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*Is
There an*
**Unpardonable
Sin?**



A Warning For You!

It really is time to “wake up!” Are many of *us* becoming “asleep at the switch?” A common attitude of millions of human beings is to “go along to get along.” It is often easier to go along with the public mood or situation than to stand against it and take criticism or even persecution. So most people succumb to the “take it easy and go along” approach. Our religious and political leaders often tell us that “all is well.” But, my friends, all is **not** well!

Just before World War II, millions of Jewish people in Europe hoped against hope that “all is well” and that Nazi persecution of Jewish people elsewhere would not reach their city or their home. Yet about *six million* Jews paid with their very lives!

A recent article published in the *Times of Israel* ought to “wake us up” if we are not already aware of the dangers ahead:

“Iran has built a 27-meter-long missile, capable of delivering a warhead ‘far beyond Europe,’ and placed it on a launch pad at a site close to Tehran, an Israeli television report said Wednesday, showing what it said were the first satellite images of the missile ever seen in the West ... The missile is capable of taking a manned spacecraft or satellite into space, ... It is also capable of carrying a conventional or non-conventional warhead ‘far beyond Europe,’ the report added” (“Israeli TV shows ‘Iranian missile’ that ‘can reach far beyond Europe,’” January 21, 2015).

The inspired Word of God warns the modern peoples of the British-descended and American nations *many times* of what lies just ahead. We try to give you many of these prophecies *in detail* here in this magazine. In the New Testament, God warns those of us who will live at the very time of the end—in what the Bible calls the “Laodicean Era”—to beware of the “take it easy” attitude so prevalent around us. He warns each one who will listen that every human being needs to learn to be **zealous** in

obeying his Creator and “seeking” God’s Truth. Are *you*, personally, zealously “seeking” to follow God’s Truth and do *your part* in God’s Work at the very end of this age?

Captivity Ahead

Many prophecies describe the confused people of the end-time “House of Israel” being brought back from the **captivity** God describes will come on His



people at the time of the end. Speaking through Jeremiah, God states: “And I will cause the captives of Judah and the captives of Israel to return, and will rebuild those places as at the first. I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will

pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned and by which they have transgressed against Me” (Jeremiah 33:7–8). Almighty God tells us, “But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the **latter days**, when you turn to the LORD your God and obey His voice” (Deuteronomy 4:29–30).

Yes, in the “latter days” we need to “**seek Him**” with **all** our hearts, as He tells us many, many times! Are you and your family actually *doing this*?

Are you learning to **study** God’s Word so that you really understand it? Are you willing to “prove all things” so that you do not just “drift along”

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with the prevailing religious ideas of this world but rather **prove** to yourself what God actually says in His inspired Word? Are you learning to *discipline* yourselves to **fast**, and seek God persistently—showing your *total dedication* to seeking your Creator and your *willingness* to do His will?

Believe me, my friends, God is watching! He is not going to give eternal life to those who just “go along to get along.” Please *understand this*—for *your good* and the good of your family and loved ones. So I encourage **all** of you to begin to **study** the dozens of powerful booklets we send out from this Work absolutely free. Also, I pray that more

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and more of you will set yourselves to request your *free* subscription to our *Tomorrow’s World Bible Study Course* and actually *complete* the lessons and **study** the Word of God so that you are, in fact, able to **prove** the full Truth and purpose of God in a way you may never have done before. Then, after you have truly **proved** what God says and *where* He is working, you can become part of the “team” and do *your part* in helping to take His message out to this world with increasing **power**. As Jesus Christ Himself said, “My food [His strength and *reason for being*] is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to *finish His work*” (John 4:34).

Back in the late 1940s and 1950s, I was privileged to be part of the original “team” that helped Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong do this Work *with increasing power*. But we did **not** do it “all by ourselves.” We were encouraged by him—and by one another and *God’s inspired Word*—to truly “go all out” in giving our lives to God, and seeking to understand and to teach His Word and to **reach** this world as best we could. I am very grateful to have had that opportunity.

Stand for Something!

As I draw closer to the end of my life, I often think back on those days and wish with all my heart that we could rekindle that kind of **zeal** among God’s people to truly be willing to work together, to *sacrifice together* and to proclaim His message so that we have a greater genuine “impact” on the world than ever. As the darkness descends on this world’s society and its governments, let us all strive to be “children of light.” Let us genuinely *give* our lives to God and be willing to “stand” for something while we have the opportunity. The Apostle Paul was inspired to tell us: “The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts” (Romans 13:12–14).

In this Work of God at the end of the age, we are *here to help you*. If you would like to speak with one of our ministers, please contact us **immediately** at the Regional Office address nearest you, listed on page 4 of this magazine. We have representatives in many nations around the world. We are trying



with all of our hearts to prepare the way for the coming Government of God at the very **end** of an

age. I pray that all of you will begin to “catch the vision” and become truly **zealous** in seeking God’s will and doing His Work. This will add more *meaning* to your life. And it will be a *huge step forward* in preparing **you** for God’s protection and blessing and membership in the very Kingdom and Family of God soon to be set up *on this earth*.

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—Revelation 21:7

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Do You Worship the True Christ?

To worship a false god is a grave sin (Exodus 20:3–5).

The Apostle Paul wrote: “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

So, your answer to the title question of this article really is a matter of life or death!

Read this article and act on the truth!

By **Roderick C. Meredith**

Listen! This may shock you. But what millions of professing “Christians” do not realize is that they have been led to believe in a *false Christ*—and a false god. As Almighty God inspired the Apostle John to tell us regarding the time of the end: “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and *Satan, who deceives the whole world*; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (Revelation 12:9). So Satan the Devil is directly pictured as the “god” of this present world—this present civilization. Are *you* part of this present society and an active participant in this world’s religions? Are *you* willing to admit that *you* may have been **deceived** by the “great deceiver” of all humanity?

Remember that God inspired the Apostle Paul to warn us: “For if he who comes preaches *another Jesus* whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!” (2 Corinthians 11:4). And later: “For such are *false apostles*, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works” (vv. 13–15).

In that passage, the true God of the Bible is warning us that “false” ministers have the ability to “transform” themselves into someone like the apostles of Christ. They “look good” on the surface. But their message ultimately brings **death** in the Lake of Fire! This inspired message also tells us that Satan has “his ministers” who fool people, but whose “end will be according to their works.” Yet these are the very ministers who proclaim that all are under “grace” and there is *no need* for works of any kind! These ministers proclaim “another Jesus” than the Bible clearly identified in the inspired Word of God.

Will You Accept What the Bible Really Says?

Most people fail to realize that the world’s festivals of “Christmas” and “Easter” picture Jesus Christ and His teachings in an *entirely different way* than the Bible does. The world’s festivals, when they turn their attention away from the fairy tales of Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny, often picture Christ as a helpless little “babe in a manger,” then as a fragile and even wimpy “hippie” figure taken to His crucifixion. Yes, we may have been told about a miraculous virgin birth and a glorious resurrection. But the main “themes” imprinted into the minds of worshipers—certainly as children, but even into adulthood—often amount to little more than gift-giving, parties, getting up for “sunrise services,” and looking for “eggs” from the “Easter bunny.” Throughout much of professing Christianity, there is virtually **no** emphasis on the

Old Testament, the preexistence of Christ, His life as a young *Jew* growing up in Judaism or **any** reference indicating that Christ was the “God of the Old Testament” long *before* He came into the human flesh.

If *you*, personally, are willing to **prove** it to yourself, you can easily confirm that the “little lord Jesus” of mainstream Christianity is **not** the true Jesus Christ described in the Bible. Rather, *this* Jesus is a product of the imaginations of black-robed priests back in the Dark Ages. The “mainstream” Jesus most people hear about is indeed “another Jesus” Paul warned against. That, my friends, is *why* the Jesus Christ of the Bible warned explicitly: “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 7:22–23).

Think!

The use of all the pagan symbolism to supposedly help us worship Christ manages to obscure the **true origin** and purpose of the *true Jesus Christ* of the Bible, the true meaning of His message, the *true Gospel*. So if we are sincerely interested in the **Truth**, let us honestly “check this out” by **studying** what the *Bible actually says* about Christ’s origins and **why** He came into this world. So what *is* the “Truth”? Jesus Himself stated: “Sanctify them by Your truth. *Your word is truth*” (John 17:17).

The Word Existed from Eternity!

Your Bible tells us clearly that the “Personality” who became Jesus of Nazareth *had been with the Father* through **eternity!** Please study the inspired verses on this in *your own Bible!* First, notice John 1:1–3: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” So the “Word”—the One who clearly is described as the Christ before His human birth—was the One through Whom God created “all things.” He was the “light” God then sent into the world. “He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own [the Jewish people] did not receive Him” (vv. 10–11).

And later, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (v. 14). From these and **dozens** of other references in the New Testament, it is clear that Jesus Christ *pre-existed* with the Father from eternity. Many times in the Old Testament, God is called the “Rock.” Who was that God, that “Rock” of Israel? He was the One who spoke with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, spoke with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and later spoke the Ten Commandments and many other instructions through His prophet Moses. *Who was He?*

Notice how the Bible makes this very clear! For the Apostle Paul was inspired to tell us: “Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and **that Rock was Christ**” (1 Corinthians 10:1–4). Later it tells us that we should not “tempt **Christ**, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents” (v. 9).



Banias Waterfall at Golan Heights

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Do Not Be Deceived By Demons!

So the One who became Jesus Christ was the One leading Moses and the peoples of ancient Israel. He was the One they were tempting or “provoking” back then when they were “destroyed by serpents” (v. 9). *They* were the ones often deceived into various *idolatrous* practices by Satan. Therefore, the Apostle Paul tells Christians today that we should “**flee** from idolatry” (v. 14). Later, in the same passage, Paul was inspired to tell us: “Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to

witnesses,” **He** is the very One who will give these two inspired men “**power** to shut heaven, so that **no rain** falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have **power** over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire” (Revelation 11:6).

For the *true* Christ of the Bible is not a helpless “little Lord Jesus” who happened to be born in a stable. He is not a weak-looking, non-masculine helpless young Jew who was defeated by the Romans. For He is **powerful** and, as your Bible makes clear: “*Je-*

sus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). So if you want to *truly understand* the great Personality who became the true Jesus Christ and who will come again as King of kings, you need to *study* and **believe** the entire Bible—from

COUNTLESS MILLIONS OF DECEIVED AND REBELLIOUS HUMAN BEINGS WILL VIOLENTLY FIGHT JESUS CHRIST WHEN HE RETURNS!

God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord’s table and of the table of demons” (vv. 20–21).

