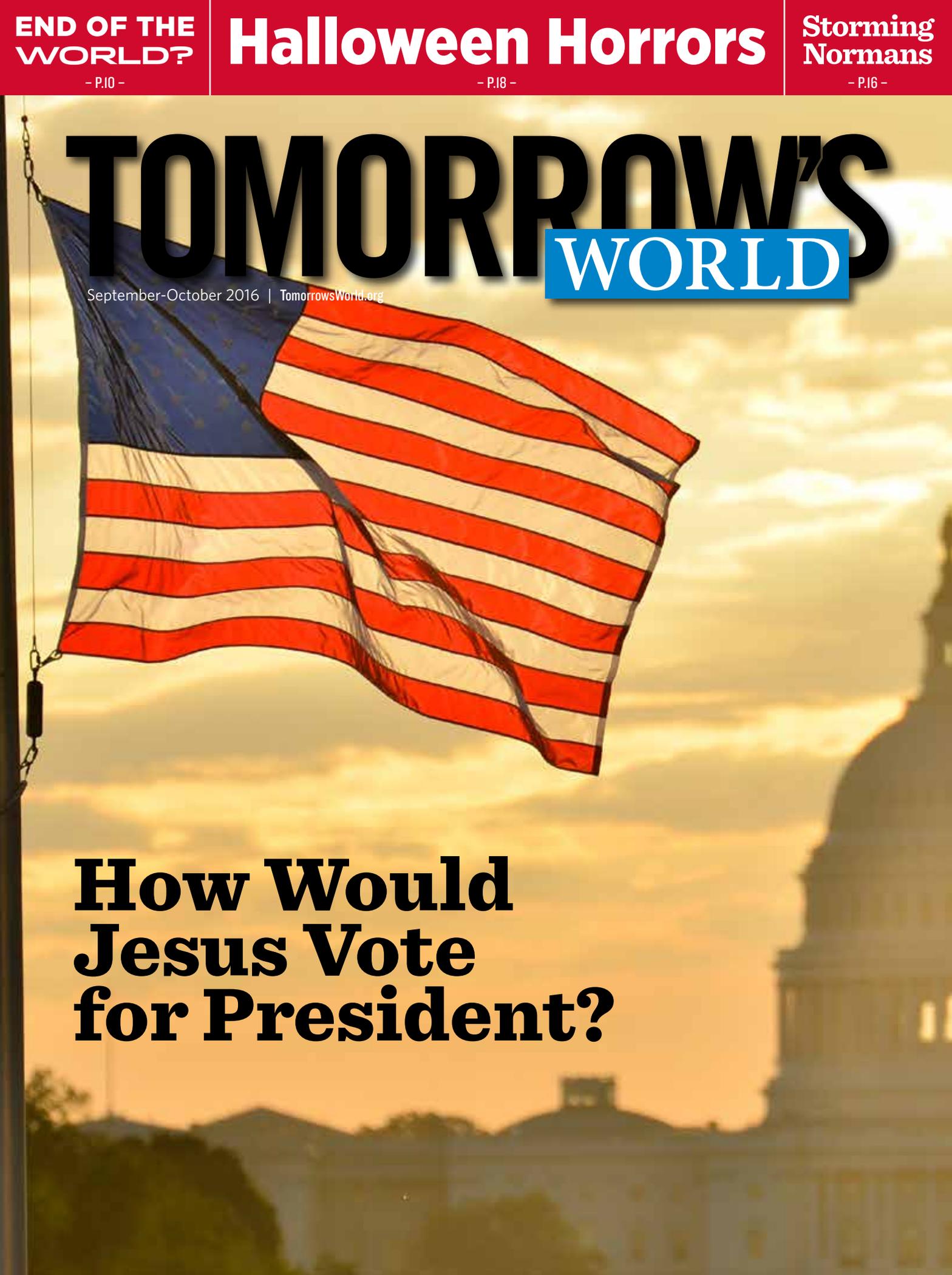


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## Admit the Cause of Problems

**O**ur western society is usually willing to admit to the fact that there are many “problems”: big city violence, rebellious young people, broken families and confused children. But what we normally do is *fail* to find the real **cause** of the problem so we can get at an actual solution. Rather, our modern approach to problems is to try to treat the “symptoms”—without ever searching out the genuine **cause**. For instance, many researchers have found that millions of people living in supposedly deprived areas of the world are often seemingly immune to modern illnesses such as cancer, high blood pressure and diabetes. Entire societies in some of the Pacific islands, people living in the Hunza Valley in Asia and elsewhere *very rarely* are found to have problems with cancer, diabetes, etc. But when “modern” salesmen and food suppliers come in with ice cream, soft drinks and other “goodies,” suddenly the rates of these diseases begin to *explode!* **Think!**

Even more central to what is happening right now in the U.S. is the increase in the number of **killings** in its major cities. Again, **why?** And *why* do we keep trying to treat just the “symptoms” rather than the actual **cause** of these problems in the first place?

To actually “solve” the problem of the growing crime waves in many of the major cities of our nations, we need to look *far more closely* and with “an open mind” at what our **Creator** tells us in His inspired Word!

### What Our Creator Commands

If you are not willing to listen to what Almighty God tells you, then you may as well *stop reading this right now*, for there will be **no solution** to any of man’s problems otherwise—crime, broken homes, wars, illicit drugs, you name it.

In His inspired revelation to mankind, our Creator tells us: “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6). Again, God’s Word tells us: “Correct your son, and he will give you rest; yes, he will give delight to your soul” (Proverbs 29:17).

Most of you will immediately grasp the fact that in order to “train your son” you must learn to build

*strong families* in your society—families who have a **purpose** in life and are willing to listen to what God says! Otherwise, all bets are off!

Frankly, my friends, **if** the professing “Christian” churches of the United States had strongly and consistently taught people about the *laws of God*—about how *vitaly important* it is for a man and woman to build a strong family, to stay together and to train their children—we would **not** be seeing the kinds of problems described above in the first

place! But as a society, we have **failed** to take God’s Word seriously. We have *failed* our children, failed ourselves and failed our Creator.

Notice what God told ancient Israel, for we should often remind ourselves of what Almighty God revealed to us in the



Ten Commandments: “Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet...” (Deuteronomy 5:16–21). He also commanded that these laws and values were to be passed down to our *children*, from generation to generation, forever (Deuteronomy 6:7).

If this powerful teaching from God’s Word were *actually carried out* in our society, there would be virtually **no crime** or violence or broken families or any of the other terrible “social problems” we are ex-

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perienicing. Most of you realize that. But the true God of the Bible seems “far off” to most people. There is “no fear of God” before their eyes. For the professing Christian ministers have utterly **failed** to make God “real” to people. They have *failed* to teach His laws and His way of life, even when those ministers were still powerful instruments in guiding the educational and societal norms of our entire nations.

So now we have a confused, misguided *liberal media* **If the powerful teaching of the Ten Commandments were actually carried out in our society, there would be virtually no crime or violence or broken families or any of the other terrible “social problems” we are experiencing.**

virtually setting the “standards” for how we ought to act. These Hollywood-type people are simply in it to *entertain* and to *make money*. Most of them have *no interest whatsoever* in whether or not the society is actually benefited by their “liberal” ideas. It is time for America, Britain and Canada to **wake up**. It is time for us to learn the real **cause** of nearly all our societal problems: the constant disregard for and *breaking* of the Laws of God. For the Laws of God

### America at the Crossroads

are like the law of gravity. You do not have to intervene and “make it work.” The law of gravity automatically operates whether man believes in it or not. All of us need to realize that God’s **spiritual law**, the Ten Commandments, operates the same way. For God’s laws are **real**, and they would be the ultimate *answer* to mankind’s problems **if** they were truly taught and obeyed.

I hope that all with open minds in the United States—as well as Canada, Britain, Australia and the other English-speaking nations—will be willing to consider what the Creator told our forefathers. In fact, His words should be heeded by *all* nations. God stated prophetically and powerfully, “Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God

will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these **blessings** shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country” (Deuteronomy 28:1–3). Later, God warned, “But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all



His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these **curse**s will come upon you and overtake you: Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country... The LORD will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me” (vv. 15–20).

Frankly, our formerly professing “Christian” nations are at a major **turning point** in their entire history! We either turn to the ways of God and make ourselves willing to **obey** the inspired laws and statutes of God—or these terrible **curse**s will come upon us, and we will be cursed and **you** will be cursed “in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly” (v. 20).

The national *confusion*, chaos and utter **destruction** prophesied in these verses is already beginning to happen, bit by bit, at a slow but steadily increasing rate. May God help **you**, my friends, to understand and to act before it is too late! If you truly wish to have God’s *protection* and **blessing** in the months and years just ahead, and to have God’s **blessing** and **guidance**, call or write us immediately for your **free** copy of the booklet entitled, *The Ten Commandments*. Also be sure to request the eye-opening booklet *Restoring Original Christianity*, which will help you understand the background of the problem.

You **need** these booklets. You **need** to understand. You need—for the sake of your own safety and the safety and **blessing** for your family and children—to begin to “seek” God as never before! May God help you to **act** before it is too late.

*Roderick C. Meredith*

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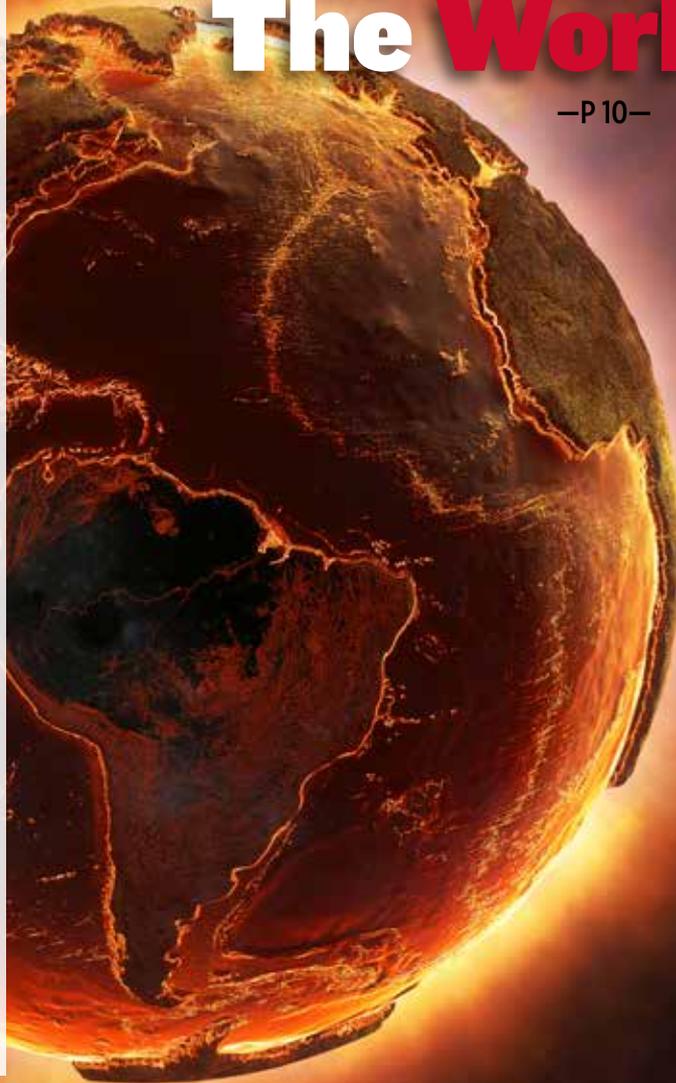
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# How Would Jesus Vote for President?



