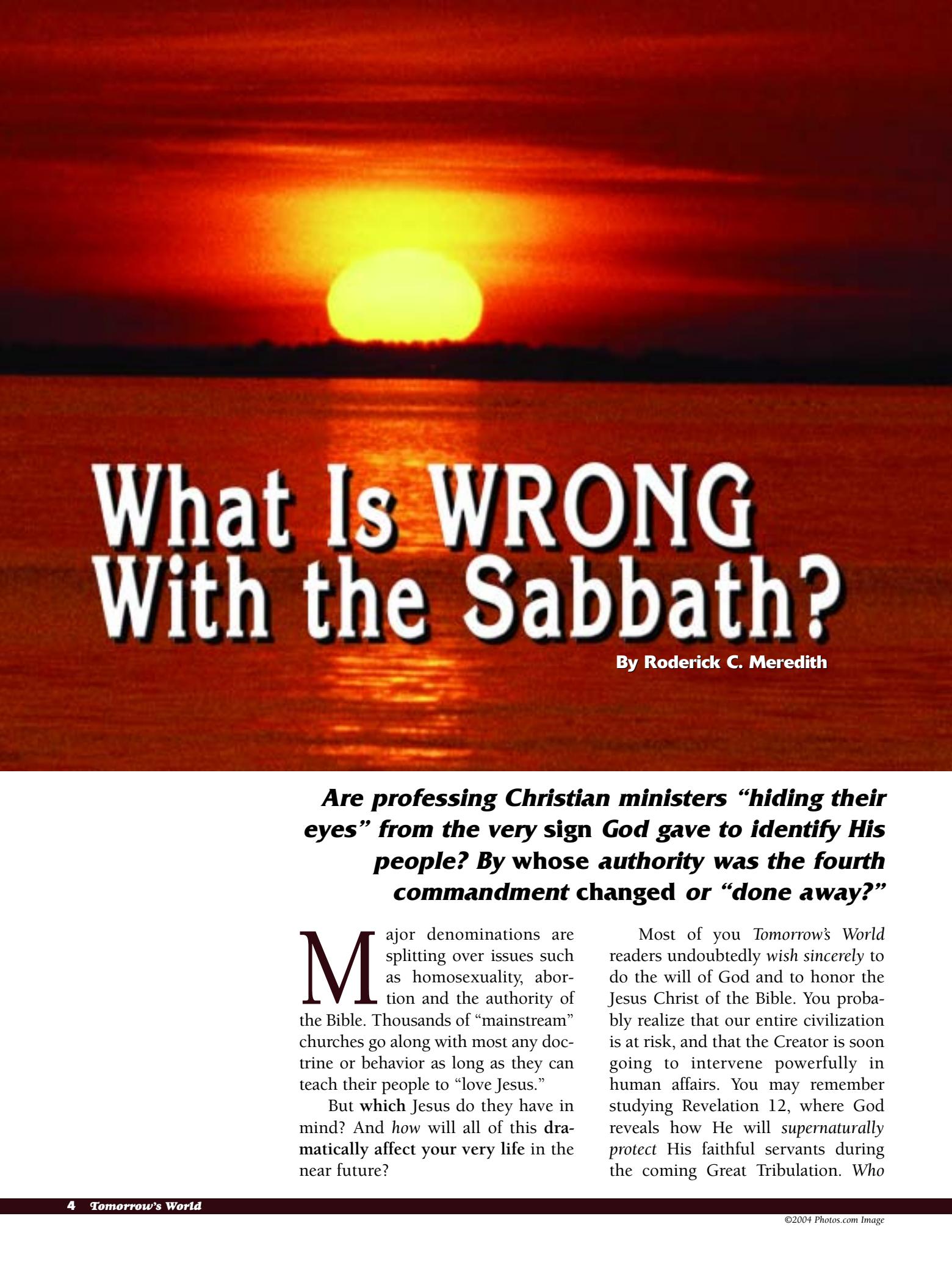
Of course, our exploitative society also pushes some people into genuine poverty, in which case a woman virtually *has to* work outside of the home. Often, in such cases, a husband has literally or figuratively left the family. There would be no food on the table if the wife or mother did not work. Yet for every case like this, there are countless more in which, if she were honest about the difference between her needs and her wants, a wife and mother could stay home if she and her husband were genuinely frugal.

You see, some of us in the U.S. and Canada are *so accustomed* to absolute affluence that even some of you readers may feel a little uncomfortable as you read this Personal. But I can assure you that *millions* of people in Britain, Europe and Asia think it is both pitiful and amusing that North Americans feel that they "need" so many extravagant material comforts—comforts that were *unheard of* until the last generation or two.

Yet millions of North American teenagers feel that they would figuratively "die" if they could not have their own cars, stereos, computers, video games, designer clothes and other material gadgets.

People young and old will work themselves into a fanatic desire to possess material things.

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What Is WRONG With the Sabbath?

By Roderick C. Meredith

Are professing Christian ministers “hiding their eyes” from the very sign God gave to identify His people? By whose authority was the fourth commandment changed or “done away?”

Major denominations are splitting over issues such as homosexuality, abortion and the authority of the Bible. Thousands of “mainstream” churches go along with most any doctrine or behavior as long as they can teach their people to “love Jesus.”

But which Jesus do they have in mind? And how will all of this dramatically affect your very life in the near future?

Most of you Tomorrow’s World readers undoubtedly wish sincerely to do the will of God and to honor the Jesus Christ of the Bible. You probably realize that our entire civilization is at risk, and that the Creator is soon going to intervene powerfully in human affairs. You may remember studying Revelation 12, where God reveals how He will supernaturally protect His faithful servants during the coming Great Tribulation. Who

are these people God will protect? A vital key to their identity is given in verse 17: “And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” The inspired Apostle John also identifies God’s true saints 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.” Note that God’s people not only have faith *in* Jesus, but have the very faith “of” Jesus Christ—faith to *do* what the Father says, even in difficult circumstances!

Many of you have assumed that “Sunday keeping” is a correct way to obey the fourth commandment. You are probably sincere in this—for that is what most of you have been taught. But you could not be more wrong! For God’s true Sabbath—as observed by Jesus Christ and all of the early Apostles—is the *seventh* day of the week! Look it up on your calendar. Which day is the seventh day? Two grievous sins—**idolatry** and **Sabbath-breaking**—were the major reasons why God severely punished the ancient Israelites and drove them into slavery (Ezekiel 20). This same national punishment will be meted out on our peoples if we do not repent and begin to acknowledge our Creator by keeping His commandments and His true Sabbaths!

The Jesus Christ of the Bible clearly warned: “Why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46). Jesus Christ consistently taught obedience to *all ten* of the Ten Commandments. It was He who, as the God of the Old Testament, gave those commandments to Israel (1

Corinthians 10:4), and He did not “change His mind” later on. In the “Sermon on the Mount”—His foundational teaching of New Testament Christianity—Jesus said: “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets.... whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:17–19).

Then Jesus began to explain that His followers were to go even *beyond* the letter of the law. Not only were they forbidden to kill another person; they were not even to harbor **hatred** (vv. 21–22). They were forbidden to commit adultery, but Jesus **magified** the law by stating: “But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (v. 28).

Does it sound as though Jesus was doing away with His Father’s great spiritual law, the Ten Commandments? Do you think for one minute that, after making the above pronouncements, Christ turned around and *abrogated* the Fourth Commandment—the command to observe the seventh-day Sabbath? If you are willing to face the plain biblical Truth, read on!

What the Bible Clearly States

Most of you who read this article have been bombarded by all kinds of teachings and reasonings that tell you either that the Ten Commandments were “done away” or that they were somehow altered or “watered down” so that the Fourth Commandment is not literally to be observed anymore! It

is somehow “jerked” right out of the middle of the Ten Commandments—where it has always resided—and explained away as part of the “Law of Moses,” or else effectively done away by some other clever device.

Is that right? Is that what the Bible teaches? We must be honest!

Even a leading Roman Catholic cardinal admitted the truth of the matter. James Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore, wrote plainly: “But you may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify. The Catholic Church correctly teaches that our Lord and His Apostles inculcated certain important duties of religion which are not recorded by the inspired writers. For instance, most Christians pray to the Holy Ghost, a practice which is nowhere found in the Bible. We must, therefore, conclude that the Scriptures alone cannot be a sufficient guide and rule of faith because they cannot, at any time, be within the reach of every inquirer; because they are not of themselves clear and intelligible even in matters of the highest importance, and because they do not contain all the truths necessary for salvation” (*Faith of Our Fathers*, 1876).

Gibbons here introduces the common *false* idea that men can add or detract from what the Bible teaches—the excuse being that the inspired Scriptures “are not of themselves clear and intelligible.” Poor God—apparently none of these theologians has been able to “educate” Him as to how to explain things!

Yet these same theologians will admit that Jesus Christ, the

Son of the living God, said: “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God’” (Luke 4:4). And, as we saw earlier, Jesus also said: “Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:19).

A young man came to Christ asking: “What good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” What was Jesus’ answer? Did Jesus say, “Just give your heart to Me” or “Make your decision for Christ”?

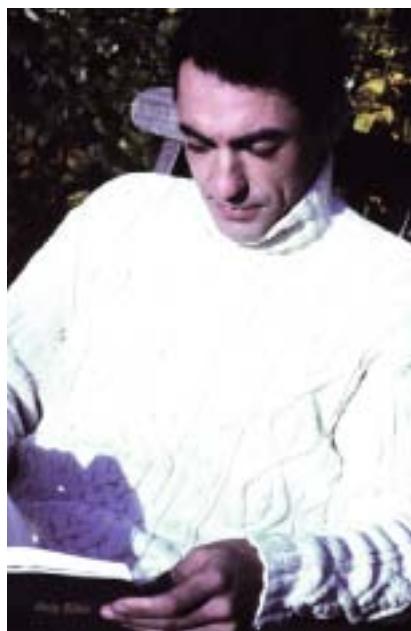
No indeed!

The Son of God said: “If you want to enter into life, keep the commandments” (Matthew 19:16–17). And near the end of the inspired Sermon on the Mount, Jesus 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).

Why Do Theologians Often “Pick On” the Sabbath?

Of all the Ten Commandments, why do men seemingly strive hardest to “do away” with God’s command about the Sabbath? Though antagonists try to label the Sabbath a “yoke” of bondage, it would be the easiest commandment to keep in a truly Christian society. “How can that

possibly be?” you might ask. Because *all day long*—seven days a week—true Christians should not engage in sexual licentiousness, or hate, or lying or covetousness. But on just one day of the week, true Christians are



commanded to rest and to worship their Creator.

What a “yoke”!

Yet the invisible “god” of this world, Satan the Devil (2 Corinthians 4:3–4), has managed to deceive millions into thinking that God’s Sabbath is extremely difficult to keep and is, in fact, a “yoke” of some kind. The truth, of course, is *exactly the opposite!* If the entire world would observe the true seventh-day Sabbath, then untold millions of men and women would finally have a sense of peace and freedom on at least one day a week. And *all* mankind would be reminded each week to worship the Creator—the One true God who gives life and breath to everyone. For the Sabbath points to creation, as the full written commandment clearly indicates: “Remember the Sabbath day, to

keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it” (Exodus 20:8–11).