Dear readers, it is not “politically correct” to indicate to our modern world that its cherished religious practices may involve **demon worship**. Yet your Bible clearly warns us over and over! Remember, the “Rock” of Israel was the One who spoke with the prophets of old and He was the One who personally *spoke the Ten Commandments*, directly described the true Sabbath—the “**seventh day** of the LORD your God”—and emphasized over and over that His *true* servants must learn to *love* and *obey* the Ten Commandments. King David—the “man after God’s heart”—was inspired to tell us: “Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. You, *through Your commandments*, make me wiser than my enemies; for they are ever with me” (Psalm 119:97–98).

This “Rock” of Israel is the One who delivered ancient Israel from Egypt, who parted the Red Sea by awesome **miracles**! He is the One who sent terrifying **plagues** upon the Egyptians to make them willing to let Israel go. When you understand it, He is the *same One* who will soon bring very similar plagues on a rebellious world which is *so deceived* that it will directly **fight Christ** when He returns to this earth as King of kings! (Revelation 17:14). Through His “two

Genesis to Revelation. Remember, Jesus constantly referred to the Old Testament as “Scripture.” When this was the *only* Scripture written, Jesus commanded, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God” (Luke 4:4). So we are to live by **every word** of the inspired Bible—not just what we call the New Testament taken out of context and *apart* from the Old Testament of which it is simply a magnification!

The God of Israel Was NOT the Father!

The New Testament makes it very clear: “**No one** has seen God at any time” (1 John 4:12). Yet, describing the time when God gave the Ten Commandments, He tells us: “Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank” (Exodus 24:9–11). This very biblical passage clearly indicates that these elders “saw” the God of Israel and, “so they **saw God** and they ate and drank” (v. 11).



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Be Strong and of Good Courage



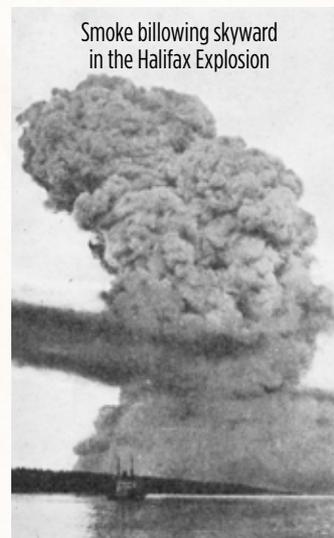
A massive explosion occurred on December 6, 1917 in the harbour of Halifax, Nova Scotia. At precisely 9:04 a.m. the French cargo ship *SS Mont-Blanc*, loaded with 2,400 tons of highly explosive wartime cargo, collided with the Norwegian ship *SS Imo*. Within twenty minutes, a fire ignited the explosives on the *Mont-Blanc*, resulting in a disaster causing horrific damage, injury and loss of life.

Approximately 2,000 people were killed instantly due to collapsed structures, falling debris and fires. Another 9,000 or so were injured. Within a half-mile radius, nearly every structure in the path of the explosion was destroyed. A tsunami wave resulting from the blast came ashore and wiped out a settlement of the Mi'kmaq, an indigenous Canadian tribe (CBC.CA, "The Halifax Explosion," 2015).

The adjacent communities of Dartmouth and Richmond were greatly impacted as well. Many people at the time thought the explosion was the result of a German U-boat attack. The blast, estimated to have caused \$545 million in damage (in 2014 Canadian dollars), has gone down in history as the largest man-made explosion prior to the development of nuclear weaponry.

Much has been written about this disaster, including the novel *Barometer Rising* by Canadian writer Hugh MacLennan. There are many survival stories of individuals, including one of two-and-a-half year old Eric Davidson, who was playing with his toys near a window when the glass shattered in front of him and blinded him for life.

As is often the case in disaster scenarios, individuals stand out who display heroic acts of courage



Smoke billowing skyward
in the Halifax Explosion

and selflessness in dangerous situations. Such was the case that December morning in Halifax, when Vince Coleman, a railway dispatcher working less than a mile from the explosion, found out what the *Mont-Blanc* was carrying. Observing the burning ship just prior to the explosion, both he and his co-worker decided to run from what they

knew would be a life-threatening situation. However, remembering that an incoming passenger train carrying upwards of 300 people was only minutes from the railway yard, Coleman turned back and sent an urgent Morse code message that saved the lives of the passengers.

The message sent has been reported in several variations. The Maritime Atlantic Museum reported this chilling version:

"Hold up the train. Ammunition ship afire in harbour making for Pier 6 and will explode. Guess this will be my last message. Good-bye boys" (MaritimeMuseum.NovaScotia.CA, "Vincent Coleman and the Halifax Explosion," 2015).

Coleman continued to stay in the dispatch office sending out several additional messages. Coleman was killed in the massive explosion, but the heroism, courage and selflessness displayed that day in the face of

imminent danger may well have been responsible for all incoming trains to Halifax coming to a screeching halt.

What is Courage?

It has been said, “**Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear.**” The average individual will not likely end up in dramatic circumstances requiring such a courageous response as Mr. Coleman’s, but this does not mean that courage is not part of the daily life of a God-fearing individual. The Apostle Paul instructed Timothy that one characteristic of the perilous end times would be people who have a “form of godliness but [deny] God’s power” (2 Timothy 3:1, 5). Obeying God in this world takes courage. Trusting God despite the pressure to compromise takes courage. Becoming and remaining converted takes courage.

Biblical Examples of Courage

The Bible records many examples of courage to obey God despite the surrounding pressure to do otherwise. One such incident is recorded in the first chapter of Joshua, set after Moses’ death when Joshua took up the responsibility of leading the Israelites into the Promised Land. God encourages Joshua by the use of the word courage three times—**courage** to follow His instruction and obey His laws:

“No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. **I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage...** Only **be strong and very courageous**, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may

observe to do according to all that is written in it.... Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go**” (Joshua 1:5–9).

These powerful words from God to Joshua are timeless instructions, and just as applicable in this 21st century as they were back then.

In the New Testament, Hebrews 11 and 12 describe courageous men and women, people of God down through the ages referred to as a “cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1), who set the pace for us. They looked



beyond their present circumstances of suffering and danger and recognized that God had called them

out of this world to be part of something bigger than themselves—to do His will. That took courage!

Courage that Endures to the End

It will require courage to keep preaching the wonderful news of God’s Kingdom on earth and at the same time warn people to change and turn to God in heartfelt repentance. In the months and years ahead, those who are called by God to support and pray for this Work will need courage. At the same time, to live a life in conformity with God and His laws will also take courage.

As the Apostle Paul stated, “Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong” (1 Corinthians 16:13).

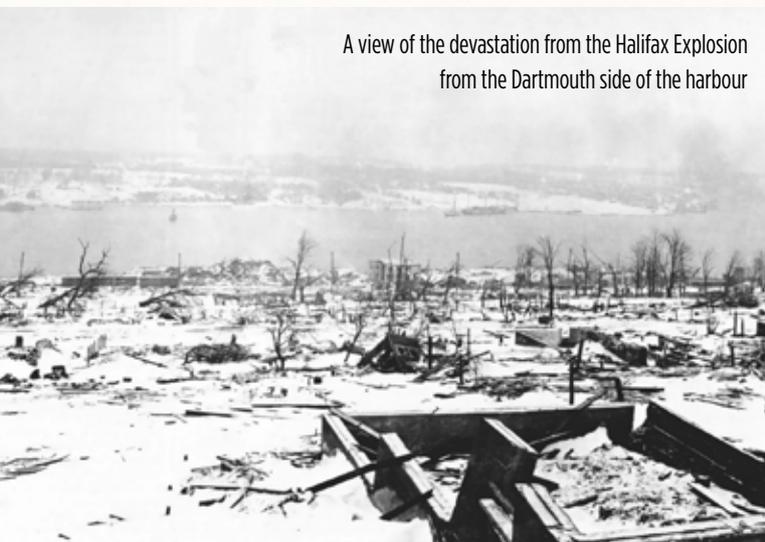
Canadians, and indeed all the modern nations descended from ancient Israel, are going to experience trials in the not-too-distant future, which will be far more trying and impactful than the historic Halifax explosion of 1917. We will need to demonstrate the courage of Vince Coleman, who in his day performed a selfless work right to the end, saving hundreds from utter destruction.

And, because of individuals in our day who will be close to God, who will be courageous, resilient, standing strong, who will endure, who will be setting an example and who will be doing and supporting the very Work of Almighty God, God will save the world from “utter destruction” (Matthew 24:14, 21–22).

Will you be one of them? Will you “be strong and of good courage”?

—Winston Gosse

A view of the devastation from the Halifax Explosion from the Dartmouth side of the harbour



TURKEY AND THE WINDS OF HISTORY

By **Dexter B. Wakefield**

The past is always part of the present, and this is very clear in the modern nation of Turkey (spelled “*Türkiye*” in Turkic). In the last century, Turkey has been an important, but not dominant, player on the world stage and is emerging as a pivotal player in the affairs of Europe, the U.S. and the Middle East. I traveled in Turkey recently and found a modern secular state with a culturally Muslim people. The nation is modernizing and growing economically but is always aware of its very ancient history.

Turkey may be going through *an historic social and political realignment*, and to consider its future, one must understand something of its past. For the last half-century, Turkey has been oriented more to the West than to the Middle East, *but that may be changing*.

Geography Matters!

Historically, Turkey has been at the crossroads between Europe and Asia. The Turkish Straits (comprised of the Bosphorus, Dardanelles and Sea of Marmara) separate Asia Minor from Europe, and Turkey actually has a small amount of territory on the European side. At its narrowest point, the Turkish Straits are only 1,200 meters wide. The beautiful and influential city of Istanbul (formerly Constantinople) overlooks this narrow and extremely important seaway. If you are invading the Middle East from Europe as the Greeks did, or if you are invading Europe from

the Middle East as the Persians and Turks did, you must cross at this critical point.

Ancient History

The region of Modern Turkey (known in ancient times as Anatolia) has millennia of history, with kingdoms rising and falling. Many people today are familiar with the great legends associated with the ancient city of Troy, which was strategically located on the Turkish Straits. Those legends include the Trojan Horse and great warriors such as Achilles, Hector and Odysseus. The excavated ruins of Troy can be seen today.

The Persians conquered this area in the 5th and 6th centuries BC. In 334 BC, Alexander the Great and his Greek army successfully invaded from the European side and brought the lasting influence of Greek culture to the region. Later, during Roman rule, various cities in the area are mentioned prominently in the Bible in the letters of Paul, since Christian congregations were founded there.