*Who can lead the United States out of the morass of its plummeting morality, its insecure economy and the increasing tensions in its society? As the world's superpower prepares to select a President, how would our Savior respond? How should faithful Christians respond? And how should we view the election process itself?*

By **Roderick C. Meredith**

**A**ll around us, the U.S. presidential election process is highlighting deep divisions between groups of Americans who have widely different perspectives about what the nation should be.

Throughout a long and contentious presidential campaign, we have watched as one candidate calls another a “dangerous racist” while another calls his opponent plainly “crooked.” One candidate brushes off accusations that he lacks the most basic skills and the temperament to serve, while another dodges accusations of peddling influence to build a huge personal fortune from Wall Street and overseas donors.

Although millions “felt the Bern” (Democratic Party candidate Bernie Sanders actually gained more of the youth vote in 2016 than candidate Barack Obama won in 2008) the movement he stirred was not enough to produce a President. On the Republican side, professional pundits were shocked to see the candidacy of former Florida governor Jeb Bush falter and fail so quickly, while practically none of the “experts” foresaw the persistence of the Donald Trump phenomenon.

Some analysts are calling the 2016 election “the last shout of the Boomers.” Author Clara Bingham, in her book *Witness to the Revolution*, points out that the 2016 election offers many parallels to 1968, when, in her words “America lost its mind and found its soul” (“Will

2016 make us witnesses to another revolution?,” *The Guardian*, June 5, 2016). Indeed, perhaps in no election since the 1960s has there been such a charged mix of idealism and cynicism, pessimism and fear.

One way or another, there is no denying that the 2016 Presidential election has highlighted deep divisions among groups of Americans with widely differing ideas of what their nation should be. But what will happen in the general election? Will one candidate energize new voters to change the political landscape? Will voters be motivated by fear, or by hope? And will it make a difference? What should Christians do? And what would our Savior do, faced with the present choices?

God certainly commands all who claim to be Christian to be alert to world trends, to “watch” for the signs of the times (Luke 21:34–36). He instructs us to respect—and even to pray for—the elected and appointed government officials who are in authority in our nations (1 Timothy 2:1–4; 1 Peter 2:17–18). But

**ine** He might have lived. Jesus Himself told us: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God” (Luke 4:4). The genuine answer as to how we ought to live and function in a democratic nation is to be found in the Bible—the inspired word of God. For we are to have the “mind of Christ” (Philippians 2:5). And the Bible is the revelation of God’s mind—telling us how the Father and Jesus Christ really think about the fundamental issues of life.

All through this past summer, Americans have been deluged with messages urging voters to support one candidate or another. Looking at the individuals who would be President, we ask ourselves: “Do these people really believe they are fit to lead the world’s only superpower? Do they think that any human being is fit for the task?”

Where is God in all of this?

From the beginning, human beings have tried to rule themselves without God’s direct leadership. Most professing Christians do not even realize what

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should either major party candidate command the allegiance of Christians in America? If so, which one? And why—or why not?

### Does It Matter? What To Do?

Amidst all the “mud-slinging” and the contentious trading of accusations back and forth, what should true Christians do? How should we respond? Most importantly, how would Jesus Christ respond in this politically charged atmosphere? We all need to recognize that true Christians are those who have Christ living in them through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul wrote: “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but *Christ liveth in me*: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20, *KJV*).

A true Christian must learn to live as Jesus Christ actually lived—not as many people incorrectly **imag-**

Jesus Christ has to do with government. For they have been told far more about the “little Lord Jesus, away in a manger” than they have about the biblical Jesus Christ who is now at the right hand of God in heaven (Acts 7:55–56). The real Christ will soon return in majestic glory as the literal King of kings over the entire earth! To most people, this Jesus is unknown.

Remember, very few professing Christians realize that Jesus’ gospel was about a coming world government. One of the most clever, Satanic deceptions ever spread is that Jesus Christ’s message was principally about *Himself*. The starting point of true Christianity is accepting the shed blood of Jesus Christ (Romans 5:8–11) after truly—and this is too infrequently mentioned—repenting of sin (Acts 2:38–39). However, Jesus’ *main message*—the *gospel* He preached—centered on world government and the willingness of each human to genuinely surrender to God and eventually become part of His divine Family. This divine government will soon rule over this entire earth (Revelation 12:5)!

### Who Rules This Present World?

Though many have been led to believe that this is now God’s world, the Bible tells us something entirely



During the temptation of Jesus Christ, He was taken to a mountain and shown the glory of all the kingdoms of this world: “And the devil said to Him, ‘All this authority [to govern] I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish’” (Luke 4:6)

different. The Apostle John was inspired to write: “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (1 John 2:15).

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Did Jesus contradict Satan, and tell him that he was not in charge of the kingdoms of this world? No, He did not. Rather, near the end of His ministry, Jesus spoke of Satan in this way: “Now is the judgment of this world; now the *ruler of this world* will be cast out” (John 12:31). As He also said: “I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me” (John 14:30).

Later, Paul wrote: “But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the *god of this age* has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them” (2 Corinthians 4:3–4). Satan the Devil is the invisible ruler—the “god” of this age, which has covered about 6,000 years of human history since the creation of Adam. But this age will end at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as King of kings! God inspired Paul to reveal to us that Satan is “the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience” (Ephesians

2:2). So the invisible spirit ruler—the *prince*—over this world’s society is actually Satan the Devil!

Nevertheless, the true Creator God intervenes when necessary, to accomplish His purpose. In Galatians 1:4, Paul taught that Christ “gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age.” But egotistical human beings, who think they know it all, are actually unaware that they are under the powerful sway of the invisible Satan. They think that their ideas about society and about government—often diametrically contrary to those of God—make sense. But God says: “There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death” (Proverbs 14:12).

Satan deceives this world in a thousand different ways! In the book of Revelation, John foresaw a spirit war just ahead when “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).

Later, God reveals to us that at the beginning of Christ’s reign on earth, Satan is cast into a bottomless pit “so that he should *deceive the nations no more* till the thousand years were finished” (Revelation 20:3). The Bible makes it exceedingly clear that this present society is Satan’s. Rather than truly seeking God’s will, today’s civilization is based on vanity, competition, deception and outright fraud.

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# h Canada!

## The National Dream



**One of the most intriguing and outstanding achievements** in Canadian history occurred between 1871 and 1885, within two decades of Canada's confederation in 1867: the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) across the continent uniting eastern

Canada with its newest province, British Columbia, on the Pacific coast. Today we take this railway for granted, but at the time it proved the most vigorous, acclaimed and possibly foolhardy venture possible. The late Canadian author, Pierre Burton, wrote possibly the most extensive account of this achievement in his two volume set, *The Canadian Dream* and *The Last Spike* (McClelland and Stewart Ltd., Toronto, 1970).

### A Clear Vision

Sir John A. Macdonald—Canada's Conservative leader, "Father of Confederation," and first Prime Minister—had a clear vision of what he perceived Canada should become. It was a national dream that expanded Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific. At Confederation, Canada was comprised of the four provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, adding Manitoba and Prince Edward Island shortly thereafter (1870). The rest of continental Canada included the vast stretches of the prairies as well as the northern and Arctic territories—a vast wilderness sparsely populated mainly by Native and Metis peoples. The colony of British Columbia was established on the west coast.

Macdonald and others perceived a danger of American incursion into these regions and sought to block it by inviting British Columbia into Canada and settling the prairies with immigrants from eastern

Canada and Europe. To lure British Columbia into Confederation, the government at first promised a wagon road joining the two regions, which quickly turned into a promise to build a railroad to unite the west with the east and settle the prairies. Even before construction began, opposition arose in government and in the public. Liberal opposition leader, Alexander MacKenzie, in 1871 referred to it as "an act of insane recklessness" (*The National Dream*, p. 6).

The Americans had already built their counterpart continental railroad from St. Louis to California in 1869, joined with pre-existing connecting lines in the east. The Canadian Pacific Railway, destined to become the longest railroad in the world until the Trans-Siberian line was built in the Soviet Union in 1925, proved a most difficult endeavour.

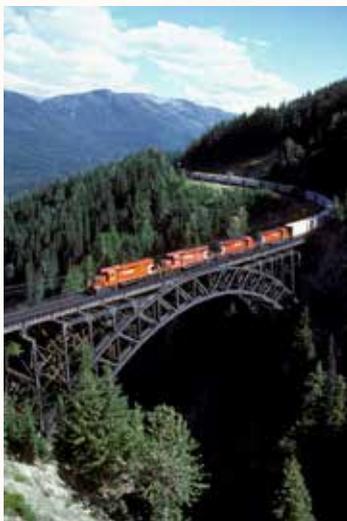
Canada, a new nation with a tenth of the population of the United States, had a much smaller industrial and financial base to work with and an economy primarily focused on natural resources. The environment created no end of challenges and deterrents as well. The massive Canadian Shield of northern and western Ontario and part of Manitoba—a massive region of rock—slowed the progress and inflated the cost of construction. The Shield has been described as a near impenetrable mass of rock, lakes, and boggy muskeg—as well as mosquitoes. The severity of the Canadian winter made work extremely difficult, often leading to the necessity of altering and rerouting the line. Serious accidents and mishaps, often caused by bad judgment on the part of construction engineers and management, caused much loss of life and equipment before ever leaving the Shield (*ibid.* p. 283ff).

## The Difficult Path

The prairie region, cut off from the rest of the nation, had its share of difficulties, although the work proceeded more rapidly. Supplies, including rails and lumber for ties, trestles and bridges, had to be moved from Winnipeg to the railhead hundreds of kilometres to the west. Farther to the west the multiple walls of the Rockies and mountain cordilleras created massive barriers to progress, especially in the line started from New Westminster (Vancouver) eastward in the treacherous Fraser Valley. Hundreds, even thousands of lives were lost to accidents, especially through careless handling of explosives—particularly nitroglycerine.

Macdonald's government fell into scandal by 1873 as a result of graft, patronage and corruption concerning the railroad. Contracts awarded to friends and relatives rarely served to promote sound construction. Shady deals and cheap building materials shuffled profits into personal wealth. Macdonald and his government fell into disrepute and were forced out in 1873, replaced by a Mackenzie Liberal government.

Regrettably for the CPR and Canada, MacKenzie's term in office, 1874–1878, proved as corrupt as Macdonald's and even less efficient in regard to the railway. His government collapsed after a literal brawl in Parliament with the Conservatives, who, under Macdonald, again took up the challenge of completing the rail line west. The bickering and debate over the whole notion of the railroad continued unabated, costs escalated by



Stoney Creek Bridge at Rogers Pass

millions, and the deaths of thousands of workmen continued.

But victory followed as kilometre after kilometre of track was painstakingly laid across the wilderness, bridges and tunnels were built, and towns were established. Donald A. Smith, the oldest director of the CPR, drove the final spike uniting the eastern and west-

ern lines of the CPR in the wilderness at Craigellachie, British Columbia, east of Shuswap Lake on November 7, 1885.

