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Religious Confusion

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Why is there such religious confusion today?

The two largest religious bodies on earth are Roman Catholicism and Islam. Most “mainstream” Protestant churches are *losing* members by the hundreds of thousands! Meanwhile, the Mormons, Seventh-Day Adventists and Jehovah’s Witnesses are growing rapidly. So are the emotion-laden “Pentecostal” churches, which are gaining many members from the ranks of former Roman Catholics, especially in Central and South America.

What is going on? Where is it all leading?

How can *you*, personally, be sure that you *understand* the Truth about God, about eternal life and about the prophetic events that seem to be intensifying every year and affecting our world more and more?

I came to understand, and so can you. Like so many others, I grew up in a small mid-western city in a mainstream Protestant church. My parents, my two sisters and I lived on a tree-lined street in a nice middle-class neighborhood. Most of our neighbors were Protestant—with a few Roman Catholics and Jews mixed in. But we were all mainly alike—middle-class folks living in a pleasant city with shared values and expectations.

Until I reached adulthood and traveled abroad, I was only vaguely aware that the *vast majority* of people on this earth *did not* believe—and *never* have believed—in Christ, or in the teachings of “mainstream” Christianity. And only a very few are acquainted with true biblical Christian teaching.

Today, even in the professing Christian world, significant *differences* in belief and practice are becoming increasingly apparent to thoughtful people. Many Protestant churches are either ordaining or considering the ordination of *homosexuals*! Last June, the largest Presbyterian denomination in the United States voted to allow its local and regional bodies to ordain homosexuals into their church’s various ministries.

This would have seemed absolutely beyond belief and *outlandish* when I grew up. Yet our concepts of biblical Christianity have been so watered down that this becomes a “ho hum” matter to most professing Christians.

Protestants and Catholics today are increasingly unsure of what they believe. Although belief in the Trinity has long been a cornerstone of their beliefs, many of today’s churches now acknowledge that doctrine in only a vague and watered-down manner. Earlier this year, Presbyterian officials “voted to allow the denomination’s churches to use the phrase ‘compassionate mother, beloved child, and life-giving womb’ instead of ‘Father, Son, and Holy Spirit’ when referring to the Trinity. This was just one of the 12 phrases approved by the Assembly as permissible substitutions for the traditional names of the Godhead, another being ‘rock, cornerstone, and temple.’ When one California pastor was asked how he felt about the new terminology for the Trinity, he told the *Los Angeles Times* newspaper, ‘You might as well put in Huey, Dewey, and Louie.’ That minister is not alone in his sentiments—another conservative Presbyterian theologian and pastor is similarly expressing disgust at what he describes as the denomination’s move to ‘alter a major doctrine of the Christian faith’” (*Agape Press*, July 10, 2006).

Of course, most of these people fail to realize that the Trinity itself is not a part of the true Christian faith, but was added later by leaders who hoped to attract new converts by adding to “Christianity” the doctrines of earlier pagan religions.

It is also vital for you to realize that most “mainstream” churches *do not* acknowledge that we are in the “end times” predicted by the Bible. Mainstream preachers are totally unsure whether or not Christ will literally return to this earth—or, if He returns—whether He will return soon or perhaps a *thousand years* from now! Note what famous evangelist Billy Graham wrote in his own newspaper column: “Nor do we know when Christ will come back to earth—and the Bible tells us not to try setting the exact date for his coming. Yes, it could be before you finish reading this sentence—but it also could be a thousand years from now” (*Charlotte Observer*, Sept. 8, 2003).

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Genuine Financial Security

By Roderick C. Meredith

How can you be absolutely sure of your financial future? How can you know that God will be with you?

Most Americans realize that their nation's debt is *astronomical*! A financial "iceberg" is slowly moving toward the ship America. In the next few years, the dollar will be dropping even further in relation to European and Asian currencies. A real estate downturn has already begun. *Millions* of lost jobs will ensue. An *upheaval* in society is probable because of the growing problems caused by financial indebtedness. Some will lose homes directly because of financial difficulties; others will suffer through disasters such as prophesied hurricanes, earthquakes, droughts and *disease epidemics*.

In a time of such danger and uncertainty, there is only *one* way to be truly certain that the great God of creation is with you personally, spiritually and financially. Yet it is amazingly simple—you must be willing and eager to obey your Creator and to let the real Jesus Christ of the Bible truly live His life in you in all you think, say and do!

In His word—the Bible—Jesus Christ often told His followers to do exactly this. However, because God and Christ are not "real" even to most professing Christians, the vast majority neglect or "water down" Jesus' clear instructions about how to conduct their

lives, and fail to realize how completely God *controls* our personal and financial destiny.

In Matthew 6, Jesus Christ instructed us not to “worry” about the physical necessities of food, clothing and material goods. Jesus said, “For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things” (Matthew 6:32). Then, the Son of God told us what we should do to *ensure* our physical and financial well-being: “*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you*” (v. 33).

So, we certainly must look forward to—and prepare for—Christ’s return to this earth as King of kings. We are to “seek” God’s righteousness, and we are to do *His* will in our lives. As the Apostle John—Jesus’ “beloved apostle”—was inspired to tell us: “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).

Interestingly, the Sabbath commandment not only tells us to rest on the *seventh day*, it also commands us to *work* on the other days. “Six days *you shall* labor and do all your work” (Exodus 20:9). Yet we have created a society in which people often live on welfare, take early retirement or find other reasons not to work or to be productive! As a result, they often fall into financial difficulties.

Also, because of our emphasis on pleasure and “having fun,” millions of modern people simply coast through the day and do *not* really work hard and genuinely try to be productive. Yet the inspired Word of God tells us, “Whatever your hand finds to do, *do it with your might*; for there is

no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going” (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

Do Your Part With ZEAL

If you truly want God’s *blessing* and guidance in your financial life, you will need to plan, educate yourself and prepare for gainful employment that allows you to be truly *productive* during the six working days of each week. And you will *do your best*. You will work “with your might” as God tells us.

The Apostle Paul also instructs us, “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men” (Colossians 3:23). Real Christians will “heartily” work at their chosen jobs. They will educate themselves so as to constantly “grow” in their jobs or professions. They will *think* about how they can accomplish more and better serve their employers, their families—and their God!

Also, truly wise Christians will learn to totally avoid going into debt far beyond their means. *This is vital*. For, as most of you have read and heard often, millions of Americans, Canadians and Britons are *massively* in debt. They live far beyond their means—buying things they do not really need with money they do not actually have. They are voracious *consumers*. They are “hooked” on the idea of having more and more material goods even though they rarely *need* the latest gadgets, toys and “things” that advertisers continually put in front of them.

Now, American consumers are finding that their past borrowing binge is coming back to haunt them. The home mortgage debt in America has surged at double digit rates every quarter for the

past several years. Americans now owe about **nine trillion** dollars on their mortgages alone—*double* what they owed in the year 2000!

So personal bankruptcies and home foreclosures are increasing. Retail sales are disappointing. The American economy is headed for terrible trouble—*big time*!

Earlier this year, the Press Association of Great Britain released some shocking news: “Government figures are expected to show a record number of people went bankrupt this spring. Financial services group KPMG predicts the number of people who went into insolvency in England and Wales between April and June rocketed to 27,000. That is the highest figure ever and well above the 15,645 in the same period last year and the 23,351 who went through the courts between January and March this year. And KPMG believes the total number of people going bankrupt in 2006 will exceed 100,000 for the first time—the equivalent of one every minute of the working day. The figures from the Insolvency Service come a day after the Bank of England raised interest rates for the first time for two years—leaving millions of homeowners facing higher mortgage repayments” (“Record number declared bankrupt,” August 4, 2006).

In all of these and other ways, *intelligent* Christians will do all they can to be productive, to genuinely *earn* their daily bread. But such Christians will also *in faith* look beyond their own human efforts, and will seek *God’s direct blessing* in achieving physical and financial security.

For only the very God of creation can protect us and our families from crippling illness, storms, earthquakes, fires and other “natural” catastrophes. *Only* the true

God can *guarantee* that we will **never** be destitute or starving. God's word tells us, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning" (James 1:17). God also inspired His servant David to tell us pointedly, "I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread" (Psalm 37:25). So, the God of creation truly does take care of those who serve Him and do His will.

Yet, though most do not seem to realize it, there is a *vital* instruction from God that has been almost totally neglected by most who call themselves Christians today—even though they enjoy tremendous blessings from God. Sadly, the majority of people in the United States and British-descended nations neglect this vital instruction, though the God they ignore has *blessed* and *blessed* these nations beyond all other peoples on earth with material blessings. God gave these blessings because of His *promises* to Abraham, which we explain thoroughly in our revealing and powerful booklet, *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*. Please request your *free* copy of this booklet if you have not yet read it!

The great God is working out an awesome **purpose**. He is *now* beginning to intervene more and more powerfully in world affairs in specific ways which this Work—the Work behind the *Tomorrow's World* magazine and *Tomorrow's World* telecast—is revealing to you. And the Creator God *will not be mocked*. The professing Christian peoples—and *entire nations* in the "Western" world—are coming under a

divine *curse* because most have not obeyed the Creator in a very fundamental way.

God's Financial LAW

Speaking primarily to the *modern* descendants of the "House of Israel"—including specifically the American and British-descended peoples—God challenges us in His inspired word: "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. *Bring all the tithes into the*

storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,' says the LORD of hosts, 'If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,' says the LORD of hosts" (Malachi 3:8–11).

For *your own good*, please do not think that those inspired instructions are just some obsolete teachings for men of past ages. They are **not obsolete at all!** The *law of tithing* is what God intended for His faithful people from the very beginning—and which *Jesus Christ Himself* validated in His own teaching. The tithing principle is *real*—and

those who disobey it do so at their own peril.

The Creator God is the "Landowner" of the entire earth. We all need to realize that we are living on *His* earth, breathing *His* air, drinking *His* water and eating *His* food. This great God is not "real" to most people. But, as He begins to intervene more and more in *powerful* ways—ways we

are explaining to you regularly in the pages of this magazine—you who understand will see that God is very *much alive!* His word is **true**, and His laws and ways are *living laws*—as real as the law of gravity!