Bosphorus Bridge over the Turkish Straits



Biblical Times

In biblical times, Galatia was a region in central Turkey, and the Apostle Paul wrote a letter to them, which we call the Book of Galatians in the Bible. The Book of Acts mentions the Galatian cities of Lystra, Iconium, Derbe and others. Some other Anatolian cities mentioned in Acts are Pisidia, Pamphylia, Perga, Attalia and Troas. Revelation mentions Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea—the archeological sites of which can all be visited today in western Turkey.

The book of Ephesians is a letter written to the Church of God in the city of Ephesus, now part of modern Turkey. There, Paul caused a riot, because he was teaching that idols are not true gods. The book of Acts records the incident.

“And about that time there arose a great commotion about the Way. For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana, brought no small profit to the craftsmen. He called them together with the workers of similar occupation, and said: ‘Men, you know that we have our prosperity by this trade. Moreover you see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but throughout almost all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are not gods which are made with hands. So not only is this trade of ours in danger of falling into disrepute, but also the temple of the great goddess Diana may be despised and her magnificence destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worship.’ Now when they heard this, they were full of wrath and cried out, saying, ‘Great is Diana of the Ephesians!’ So the whole city was filled with confusion, and rushed into **the theater** with one accord, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, Paul’s travel companions. And when Paul wanted to go

in to the people, the disciples would not allow him” (Acts 19:23–30).

The location of this incident can be visited in Turkey today in the excavated ruins of the ancient city of Ephesus. The actual theater where this took place has been excavated and partially restored. There was only one such theater in the city. You can stand in its midst and easily imagine what the tumult must have been like with the crowd shouting in unison about their pagan goddess, Diana.

“Then some of the officials of Asia, who were his friends, sent to him [Paul] pleading that he would not venture into **the theater**. Some therefore cried one thing and some another, for the assembly was confused, and most of them did not know why they had come together. And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander motioned with his hand, and wanted to make his defense to the people. But when they found out that he was a Jew, all with one voice cried out **for about two hours**, ‘Great is Diana of the Ephesians!’” (v. 31–34).

Theatre ruins in Ephesus, Turkey



The region comprising modern Turkey is rich in Biblical history, and many of the locations have been excavated by archaeologists and can be visited today.

The Muslim Empire in Europe

Turkey has been officially a secular state since 1923, and while the vast majority of its citizens are Sunni Muslim, many are not very active in their faith. For

instance, many Turkish women do not wear head scarves, and they are not often seen wearing the *burka*—the covering black dress.

Among the world's religions, Islam is a relatively recent arrival. Muhammad, who Muslims consider to be the last prophet, was born c. 570 AD, and personally brought the Islamic faith to the Arabian Peninsula. After his death in 632AD, Islam was spread largely by military campaigns throughout the Middle East—including in what is modern Turkey. It also stretched from India through northern Africa. Because it was ruled by a *Caliph*, it was known as the *Caliphate*. In 711 AD, a Muslim army crossed the Strait of Gibraltar from Africa into Spain and began Islam's conquest of Western Europe. This included the conquests of Sicily and southern Italy. Then, in 732AD, in what is now modern France, the Muslim army under Abd al-Rahman was defeated by Charles Martel and his Frankish (early French) army at the pivotal Battle of Tours. Only Martel's troops stood between al-Rahman and Paris. This battle was a great watershed moment in European history, because with it began the *Reconquista*, or reconquering, of Catholic Europe from the Muslims—a long and arduous effort, with many setbacks. In 846 AD part of Rome was sacked by a Muslim army, and the old St. Peter's Cathedral was looted of its treasures. The last Muslim stronghold in Spain was defeated when Granada fell in 1492.

The Ottoman Turks

Beginning in the late 1200s AD, the Turks created one of the world's great imperial empires. First, successive dynasties united Anatolia (the area of modern Turkey) and then expanded the empire by military conquest to encompass much of western Asia, southeastern Europe and northern Africa. The reign of Suleiman the Magnificent (1520–1566) brought the Ottoman Turk Empire to its zenith. Historically, it was one of the world's most enduring empires, lasting *over six centuries* until World War I.

The primary residence of the sultans for about 400 years was the *Topkapi Palace* (“Cannon Gate Palace”). The huge, luxurious complex is located on the European side of the Bosphorus, and now houses a museum containing many jeweled articles of great value that

once belonged to the sultans. I visited the palace in a recent trip to Istanbul. Our Turkish guide explained that while a sultan might have many wives and concubines who lived in great luxury, there was fierce competition between them. The sultan chose his successor from among his sons, and intense intrigue among his wives, even murder, was common in the palace.

The Turkish Caliphate

The Ottoman Turk sultans dominated Islam for centuries and claimed the title of Caliph, beginning with Mehmed II after his conquest of Constantinople in 1453. Mehmed II was the sultan that began construction of Topkapi Palace. Islam had been pushed out of *Western Europe* by the *Reconquista*, but the Ottoman Turks began to extend it into **Eastern Europe** by military force.

In the 1500s, the Turkish forces were sweeping aside all opposition in Eastern Europe, and they did so in the name of Islam. There were occasional setbacks, but the sultans were waging a *holy war* against the Holy Roman Empire, which was headquartered in Vienna, Austria. In 1521, Suleiman the Magnificent took Belgrade and killed King Louis II of Hungary. Then he attacked Vienna, but was forced to withdraw temporarily. At its height, the Turkish Empire held much of Eastern Europe, including what is modern Romania, Bulgaria, the former Yugoslavia, Albania, Greece, parts of Russia and much of Austria-Hungary. Resentments against that long Muslim conquest still run deep in parts of Eastern Europe. After the Turks lost the Third Battle of Vienna in 1663, they began a long decline in power and the end of nearly a millennium of “holy wars” against Western and Eastern Europe. The peril of these wars is deeply etched into the historical memory of Catholic Europe.

The Decline and Fall of the Turkish Empire

However, by the early 1900s, Imperial Turkey was in decline. From 1913 to 1918, a reform group called *Young Turks* exercised absolute control over the Ottoman Empire. They signed the Ottoman–German Alliance *resulting in the Ottoman Empire entering World War I on the side of the German and Central Powers*. During World War I, this leadership was responsible for the Armenian Genocide, resulting in the deaths of more than one million ethnic Armenians.



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After the Central Powers were defeated in World War I, the Ottoman Empire collapsed, and the Allies, including Britain, France and the U.S ended more than 600 years of imperial Turkish Empire. In 1916, during World War I, the Sykes-Picot Agreement had carved up the Ottoman Empire in anticipation of an allied victory and British/French administration of the territories. As a result of the Paris Peace Conference in 1919, much of the Ottoman Empire in Central Asia and the Middle East was dismembered and placed under British and French control. The national lines of the Sykes-Picot Agreement that still remain are in the news these days. as a renewed caliphate called Islamic State denounces them as invalid.

The Era of Ataturk

The greatest and most respected figure in modern Turkish history is **Mustafa Kemal Ataturk**. He was a successful officer in the Turkish army in World War I and in the 1920's became a prominent figure in Turkish politics. He was instrumental in setting up the Republic of Turkey in 1923 and is considered to be the father of his country. Ataturk instituted numerous social, political and cultural reforms during his fifteen-year tenure as president and changed Turkey into a modern, secular state. Since the early years of Islam, Islam had been the official religion of Turkey (Anatolia). But since Ataturk, Turkey has not been officially a Muslim country—rather, it is officially secular. *But that may be changing.*

The Era of Erdoğan and a Streetcar Named Democracy

Turkey stands astride Asia and Europe, and for nearly a half century, it has looked towards the West. Turkey is a member of NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which stood as a bulwark against the hegemony of the Soviet Union during the Cold War. Since 1987, Turkey has sought to join the European Union, but extensive EU conditions and seemingly unending negotiations have prevented full membership so far. *Many analysts think that Turkey's leadership may be beginning to look toward the East.*

Although Turkey is officially a secular state, the current President, Recep Erdoğan, may not think it should continue that way. He was an *Islamist* in his early political career when he famously said, “*Democracy is like a streetcar. You ride it until you arrive at your destination and then you step off*” (“Moment of Truth for the EU and Turkey,” *Turkish Daily News*, November 10, 2006).

Does President Erdoğan have dreams of restoring some of the glory of the Ottoman Turk Empire? Perhaps even the Ottoman Caliphate? Some critics think so and note that he is becoming increasingly autocratic.

Erdoğan's brutal and autocratic neighbor to the south, President Bashir Assad of Syria, is very blunt about the reasons for the Turkish President's recent actions against Syria. “Erdoğan thinks that if Muslim Brotherhood [a radical Islamist group] takes over in the region and especially in Syria, he can guarantee his political future, this is one reason. The other reason,

he personally thinks that he is the new sultan of the Ottoman and he can control the region as it was during the Ottoman Empire under a new umbrella. *In his heart he thinks he is a caliph.* These are the main two reasons for him to shift his policy from zero problems to zero friends” (“Assad: Erdogan thinks he’s Caliph, new sultan of the Ottoman.” Interview with Sophie Shevardnadze, *RT.com*, November 9, 2012). Others in the region have expressed similar opinions.

President Erdoğan has recently completed a new palace on a hilltop near the Turkish capital, Ankara, that contains *over 1,000 rooms and cost over \$600 million.* It is called Ak Saray (White Palace), and it rivals the luxury and grandeur of the Topkapı Palace at its height under Suleiman the Magnificent.

In a recent speech quoted by the *London Daily Telegraph*, Erdoğan actually compared himself to Britain’s Queen Elizabeth. “Recep Tayyip Erdoğan insists he is not seeking to be a sultan, but more like the British Queen... Erdoğan’s comments, reported in *Hurriyet Daily News*, included an attack on those who said Turkey was becoming like a monarchy and that he aspired to be like an Ottoman sultan despite other countries also having presidents” (“Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdogan: I want to be like Queen of UK,” January 30, 2015).

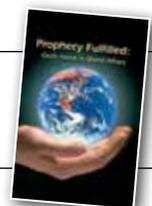
Many analysts think that Turkey is making a historic shift back towards the Middle East and its Islamic roots. But whether the Turkish president will lead a revived caliphate—or wants to—is very speculative.



President Erdoğan’s Ak Saray (White Palace) sits on a hilltop in Ankara.

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King of the South

But what will actually happen to Turkey and the Middle East in the near future is not speculative. The Bible tells that region’s future history and views the future events from the perspective of Jerusalem. Near the end of this age, a powerful alliance of Middle Eastern nations south of Jerusalem will form and will “push” against or “attack” a powerful ten-nation European alliance to the north of Jerusalem. **“At the time of the end** [of this age] the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him

like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown” (Daniel 11:40–41). These events are prophesied to occur shortly before the return of Jesus Christ.