The national dream and vision for Canada tenaciously held by one man and his followers finally succeeded in spite of nearly insurmountable hardships, scandals, costs, and the collapse of a government. It gave Canada the assurance of a bright future, expanding from the Atlantic to the Pacific, uniting and populating the land with settlers, farms and cities for industries. It opened the way for Canada to become a successful, modern nation.

## A Vision of the Future

The building of the CPR was the result of a great vision—one that helped Canada on its way to fulfilling its role in God's design for the world. But in the course



of seeing the vision fulfilled, lives were lost, some were treated unfairly and some enriched themselves un-

justly. Sadly, this is the current state of the world. Even the most visionary human leader cannot implement a perfect world.

Yet vision is a critical element for getting things done and motivating human beings to strive and achieve what some may consider impossible. It fulfills a very human need: "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18 KJV). Leadership that promotes a big and positive vision of a better world creates hope and energy. Nowhere can one find a more positive vision of a better world than in the prophecies God has written and preserved in the Bible. Here we find a vision of a world indescribably peaceful, productive and happy, with all things achieved *without* corruption, but through compliance to a perfect set of laws—God's own laws. That vision will be seen to completion by the incorruptible Son of God, Jesus Christ! And unlike Macdonald's vision for Canada, which could only stretch from coast to coast, the Scriptures tell us that the vision of Christ will be *boundless*: "Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end" (Isaiah 9:7).

The announcement of this vision is the mission of *Tomorrow's World!*

—Lawrence Hartshorne

# THE END OF THE WORLD?

*Are we on a path to inevitable nuclear, chemical, biological, political, military and societal catastrophes that will bring our civilization to an end? Your Bible has the answer!*

By **Richard F. Ames**

**S**cientists a generation ago feared “global cooling” and the end of civilization in a massive new ice age. Today, climate fears have shifted toward global warming. Many of you have lived through a violent natural event like an earthquake or hurricane, or even now live in a region where experts say “The Big One” may soon bring devastation to millions. Some of you reading this may have grown up during the “Cold War” years when “Mutual Assured Destruction” was the fear—that the vast nuclear arsenals of the United States and the USSR would not actually keep the world safe but would tempt some madman into provoking planetary cosmocide.

You might remember the movie *Dr. Strangelove*, which tried to find comedy in that horrific scenario. More recently, you may have seen one of the many Hollywood “blockbusters” that have portrayed our planet’s destruction by an asteroid, a comet, a global plague or a “nuclear winter” following World War III. The movie industry often describes such films as “apocalyptic.” But why? The term comes from the Greek word *apocalypsis*, which means “uncovering” or “revealing.” That is the Greek title of the Bible’s book of Revelation, which is also called “The Apocalypse” in some older English-language versions.

The book of Revelation describes a great war that many refer to as “Armageddon.” But will there really

be a “Battle of Armageddon”? Will planet Earth be destroyed? Will mankind succeed in destroying itself? Your Bible has the answer to that vital question!

The greatest newscaster and prophet who ever lived, Jesus of Nazareth, was asked about the end of the world by His disciples: “And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?” (Matthew 24:3, *KJV*).

## **Natural and Unnatural Disasters**

The Yellowstone Caldera is a supervolcano that sits beneath the Yellowstone National Park, ranging across 1,500 square miles in northwest Wyoming and part of the geology that powers the park’s many geysers and hot springs. Many geologists expect it to erupt sometime within the next 10,000 years. Yet there has recently been an increase in seismic activity near the caldera. Scientists warn that if the caldera were to erupt at full intensity, it would spread volcanic ash several inches deep across most of the western United States. Farming would be devastated and an effect much like a “nuclear winter” would affect climate for a decade or more. Should we be afraid?

Earthquakes are an ongoing concern around the globe. Are they becoming more frequent, or is it simply that with growing populations an earthquake of the same intensity may have far more severe effects than in previous centuries? Some giant earthquakes can be so severe as to affect our planet’s movement

through space: along with its astronomical death toll—surpassing 200,000—the 2004 magnitude 9.1 quake in Sumatra actually slowed Earth’s rotation by about three microseconds! Others simply spread death and devastation; we remember the 2010 quake in Haiti that according to Haitian government records cost more than 300,000 Haitian lives and left more than a million people homeless. And the financial effect of an earthquake can be momentous. The island nation of Japan has very effective safety systems that kept the death toll below 16,000 in the deadly 2011 Tohoku disaster, yet property damage from the 9.0 quake and resulting tsunami was estimated in excess of \$230 billion!

Will natural disasters intensify? Will regional wars increase until there is a World War III and Armageddon? What does Bible prophecy reveal about the future? Your Bible reveals the future of the world. More than one-quarter of your Bible is prophecy. So we should take heed to what Jesus said when His disciples asked Him, “What shall be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the **age**?” (Matthew 24:3). This is His answer: “Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows” (Matthew 24:4–8).

Critics may say, “There have always been wars and natural disasters.” That is true, and it should tell you



something: those wars were caused by human beings, and human nature **has not** changed to bring about lasting world peace! It has been said that every time mankind discovers some new tool or technology, we will find a way to use it for evil purposes. Whether it is fire, gunpowder or nuclear fission, the constant truth of human progress has been that human beings keep advancing with newer and more efficient ways to kill each other in ever-larger numbers.

Any glance at human history should teach us that after two world wars, and many regional wars since, that we are headed for total global disaster. In August 2015, the nation of Japan remembered the 70th anniversary of two atomic bombs that virtually vaporized the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki—killing and painfully injuring hundreds of thousands of individuals, and ushering mankind into the age of atomic and nuclear weaponry. How far have we come in the 70 years that followed?

On January 22, 2015, the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists moved the minute-hand of their symbolic doomsday clock two minutes forward to “three minutes to midnight.” The scientists made this sobering announcement: “In 2015, unchecked climate change, global nuclear weapons modernizations, and outsized nuclear weapons arsenals pose extraordinary and undeniable threats to the continued existence of humanity, and world leaders have failed to act with the speed or on the scale required to protect citizens from potential catastrophe. These failures of political leadership endanger every person on Earth.”

Is there any hope for the future? Bible prophecy reveals that an Armageddon will affect the whole world! Yes, we will experience a World War III. But there is good news. We thank God that the greatest prophet who ever lived, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, will intervene and save us from ourselves. He warned us: “For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened” (Matthew 24:21–22).

Yes, those days **will** be shortened! Jesus Christ will come to save the world from total cosmocide and annihilation! He will establish a new world govern-

ment that will usher in a true millennium of peace and prosperity among nations.

### **Nuclear Devastation Ahead?**

Consider, again, the threat of nuclear war that has been with us for more than 70 years. Those two bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 exploded with the force of 15 and 20 thousand tons of TNT, respectively, and completely *obliterated* both cities, turning them into wastelands! With temperatures above ten thousand degrees Fahrenheit and lethal radiation, more than 100,000 people were killed *instantly*, and another hundred thousand or more died in the next few days from the effects of the two bombings.

These two nuclear bombs ended World War II. But have the world's nations, statesmen, and leaders found the way to lasting peace? The nation of Japan surrendered unconditionally, ending World War II. In his victory broadcast from the USS Missouri, General Douglas MacArthur summarized the historic lesson of war. Gen. MacArthur repeated these words in his farewell address to Congress on April 19, 1951. "Military alliances, balances of power, leagues of nations, all in turn failed, leaving the only path to be the way of the cruci-

a time unique in all history, the Great Tribulation.

The Great Tribulation will be a time of punishment for the national and personal sins of our Western nations, if we do not repent nationally and personally. God will punish those nations which do not seek genuine peace, but which commit idolatry and all forms of evil. Let's face reality! How many nations around the world are *not* consumed with greed and covetousness? In fact, God tells us in Colossians 3:5 to change our behavior: "Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them."

Yes, covetousness is idolatry. Our Western nations seem to thrive on materialism, greed, and covetousness. The book of Jeremiah contains God's powerful condemnations on the ancient houses of Israel and Judah. Regular readers of this magazine understand that the modern nation of Israel in the Middle East is primarily descended from the house of Judah, and that the English-speaking peoples come primarily from the house of Israel—specifically from the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, whose descendants settled in Britain, Canada, the United States, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand. Consider these powerful words recorded by the prophet Jeremiah: "Now these are the words that the LORD spoke concerning Israel and Judah. For thus says the LORD: 'We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask now, and see, whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins like a woman in labor, and all faces turned pale? Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it'" (Jeremiah 30:4-7).

Remember that Jacob's name was changed to Israel after he wrestled with the Eternal and prevailed (Genesis 32:28). The patriarch Israel placed his name on the sons of Joseph, who became the ancestors of the American and British-descended peoples. The time unique in all history, the Great Tribulation, is the time of Jacob's trouble—a time you will want to escape!

### **Cataclysms Ahead!**

The disaster movies that fill our movie theaters today only give us a **hint** of the cataclysms that will

## **YES, OUR ARMAGEDDON WILL BE AT OUR DOOR. WILL YOU, MY FRIENDS, BE PREPARED FOR ARMAGEDDON?**

ble of war. The utter destructiveness of war now blocks out this alternative. We have had our last chance. If we will not devise some greater and more equitable system, our Armageddon will be at our door."

Yes, our "Armageddon" will be at our door. Will you be prepared for it? Who will win World War III? Will another military power arise in Europe that will endanger Western nations as it did in World War II? Many nations are committing awful sins. Most are supporting the horror of killing millions of unborn babies and some are even selling their body parts for profit. Many nations have approved of same-sex marriage which God calls an "abomination" in Leviticus 18:22! Upon whom will the greatest punishment fall? We read earlier in Matthew 24:21 that there will come

occur during the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord. Just imagine volcanoes erupting in North and South America, and along the “ring of fire” in nations bordering the Pacific Ocean. Imagine record-breaking earthquakes and devastating tsunamis. The asteroid that exploded over Russia on February 15, 2013 exerted 20 to 30 times the force of the World War II atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. The biblical book of Revelation describes in symbolic language the kind of modern nuclear warfare that will destroy billions of humans on earth in the time ahead of us (Revelation 9:13–18).

We need to take warning! Bible prophecy warns us of the punishments and judgments to come on our nations! How can we escape those judgments? First of all, we need an attitude of repentance. We need to acknowledge our sins, ask God for His forgiveness, and change our attitudes and behaviors. If we are close to God, He will protect us during the challenging times ahead. Notice Jesus’ instruction and warning: “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. **Watch therefore**, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:34–36).

Now is the time to draw close to God in prayer. You need to study your Bible and watch for the prophetic signs Jesus warned us about. Remember the signs of wars, pestilences and earthquakes prophesied in Matthew 24. In fact, Luke mentions “great earthquakes” in Luke 21:11! The earthquakes we experience now give us a mere taste of the destruction that will be caused



by the “great earthquakes” to come! We’ve already discussed the Sumatran earthquake and tsunami, as well as

the Tohoku earthquake—the costliest natural disaster in history! Yet there are so many more examples. On October 8, 2005, a 7.6 magnitude earthquake in Kashmir, Pakistan killed 86,000 and injured 106,000. Six hundred thousand homes were destroyed and three million people were left homeless. On May 12, 2008, a magnitude 7.9 earthquake killed more than 69,000 people and caused \$85 billion in damage in Sichuan province of China. The January 2010 Haiti earthquake killed more than 300,000, injured additional hundreds of thousands, and left more than a **million** homeless.