If the true Sabbath were *universally observed*, all men everywhere would be brought into the knowledge of the true God, the Creator. As He reminded ancient Israel: “Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you” (Exodus 31:13). We need to remember that *long before* ancient Israel even existed—and before any “law of Moses” was given—the Creator made holy and sanctified a certain period of time. “And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God **blessed** the seventh day and **sanctified** it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made” (Genesis 2:2–3).

As Jesus Christ said: “The Sabbath was **made** for man, and not man for the Sabbath” (Mark 2:27). The Sabbath was made **not** for the Jew, but for “man”—and it was made *when man was made!* And who is “Lord” of the seventh day Sabbath—the very Sabbath the Jews were keeping in Jesus’ day and which He was discussing with some of their leaders? “The

Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath" (v. 28).

It is important to note that in the above scripture Jesus said nothing about "changing" the seventh-day Sabbath to the first day of the week—the "day of the sun." Rather, He explained that the Sabbath was created "for man"—as a **blessing** to man—and not as a "yoke," which some of the Pharisees made it by adding so many "dos and don'ts" that had not been part of the Sabbath commandment given by God.

So why did misguided men during the Dark Ages try to change God's true Sabbath, and move it over to Sunday—the "Day of the Sun"—a day widely honored by the pagans? The change was "institutionalized" by a *pagan* Roman emperor, Constantine, who "professed" Christianity—but was no more a real Christian than Mickey Mouse! Under Constantine's direction, the Council of Nicaea was held in 325AD. Though he had not yet been baptized, Constantine presided over the council's opening session and took part in its discussions, believing that it was his duty as emperor to oversee the establishment of doctrine for the church. But was Constantine presiding over the council as a former pagan *now turned Christian*? Or did he use the Council of Nicaea to infuse his *pagan* background into what would become "official" Christianity? Respected historian Paul Johnson has observed the following regarding Constantine's religious views:

"There is some doubt about the magnitude of Constantine's change of ideas.... He himself appears to have been a sun-worshipper, one of a number of late-pagan cults which had obser-

vances in common with the Christians. Thus the followers of Isis adored a madonna nursing her holy child; the cult of Attis and Cybele celebrated a day of blood and fasting, followed by the Hilaria resurrection-feast, a day of joy, on 25 March; the elitist Mithraics, many of whom were senior army officers, ate a sacred meal. Constantine was almost certainly a Mithraic, and his triumphal arch, built after his 'conversion,' testifies to the Sun-god, or 'unconquered sun.' Many Christians did not make a clear distinction between this sun-cult and their own. They referred to Christ 'driving his chariot across the sky,' they held their services on Sunday, knelt towards the East and had their nativity-feast on 25 December, the birthday of the sun at the winter solstice. During the later pagan revival under the Emperor Julian many Christians found it easy to apostatize because of this confusion; the Bishop of Troy told Julian he had always prayed secretly to the sun. Constantine never abandoned sun-worship and kept the sun on his coins. *He made Sunday into a day of rest....*" (A History of Christianity, Johnson, 1976, pp. 67–69; emphasis ours).

As Jesse Lyman Hurlbut states in *The Story of the Christian Church*: "As long as the church was mainly Jewish, **the Hebrew sabbath was kept**; but as it became increasingly Gentile the first day gradually took the place of the seventh day" (p. 4; emphasis ours).

This unbiblical action was obviously taken to make it *easier* for the surrounding pagans to become "Christian." Yet, by abandoning God's true Sabbath

and His law, it resulted in a "Christianity" that was *not really Christianity at all!* As Hurlbut acknowledges: "The services of worship increased in splendor, but were less spiritual and hearty than those of former times. The forms of ceremonies of paganism gradually crept into the worship. Some of the old heathen feasts became church festivals with change of name and of worship. About 405AD, images of saints and martyrs began to appear in the churches, at first as memorials, then in succession revered, adored, and worshiped" (p. 79).

The *ultimate* reason men changed their day of worship from God's Sabbath to the pagan Sunday is that the Prince of Darkness, Satan the Devil, will do *anything* and *everything* he can to deceive mankind and to *cut man off* from the knowledge and worship of the true God. Worship on the seventh day, which God "sanctified"—the day that Christ and the original Apostles always observed—had to be "stamped out" because of Satan's desire to *confuse* this world and to cut mankind off from the Creator God. After Christ returns to this earth, He will send an angel to bind Satan for a thousand years, "so that he should *deceive* the nations *no more* 'till the thousand years were finished" (Revelation 20:1–3).

The Entire World Will Observe the Sabbath!

When Christ returns as "King of kings" (Revelation 17:14), there will begin "the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began" (Acts 3:21). The observance of the

true Sabbath will once again be practiced as part of the way of life that God has always intended for mankind: “And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, says the LORD” (Isaiah 66:23).

So what is wrong with the Sabbath? The truth is that God’s

be called a house of prayer for all nations” (Isaiah 56:6–7).

Despite the biblical and historical records of the trials of God’s true New Testament Church, many called by God later lost faith and forsook the Sabbath, turning to doctrinal error. They were seduced by false teachers. Nevertheless, the author and finisher of our faith, Jesus Christ,

The truth is that God’s commanded day of rest and worship at the end of each week—on the seventh day—would be a great blessing if it were universally observed now.

commanded day of rest and worship at the end of each week—on the seventh day—would be a great blessing if it were universally observed now. For the Bible tells us: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8); the same Christ who gave the Ten Commandments to ancient Israel. God’s great spiritual law—[the Ten Commandments]—has not been done away with, and it is not to be “changed” by rebellious men under the influence of Satan the Devil!

Regarding the Sabbath, God’s inspired word makes it plain that even the “foreigners”—the Gentiles—will be blessed for observing the true Sabbath: “Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants—everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and holds fast My covenant—even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall

kept God’s Sabbaths (Mark 1:21; 6:2; Luke 4:16, 31; 6:6; 13:10). The custom of Paul, the “Apostle to the Gentiles,” was to worship, and teach even the Gentiles, on each Sabbath (Acts 13:42–44; 17:2; 18:4). Paul never turned away from obedience to God’s law, in spite of the fertile imaginations of many scholars. For Paul wrote: “Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters” (1 Corinthians 7:19). Throughout history, Sabbath-keeping has been

an important identifying sign to look for, to identify the lineage of the true Church of God that Jesus built. How about you? Are you passing God’s test? God has not changed (Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8).

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lical and historical evidence about God’s true Sabbath, be sure to write us or call us and request a copy of our eye-opening booklet entitled, *Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?* This powerful booklet is filled with biblical and historical information and proof about the history and meaning of God’s true Sabbath. It should help you really understand this vital topic. So if you sincerely wish to practice true Christianity, and have the special blessing and protection of your Creator in the perilous months and years just ahead, be sure to request and study this booklet with an open mind. Like all of our literature, it will be sent absolutely free upon your request.

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Questions & Answers

Q In Exodus 20:5, God states that He is a jealous God, but in Galatians 5:20 *jealousies* are mentioned among sinful fruits of the flesh. Is this a contradiction?

A God cannot sin, nor can He be tempted with evil (1 John 3:5; James 1:13). The “jealousy” mentioned in Exodus 20 refers to a quality of righteousness, rather than sin. We are told to “worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is *Jealous*, is a jealous God” (Exodus 34:14). “Jealous” is not only an *attribute* of God; it is one of His *names*, describing His character.

Without exception, the Bible uses this term in the context of God’s laws against idolatry (cf. Deuteronomy 4:23–24; 5:9; 6:13–15). Idolatry is a breach of the special covenant God made with Israel—a covenant that promised great prosperity and a role as God’s special people. God explained, right before giving the Ten Commandments: “Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation” (Exodus 19:5–6).

In giving the Ten Commandments, God then said: “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage” (Exodus 20:2). Five times within the Ten Commandments, He used this phrase “the LORD your God.” The word “LORD” by itself is used another three times. Why did God repeat His name so often? The answer to this question helps to explain the meaning of *godly jealousy*.

The name “LORD” is translated from the Hebrew YHVH, which means the “Eternal, Immutable One; He who was, Who is and Who is to come (*Companion Bible*, appendices 4, II).

God repeated this name to describe the intimate and personal *covenant relationship* that He desired to have with Israel; a relationship often likened to a marriage (Jeremiah 3:14, 20). From God’s perspective, idolatry is spiritual adultery. As a husband and a wife require fidelity from each other, God requires the same from His people. The emphasis of His name shows this.

On the other hand, there is a carnal-minded envy and hatred toward neighbor, fueled by covetousness, which is called *jealousy* and is one of the fruits of the flesh (cf. Galatians 5:20; James 4:2). God, of course cannot sin; He envies no one. After all, He is the Creator of all things, and has absolute authority over all His creation. God asks: “To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power; not one is missing” (Isaiah 40:25–26). Indeed, before God, the nations “are as nothing, and they are counted by Him less than nothing and worthless” (v. 17). So it should not surprise us that God commands, “You shall have no other gods before Me,” and insists that we not make any idols, pictures or religious objects to aid in our worship of Him (Exodus 20:5).

The meaning, therefore, is plain. Divine jealousy describes God’s greatness as the one and only true God and Creator—His absolute power to save, His tender mercies, His watchful care and His zeal to keep His promises. He alone possesses the absolute right of worship—exclusively. He tolerates no competitors if you desire a covenant relationship with Him. God’s “jealousy” indicates His unique divine right and godly justice, *not* the carnal human jealousy that human beings may feel.



By Richard F. Ames

There are many strange beliefs about life after death! Many conflicting ideas are taught in the name of Christianity. What really happens when you die?

We are all personally concerned about life and death. Some of us are very worried about our future after death. Will we end up in hellfire as soon as we take our last breath? Perhaps we expect that we will go to heaven to be with the Lord.

Science has its own answers to the question. But scientists admit that they cannot measure or test the spiritual realm. Thanks to the science of cryogenics, some individuals have paid

vast sums of money to flash-freeze their bodies at death, in the hope that science will someday find a way to revive them and give them long life.

But science cannot—and will not ever—give anyone eternal life! Even so, many have a “blind faith” in science, even when it contradicts plain reason. Nobel Prize-winning scientist George Wald made an astounding admission in a 1954 article, “The Origin of Life,” in *Scientific American* magazine: “The reasonable view was to believe in spontaneous generation; the only alternative, to believe in a single, primary act of supernatural creation. There is no third position. One has only to contemplate the magnitude of this task to concede that the spontaneous generation of a living organism is impossible. Yet here we are as a result, I believe, of spontaneous generation.”

Incredible! He admits that spontaneous generation is “impossible” yet insists that it must be true. The truth is that science and the Bible, properly understood, are in perfect harmony. But the Bible also reveals an all-powerful God, who created all things. It reveals deep spiritual and eternal truths, which science admits that it cannot discover.

Hope for Immortality?

Whether death strikes friends or family members, we experience the pain of loss. And we wonder: “Will we ever see them again?”

When we consider the inevitable end of life, we ask: “Is there any hope for the future?” The answer, thankfully, is: “Yes!” God Almighty—the Creator of life itself—reveals our true hope in the Bible!

Here is what the Apostle Paul wrote: “But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep” (1 Thessalonians 4:13–15).

