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Who Will Feed The World?



Personal from...

We are near the end of this evil world. Coming soon—the wonderful world tomorrow!
Also, Sir Hans Armstrong.

RECENTLY I HAVE been writing for our millions of readers in a far more serious manner. World events, seen through the eyes of biblical prophecy, strongly imply we are *much* nearer the END of this evil world than people realize.

JESUS SAID, THAT WHEN WE SEE THESE EVENTS BEGIN TO COME TO PASS, WE MAY KNOW THAT THE TIME IS NEAR—EVEN AT OUR VERY DOOR!

Also He said the end of this world shall come, SUDDENLY, catching those not watching like a rat caught in a trap. The trap springs *suddenly* before the rat knows what happened to him.

But the *good news* is the very Gospel message that Jesus taught: the KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND. The Second Coming of Christ, in supreme POWER and GLORY, as KING of kings to rule all nations.

That very time is now almost upon us!

Not a time of despair and hopelessness, but a time of WORLD PEACE—of WORLDWIDE PROSPERITY—OF ETERNAL SALVATION OFFERED TO EVERYONE—a time when there shall be NO SATAN to mislead and deceive the whole world as he has done these 6,000 years!

But MAKE NO MISTAKE! Frightful, unprecedented evils shall strike this world briefly BEFORE the glorious coming of the Savior to usher in that wonderful WORLD TOMORROW!

You who do NOT know and understand the Holy Bible, LISTEN now while yet you may! Let me quickly take you through a fast-moving summary of what the living GOD says shall now quickly happen to this world!

God has set me as YOUR WATCHMAN, to WATCH world events—to WARN YOU of what is now near!

We are now at, close to, or just past the prophecy revealed in Revelation 12. This prophecy covers a span of approximately 2,000 years.

The apostle John was taken, in a vision, into the

time when God Almighty is going to directly intervene in world affairs. In vision the prophet was shown GOD'S PEOPLE—Israel under the Old Testament and Israel spiritually converted as the CHURCH OF GOD in the New Testament. To this Israel, a Messianic Child is about to be born (Revelation 12:1-2), foretold in Isaiah 9:6-7.

Then there appeared another wonder in his vision, a great red dragon, identified (verse 9) as Satan the devil, lying in wait to devour the Christ child as soon as He is born.

This did happen, but God preserved the Christ child safely. Satan then attempted to destroy Jesus when He was 30 years old, just before He launched on His 3½-year ministry—but Jesus Christ overcame and conquered him.

The prophecy of Revelation 12 moves swiftly—verses 3 and 4, Satan, the former archangel Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12) had with his angels invaded heaven attempting to conquer God (Isaiah 14:13-14), but now (Revelation 12:4-5) was cast back down to the earth with his one third of the angels, now demons. Here, he persecuted the true Church of God through his great false church (Revelation 17:5), and the Church had to flee and go underground for 1,260 years (Middle Ages) (Revelation 12:6).

Then after the Middle Ages, at approximately our time now (Revelation 12:7-9), Satan and his demons made another flight to God's heaven to try once again to take over the throne of the entire UNIVERSE. This time, for this WAR IN HEAVEN, God assigned His archangel Michael with his angels to fight off Satan's invasion. God gives Michael and his angels power to win this battle for the rule of the whole universe. Satan and his demons are cast back down to earth.

In the sequence of the prophecy we are now just about at that very time.

Once cast back to the earth Satan is full of wrath. If he could not conquer GOD, he will now try to DESTROY God's true Church. Verse 10

shows this to be the time JUST BEFORE Christ returns bringing SALVATION to His saints, and setting up the KINGDOM OF GOD. Satan is here the *accuser* of God's people.

Verse 12 warns the world of the *woes* to come on the world as a result of Satan's WRATH. He now knows that he has but a short time—because when Christ comes in supreme POWER to RULE the earth, Satan shall be removed and imprisoned.

Verse 13 shows Satan angrily starting a new PERSECUTION against the true Church of God. The California government's massive armed assault against the Worldwide Church of God January 3, last year, 1979, may well be that real Church-wide persecution!

THEN WHAT? Verse 14. To the true original Church of God of this generation are GIVEN, in symbolic language, "two wings of a great eagle" that she might FLY to a place in the wilderness—a place of PROTECTION and SAFETY from the "GREAT TRIBULATION" that Satan is now about to bring upon the whole world—especially the United States and the British peoples (see Jeremiah 30). This GREAT TRIBULATION is mentioned by Jesus in Matthew 24:21-22, immediately following the time when this same Church has PROCLAIMED CHRIST'S GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN ALL THE WORLD FOR A WITNESS TO ALL NATIONS (Matthew 24:14). For doing this very thing—proclaiming this TRUE GOSPEL message before kings and heads of governments in all continents of the earth, we were accused by the state of California of "siphoning off millions of dollars every year" for our own private accounts. Judges of the Jewish faith have no understanding whatsoever of proclaiming Christ's GOSPEL into all the world. Judaism does no such thing.

It is curious, at this point, to notice that a former, but excommunicated, angry minister now accuses God's Church of planning to go off into the wilderness to die of starvation—following the ex-

ample of the cultist Jim Jones! This unfrocked exminister ought to read his Bible. It says specifically in GOD'S WORD, in this 14th verse of Revelation 12, that GOD HIMSELF will provide these "two wings of a great eagle"—the means of transportation—that we shall be TAKEN to a place, and there NOURISHED—well fed—for the nearly 3½ years of the Great Tribulation. THIS IS GOD'S doing, not ours!