Even mild earthquakes can be very frightening, as my wife and I experienced while living in California for more than a decade.

The book of Revelation refers to several severe earthquakes coming in the future. One of them oc-



Silent and deadly, a single Ohio-class, nuclear submarine carries up to 24 Trident II nuclear missiles. The entire U.S. submarine fleet comprises approximately 50% of America’s active nuclear arsenal.

curs in connection with prophesied heavenly signs, or cosmic disturbances (Revelation 6:12–17), and it is described as being so powerful that it shakes even islands and the very mountains out of their place (v. 14)! During this time, the Church of God—true, faithful Christians—will be protected in the wilderness here on planet Earth, not in heaven, for three and one-half years (Revelation 12:14–16).

The Day of the Lord will be a time when God intervenes in world affairs very powerfully and directly. Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, will judge the nations for their wickedness. We read: “And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?’” (Revelation 6:13–17). Dear readers, thank God that you can be protected from the judgments that will affect every nation, island and territory on earth.

### Christ Will Return To Rule!

When Jesus’ disciples asked Him what would be the sign of His coming and of the end of the world, the real question was not the end of planet Earth itself, but the end of the *age*. The earth will always exist, although it **will** be renewed by Almighty God (2 Peter 3:13). In Revelation 5:10, He reveals that the spiritual destiny of the saints is to be “kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign **on the earth.**” **Heaven is not our reward!**

Your Bible reveals the prophetic events leading up to the return of Christ to rule all nations. The Prince of Peace will establish righteous world government over all nations. Beyond Armageddon is good news! World history has demonstrated that

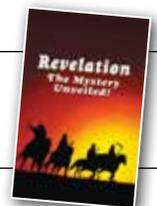
mankind does not know the way to peace. But the Prince of Peace will teach all nations the **Way** to peace. Most importantly, human nature must be changed. General Douglas MacArthur realized that human character is the central issue: “We have had our last chance. If we will not devise some greater and more equitable system, our Armageddon will be at our door. The problem basically is theological and involves a spiritual recrudescence and improvement of human character that will synchronize with our almost matchless advances in science, art, literature and all material and cultural developments of the past two thousand years. It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh.”

Indeed, the history of the world has demonstrated, and the Bible foretells, that apart from God’s continual guidance, mankind will destroy itself and all life on earth! But beyond Armageddon, the Prince of Peace—Jesus Christ—will save the world, and He will teach all nations the Way to peace. A worldwide **re-education program** will revolutionize international relations for good. Thankfully, as General MacArthur recognized will be necessary, there will be a “spiritual recrudescence” or spiritual renewal all around the world. Notice this inspiring prophecy: “Many nations 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 the law shall go forth, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off; 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” (Micah 4:2–3).

Thank God that a new world and a new age are coming in this generation! Pray as Jesus instructed, “Your Kingdom come” (Matthew 6:10). We need to prepare for the future with faith. Study your Bible every day! Draw close to God in prayer. And look forward to God’s coming Kingdom, and the new age to come—tomorrow’s world! 

MAY WE  
SUGGEST?

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# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## Can a Christian have an out-of-body experience?

**Question:** Some people believe that a human being's soul or spirit can separate from the body and travel to far distant places beyond the body's reach. This is not just a "New Age" or "Eastern religion" idea; even some who call themselves Christians believe in "astral projection" or "out-of-body experiences." Does the Bible teach in 2 Corinthians 12:2-4 that a human being's soul or spirit can operate outside the body?

**Answer:** Many people have told stories of having an "out-of-body experience" during surgery, or of practicing "astral projection" (in which the soul supposedly travels to faraway places while the body stays behind). Was the Apostle Paul describing a similar experience? The answer may surprise you!

In 2 Corinthians 12:2-4, as in the two previous chapters, Paul was describing his own experiences as a minister of the true Gospel. He wrote: "I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter."

It is important to notice that in the previous verse (v. 1), Paul explained that he will come to "visions and revelations" of the Lord. The word translated as "visions" is the Greek *optasia*, meaning "a sight or



vision presented to one, whether asleep or awake." The word translated as "revelations" is the Greek

*apokalupsis*, meaning "laying bare, making naked a disclosure of truth, instruction concerning things previously unknown." In these verses, Paul acknowledges that he was not recounting physical experiences.

But was Paul describing an out-of-body experience? He tells us that his physical experience was so intense that he could not tell whether it was a mere vision within his mind, or whether he had actually been taken to heaven. Though Paul was plainly

talking about visions at the start of 2 Corinthians 12, this particular vision felt so real that he was unable to explain what had happened, except that he had felt as if he were "out of the body." Paul did not draw his own conclusion, though. He said plainly—twice—that "God [not Paul] knows" the nature of his spiritual vision of Paradise. Those who wish to claim that the Bible definitively declares that Paul had an "out-of-body experience" are being far more dogmatic than even Paul, himself, was.

Another similar passage may help us appreciate Paul's phrasing in its proper context. He wrote to the Colossians, "For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit" (Colossians 2:5). Was Paul telling the Colossians that he had left his body to be with them? Of course not!

Scripture helps us understand, in part, what Paul's vision was not. The Apostle John reports Jesus' words: "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven" (John 3:13). Though Jesus spoke those words before His resurrection, later the Apostle Peter affirmed that they remain true even *after*

His resurrection, pointing to King David's tomb as an example of the uniqueness of Jesus' ascent to heaven (Acts 2:29, 34). Instead, Paul experienced a vision, akin to the vision recounted in Matthew 17:1-9. In that passage, the word Jesus uses for "vision" is *horama*—a sight divinely granted in an ecstasy or in a sleep. Remember: when the disciples had this experience, neither Moses nor Elijah had ascended to heaven. Like Paul's experience, this was clearly a vision, not a mystical visit from two dead people!

Therefore, just as Peter, James and John did not actually ascend to heaven during their vision of the transfigured Jesus with Moses and Elijah, we can understand that Paul did not ascend to heaven. Similarly, people today may feel that they have had an "out-of-body experience" that seems real to them, but the Bible reveals that they are mistaken.

## The “Norman Apocalypse”



**A**lmost one millennium ago, a ferocious and brutal invasion changed the course of British history. It led to years of barbarous subjugation and colonization that some have likened to an “apocalypse.” William, Duke of Normandy, believed he had a right to the English throne, and in trying to secure that throne caused “the opening of a massive fault-line in the continuity of our history,” writes historian Simon Schama in his book *A History of Britain: At the Edge of the World? 3000 BC-AD 1603* (p. 66).

Schama also states, “English history in particular seems the work of a temperate community, seldom shaken by convulsions. But there are moments when history is unsubtle; when change arrives in a violent rush, decisive, bloody, and traumatic; as a truck load of trouble, wiping out everything that gives a culture its bearings – custom, language, law, loyalty. *1066 was one of those moments*” (Schama, p. 66).

If we look at the background of the Battle of Hastings, can we recognise just how significant this fault-line was and just who, ultimately, was actually responsible for it?

### **A Disputed Kingdom**

Approaching the end of the first millennium AD, Britain’s peoples were an admixture of various bloodlines—the inevitable result of foreign invasions. To the ancient Celtic stock had been added Anglo-Saxon blood and culture. Danish Vikings dwelt in a large region of eastern England known as the Danelaw. Norwegian Vikings were in the Orkneys, Shetlands, Hebrides and in north-west England. The Anglo-Saxons were in central and

southern England with the Celts in southwest England, Wales and Scotland.

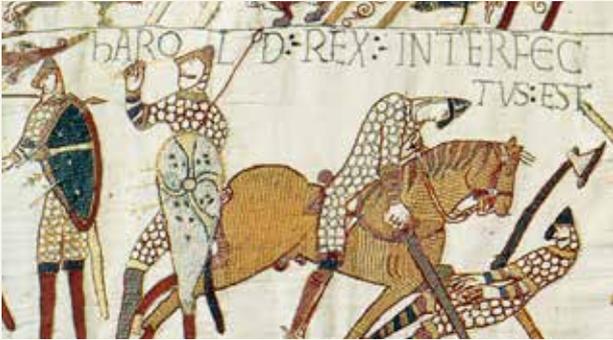
By the time we come to the imminent death of Edward I with no heir in place, there are several contenders for the English throne: Harold Hardrada, King of Norway; William, Duke of Normandy; and Harold Godwinson, Earl of Wessex.

Edward died on January 5, 1066 and Harold Godwinson, as “the man on the spot,” was rapidly crowned as his successor. William of Normandy believed that the new King Harold had previously promised the English throne to him by oath, and, after Harold’s coronation, wasted no time in assembling an invasion fleet of over 400 ships and convincing the feudal barons in his territories in Normandy to support his attempt to gain the throne. He cleverly sought a blessing from the Catholic Church in Rome for his crusade against Harold, who, in the Pope’s eyes, ruled over a country of barbarians and quasi-pagans. The fleet was ready to sail by August 10.

### **Weather Helps Craft History**

On the other side of the English Channel, King Harold had amassed 3,000 trained soldiers and 10,000 *fyrd*, or part-time troops, who were obliged to serve the king for 40 days each year. However, the southerly wind that William needed to traverse the Channel never came, and on September 8, Harold demobilised the *fyrd*. Four days later, William set sail from Normandy, but a sudden gale pushed the fleet eastward, preventing their crossing.

Events soon took *another* twist. Harold’s banished brother Tostig invaded England with an ally, the Norwe-



Bayeux Tapestry depicting King Harold's defeat by the Normans

gian King, Harold Hardrada. On September 19, a fleet of 300 ships and 10,000 men in northeast England defeated the locals near York. King Harold headed north, mustering his forces en route, marching 190 miles in five days. On September 25, he successfully defeated his brother and the Norwegian king at the Battle of Stamford Bridge.

The very next day, Harold got word that William had sailed from France, landing on the south coast at Pevensey. As there was no organised English army waiting to oppose them, Harold marched back south again. He could have stopped south of London and perhaps maintained the advantage, suppressing William's advances northward from the coast, but he did not.

The Battle of Hastings took place on Saturday, October 14, 1066 between evenly matched Norman and Anglo-Saxon forces, lasting most of the day. At a key point in the battle the Normans feigned retreat, allowing the Saxon "shield wall" to be broken when they pursued them, opening up weak points in the Saxon defensive line. Harold's brothers were both killed, and Harold, himself, was fatally struck by an arrow in his eye.

### Britain Permanently Changed

William the Conqueror, as he became known, was crowned in Westminster Abbey on December 25, 1066. The Anglo-Saxon ruling class was replaced by Norman, French-speaking conquerors, which left a lasting impact on Britain. In 1085, William commissioned a complete inventory of the kingdom, shire by shire. This inventory—the infamous Domesday Book—provided him with information to coerce, fine and confiscate as he pleased. This knowledge was truly powerful. Norman rule meant that all the land belonged to William, who controlled it and gave it as gifts to whom he chose. The ruling classes

were required to pay homage to William with an oath of allegiance and loyalty. William died shortly afterwards whilst fighting the French on the continent, but the English nation was changed forever.