The radical Islamist group known as Islamic State is claiming to be the revived caliphate and sees itself as restoring the Muslim conquest of the Middle East and Europe. This may seem like *déjà vu* for the Europeans, and particularly the Vatican. The ISIS leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, claims the title of Caliph, but whether he will be the final “King of the South” is not evident at this time. In any case, a number of Islamist groups in the Middle East and Asia have pledged allegiance to him.

Watch the Middle East!

Jesus had an important instruction for His followers. “Take heed, **watch** and pray; for you do not know when the time is. It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. **Watch** therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning—lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. And what I say to you, I say to all: **Watch!**” (Mark 13:33–37). ^[TW]

BEFORE ST. PATRICK...

Was the famous evangelist a “greenhorn” after all?

Every year, on March 17, millions of Irish descent—and others who call themselves “Irish for the day” will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. The day is celebrated with green—green clothing, green food, green hair and even green beer—to honor what many assume to have been Christianity’s arrival in Ireland.

Yet history shows there is so much more behind the history of Christianity in Ireland—history that shows Patrick, the English-born Roman Catholic missionary, to be a “Johnny come lately” at best.

St. Patrick’s Day was made an official Roman Catholic feast day in the early seventeenth century. However, many today do not realize that the story of Christianity in Ireland precedes Patrick by centuries. Patrick may have had no idea who his ancient ancestors were, nor from where they came. But the celebration in his honor, marking his supposed date of death, *would not* have been cause for celebration to true Christians already living in Ireland when Patrick arrived—many of whom were descended from his own ancestors!

Nevertheless, history credits Patrick with bringing a nominal form of Christianity to Ireland, where his missionary efforts brought an end to many long-held Irish traditions. He encountered bonfires honoring Irish gods, and adapted them for Easter celebrations. He took a powerful Irish symbol representing the sun and superimposed it onto a cross, creating the “Celtic cross.” He is said to have used the shamrock to explain the Trinity, thus making the plant a symbol of the Irish ever since. None of these developments, by the way, are representative of *original Christianity*.

Preceded by James?

Many would be surprised to learn that historical sources document the Apostle James visiting Ireland *centuries before* Patrick, preaching the *true* gospel as he was taught by his elder half-brother, Jesus of Nazareth. Other historical sources indicate that the apostles Simon Zelotes, Simon Peter, Paul and others also brought the original Christianity of Jesus Christ

to Europe’s Western isles in the first century—roughly 400 years before Patrick.

Yet the history of Israelites in the British Isles does not begin there, either. Centuries before the apostles arrived, the tribes of Israel and Judah were carried into captivity by the Assyrians and then by the Babylonian Empire.

Interestingly, there are no records of the Israelite captives returning en masse to the Promised Land. They are widely known today as the “Lost Ten Tribes” and many assume they simply disappeared from the historical record.

In fact, however, historical texts and archaeological findings reveal that at least some of these same Israelites resettled in a land south of the Caucasus Mountains, between the Black Sea and Caspian Sea. Eventually they migrated north, heading through the gorges of the Caucasus Mountains, into Crimea on the northern shores of the Black Sea. Their route out of Asia and into Europe apparently followed the route of the modern Georgian highway.

Hiberians and Hebrews?

Late nineteenth-century Celtic language scholar John Rhys argued that the Celts and the Scythians came from this same area and migrated westward to Europe’s coast. Rhys believed that the names *Iberia* for Spain and *Hibernia* for Ireland were connected to a variation of “Hebrew.” Hebrew was the language of the Israelites who were conquered and resettled by the Assyrians—some of the same Israelites who would eventually settle in northwestern Europe and the British Isles. These resettled Israelites were Patrick’s



own ancestors—an ironic twist to the tale! Indeed, the truth about the “Lost Ten Tribes” is a key that unlocks much of Bible prophecy, which in turn will open up your understanding of world events—even today’s headline news—as never before.

—Richard Franz





Who Governs Britain?

Could the United Kingdom be facing the end of an era of stable government? For months, many political pundits and media commentators in Britain have been saying just that. The May 2015 general election could well mark a watershed in the way Britain is governed, with far-reaching consequences for the future of a *United Kingdom*. So, what can we determine about the UK's rapidly changing political landscape and some of the likely challenges and consequences that lie ahead?

Since the 1920s, Britain has been dominated by two large political parties: the *Conservative Party* (Tories), of the political right, and the *Labour Party*, traditionally the party of socialism, trade unions and the political left. In addition, there are a number of smaller parties: the *Liberal Democrats* (Lib Dems), the *Greens*, the *UK Independence Party* (UKIP) and various national parties serving Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. But these have rarely disturbed the well-established duopoly of the two larger parties.

Volatile Political Change

However, this political reality has been undergoing fundamental change. Centre-left parties across the industrialized world are losing support to the radical left (in the UK, the Greens and the Scottish National Party). Meanwhile, at the other end of the political spectrum, there is a drift to the extreme right (in the UK, UKIP). Support for the two main UK parties has thereby been eroding significantly, with both parties seemingly stuck around 30 percent of the vote, while 40 percent or so is needed to form a governing majority.

At the last general election in 2010, a “hung” election resulted in a coalition between the Tories and the Lib Dems—the first since World War II. What some expected to be an unstable union worked surprisingly smoothly, completing a full program of legislation.

The *UK Independence Party* (UKIP) asserts that Britain would be better off leaving the European Union altogether. It has grown massively in popularity over recent years; in the 2014 UK elections for the EU Parliament, UKIP won 27 percent of the vote and 24 of the 73 UK seats. In addition, UKIP has been a catalyst in the erosion of traditional Labour support in the north of England. The party is now thought to be a serious contender for seats in the UK Parliament, with opinion polls suggesting they may achieve six to 12 seats and a higher share of the vote than the Lib Dems. As Tory support also melts away to UKIP, Tory policy has moved further to the right in an attempt to rally support. Prime Minister David Cameron is the only political leader promising a national referendum (in 2017) on remaining part of the EU, provided the Tories win the forthcoming election.

North of the border, a resurgent *Scottish National Party* (SNP) has dramatically quadrupled its support since losing last September's referendum, consistently scoring above 40 percent in the opinion polls, and is headed for 100,000 members, mainly at Labour's expense. It is possible the SNP could return as many as 50 MPs to Westminster and hold the balance of power in the new government.

Furthermore, the SNP has openly offered to help elect a UK Labour government, provided that Labour will support the SNP's quest for more powers of self-



UK Independence Party leader Nigel Farage is gaining influence that troubles his pro-EU opponents.

rule, the removal of the UK's nuclear submarine base from Scottish soil—and eventual independence. If the SNP wins the Scottish general election in 2016, another push for outright independence is expected. The radical left-leaning SNP is horrified at the prospect of an English-led departure from the EU.

We should also not forget that the Lib Dems, the Tory coalition partner, are also in big trouble as their support base diminishes in protest at sharing power with the Tories.

Another “Hung” Election?

Unsurprisingly, against the background of this political volatility, opinion polls indicate the likelihood of a “hung” parliament in the May general election. With no party achieving a governing majority, the horse-trading would begin, with the smaller parties jockeying for power. Opinion polls suggest that it might take three or more parties to establish a viable majority, in which case the potential for disunity would be great, with the government only a few votes away from a collapse that would force the country back to yet another general election.

Does any of this really matter in the grand scheme of things? Well, the stakes are very high. First and foremost is the precarious state of Britain's finances. The national debt stands at around £1.5 trillion and rising, requiring some £60 billion each year just to service the interest payments, and government borrowing was in the region of £100 billion in 2014.

A much-feared outcome of the election is that a minority Labour Party will be returned to power with SNP or other help. According to the highly respected Institute of Fiscal Studies, Labour's economic plan to cut the deficit falls well short of Tory plans. In addition, doubts proliferate on all sides about the suitability of the Labour leadership for high office.

The remainder of 2015 could also see a resumption of the Eurozone crisis, which would heavily impact prospects for the UK's recovery. Without a clear-headed, strong and stable government, free from the infighting of numerous small parties, how can Britain be expected to rise to the challenges posed by an increasingly unstable European Union?

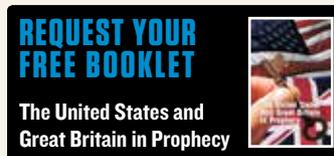
Time to Pull Together

In the book of Ecclesiastes, wise King Solomon recorded a telling truth: “Two are better than one... And a threefold cord is not quickly broken” (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12). When applied nationally to a union of three countries—or four, in the case of the UK—it creates great strength and resilience. Each can help the others through hard times. All acting together are stronger than each acting alone. But the Scriptures also warn “two cannot walk together, unless they are agreed” (Amos 3:3). Unless the countries of the UK pull together, they will pull apart.

So the conclusion, and the importance, of all this is that the UK is far from being safe and secure. Powerful political forces are pulling it apart. The coming 2015 general election could well be a watershed moment as to *who governs Britain*. Will the SNP, UKIP and other smaller voting groups hold the rest of the UK ransom? Will Britain lose its nuclear deterrent for lack of somewhere to put it and the expense of moving it? Will Scotland once again try to leave the UK? And if the English get their way, will Britain indicate its desire to leave the EU if the 2017 referendum transpires?

We live in volatile, fast-moving times as the world careens towards the prophesied end of this age of human misrule. For more on what the Bible reveals about the years ahead, request our free booklet *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*.

—John Meakin



Have you committed a
sin so great that you
can no longer be saved?

You need to know!

By **Richard F. Ames**

One of the most agonizing worries is the fear of being cut off from God. Even more distressing is the thought that one may be cut off forever, with no chance of redemption. Some fear that they have committed the “unpardonable sin.” Do you feel guilty, worried that your sins are keeping you away from God?

If you want deliverance from your guilty feelings—if you want to repent and get relief from your despondent feelings—there is help available. God is not out to trick people into sinning so He can find an excuse to destroy them. On the contrary, God wants us to be a part of His family and to share in His loving way of life. He wants us to learn from our mistakes, repent and change our lives.

Does your conscience bother you? Scripture explains that those who have actually committed the unpardonable sin have seared their consciences—and are totally consumed with rebellion against God. They are not worried about committing the ultimate transgression. They may be fearful of their ultimate punishment, but they are not equivocating over their unswerving dedication to wickedness and evil.

God is willing to forgive our sins if we repent of them, if we are sorry for them and if we are determined to change. But when one sears his conscience to never repent, he cannot be forgiven. Jesus states the problem clearly. “Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation” (Mark 3:28–29).

Jesus said all sins of the repentant will be forgiven. Yet the one unforgivable sin is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. What does that mean? How does one blaspheme against the Holy Spirit?