Notice that Paul calls death a “sleep.” He does not describe dead Christians as active or alive in

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heaven. Rather, they are “asleep,” or dead, until Christ’s Second Coming. “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words” (vv. 16–18).

Once, when the Sanhedrin was interrogating Paul, he made the resurrection the major issue in his response: “But when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, ‘Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged!’” (Acts 23:6).

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In Hebrews 11, often called the “faith chapter,” we read of many heroes and heroines of the faith. Did they go to heaven at death? What does Scripture say? “These all died in faith, not having received the promises [of eternal life, and of inheriting the earth], but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth” (Hebrews 11:13). Later, we

read: “And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, *that they should not be made perfect apart from us*” (vv. 39–40).

Faithful Christians who have died are waiting in the grave for the return of Christ! “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment” (John 5:28–29, RSV).

This “resurrection of judgment” takes place after the thousand-year reign of Jesus Christ and the saints (Revelation 20:5–6). Then comes the White Throne Judgment—the time after the Millennium

when spiritually blinded human beings, who have not previously come to the Truth, will be resurrected and given their first genuine opportunity to truly accept Jesus’ sacrifice. Those who reject it will be cast into the lake of fire, to die forever.

Immortality: A Gift from God

We would remain dead, if God did not resurrect us. As human beings, we do not *already* have immortality! Immortality is a gift from God! “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23, KJV). If we already had immortality, we would not need it as a gift of God. We receive the gift of immortality when we undergo a dramatic transformation at the resurrection.

Paul writes: “Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed; in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory’” (1 Corinthians 15:51–54).

Yes, unless we have “put on” immortality through God’s gift at the resurrection, a soul can die! The prophet Ezekiel made this plain when he wrote:

"The soul who sins shall die!" (Ezekiel 18:4, 20). The Hebrew word for "soul" is *nephesh*, which refers to physical life; it is the same word used to describe animal life in Genesis 1:21.

"But that's in the Old Testament," you may be thinking. "What does the New Testament say about the soul?" Jesus' teaching was the same. "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both *soul* [Greek *psuche*, "life"] and body in hell [gehenna fire]" (Matthew 10:28). Do you believe your Bible?

Our sin has earned us the death penalty, but God sent His Son to pay that penalty, so we can be reconciled to God and redeemed by God. Through His gift, we can walk in a new way of life, and have a new relationship with our Creator!

Do you believe what Jesus said? God is able to destroy both soul and body in "hell"—gehenna fire.

The Bible plainly teaches that souls are mortal—not immortal. But God has a wonderful plan of salvation for all humanity—including you! He wants you to be a part of His family for all eternity. God is love, and He has given you the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, to pay for your sins. Sin brings the death penalty upon all of us. "For the wages of sin is *death*, but the *gift* of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Our sin has earned us the death penalty, but God sent His Son to pay that penalty, so we can be reconciled to God and redeemed by God. Through His gift, we can walk in a new way of life, and have a new relationship with our Creator! Each of us was created in God's likeness to have an eternal and loving relationship with Him. But it is God who first demonstrated His love to us! Perhaps you are familiar with the precious "golden verse" of the Bible: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

God has created us in His own image—in His likeness. He wants to have a relationship with us, but we have separated ourselves from Him. "Your iniquities have separated you from your God" (Isaiah 59:2). Christians, however, have been reconciled to God through the death of His Son, through Christ's shed blood. As Christians, we are no longer separated—we have direct access to God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Are you a person after God's own heart? King David of Israel is another "hero of faith" mentioned

in Hebrews 11. God called him a "man after My own heart" (Acts 13:22). Has he gone to heaven, or is he still in the grave?

In the Kingdom of God, yet to come to this earth, King David will be the ruler over all the tribes and nations of Israel and Judah (cf. Ezekiel 37:24; Jeremiah 30:9). Certainly David should be in heaven, if the righteous go there the moment they die. Yet the Bible plainly shows that he is *not* there! On the Day of Pentecost—the very day the New Testament Church was founded—the Apostle Peter said: "Men and

brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day" (Acts 2:29). After the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, David was still dead and buried! Peter went on to plainly state: "For David did not ascend into the heavens!" (v. 34). David is awaiting the resurrection, as are all the other faithful saints!

Many religious people have been taught the false concept of the immortal soul, and as a result are frightened not only about their own future, but for their friends and relatives who, they fear, are right now being tormented in an eternal hell. But the truth is that not one human being who has ever lived and died is now suffering in hellfire!

Your Bible clearly refers to death metaphorically as a sleep. Jesus referred to His friend Lazarus' death as a sleep (cf. John 11). The dead have no consciousness. "For the living know that they will die; But the dead know nothing" (Ecclesiastes 9:5). The dead experience no conscious passing of time. In the next split second of their consciousness, they will awaken in the resurrection.

The Spirit in Man

We are not born with an immortal soul, but we do have a human spirit. As the Apostle Paul wrote: "For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God" (1 Corinthians 2:11). The patriarch Job stated: "But there is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding" (Job 32:8). That spirit, combined with the human brain, gives human

beings “mind power” totally unavailable to animals. But the human spirit is not a soul, and does not have a consciousness apart from the human mind. When one becomes a truly converted Christian, the Holy Spirit combines with the spirit in man as one becomes a begotten child of God. Then, the converted Christian grows in the grace and knowledge of Christ (cf. 2 Peter 3:18). By Christ living in us, we become transformed into the very nature and mind of Christ. We have God’s character, love and nature!

How can we have such an amazing blessing? Because the Savior of the world was dead, buried and resurrected. Peter wrote: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (1 Peter 1:3–5).

We have a living hope because Christ *rose* from the dead. Some wrongly believe that Jesus preached to spirits in hell while His body remained in the grave. That is totally false! Jesus said plainly that when He died, He was dead! “I am He who lives, *and was dead*, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death” (Revelation 1:18). Jesus preached to the “spirits in prison” as the pre-incarnate Lord during the days of Noah, “when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water” (1 Peter 3:20). Jesus was dead and in the grave, or “the heart of the earth,” three days and three nights, just as He promised in Matthew 12:40. If He did not truly die, then we have no Savior (for more on this much-misunderstood topic, see “The Resurrection Was Not on Easter Sunday,” on page 18 of this issue).

Lost Forever?

What happens to the billions of human beings who have lived and died without ever accepting Christ’s sacrifice? Are they lost forever? No! God is just and fair. He will *not* send spiritually blinded human beings to a lake of fire without ever giving them an opportunity for salvation. God will give those sinners their *first* real opportunity for salvation at the “White Throne Judgment.” The Apostle John

writes: “And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books” (Revelation 20:12).

Today, however, everyone who has ever died, *except Jesus Christ*, is without life or consciousness, awaiting the resurrection. Genuine faithful Christians will be in the first resurrection when Christ returns. “The rest of the dead” will be resurrected to judgment in the White Throne Judgment in the second general resurrection. Billions will then have their first opportunity for salvation through Christ. Their eyes will be opened, and they will understand the true gospel. They will be given a lifetime to repent and to give their lives to Christ. At the end of this period of judgment, those who rebel and sear their consciences, who commit the unpardonable sin, will be destroyed in the lake of fire and experience the painful “second death” from which there is no resurrection (Revelation 20:14–15).

Thank God that none of your deceased friends or relatives are now suffering the pains of hellfire. But they will be resurrected to judgment, either to face the consequences of rejecting God’s Truth, or to be exposed to that Truth for the first time, if God has not previously brought them to the Truth. Are *you* being called now? If so, you cannot wait; God wants you in the first resurrection: “the better resurrection” (Hebrews 11:35). May God bless you with His true understanding of life and death and His hope for your future. tw

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God Is Creating a Family

By Dexter B. Wakefield

God created the family. What does His creation tell us about Him—and about ourselves?

Amazing mistake can be very instructive! There is an old story of three blind men who lived in a land where the people's god was a sacred elephant. The blind men took a long pilgrimage to worship the elephant, and upon arrival were allowed to approach and touch the elephant in order to experience it in the absence of sight.

The first man touched the elephant's tail and said: "Ah, our god is like a great serpent, and is truly the wisest of all creatures." The second touched a massive leg and said: "Ah, our god is like a great tree, from which all the creation is fed." The third man felt the huge body of the elephant, and said: "Ah, our god is like a great house in which all the creatures may dwell." After leaving, they argued angrily, all the way back to their village, about the nature of their god—because each had experienced a different part.

The *flawed* moral of this story is that as physical beings we are like these blind men; that a spiritual God is beyond our comprehension, and that no individual should be so presumptuous to think that he or she comprehends what God is actually like.

This is wrong. The *flaw* in the story is that, unlike the elephant, our God is self-aware, knows that He is God and is capable of revealing Himself and His plan for humanity. The elephant in the story did not know that he was held to be a god, but *our* God is still God whether we know it or not, and He reveals Himself to us. **The fact that God reveals what we cannot discern by ourselves is vitally important.**

Yet many people today live their lives as if they were one of those blind men, reaching for an unknown elephant. Some years ago, a newspaper religion writer, Sidney J. Harris, reflected on the story of the blind men and the elephant, and his comments reveal an approach all-too-common in our modern age:

"Suppose, just suppose that everyone is wrong, that every faith is partial and fragmentary, that each religious conviction has only a piece of the truth by the tail [the elephant's], and imagines it possesses the whole truth? Suppose that gods are created in the various images of man, just as man is said to be created in the image of God? And so we have God the Ruler, God the Magistrate, God the Father, God the

Mother, God the Healer, God the Punisher, and all the rest of the divine roles....

"When monarchy was the universal form of government, He was translated as a 'King.' When only males were considered to be full-fledged humans, He was perceived as a 'Man.' When the forces of nature were not fully understood, He was made responsible for visiting floods and hurricanes upon His subjects.

"What is remarkable is that no matter how our conception of the world has changed and expanded, these obsolete images still remain, not only in our vernacular, but in our minds as well....

"Despite St. Paul's admonitions, we are still more superstitious than religious in our imagery. The popular mind is not influenced by theology, but by metaphor—we take these metaphors for reality and turn 'Our Father in heaven' into an old man with a white beard sitting on a celestial throne in a region past the pearly gates.

"Most people retain the religion of children, without their innocence, so that what they suppose is their 'faith' is a fairy tale. This attitude makes atheists out of the skeptical, and infants out of the rest, to the despair of the deeper thinkers among the philosophically devout of all sects" (*Miami Herald*, June 26, 1986).

The French philosopher, Voltaire, summed up this thinking quite well when he wrote: "If God created man in his own image, man has certainly returned the compliment."

God Reveals Reality

But the great Creator God sees things very differently from the natural, human mind. **Reality is the world as God sees it**, and He reveals essential things to us through His Word and creation that we cannot discern ourselves.

God says: "'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,' says the LORD. 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts'" (*Isaiah 55:8-9*).

The Apostle Paul, a great scholar, admonished the Corinthians "that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had

they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.' **But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.** For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God" (1 Corinthians 2:5-10).

Herbert W. Armstrong, whose half-century of ministry pioneered the work carried on by the publishers of *Tomorrow's World*, used to say: "You can't understand who and what God is until you understand *type* and *antitype*." A type is not merely an analogy or a metaphor, but a true model of a greater fulfillment to come. **Scripture teaches us that the physical mirrors the spiritual**—it is not the other way around. Examining how this is so can help us to understand God's nature, and what He reveals about His plan for humanity.