Regular readers of *Tomorrow's World* will remember that the *birthright promises* of national greatness were given to the descendants of Joseph (1 Chronicles 5:1-2; Genesis 49:22-26). His younger son, Ephraim, was to become a great company of nations (Genesis 35:10-11), and the modern nation of Britain fulfills this promise. Britain—corresponding to the ancient Israelite tribe of Ephraim—came to greatness as a national power, together with her empire nations, starting in about 1800. Of crucial importance is that these promises were not given to other modern nations such as Denmark, Norway or France, which are descended from other tribes of ancient Israel. The historical events of the Battle of Hastings would prove an *essential* step in re-configuring the nation, its culture, and its laws in preparation for its eventual prophetic role, centuries later, as a unified power in world affairs. (Request our booklet *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy* for more details about Britain's place in biblical prophecy.)

Critical to the outcome of the Battle of Hastings was the timing of events. If we recognise that "God rules

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*in the kingdoms of men*" (Daniel 4:17; 5:21) and that He controls history, we can appreciate His hand in the timing as

He directed the outcome, through elements beyond human control. God, as the creator of the earth, controls the weather, for example (Isaiah 29:6; 2 Chronicles 6:26, 27). And the weather played a key part in delaying the invasion fleet of King William until Harold's forces were exhausted by the rapid march north to Stamford Bridge and then south again to fight William. Events would have been vastly different if William had arrived in England two months earlier. (Our booklet *Who Controls the Weather?* explains in more detail how and why God uses *natural* weather events to His great purpose.)

The "Norman Apocalypse" resulting from the Battle of Hastings was an important moment directing history towards God's purpose, the fulfilment of prophecy and His national promises to Abraham.

—Simon R. D. Roberts

# Holidays or Horror-Days?



## Grotesque masks and costumes... terrifying images of movie monsters... candy skulls and carved pumpkins... gravesite offerings for the dead. This year, millions of people around the world will observe Halloween, All Saints Day, All Souls Day and the Day of the Dead. Will you?

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By **Rod McNair**

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**M**ost people today know that the modern Halloween festival has its roots in ancient traditions that pre-date Jesus Christ—yet they have no qualms about taking part in a day that draws heavily on morbid pre-Christian superstitions. Why is this? What should it mean to Christians today?

What did ancient Halloween celebrations involve? “The two chief characteristics of ancient Hallowe’en were the lighting of bonfires and the belief that of all nights in the year this is the one during which ghosts and witches are most likely to wander abroad... Further, it was a Druidic belief that on the eve of this festival Saman, lord of death, called together the wicked souls that within the past twelve months had been condemned to inhabit the bodies of animals” (“Halloween,” *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 11th ed., vol. 12, pp. 857–8).

So how did professing Christians start following ancient Celtic practices? In 610AD, Pope Boniface IV established the Feast of All Holy Martyrs, held annually on May 13. In 835AD, Pope Gregory IV transferred the celebration to November 1, a date he designated as “All Saints Day” in honor of martyrs for their faith. What activities are associated with that day? Even today, in some Catholic countries, a popular folk tradition holds that departed loved ones return to their former homes once a year, during this day, also known as the “Day of the

Dead.” *Mabuhay* magazine described a colorful tradition of the Philippines, where families “troop to cemeteries to light candles and offer flowers... to departed relatives... on All Saints Day (November 1)” (“Halloween High Jinks,” November 1997, p. 34).

The November 2 festival known as “All Souls Day” was established based on “the [Roman Catholic] doctrine that the souls of the faithful which at death have not been cleansed from venial sins, or have not atoned for past transgressions, cannot attain the Beatific Vision, and that they may be helped to do so by prayer and by the sacrifice of the mass” (“All Souls Day,” *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 11th ed. vol. 1, p. 709). This presumes a process by which those who are alive can perform ceremonies to somehow improve the condition of the deceased.

In Mexico, “Dia de los Muertos,” or “Day of the Dead” is observed by adorning gravesites with candles, marigolds, and deceased family members’ favorite foods, as if to attempt to persuade the dead loved ones to return for a family reunion. Note this description of how some celebrants observe this festival: “Some wear wooden skull masks known as *calacas*. Many families build altars, called *ofrendas*, in their homes, using photos, candles, flowers, and food... Toys and food, including breads and candies, are created in the shape of symbols of death such as skulls and skeletons” (“Day of the Dead,” *Britannica.com*).

All these “festivals of the dead” are based on the same general theme: to commune with, appease, serve and even worship the dead. But are such

practices based on the Bible? Should Christians observe them today? What does God say?

**Where Are the Dead Now?**

Many ancient religious traditions presume that the dead are somewhere other than in the grave. Many people assume that the departed dead are either in heaven, hell or some sort of intermediate conscious state. Yet the Bible clearly tells us where the dead are!

Notice what the Apostle Peter said in his sermon on the Day of Pentecost: “Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day... For David did not ascend into the heavens...” (Acts 2:29, 34).

David did not go to heaven! The Apostle Peter, speaking centuries after David’s death, confirmed that David was still in his grave where he had been placed at death, and was still awaiting the resurrection! What a contrast Peter’s words are to the mistaken belief, so pervasive among professing

and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words” (1 Thessalonians 4:16–18).

We can gain tremendous encouragement if we understand the truth about death and resurrection, as taught in the Bible. We need not distress or confuse ourselves with the fearful superstitions fostered by the “festivals of death.”

**Can We Communicate with the Dead?**

If the dead are unconscious in the grave—not alert as disembodied spirits in heaven or elsewhere—can we communicate with them? On the “Day of the Dead” do deceased family members actually return to their living relatives, as some believe? What does the Bible say?

Solomon explained: “For the living know that they will die; but the dead know nothing” (Ecclesiastes

9:5). When righteous King David cried out to be saved from danger, he reminded God, “For in death there is no remembrance of You; in the grave who will give You thanks?” (Psalm 6:5). Solomon and David both understood that human beings cease from

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Christians today, that the saints, right now, are looking down at us from heaven!

Jesus Christ plainly explained, “No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven” (John 3:13). He indeed had come down from heaven, and did return to the throne of the Father in heaven (John 20:17). But, on His faithful testimony, no one else has done so!

What, then, are the dead doing? The answer is neither mysterious nor spooky. The dead are simply “sleeping” in their graves, unconscious, waiting to be called to resurrection. What will happen when Christians are resurrected? The Apostle Paul explains: “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel,

consciousness at death.

The biblical account of King Saul’s séance sometimes confuses casual readers who wonder about spirits existing after death. At first glance, one might think that a medium had conjured up the spirit of Samuel, at King Saul’s request (1 Samuel 28:8–15). But did the medium really bring Samuel back? Scripture explains that Saul “perceived” it was Samuel (v. 14). The medium’s description was simply of “an old man... covered with a mantle”—apparently an unclean spirit appearing in a form much like Samuel’s. Scripture shows that lying spirits do go forth to deceive, as did this one seeking to deceive Saul (1 Kings 22:22–23).

Yes, the Bible clearly shows that we cannot communicate with the dead. The dead are not aware

of treats or offerings brought to their graves. They neither hear nor benefit from prayers made to them, or on their behalf.

On the other hand, we do look forward to seeing our beloved friends and relatives in the resurrection! And it is certainly right to honor the memory of a deceased family member or friend at a funeral service, especially for the sake of the mourning relatives. We “honor the memory” of our deceased parents and grandparents, not by leaving trinkets at their graves or by hoping to welcome their spirits into our homes, but rather by following their edifying instruction and example, and by bringing honor to the good name they established while they lived.

### Just Good, Clean Fun?

“I don’t believe in all that mumbo-jumbo,” some might say. “I just like to have fun on a holiday.” Is there, in fact, anything wrong with the Halloween customs we see in nations such as modern-day America? Could there be any problem with costume parties, scary stories and the gathering of tasty treats? Should we disapprove of plastic battery-operated “goblins” glaring down at passing shoppers in a department store? After all, nobody today takes all the “scary” stuff seriously, right?



Perhaps that approach itself is part of the problem. The spirit world should be taken seriously. It is real, and it is dangerous to the unwary. Yet the dangers of the occult are often relegated to the status of a silly game, as if we could harmlessly play along if only we would “get into the spirit of it”!

Certainly, millions try to do exactly that. Even home décor maven Martha Stewart offers advice on how to decorate your front lawn with flickering pumpkins to create a spooky environment for fun. She goes on to explain: “The excitement of All Hallow’s Eve is in the ether, the atmosphere charged by the sights and sounds and fears belonging to the night... What we’re after is to beat the holiday’s phosphorescent spirits at their own game, to dispel their threat using the same palette of darting amber and inky shadow they use to scare us” (*Halloween: The Best of Martha Stewart Living*, pp. 11–12).

For those who are skilled with a carving knife, author Tom Nardone’s book, *Extreme Pumpkins: Diabolical Do-It-Yourself Designs to Amuse Your Friends and Scare Your Neighbors*, describes “designer pumpkins” you can create yourself. Nardone offers directions for creating designs such as: “Cannibal Pumpkin,” “My Head Is on Fire Pumpkin,” “Brain-Surgery Pumpkin,” “Electrocuted Pumpkin,” “Drowning-in-a-bag Pumpkin,” “Skull Pumpkin,” “Blood-filled Pumpkin,” and “Satanic Pumpkin.”

These tips by Stewart and Nardone are all in jest and “tongue-in-cheek”—but should this be taken so lightly? God reveals that there is a real spirit being known as the Devil. This is not some bumbling fiend with a pitchfork. Rather, the Devil is a powerful, hateful being who has deceived the whole world (Revelation 12:9), and who seduced and drew one-third of all the angels into rebellion against God (Revelation 12:4). Jesus Christ saw Lucifer cast down from heaven (Luke 10:18). The angry angels who followed Lucifer’s rebellion—who became demons—are described as foul spirits and unclean birds (Revelation 18:2).

How does God tell us to regard Satan? He does not tell us to play silly, spooky games that mock interaction with the spirit world. He does not tell us to act out modern versions of ancient Druidic rituals. Rather, He says, “Resist the devil and he will

flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you” (James 4:7–8). God counsels us to be aware of the Devil’s schemes, so we can avoid his traps (2 Corinthians 2:11). Scripture reminds us that Christians are in a struggle against “principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12).

### God’s Ways or Pagan Mischief?

Halloween celebrates mischief. It is considered a time to “let all inhibitions loose” and “suspend all rules.” Author Hugo Slim reminds us, “Halloween still keeps many of the old pre-Christian games and rituals as part of its festivities. Games involving apples, dressing up and retribution are still enjoyed by children every Halloween” (*Feast of Festivals*, p. 176). He goes on to say, “The camouflage of

(Philippians 4:8). The unclean and riotous roots of Halloween are not compatible with God’s instructions for Christians.

Interestingly, some historians have suggested a link between ancient “Day of the Dead” practices and the destruction of Noah’s idolatrous and licentious generation. Noah’s Flood began in the “second month, the seventeenth day of the month” (Genesis 7:11). One year later, in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day, Noah exited the ark (Genesis 8:14–16). If we count the timing of Noah’s Flood according to the Jewish civil calendar, the seventeenth day of the second month would be somewhere from late October to early November. As author Frederick Filby has observed, “Thus the old world perished and a year later a new era commenced in the same month. Both of these facts are indelibly enshrined in the memory of the human

race. To many people right round the world November brings the Day of the Dead. In a number of ancient and primitive calendars November also brings a New Year at a time which has neither solstice nor equinox nor astronomical event to justify it” (*The Flood Reconsidered*, pp. 106–107).