In the New Testament, the prophet Abraham is in several places called the "father" of

the faithful (Romans 4:1, 11, 16). The book of James also calls Abraham the "**friend of God**" (James 2:23). In that very passage, referring to Abraham's example, God tells us that "faith without works is **dead**" (v. 26).

You and I may *say* that we "believe" in God and in Christ. But unless we are willing to *obey* our Creator, then our faith is "dead." So we must be willing to actively *seek out God's will*, and to **do** what God clearly indicates is His will in every part of our lives—in our marriages and families, in our businesses **and** in financial matters.

God certainly reveals His "mind"—His will and *the way He thinks*—in the pages of the Bible. Most genuine Christians realize this, but they often fail to follow through on it, or they "water



down” many clear examples and instructions from God if they do not please them or fit into their lives conveniently.

Tithing may not *seem* “convenient.” Many people think they “can’t afford to tithe.” Yet, from decades of experience, I can tell you that I have personally seen *thousands* of people blessed and protected physically, financially and in many other ways because of their willingness to *put God first* in every aspect of their lives—including their financial choices.

Even Abraham, the very “father” of the faithful—who lived *long before* there was even such a thing as an “Old Covenant”—faithfully *practiced tithing*. God reveals this to us clearly in His word.

God granted Abraham a remarkable victory over the pagan kings who had kidnapped his young relative, Lot. What happened next? “So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people” (Genesis 14:16). These “goods” which Abraham brought back were **not** “earned” by his normal work of raising crops or herds. So although God specifically tells us to tithe on our “increase”—our income or the produce of our fields—Abraham’s example shows that as a principle it can be applied to *any wealth* God grants us!

When Abraham returned with all these goods that God had so remarkably granted him, “Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said: ‘Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most

High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.’ *And he gave him a tithe of all*” (vv. 18–20).

Here—long before tithing was introduced as part of the “Old Covenant”—God reveals that Abraham, the spiritual “father” of all true Christians, *tithed* to God. In the New Testament, Christ called Abraham, Isaac and Jacob the patriarchs of His Church and His true people. So it is significant that the patriarch Jacob *also* acknowledged the principle of tithing. When Jacob surrendered to God, he made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, so that I come back to my father’s house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God. And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God’s house, and of all that You give me *I will surely give a tenth to You*” (Genesis 28:20–22).

Most people who have any familiarity with the Bible recognize that a “tithe” means a **tenth**. God requires that His faithful servants *pay* Him—as the “Landowner” and Governor of all that is—a certain rent as an acknowledgment of His sovereignty. Abraham did this, Jacob did this and—as we shall see—Jesus Christ also acknowledges this continuing **law** of our Creator.

Jesus’ Inspired Teaching

In the New Testament, we find that Jesus Christ often rebuked the scribes and Pharisees—the religious leaders of His day—because of their emphasis on all the “picky” points not only from the law of Moses, but especially from their humanly devised “religious traditions” not

found in Scripture. Yet, in the very midst of correcting them for their wrong emphasis, Jesus acknowledged that **tithing** “ought” to be done! Jesus told them, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. *These you ought to have done, without leaving the others* [i.e. **tithing**] *undone*” (Matthew 23:23). In His powerful rebuke, Jesus showed that the Pharisees had neglected such vital matters as *justice, mercy* and “faithfulness”—as the NKJV “faith” ought to be translated. The Pharisees were not demonstrating the personal concern and kindness that God requires of all faithful Christians, as in His command to “love our neighbors as ourselves” (Matthew 22:39). But Jesus also admonished the Pharisees **not** to leave tithing “undone!”

So the “other” matter—**tithing** carefully—ought **not** to have been left “undone!” This is the very clear meaning of this verse, as many scholars acknowledge. The matter of *tithing* was given to Abraham *long before* the Old Covenant. It was administered in a specific way through the Levites when that system was being followed, and now **remains** as a **law** of God for true Christians who are willing to follow the “faith of Abraham” today!

God Looks on the “Heart” of His People

My friends, we are definitely at the **end** of an age. As the events swirling around us indicate, God is now beginning to intervene in world affairs in increasingly powerful ways. He—through His servants and His true Church—is

preparing the way for Jesus Christ's return as King of kings!

God wants *all* of us to be in His Kingdom, each in due time. But, first, He has to know where our "heart" is. Jesus Christ tells us, "And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'—as I also have received from My Father" (Revelation 2:26–27).

It is the *overcomers* who, in the Millennium, will join Christ in ruling over the nations of this earth, ending centuries of confusion and war. God will give this privilege to those who are *zealous* in serving their Maker—not to those who are "lukewarm." In fact, describing people living in the very last era before His return, Jesus said, "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth" (Revelation 3:16). God wants each of us—those who will be part of His coming "team" of saints resurrected to rule the earth—to be "on fire" *now* for His Kingdom, for His purpose and for His great commission to *powerfully proclaim His message* to a dying world while we have the opportunity.

So, to those who are looking for an excuse—for *any possible* way to deny the need to tithe—God's word clearly indicates that they are pursuing a *lost cause*! Such people are **not** truly surrendered to God. They are **not** fervently involved in wanting to do His will, nor do they want to proclaim Christ's message to the world with all of their being.

Once, when Jesus was questioned about missing His lunch, He replied, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to *finish His work*" (John 4:34). Jesus

went on to tell us that we should all do our part in "reaping the harvest" of those whom God is calling at this time. He said, "And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together" (v. 36).

Indeed, you will **not** be "worse off" because of giving to your Creator a **full tithe** of your income and any other "increase" you may receive (Proverbs 3:9)! Rather, you will "receive wages" which lead to **eternal life**! You will be given a greater position of honor and opportunity if your "heart" is truly in doing God's will and helping in the proclamation of His message in every way you can.

It is in that spirit that I urge *all* of you to practice God's law of tithing. It is in that spirit that I encourage all of you to ascertain *where Christ is working*—to be sure that you pay your tithe to the **true** representatives of Christ who are teaching *His message* to the world today, explaining *His inspired prophecies* and actually doing *His Work* at this time. Remember that the book of Malachi is a kind of "bridge book" between the Old and New Testaments. It is definitely pointing—time after time—to the New

Testament and to what God's people ought to be doing *today*.

Remember what God tells us in this inspired prophecy: "Will a man **rob God**? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In **tithes and offerings**" (Malachi 3:8). Those who try to do away with tithing, and neglect God's instruction to give additional offerings, will be severely **shaken** in the day of God's wrath!

Yet God reveals that those who faithfully **obey** their Creator in this vital financial matter will be **blessed** in many ways. He promises to "open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10). Although God promises *no one* that he or she will be a millionaire, God will **never** forsake those who are truly faithful to Him (Hebrews 13:5). He will watch over them, bless them financially, protect them and guide them as they learn to "walk with Him" in sincerity and truth. May God help us to understand, and to *do* what His word clearly reveals. May God help each of us do *our part zealously* in carrying out His Work at the end of this age! ■

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Questions & Answers

Question: The Bible mentions a number of “giants,” such as Goliath. Who or what are they? Are they human beings, or are they something different? Do they still exist?

Answer: The Bible tells us that beings of giant physical stature lived both before and after the Flood (Genesis 6:4; Deuteronomy 2:10–12, 20–23). After the Flood, giants appear in the Bible as descendants of Ham’s son Canaan; they were living in Canaan when Moses sent agents to spy out the land (Numbers 13:1–2, 32–33).

Og, King of Bashan, was the last recorded giant east of the Jordan River (Joshua 12:4; 13:12). After Joshua’s conquest of Canaan (Joshua 11:21–22), a few giants continued living in the Philistine cities of Gaza, Gath and Ashdod. These giants terrorized the Israelites from the time they entered into Canaan until late in the reign of King David. One of those giants was Goliath, whom David killed. King David and his “mighty men” also encountered other giants (2 Samuel 21:16–22; 1 Chronicles 20:4–8).

Some point to a passage in Genesis as evidence that these giants were the offspring of angels mating with human women: “Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose” (Genesis 6:1–2).

It is important to realize that although God sometimes does call angels His sons (Job 38:7), the Genesis 6 description of “sons of God” cannot be referring to angels, because angels were created as spirit beings. Each angel was brought into individual existence, complete, without the need or the ability to reproduce. As spirit beings, angels cannot mate with human beings. We know this from Jesus Christ’s own words, describing what happens when mortal human beings are born as spirit beings at the resurrection: “And Jesus answered and said to

them, ‘The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection’” (Luke 20:34–36; cf. Matthew 22:30; Mark 12:25). Only God the Son, who has all creative power, has ever crossed the gap between spirit and flesh, which He did when being born as Jesus Christ (Philippians 2:7).

To claim that angels had the ability to create flesh (the giants) from spirit is not only illogical—it is blasphemy.

Who, then, were the sons of God mentioned in Genesis 6? They were powerful and famous men whose offspring, before the Flood, became famous in their time. Scripture does not tell us specifically, but many Bible scholars believe they could be the godly seed of Seth. Another important detail we should notice is that Scripture does *not* say that the giants *originated* from the unions described in Genesis 6; rather, the giants *already existed at that time*. “There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them” (Genesis 6:4).

These giants, known as the Nephilim, did not survive the Flood. The existence of other giants known as Rephaim was noted after the flood, but even these giants disappear from the biblical accounts from approximately 1000bc onward, or after the time of King David. In any case, Scripture gives no indication that these giants were anything other than large human beings who will share in the same ultimate destiny as all other human beings.



Why Has Utopia Failed?

By Rod McNair

Will there ever be a time of peace on the earth? What will it mean to you?

Would you like to live in a better world—a world filled with peace, equity, happiness and prosperity for every man, woman and child? Most of us would. But why does such a world seem so far out of reach?