Incidentally, this same generation of God's own true Church is pictured in Revelation 3:7-13. We are pictured as having but little human strength—we have gone by living faith in the power of God, but we have KEPT GOD'S WORD FAITHFULLY, and have not turned away from it, or watered it down! So God has OPENED DOORS before us to go to kings, emperors, presidents and prime ministers over the world with CHRIST'S Gospel message (Revelation 3:8).

Now back to Revelation 12:17: Satan shall be full of WRATH against the REMNANT—the last remaining generation of the Church—the "Laodicean" Church, and will terribly persecute her. But Matthew 25 shows that though that final generation of the Church shall be LUKEWARM—not less emotional, but more "liberal," more secular and less spiritual—less strictly biblical—yet half of them shall be SAVED at Christ's coming, though half shall be spewed out of Christ's mouth (Revelation 3:16).

Other prophecies speak of various phases of things covered in Revelation 12—especially of the Great Tribulation.

Speaking of the *present* "Philadelphia" era, it says in Revelation 3:10, that because we have kept God's Word faithfully, not liberalizing nor watering down, God will keep us from the "hour of temptation, which shall come upon all them that dwell on the earth" to try and test them. The original Greek words indicate this is speaking of THE GREAT TRIBULATION. The Faucett *Critical and Experimental Commentary* says,

"the hour of temptation: the appointed season of affliction; the sore temptation coming on; the GREAT TRIBULATION before Christ's second coming."

This same time of trouble, greater than any on earth before or after, is mentioned in Daniel 12:1, as being just prior to Christ's return. It is mentioned in Jeremiah 30 as a trouble especially on the United States and the British nations.

All signs in world events imply strongly we are now on the very eve of these events to shake the world as NEVER BEFORE, just prior to Christ's return, and the coming of the HAPPY PEACEFUL WORLD TOMORROW!

Jesus taught us to pray, "THY kingdom come." We should now want God to delay no longer what MUST SHORTLY COME!

Up to this point I have covered that sequence of events revealed in Revelation 12, with a brief reference to other scriptures speaking of a certain phase of it. This chapter hits the high spots, speeding through the time from Old Testament Israel, through the birth of Christ, Satan's attempt to destroy Him, early and Middle Age persecution by Satan of the true Church, Satan's *second* attempted invasion of God's heaven trying to dethrone God Almighty—his being cast back down to earth, his persecution of the true Church, the flight of the Church to a place of protection against the GREAT TRIBULATION—then the Great Tribulation caused by Satan's wrath, and the final persecution of the very last generation of the Church—the Laodicean era.

But remember, the Bible is like a jigsaw puzzle. This puzzle is made up of many pieces, which must be properly fit together. Each piece by itself gives no one picture. Put together in a manner in which they do not properly fit together, you have confusion. But when all is put together properly, one sees a beautiful picture.

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Part Five:

A Voice Cries Out Amid Religious Confusion

How could the world have become so mixed up? Out of this spiritual wilderness, a voice cries out in clarity and power, with the reassuring truth of the world's only and sure hope!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Editor's note: We are printing here, serially, the new book by Herbert W. Armstrong with the same title as this article. The book will appear in bookstores later this year.

Chapter 4

WHAT AND WHY IS MAN?

IT SEEMS incredible indeed! Higher education teaches technical courses in human physiology, anatomy, anthropology and psychology. The universities take man apart and study him minutely inch by inch. They study every factor and phase of man. Yet they do not know WHAT man is or WHY he came to be here on earth!

Is he merely the highest animal species, descended by resident forces, with no intelligent planning or designing, by the process

of evolution? Is he an immortal soul? Is he human flesh and blood with an immortal soul within him? Just what IS a human person, after all?

And WHY?

Why is mankind here on the earth? Did we simply *happen*? Or was there DESIGN and PURPOSE?

We say there is a CAUSE for every effect. The effect, here, is man. Man is *here*! HOW—WHY did he come to be here? Was he *put* here, or did he just *happen* by blind, senseless, unintelligent processes of evolution?

We ought to *want* to know!

But higher education does not know. And it doesn't *want* to know! When we invade the questions of WHAT and WHY, the intellectuals—the custodians of KNOWLEDGE—shy away or stand up and fight. Of the questions WHAT and WHY is man, they are willingly ignorant!

So, education shuts its mind, and its mouth in tight silence. Science doesn't know. Religion

does not reveal, for it also doesn't know!

Yes, incredible—but TRUE!

God Enters the Picture

WHY this wilful ignorance? Because GOD is involved. And the primary divisions of this world's civilization—government, religion, education and science—all shy away from GOD. They want GOD to keep His nose out of their affairs! The mention of God embarrasses them.

In the preceding two chapters we have covered the questions of WHO and WHAT is GOD. And we find God is quite REAL—He is the Creator of all that is, and He has an ultimate PURPOSE—the creation of perfect, holy, righteous and spiritual CHARACTER, in MAN made immortal!

So the presence of MAN on the earth must have a definite relation to the PURPOSE of GOD the Creator.

With these basically important questions and statements we must ask, *WHY* all the evils in today's

sick and chaotic world? This world now faces, with no solution, its number one problem—the question of HUMAN SURVIVAL! Can human life on earth survive even through the short remainder of this 20th century?

Consider now what has been covered about God's PURPOSE for the angels that sinned on earth. For that angelic rebellion leads directly to God's PURPOSE for MAN—to our question of WHAT and WHY IS MAN?

Earth's Face in Devastation

Instead of improving, beautifying, completing earth's creation, the sinning angels brought it to desolation and ruin.