Blasphemy, according to *Webster’s Dictionary*, is “to speak impiously or irreverently of (God or sacred things)” or “to

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speak evil of, slander; abuse.” A parallel Gospel account gives us a powerful example. “Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He [Jesus] healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. And all the multitudes were amazed and said, ‘Could this be the Son of David?’” (Matthew 12:22–23).

The crowds recognized that the prophesied Messiah, the Son of David, would be able to accomplish this miracle, but the Pharisees falsely asserted that Jesus used the power of Satan. “Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, ‘This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons’” (Matthew 12:24).

These accusers blasphemed—they spoke evil of God’s miraculous work through the Holy Spirit. Jesus warned them powerfully: “Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it

pled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?” (Hebrews 10:27–29).

Yes, there will be a fiery judgment—a lake of fire for those who persist in sinning willfully and who insult the Spirit of grace. Scripture also gives a warning to all who, as Christians, have been “partakers of the Holy Spirit.” Remember that God gives the Holy Spirit to those “who obey Him” (Acts 5:32). If Christians willfully turn back to evil—if they fall away and turn to a hardened and permanent attitude of disobedience—Scripture teaches that it is impossible to “renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame” (Hebrews 6:6).

Truly converted Christians are those to whom God has given the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9). Even converted Christians will sin—but they are committed to repenting always. They need a repentant attitude of

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mind, always looking forward to changing their behavior and attitude, even if they feel too weak to do so just yet. God is patient, but we need to respond to that patience because the

will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come” (Matthew 12:31–32).

We all need to heed that warning. Notice the Apostle Paul’s warning to Christians, that “if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins” (Hebrews 10:26).

The willful sinner is intractable. He or she has a conscience seared to do evil. This kind of sinner will never even entertain the thought of repenting and desiring to return to God’s way of life (cf. 1 Timothy 4:2). The incorrigibly wicked are not blinded like the rest of the world; they have “knowledge of the truth.” They know the effect of Christ’s sacrifice, yet they profane it. Such ones face “a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses’ law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has tram-

time is growing short. Always desire repentance. Always desire to change your life for good even if, through weakness, you give in to temptation. Ask God for a spirit of repentance!

Is Your Heart “Hardened”?

We have seen that the unpardonable sin is a sin that will not be forgiven because the sinner willfully blasphemes the Holy Spirit, and hardens his heart to never repent. Such sinners seal their conscience to do evil, and will end up in the lake of fire, as we read in Revelation 21:8. How can we avoid having this belligerent and hardened mindset?

We all have the opportunity to choose life and love, rather than death and disobedience. But how can anyone deliberately and permanently decide to go the wrong way into rebellion? Here is what Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong wrote about how that deliberate choice may be made: “This may come from wrong reasoning; from wrong desire thought out to a final fixed, perma-

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What does “Good Friday” reveal about Christ’s death and resurrection?

Question: I have looked in my Bible for evidence of the “Good Friday” my church observes, but I cannot find it. What am I overlooking?

Answer: You should be commended for your careful reading of Scripture! The Bible does reveal what Jesus Christ was doing on the Friday before His resurrection—but the truth is **not** what most professing Christians today believe!

We know from Scripture that Christ spent three full days and nights—72 hours—in the grave. He had to do this in order to fulfill the biblical sign of Jonah, as He proclaimed to the scribes and Pharisees. “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 12:39–40).

This fact by itself proves that the widely assumed Good Friday to Easter Sunday chronology cannot be correct, since a Friday afternoon crucifixion would have kept Jesus in the grave until Monday afternoon.

But when does Scripture say Christ was resur-

rected? Notice this account: “Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early,

while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him” (John 20:1–2).

Her visit on the “first day of the week” means that Mary Magdalene went to Christ’s tomb in the night hours after the Sabbath—before the sun had risen on Sunday—and found that Jesus was not in the tomb. So, counting back 72 hours, there is no way Jesus could have been crucified on Friday at all!

Scripture reveals that Jesus died at about 3:00 p.m. (Matthew 27:46–50). The Gospel of John gives us another vital detail about what happened immediately

after His death. We read: “Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away” (John 19:31).

The “Preparation Day” is the day before the Sabbath, when tasks are performed in anticipation of the coming Sabbath rest from workaday activities. But we have already seen that Friday cannot be the day of

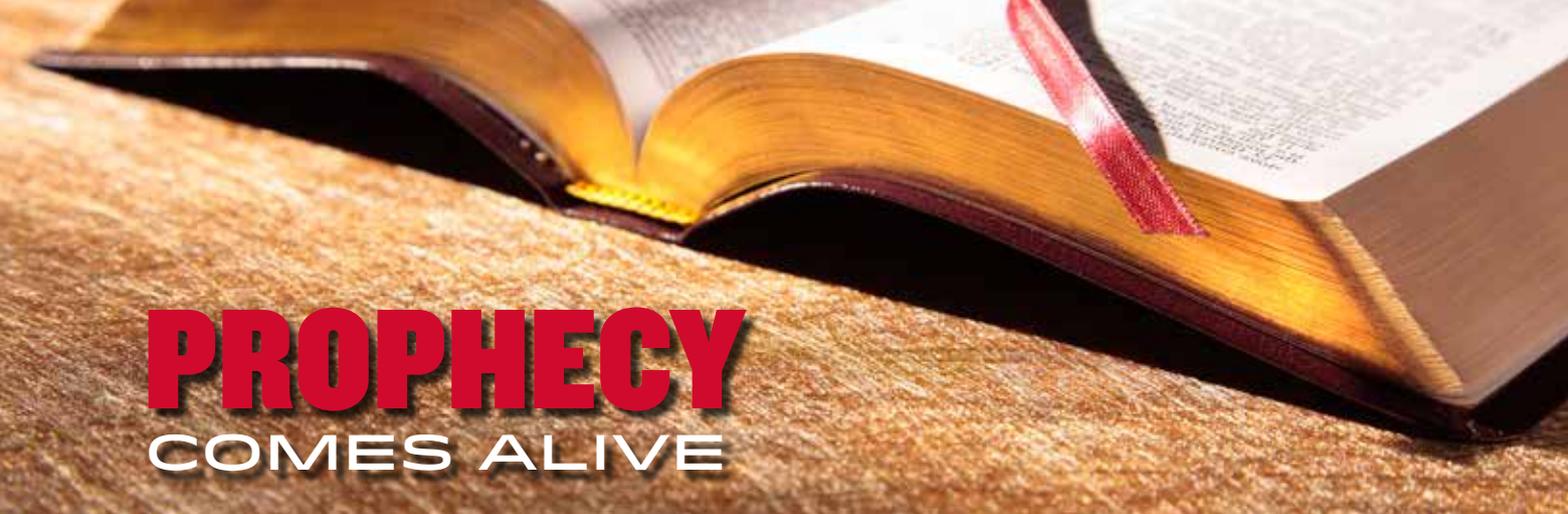
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Christ’s death, since He had to have been dead for 72 hours before the end of the seventh day of the week! Is this an apparent contradiction in Scripture? No! Notice the description that the coming Sabbath was a “high day.” This is a reference to one of the “annual Sabbaths” (Leviticus 23:6–36). Christ was crucified in the hours immediately preceding the First Day of Unleavened Bread (v. 6).

So, we know from Scripture that Jesus Christ was buried shortly before sunset, before the First Day of Unleavened Bread began. We know that 72 hours later, before the first day of the week had begun, He had risen. This means that He rose near the end of the weekly seventh-day Sabbath, so He must have been crucified on a Wednesday—not on “Good Friday” as many now believe. On “Good Friday,” Jesus was dead, in the grave, in fulfillment of prophecy.

Churches that hold to the Good Friday and Easter Sunday traditions are denying not only the plain words of Scripture, but also the very sign Jesus gave of His being the Messiah. If you worship a Messiah who rose on Sunday after 36 hours in the grave, you are not worshiping the true Jesus Christ of the Bible, but rather a counterfeit invented by men who want to draw attention away from God and His Truth. To learn more about many false teachings that have been promoted in the name of “Christianity,” please request your free copy of our booklet, *Satan’s Counterfeit Christianity*.





PROPHECY COMES ALIVE

The Rise of Unbelief!

The last several decades have witnessed a remarkable emergence and growth of forces hostile to biblical truths and Christian beliefs—especially among more affluent, educated members of society. While some view this change as the inevitable result of social and intellectual progress, Bible prophecies have long foretold that this would be a sign that the *end of the age* and the return of Jesus Christ are near. These ancient prophecies are *coming alive* in our modern societies today!

Ancient Prophecies

When Jesus was asked by His disciples, “What will be the **sign** of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” Jesus warned that “Many false prophets will rise up and deceive many” (Matthew 24:3, 11). The Apostle Paul echoed these same warnings on several occasions, when he warned, “...**in latter times** some will **depart from the faith** [abandon, rebel against the faith], giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy” (1 Timothy 4:1-2), and “**in the last days** perilous times will come: for men will be lovers of themselves [fond of their own ideas]... blasphemers [arrogant, contemptuous of others]... unholy [irreverent, without piety, irreligious]... slanderers... lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God” (2 Timothy 3:1-4).

The Apostle Peter issued similar prophetic warnings, “there **will be** false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies... and many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed” (2 Peter 2:1-2). Peter predicted that “false teachers” [teachers of falsehoods] would “speak evil of [scoff and sneer at] the things

they do not understand,” and they would “speak great swelling works of emptiness [arrogant nonsense] as they appeal to the sensual desires of people (2 Peter 2:12, 18). Peter clearly placed these warnings in an *end-time* context, “knowing this first: that scoffers will come **in the last days**, walking according to their own lusts” (2 Peter 3:3). Jude, the brother of Jesus wrote, “remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; how they told you that there would be mockers [scoffers] **in the end-time** who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts (Jude 17-18).

The Expositor’s Bible Commentary states that Peter is predicting, “the appearance of scoffers in the last days, who deny biblical truths and live in an ungodly way... who deny a future eschatology [an end-time fulfillment of these prophecies],” and “Mocking the faith of Christians, they support their own position” by ignoring events have any prophetic significance (see comments on 2 Peter 3:3-4, pp. 284-285). However, the remarkable changes that have occurred in recent decades and are occurring today *are significant* and definitely in line with numerous *end-time* prophecies recorded in the New Testament.