Historian Alexander Hislop identified the voyage of Osiris as a corrupted version of God’s delivery of Noah, and places it at around the

same time: “The time when Osiris was ‘shut up in his coffin,’ and when that coffin was set afloat on the waters, as stated by Plutarch, agrees exactly with the period when Noah entered the ark. That time was ‘the 17th day of the month Athyr, when the overflowing of the Nile had ceased, when the nights were growing long and the days decreasing’” (*The Two Babylons*, p. 136).

However, if the timing of the Flood is counted according to the Jewish *sacred* calendar (which began in the spring), it would have occurred sometime in mid-to-late-May, near the date originally chosen for the “Feast of All Holy Martyrs.” As John Garnier wrote in *Worship of the Dead*, “In Rome... in more ancient times, the ‘festival of the spirits,’ believed to be the souls of deceased friends, was called ‘Lemuria,’ and was held on May 11. This also was the seventeenth day of the second month of the year at that time” (p. 6).

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fancy dress [costumes] and pumpkin lanterns also provided the perfect cover under which to get even with an enemy. Halloween therefore became an inevitable and acceptable time to settle old scores through the ancient custom of ‘trick or treat,’ a game which is extremely popular with many children today” (pp. 177–178).

But does God approve of such festivities? The Apostle Peter explains that Christians should have given up lifestyles contrary to God’s way: “For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries” (1 Peter 4:3). Instead, we are to focus on whatever is “true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things”

## The Business of Horror

**October 31** has become the third-busiest party day of the year in the United States, behind only New Year's Eve and Super Bowl Sunday.

A shocking report by the Overseas Development Institute found that in 2015, Americans spent more money on Halloween pet costumes than was spent in total on mental health services by 148 developing countries around the world.

The National Retail Federation reported

last year that 157 million Americans would be celebrating Halloween, with an average expenditure of \$74.34 per person—up from \$41.77 in 2003. Total Halloween spending was expected to reach \$6.9 billion, with 69 million people dressing in Halloween costumes and another 20 million pet owners dressing up one or more pets!

Costumes are the largest part of the expense, followed by candy and

decorations—and even Halloween greeting cards, a growing phenomenon.

God tells His people not to take part in pagan ceremonies derived from the Roman Saturnalia (like Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations), or from the worship of evil spirits and the dead (like Halloween). Christians are not to look at the pagan customs around them and ask, "How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise" (Deuteronomy 12:30).

Do "Day of the Dead" observances go back into antiquity further than we might assume—perhaps even to the destruction of a riotous and violent civilization? At the very least, there seems to be a tantalizing parallel, and perhaps there is even an outright connection.

### Reject Pagan Traditions

When God was preparing the Israelites to enter the Promised Land, He gave them specific and forceful instructions that they should not try to honor Him by practicing the "traditions" of the nations around them. They were not to absorb the observances of the Gentiles. They were to reject such practices, and instead faithfully follow God's commands and instructions.

Moses instructed the Israelites: "When the LORD your God cuts off from before you the nations which you go to dispossess, and you displace them and dwell in their land, take heed to yourself that you are not

ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.' You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way" (Deuteronomy 12:29–31).

God is calling Christians today to obey and worship Him in the way that He has chosen, not by following man-made false traditions. If Jesus Christ has called you to Himself, to understand His Truth, He is calling you out of the world. In the last hours of His life, Christ prayed that His disciples would not be of the world, even though they live in the world: "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world" (John 17:15–16).

May God grant you the understanding and discernment to come out of the world, wholly follow Him, and reject the festivals of death! <sup>TM</sup>

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# How to Succeed at Anything

**M**y memories of life as an infant are a bit foggy, but I do vaguely recall that my parents put a great deal of emphasis on success. One day, they removed all the sharp-edged furniture from my path, lifted me onto my feet, then gently coaxed me as I staggered across the room. Little by little, day by day, they helped me succeed in the challenging art of walking on two pudgy feet, and—before long—I became a full-fledged biped.

In similar fashion, I moved from joyfully cramming creamed corn into my mouth with my hands and learned, with a lot of time and practice, to eat with a utensil. Eventually the applesauce in my bowl was no match for me and my spoon. Thankfully, my parents were patient and had plenty of applesauce.

I didn't know it, but I was learning more than how to walk and eat with a spoon. *I was learning two secrets of success.* Here's the first one: "Success requires consistent work."

Disappointed? Hoping for an easier, less demanding path to success? The reality is that rule number one is clear, simple, timeless and unavoidable. Let's look at the two key words in this first rule.

## Work

In Genesis 1 and 2, we read that God rested on the seventh day of the week after six days of creating the world around us. The passage not only teaches us about the seventh-day Sabbath, but also shows us that God is not lazy! He does not avoid work, but savors what can be accomplished through intensive effort. God has designed and created a vast and complex universe, from the most massive star to the tiniest cell

in our bodies. If we follow God's example, we will embrace work instead of trying to avoid it, and developing that attitude is the first step toward success.

For example, in math class you may be able to "slide by" for a time when the material is easy, but it gets harder. Successful students have learned that you don't get an "A"—and, more importantly, don't learn the material—without working hard by studying and practicing.

The same rule applies in sports. A competitive swimmer will swim hundreds and even thousands of yards as he strives to improve in the sport—and it is *hard work*, requiring both mental and physical effort. Anyone not willing to expend that effort simply will not succeed.

The Bible actually records many examples that demonstrate the importance God places on work and effort. For instance, God told ancient Israel, "The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless *all the work of your hand*" (Deuteronomy 28:12). In other words, if you don't work, you'll limit God's opportunity to bless you. And Nehemiah says that the walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt because "the people *had a mind to work*" (Nehemiah 4:6). It wasn't magic or "wishing"—it was *work!*

## Consistency

But it has to be more than making a big "extra effort" once in a while. Real success only happens when we add the additional quality of **consistency** to our work. Practicing the trumpet once in a while will not produce excellence. But practicing consistently every day for months and years *can*.

According to some scholars who have studied successful people, there is a "10-year rule": If you want

to be really, really good at something, you have to put at least a decade of consistent, focused effort into it. University of Chicago psychologist Benjamin Bloom studied 120 elite athletes, performers, artists, biochemists and mathematicians, and he found that every person in the study consistently trained, worked and practiced for at least a *decade* before achieving international recognition (Ericsson, Anders K. with Niel Charness, Paul J. Feltovich and Robert R. Hoffman, *The Cambridge Handbook of Expertise and Expert Performance*).

You may not aspire to be an Olympic athlete, but you can still apply this fundamental principle of *consistent work* in your life—even in your life as a follower of Jesus Christ. Paul encouraged the church at Corinth, for example, to “be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58).

### Incremental Progress

The second secret to success is this: “*Success comes through incremental progress.*”

When we’re babies, we develop and grow in small “baby steps.” Our initial babbling and gurgling noises slowly transform into words around the end of our first year. “Dada” and “momma” are joined by one word, then another, until six months later a typical baby’s vocabulary reaches fifty words. Little by little, as a young toddler we begin to add words to our vocabulary at a rate of one to three words per month. Our vocabulary continues to build until, as children, we learn new vocabulary at the rate of ten to twenty words every week. Then, over the next twenty-five years, a new word will



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be learned each day, reaching the point in our middle age where we’ll have a vocabulary of 20,000 to 35,000 words! But, it doesn’t happen all at once.

The same principle holds true everywhere we look. Plants begin as seeds, sprouting a small tendril from an earthy bed. The green shoot becomes a stem, with more leaves and more growth, day by day, growing and showing a promise of the full-grown plant it will be some day. Plants, animals, humans—we all grow and change slowly and in small steps.

Many want success to strike suddenly, like a bolt of lightning! But in reality, real success is more like constructing a building than being struck by lightning. In math class, you first learn that  $2 + 2 = 4$ . Then comes  $4 + 4 = 8$ . Dozens of math facts and concepts later, geometry, algebra and calculus await. Building an understanding of math is a “brick-by-brick” process. The same is true with sports, music and other skills—even building character and maturity. If we are willing to have the patience, perseverance and diligence to accept small steps of progress, we can reach big goals.

God teaches us through His Word to focus on one day at a time, one challenge at a time, one obstacle at a time. Jesus Christ tells us to seek God’s kingdom and focus on today, “for tomorrow will worry about its own things” (Matthew 6:33-34). If we can be content and thankful for small daily improvements, we will be on the road to big success.

### Consistent Work + Incremental Progress = Success

Perhaps the goal of some of your friends is to have an easy job, with little work and big pay. Little do they know that they’re in for a rude awakening! Success in life follows a pattern that God stamped on our creation from the beginning. He *worked*, and He *continues* to work (cf. John 5:17). He worked to build His creation, and He’s working to build us. If we are willing to apply ourselves to consistent and wholehearted work, and thankfully accept each degree of improvement, we’ll taste success in our life.

—Jonathan McNair



# TURNING POINTS *in* WORLD HISTORY



## The Coming of Jesus Christ

**L**ists of great leaders who have influenced the course of history usually include names like Hammurabi, Plato, Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Queen Victoria, and George Washington. Surprisingly, Jesus Christ is seldom placed in this category by modern, secular historians. Due to this omission or only limited references, millions of people have no idea of the tremendous impact Jesus Christ had on human history. Yet, when the curtain of silence is drawn back, the evidence of Jesus' historical influence is undeniable.

### A Global Impact

Skeptics claim that Jesus was just an itinerant local preacher who walked the dusty roads of Judea in a troublesome corner of the Roman Empire. However, scholars who study the influence of Jesus draw very different conclusions. Respected historian of Christianity Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan notes in his book *Jesus Through the Centuries* that the early "church father" Tertullian, writing about 200AD, referred to "the cultural significance of Jesus as *the hinge on which history turned*" (p. 26, emphasis added). Pelikan observes, as well, that the writings of Eusebius—sometimes called the "Father of Church History"—clearly show that, 1700 years ago, the famous historian believed that "the decisive event in the history he was narrating... had taken place in the life of Jesus Christ... [Eusebius] wrote a historical account whose turning point was the 'princepate of Augustus,' when Jesus Christ was born" (*ibid*, p. 31).

Michael Hart, author of a book ranking the *most influential persons in history*, comments, "The impact of Jesus on human history is so obvious and so enor-

mous that few would question his placement near the top of this list," and notes that the largest religion in the world claims Jesus Christ as its founder (*The 100*, p. 47). Dr. Pelikan draws a similar conclusion, offering this sweeping assessment: "Jesus of Nazareth has been the *dominant figure* in the history of Western culture for almost twenty centuries... It is from his birth that most of the human race dates its calendars... [T]he very calendar of Europe, which then became the calendar for most of the modern world, evolved into a recognition of this view of the significance of the figure of Jesus as the turning point of history" (Pelikan, pp. 1, 32).