For thousands of years, philosophers have debated: What would a perfect world be like? How would it come about? Yet, in spite of all their ideas and efforts, human beings have not been able to create a perfect world. Why not? Has Utopia failed—or is it even possible?

The term “Utopia” to describe a perfect world was first coined by Sir Thomas More, in 1518. More wrote a novel depicting a fantastic new society, free from problems. More set this seemingly perfect society on an island, and gave it the name “Utopia.” Since then, “Utopia” has become a kind of shorthand for a perfect place.

But did you realize, utopia literally means “no place”? The Greek *ou* means “no” and *topos* means

“place.” Even More knew that the place he wrote about was only imaginary. Indeed, there is “no place” on earth where human beings are all living together in real peace, with real harmony, experiencing lives free of worry, stress or pain. Rather, everywhere we look we see problems—poverty, crime, hunger, disease, war and corruption.

Truly, Utopia does not exist on earth. But why not? Is it because we are not educated? Eighteenth century British philosophers Jeremy Bentham and James Mill believed that “with universal education all serious social problems would be solved by the end of the century.” But were all social problems solved by 1800? Of course not!

Nineteenth century Russian philosopher Mikhail Bakunin rejected the idea of divine law. “The first revolt is against the supreme tyranny of theology, of the phantom of God. As long as we have a master in heaven, we will be slaves on earth” (*Pleasures of Philosophy*, Will Durant, p. 279). Bakunin envisioned

a world where education would make obsolete the need for God or state. “Bakunin... predicted that education would spread so rapidly that by 1900 the state would be unnecessary, and men would obey only the laws of nature” (*ibid.*).

But he, like Bentham and Mill, was proved wrong.

Neither did the 20th century bring Utopia. Indeed, the two most destructive wars in all of human history were fought in the first half of that century. In World War I, as many as one out of every seven adult males on earth was in uniform—more than 50 million men. Thirteen million died while fighting. And World War II was even more devastating. In World War I, just 5 percent of those killed were civilians, but in World War II, fully half of the casualties were civilian noncombatants. With 50 different countries involved in the conflict, World War II was truly a *world* war. The United States alone sent 16 million men to fight in that war, and around the world the estimated death toll is as high as 60 million. Truly, it was, “the bloodiest conflict, as well as the largest war, in history...” (“Second World War,” *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 15th ed.).

Time has not brought us closer to Utopia. So, maybe we just need more time? Surely, if given enough time, humanity will figure it out, and find the way to make a perfect society, yes? That is what the Marquis de Condorcet, a French philosopher, thought in 1793 when he said, “No bounds have been fixed to the improvement of the human faculties; the perfectibility of man is absolutely indefinite; the progress of this perfection... has no other limit than the duration of the globe upon which nature has placed us” (Durant, p. 243).

Is that what history teaches us? Or, if we look at the track record of mankind, should we expect that poverty, disease, corruption and war will become even more deadly, if we are left to our own devices?

What Man's Efforts Will Bring

Bible prophecy foretells that there will be a coming war so devastating that World War I and World War II will pale by comparison. “Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, ‘Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates’... Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million, and I heard the number of them” (Revelation 9:13–16).

That army will swoop into the Middle East from the east, and its arrival will lead to a climactic battle for control of the whole earth. What will be the result? “And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths” (vv. 17–18).

Scripture makes plain that this is where human beings, by themselves, will go—into chaos, destruction and death. Mankind does not know the way to peace, and its crowning achievement, at the end of our modern era, will be to very nearly wipe out every

human being on earth. In fact, it is only through God's grace and mercy that humanity will escape total annihilation.

Notice what Jesus said about the end times: “For the trouble at that time will be far more terrible than any there has ever been, from the beginning of the world to this very day. Nor will there ever be anything like it again. But God has already reduced the number of days; had he not done so, nobody would survive. For the sake of his chosen people, however, God will reduce the days” (Matthew 24:21–22, *Good News Translation*).

Yes, to save us from the certainty of total cosmocide, Jesus Christ will return to earth, and intervene powerfully and decisively!

What will it take to have Utopia on earth? What is the missing ingredient in our search for a new and better world? Notice what the Apostle John wrote about the condition of mankind at the end of this age: “But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; and they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts” (Revelation 9:20).

John describes our sinful world, where billions routinely break the Ten Commandments, which God gave mankind to regulate society and teach us how to love each other—and how to love God. Yes, this is the missing ingredient: obedience to the laws of God. Billions today think they can achieve happiness by becoming free from law—especially from God's law. But God says just

the opposite. Ancient King David knew this, when he wrote these inspiring words in the Psalms: “Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD!” (Psalm 119:1). “Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it” (v. 35). “Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes them to stumble” (v. 165).

David knew the blessings of God’s law. He did not think that “freedom” meant the freedom to murder another person, or steal their possessions. Many today believe the false notion that law brings unhappiness, and that unrestrained liberty brings absolute joy. However, God reveals that His law brings true liberty—James even calls the Ten Commandments “the law of liberty” (James 1:25; 2:12).

God’s law is also called the “royal law.” We read: “If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you do well” (James 2:8). When James called God’s law the “royal” law, he meant the Ten Commandments. In case there might be any doubt, he names two of them: “For He who said, ‘Do not commit adultery,’ also said, ‘Do not murder.’ Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law” (v. 11).

Christ had come to “fulfill” the law, not to destroy it (Matthew 5:17). Christ—as the very same God who had given the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai (for more on this topic, please write for our free reprint article, “Who Was the God of the Old Testament?”)—showed His apostles and followers how to live the full spiritual application of that law, through His love.

Many who call themselves Christians mistakenly think that Jesus, by emphasizing love, was doing away with God’s law. But what did the apostles think “love” meant? “Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments” (1 John 5:1–2). Yes, as we love God, we will obey Him, which means to keep His commandments. Note also: “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome” (v. 3).

God’s Law, or Man’s?

Even this world’s philosophers usually admit that a perfect society will be ruled by law. The disagreement is over what the laws should be. The philosopher Bertrand Russell summed up what the Greek philosopher Plato considered an ideal society. Plato “proceeds to apply his communism to the family. Friends, he says, should have all things in common, including women and children. He admits that this presents difficulties, but thinks them not insuperable... Marriage, as we know it, will be radically transformed... [‘These women shall be, without exception, the common wives of these men, and no one shall have a wife of his own.’]” (*A History of Western Philosophy*, p. 108).

What about children? Here is what Plato envisioned: “All children will be taken away from their parents at birth, and great care will be taken so that no parents shall know who are their children, and no children shall know who are their parents... Since no one knows who his parents are, he is to call everyone ‘father’ whose age

is such that he might be his father, and similarly as regards ‘mother’ and ‘brother’ and ‘sister’...

Mothers are to be between twenty and forty, fathers between twenty-five and fifty-five. Outside these ages, intercourse is to be free, but... abortion or infanticide is to be compulsory” (*ibid.*).

That is what Plato thought would be the ultimate happy, peaceful society. Does that sound to you like an ideal world? Would it build stable and healthy relationships? Would it build trust, friendship and fulfillment? Would it build close and loving families? Of course not!

Yet, sadly, modern society has in some ways moved closer to Plato’s ideal than to God’s. Traditional marriage is under assault, by some who believe it is unnecessary, and by others who want to redefine it in an unprecedented way. Millions of children, born out of wedlock, do not know their fathers. Why does this approach inevitably fail? God gave the very simple answer with His law: “You shall not commit adultery” (Exodus 20:14). God designed society; He knows that family is the building block of society, and that when you destroy it, you destroy society. God instructed us: “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you” (Exodus 20:12). A society in which children fail to honor their parents will quickly fall apart. And a society where parents may legally murder their unborn children is far from a Utopia. Have the 43 million children aborted in the United States since 1973 experienced Utopia?

Indeed, modern Western society is moving closer and closer to Plato’s “ideal”—but what has that move brought us?

More fulfillment? More joy? Or has it brought regret, pain and heartache?

Even in the realm of politics, we are moving closer to what Plato envisioned. Read what he taught about the importance of lying: “Lying, Plato says explicitly, is to be a prerogative of the government.... There is to be ‘one royal lie,’ which, Plato hopes, may deceive the rulers, but will at any rate deceive the rest of the city. This ‘lie’ is set forth in considerable detail... The most important part of it is the dogma that God has created men of three kinds, the best made of gold, the second best of silver, and the common herd of brass and iron. Those made of gold are fit to be guardians; those made of silver should be soldiers; the others should do the manual work... It is thought hardly possible to make the present generation believe this myth, but the next, and all subsequent generations can be so educated as not to doubt it” (Russell, p. 108).

Plato taught that it was the government’s right—even its responsibility—to lie to its citizens. How does that sound today, in our world where many governments have been caught lying to their citizens? Have those lies brought about Utopia? Lying is a plague in modern society. One estimate suggests that 91 percent of Americans lie regularly—and that they most often lie to those closest to them (*The Day America Told the Truth*, p. 45). When you find out that someone has lied to you, how does it make you feel? Does it bring you closer, or do you feel hurt, betrayed and let down?

God does not deceive, and He commanded His people not to practice the way of deception. The Ninth Commandment plainly instructs: “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor” (Exodus 20:16).

Utopia for You?

In your own life, have you fallen victim to the myth that God’s law is harsh, unkind and restrictive? Or are you willing to test His law to see if it works as He says it does? When Jesus Christ returns to earth, as King of kings and Lord of lords, He will teach—and exemplify—God’s law. But Christians today can experience the blessings and benefits of that law, right now, by putting it into practice in their own lives.

What will the world be like when Christ rules it through His law? We read: “Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem” (Isaiah 2:2–3).

This is not a fantasy or an allegory. Jerusalem will be the seat of God’s Kingdom, from which Jesus Christ will rule the earth, based on the solid foundation of His law. Then, the world will experience unprecedented peace. Wars will cease: “He [God] shall judge

between the nations, and shall rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore” (Isaiah 2:4).

Truly, the earth will then be at peace: “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain” (Isaiah 11:6–9).