Modern Events

One of the most surprising developments in recent times in the “Christian” nations of the West has been the *rise of militant atheists and agnostics* who have launched a determined attack on Christian beliefs and the Judeo-Christian values that form the foundation of Western civilization. Books, articles and Web sites have appeared to ridicule the Scriptures, mock the God of the Bible, trivialize the idea that Jesus will come again, and make fun of

Bible-based moral instructions (“Secular and Proud of It,” *Wall Street Journal*, January 5, 2015). These self-appointed critics and teachers of humanity claim that “God is Imaginary” and that entire books in the Bible are fabrications written by unknown imposters. In spite of the fact that the majority of citizens in Western nations claim to be Christian, atheistic organizations have filed lawsuits to remove displays of the Ten Commandments in public places, eliminate prayers in classrooms and prevent any form of Christian education in state-supported schools—yet encouraging students to learn about and practice pagan religions!

Foundations have been established to educate the public about atheism, agnosticism and non-belief and aid clergy who want to leave their faith. Rallies have been conducted to promote atheistic ideas with attendees waving signs that “God is a myth” and “We’re godless, get used to it” (“‘Godless’ rally for recognition,” *Washington Post*, March 24, 2012). At a rally in Washington, D.C., British atheist Richard Dawkins urged a crowd of some 10,000 people to “confront believers regarding their ‘most absurd’ beliefs” and to “mock them, ridicule them in public.” Another speaker led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance—deliberately omitting the phrase “under God” (“Richard Dawkins to atheist rally: ‘Show contempt’ for faith,” *USA Today*, March 25, 2012). It is sobering to see modern militant atheists demanding “freedom from religion” in western nations that have long allowed “freedom of religion.”

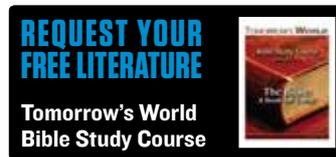


Forgotten History

The American colonies were settled primarily by British dissenters seeking religious freedom. The early colonists were 80 percent British and 98 percent Protestant. They spoke a common language, professed the same religion and shared a common set of values—and they firmly believed that lying, stealing, drunkenness,

committing adultery, divorce and homosexuality were sins as described in the Scriptures. The French writer, Alexis de Tocqueville observed in the 1800s that “the entire destiny of America” and its Anglo-Protestant culture was shaped by Puritans from England and their view of the supremacy of the Bible as a guide for human conduct (*Who Are We?*, Samuel Huntington, pp. 18-19, 64-65).

However, in recent decades, all this has changed—in Europe, Britain and in America—with the rise of forces hostile to this historic Christian heritage. Behaviors that were once condemned as sinful are now accepted and promoted as normal. Laws now prohibit prayers and the mention of God’s name in school classrooms. Divorce and killing unborn babies are sanctioned and rates are growing. In nations that once called themselves “Christian,” militant atheists, agnostics and homosexuals now parade openly and mock those who actually believe in the Scriptures and the God of the Bible. East Anglia, where the Puritans came from, is now considered “the atheist capital” of England and a “pretty godless place” (“We do things differently in Norfolk,” *The Guardian*, March 3, 2009).



Time of Reckoning

What many fail to realize today, is that *God does exist* and Bible prophecies that foretold the rise of unbelief and end-time hostility to the Christian faith also reveal that judgment will come on nations that turn away from their biblical heritage. Over three thousand years ago, Moses prophesied, “in the latter days” the Israelite-descended nations will turn away from God and become “utterly corrupt” (Deuteronomy 31:29). The prophet Jeremiah warned that Israelite peoples would “forsake” God and turn to idolatry and the “noble seed” would become a “degenerate plant” (Jeremiah 2). The prophet Hosea foretold, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected Me, I will reject you... because you have forgotten the law of the Lord, I will forget your children... I will punish them for their ways, and reward them for their deeds” (Hosea 4:6-9). We are watching these ancient prophecies *come alive* today!

—Douglas S. Winnail

ment decision as to his way of life; or, from allowing resentment in his heart toward either God or some person who may have wronged him. To allow resentment to embitter him, until he comes to change his whole life course, turning from God” (*What Do You Mean, ‘The Unpardonable Sin’?*, 1972, p. 34).

Hurt feelings often lead to resentment, and resentment turns to hate and bitterness. Are you resentful and hateful toward someone? We must always be on guard against such feelings. Remember: “Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him” (1 John 3:15). If you have those feelings, you need to overcome them by choosing to fear God and choosing to understand the seriousness of hate and resentment.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave another antidote to feelings of hate and desires for revenge. “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust” (Matthew 5:43–45).

Yes, this is a revolutionary way of life. It is the antithesis of today’s selfish, covetous, me-first philosophy. But it is the way of life taught by the Son of God, and the way of life everyone in the Millennium—Christ’s future 1,000-year rule on earth—will learn. Try it! Actually get down on your knees—and pray for the welfare of someone you may even hate. You will be surprised at the relief of stress you will experience.

Be confident that God, in His judgment, will avenge injustice. As the Apostle Paul wrote: “Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord” (Romans 12:19). When our time comes, we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ (14:10). Trust God to punish the wicked, just as He says.

Pursue Peace

Notice one more key to overcoming bitterness. “Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bit-

terness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled” (Hebrews 12:14–15).

Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God” (Matthew 5:9). He said: “Do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you” (Matthew 5:44). Will you take His challenge? Will you humble yourself before God and pray for your enemies? This will go a long way toward overcoming any root of bitterness you may have.

One can also lose the Holy Spirit, and go down the pathway toward the unpardonable sin, by continued neglect. Do you neglect prayer, Bible study and fellowship with converted Christians?

This world has such a pull on our interests that we can be distracted from our spiritual priorities. What is your personal goal in life? Jesus said: “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33). That should be our goal in life, according to our Savior! Neglecting our spiritual priorities leads to spiritual weakness, but God’s Spirit is the Spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind. The Apostle Paul wrote: “Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:6–7).

Without that spiritual power, we will be unable to change our lives. But God is willing to give us that gift, the most valuable gift beyond the gift of His Son for the sins of the world. What must we do? On the day of Pentecost, at the very beginning of the New Testament Church, the Apostle Peter said: “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38). Christians do receive that gift, but it is a gift that must be treasured, and even “stirred up,” as the Apostle Paul exhorted.

Continued neglect of our spiritual priorities will lead to a “care-less” attitude—an attitude that can lead to a hardened heart and the unpardonable sin. “Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away” (Hebrews 2:1). Otherwise, “how shall we escape if we neglect so





great a salvation?” (v. 3). Christians must make the commitment never to allow bitter or resentful attitudes to poison their hearts and minds. And we must make the commitment to seek the Lord while He may be found. Keep up heartfelt prayer and Bible study. Choose to stay awake spiritually. Be committed to staying spiritually active and alert!

One of the most comforting and encouraging truths of the Bible is that billions of people—individuals whom many assume are lost forever—were actually blinded spiritually. They were carnal, they were even wicked, but they never heard or understood the true gospel. Yes, they will certainly be judged, as the wicked people of Sodom and Gomorrah were judged when God poured out fire and brimstone upon them. But did these blinded people commit the unpardonable sin? Jesus spoke about those cities which should have repented at His disciples’ preaching: “Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!” (Matthew 10:15). Even the people of Sodom and Gomorrah will have their opportunity for salvation!

You Can Have Hope!

God gave His promises to the patriarch Abraham, but on the surface it appeared that fulfillment of the promises was impossible. Notice what the Bible says about Abraham’s attitude. “Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, ‘So shall thy seed be’” (Romans 4:18, *KJV*).

Abraham “against hope, believed in hope” or as the *New King James Version* states it, Abraham “contrary to hope, in hope believed.” I can identify with that. Before I became a Christian, I felt the same way. The Bible is filled with God’s promises to you. You can have an assurance, an expectation, and a hope for the future. There is not only hope, but promise—the promise of a new world, the Kingdom of God on earth and the millennial rule of Jesus Christ. I learned of Jesus’ promise to return to this earth—and that He would establish lasting world peace. Paul went on to say: “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ” (Ephesians 2:13).

If you feel cut off from God, you can be reconciled. You can have hope. You can be brought near by the blood of Christ. If you want ministerial counsel, please call or write to the Regional Office nearest you, listed on page 4 of this magazine.

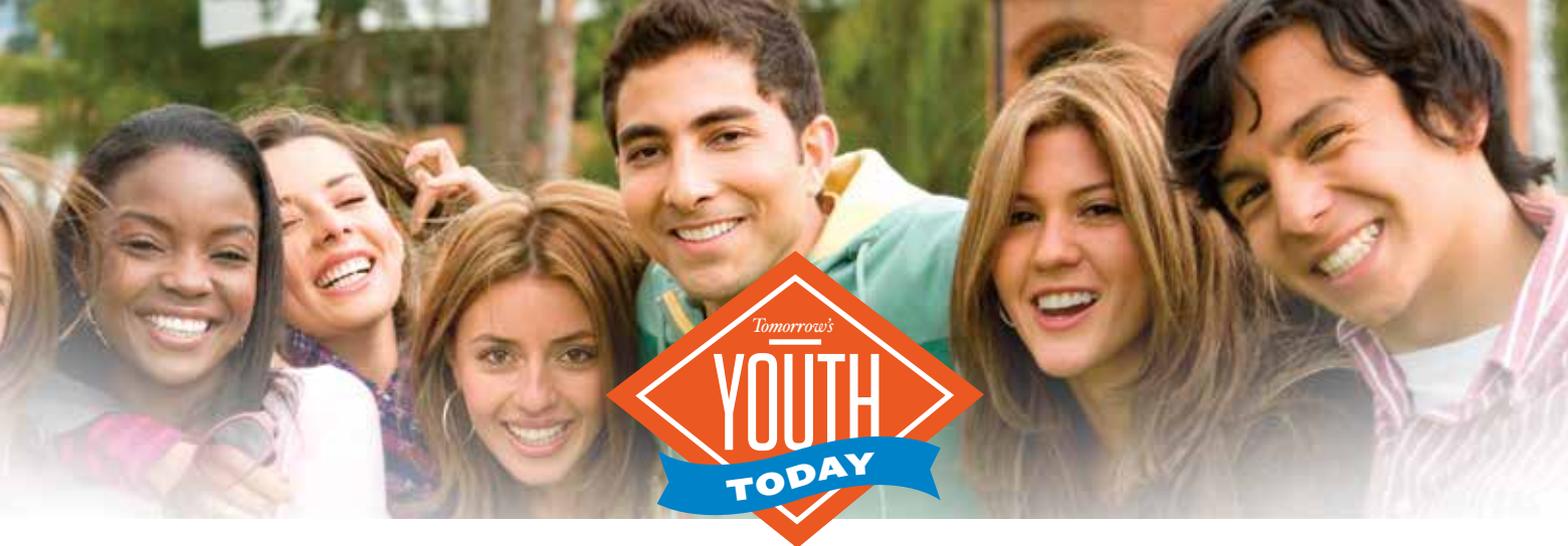
If you are committed to changing your life—if you are truly sorry for your sins and truly repent—you will be forgiven. A vital key to avoiding the unpardonable sin is always maintaining a repentant attitude. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).