Come now to Genesis 1:1-2: "In the beginning God created the heavens [RSV] and the earth. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. . . ."

The original Hebrew for "without form and void" is *tohu* and *bohu*—meaning "waste, desolate, deteriorated." The word *was* is also translated "became." Thus possibly after millions of years, all had come to be oceanic surface—and light had been by angelic lawlessness turned into darkness.

Let me here interject a biblical principle within the immediate context. There is this instruction in Isaiah: "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? . . . precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little and there a little" (Isaiah 28:9-10). But most who try to apply this principle in biblical understanding take each "little" verse out of its context, to "interpret" their own ideas into it.

Much, directly concerned with what is in Genesis 1, is filled in by other passages of scripture in other parts of the Bible.

So now, let's UNDERSTAND the background. Earth's angels had not completed the creation of the earth by improvement, development and beautification. Rather, they had brought it to desolation

and ruin. The GOVERNMENT OF GOD had been nullified on earth.

And now, of all living beings in the universe, ONLY GOD could be certainly relied upon never to depart from the way of His Law. No higher, more perfect being could be created than the cherub, Lucifer, who rebelled. Character cannot be automatically created by fiat. So God now determined, or had predetermined, to accomplish the SUPREME creative feat—by *reproducing Himself!* That was to be accomplished through MAN! God knew this must be brought about through MATTER.

Man in God's Image

To prepare the earth for the creation of man, God renewed the face of the earth. This is explained in Psalm 104:30: "Thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth."

Now back to Genesis 1:2: The earth was in a state of ruin. ". . . And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

The first thing God did was turn darkness back into LIGHT as originally made. God said, "Let there be light: and there was light" (Genesis 1:3).

So in six days God RENEWED THE FACE OF THE EARTH (not its original creation) preparing it for the creation of MAN!

Once again the earth was a perfect creation—but lacking the finishing touches.

The Purpose of Man on Earth

WHY did the Creator God put MAN on the earth? To *improve* the physical earth as God gave it to man, *finishing* its creation (which sinning angels had deliberately refused to do.) and, in so doing, to RESTORE the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, with God's WAY of life; and further, in this very PROCESS FINISHING THE CREATION OF MAN by the development of God's holy, righteous CHARACTER, with man's own assent.

Once this perfect and righteous character is instilled in man, and man converted from mortal flesh

to immortal spirit, then is to come the INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL—man being BORN INTO the divine FAMILY of God, and then participating in the completion of the CREATION over the entire endless expanse of the UNIVERSE! God shall have reproduced HIMSELF thousands of millions of times over!

So, on the sixth day of that re-creation week, God [*Elohim*] said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness" (Genesis 1:26).

Man was made to have (with his assent) a special relationship with his Maker! He was made in the form and shape of God. He was given a spirit (essence in form) to make the relationship possible. Much more of that a little later.

The Soul Is Mortal

But God made MAN *wholly* of MATTER! This was necessary for the supreme accomplishment God willed.

"And the [Eternal] God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath [air] of life; and man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7). Man, formed from material dust of the ground, upon breathing air, BECAME a living soul. It does not say man is, or has, an *immortal* soul. What was formed from material ground BECAME a soul.

Therefore the SOUL is physical, composed of matter, and can die. This is a TRUTH believed by very few denominations, and probably by no other religions—another PROOF that identifies the one true Church of God!

How Human Mind Functions

Now we come to another truth, so far as I know, exclusive to the one true Church.

Did you ever wonder about the vast difference between human mind and animal brain? This, incidentally, is another PROOF of the falsity of the theory of evolution!

The physical brain of the higher vertebrates in the animal king-

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Just What Do You Mean— A CULT?

The Worldwide Church of God is not a "cult"! It is the present generation continuing the Church of God founded A.D. 31 by Jesus Christ. Here are the facts.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

A PROMINENT Baptist minister recently said, "If the Worldwide Church of God is a cult, then we Baptists were a cult during the early years of our growth."

Actually, the word *cult* is not an insulting epithet, but today it is often used insultingly. The word comes from the word *culture*, which ordinarily is used as a very complimentary term. Webster defines "cult" as, "1) formal religious veneration, worship; 2) a system of religious belief and ritual, also adherents to; 3) a religion rejected as unorthodox or spurious."

It is this third usage that was widely used in the sensational Jonestown mass-suicide incident.

Since that event occupied front-page banner headlines for several days, some who do not know the facts have been labeling any or all small churches, small in membership, as "cults." **SMALL CHURCHES ARE NOT "CULTS."**

The One True Church

Jesus Christ founded the one true Church of God on the day of Pentecost, in June, A.D. 31. It began that day with 120 members. It was not a "cult." Jesus,

during His lifetime, called those original members the "little flock" (Luke 12:32).

In the prophecies of the book of Revelation, two churches are foretold. One, in chapter 17, a great false church, is called in verse 5: "Mystery, Babylon the

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Great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth." She is pictured as ruling over nations speaking different languages—large, strong, powerful. The other, the true Church of God, is described in chapter 12, as a small, persecuted church, having to flee for her safety.

By the year A.D. 53, the churches in Galatia, Asia Minor (now modern Turkey), had al-

ready removed themselves from the grace of Christ, into another gospel. The true Gospel of Jesus Christ was being suppressed.

The true Church of God, holding to the true Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the teachings of Christ and the apostles, soon had to go underground, meeting for services in secret. Millions were tortured and put to death for their faith.

But the TRUTH of Jesus Christ and the apostles was preserved by the persecuted "little flock," and in its fullness in the Holy Bible.