That world is coming. It is not just a dream. Human beings, who have for thousands of years sought to build Utopia on their own, will find under God’s rule the peace and prosperity they have never achieved by themselves. Why will this finally be possible? Because “the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea” (Isaiah 11:9). We all await that day. But each of us can begin living that life right now, and experiencing today the blessings that the rest of humanity will finally taste in Tomorrow’s World. ■

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Spiritual Blindness Prophesied!



Why is the Bible a mystery to so many people today? Why do professing Christians who read the same Bible develop so many different ideas about doctrine? Why do ministers fail to preach what the Bible plainly states? Why is modern “Christianity” so dramatically different from apostolic Christianity? The answers to these important questions are found in a series of biblical prophecies that are *coming alive today!*

Widespread Biblical Ignorance

Historically, America, Canada, Australia, much of Europe, South America and parts of Africa have been called “Christian” cultures. Yet numerous studies reveal that modern “consumer Christianity” is very superficial, that “adherents are poorly educated in the faith” and that widespread ignorance about the Bible and Christian doctrine abounds (*The Empty Church*, Reeves, pp. 61–63). Pollsters describe America as “a nation of biblical illiterates” where “only four in ten Americans know that Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount; fewer than half of all adults can name the four Gospels of the New Testament; only three in ten teenagers know why Easter is celebrated... More than half of all Americans read the Bible less than once a month... including 24 percent who say they *never* read it” (*ibid.*). Studies show that fewer than 30 percent of Americans attend church in a given week, and among Europeans that figure drops below 10 percent. In many Western nations, “mainline Christian” churches have been losing members for decades. Given these figures, it is not surprising that many professing Christians have scant knowledge of Scripture, and know very little about the history and development of their doctrinal beliefs.

One cause of this decline is the way churches train their future leaders. Observers note that seminaries

that train clergy “are routinely dominated by the left” (Reeves, p. 19). Through a left-leaning curriculum, new clergy are radicalized, and are shaped by an intellectual atmosphere “awash in anti-supernatural assumptions” (*ibid.*). Many modern divinity students “don’t know the names of half the books in the Bible, whether Calvin lived before or after Augustine, what it means to say that Christ descended to the dead or acted ‘in accordance with the Scriptures,’ what the wrath of God means or how to understand the final judgment of the quick and the dead” (*ibid.*).

Under the influence of modern biblical criticism, “Jesus’s miracles become inventions of the early church. Accounts of God’s intervention on behalf of the people of Israel become legends and myths. Expressions of hope in the coming of Christ as a future event in God’s redemptive work become the wishful projection of unfulfilled expectations of Jesus’ early followers” (*ibid.*). As a result of this mis-education of future religious leaders, “graduates often emerge with little faith in the integrity of the Scriptures, a minimal grasp of church history and orthodox theology, and armloads of politically correct positions on social and political issues” (*ibid.*). One worried theologian observes, “We have lost the Scriptural and doctrinal underpinnings” of Christian faith (*ibid.*).

Deviant Doctrines

Considering the various influences that have drawn people away from the Truth for so many years, it is not surprising that modern “Christianity” *differs greatly* from the apostolic Christianity of the Bible—though most professing Christians today do not realize this fact. Scripture plainly shows that Jesus, His disciples and the early Church observed the seventh-day Sabbath and the biblical Holy Days (Luke 4:16; John 7:1–10, 37; Acts 17:2; 18:21). Yet most professing Christians worship on Sunday—and observe Christmas and Easter as religious holidays, though there is no biblical command to do so—indeed, Scripture condemns practices associated with these holidays, which historical sources reveal were appropriated from paganism.

Many professing Christians believe they will go to heaven, yet the Bible states, “No one has ascended up to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is,

the Son of Man [Jesus]" (John 3:13; see also Acts 2:29, 34; 13:36). Many consider the gospel message to be just "accept Jesus and you'll be saved," yet Scripture reveals that "Jesus came preaching the gospel of the *kingdom of God*" (Mark 1:13-14). Scripture shows that His kingdom will be set up on the earth when He returns (Revelation 11:15-18), that the saints will reign with Him on this earth (Revelation 5:10) and that God's law will be taught to everyone (Isaiah 2:2-4; 9:6-7; 11:9).

Although apostolic Christianity proclaimed these inspiring aspects of Jesus' true gospel, later theologians influenced by pagan philosophy questioned and eventually denounced these teachings as heresy (see *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Gibbon, chapter 15). Most professing Christians today are "blind" to these important historical and biblical facts, because modern clergy and theologians either do not know or do not preach about these issues. But why is this blindness so widespread among people who profess to believe in Christianity?

Blindness Foretold

The Bible reveals that when God's people do not obey Him, He allows a spirit of blindness to come over them, "because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments... the LORD has not given you a heart to perceive and eyes to see and ears to hear" (Deuteronomy 28:47-48; 29:4). Moses foretold that Israel's tendency to rebel against God (and the subsequent spiritual blindness this would bring) would lead to serious consequences "in the latter days" (Deuteronomy 31:24-29). Satan also plays a part in promoting this

blindness among those who do not believe Scripture (2 Corinthians 4:3-4).

The Hebrew prophets repeated this same theme, emphasizing that rebelling against God and rejecting His ways leads to spiritual blindness. Isaiah wrote: "I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me... Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart" (Isaiah 1:2-3; 6:9-10). Jeremiah wrote: "O foolish people, without understanding, who have eyes and see not, and who have ears and hear not... Behold, the word of the

LORD is a reproach to them; they have no delight in it" (Jeremiah 5:21; 6:10). Jeremiah also warned that because people reject God's word and "each one walks according to the imagination of his own heart, so that no one listens to me... The prophets prophesy falsely... and my people love to have it so" (Jeremiah 5:31; 16:11-13).

Ezekiel warned that disobedience leads to spiritual blindness, and to false teachings that seduce people to believe lies (Ezekiel 12:2; 13:2-19). This theme runs throughout the Old Testament.

Jesus explained that Isaiah's prophecy (Isaiah 6:9-10) also foretold the spiritual blindness that affected the Jews of His day who neither recognized Him as the Messiah nor understood His message (Matthew 13:10-15). The Apostle Paul revealed that these same prophecies foretold the spiritual blindness of modern Israelite nations (Romans 10:1-3; 11:7-8; 2 Corinthians 3:14-15). If you want to break out of the spiritual blindness that afflicts so many professing Christians today, begin to study your Bible carefully and ask God to open your mind to grasp what you are reading. Also, request the free *Tomorrow's World Bible Study Course*. It will help you to understand the Bible, and its hundreds of prophecies that are coming alive today.

—Douglas S. Winnail





Seven Satanic Deceptions

By Richard F. Ames

Our world is filled with con artists, liars and thieves who seek to defraud us. But the Bible warns us about the greatest deceiver of all—Satan the Devil. Are you aware of his tactics? Are you prepared to avoid his schemes, or could you fall victim to his deceptions?

We have all heard stories about crooked salesmen who do their best to defraud senior citizens and rob them of their life's savings. We know about corrupt businessmen who use false accounting to cheat investors and avoid taxes. You may have experienced thieves breaking into your home and robbing you of your possessions.

But did you know that there is a thief who wants to rob you of the most valuable possession of all—your eternal life

and your future as a child of God? This thief works through deceptive practices, from selfish vanity to pride to dangerous occultism, seeking to turn people away from the truth and from the way of life that will bring true happiness—God's way.

Your Bible warns of a great spirit war that will take place in the future—actually in the very near future. Many of you reading this article will be alive during that traumatic time. But notice this amazing statement: “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).

Read that carefully. *Satan, the devil, deceives the whole world!* That means the people of every nation. That means you and me. I have been deceived. You have been deceived. But, thankfully, God calls us out of this world's deception, through the true Jesus Christ of the Bible!

Do you think that because you are a religious person, you cannot be deceived? Jesus revealed that one of the most pervasive forms of deception is

found in religious practice. And the Bible reveals who is behind many religious deceptions. Do you know who? The Apostle Paul warns the Corinthians against false ministers: “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works” (2 Corinthians 11:13–15).

Yes, Satan has many strategies, schemes, and devices to deceive us. Some unknowingly worship him as an “angel of light” while others look to him through séances, tarot cards, channeling and astrology. Millions of people dabble in the occult and seek answers from soothsayers and mystics. These dark practices are deceptive, and most who call themselves Christians can recognize blatant Satanic influence. But Satan also has many other more subtle schemes.

The Apostle Paul, encouraging forgiveness for a repentant sinner, went on to say, “lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices” (2 Corinthians 2:11). Or, as the NIV puts it: “For we are not unaware of his schemes.”

How can you tell the difference between truth and error? The Bible gives us the answers. Jesus prayed, concerning His disciples, “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth” (John 17:17). Yes, the word of God, the Bible, is truth! Yet Satan can even deceive religious people. He often appears deceptively as an angel of light. He uses counterfeit ministers who appear genuine, but are actually fraudulent deceivers.

As Christians, we need to be aware of Satan’s schemes, or devices. In this article, we will briefly discuss seven of his most serious deceptions, which he uses to ruin people and draw them away from God.

Deception 1: False Doctrine

Where do we find godly doctrine or teaching? Jesus said, “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). Truth is revealed in the Bible, but we must also *practice* the truth. Jesus said in the previous verse, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed” (v. 31).

Sadly, the majority will not practice the truth. The Apostle Paul prophesied that some “religious” people would seek teachers to preach what they want to hear, rather than the truth of the Bible. The Apostle Paul exhorted the young evangelist Timothy: “Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables” (2 Timothy 4:2–4).

Are you willing to be guided and corrected by the Bible? Or will you be turned aside to fables? One of the major errors of professing Christianity is the practice, by some, of pagan traditions. For more on this vital topic, read Douglas S. Winnail’s article “The Pagan Revival” on page 22 of this issue.