We need to confess our sins to our God and Savior. Remember the tax collector whom Jesus said went home justified rather than the Pharisee? He prayed: “God, be merciful to me a sinner” (Luke 18:13). May God help you to seek Him wholeheartedly, because He is able to forgive you your sins, and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness. If we maintain this repentant attitude, we can know that we have not committed, and will not commit, the unpardonable sin! 

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Mentors Matter Much

“You’re going to need something to clean those fish.” My friend then handed me a brand-new Swiss Army knife, still in the package. He had just taught me the basics of fly-fishing in beautiful mountain springs in northwest Colorado, and now we were preparing that day’s catch for dinner.

We spent a couple of days alone camping and fishing, but for me it was an opportunity to learn from someone whom I admired for his knowledge of nature.

This was just one of many such occasions during my teen years where I benefitted from the guidance of this man I now consider a mentor—although I was unfamiliar with the term at the time. I had the wonderful opportunity to spend many hours with this man cross-country skiing, hiking and talking during this key time in my life, and now look back to realize how important his influence was on me. I ended up going to the same college he did, and his help in preparing me before attending proved to be invaluable.

However, I respected more than his knowledge. His responsible, mature example, along with his kind, giving spirit, showed me what I wanted to emulate in my life. He mentored *how to live*, and this is perhaps the greatest gift a mentor can give.

The Importance of Mentoring

What is a mentor? One dictionary defines a mentor as “an experienced and trusted adviser,” (*The New Oxford American Dictionary, Third Edition, Oxford University Press*). Strictly speaking, the role of advisor does encompass one facet of a mentor, such as when one teaches another about various aspects of a vocation.

This type of mentoring can be invaluable to someone who is trying to acquire a skill or break into a particular field.

However, mentoring can be much more than that. According to the National Mentoring Partnership, “At its most basic level, mentoring helps because it guarantees a young person that there is someone who cares about them. A child is not alone in dealing with day-to-day challenges” (“The Value of Mentoring,” *Mentoring.org*).

Caring takes mentoring beyond the role of “advisor” and elevates it to a relationship in which the mentor becomes personally invested in the long-term wellbeing of the mentee. Mentors demonstrate over time—perhaps even many years—that their relationships with the ones being mentored really do matter.

The fact is we all need the help of others as we grow to adulthood. Everything we know comes from others, and those we admire and respect the most shape much of our worldview. Especially during our formative years, a strong mentor can make a substantial difference in the direction of our lives. For young people from fractured families, a caring mentor can be a matter of life and death.

More Than a Mentor

For me, having a mentor enriched the sense of care that I already felt from my parents. Yet a good mentor can in some ways even take the place of an absent or disinterested parent. One story of successful mentoring from the National Mentoring Partnership tells of James Mackay, a young man whose father was in prison when he was born. James grew up much like his

father, surrounded by gangs and drugs. His little brother died in gang violence, and his mother was distraught almost to the point of suicide (“Abrigal and James,” *Mentoring.org*).

James was a high school dropout with no positive role models, and his future looked bleak. He heard about YouthBuild USA, a program that works with low-income young people to get their high school diplomas or GEDs while learning construction skills building affordable housing. Working with YouthBuild, James met Abrigal, an older man who spent ten years in prison and had a similar background as James. While in prison, older men challenged Abrigal and became father figures, helping him to change his life around.

“James was a young man I saw that needed help,” Abrigal says. “I figured I could be that help.” James now has his own apartment and is enrolled in school, pursuing an associate’s degree (*ibid.*).

One lesson from this story is that those who once were mentored can become effective mentors themselves. Perhaps they make the best mentors because they understand the value in mentoring. In this way, they are able to give back what they received, and possibly inspire others to do the same.

Finding Mentors

You need not be in the same situation as James to benefit from mentors. As I discovered during my teen years, forming a relationship with a respected, knowledgeable and caring older person can often enhance a young person’s life.

Sadly, we live in an age where some older people try to take advantage of younger people. Be sure to be wise



in your choice of mentors. A mentor who tries to draw you into activities that benefit him but that put you



at risk is not a proper mentor. A mentor who pushes you into activities that you know are illegal, or that are

against God’s law, should be avoided. If your relationship with a mentor causes friction with other adults in your life, be sure to seek good counsel, and trust that those who are already proven to have your best interest in mind may be right in discouraging you from a relationship that may cause harm.

Thankfully, there are many different ways to find wonderful mentors who can add immeasurably to your life. Perhaps you already know some people in your neighborhood, church or school who would enjoy the opportunity to teach a skill, share their life experiences or simply spend time with you. If there is one such person who already fills this role for you, appreciate the opportunity you have been given, and try to soak up as much as you can from this individual.

There are many youth agencies available to provide mentoring to those without other resources. A search for such agencies in the United States is available on the *Mentoring.org* Web site. If you live outside the U.S., check for similar organizations in the country where you live.

Perhaps you are at a place in your life where you can take someone under your wing to become a mentor yourself. Many older teens can be positive role models for younger children, able to help them to gain confidence and ability. If you find yourself able to be such an influence, look for opportunities to help others around you.

While looking for mentors, be sure not to overlook the special help that is always available to anyone at any time. Jesus set the perfect example of one who was all about giving for the benefit of others, and is now available to help those who seek Him. Perhaps the best way to ensure success is to learn how Jesus handled Himself in various situations. The New Testament gospel accounts record His actions and words that He said brought life (John 6:63). By striving to live as He lived, you will always be following the best possible mentor (1 John 2:6).

—Phil Sena

Does the Bible *contradict itself*? **No!** For Jesus Christ explained: “The scripture **cannot** be broken” (John 10:35).

The answer? The obvious answer for those who are willing to understand is that **no one** has ever seen the “Father.” But a number of times, Moses and others *did see* the “God of Israel”—the One who became Jesus Christ as He came into the flesh a little more than 2,000 years ago. *He* was the One who was used



by the Father to actually **create** the heavens and the earth. He was the One who gave the Ten Commandments and “spoke” to Moses and the elders of Israel and others. He was the One who later emptied Himself (Philippians 2:7) and become a human being in order to **die** as payment for ours sins. Then, **He is** the One who was resurrected and now sits at God’s right hand in heaven—our coming King and Judge.

This is the *true* Jesus Christ of the Bible. He is to be **worshiped**. For *He* is the One who will judge us, and the One who will give us life in the resurrection: “For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him” (John 5:21–23).

That very Christ whose sacrifice washes away our sins also tells us, over and over, to **obey** the commandments of God—not to disobey them! When a young man asked about the way to eternal life, Jesus stated: “But if you want to enter into life, **keep the commandments.**” When the young man asked: “Which ones?” Jesus began to **name** some of the Ten Commandments. Earlier, in a Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commanded: “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).

Lawlessness Is Not Christ’s Way!

So we are commanded by **Christ Himself** not to “break” even one of the “least” of God’s command-

ments. That is **why** near the end of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave the **warning**—cited earlier—to those who *think* they have taught the Truth or preached in Jesus’ name: “I **never** knew you; depart from Me, you who practice **lawlessness!**” (Matthew 7:23).

Jesus was definitely **not** talking about traffic laws. If we are honest, He was obviously talking about the Ten Commandments—the fundamental **law** that has always been part of the teaching of the “God of Israel” who is **now** Jesus Christ our Lord!

But, some will say, “Aren’t we just to have ‘love’ instead of an old law?” So we need to ask about the *Bible definition* of what kind of “love” God requires. Here is the Bible’s answer: “This is the **love** of God, *that we keep His commandments.* And His commandments are not burdensome” (1 John 5:3).

In carefully *reading* and **studying** all the related scriptures, we come to understand that there is a *basic unity* in the **way** which God intended human beings to live even from the beginning. For, as the Bible says: “Jesus Christ is the **same** yesterday, today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8).

All the way from the “Father of the faithful,” the patriarch Abraham, until the very **end** of the book of Revelation, the basic *way of life* God intended is clearly revealed. For the Bible reveals that our father Abraham was blessed: “*because* Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My **commandments**, My statutes, and My laws” (Genesis 26:5). Again and again, as we have seen, Jesus Christ Himself taught obedience to the Ten Commandments (Luke 16:17–18). Even the Apostle Paul—whom some in their wild imaginations suppose “did away” with God’s



commandments—stated clearly: “Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but *keeping the commandments of God is what matters*” (1 Corinthians 7:19). *How clear!*

The Law of Liberty

Jesus’ own physical brother, the Apostle James, stated emphatically: “For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. For He who said, ‘Do not commit adultery,’ also

“know about” God. But **no one** can actually “know” God—truly understand and “walk” with God—**unless** he *keeps His commandments!* He must let Christ live in Him (Galatians 2:20) and literally **obey** God’s constant instruction to do this. A true Christian will come to be aware of the true nature and character of God because he will *experience the very life of God within him* through the Holy Spirit as he “walks with God” through the power of God’s Spirit.

John constantly made clear *which commandments*

he was talking about. For, with “God” as the antecedent, John stated: “And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we *keep His commandments* and do those things that are pleasing in *His sight*” (1 John 3:22).

Finally, John was inspired to tell us at the very **end** of the entire Bible:

“Blessed are those who **do His commandments**, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city” (Revelation 22:14).

WHEN THE TRUE JESUS CHRIST LIVES HIS LIFE WITHIN US, WE CAN ACTUALLY KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS!

said, ‘Do not murder.’ Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law” (James 2:10–11). James clearly indicated that the “law” he was talking about had to do with those who “commit adultery” or who “murder.” He concluded: “So speak and so **do** as those who will be judged by the law of liberty” (v. 12).

So James defined God’s Ten Commandments as the “law of liberty.” **If** obeyed, this law would truly “free” all humanity from the scourge of war, from murder, broken homes and confused children, from being “ripped off” by your neighbor or by your merchants and from **dozens** of other “plagues” upon our modern society—a society which **refuses** to obey the spiritual law of our Creator! **Why?** Again, because they are truly **deceived** by Satan the Devil into somehow thinking God Himself has “done away” with His own *basic spiritual law!*

In a warning to all of us **not to be** deceived by confused spiritual leaders, Jesus stated: “Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone. They are **blind leaders** of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch” (Matthew 15:13–14).

Jesus’ beloved apostle, John, stated emphatically: “Now by this we know that we *know* Him, **if we keep His commandments**. He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him” (1 John 2:3–4). For a person may

Christ the Revelator!