The Worldwide Church of God today holds to the SAME FAITH, same doctrines, same customs and practices, as the original Church of A.D. 31, under the original apostles.

Meanwhile, your Bible says, Revelation 12:9, the WHOLE WORLD has been DECEIVED by the invisible Satan the devil. Yet God's TRUTH has been preserved in the Bible.

If you would like to see some of that truth revealed and made plain, why not write for our free booklet, *Just What Do You Mean—Born Again?* It will open your eyes, when you see this truth **IN YOUR OWN BIBLE!** □

AM I IN IT FOR THE MONEY?

Many are accused of preaching the "Gospel" for the money they get out of it. Here is a frank, open statement of the PLAIN TRUTH. Here I lay my life bare as an open book before you!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

HERE IS a story such as you have never read before. The state of California, through the attorney general's office, has launched a massive attack against the Worldwide Church of God, myself, and Mr. Stanley Rader. Eight-column banner newspaper headlines screamed to the world the allegation that I, with Mr. Rader, had been siphoning off millions of dollars every year from Church funds for our own accounts and use. After a year and a half, NO EVIDENCE of any wrongdoing has been found.

But WHAT ARE THE TRUE FACTS? Have I been in the Work of the living GOD for what I could GET out of it? Why and for what purpose did I start, 53 years ago? Just HOW MUCH have I "GOTTEN" out of it? Just how much do I have now? How much does Mr. Stanley L. Rader have now?

I had been quite successful as a young man in the advertising profession. In my own office in Chicago's "loop" in downtown Chicago, Ill., I was making, on the 1980 dollar-value more than \$175,000 per year before 30 years of age.

Then, in 1927, at age 34, the living GOD opened my eyes to HIS TRUTH, unpreached in this world. I came to see that the orthodox Christian teaching of my childhood and youth was the very antithesis of the truth God reveals in His Word, the Bible. In His Word God revealed to me that there are just two ways of life. One is "GET"—the way of SELF-centeredness—the way of "I'm in it for

what I can GET—I love ME, and I don't care about you." The other—GOD'S WAY—is the way of "GIVE"—outflowing love and concern for the good and welfare of others—the way of LOVE to God and LOVE to neighbor."

Last Sunday I saw a preacher on television say, "We can't know the CAUSE of all the troubles, evils and suffering in the world—but we know that God is suffering along with us." I don't believe that. God has revealed to me the root CAUSE of all the world's evils and sufferings. Every evil in the world has come from living by the "GET"—the "ME-FIRST" philosophy.

I wanted to GIVE this amazing truth to the world. In my conversion I did not just "GET"—RECEIVE—Christ as personal Savior. Rather I GAVE this sinful self of mine to HIM. I received Him and His truth, NOT to "GET" for myself, or to "GET" salvation and eternal life for myself—but rather, that I might GIVE this precious truth and understanding to the world—that I might SHARE it with thousands and millions of others.

I GAVE UP the business life and its rewards. Seven years later, in poverty, I began GIVING the precious truth over radio.

I started in poverty—from nothing of this world's goods. It was a work of FAITH from the start. I had one pair of shoes. They were righteous—they had "holey soles." I had a suit of clothes for every day in the week—and the one I was wearing was IT! I had no car.

And what did I preach? I preached Jesus Christ and HIS TRUTH—the most DIFFICULT teaching and doctrine in all this world's "Christianity" to proclaim—the HARDEST for my hearers to accept.

Would anyone start out with the most hard-to-accept teaching to make money? Does that make sense? It was a teaching and doctrinal TRUTH that has brought continual opposition, accusation, persecution. It's no way to make money, let me tell you!

I devoted my life to GIVING. My family and I went HUNGRY—and I do mean HUNGRY! That was part of the price paid for GIVING out of love for others, in a world adjusted to "GETTING."

Yet the living Jesus Christ blessed this Work in marvelous ways. Faith was rewarded. Prayers were answered—continually. The Work of the living GOD prospered.

In 1947 I founded my first college—GOD's college, that is! And on sheer FAITH, with no income whatsoever that was not already appropriated and obligated for radio time and operating expenses. By FAITH it survived!

I incorporated the Church and college on improper legal advice—or we should not be suffering this State versus Church lawsuit now. But I thought the legal advice was good. It was that of a lawyer who had been an attorney in the Internal Revenue Service of the government in Washington for some 12 years. But I took pains to incorporate so that I,

personally, could never GET anything out of it, except for modest salary earned. For this, I appointed this ex-government lawyer and two people not related to me as a committee of three to set my salary. I did not even set it myself.

This work of God grew and expanded at the rate averaging 30% each year over the year preceding for 35 years—probably a record of growth unmatched. God allowed me to be responsible for handling many millions of dollars of His money. It was handled honestly.

Along the line, now about a quarter century ago, I came to know Mr. Stanley Rader, a very brilliant young certified public accountant. I employed him to establish at our headquarters an accounting system that is puncture-proof. It would be IMPOSSIBLE for me, or any officer or employee, to get away with anything more than his honestly earned salary or compensation for services.

Mr. Rader then graduated from the University of Southern California Law School with the highest grades on record. Yale Law School awarded him a Sterling Fellowship, and all doors in the legal profession were open to him. But he was working more and more with us, and preferred to stay with the Work of GOD.

Finally, some years ago, we told Mr. Rader we would like to have him devote his full time with us. This meant giving up a well-paying CPA business and an established law practice—he was a member of the bar in California.