Having the right words to express an idea helps us think about the idea. So at this point, understanding the meanings of two words will be useful. The word "anthropomorphic" (from the Greek *anthropos*, "man") means to put human characteristics onto non-human things. Examples of anthropomorphic metaphors would be "the laughing brook" or "the long arm of the law." Men such as Voltaire and Harris, as mentioned above, take an anthropomorphic view of our concept of God as a Father or Healer. Human beings tend to reason anthropomorphically about God.

Another useful word is "theomorphic" (from the Greek *theos*, "god"). This refers to putting divine or spiritual qualities onto physical things. Contrasting the *erroneous* anthropomorphic view of God with the *biblical* theomorphic view of creation is a good way to understand how God reveals His nature and purpose to us.

"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse" (Romans 1:20). Here, Paul clearly teaches that physical things can teach spiritual lessons, and that we may look to them for understanding.

When God created the cosmos, He began from scratch. Everything in the universe reflects the imprint of His planning. He did not create it with attributes that are totally alien to Himself. Rather, spiritual things—the invisible things—can be understood clearly by the physical things that God has made, even the Godhead or divine nature. It makes sense that God would do this if He planned to reveal Himself and His plan to His children. God's Spirit also works in our minds to enable us to understand things

as He does. This understanding is often the opposite of what men reason about God.

For instance, Scripture describes the relationship between Christ and the Church as a marriage relationship. However, theologians and churchmen frequently refer to this as merely an analogy or metaphor, since they assume that marriage is primarily physical and human. They reason that the Bible uses an anthropomorphic analogy in order to give us something that we can relate to from our own world.

But the Bible sees it differently. Jesus Christ “chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love” (Ephesians 1:4). So the marriage relationship between Christ and the Church existed in God’s plan for humanity *prior to* the institution of human marriage. God did not pattern Christ’s marriage to the Church after human marriage.

It is clear that human marriage pictures the relationship between Christ and the Church, *not* the other way around. For example, when you take a photograph of a friend, the photo has many characteristics of your friend, but it is hardly the reality. Your friend existed first—the photo came later. So it is with the marriage between Christ and the Church.

Human marriage is a *type*—a *picture* of a far greater, preexisting spiritual reality that God planned from the beginning. Herbert W. Armstrong used to say: “Family relationships are God-plane relationships!” He meant that the marriage between Christ and the Church was not anthropomorphic; rather, human marriage and other family relationships such as father/son or brother/sister are *theomorphic*. God put these relationships into His creation so that we could understand greater spiritual realities and prepare for them.

God Is Truly a Father

Theologians often reason that the spiritual world cannot be anything like the physical world, so God must not be like anything that we know. From that faulty premise, they reason that the idea of God’s familial nature (Father, Son, Husband, etc.) must be anthropomorphic, and that God is a father merely by analogy, like the “father of an idea.”

“We become children of God and he our Father in virtue of a moral likeness... while of any... metaphysical, or (so to speak) physical relation to God, Jesus says nothing” (*Encyclopaedia Britannica*, “Christianity,” 11th ed., p. 282).

This kind of reasoning is often used in formulations of the Trinity. But Scripture reveals that the familial nature of God is not anthropomorphic; rather, the familial nature of the family is *theomorphic*. The human family is modeled after God’s nature. Those who prefer their human reasoning to God’s revealed knowledge get it backward.

The Father is *actually* a father, and He is the reality of what human fatherhood pictures. Jesus Christ is *actually* a husband and our great, firstborn Elder Brother. The New Jerusalem is called the “mother of us all” (Galatians 4:26). Resurrected saints are *actually* sons of God, and the Church collectively is *actually* a bride, the affianced wife of Christ.

Human beings may reason that God is not like anything we know. But the Bible reveals that some things we know are like God. Here are a few examples:

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness’” (Genesis 1:26). The Bible often describes God and man as having characteristics in common, but God is not like man—man is like God.

The physical creation and the spiritual are not mutually exclusive. Rather, the creation is a subset of the spiritual: “For in Him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28).

When God teaches us that “as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God” (John 1:12), He means *true children*. “For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption [sonship]. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and *joint heirs* with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him” (Romans 8:15–17, NRSV). And we will also be “*conformed to the image* of His Son, that He might be the *firstborn among many brethren*” (v. 29).

Many people cannot bring themselves to believe what the Bible actually says: that we are created to be the Father’s *true children*, *sons of God*, *joint heirs* with Christ, to be *glorified* with Christ, *conformed to the image* of Christ who is the *firstborn of many sons of God*. The Father is actually making children and bringing us to His glory, and Christ Himself calls us His *brethren* (Hebrews 2:10–11).

This is not merely a “family-like relationship” or an analogy. It is the *reality* of family. We are to be glo-

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Letters to the Editor

I recently received your May-June 2003 issue. Before I was able to finish, I felt compelled to write. Never before have I heard or read such clear explanations of God's Word or the Bible. I am very interested in any and all literature you have to offer. I am looking forward to writing you again to tell you how *Tomorrow's World* has affected my life for the better.

D. B., Chicago, IL

I just read the September-October 2003 *Tomorrow's World*, and wanted to tell you I think it's great! I'm really impressed with your magazine. The articles are informative without being overdrawn. For me the content is interesting as well as relevant. I like it. Thank you for your time and efforts.

J. B., Badin, NC

I have been eagerly reading each and every one of your *Tomorrow's World* issues. Not only have I been overwhelmingly amazed at all of your feature articles, but so enlightened. Your articles take time to digest and reflect on, and give me more insight into the Bible. I have come to depend on it so much like a good vitamin taken every day.

Y. C., Chicago, IL

Please thank Dr. Winnail for his very powerful and well-written article on the "Modern 'Battle of Britain.'" I am sure most Americans have no idea how bad things are in Britain and, similarly, that we are traveling that very same road headed for the very same fate.

M. W., Sunland, CA

Recently a friend of mine came to me with a copy of your booklet *Fourteen Signs Announcing Christ's Return*. I must say, without a doubt this book is totally, if you'll excuse the phrase, "awesome." I found it to be so much more than inspirational. At any rate, I just have to have this book to keep for myself to be able to reread whenever I need to not to mention to share with someone else.

D. B., Brownfield, TX

I really got an eye-opener reading your *Tomorrow's World*, September-October 2003, especially after reading "The World After World War III" and "How Do You Know You Are Right?" They can make a person rethink years of beliefs.

C. M., Hot Springs, AR

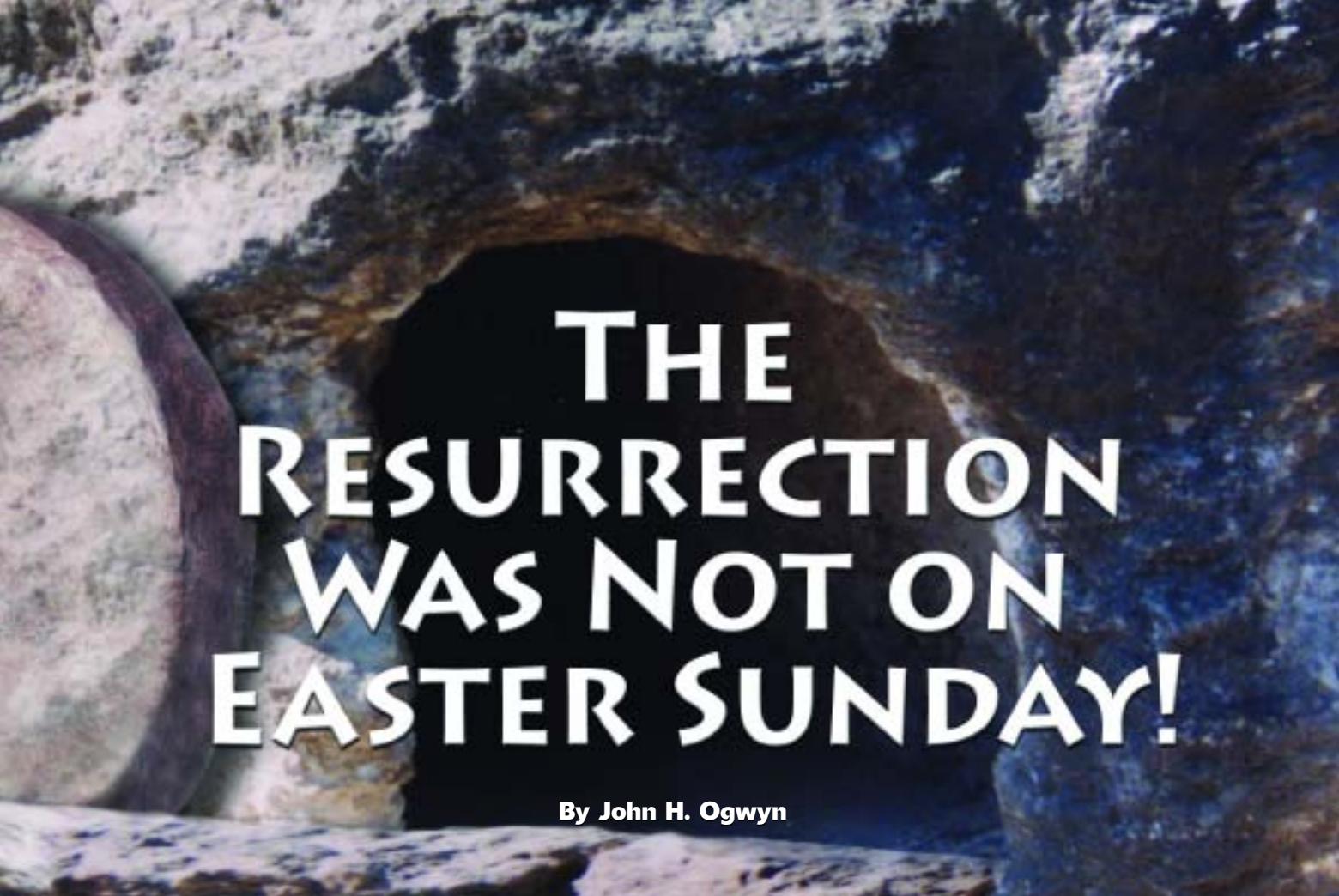
I have done many courses in the past, but nothing comes near to your *Bible Study Course* in explaining so many of the questions and seeming inconsistencies between the Bible and what was taught from the pulpit.

A. M., Argyll, United Kingdom

Thank you for sending me your magazine. Believe it or not, your magazine has made me pick up my Bible again. When I received your July-August 2003 issue, it made my day. I could not stop reading it. I, like many other people, always think I know everything about God. But reading your magazine let me know: no, I don't know everything. But I want to know. I want to learn more. So please keep on sending me your magazine.

J. D., Chicago, IL

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THE RESURRECTION WAS NOT ON EASTER SUNDAY!

By John H. Ogwyn

Millions of professing Christians gather for Easter sunrise services every year. Even many who rarely go to church at any other time will attend worship services at the church of their choice on Easter Sunday. But did you know that the Good Friday-Easter tradition actually *denies* the *only* sign that Jesus offered the religious leaders of His day to prove His Messiahship? Incredible as that statement may seem, it is true—and you can prove it!