Many do not realize that Easter eggs are a pagan symbol of fertility. Decorated trees, holly wreaths, and mistletoe were pagan traditions. December 25 was celebrated as the birth of Mithras, the sun god; it was not the date of Jesus’ birth. Should Christians observe Valentine’s Day? In 496AD, Pope Gelasius I established the Feast of St. Valentine on February 14. Previously, since the days of ancient Rome, young lovers had often observed the Lupercalia—the feast of Lupercus, a fertility god—on February 15. Even in ancient Greece, mid-February was associated with love and fertility; the Greek month of Gamelion, ending in mid-February, was associated with the marriage of the gods Zeus and Hera.

The historian Will Durant gave this analysis: “Christianity did not destroy paganism; it adopted it. The Greek mind, dying, came to a transmigrated life in the theology and liturgy of the church; the Greek language, having reigned for centuries over philosophy, became the vehicle of Christian literature and ritual; the Greek mysteries passed down into the impressive mystery of the Mass. Other pagan cultures contributed to the syncretist result.... Christianity was the last creation of the ancient pagan world” (*The Story of Civilization*, pp. 595, 599).

Are you practicing pagan traditions in the name of Christianity? Remember Jesus’ warning to the Pharisees and scribes concerning certain religious customs. He warned them, “All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition” (Mark 7:9).

The book of Revelation warns us about one of the most pervasive deceptions. The Apostle John

saw in vision the famous four horsemen of the Apocalypse. He wrote: “And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer” (Revelation 6:2). As we have pointed out in previous articles, the true Revelator is Jesus Christ. He reveals the meaning of this white horse and its rider. Jesus described that the white horse symbolizes false religion—including those who falsely claim to come in Christ’s name: “And Jesus answered and said to them: ‘Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, “I am the Christ,” and will deceive many”’ (Matthew 24:4–5).

Yes, Jesus predicted that many would use His name and “deceive many.” In verse 24, Jesus states that “false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.” Will you be deceived?

The Devil, Satan, has deceived the whole world. Those whom he deceives he holds captive. You can read about that in 2 Timothy 2:26. We must all be on guard against the devil’s deceptions; like the Apostle Paul, we must not be unaware of his schemes.

Deception 2: Lust

Human nature is filled with vanity, jealousy, greed, and lust. Satan can take advantage of that tendency and weakness in all of us. He sends temptation through the media—movies, television, magazines and the Internet—and through carnal and covetous individuals.

The Apostle Paul warned married couples not to deprive

one another from sexual relations. Otherwise, Satan could take advantage of our carnal nature.

“Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control” (1 Corinthians 7:5).

In our modern age, sexual temptations are all around us. So, the Apostle Paul advised those who might lack self-control, “Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband” (1 Corinthians 7:2).

We need to understand that lust, greed and covetousness are sin. The tenth commandment states: “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s” (Exodus 20:17).

Instead of coveting, be thankful for all the blessings God has given you. After all, God promises to provide all your godly needs. That promise is in Philippians 4:19. We need to understand that covetousness is a form of idolatry. We can desire a person, position or possession so strongly that it becomes an idol to us. Remember this admonition: “Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry” (Colossians 3:5).

We need to pray, as Jesus taught us, “And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen” (Matthew 6:13).

Deception 3: Pride, Vanity and Arrogance

Selfishness and egotism are part and parcel of human nature. We like to feel important. That desire can lead to deception. The Apostle Paul instructed Timothy concerning the ordination of a bishop, or an overseer. He wrote that such a candidate should be “not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil” (1 Timothy 3:6–7).

Do you let pride and vanity guide your thinking and behavior? If so, you can be deceived. You can be snared by the devil. How do you counteract self-centeredness and vanity? The Apostle James wrote: “Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up” (James 4:10).

Remember the biblical examples of those who cultivated pride, and did not give glory to God? King Herod allowed himself to be worshipped as a god! He cultivated vanity and arrogance. And what happened to him? “So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. And the people kept shouting, ‘The voice of a god and not of a man!’ Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died. But the word of God grew and multiplied” (Acts 12:21–24).

Another king, who had to learn lessons the hard way, was King Nebuchadnezzar. When he neglected to take the prophet Daniel’s advice to repent, God took Nebuchadnezzar’s kingdom

away from him. And King Nebuchadnezzar lived like an animal for seven years, until he learned his lesson. You can read about that in Daniel 4.

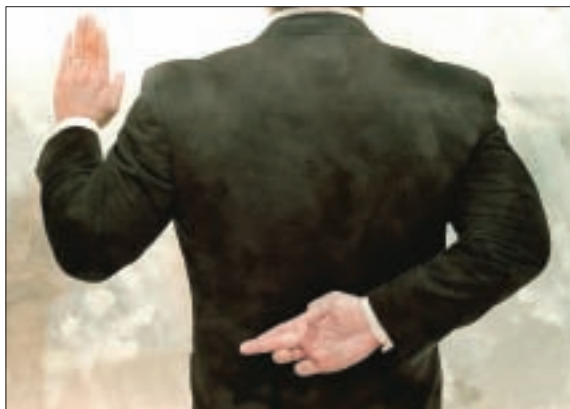
We need to be on guard against pride. When God blesses you, give *Him* the glory. As Paul wrote, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 1:31).

Deception 4: Lying

There is a classic example of lying in the New Testament. Members of the early Christian Church donated property and funds to help fellow Christians. However, one individual named Ananias, committed fraud. He claimed to have given all of the proceeds to the Church, but held back some of the funds. He lied to the Apostle Peter. We read: “But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles’ feet. But Peter said, ‘Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.’ Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things” (Acts 5:1–5).

Sapphira came to Peter later. She lied, and she experienced the same judgment as her husband. She died on the spot! We need to understand. Satan is the father of

lies, as it states in John 8:44. So, examine yourself. Monitor your communications. Do you shade the truth? Or, do you simply lie? Do not let Satan take advantage of you, as he did with Ananias and Sapphira. Remember the ninth commandment states: “You shall not bear false witness against



your neighbor” (Exodus 20:16). And we must also realize that we can live a lie. Too many professing Christians are doing just that! As Scripture warns us, “He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him” (1 John 2:4).

Ask God to help you speak the truth and live the truth!

Deception 5: False Dreams, Visions and “Miracles”

How many times have individuals told me about dreams or visions that were obviously Satan-inspired? Some thought they had seen Jesus. He supposedly appeared to them wearing the long hair with which He is commonly pictured in our society. But the Jesus of the Bible did not have long hair. Paul wrote: “Doth not even nature itself teach you that if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?” (1 Corinthians 11:14,

KJV). Jesus escaped out of crowds on several occasions because He looked like the average Jew of His day. Do not be deceived by dreams, visions, or appealing messages. The Apostle John wrote: “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world” (1 John 4:1).

The occult appeals to many people. Some try to contact their deceased relatives through mediums. Children read Harry Potter books and become fascinated with the occult. Satanic video games are popular. You need to educate your children on the dangers of the occult,

satanic activities and other demonic influences. God Almighty condemns witchcraft and sorcery. He tells us, “For all who do these things *are* an abomination to the LORD” (Deuteronomy 18:12). Be sure to read Deuteronomy 18:9–14 and Galatians 5:20 in this regard.

Satan will use dreams, visions and “miracles” to deceive people. The book of Revelation describes the great false prophet who will soon rise on the world scene. Be sure to read this in your own Bible. “Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb [a counterfeit of Christ] and spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those

signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived" (Revelation 13:11–14).

Do not be deceived! False religious leaders will perform great signs and miracles. Be sure that you test all such leaders with the Bible, the word of God. That is why we say in *Tomorrow's World* magazine, and on the *Tomorrow's World* telecast, "Don't believe us; believe your Bible!" As Scripture says, "To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20).

We can all look forward to the day when Satan the Devil will be cast into the bottomless pit for a thousand years. You can read about that in Revelation 20. In the meantime, we must remain watchful and on guard.

Deception 6: Bitterness

If we are not careful to watch our feelings, we can become bitter. Perhaps someone offends us. Then the hurt feeling turns into a grudge. Then we start thinking about revenge. If such feelings are nursed and encouraged, they can turn into hate. Then, that hate can turn into bitterness. Christians need to identify and overcome any feelings of hate and bitterness. Notice this instruction: "Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking diligently lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled" (Hebrews 12:14–15).

Such bitterness can even lead to the unpardonable sin. How can

we counteract those feelings? Simply by following Jesus Christ's instructions! He taught us: "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 5:44–45).

Even professing Christians sometimes fall into the trap of plotting revenge for some offense or injustice. God warns us against that attitude: "Do not say, 'I will recompense evil'; wait for the LORD, and He will save you" (Proverbs 20:22). Our Lord and Savior set the example, that "when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously" (1 Peter 2:23).

Pray for God's intervention—that He will execute His righteous judgment. He will execute vengeance, if it is divinely warranted. Christians should not take vengeance into their own hands and succumb to Satan's attitude of hate. Scripture warns us: "For we know Him who said,

'Vengeance is Mine; I will repay,' says the Lord. And again, 'The LORD will judge His people.' It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Hebrews 10:30–31).

Christians need to pray for their enemies. Bless those who curse you. That is the Christian way! That is how we can overcome Satan's infectious attitude of hate and bitterness.

Deception 7: Lack of Faith

When Satan attacked him, the patriarch Job remained faithful to God—and learned vital spiritual lessons. At one point, Job said: "For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, and what I dreaded has happened to me" (Job 3:25). In our modern language, we might call Job's experience a "self-fulfilling prophecy."

As Christians, we must face our fears with faith, and must pray for God's protection and intervention. When we study the Bible, and we believe God's promises, He gives us faith. Scripture reminds us, "So then faith comes by hearing, and hear-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

As a *Tomorrow's World* subscriber, a *Bible Study Course* student and an avid reader of many of your booklets, I am almost lost for words when I say how infinitely grateful I am. Firstly, to God and Jesus Christ and also to you for the work you are doing. Not only that, I personally feel a keen sense of duty to put into daily practice all that I have learned. For the sake of us all, please keep up the good work always.

J. S., Malaga, Spain

"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). To study the scriptures, using the right keys provided, helps me to understand the real truth about God's word, who God really is and what God really stands for. It has been a great blessing to me. Thank you for the *Bible Study Course*. I am looking forward to my next lesson.