Neither Mr. Rader nor his family were then members of the Church. It is understandable that Mr. Rader did not want to lower his family living standard. We agreed to pay him a salary equal to his income at the time. It was the highest salary on our payroll—well above my own. I am reminded of a large milling company in Minneapolis that used to have a slogan for its flour—“Costs more—worth it!” A Rolls Royce car costs more than others—but will last 30 or 40

years—cheaper in the long run. God says “the servant is worthy of his hire” (Luke 10:7). God would not have had me pay him less than he was worth.

Mr. Rader’s kind of specialized talent and ability, like a Rolls Royce, may cost a little more—but is WORTH IT, and he should not be underpaid. However, let me add here that both Mr. Rader and one of his daughters now are baptized members of the Worldwide Church of God. And the whole family is firmly loyal to the Church at heart.

Now, today, after all these many years, WHAT DO I HAVE—and WHAT DOES MR. RADER HAVE?

The government Internal Revenue Service has gone thoroughly and with a fine-tooth comb over both our personal accounts and absolved us completely of any of these false allegations.

All I have in the world is my home in Tucson, Arizona, bought 3½ years ago with small down payment and a long-term loan with many years yet to run before it is clear, the use of a 3-year-old car belonging to the Church, and a checking account in the bank. My wife owns a car, clothes and some jewelry I bought for her with personal funds after taxes, tithes and offerings. That’s all!

Mr. Rader has a bank account about double mine and his home in Pasadena and is buying an interest in a small horse ranch in Tucson. His wife has some money in her own name, but it all came from her own mother—not from the Church.

Jesus Christ suffered persecution—was finally put to death on testimony of false witnesses. He said if they persecuted Him, they would persecute those who followed HIS TEACHING AND WAYS.

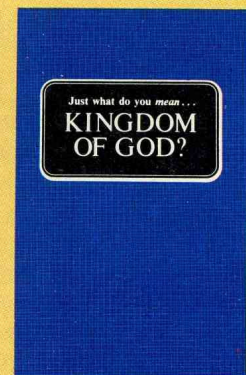
For 53 years I have lived a life devoted to the principle of *GIVING!* But those who GET do love to accuse falsely and persecute those who *GIVE!* WHEN WE ALL turn to living the *GIVING* way, there will be PEACE on this war-weary earth! □

THE KINGDOM OF GOD-

What does it mean to you?

King•dom *n.* A politically organized community or major territorial unit having a monarchical form of government headed by a king or queen.

The phrase “kingdom of God,” which appears frequently in the Bible, is often heard in religious circles. It is generally assumed to be a reference to heaven or to a condition of mind held by believers. Almost no one would apply the standard dictionary definition of “kingdom”—a type of government over a specific territory. Yet that is precisely how the term is most often used in the Bible. The real meaning of the term “kingdom of God” is far more interesting and exciting than the traditional vague concepts. The booklet *Just What Do You Mean . . . Kingdom of God?* clearly explains what the Kingdom of God is and why it’s important to you. For a free copy write to *The Plain Truth* at the address nearest you. (See inside front cover for addresses worldwide.)



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one book of the Bible. I did fit into it a very FEW other passages of the Bible, BUT THERE IS MUCH MORE.

So now let us fit in a number of other passages of the Bible and bring the WHOLE PICTURE more clearly to completion.

The whole book of Revelation is the Revelation of JESUS CHRIST, not of "St. John the Divine"—who was not divine—YET! *Revelation* is a word translated from the Greek *apocalypse* meaning revealing, not hiding; opening up, making clear, not a mysterious concealing.

But Christ does not REVEAL the meaning within this one book. He gives the KEY to opening up the meaning of the book in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21. He opens up other portions of it in other scriptures. Remember, the WHOLE Bible is the written WORD OF GOD, and Jesus Himself is the living personal Word of God.

In Matthew 24, Jesus reveals much of that portion of Revelation 12, beginning with the time when Jesus was on earth speaking with His disciples.

The WHOLE book of Revelation is summarized in chapter 6—that is, a summary beginning at the time Jesus was teaching on earth.

First, in Revelation 6, are the famous "Four Horsemen." They are symbolic. Their meaning is explained in Matthew 24 and elsewhere.

First was the white horse, followed by a horse symbolizing WAR, a black horse famine and a pale horse symbolizing death.

Now glance into Matthew 24. Jesus had been showing His disciples the buildings of the great temple in Jerusalem. Then they had gone to the Mount of Olives, where His disciples asked Him privately, "When shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"—this present evil world.

Jesus was talking to His disciples, about A.D. 31. He did not answer their question *first*—instead He warned them of what would begin to occur even in their lifetime.

"Take heed that no man deceive you," He said to *them*. He was talking about false teachers that might deceive them, even in A.D. 31. "For many shall come in my name," He said. Now UNDERSTAND this before reading the rest of that sentence. You may research the Bible thoroughly, and you will find that everywhere those coming "in Christ's name," come claiming to REPRESENT Him—coming in the pretense that they are the ministers of Jesus Christ. They were to come, even beginning A.D. 31, saying that Jesus is the Christ, "and deceiving many."

He was not referring to men coming who would claim that *they* were the Messiah. But how could they claim to be Christ's Christian ministers proclaiming that Jesus is the Christ, and still deceive the MANY? Do you know that people may even WORSHIP Christ, and all IN VAIN? Jesus said, "IN VAIN do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Mark 7:7).