Did you know that the Bible *nowhere* makes the claim that Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Sunday morning? In fact, it teaches something else entirely! How, then, did Easter observance become almost universal among professing Christians? *When* did Christ's resurrection *really* occur?

What do Easter eggs, chocolate bunnies, and little girls in frilly dresses have to do with Jesus of Nazareth? What is the connection between an Easter egg hunt and Christ's resurrection?

Read on for the answer to these and other vital questions!

The Sign of Jesus' Messiahship

For those who sincerely wanted to understand the truth, there were many proofs that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah promised in the Old Testament. When the disciples of John the Baptist came to Jesus following John's arrest and imprisonment by Herod, notice what He told them: "And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and

said to Him, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?' Jesus answered and said to them, 'Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me'" (Matthew 11:2–6).

John's gospel records that Jesus performed a number of remarkable signs, beginning with the marriage feast at Cana where He turned water into wine (John 2:11). Notice why He performed these miracles: "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and

that believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:30–31). Jesus' disciples witnessed these signs, which confirmed their faith that He was, indeed, the promised Messiah.

From the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, the religious leaders were aware of His message and the signs that confirmed His authority. John wrote: "There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, 'Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him'" (John 3:1–2). This was during the first Passover season of Jesus' ministry, in 28AD. Over the next three years, these leaders had many opportunities to grow familiar with Jesus' message, and to hear about and witness many miraculous signs. None of this satisfied them.

In fact, they came to Him several times to demand a sign that would establish once and for all that He was the Messiah. On each of these occasions, Jesus told them that only one such sign would be given to them. John records that the first such exchange occurred during the Passover season of 28AD, when Jesus cleansed the temple by chasing out the money-changers. Upon being accosted by the religious leaders, who demanded that He show another sign in addition to the miraculous healings He had performed in the temple, "Jesus answered and said to them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up'.... But He was speaking of the temple of His body" (John 2:19–21). Matthew records a similar exchange: "Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, 'Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.' But He answered and said to them, 'An evil

and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth'" (Matthew 12:38–40).

There you have it! The only sign Jesus offered to the skeptical religious leaders of His day was that He would spend *exactly* three days and three nights in the tomb. Did that sign come to pass? Absolutely! Notice the testimony of an angel, spoken to the women who came early Sunday morning to embalm the body. "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay" (Matthew 28:6). Jesus had promised that He would be exactly three days and three nights in the tomb and He rose just exactly as He said He would.

How is it possible to equate three days and three nights with the time between "Good Friday" and "Easter Sunday"? Count it yourself; it simply will not work! Some assert that "three days and three nights" is a Greek idiom and can mean any portion of three days and three nights. But this theory fails when we allow the Bible to define its own terms.

Note that Jesus was referring to Hebrew usage, not Greek. He specifically connected His stay in the tomb with that of Jonah in the fish's belly. "Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish *three days and three nights*" (Jonah 1:17). This same expression was used when Queen Esther told her cousin Mordecai: "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me, neither eat nor drink for three

days, night or day" (Esther 4:16). Each of these accounts was clearly describing a period of 72 hours—*three days and three nights*. This is exactly what Jesus meant, and the Pharisees knew it. Notice how they quoted his statement to Pilate, the Roman governor: "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise'" (Matthew 27:63). They knew that Jesus was not talking about a mere day-and-a-half, but rather indicating three *full* days.

When Was the Crucifixion?

"But," many will respond, "doesn't the Bible say that Jesus was crucified and buried on Friday and that the tomb was empty on Sunday morning?" It is true that the tomb was already empty on Sunday morning, but the Bible nowhere speaks of a Friday crucifixion. It does say that He was crucified on the "preparation day" (Mark 15:42–45), but we must recognize which preparation day this was. Remember, the Bible speaks of *annual* Sabbaths—"Holy Days"—in addition to the weekly Sabbath (cf., Leviticus 23:4, 7, 24, 27–32). Jesus was crucified on the preparation day before an *annual* Sabbath, during the daylight portion of the Passover—Abib 14 on the Hebrew calendar. The following day—Abib 15—is an annual Holy Day, the first Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Passover fell on a Wednesday in 31AD, the year of Jesus' crucifixion. Thursday was an annual Sabbath, the first Holy Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Jesus was buried just before sunset on Wednesday afternoon, and was in the tomb Wednesday night, Thursday, Thursday night, Friday, Friday night, and Saturday—three

days and three nights, just as He promised. He was resurrected just before sunset on Saturday afternoon, exactly 72 hours after His burial. On Sunday morning, when the women came at dawn to embalm His body, He was already gone. They did not see the resurrection; they saw an empty tomb, and were told by an angel that He had risen just as He said He would.

Jesus Christ came as “the Lamb of God” to pay the penalty for sin (John 1:29). “For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us,” Paul declared (1 Corinthians 5:7). A careful study of the gospel accounts shows that Jesus and His disciples ate the Passover meal after sunset at the beginning of Abib 14 (Mark 14:16–18, Luke 22:13–15, cf. Exodus 12:1–8). Later that evening, after supper, they went to the Mount of Olives (Mark 14:26), where soldiers, led by Judas Iscariot, found and arrested Him (vv. 43–46). Soon after dawn, the Sanhedrin met to formally charge Jesus and have Him delivered to Pontius Pilate (15:1). By 9 A.M. that morning—the “third hour” from daylight in Jewish usage (v. 25)—Christ, along with two criminals, had been led to a hill on the outskirts of Jerusalem and crucified in the characteristic Roman manner. From noon until Jesus’ death at about 3 P.M., there was complete darkness over the entire area (vv. 33–37).

Shortly afterward, Joseph of Arimathea sought an audience with Pilate and requested that Jesus’ dead body be released to him for burial (v. 43). After summoning the centurion in charge of the executions to ascertain that Jesus was really dead, Pilate gave Joseph permission to take and bury the body (vv. 44–45). Luke, in his gospel, emphasized

that the burial was hurried and took place just before sunset (Luke 23:53–54, cf. John 19:41–42). This emphasis that Jesus was hurriedly buried shortly before the Sabbath began has confused many people into thinking that the crucifixion took place on a Friday. Many readers overlook John’s explanation that this “Sabbath was a high day” (John 19:31). It was *not* a weekly Sabbath; it was an annual “high day” Sabbath. Remember, Abib 15—the day after the Passover—was the first Holy Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the first of seven annual Holy Days commanded to ancient Israel (Leviticus 23:5–7).

The various gospel accounts make it plain that there were actually *two Sabbaths* that week—an annual Holy Day on Thursday, and the regular weekly Sabbath on Saturday. Notice Mark’s statement: “Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him” (Mark 16:1). Shops in Jerusalem would have been closed on both the weekly and annual Sabbaths. Jesus was buried right before the annual Holy Day Sabbath began, and the women were present for His burial (15:47). Their first opportunity to buy and prepare spices would have been on Friday, when the shops reopened after the Holy Day that began the Festival of Unleavened Bread. Note that Luke explains it was *after the women prepared the spices and fragrant oils*—a job that would have taken hours—that “they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment” (Luke 23:56).

How could they have waited until after the Sabbath to buy and prepare spices (as Mark clearly states), yet rest on the weekly

Sabbath after they had prepared the spices (as Luke clearly states)—unless there were actually *two* Sabbaths in that week? Understanding this point is the key to understanding the duration of Jesus’ time in the tomb.

Why, then, did the women come to the tomb on Sunday morning? Was it to celebrate the first Easter sunrise service? Of course not! They were coming at the first available opportunity to embalm a dead body (Luke 24:1). When they arrived, Jesus was already gone—and the tomb was open so that all could see it was empty.

Why was this a special sign, to the religious leaders, confirming Jesus’ Messiahship? The religious leaders of Jesus’ day had their own hand-picked witnesses to the events of Jesus’ death and burial. Remember, Matthew explained that on the day after the crucifixion—early in the morning of the “high day” Sabbath—the Jewish leadership sent a delegation seeking Pilate’s permission to post an armed guard to secure the tomb. Pilate authorized them to do so, and instructed: “You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how” (Matthew 27:65). These guards were witnesses to the events that followed, and were the ones who informed the religious leaders of what actually happened (28:11). From the mouths of the very guards that they themselves had posted, these leaders learned that Jesus had fulfilled the sign of the prophet Jonah—just as He said He would!

Where Did Easter Come From?

Easter is never mentioned in the inspired text of the New Testament. While the King James

translation does contain the word “Easter” in Acts 12:4, virtually every other translation says “Passover,” which is the proper rendering of the Greek word *pascha*. You can easily verify this yourself by consulting almost any Bible commentary or Greek interlinear. The early first-century Church never observed Easter Sunday. Christians continued to observe the Passover, just as the original Apostles had done in Jesus’ presence. But although the New Testament Church kept the Passover, just as God has commanded, Christians made special use of the symbols that Christ had instituted at His final Passover. These symbols, a small piece of broken unleavened bread and a sip of wine, pictured Christ’s sacrifice—His body broken for our healing, and His blood shed for the remission of our sins.

Where, then, did Easter observance come from? There is no record of it in the Christian community until almost a full century after Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection. Notice this striking statement by a scholar associated with the Pontifical Gregorian University Press in Rome: “There is a wide consensus of opinion among scholars that Rome is indeed the birthplace of Easter-Sunday. Some, in fact, rightly label it as ‘Roman-Easter’” (*From Sabbath to Sunday*, Bacchiocchi, p. 201).

In his *Ecclesiastical History*, the early Catholic historian Eusebius provides insight on the introduction of Easter. A contemporary of the Roman emperor Constantine, Eusebius described the late second-century controversy between Victor, Bishop of Rome, and Polycrates, disputing over whether to celebrate Passover or Easter.

Eusebius wrote: “The bishops, however, of Asia, persevering in observing the custom handed down to them from their fathers, were headed by Polycrates... ‘We,’ said he, ‘observe the genuine day; neither adding thereto nor taking therefrom. For in Asia great lights have fallen asleep, which shall rise again in the day of our Lord’s appearing... Phillip, one of the twelve apostles... John, who rested upon the bosom of our Lord... Polycarp of Smyrna... All these observed the fourteenth day of the Passover according to the gospel, deviating in no respect, but following the rule of faith” (chapter xxiv). Eusebius then proceeded to quote from a letter of Irenaeus, a second century bishop of Lyons, which traced the observance of Easter as a substitute for Passover back to the days of Sixtus, bishop of Rome (c. 116–126AD).

In other words, Easter Sunday was not observed by the professing Christian community until almost 20 years after the death of the Apostle John, the last surviving eyewitness to the crucifixion and the resurrected Jesus. If God truly wanted His people to observe this holiday, why did it take so long to be established? If it really commemorated the events of Christ’s crucifixion and resurrection, surely it would have been observed from the beginning! Yet it was only introduced as a “Christian” holiday after all who had first-

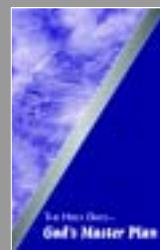
hand knowledge of the facts were dead. That alone should make us stand up and take notice.