D. A., Niagara Falls, ON

I cannot believe any time was wasted on *The DaVinci Code*. The book is a piece of fiction. If the religious world would have turned their back on it without any comment, it would not have had the effect it did. Personally, I think the religious world wanted the controversy. Having said that, I'm sure my letter won't be published. It makes me sick all this attention over a piece of fiction!

S. W., Lansing, KS

My husband and I have been receiving your magazines for quite some time now. There is so much information in them that I am never finished with any one in particular. I read and re-read and still have not digested the information contained in them. I do not view God nor my creation as simply an accident but everything with a purpose. I do not like the world's view and constant attempts at putting God in a box. I feel that every time I read your publications that I am in some way tearing the tape off of the box that God has been ever so neat-

ly tucked in during my spiritual education. Thank you for your courage and continued work in spreading the message of the one and only gospel. You are making a difference.

B. M., Fredericton, NB, Canada

Thank you for writing your booklet *The Ten Commandments*, and letting me know the truth about God's laws. It's great to hear that the Ten Commandments are not abolished. My pastor said that the Ten Commandments were nailed to the cross, but I believed that to be false. As I study God's word, I see there are a number of things taught by pastors today that are false doctrines, and the majority of pastors have not even bothered to research these things for themselves.

R. L., Steger, IL

I am writing to let you know how much I have enjoyed all of your magazines, booklets, and most of all the *Bible Study Course*. All have been such an eye-opener. I have never learned as much in 38 years as I have in the few months I have been studying this course. May God continue to bless this ministry, and may others hearing your programs come to you curious as I was and be blessed as I have been. The best thing happened to me a few weeks ago. My mother came to me and said, "You have changed!" You see, it is one thing to know the truth and do nothing about it, but another to know the truth and show it by your presence.

K. T., Shreveport, LA

I am so happy for this opportunity to request that you remove me from your mailing list. It never fails to boggle my mind how your kind loves to spread paranoia while casting stones at every single human being who does not meet your perfect criteria. Please, oh please, remove me from your mailing list.

R. R., Sacramento, CA

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The Pagan Revival

By Douglas S. Winnail

What is the real significance of the growing interest in witchcraft, wizards and neopaganism?

A young boy, wanting to make new friends, casts a spell to become popular. A teenager, seeking peace in a troubled relationship, prays to the “mother goddess” for help. A harried businessman, hoping to escape life’s pressures, retreats to the forest to connect with ancient tribal deities who promise him relief from stress.

What do these people have in common? They are participating in a growing trend—the revival of pagan belief and practice—which is on the rise not only in North America, but also in the United Kingdom, Western Europe, Australia and

other “Westernized” nations where this would have been unthinkable just decades ago. Disenchanted with the emptiness of materialistic society, millions of seekers are looking to non-Christian and non-traditional religions for answers to fundamental questions: What is the purpose of life? Who or what is God? What happens after death?

Countless millions no longer consider biblical religion an option. Many “are no longer seeking solace for their souls in the arms of Christianity... today’s most popular forms of spirituality are those associated with the occult, neopaganism and witchcraft” (*Fantasy and Your Family*, Abanes, pp. 108–109). Ironically, the Bible itself predicted long ago this modern “revival” of paganism—and warned of its shocking future consequences. We need to understand the *significance* of this trend, and *where* it is leading!

Dimensions of the Revival

Practically everyone is familiar with the “Harry Potter” series of books, describing the spell-casting adventures of young people in a British boarding school for witches and wizards. Author J. K. Rowling’s books are merely the most visible of the recent books, movies and television programs popularizing witchcraft and “Wicca.” Although many parents and teachers praise the “Potter” books for encouraging a surge of interest in reading among schoolchildren, evidence suggests that quite a few young readers are interested in more than just reading. In fact, countless young Potter fans “are

becoming interested in learning how to cast spells and do real witchcraft, just like their hero... Wicca devotees and other occult practitioners... are hailing the Harry Potter series as a *prime recruitment tool*" (Abanes, xi). One neopagan Web site happily proclaims, "It is good to see that the best selling series of books in the world is such a positive tale about witches and wizards" (*ibid.*, p. 133). Commentators also note that witchcraft is "the fastest growing religion in America" and that "as many as 10 million book buyers in America regularly purchase neopagan literature" (*ibid.*, p. 117).

In the last several decades, Wicca and neopaganism have gained surprising influence in nominally "Christian" churches, where one might not normally expect to find workshops on astrology, tarot card reading, channeling and goddess worship. "Some witches and neopagans are now senior pastors of large denominational churches. *It is an event unprecedented in the history of Christendom*" (Abanes, p. 265). Wicca and neopaganism is also surging in popularity on some college campuses, even those associated with "Christian" denominations. One professor, a self-proclaimed lesbian feminist witch, "is spearheading a campaign to turn Christianity into nothing less than a neopagan, goddess-worshipping religion" (*ibid.*, p. 269).

The United States, though founded by individuals who were inspired by a biblical worldview, has been drifting toward paganism for some time. Several decades ago, noted Jewish author Don Feder wrote that America "is no longer a Christian (or Judeo-Christian) nation... animated by the ethical vision of the Bible, with

its special emphasis on honesty, hard work, caring and self discipline. Instead we are evolving the type of *Canaanite culture* (unrestrained hedonism, ritual prostitution, child sacrifice and the civic virtue of Sodom) that my ancestors encountered at the dawn of moral history... A nation will have one God or many. Ours is increasingly *polytheistic*... The gods of late twentieth century America include the doctrines of radical autonomy, of absolute rights divorced from responsibilities, of gender sameness, of self-expression which acknowledges no higher purpose, of moral relativism and sexual indulgence" (*A Jewish Conservative Looks at Pagan America*, pp. 10–11). Noting that "ideas have consequences" (*ibid.*, p. 12), Feder observed that the burgeoning interest in witchcraft, the occult and neopaganism is directly related to political, philosophical and moral trends—from radical feminism to unrestrained hedonism—which have challenged traditional American values.

The story is similar in the United Kingdom, where "Wicca has become the fastest growing religion in the UK" (Abanes, p. 159). Paganism is even on the rise at Scotland's oldest university, the University of St. Andrews, founded in 1413 and long considered a key center of Scottish religion. University officials there recently agreed to give the St. Andrews Pagan Society *equal access* to college buildings and granted the society permission to hold its rites on campus, in spite of protests that this was "another example of the whole human rights and equal opportunities agenda gone mad" (*The Times*, June 14, 2006).

News reports recently featured a British Unitarian vicar who "moonlights" in his spare

time as a Druid, and celebrates ancient pagan festivals. Web sites across the U.K. advertise a full calendar of witchcraft festivals in England, Scotland and Wales, as the pagan revival spreads across Britain, just as it continues to spread in other countries.

Reasons for the Revival

Several key factors are fueling the revival of paganism. In an attempt to cope with a world full of pressures and problems, more and more people are escaping into the fantasy world created by our modern entertainment-driven society. Television programs featuring clever and attractive witches glamorize witchcraft, and the phenomenally successful Harry Potter novels and films continue to fuel the growing interest in witchcraft and the occult.

These entertainment fads have coincided with significant social trends that have altered the intellectual and spiritual landscape of our modern era. Particularly since the 1960s, radical social reformers have preached a gospel of "do your own thing"—satisfy your senses in whatever way you wish, as long as it feels good and seems right to you. This approach fits well with the basic tenet of Wicca that recognizes no absolutes—no fixed right or wrong—and insists there is no unchanging standard of good or evil (Abanes, pp. 113, 142). Popular interest in witchcraft, and the emerging worship of a "mother goddess," can be seen as "the next logical step after feminism" (*ibid.*, p. 130). Just as the feminist movement challenged a male-dominated society, the increased visibility of witches and the worship of a mother goddess are a direct challenge to what

some perceive as male-dominated religion oriented toward “God the Father.”

In an era when so many are recognizing the moral and intellectual bankruptcy of modern materialism, the “mainstream” religions are no longer popular destinations for those seeking spiritual fulfillment. Instead, dissatisfied seekers are turning to paganism and the occult. Mainstream churches have seen a mass exodus of millions in recent decades (Abanes, p. 108). In our world where so many feel themselves powerless to influence events around them, some turn to witchcraft and spell-casting in an effort to gain control over their lives and the lives of others. Alienated people, feeling disconnected from modern society, are turning to neopaganism to “get in tune” with the spirit of the universe (*ibid.*, p. 130).

The modern pagan revival is a widespread and shocking phenomenon. But it pales into insignificance when compared to the many other pagan customs that have spread around the world—and into the world’s religions—where they are accepted by nearly everyone!

Relics of Paganism

Although it is easy to look with concern at the dangers of witchcraft and the folly of pagan nature worship, many find it harder to look at their own religious traditions. Few today seem to understand—or care—that pagan rites and festivals are at the root of many traditional holidays in the Western world. Billions of professing Christians look to Easter as the most important festi-

val of the year. Yet non-Christian literature also reveres Easter as “the most important lunar-derived festival of the *pagan* year” because it commemorates the “spring celebration of the goddess Eostre or Ostara” at the time of the Spring equinox when the hours of daylight begin to exceed the hours of darkness (*The Pagan Book of Days*, Pennick, p. 11).

By doing a little research, you can discover that “Ostera is



a pagan German goddess... of fertility and rebirth” and that “to reveal the origins of the Christian celebration of Easter, we need look no farther than Ostera’s image”—which is associated with eggs and rabbits, symbolizing fertility and rebirth (*Celebrate the Earth: A Year of Holidays in the Pagan Tradition*, Cabot, p. 113). Other sources remind us that “the word ‘Easter’ is not a Christian expression... the word comes from the name of a Pagan Goddess—the goddess of Spring. Easter is but a more modern form of Ishtar... another name for Semiramis of Babylon” (*Babylon Mystery Religion*, p. 152).