The true Christ of the Bible is the One who “reveals” God the Father. “All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him” (Matthew 11:27). We need to recognize the fact that Jesus Christ was the One *through Whom* God created the heavens and the earth, the One who *created you* and gave you life and breath, the One who revealed Himself and spoke to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Moses and many other prophets. *He* was the One who actually gave the Ten Commandments. Then He came in human flesh and “magnified” the Ten Commandments and showed us how to keep them in the “spirit,” not just in the letter—though the Bible makes *very clear* this does **not** “do away” with keeping the letter of the Law! This Jesus Christ revealed that obedience to God’s Law is an entire *way of life* on which God’s wonderful plan for humanity is centered.

This Jesus Christ grew up as a young Jew in Israel and always *kept the seventh-day Sabbath* “as His custom was” (Luke 4:16). Again, He did **not** obey God just because He was a Jew, but because He came to “reveal



the Father” and to set us an **example** that we should follow in His steps (1 Peter 2:21).

A Magnificent Reward for His True Followers!

As we look up into the sky and see the magnificence of the sun, the moon and the entire cosmos, let us realize that **the great God of the universe** reveals Himself through Jesus Christ Who is “the **same** yesterday, today and forever.” He **always** taught His servants all the way from Abraham, to Moses, to David, to James, to Peter, to John and to the Apostle Paul to **obey** the Ten Commandments. Then, Christ *exemplified* that obedient way of life by **keeping** God’s Commandments (John 15:10). For this is the **true faith**—the genuine “way” into eternal life.

The **only** way we can actually keep His commandments and “walk” with God is through the **true** Jesus Christ living His life within us through the Holy Spirit. As the Apostle Paul clearly revealed: “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*).

For your *own good* and for your *eternal life*, please remember the Apostle James’ powerful warning: “But be **doers** of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22).

May God help you, personally, to **act** on the Truth and **surrender** to the *true* Christ as your Savior, your living Head, your High Priest and your coming King. If He is *truly* your “Lord,” you will **obey** Him and not try to “reason around” the clear statements of His inspired Word.

Dear readers, if you will sincerely “seek” God and His Truth as never before, if you will earnestly **study** His inspired Word for *true* answers, if you will **pray fervently** and ask God to help you *understand Him* and His will, He **will** hear you and answer! For the true God of the Bible—describing what our people should do in these “latter days”—tells His people: “But from there you will **seek** the LORD your God, and you will find Him *if* you seek Him with **all your heart** and with all your soul. When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the LORD your God and obey His voice” (Deuteronomy 4:29–30). TM

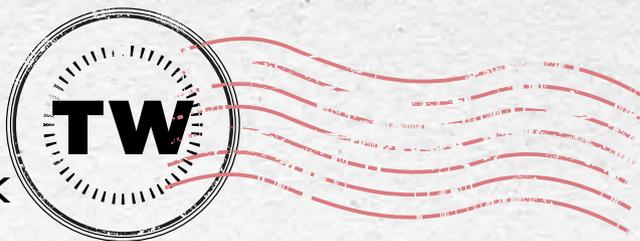
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I would like to say thank you for the books and DVDs you have sent me. I have enjoyed all, and have found the information very helpful. I enjoy your teaching as they are taken from the Bible, not from man.
C. W., Spring Gully, VIC, Australia

Recently you sent two copies of *Tomorrow's World* to a friend of mine. She has lent them to me to read and I am very impressed. You don't get teaching like this in the church. So many people haven't got a clue what's going on and they need to be told and warned.
B. M., Warrimoo, NSW, Australia

I really love your booklet *Restoring Original Christianity*. I've read a lot of books that have attempted to explicate original Christianity, but this book seems to come the closest. The image it gives of the original Church and its beliefs, compared to today's mainstream churches, is unmistakably terrifying. If this book is true, then most churches today are frankly in error. This is a great book to study, but don't forget your Bible and of course the history books than confirm these truths. Great job!
J. A., Fredericksburg, VA

I just started your *Bible Study Course* and I need to congratulate you for setting up such a wonderful program; easy to follow and meaningful to understand. Thank you, and may the good Lord bless your diligent work.
I. G., Yuma, AZ

Why did you refer to Mordecai as Esther's "uncle" when two verses in the Bible (Esther 2:7, 15) refer to him as her cousin?
J. L., Northumberland, PA

Editor's Note: The passing reference to "Uncle Mordecai" in a recent article ("Do You Seek God?," July-August 2014, p. 5) should not be taken as a statement of Esther's biological relationship to the older man who became her caretaker. Although some translations (e.g. the Latin Vulgate) directly state their relationship as uncle and niece, the original Hebrew says Esther was Mordecai's *bat dodo*—"uncle's daughter"—making them first cousins. The age difference between them might give rise to a colloquial use of "Uncle Mordecai" when describing Esther's older caretaker, but the Hebrew is clear about their relationship as cousins.

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THE Works OF HIS HANDS

The Wonder of Life in the Womb

When a mother gently places her hands upon her growing belly, contemplating the new child developing within, she is truly touching one of the great wonders of life. The creation of new human life is, indeed, a miracle. And more than a miracle—it is a miracle meant to point us *further* to the purpose of human life, itself!

Consider briefly just how much occurs in our first nine months of life.

A Human Beginning

All human life begins at *conception*—begettal—when an egg cell from a woman unites with a man’s sperm cell. Each miniscule component—an egg cell is roughly the diameter of a human hair, and the microscopic sperm cell is, by volume, the smallest in the human body—carries just half of each parent’s genetic material, or DNA. But these two cells *unite* and become *one single* cell; the two genetic halves come together to complete a *full* set of DNA and create a brand new human being! Bearing a mix of the genetic programming of both mother and father, the child now conceived will grow to resemble them both. Everything that is needed to guarantee years of hearing, “You have your father’s eyes!” or “You have your mother’s nose!” is already fixed and in place from the very beginning—from your very first cell!

At that moment, new life has come into being: new *human* life. Every human being who has ever lived, from the famous to the infamous—Leonardo da Vinci, Mohandas Gandhi, Joan of Arc, William Shakespeare, Eleanor Roosevelt, Napoleon Bonaparte—began life in this humblest of circumstances as one lone, almost microscopic cell growing in his or her mother’s body.

While a humble start, life as a single cell is only the beginning, as this brand new human life is about to undergo an amazing transformation in nine short months!

Even before the fertilized human egg has implanted in its mother’s uterus, the cell begins dividing furiously, multiplying itself over and over, crafting the machinery that will become its complete human body. The development of that body proceeds at a breathless pace.

Around three weeks after conception, the child is only about the size of the tip of a pen—and yet so much is already happening! The baby’s organs and nervous system—brain and spinal cord—are developing. Before the month is over, the child’s heart will begin beating and carrying blood throughout a rapidly growing body with a closed circulatory system.

Four to five weeks in, and facial features are beginning to develop, including eyes and jaws. Future arms and legs begin to bud from the main body design.

By only five weeks, when the child is merely the size of a shirt button, the baby’s brain begins to form the creased and crevassed look that is characteristic of the human cerebral cortex, so crucial to the advanced thinking of human beings. Brain waves have been detected in children after only one more week of this development!

Over the next couple of months, though still only reaching three or four inches in size, the child’s face develops eyes—protected by closed eyelids—lips and ears. Taste buds form, allowing the child to taste the surrounding environment, which reflects the mother’s diet. The unborn baby begins yawning, feeling, and even smelling—taking in more and more information from a rapidly expanding “world.”

Development in Weeks

period zygote		age of embryo						fetal period			
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The remaining time is spent with non-stop, continuous development, passing one milestone after another: organs mature, muscles strengthen and the baby begins moving and stretching, and lungs continually “breathe” in fluid, in anticipation of their first breath of air.

By the time the child is actually *born* into our world, he or she has already experienced a little more than nine dramatic months of life in the “world” of the womb! The child who began life as a simple, single cell, has grown within a wondrous “life support system” designed specifically to empower rapid development and nurturing, until—a mere 40 weeks later—a beautiful baby is born and ready to be embraced by the loving parents, whose muffled voices the newborn has been listening to and bonding with for months.

It is a beautiful process to consider, and one contemplated by virtually every married couple during the days of pregnancy. God’s wonders are truly demonstrated in such things.

Yet, God also uses the physical things He has designed to illustrate spiritual realities. And the picture of human reproduction depicts one of the greatest spiritual realities of all—God’s reproduction of *Himself*, and His very purpose for mankind!

An Astounding Analogy of the Divine

The picture in Scripture is crystal clear. Just as a human father imparts part of his nature to his offspring through his sperm at conception, God imparts to us His *own* nature when we repent and are baptized, by giving us His very own Spirit at baptism (Acts 2:38)! The Apostle Peter makes this plain, explaining that we become “partakers of the *divine nature*” (2 Peter 1:4).

And yet, this is only the beginning. Christians are only *begotten* with God’s Spirit at baptism—their actual *birth* into the fullness of the Family of God does not take place until the return of Jesus Christ and the resurrection, when they become “sons of the resurrection” (Luke 20:36). Just as a human child has much develop-

ing and growth to do between conception and birth, so too does a child of God!

A human child in the womb does not truly resemble the parents at first, and grows to do so day-by-day in the womb. So, too, does a child of God grow and develop in the womb of God’s Church, growing in grace and in knowledge (2 Peter 3:18) and through God’s Spirit developing the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5). Christians learn to grow toward perfection, just as their Father in heaven is perfect (Matthew 5:48).

And just as babies in the womb cannot see the parents—cannot observe in their faces, form, or features the life destined for them—until after being born into the world, so also do Spirit-begotten Christians not see the fullness of their destiny until *their* birth! As the Apostle John described, “Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is” (1 John 3:2).

At the revealing of Jesus Christ, the children of God enter the fullness of their destiny, transformed into the full likeness of God, with Spirit-bodies of power and glory forever (1 Corinthians 15:42-45)—an event so wonderful and glorious that *all creation* cries out for it like a woman in labor crying out for her child (Romans 8:19-23)!

God’s creation is not wondrous only for its amazing features of design and engineering, but also for the manner in which He uses it to paint such beautiful pictures of His marvelous plan. Our Almighty Designer is also the Almighty Artist! And using the process of human reproduction, He does, indeed, paint a beautiful picture. In that process He depicts the very purpose of mankind, and allows us to see in the eyes of every newborn child a reflection of our eternal destiny in the very Family of God.

—Wallace G. Smith



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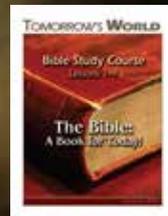
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