Easter Sunday actually has its origins in the cult of ancient pagan sun worship. The very name “Easter” is derived from Ishtar or Astarte, names referring to the ancient Babylonian goddess who was worshiped as the mother of the sun god. Notice this admission: “The motif of the Sun was used not only by Christian artists to portray Christ [from the third century onward] but also by Christian teachers to proclaim Him to the pagan masses who were well acquainted with the rich Sun-symbology. Numerous Fathers abstracted and reinterpreted the pagan symbols and beliefs about the Sun and used them apologetically to teach the Christian message” (Bacchiocchi, p. 253).

Much of the symbolism associated with Easter, including rabbits and eggs, hearkens back to ancient practices that originated in Babylon and came down to us today by way of Rome. Roman emperor Constantine, a lifelong devotee of Sol Invictus, the sun

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Disease Epidemics: The Fourth Horseman

Bible prophecies about the end of the age employ sobering images of *four horsemen* to describe terrible events that will sweep over the earth just before the return of Jesus Christ. The Fourth Horseman (Revelation 6:7–8) pictures the outbreak of *pestilences and troubles* (Matthew 24:7; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:11) that will ravage *one quarter* of the earth by violence, hunger and “the beasts of the earth”—including viruses and bacteria (Revelation 6:8). At the world’s current level of population, this means these calamities will kill more than 1.5 billion people! Disasters of this magnitude may seem unbelievable in the face of modern medical technology, yet *warnings* of devastating global epidemics are appearing with increasing frequency—indicating that these ancient Bible prophecies are about to come alive!

Sobering Reports

In recent decades, medical authorities have noted the resurgence and spread of infectious diseases once thought to be under control. Malaria has returned to regions where it was once nearly eradicated, but is now spread by pesticide-resistant mosquitoes and antibiotic-resistant parasites. Today malaria infects 600 million people and kills more than a million children in sub-Saharan Africa annually. Drug-resistant tuberculosis, another major killer, is spreading in economically blighted areas of Eastern Europe, Russia, Asia and Africa. Warmer temperatures have expanded the range of mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus into North America. Sexually transmitted diseases are skyrocketing in large cities of the world. According to a recent United Nations report, the AIDS epidemic has infected 40 million people around the world. In 2003, AIDS killed more than 3 million and infected more than 5 million, and experts say “the worst is yet to come!” The resurgence of infectious diseases around the

globe has public health officials clearly worried—for understandable reasons!

Our Vulnerable World

In the past century, the development of antibiotics—the “magic bullets” of modern medicine—has fostered a false sense of security in which many assume that we are no longer threatened by infectious diseases. However, the appearance of microbes resistant to powerful drugs reveals that there are *limits* to what antibiotics can do. In just a few hours, thanks to international jet travel, disease carriers can come into contact with thousands of people at airports half a world away, greatly aiding the spread of disease. The rise of mega-cities, where millions of people live in close contact, also facilitates the spread of disease. In the developing world—where millions crowd together in slums with little access to clean water, medical services or the sanitary disposal of human wastes and garbage—these infectious diseases thrive. Social disruptions caused by war and political turmoil that plague Africa, the Middle East and other areas of the world create *fertile conditions* for the spread of infectious disease. All these factors are present and growing in our world today. The threat of biochemical terrorism—the deliberate release of toxic microbes or chemical agents in large urban centers—offers a scary scenario capable of killing large numbers of people in very little time. In the last decade, our world has clearly become *more vulnerable* to the outbreak of global epidemics that have the potential of claiming millions of lives—which is exactly what the Fourth Horseman pictures!

The Forgotten Past

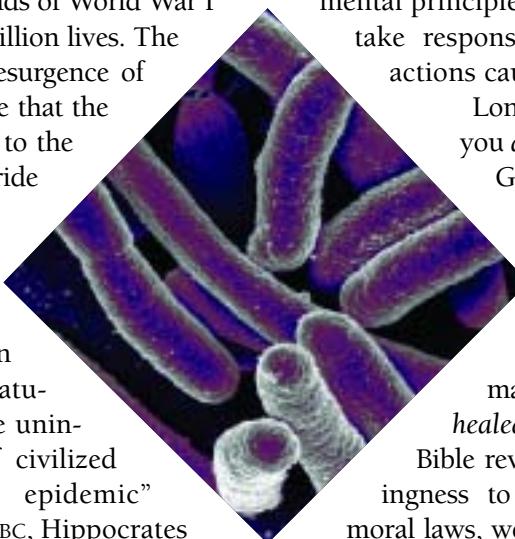
A quick glance at history reveals that “epidemics have crumbled empires, defeated armies and forever changed the way we live” (*Fourth Horseman*, Nikiforuk,

comes ALIVE

p. xv). Epidemics in the past arrived unexpectedly, and spread death and devastation over wide areas of the world. In the Middle Ages leprosy, tuberculosis, cholera and typhoid thrived in the filth and crowded living conditions of medieval cities. In 1348 an epidemic of plague—the “Black Death”—killed *one third* of the population of Europe (some 30 million) in just two years! The plague spread along medieval trade routes. Columbus’ sailors brought syphilis from the Americas, and the disease spread rapidly through Europe, aided by promiscuity and public bathhouses. Europeans brought smallpox to the Americas, where it killed 100 million Native Americans in one century because they lacked natural antibodies to the disease. The most dramatic global epidemic in modern times was the flu epidemic of 1918, which killed 50 million people in just 18 months! By contrast, the battlefields of World War I required four years to claim 15 million lives. The recent SARS outbreak and the resurgence of infectious diseases clearly indicate that the Fourth Horseman is still a threat to the health of mankind—and he will ride again when conditions are ripe.

Lessons of History

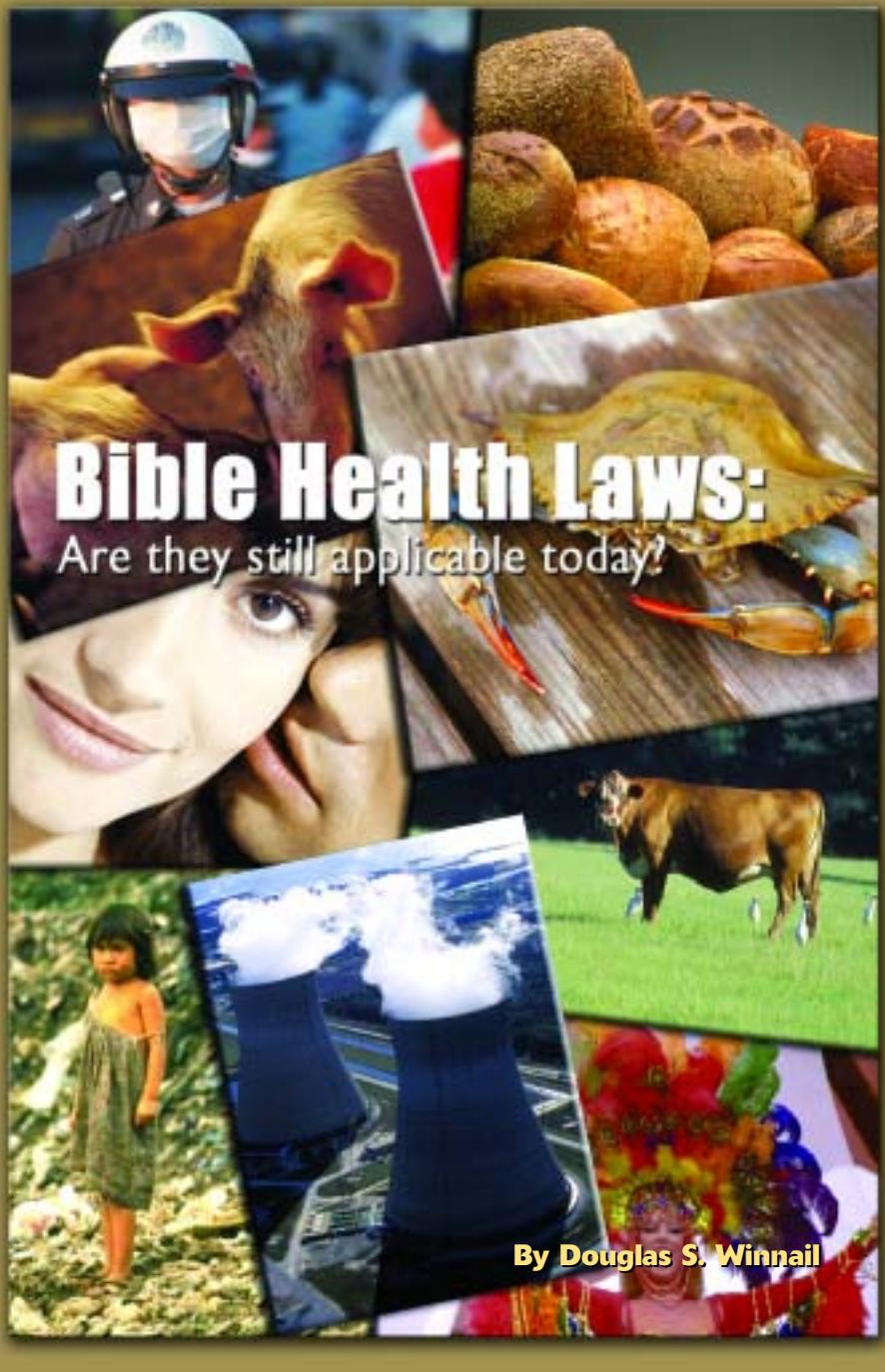
Although epidemics are often described as “acts of God” or natural disasters, “they do not arrive uninvited. It takes a good dose of civilized provocation to start an epidemic” (Nikiforuk, jacket). Around 450BC, Hippocrates observed that “diseases did not come calling unless there had been either great changes to human health or great changes made to the health of the land”—in other words, “humans make epidemics” (*ibid.*, p. 11). German pathologist Rudolf Virchow, considered the father of epidemiology, concluded nearly 150 years ago that “epidemics resemble great warnings from which a statesman... can read that a disturbance has taken place in the development of his people” (*ibid.*).



Human lives and the environment today are changing in unprecedented ways. Just look at the results of the population explosion: polluted air and water in garbage-laden and growing cities, slums where millions live in squalor, forests destroyed by economic development, and rising temperatures that affect weather patterns and economies around the globe. Add to this the appearance of drug-resistant germs, diseases spread via jet travel, and immune systems weakened by stress, promiscuous sex, intravenous drug use and malnutrition—and you have a potent prescription for global epidemics! The AIDS epidemic and skyrocketing rates of sexually transmitted diseases are the biological consequences of promiscuity, poor hygiene and a host of high-risk behaviors on the part of people who ignore fundamental principles of health, and are not prepared to take responsibility for the damage that their actions cause others.

Long ago, our Creator warned that “if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes... the LORD will make the plague [pestilence] cling to you... the LORD will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation... from which you *cannot be healed*” (Deuteronomy 28:15–28). The Bible reveals that because of mankind’s willingness to ignore fundamental physical and moral laws, we will *reap the consequences* of breaking those laws, and that “every sickness and every plague... will the LORD bring upon you until you are destroyed” (Deuteronomy 28:61). Jesus Christ also warned that, before His return, global calamities would threaten the existence of the human race (Matthew 24:21–22). When the Fourth Horseman begins his final ride, he will be summoned by human actions. These sobering prophecies are *coming alive* and moving towards fulfillment in the years just ahead!