In Protestant countries, few seem to realize that “Halloween parties are a modern expression of the *pagan* festival of the remembrance of death and the departed”

(Pennick, p. 19). The Festival of the Dead—called Samhain—falls on November 1, marking the beginning of winter and a time when pagans feel they can communicate with spirits of the dead. In Roman Catholic countries, these pagan festivals live on under new names. November 1 has become an “All Saints Day” that celebrates departed saints, and November 2 has become an “All Souls Day” that remembers souls not yet elevated to sainthood (*ibid.*, p. 18).

Christmas has been described as “a *wonderful amalgam* of religious traditions, ancient and modern, *Pagan, Zoroastrian, Jewish, Mithraic, and Christian*” (Pennick, p. 133). Though its December 25 date is supposed to celebrate Christ’s birth, neither the date nor the customs surrounding it have anything to do with Jesus Christ or biblical religion. Rather, the festivities of the Christmas season “represent the old paganism which Christianity failed to extinguish” (*Christmas Customs and Traditions*, Miles, p. 161). December 25 is the approximate time of the winter solstice (the shortest day of the year), and has long been sacred in pagan religions. “In the Roman tradition it was the festival of Sol Invictus, the Undeclared Sun” and in ancient Egypt the “sky goddess Nut was said to give birth to the sun at the winter solstice” (Pennick, p. 20). The Christmas customs of merry-making and gift-giving come from the pagan Roman festival of *Saturnalia*, with its greeting of “Bona Saturnalia,” and also from the Roman new year festival of *Kalends* on January 1, which was associated with riotous behavior (Pennick, p. 139).

Considering all this, you might then ask, “How and when did professing Christians come to observe December 25 as the birth of Jesus Christ?”

Historians acknowledge that the earliest December 25 celebration of Christ’s birth “took place at Rome about the middle of the fourth century... The first mention of a Nativity feast on December 25 is found in a Roman document known as the Philocalian Calendar, dating from the year 354 [AD]... From Rome, Christmas spread throughout the West, with the conversion of the barbarians” (Miles, pp. 20–21). The Bible, of course, does not mention the date of Jesus’ birth. “The *real reason* for the choice of the day [December 25] most probably was, that upon it fell the pagan festival” that celebrated the rebirth of the sun (*ibid.*, p. 23).

Hoping to encourage pagans to embrace the Roman Catholic faith, clerics sought to adapt pagan customs into their religion by giving them new names. Pope Gregory I, writing in 601AD, urged Augustine of Canterbury to allow the pagan Anglo-Saxons to retain the outward forms of their old festivals, but to practice them with a new meaning (Miles, p. 179). As one author concludes, reflecting on the Pope’s letter, “We see here very plainly the mind of the *ecclesiastical compromiser*” (*ibid.*).

The evidence of history indicates that the early Roman Church adopted and adapted popular pagan practices in an effort to spread the “Christian” faith, through “the clothing of heathen customs in a superficial Christianity” (*ibid.*, p. 19). Catholic historian Will Durant acknowledged this plainly when he wrote, “Christianity did not destroy paganism; it adopted it...

the Greek mysteries passed down into the impressive mystery of the Mass. Other pagan cultures contributed to the syncretist result. From Egypt came the idea of the Trinity... the adoration of the Mother and Child, and the mystic theosophy that made Neoplatonism and Gnosticism and obscured the Christian creed... From Phrygia came the worship of the Great Mother... Christianity was the last great creation of the ancient pagan world” (*Caesar and Christ*, p. 595).

Warnings and Dangers

But what does God say about these human efforts to adapt and incorporate pagan customs into Christianity? What does Scripture clearly reveal about dabbling in witchcraft and neopagan practices? The Bible records that when the ancient Israelites left Egypt, and were about to enter the Promised Land, God warned, “*do not inquire* after their gods, saying, ‘How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.’ *You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way; for every abomination to the LORD which He hates they have done...* Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; *you shall not add* to it nor take away from it” (Deuteronomy 12:29–32).

Scripture also records God’s command: “When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, *you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone... who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things*

are an *abomination* to the LORD” (Deuteronomy 18:9–14). The Bible *clearly forbids* dabbling in witchcraft and the occult and idolatry, but the Israelites ignored these instructions. Israel incurred God’s wrath because its people “practiced witchcraft and soothsaying, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger” (2 Kings 17:17).

Some will dismiss these warnings, saying that these events happened long ago and are not relevant today. Besides, how can witchcraft be evil when “do no harm” is the motto of witches today, and modern mediums show compassion by helping people receive messages from their deceased relatives? And if an ancient pagan festival puts us in touch with the seasons and cycles of nature, what is the harm?

However, the Bible condemns these practices for specific and sound reasons. Books, films and television shows about witches and wizards *awaken curiosity* and *stimulate interest* in the occult. The growing acceptance of paganism and witchcraft *blinds and desensitizes* people to the evils and dangers of making contact with the spirit world. Passively absorbing the Wiccan philosophy that there are no absolutes is to embrace a dangerous deception. To chant and pray to a mother goddess is simply *idolatry*—which God views as a serious transgression (see 1 Samuel 15:23; 1 Corinthians 6:9; Galatians 5:19–21; Revelation 21:8). To continue to practice ancient pagan customs under a different “Christian” name is to perpetuate practices that were used to honor pagan gods. When these practices

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Tomorrow's Youth

Is Saying "No" Enough?

Popular culture proclaims the twin messages of "free sex" and "safe sex," and high schools hand out free condoms. But the question remains, "Is sex outside of marriage either free or safe?" If not, what is the best approach? Do sex education classes and latex giveaways prevent problems? What about abstinence programs?

In the 1950s, when teens were taught to abstain from sex before marriage, one could count on one hand the number of known sexually transmitted diseases. Today there are more than 30, and nearly one-third are incurable—you have them for life! In 1967, one out of every 32 high school students in the United States carried a sexually transmitted disease. Today, it is one in four—and the average pregnant teen is carrying 2.3 STDs!

In 1980, no one had even heard the terms "HIV" or "AIDS." Today, 40 million people around the world are living with it, and an estimated 25 million have died since 1981, according to the World Health Organization. But AIDS is not the only deadly disease circulating among the sexually promiscuous. In 1997, more U.S. women died from cancer caused by the human papillomavirus (also known as "genital warts") than from AIDS. In fact, the Center for Disease Control reports, "HPV is likely the most common STD among young, sexually active people." It is no wonder that God counsels, "Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body" (1 Corinthians 6:18).

Even though all STDs are preventable, the one solution that truly works is often ridiculed, and its advocates looked upon as archaic religious fanatics. Yet this solution can work for you, just as it is resonating with a growing number of today's teens: "Just say 'no'!" But is it enough to just say "no"?

For more than two decades, I have had the wonderful opportunity to work with thousands of teens and

young adults at church-sponsored summer camps. This experience has taught me that there are many young people who "want to do it right." However, it is not enough just to tell a person to say "no"—one must know *how* to say no. A pregnant young lady once said to me, "You talk as though I planned on this happening." To which I replied, "No, I am saying that you did not plan for this *not* to happen."

For many years, I have counseled young people and adults alike that we should all have what I call "unshakeable, unbreakable" rules for ourselves that will keep us from saying "yes" to something we will later regret. No one can enforce these rules upon us, but if we embrace them for ourselves we can gain unshakeable resolve to do what is right. The following "unshakeable unbreakables" apply mainly to teens, but they include principles that can apply to people of all ages:



Unshakeable Unbreakable 1: *Never go into a house, apartment, or other isolated location where temptation with someone of the opposite sex has a chance to flourish.*

This was a rule that many of our parents a generation ago taught us, and it is in many ways the most important for a young person who wants to avoid sexual sins. It is a very practical rule. After all, where is a sexual encounter more likely to take place: when a young man and woman are alone in a house, or when they are alone in the back seat of a car, or when they are in the corner booth at a local restaurant? Your location clearly makes a difference in how you can act.

God made us different from the animals. We have the ability to make choices, and since we do have certain physical drives, our best choice is to avoid situations where we may be tempted to do the regrettable. "A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished" (Proverbs 22:3).

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2: *Flee fornication; do not play with foreplay.*

As admittedly archaic as this sounds in today's world, 16-year-olds do not need to be hugging and kissing, which is part of the sexual act known as foreplay. Once a premarital relationship becomes physical, it changes—and not for the better. One action leads to another. Holding hands is not enough for long, and we do not kiss from a distance. Along with the kissing comes full body-press hugging! Given enough time, a person may want to say no, but hormonal instincts can take over.

Unshakeable Unbreakable 3: *Never lie to parents about where you are, what you are doing, and who you are with.*

Most parents truly love their children, and they really do want what is best for you. They provide a safety net as their children negotiate one of the most critical periods in life—a time that will set the stage for the next 50 or more years of a teenager's life. Some mistakes made in your youth will stay with you for the rest of your life, and all the tears and the regrets in the world will not change that. Sometimes it may be hard to approach them, but you should give your parents the opportunity to help you.

Unshakeable Unbreakable 4: *Leave a party where drugs or alcohol are being served.*

People use amazing terms for the misuse of alcohol. “Let’s get wasted.” “I was plastered last night.” “I had so much fun I can’t remember what happened last night.” Was it really fun if you cannot remember it? Or, worse yet, was it really fun if you cannot forget

what happened—even when you want to? There is a place for responsible adult use of alcohol. But “recreational” alcohol use too often ends in disaster. In fact, there are people out there who will deliberately use alcohol or drugs to take advantage of you. Will you be a willing victim?

Unshakeable Unbreakable 5: *Do not expose yourself to sexually explicit material in movies, books, television programs, or on the Internet.*

Some years ago, local authorities asked me to investigate a situation involving a young man’s encounter with an underage teenage girl. During the investigation, I asked the young man what he was thinking of while seducing this girl. Without any hesitation, he replied, “I was trying to remember how they did it in the movies.” He had no idea how significant his comment was, but it confirmed a

basic truth—we become what we feed on.