Dr. William Phelps, a professor of English literature at Yale University, states that the teachings of Jesus Christ "have changed the history of the world" (*Reading the Bible*, p. 59). Research scholar, Kenneth Samples, concludes that the teachings of Jesus Christ "laid the foundation for much of the ethical theory adopted throughout Western civilization" and that Jesus Christ had "the greatest impact on human history in terms of moral virtue" (*7 Truths that Changed the World*, p. 67). Dr. Alvin Schmidt, a professor of sociology, observed that without the influence of Jesus Christ, "the West would not have attained its high level of civilization" (*How Christianity Changed the World*, Schmidt, p. 12).

These are remarkable observations. But, *why* did Jesus have such a powerful impact on the course of human history?

### No Ordinary Person

Some modern critics assert that Jesus Christ never really existed and that He was a fictitious character

created by recycling myths about pagan gods like Horus, Osiris, Tammuz and Adonis. However, these claims ignore the facts of history, and the contrived similarities do not hold up when original sources are examined. Instead, Jesus emerges as a *real historical person* from both biblical *and* non-biblical writers. Flavius Josephus, a Jewish historian writing about 90AD mentions Jesus as a wonder worker, crucified by Pontius Pilate and returning to life by a resurrection from the dead (*Antiquities*, 18;4). Tacitus, a Roman senator and historian writing just after 100AD mentions Jesus Christ as well, remarking on His crucifixion by Pilate and the rapid growth of the religion bearing His name (*Annals*, 15,44). Biblical writers cite dozens of prophecies written centuries earlier that were fulfilled by the coming of Jesus Christ. It is interesting to note, there are *no prophecies* about the coming of Buddha, Confucius or Muhammad.

Modern critical scholars claim that miracles ascribed to Jesus did not happen because they, personally, don't see miracles happening today—so they *assume* miracles cannot happen. However, such assumptions overlook the fact that Jesus' miracles, including His resurrection and the resurrection of others, were *witnessed* by many people (Acts 2:22, 32; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8) and were even commented on by non-biblical authors, such as Josephus.

The most unique quality that separates Jesus from other historical religious figures is that He claimed to be *divine* (John 10:30-33), the Son of God and the long-promised Messiah (Matthew 26:63-64)—claims that were repeatedly confirmed by His disciples (e.g.,



Josephus (left) and Tacitus: Two non-biblical writers who mention Jesus

Matthew 16:16). These bold claims aroused the wrath and antagonism of religious authorities in His day, and they plotted to kill Him (John 11:47-53). However, the Scriptures clearly state, "the Word [Jesus Christ] was God... And the Word *became flesh* and dwelt among us"

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(John 1:1, 14). Scholars have noted, "Of all the world's religions, *only* Christianity proclaims that God has been

embodied as a human being. Of all the founders of the world's great religious traditions, *only* Jesus Christ claims to be God" (*7 Truths that Changed the World*, p. 61). As God, He healed sickness and forgave sins (Mark 2:1-12), He raised the dead (Mark 5:35-42; John 11:41-44) and rose from the grave, Himself, three days after dying—as He predicted He would (Mark 8:31). No other religious leader ever made such astonishing claims and then backed up those claims with solid evidence. Buddha, Confucius, Zoroaster and Muhammad were clearly human. Jesus Christ clearly *acted with uniquely divine authority*. This alone accounts for His incomparable influence on world history.

### A Future Turning Point

Jesus' message—the Gospel of a coming Kingdom of God (Mark 1:14-15), the opportunity to gain eternal life (John 3:16) and to reign on this earth with Jesus Christ for 1,000 years, or a *millennium* (Revelation 1:5-6; 20:2-4)—inspired and motivated His disciples. The noted historian Edward Gibbon records how "the assurance of such a Millennium was carefully inculcated" by early church leaders, and was "the reigning sentiment among orthodox believers" and a major factor in the growth of the Christian religion for several centuries until it was explained away and set aside by misguided theologians (*The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, chapter 15). However, the same Jesus who spawned a major turning point in human history by His first coming, *promised to return* (John 14:1-3) and set up a world government at the end of this age (Isaiah 2:2-4) that will bring peace and justice to all people on earth (Isaiah 9:6-7). Jesus Christ advised His end-time disciples to "watch" and "be ready" for *another great turning point* in history at His *second* coming—and, today, we see world events moving in that direction!

—Douglas S. Winnail

Jesus told Pontius Pilate: “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here” (John 18:36). Clearly, Jesus had no intention of trying to get into this world’s politics and wars. He represented another world, another government—the Kingdom of God. Therefore, Jesus would definitely not try to reorganize this world and thrust Himself into the midst of a lying, scheming political system under the sway of Satan the Devil!

### Training To Be Kings

Probably within this very generation, the biblical Jesus Christ will return to sit on a real throne in the city of Jerusalem. His government will be established throughout the entire earth—a literal government empowered by Almighty God, ruled by the King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:15–16). And what will Jesus’ followers—the true saints of God—be doing? “Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?” (1 Corinthians 6:2–3). In the next few verses, Paul went on to expound how the Christians in Corinth were supposed to learn to practice God’s government in the Church by correctly “judging” problems among themselves. From Genesis to Revelation, a position in God’s government has always been filled by “appointment”—not by politicking or otherwise making deceptive promises to people to buy their votes. It was in this context that Paul could ask: “[Why] do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge?” (v. 4).

Christians are in training, now, to be kings and priests in the soon-coming Kingdom of God. Jesus stated: “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). So we need to overcome our human ways and human selfishness—and learn to practice God’s government now. Notice this “prayer of the saints” in Revelation 5:9–10: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us



to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.” Clearly, the true saints of God will soon have rulership—not up in heaven, but on this earth!

Carefully study the parable of the pounds in Luke 19:11–27 in *the King James Version*. Here Jesus is pictured as going off to heaven to receive His Kingdom and to return. When Christ returns, He rewards His servants according to how well each has done in using his or her God-given time, talents and wisdom in serving God. What reward did Christ give His faithful servants? “And he said unto him, ‘Well [done], thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities’” (v. 17). And to the servant who had only gained five pounds? “Be thou also over five cities” (v. 19).

Do you see any indication of politicking or voting here? Not at all. Rather, it is just one more scriptural example to make clear to Christians that the best form of government—God’s government—is not in any way based on human politicking, compromising, wheeling and dealing, and coming up with half-baked solutions to our problems.

Jesus said: “My kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36). He certainly would not lower Himself to be part of this world’s incorrect approach to governing. In fact—setting us an example—Jesus Christ

in His human ministry never made any overtures to the human leaders of His time, never involved Himself in any political campaign, and **never** taught His followers to try to change the political landscape or straighten out the human governments of His time!

Rather, Christ will deal **decisively** with the kings of this world when He returns: “And in the days of these kings [those ruling immediately prior to Christ’s return] the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever” (Daniel 2:44).

Later in Daniel, God clearly describes how the true saints will be given authority, under Christ, over all the governments of this earth at the Messiah’s return. “Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him” (7:27).

### Christians and Today’s Governments

Although Jesus Christ did not actively participate in the governments of this deceived world, He did set us an example of obedience to civil law, showing respect to those in office. When the Pharisees came to

because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God’s ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor” (vv. 6–7).

Paul tells us to pray for those in positions of authority. “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence” (1 Timothy 2:1–2).

True Christians—who make up the church (Greek *ekklesia*, literally, the “called-out ones”)—are like foreign ambassadors. “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Philippians 3:20).

A number of years ago, I had the opportunity to act as deputy chancellor of a small college near London, England. Because of this and other responsibilities, I attended a number of distinguished gatherings in London and at the home of the U.S. ambassador to Her Majesty’s government. On two of these occasions, I met the American ambassador.

The U.S. ambassador to Britain—or to any other government, for that matter—is expected to obey the laws of the land in which he or she is residing, to respect the authorities and to give honor to whom

honor is due. On the two occasions when I visited Winfield House—the ambassador’s residence—a toast was proposed to the Queen. All rose and lifted their glasses in honor of the gracious lady who is still monarch of the British people. On each occasion, the U.S. ambassador—Elliot Richardson in one instance and Walter Annenberg

in the other—joined in the toast. Showing this kind of respect to those in authority is clearly reflective of the attitude that God wants us all to have. And certainly we are required to pay our taxes and obey all the laws of the land, so long as they do not make us go against God’s law. Of course, if some totalitarian government ever tried to make us directly disobey the higher laws of Almighty God, then we should follow the inspired example of the apostles who said, “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29). Even then, if we

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ask Jesus about paying taxes, He answered: “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matthew 22:21).

God inspired Paul to write: “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves” (Romans 13:1–2). And Paul further explains: “For

decide to stay in that nation, we should expect to suffer any penalty or punishment such authorities might impose—looking in faith to God to take care of us (cf. Daniel 3).

But, as Paul wrote, we are “ambassadors for Christ” (2 Corinthians 5:20). We should conduct ourselves with love and respect for all human beings—including those in political offices. But we must always remember that our ultimate citizenship is not in or from the governments of this Satan-inspired society! Although we should serve others and do good on an individual basis, we cannot and must not become involved with military or political efforts to reorganize or to clean up Satan’s deceived world. For the system itself is **not** God’s system! He is only allowing deceived human beings to go their own way and experiment with various types of government during this present 6,000 years of human experience.

Paul wrote: “Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?” (2 Corinthians 6:14–15). Referring to the religio-political system that will dominate most of the developed world when Jesus Christ returns, God commands His people: “And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues’” (Revelation 18:4).

What would Jesus do in this U.S. election year? He would be so busy proclaiming the good news of the soon-coming Kingdom of God that He would have *no time* for politicking, voting or taking part in any groups pressuring to clean up Satan’s world. For He would know that human attempts to save this world—although often well-meaning—are doomed to failure because they are under Satan’s sway and are part of his system, which God Himself calls “Babylon” (Revelation 14:8). He would know that it is God the Father who, according to His own will, sets up kings and removes them, to bring about His purpose on the earth (Daniel 2:21). It is not up to Christians to challenge—or even work against—God’s will in these matters.



The mission and calling of all true Christians is to help prepare the way—as advance emissaries—for the Kingdom of God, the literal government that the living Jesus Christ will soon set up. It will replace all the misguided human governments of this earth. “Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’” (Revelation 11:15).

As the specific **end-time** events prophesied in Scripture—God’s inspired word—begin to occur all around us, we need to understand deeply that Christ’s soon-coming government is **real!** As the American dollar eventually plummets in value, as American and British prestige around the world continues to decline and Almighty God continues to **break** the “pride of [our] power” (Leviticus 26:19), we had better realize that Christ really is coming soon! And we had better understand **deeply** that everything around us is soon going to **change**. When our real focus is on that paramount fact, we can finally go “all out” in preparing to be overcomers (Revelation 2:26), and in doing our part to prepare to actually assist the returning Jesus Christ in **ruling** this world—God’s way! **TW**

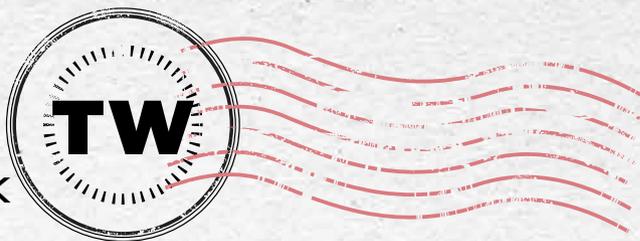
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S.L., Berri, South Australia, Australia

I received two of your booklets, *Easter, The Untold Story* and *The Holy Days: God's Master Plan*. I have read many other publications, but was so much more pleased with yours as I learned more about God from them. I just received a copy of your magazine, have read it from cover to cover, and have learned so much. I also watched today's broadcast and was encouraged by the presentation. I will continue in my studies.