But from A.D. 31 until now, MANY have claimed to be ministers of Jesus Christ, proclaiming CHRIST, yet actually deceiving the many who hear them, even as they, themselves, were deceived by a master Satan. They have preached to this day ABOUT Christ. But they have not preached HIS MESSAGE—which was His GOSPEL. The true GOSPEL is the MESSAGE Jesus brought for mankind from God—the GOOD NEWS (Gospel) of the coming KINGDOM OF GOD. For 1,900 years—one hundred 19-year time-cycles—that true Gospel of Jesus Christ—the Gospel *He* preached—was suppressed! People heard ABOUT Christ, but they did not hear His GOSPEL.

That false preaching began in the very first century, and continues UNTIL NOW!

Jesus revealed that the white horse of Revelation 6 represented these false preachers. Next, in Revelation 6, came the red horse of WAR. And in Jesus' Olivet prophecy (Matthew 24) Jesus said wars would come, Matthew 24:6-7. Next, the black horse. Jesus said, verse 7, there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes.

Next, Jesus said, Christians would be martyred—put to death. That happened, beginning with Stephen (Acts 7), and into the Middle Ages, when, as in Revelation 12, the Church had to flee—and go underground, meeting for worship services secretly.

Then after that, Jesus came to the answer to their question about the sign preceding His return to earth as KING of kings in verse 14: "This Gospel of the KINGDOM shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and THEN [quickly after that] shall the end [of this age] come."

I started proclaiming that Gospel over radio the first week of 1934. But it did not go to other nations until January, 1953—precisely 1900 years after Paul wrote the Galatians (chapter 1:6-7) that the Gospel was being SUPPRESSED!

Then what NEXT? The pale horse followed the black horse. Jesus said, (Matthew 24:7) there would be famines and pestilences.

Then the GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Then what? The fifth seal of Revelation 6 shows another time of martyrdom—this time the GREAT TRIBULATION. In Matthew 24, coming next to verses 21-22, Jesus shows the GREAT TRIBULATION—a time of trouble greater than any before, or any to come later. This is also shown in Daniel 12, as occurring just prior to the resurrection of the saints. Also in Jeremiah 30 as a trouble coming chiefly on Americans and British.

Then what next? The Great Tribulation is shown as the fifth seal. The sixth seal shows there

Voice Cries Out

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dom is almost the same in physical form, design, constituency, as human brain. The brains of whales, elephants, dolphins are larger—and chimp almost as large. Yet the output of the human brain is indescribably greater. Few indeed know WHY!

Many passages of Scripture show that there is a spirit *in* man. Spirit is *not* matter, and man is wholly matter. But, as there could be a small metal object swallowed by mistake, *IN* man, yet no part of the man himself, so with the spirit within each human. Because it is in the form of essence—not a “ghost” or being of itself—and to distinguish it from God’s Holy Spirit, I designate it as the “human” spirit. Nevertheless, it is spirit and not matter.

This “human” spirit imparts the power of intellect to the human physical brain. The spirit cannot see, hear, taste, smell or feel. The *brain* sees through the eye, hears through the ear, etc. The “human” spirit cannot of itself think. The physical brain thinks.

What, then, is the function of this “human” spirit? It is *NOT* a “soul.” But, 1) it imparts the power of intellect—of thinking, and of *MIND* power, to the human brain; and 2) it is the very means God has instilled, making possible a personal relationship between human *MAN* and divine *GOD*.

God creates, as previously explained, by the principle of *DUALITY*. So it is with the creation of *MAN*. It is accomplished in *TWO STAGES*: 1) the physical phase, which began with the first man, Adam; and 2) the spiritual state, which begins with the “Second Adam” Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 15:45-46).

So also, man was made from his creation (and birth) with the one “human” spirit—but he is *INCOMPLETE*; he was made to need *another* Spirit—the *HOLY SPIRIT* of God—and when that gift of God is received, God’s

“Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God” (Romans 8:16)—in the begotten (or first stage) of man’s *spiritual* creation.

This is most clearly explained in I Corinthians 2.

“... Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart [mind] of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him” (verse 9)—spiritual knowledge. The natural mind can know only what the brain can physically see, hear, taste, smell or feel, through the five physical senses. The natural mind is *confined* to physical, material knowledge!

“But God hath revealed them [spiritual things] unto us by His Spirit...” (verse 10).

“For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him?...” (verse 11). A cow, sheep, or dog cannot know the things a *MAN* knows—and neither could a man, except by the spirit of man which is *in* him. Likewise, the natural man with this one spirit is *limited* to material knowledge—“even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.”

ONLY when the Holy Spirit enters, combining with the “human” spirit, can a man come to really comprehend that which is spiritual—“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned” (verse 14).

That is *WHY* the most highly educated are, over-all, the most ignorant—they are confined to knowledge of the material. Knowledge of God and the things of God are foolishness to them. But, of course, God says, “The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God” (I Corinthians 3:19).

World Cut Off from God

Now back to the first human, Adam.

Remember God’s *PURPOSE* in creating man on the earth: 1) to restore the *GOVERNMENT OF GOD*

on earth, and by regulating human life through that *GOVERNMENT*, a) complete the physical creation of earth where angels turned it to ruin, and b) in the process complete the creation of *MAN* by developing righteous spiritual *CHARACTER*; and 2) establish the *KINGDOM OF GOD*, and eventually the incredible human potential of finishing the creation of the vast *UNIVERSE*!

This supreme *PURPOSE* required: 1) that *MAN* reject Satan’s *WAY*, embracing *GOD’S WAY* of *LOVE*, based on God’s spiritual Law and 2) that man be made first of matter so that, if he was led into Satan’s way of “*GET*,” he could be *CHANGED*, converted to *GOD’S WAY* of *LOVE*.