Remembering these unshakeable unbreakable principles—and acting on them—is well worth it. Here is a letter I recently received from a beautiful young lady who is willing to wait—and is worth waiting for!

“So many people think of sex as just a line not to cross, instead of realizing that it’s an attitude... when purity is set as just a line not to cross, people will go as far as they can to that edge.... I love a quote by Josh Harris [author of *I Kissed Dating Goodbye*] that goes, ‘The longer your “no big deal” list is before marriage, the shorter your “very special” list will be after marriage.’ I want my ‘very special’ list to be long, and I plan on saving my first kiss for the day when my husband and I both say ‘I do.’”

How many young men reading this magazine are hoping to explore that *very special* list with such a woman as this? How many will be worthy to do so? Will you? I hope so!

—Gerald Weston



Weather Disasters: Why?

American citizens still reeling from the effects of Hurricane Katrina may sometimes forget that violent weather disruptions affect millions around the whole world. Just look at how the nation of China has been devastated by tropical storms and typhoons in 2006.

Typhoon Saomai, last August, pounded coastal China with winds reaching 135 miles per hour, lashing the area with heavy rains. The storm left more than 1,000 ships sunk, more than 50,000 homes destroyed, many power lines downed and at least six cities blacked out for long periods.

In the month before Saomai, Tropical Storm Bilis and Typhoon Prapiroon also brought great devastation. China's civil affairs ministry reported that in the months of July and August, weather disasters were responsible for the deaths of 1,949 people, and for an additional 168 still counted as "missing."

In total, these disasters saw an estimated 130 million Chinese temporarily displaced, more than 3.1 million evacuated, and \$7.7 billion in economic losses sustained.

While storms are very common in that region of the world during summer and early fall, experts say recent storms have been unusually frequent—and the magnitude of Saomai was exceptionally fierce. China's Central Weather Bureau reported that Saomai was the most powerful typhoon since the bureau began keeping records in 1949.

The debate over "global warming" rages on—is it "junk science" or the major factor behind the increase in big killer storms lashing planet Earth? Meanwhile, we commonly hear preachers say these storms are God's wrath, because of the sins of mankind.

Who is right? Certainly, human beings in their greedy despoiling of the earth for profit are intensely affecting weather patterns. But science overlooks the main source of this violent twist of the weather.

Tomorrow's World Editor in Chief Roderick C. Meredith, in his booklet *Who Controls the Weather?*, asks: "Are 'natural disasters' the impersonal workings of 'Mother Nature' or can they be a vital message from God? Weather calamities are sometimes called 'acts of God,' but what is His actual role in the droughts, famines, floods and earthquakes that affect our world? What does the Bible say about weather disasters at the end of the age?"

God in His word said that He would bless those who obey Him, by giving them rain in its season. He said He would punish those who rebel against Him, by bringing drought and famine upon them.

While most of the Bible's prophecies regarding "natural" disasters are concerned with the modern scattered tribes of Israel, weather patterns affect the whole world. All nations are breaking God's laws, which means the

entire world is in rebellion against God and will suffer the consequences:

"He shall judge the world in righteousness and He shall administer judgment for the peoples in righteousness.... Put them in fear, O LORD, that the nations may know themselves to be but men" (Psalm 9:8, 20).

Jesus Christ predicted that natural disasters would be one of the signs announcing His return to this earth: "For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences and earthquakes in various places" (Matthew 24:7).

You need to be aware of these dramatic end-time events. Please write for your free copy of our informative booklet, *Who Controls the Weather?* It will help you see the truth of your Bible coming to pass in today's news.

—Gary F. Ehman



Seven Satanic Deceptions

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ing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17).

Lack of faith opens us to Satanic deceptions. The book of Hebrews recounts the faithlessness of those ancient Israelites who lacked faith and trust in God. We need to learn from their hardness of heart, and avoid it in our own lives. “Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today,’ lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin” (Hebrews 3:12–13).

Those who lack faith in Christ, and who persist in trusting Satan, will ultimately be destroyed. “But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death” (Revelation 21:8). Thankfully, there is also good news for those who have faith and avoid Satan’s deceptions. “He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son” (v. 7).

God wants you to be His faithful and trusting son or daughter, through Jesus Christ,

our Lord. He will give you His faith, if you turn to Him with your whole heart. In the meantime, arm yourself with spiritual knowledge. Avoid self-deception. Avoid the world’s deceptions. And avoid Satan’s deceptions. As the Apostle Paul reminded us, Christians are not ignorant of Satan’s devices. As regular readers of this magazine know, Bible prophecy foretells of a great future false religious system, inspired by Satan, that will influence billions of people all over the earth. By staying close to the true God, you can avoid Satanic deception. Do not let yourself be deceived! ■

The Pagan Revival

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replace festivals that God commanded to be observed forever (see Leviticus 23), *people lose sight of the real God and become ignorant of His plan and purpose for human life!*

This is why God warned His people through His prophets, “Learn not the way of the heathen” (Jeremiah 10:2, KJV). In light of the revival of paganism, and the growing popularity and acceptance of witchcraft—especially among the young in modern nations descended from ancient Israel—it is important that we listen to the prophetic admonitions in Scripture. Long ago, God warned His chosen people, that “evil will befall you *in the latter days*, because you will do evil in the sight of the LORD”

(Deuteronomy 31:29). God foresaw a time in the future when His people would “deal treacherously” with Him “for they have begotten *pagan children*” (Hosea 5:7). A modern biblical scholar comments that this passage indicates “a generation has grown up to whom God is a stranger”—which is an accurate description of our modern age (Eerdman’s Bible Handbook, p. 439).

The prophet Jeremiah warns, in a prophecy relevant today, that

“because your fathers have forsaken Me” and have “walked after other gods” and “each one follows the dictates of his own evil heart, so that no one listens to Me,” God will bring a “great disaster against us” (Jeremiah 16:10–13). The Bible indicates that because of our willingness to forsake His instructions and laws and dabble in witchcraft, the occult and pagan idolatry, the modern descendants of ancient Israel will suffer severe consequences (see Jeremiah 9:12–16; Hosea 8, 9, 10). The current revival of paganism is significant, because it is symptomatic of an end-time condition that will bring punishment from God before it is brought to an end at the return of Jesus Christ. We all need to heed these prophetic and timely warnings—and avoid being drawn into this pagan revival! ■

What Is a True Christian?

Pagan religious beliefs are all around us—and are often promoted even in the name of “Christianity.” But you do not need to be deceived by these false teachings!

Write for our FREE booklet, *What Is A True Christian?* or download it from the Booklets section of our Web site www.tomorrowworld.org.

Religious Confusion

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Millions of professing Christians even believe that there are “many” paths to salvation—whether through Christ or through *other means*. Well-known pollster George Gallup says, “That high degree of religious tolerance reflects, in part, ‘not only a lack of knowledge of other religions but an ignorance of one’s own faith.’ In some polls, he says, ‘you have Christians saying, ‘Yes, Jesus is the only way’ and also, ‘Yes, there are many paths to God.’ It’s not that Americans don’t believe anything; they believe everything’ (US News & World Report, May 6, 2002).

However, the Bible states dogmatically that Jesus Christ and His teaching are the **only** way to salvation, “Nor is there salvation in any other, *for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved*” (Acts 4:12). Jesus Himself said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). The obvious fact is that this world’s people—even most who profess “Christianity”—are in *total confusion*! Remember, the Bible states that there is a very real Satan, the Devil, “who **deceives the whole world**” (Revelation 12:9).

The Apostle Paul explained that the gospel is “veiled” to most people who are perishing, “whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them” (2 Corinthians 4:4). God’s word makes it very clear, in several passages, that the *vast majority* of human beings are not “called” at this time and are “perishing.” For they are “blinded” to the Truth of God.

So, *what* to do?

Frankly, dear friends, the **only** genuine “key” that will help a person come out of all of this confusion is the willingness to *take the Bible literally*—letting the New Testament magnify the Old Testament—and to follow the *extremely clear teachings* and **example** of Jesus Christ, the Author of true Christianity.

“That’s all? That sounds simple!” you may think.

But most of this world’s “learned” preachers and theologians have confused people about what Jesus clearly taught—so thoroughly that *extremely few* people are actually willing to follow Him!

Christians must be willing and able to prove to themselves that the Bible was **literally inspired** by the God who created all that is—that it is authoritative, revealing the genuine **way** to eternal life, and explaining the Creator’s purpose in putting us here on this earth.

This *Tomorrow’s World* magazine is based on that premise. We are willing to clearly and conclusively **prove** what the Bible clearly says—to all who are willing to listen. But we do **not** accept interpretations based on “human tradition” apart from Scripture, or on the fact that “good men” have believed something in ages past. We are willing to believe—and hope that **you** will be willing to believe—that the Bible actually says what it means and **means** what it says! We have proved this to ourselves, and we strive to base our lives on it!

One sign of God working with us is our understanding of specific biblical prophecies that are being fulfilled. Most “mainstream” Christians do not recognize the true meaning of the ongoing fulfillment of many prophecies in your Bible. As you study the *Tomorrow’s World* magazine and our other publications, you can perceive this fact—if you are willing. We base our beliefs on the Bible—not on other supposedly “inspired” writings of other men or women. In this magazine, our other publications and our telecast, we simply lay out for you what the Bible *very clearly* says, and we also help you *understand* the exciting prophetic events now swirling around us—leading, soon, to the *literal* Second Coming of Jesus Christ to this earth, as King of kings!

Finally, I would like to offer you our *vitaly important* new booklet, *The Bible: Fact or Fiction?* This booklet will help you appreciate the *fact* that the Bible really is inspired and should be the **sole** guide to Christian beliefs and practices. This booklet will be sent *absolutely free* and without obligation upon your request. Simply contact our office nearest you and request your copy. Then, most importantly, be willing to **act** on the information you receive. For we truly *are* living at the end of an age, and our daily lives will be enormously affected by prophetic events within the next several years. “He who has ears to hear, *let him hear!*” (Matthew 13:9).



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Can world events show us the time of Christ's return?

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