—Douglas S. Winnail



Bible Health Laws: Are they still applicable today?

By Douglas S. Winnail

The health laws found in the Bible pose an interesting dilemma for anyone who believes in following biblical teachings.

The Bible clearly states that certain foods are not to be eaten, and that certain behaviors are sinful and an abomination in God's sight. Yet people have been claiming for centuries that Jesus did away with these regulations, and that they are burdensome, outdated, bizarre and even barbaric.

But just *how* did these laws come about? *Who* authored them, and *why* were they given? Did Jesus really abolish them, or are they still applicable today? Medical science and history and sound Bible scholarship agree—the answer is absolutely contrary to what most who profess belief in Christ wrongly assume!

Origin of the Health Laws

The biblical health laws are usually referred to as the Laws of Moses. Many scholars assume that Moses collected primitive taboos to form a code of laws. Some claim that the reasons for clean and unclean foods are purely arbitrary, irrational or unexplainable. Some anthropological speculations suggest that unclean animals are *imperfect* members of their species—tell that to a pig and you will probably get a well-deserved snort of disgust! Educated scholars also *claim* that the biblical laws have nothing to do with health, but were merely rituals to separate the Israelites from their pagan neighbors, and that only Jews need to observe these laws today. However, all these attempts to explain the biblical health laws are *inadequate*, as we will see in this article.

In Leviticus 11–20, where these laws are first outlined in detail, we find that “*the LORD* spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying to them, ‘Speak to the children of Israel, saying, “These are the animals which you may eat”’” (Leviticus 11:1–2). This same introductory statement precedes the enumeration of other health laws in the book of Leviticus. According to the Bible, the author of the biblical health laws was not Moses—but *God Himself!* God explained to the Israelites that if they *obeyed* His commandments they would experience “none of the diseases” that plagued other nations (Exodus 15:26). God gave these laws to His chosen people so they could be *an example to the world!* God wanted their better health to be noticed by surround-

ing nations who could then inquire how they, too, could gain the same results (see Deuteronomy 4:1–8). While some theologians have naively suggested that these “regulations” were given to Israelites to punish them for their disobedience, these laws were actually given by a God of love to show human beings a better way to live. The health laws were to be taught by the priests, because of their fundamental importance!

It is quite instructive to read what Bible reference books have to say about the health laws. *Halley's Bible Handbook* states: “Moses' Law... [including] its Health and Food regulations, was far purer, more rational, humane and democratic than, and showed a wisdom far in advance of, anything in ancient legislation, Babylonian, Egyptian or any other” (24th edition, p. 138). *Eerdmans' Handbook of the Bible* states: “Today we are able to understand and appreciate the sound principles of diet, hygiene and medicine which these laws express” (p. 176). *The Expositor's Bible Commentary*, commenting on Leviticus 11, states that “the Levitical laws of cleanness have no known extensive parallels in surrounding cultures,” so the idea of Moses borrowing primitive taboos does not hold up, because “surrounding cultures exhibit little of this sort of law.”

While some scholars assert that the biblical laws were not given for reasons of health, this same commentary states that “the spiritual and hygienic reasons for the laws may still be affirmed. They are remarkably valuable in the area of public health... These laws protected Israel from bad diet, dangerous vermin and

communicable diseases... These were rule-of-thumb laws that God gave in His wisdom to a people who could not know the reason for the provision” (*ibid.*). Thus, the idea that these biblical laws are outdated and old-fashioned and have nothing to do with health is simply *nonsense*!

Dietary Laws

The most familiar biblical health laws define clean and unclean meats—creatures that are acceptable to eat and those that are not—yet most people (even theologians!) have little or no understanding of the *medically sound* reasons behind these instructions! The scientific wisdom behind the biblical dietary laws is seldom taught today; instead, these laws are commonly viewed as Old Testament regulations that are no longer applicable. However, as *Eerdmans' Handbook of the Bible* comments: “These lists [of clean and unclean creatures] have a significance often ignored. Far from being based on fad or fancy, these lists emphasize a fact not discovered until late in the last century... that animals carry diseases dangerous to man” (p. 176). In fact, the same animals labeled unclean in Scripture still carry parasitic diseases that are still dangerous to human beings today!

“Clean” land animals are ruminants—grazing animals such as cattle, sheep, deer and elk—whose digestive tracts are designed to turn grass that human beings cannot digest into meat that we can digest. Most unclean animals are carnivores or scavengers that can transmit dangerous diseases to human beings.

Pigs eat roots and grains, rather than grass, and thus are ecological competitors to human beings. Clean fish have fins and scales. Unclean aquatic organisms like clams and oysters are filter feeders that purify water, and that concentrate poisonous chemicals and pathologic bacteria and viruses in their tissues. Eating an oyster is like eating your vacuum cleaner bag—yet modern connoisseurs do not like to think about this! Crabs and lobsters are scavengers that eat dead things on the bottom of bodies of water. Most unclean birds are carnivores or scavengers. God in His wisdom inspired laws that protect humans from contracting dangerous diseases, but also protect “nature's clean up crew” by making them “off limits” as food for mankind (for more information on this subject, request our free reprint article, *Do You Really Want to Eat That?*). These biological principles still operate today. As a point of illustration: the SARS outbreak was traced to an area in southern China where civet cats (an unclean animal) are eaten as a delicacy!

However, the laws of clean and unclean meats are not the only biblical instructions that concern diet. In Leviticus 3:17, we read that “you shall eat neither fat nor blood” (cf. Leviticus 7:23–27). One of the most significant discoveries in the last century was that *high fat diets* are linked to increased levels of heart disease, stroke, cancer of the colon and breast and a host of other pathologies—including obesity—that bring additional complications. Our challenge is to learn to recognize major sources of fat in our diet (visible fats on meat, fatty cuts of meat—like bacon, gener-

ous amounts of heavy dressings, spoonfuls of oil, etc.), and reduce our intake of fats that are high in calories and often high in saturated fats. It has also become painfully obvious in recent decades that contaminated blood and blood products can transmit AIDS and hepatitis. The simple principle of avoiding fat and blood is a powerful principle of prevention—if it is followed—because it still works today!

Biblical principles also cover the use of plant foods—carbohydrates. Ezekiel was instructed to make a nutritious bread from “wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet and spelt” (Ezekiel 4:9). This was a multigrain bread containing complex carbohydrates for energy, different kinds of fiber and multiple amino acids for proteins and bodybuilding. It was not a highly refined product like today’s common breads that have most of their nutrients removed, then are misleadingly called “enriched” when a few nutrients are added back.

The Bible advises us to use sweets like honey or other simple sugars sparingly (Proverbs 25:16; 27). We are warned against overeating—gluttony (Proverbs 28:7). Modern books on health give the same advice! The biblical dietary guidelines are not old-fashioned, burdensome regulations—they are *divinely inspired guidelines* that have taken mankind’s science thousands of years to understand!

Liquid Refreshment!

Many sincere religious people believe it is evil and sinful to drink alcohol. Yet, when we look



at the biblical health guidelines, we find that *drunkenness* is what is sinful—not the use of alcohol. Warnings against the *misuse* of alcohol run throughout the Bible (Genesis 9:20–21; Ephesians 5:18; 1 Peter 4:3). Yet, it is worth noting that Jesus’ first miracle was turning water into wine at a wedding feast (John 2:1–11).

He would not have done this if drinking alcohol were a sin! However, priests were forbidden to drink on the job (Leviticus 10:9). Paul advises Timothy about the medicinal value of wine for an upset stomach (1 Timothy 5:23). The *beneficial effects* of moderate amounts of alcohol have been one of the surprises of modern medical studies. People who use alcohol in moderation—a glass of wine a day—have *fewer heart attacks* than alcohol abusers or total abstainers!

Elderly people with digestive problems caused by a lack of stomach acid experience improvement when they take a small glass of wine with meals. Biblical instructions about alcohol are in harmony with scientific evidence, and are *still applicable today*. We may use alcohol, but we must develop *character* to use it properly.

Childbirth Laws And Circumcision

At first glance, some may think that biblical instructions about childbirth are biased against women. At the birth of a male child, a woman was considered unclean for 7 days and continued in a state of purification for 33 days; following the birth of a female child, the mother was

considered unclean for 14 days and her purification period was 66 days. (Leviticus 12:2–5) However, these instructions fit very well with modern scientific discoveries about childbirth and development and disease prevention. By declaring a woman who had just given birth unclean, the biblical health laws required whoever touched the new mother (especially the midwife) to wash and to avoid immediate contact with other people—a practice designed to prevent the spread of diseases such as childbirth fever, which claimed untold lives throughout history. It was not until the mid-1800s that an Austrian physician, Ignaz Philipp Semmelweis, recognized that the spread of childbirth fever could be *prevented* if birth attendants washed after a delivery—yet biblical health laws had promoted this practice almost 3,000 years earlier!

But there are even more benefits in these instructions. While a new mother was unclean (7–14 days), she was free from the duties of cooking and ordinary housework—giving her time to regain her strength after delivering a baby. During the purification period (33–66 days), she remained in semi-isolation, thus avoiding crowds and contact with disease germs that could harm her or her newborn child. She was not required to travel to a place of worship to make an offering until the end of her purification period. Since travel was often arduous, this gave a nursing mother time for her breast milk to come in, to establish a feeding routine and for the baby to build antibodies and gain strength. The longer period for female babies was not due to

male chauvinistic bias. Even today, female babies often have lower birth weights and higher mortality rates, so this longer period at home with the mother was meant to give them a better start in life.

The Bible instructed that male babies were to be circumcised on the *eighth day* (Genesis 17:12–14; Leviticus 12:3). Modern scientific studies have shown that the blood-clotting mechanism in a baby is not fully developed until the eighth day, so it was not wise to do a surgical procedure earlier because of the threat of hemorrhage (see *None of These Diseases*, McMillen, pp. 20–21).

While some well-meaning people consider male circumcision barbaric, medical science shows that circumcised little boys have a *reduced* risk of urinary infections, circumcised men have *lower* rates of cancer of the penis and women married to circumcised men have *much lower* rates of cervical cancer!

The custom of female circumcision is a totally different matter.

It is *non-biblical*, and should not be confused with biblical circumcision of males, where only the foreskin is removed. Female circumcision, however, actually removes part of a woman's genitalia, rather than just skin tissue. Female circumcision is simply *mutilation*, and has nothing to do with biblical circumcision.

Sanitary Laws And Quarantine

The biblical laws of sanitation were clearly ahead of their time! There was really no way to fully understand the reasons for these laws until the invention of the microscope, the discovery of bacteria and the pioneering work of pathologists in recent centuries, yet these ancient biblical laws have proven scientifically valid today! People who touched a dead or diseased animal or person—or even garments or secretions from a sick person—were to bathe and wash their clothes and avoid contact with others. Contaminated garments were to be washed or burned—important

sanitizing principles that are still followed today. Dwellings that showed signs of mold, or that had harbored sick individuals, were to be cleaned, repaired or destroyed, to prevent the spread of disease (see Leviticus 13–15). Porous vessels that came into contact with dead animals were to be broken, since they would harbor bacteria. People showing signs of sickness were to be isolated—*quarantined*—until examined by a priest and declared well. People were to wash after having sex. Tattoos and cuttings on the flesh were also forbidden (Leviticus 19:28), for reasons that include the risk of contracting disease. Modern physicians warn that tattoos and body-piercing carry a risk for contracting infectious diseases like hepatitis B, hepatitis C, syphilis and HIV/AIDS (*International Journal of Infectious Disease*, 2001, 5(1), 27–34).