Spiritual beings, once a finished creation as (were the one third of the angels who became evil characters) *could not be changed!* Spirit is constant and eternal—not subject to change. But physical matter is constantly *changing*.

Through God’s Master Plan for His Spiritual Creation, to be covered later, it had been master-planned by God and “The Word” that “The Word” would divest Himself of His Supreme Glory, and in due time, take on Him the likeness of human flesh, as Jesus Christ, making possible the spiritual phase of the creation of *MAN*—*GOD REPRODUCING HIMSELF!* What a *MASTER PLAN* for the extreme *ULTIMATE* in creative accomplishment! How *GREAT* is our God—in mind, purpose, planning, designing, as well as *CREATING*—from the tiniest germ or insect to the most huge sun, dwarfing our own great sun to insignificance!

And the incredible human potential is that the *GREAT MAJESTIC GOD* is, in *MAN*, reproducing Himself—man can be born into the *GOD FAMILY!*

The first human, Adam, was created with the potential of qualifying to replace Satan, the former Lucifer, on earth’s throne, restoring the *GOVERNMENT OF GOD*.

But it was necessary that he resist, and reject Satan’s “*GET*”

way, and choose GOD'S WAY of His Law—the way of LOVE (GIVE)!

His Maker talked first to Adam and Eve—instructed them thoroughly in the GOVERNMENT and spiritual LAW of God—even though in Genesis 2 only the most condensed summary of God's instruction to them is revealed. Satan was restrained from any contact with them until God first had completely taught them.

In the gloriously beautiful Garden of Eden, into which God placed them, were two symbolic trees. One was the "Tree of Life." Taking its fruit, freely offered, symbolized obedience and faithfulness to God's Law of out-going LOVE, and receiving the gift of God's Holy Spirit.

The other was the tree of "the knowledge of good and evil." Taking of its fruit was taking *to themselves* the knowledge of what is good, and what is evil—deciding for themselves what is right and what is sin. This of course, meant rejection of GOD'S LAW, which defined *for them* the right and the wrong.

The glorious archangel Lucifer, as God originally created him, was the pinnacle of God's creative power in a single being. Few today remotely realize the great power, now turned to cunning deception, possessed by Satan. Apparently Adam completely underestimated him.

The wily Satan got to Adam through his wife Eve. He did not say, "CHOOSE MY WAY!" He appeared as a subtle serpent. He cleverly deceived her.

He put DOUBTS in her mind about God's veracity. He deceived her into believing God had been unfair—selfish. He subtly injected vanity of mind. He misled her into thinking it was *right* to take of the forbidden fruit.

Adam, not deceived, nevertheless went along with his wife. With her, he took to himself the determination of what is right and what is wrong—thus DISBELIEVING what his Maker had said, REJECTING God as Savior and Ruler—rejecting God as the Source of revealed BASIC KNOWL-

EDGE. He believed and followed Satan's WAY!

When God "drove out the man" from the Garden of Eden, and barred reentrance—*lest* he go back and receive eternal life *in sin* (Genesis 3:22-24)—God PRO-
NOUNCED SENTENCE!

God said, in effect, "YOU have made the decision for yourself and the world that shall spring from you. You have rejected me as the basic source of knowledge—you have rebelled against my command and my government—you have chosen the "GETTING," "TAKING" way of Satan. Therefore I sentence you and the world you shall beget to 6,000 years of being *cut off* from access to me and my Spirit—except for the exceedingly FEW I shall specially call. And that FEW shall be called for special service preparatory for the Kingdom of God. They shall be required to do what you have failed to do—reject, resist and overcome Satan and his WAYS, and follow the ways of my spiritual LAW.

"Go therefore, Adam, and all your progeny which shall form the world, produce your own fund of knowledge. Decide for yourself what is good and what is evil. Produce your own educational systems and means of disseminating knowledge, as your god Satan shall mislead you. Form your own concepts of what is god, your own religions, your own governments, your own life-styles and forms of society and civilization. In all this Satan will deceive your world with his attitude of SELF-centeredness—with vanity, lust and greed, jealousy and envy, competition and strife and violence and wars, rebellion against me and my Law of LOVE.

"After the world of your descendants has written the lesson in 6,000 years of human suffering, anguish, frustration, defeat and death, I will supernaturally intervene. By supernatural divine power I shall then take over the government of the whole world. With reeducation, I will produce a happy world of PEACE. And on repentance, I shall then offer eternal salvation to all. After a

thousand years of that happy world to come, I will resurrect from death to mortal life all who have died uncalled during this 6,000 years. Their judgment shall then come. And on repentance and faith, eternal life shall be offered them.

"During this 6,000 years, when I myself shall cut them off from me, they shall not be eternally judged. Only, as they sow during their life-times, they shall reap. But *when* I open eternal salvation to them, there shall be no Satan to hinder or deceive them—no Satan for them to overcome. Those few called during this first 6,000 years shall have to reject and resist Satan's pulls and overcome. But those who overcome shall sit with me in my throne, and have power under me to rule all nations under my Supreme Rule."

The most universal false teaching, believed by virtually all churches called Christianity, except the one and only true and original Church of God, is that ALL are automatically "*lost*" *unless they profess* Jesus Christ as Savior—and that now is the *only* day of "salvation."

Those cut off from God are NOT "lost"—NOT YET JUDGED!