M.F., Honesdale, Pennsylvania

I have been receiving your magazine for a while now, and so does my 12-year-old son. I can tell when it comes because he gets the mail as he gets off the school bus, and when your magazine arrives he gets so excited and rushes up the yard to get home. After dinner we sit down and read the magazine or other literature and talk about the articles. I want to thank you for the mother-son time and our closer walk with Jesus. God bless you all!

M.E., Points, West Virginia

I receive other Christian publications, but yours is by far the best, most informative, and easiest to understand. Between the magazine and the TV program, I have learned more about God and the future than from all other sources. I don't know who pays for all of this, but I thank them for doing so. My

gratitude for your efforts and enlightenment can't be put into words. You are truly doing the Lord's work, and I really appreciate it.

M.N., Columbus, Ohio

I love the messages the Lord is revealing to me! We are few in number but I am getting to know God more than I did in my 60 years in Pentecostal church.

I.S., Isibania, Kenya

A simple "thank you" to *Tomorrow's World* for speaking God's truth. It's astonishing to see how much is maligned by many religions. Because of the confusion from trying many different religions, I was lost and doubted God. Finally, I have some real truths through your literature and messages. Thank you for keeping me on the path. Surely God will bless you in your service to many.

M.H., Morehead City, North Carolina

I must tell you that the arrival of ANY communication from *Tomorrow's World* is a "High Day" for me. I immediately start reading, no matter what else I am doing on the computer. We thank you SO much for all the material you make available to us. God bless you and your work.

C.H., Johannesburg, South Africa

Ever since I received your magazines—*Tomorrow's World*—I have been reading them, every page. I enjoy them a lot and am learning a lot. I reference them with my Bible and find them very accurate. God bless you all for the work you do.

P.M., Toronto, ON

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## Tiny Bird, Big Miracle!

I recall my first real experience with hummingbirds. My wife had hung a hummingbird feeder from a pole behind our house, and after a few days the air itself seemed to be buzzing with the tiny birds. One was clearly attempting to dominate the space and would attempt to chase the others off, away from the feeder, but the other two or three would continue to come back for more, and before long there was a virtual “hummingbird war” going on!

Seeing an opportunity one afternoon, I began walking ever so slowly toward the feeder during one of these frenzied sessions, closer and closer, small step by small step. My gentle approach succeeded in allowing me to place myself right at the very center of the activity, and it was an amazing experience. The speed and agility of these diminutive birds—no longer than 3 inches-or-so—as they zoomed and whirred around my head was amazing to observe. The manner in which they could fly at blistering speeds, change direction in a split second, and even hover in midair made them seem like acrobats of the sky.

These marvels of God’s design may be tiny birds, but they are big miracles! Let’s consider for a moment the unique, divine engineering that the Creator has brought to bear in creating this beautiful gem of the bird world—the hummingbird.

### Wings Like No Others

First, how is the hummingbird able to perform such aerial acrobatics? Watch one for even a few brief moments, and you will see that they can not only hover in midair, but they can move in *any* direction—forward,

backward, right, left, up, or down—without turning their bodies. And in the blink of an eye, they can go from hanging perfectly motionless in the air to zooming away at up to *60 miles per hour*.

The immediate design element responsible for these remarkable abilities is the hummingbird’s unique wings.

Most birds have wings that bend at the shoulder, elbow, and wrist, enabling the wing to fold as the bird brings it up and then to spread out as it pushes the wing down against the air. We see this flapping motion with virtually every bird in the sky, from the sparrow to the eagle. But not with the hummingbird!

The hummingbird’s elbow and wrist do not bend, forming a stiff spine for the wing. However, the bird’s shoulder is incredibly flexible, taking its wing through a unique “figure eight” motion, forward and backward through the air, like a swimmer keeping his head above water. And though the wrist does not fold like other birds, it is designed to rotate dramatically, twisting the wing almost 180° with each stroke. These design differences result in a wing specifically engineered to give the hummingbird powerful thrust with every single “swish” of its wings—back and forth, back and forth—unlike most birds which only generate thrust with their down strokes.

### Why Hummingbirds Hum!

Still, the uncommon design of its wing-strokes would not be enough to give the hummingbird its remarkable abilities if it did not beat them quickly—and it does beat them *very quickly*. In fact, they have been measured to beat their wings 50 to 80 times per *second*! We call

these birds *hummingbirds* due to the characteristic “hum” created by the furious motion of their tiny wings.

When you have to flap your wings 20 times in the fraction of a second it takes someone blink an eye, you have to have a support system that provides both strength and energy in a remarkable way. And the hummingbird has such a system. It has a higher proportion of muscle mass devoted to flight, for instance, compared to other birds, and those muscles have an

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enhanced ability to turn fuel into energy for movement over long periods of time. In fact, the ruby-throated hummingbird migrates thousands of miles between Canada and Panama twice every year, with a trip that includes a non-stop stretch of 500 miles over the waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

The amount of energy needed to power such feats is enormous. It’s been estimated that if the energy needs of the hummingbird were scaled

up to a creature the size of a human being, that creature would need to consume about 155,000 calories per day—the equivalent of more than 600 hamburgers per day!

Yet for such a voracious appetite, the hummingbird gets almost all of its energy needs from one single source: the nectar of flowers. And in this, the hummingbird displays a number of additional singular design features that highlight the engineering cleverness of the tiny bird’s ingenious Creator.



### “Grasping” Liquid

For example, the tongue of the hummingbird has long been a mystery. For years, many scientists thought it soaked up nectar through simple “capillary action,” much like a paper towel passively soaks up liquid through its fibers. But careful studies in recent years have revealed that this is far from the truth.

Upon examining it closely, the hummingbird tongue demonstrates a design seen in no other animal, allowing it to dynamically change shape in the presence of liquids. If you’ve ever tried to “grasp” water, you’ve likely found it an exercise in futility! Yet, the hummingbird’s tongue does just that, with multiple curved structures that automatically open when entering liquid and then actively close to literally “grab” collections of liquid! Then, the bird draws its tongue back into its beak and throat, along with its cargo of sugar-laden nectar. Biologists continue to study the bird’s digestion cycle, hoping to understand it. It seems God still has much to teach us through this tiny creature!

Other mysteries of the hummingbird continue to unfold as scientists devote themselves to this amazing little animal. For instance, in June 2016 the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* published a study about bi-

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ologists’ discovery that hummingbirds process visual information differently than other animals, helping them to avoid collisions as they fly like bullets through the thickly forested areas of the Americas.

Even in an animal so small as the humble hummingbird, there are still new insights to gain and new mysteries for mankind to solve! And every discovery, every surprise, and every unveiling of some new structure or unique element of design only reveals another example of a grand and brilliant Creator who clearly loves His creation and delights in His handiwork!

As the patriarch Job admonished his friends, “But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; and the birds of the air, and they will tell you... Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this?” (Job 12:7, 9).

Yes, the birds of the air *can* teach us that “the hand of the LORD has done this”—even those birds so small that they can fit in the hand of a child.

—Wallace Smith

# THAT JUST HAPPENED!

**A major prophetic development, long predicted by this magazine, just took place! Did you notice?**

**D**id you notice that a major prophetic event happened just a few weeks ago? Could something momentous that one *relatively little-known church* has preached about for decades, directly from the pages of the Bible, have just happened—and yet, the major event is already slipping off the radar? Without reading further, do you know what major news story I am referring to?

When I came into the Church of God, I was impressed with how they were able to accurately predict major choices of nations through proper interpretation of Scripture. One famous example was how the late Herbert W. Armstrong preached that the Soviet Union would lose control of East Germany. While he did not know exactly how this would happen (and he died three years before the Berlin Wall fell in 1989), he was able to see from the Bible that Germany would have to be reunited and strong to play its prophesied role—in our time!

One prophecy that has been proclaimed by God's true ministers for more than half-a-century is that Britain would not remain part of the European Union. And now the British have voted to leave the EU! While the Living Church of God, sponsor of this magazine, did not know the specifics of how or why the British would exit the EU, once again it has been able to have a more sure word of prophecy, preaching that Britain would not be part of the movement to unify Europe (2 Peter 1:19–21).

## Stirred-up?

This “Brexit” vote should stir up Christians to examine where they are spiritually (Romans 13:11–14)! End-time prophecies long understood and preached by God's true ministers are coming to pass! And yet, amazingly, this news story of seismic importance is already relatively neglected throughout much of the media.

There are some valid reasons for this. For instance, numerous other news stories made headlines last month. Terrorists have attacked France and other nations. Turkey suffered an attempted coup. Ra-

cial tensions in the United States seem to be at their highest levels in decades. American politics continue to dominate the news. These and other news stories have buried Britain's referendum. We have barely had time to think through the repercussions of Britain's decision to leave the European Union before numerous other “big news” events have occurred.

And, of course, there are *less* valid reasons. While world events continue to spiral towards the end of this age, it is very easy to simply change the channel. Why worry about Brexit when there is a new Star Trek movie opening? Or when Netflix has just added episodes of our favorite show? Or that “Pokémon Go” is... well, whatever “Pokémon Go” is? Our modern civilization has every type of distraction under the sun. While we might not care about ninety percent of the entertainment that is produced, that ten percent we *do* like can often consume our time and thoughts. Instead of staying focused on what just happened, we are off to a new app, the next movie, or some other distraction (Luke 21:34).

## Stay focused!

This is a time to stay focused! God's true ministers have been proclaiming that Britain would leave the European Union for years, and it has happened! We need to be aware that there is a very real spiritual force, the “prince of the power of the air,” who wants to distract us (Ephesians 2:2). Whether it's our work, personal hardships or mere entertainment, the question we all have to ask ourselves is this: will we become distracted from the fulfillment of prophecy? Moreover, will our distraction cause us to fail to repent—to change our behavior to reflect the seriousness of the times we are living in?

While there are plenty of prophecies left to be fulfilled, it is high time for us to awake from any spiritual slumber and draw close to God. Events that have been talked about for years are happening with alarming rapidity. As more and more news and entertainment flows in, *do not forget what just happened!*

If you would like more information about what the next few years will bring for the British-descended nations, including America, please request our free booklet *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*.

—Mark Sandor



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### BARBADOS

St. Michael CBC 8 SU 9:30 a.m.

### JAMAICA

Kingston TVJ SU 7:00 a.m.



### CANADA

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**Vision** SU 4:00 a.m.  
SU 4:30 a.m.  
SU 5:30 p.m.  
TU 4:30 a.m.  
MO-FR 3:00 a.m.

**CityTV (Ontario & Alberta)** SU 8:30 a.m.

### UNITED STATES

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**CW Plus** SU 8:00 a.m.  
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**IMPACT** SU 11:00 p.m.

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**AL** Dothan WTVY SU 7:00 a.m.  
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**AR** Fort Smith KHBS SU 7:00 a.m.

**AZ** Prescott Community SU 12:30 p.m.  
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**CA** Bakersfield KGET SU 8:00 a.m.  
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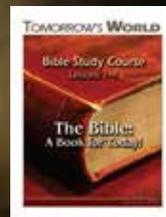
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