In Deuteronomy 23:9–14, we learn that human wastes were to be *buried*, away from human dwellings. Today we call this *sanitary waste disposal*, and its bene-

Did Jesus Abolish the Bible Health Laws?

Did Jesus do away with fundamentally important biblical laws concerning human health? Those who believe this usually cite Mark 7 and Acts 10. Some Bible translations of Mark 7:18–19 say: “Jesus declared all foods clean”—yet other translations render the verse differently. When you compare Mark 7 with a similar account in Matthew 15, you find that Jesus was not even addressing the subject of clean or unclean foods—the issue in question was eating without a ceremonial *washing of the hands*! Acts 10 describes Peter’s vision of a sheet coming down from heaven containing unclean animals that he is told three times to kill and eat. Peter, who had been trained by Christ for more than three years, understood that this was wrong and resisted! While Peter pondered the meaning of the vision (Acts 10:17), several Gentiles arrived at his home. On hearing their mission, Peter grasped the meaning of the vision: “God has shown me that I should not call *any man* common or unclean” (Acts 10:28). According to Scripture, Peter did *not* conclude from this vision that the laws of clean and unclean foods had been eliminated. This is confirmed by a prophecy that indicates when Christ returns He will bring judgment on idol worshipers and those who persist in eating unclean animals (Isaiah 66:15–17).

fits are widely understood but not always practiced—especially in poverty-stricken areas. History is filled with epidemics of typhus, cholera and dysentery, linked to the careless dumping of human waste into streets and rivers, or feeding human waste to animals that are then eaten. Burying human waste breaks the life cycle of many parasitic organisms that spread disease. This simple practice is much more effective, and less expensive, than treating disease *after* it breaks out—and God put this principle in the Bible thousands of years before mankind's science understood its benefit!

Moral Laws

Many of the moral laws of the Bible also have definite health implications. Adultery and fornication are clearly forbidden in Scripture (Exodus 20:14; Leviticus 18:20; 1 Corinthians 6:9) because they threaten not only the stability of the family and society, but also the health of the individual. One of the most easily demonstrated facts of medical history is that *promiscuity spreads diseases*—often dangerous and deadly diseases of which AIDS is only the latest and most notorious. Sexually transmitted diseases bring suffering, disfigurement, infertility and death. This is one reason why Paul advises us to “flee sexual immorality,” and warns that the person “who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body” (1 Corinthians 6:18). One reason why prostitution is labeled a sin in the Bible is that it spreads disease. Serious health risks are among the reasons why the Bible prohibits homosexuali-

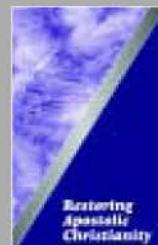
ty (see also Leviticus 18:22) and bestiality (Leviticus 18:23–30). Sexually active homosexual men have a much shorter life span than the average man, and a much higher risk of contracting—and dying from—a serious disease. The Bible warns that people practicing immoral sexual activity “lack understanding,” because they do not grasp the serious risks they are taking—healthwise or otherwise (Proverbs 6:32). These health-related moral laws—and the consequences of breaking them—are still very much in force today!

God is the author of the biblical health laws. The Bible reveals that God does not change (Malachi 3:6), which means that His fundamental laws do not change. The laws of biology did not suddenly change, or stop operating, when Jesus died on the cross! The same factors that caused or prevented disease in the days of Moses still operate today.

Most ancient cultures had extensive lists of medicines and procedures for treating disease. The health laws that God gave to Moses, however, did not focus on treating disease, but instead focused on *preventing disease and promoting health!* This is why medical historian Ralph Major describes Moses as “the greatest sanitary engineer that the world has ever seen”

because “Moses recognized the great principle that the prevention of disease is usually simpler and invariably more far reaching than the cure of disease... His doctrines [in the book of Leviticus] could be summed up by the objects of sanitation today—pure food, pure water, pure air, pure bodies and pure dwellings” (*A History of Medicine*, vol. 1, pp. 62–64). The biblical health laws are timeless! They were valid in the days of Moses, and they are just as valid—and applicable—today. The Bible reveals that when Jesus Christ returns to establish the Kingdom of God on this earth, the laws of God will be proclaimed to the world from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:2–4). As human beings around the globe learn to live by these simple yet fundamentally important laws, their health will improve—and the plague of disease will begin to disappear (Isaiah 35:5–7). This is part of the gospel! You can play a vital role in this incredible transformation (Isaiah 30:20–21)—if you learn the value of applying these biblical health laws in your own life today! □

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GOD IS CREATING A FAMILY **(continued from page 16)**

rified with Christ and to be the *same kind of son* that He is, though clearly lesser in power and authority than He and the Father. Our Elder Brother has all power in heaven and earth, and He is going to share with us the glory that He and the Father had “before the world was” (John 17:5). This is because the Father’s great transcendent purpose for mankind is the creation of *immortal* children (1 Corinthians 15:53–54).

Human reproduction is only a physical type of this greater spiritual reality. This is why Herbert W. Armstrong said: “God is reproducing Himself!” The Father plans to bring children into the glory and oneness that He and the firstborn Son have together. Christ said: “Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are” (John 17:11, cf. v. 22). It is not a question of whether God is one, but *how* God is one. The oneness of the human family is a physical type of the greater spiritual reality of the oneness of God.

Scripture is clear. “Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God... Beloved, now we are the sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he [Christ] shall appear, *we shall be like him*, for we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:1–2, KJV).

This is our incredible human potential! Our Elder Brother “will transform our lowly body that

it may be *conformed to His glorious body*, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself” (Philippians 3:21). These plain statements are so astonishing that many people simply cannot believe what God is saying. But this revealed knowledge is at the core of a full understanding of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

This is why the Living Church of God, which publishes *Tomorrow’s World*, continues to teach what Herbert W. Armstrong taught for so many years about who and what God is. Stated simply, “**God is family**,” and understanding what this means is at the heart of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. A kingdom has a ruling family, and Christ promises: “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne” (Revelation 3:21). He promises to make His brethren “kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth” (Revelation 5:10), with Christ as “King of kings” (Revelation 17:14).

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. This is the Gospel that He preached everywhere He went. Bringing many sons to glory in the Kingdom of God is our Father’s great transcendent purpose for creating humanity, and everything revolves around this purpose!

Understanding our family relationships as God sees them—as types of far greater spiritual realities to come—helps us to understand our incredible potential and future in the Family of God. [TW]

THE RESURRECTION **(continued from page 21)**

god, forged an alliance with the Bishop of Rome in the early fourth century. It was from this alliance of church and state that most of the trappings that are associated with modern Christianity came to be forced upon the Christian-professing world.

Does it matter that the name “Easter,” and many of the motifs associated with that holiday, can be traced back to ancient paganism? Many sincere professing Christians would protest that they attend

Easter sunrise services to honor Jesus Christ and His resurrection from the dead, **not** to worship the sun god. Is it acceptable to take pagan customs and symbols and reinterpret them from a Christian perspective? No! God warned the ancient Israelites, as they prepared to enter the land of the Canaanites, to “take heed... that you do not inquire after their gods, saying ‘How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.’ You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way” (Deuteronomy 12:30–31). Rather, God told His people: “Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you

shall not add to it nor take away from it” (v. 32).

Easter Sunday does **not** celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. It actually obscures the very point that Jesus said was the defining sign of His Messiahship—the three days and three nights in the tomb. Easter, like most of the symbols associated with it, has its origin not in Scriptural commands, but in the practices of ancient sun worshipers. It is high time that those who profess to be the people of God come out of spiritual Babylon and worship the Creator as He commands—in spirit and in truth! [TW]

Do You Serve God or Mammon? **(continued from page 3)**

These things, then, and this desire, become a form of *idolatry*. If we are to be God's people, we *must* recognize materialism for what it is, and *repent* of such a selfish and rotten approach to life.

We must stop allowing crass materialism to affect the *quality* of our spiritual lives, our families and our children. We must put God and His way of life *first*—ahead of any material things. We must learn to *seek* God and His ways above *all* other things. After describing how God will take care of all our material needs, Jesus Christ said: “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33).

To be true Christians, you and I must really *do* this. The staff of *Tomorrow's World* magazine is striving to do this in every respect, and to restore the true values of Apostolic Christianity. We strive, however imperfectly, to put God first. That is why we publish millions of magazines and booklets, and purchase hundreds of hours of television time every year—and *never* charge you readers even a penny to receive the plain and precious truths that are *right there* in your Bible!

All of this obviously costs money. And it has all been made possible through the financial support of a comparatively few thousand supporters and co-workers who have, of their own accord, decided that they want to have a part in helping to preach and publish God's warning message as a witness to all nations.

Notice this scripture: “We then, as *workers* together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain” (2 Corinthians 6:1, KJV). In context, this verse clearly shows that all true Christians should be workers together with Christ in reaching the unconverted world with His message. And there certainly is a lot of work to do! Jesus said, “Freely you have received, *freely give*” (Matthew 10:8). We cannot, therefore, put a price tag on the precious truth of God, and the warning message in the pages of this magazine, which must go to all the world, regardless of how the world responds. Today, as in apostolic times, God is raising up a growing family of co-workers—laborers together with Christ—who are helping out financially, morally and prayerfully in this Work of God!

To those readers who have voluntarily, of their own free will, expressed a desire to help us, I send a monthly letter sharing the “inside” news—and sometimes the financial condition—of this Work. Some people never overtly say, “I want to be a co-worker”—they just add themselves to our co-worker list by sending in such tithes or offerings as they choose. But this magazine is sent to all who request it, never with any charge. And our television program never begs, nags or pleads for money—or engages in the common practice of selling “things” to our viewers. If we did, we would be falling victim to that same materialism that has so wrecked our society and turned its focus away from the true God!

In our society, many profess Christianity, but practice Mammon-worship. Most professing Christians have “watered down” Jesus' true teachings so that they scarcely resemble what He and His original followers taught. They want to practice a “cafeteria Christianity”—taking what they want from Christ's message, but living their own lives as they please—sometimes putting God first, but other times putting first their hunger for *more* and *better* material things.

We in this Work of God strive to be *different*! We understand that God's Word must be preached to the world as a witness, just before the end of this present age (Matthew 24:14). The world must be given the opportunity to hear that it has rejected God's Way—the Way that would bring genuine peace, harmony, prosperity and untold blessings from the Creator of heaven and earth.

We are here to serve all you readers and to do all we can, as God allows, to reach the world with His vital end-time message. We are striving to “buck the tide” of materialism, and show by our example and by our words the “way of give” that Jesus Himself taught. May you, too, take to heart Christ's message and put Him first in your lives, in every way, instead of making an idol of material things. As Christians, we should be able to say, as did the Apostle Paul: “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20, KJV). May that be our goal!



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