Few UNDERSTAND this basic Master Plan of God. The reader cannot possibly be more surprised at the truth revealed in this volume than was the author, more than 50 years ago. The WHOLE WORLD has been deceived, as God's Word foretold! One deceived is not aware of the deception! Don't underestimate Satan!

One, reviewing the multiplied evils in the world today, might think MAN has cut himself off from God. But it is GOD who cut off mankind from Him. And WHY?

Does that seem to make God appear unfair? Quite the opposite!

Consider! When God drove Adam and Eve out from the Garden of Eden, He set angels to bar mankind from reentering. Suppose God had left the gate into Eden open. What would have happened? Probably the whole of mankind would have surged back

in to take of that tree of LIFE! Without any repentance—without even FAITH in God or in Christ—mankind would have helped himself to RECEIVING ETERNAL LIFE.

THINK a moment!

God Not Unfair

How UNfair would God have been, had He allowed that? Man, with all his sins—and sin has a habit of increasing in the one who indulges in it—would have become immortal—living *for ever* while *suffering* the pains, mental, physical and spiritual, that sin would bring on him!

Man does not seem to realize that he now is the SLAVE of sin. He does not realize that only a real repentance—turning *from* sin—and the living FAITH of Jesus Christ can FREE him from that penalty! Sin enslaves! It punishes! It brings sorrow, remorse, anguish. It inflicts physical injury, sickness and disease. It produces frustration and hopelessness.

The most UNfair, unkind, cruel thing God could have done would have been to leave the way open into the Garden, with free access to all comers to the tree of LIFE—symbolic of the gift of ETERNAL LIFE!

But what *did* God do? He drove out the man and the woman. He barred reentrance.

He, however, made salvation and eternal life in extreme happiness and bliss become available to ALL the human family. But, with Godly wisdom, He set a time-order and conditions! For the first 6,000 years—now almost completed—all but the predestined FEW were cut off. Meanwhile He called a comparatively infinitesimal FEW to repentance and faith and—dependent on those conditions and overcoming—the gift of His Holy Spirit and eternal life!

Then in due time, after approximately 4,000 years from Adam, God sent Jesus Christ to live a perfect life, overcoming Satan, *qualifying* where the first Adam failed, to replace Satan as RULER on the throne of the whole earth. Those who, as Jesus did, overcome Satan, their own selves and

sin (the “called,” that is), will sit *with Christ* in His throne *when* He comes to set up THE KINGDOM OF GOD and to restore the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, which the former Lucifer rejected and ceased to administer!

Those *very* few called, beginning with “righteous Abel” up to now and on to Christ’s return to earth, have had to do what Adam refused to do—REJECT THE WAY OF SATAN, who rebelled against the GOVERNMENT OF GOD!

Who, then, is a *real* Christian? Only those who have been, and are being led by the Holy Spirit of God (Romans 8:9, 11, 14). And none can receive the Holy Spirit until that person, 1) REPENTS—of his sins, his transgressions of God’s Law, and 2) has complete faith in Jesus Christ—which includes BELIEVING Jesus Christ. I mean, believing what He says—His WORD, the Holy Bible!

Now, what of all the others—the THOUSANDS OF MILLIONS? Up to now, unless called and *drawn* by God, they simply have not yet been judged! I do not mean they shall not have to give account for their sins. They shall, indeed! But their judgment is COMING. Judgment has begun in the true Church of God (I Peter 4:17). Jesus said, “No man can come to me, except the Father . . . draw him . . .” (John 6:44). NO MAN CAN come to Christ otherwise! But this is merely the FIRST harvest.

When Christ comes as KING OF KINGS and LORD of lords, He will reign for the next thousand years. EVERYBODY living from His coming will be called.

After that thousand years, shall occur the “Great White Throne Judgment” of Revelation 20:11-12. All who ever lived from Adam on, who were uncalled by God, shall be resurrected MORTAL in human flesh and blood as they were in their first life. *Then* they shall give account for the sins of their former life—but on real repentance and faith they shall be forgiven and receive God’s Holy Spirit, begetting them to ETERNAL LIFE.

GOD’S WONDERFUL MASTER PLAN WILL CALL EVERYONE WHO EVER LIVED TO RECEIVE ETERNAL SALVATION but, there is a time order in resurrections (I Corinthians 15:22-23). “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order; Christ the firstfruits, afterward . . .” (two other resurrections revealed in Revelation 20:11-13, are not covered in I Corinthians 15.)

Those called in the Millennium, and those in the Great White Throne resurrection and judgment, shall NOT have Satan, then, to overcome.

HOW WONDERFUL are God’s ways—even though hidden now from most of humanity bringing so much suffering on themselves!

As the apostle Paul exclaimed, “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!” (Romans 11:33).

In MAN, God is reproducing Himself! The word for God in Genesis 1:1 is *Elohim* in the original Hebrew. It is a uniplural name, like *church* or *family* or *group*. God said “Let us”—not ME—“make man in OUR image.” God truly is a Family into which we, *literally* may be born!

WHAT, then, is man? He is a living being made from the dust of the ground. He is CLAY, and GOD is the Master Potter, molding, shaping, forming our CHARACTER—if we respond when He calls and draws us to Him. With our willingness He is infusing into us HIS VERY OWN SPIRITUAL HOLY, RIGHTeous and PERFECT CHARACTER!

WHY is man? God created man on the earth to build in us what the sinning angels refused to let Him build in them—His perfect CHARACTER! He is, in His time order and way, developing us to become VERY GOD—each of us—and to finish the creation of the unfinished UNIVERSE!

It’s all WONDERFUL beyond words. But, for NOW, we still live in this deceived world led by Satan. □