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## From the Editor ...



It is difficult to realize that we have swiftly come to another new year—and a new decade! Wow, 2010! Ten years into the 21st century! Ten years ago the entire technical world was deeply concerned about Y2K, yet nothing serious really happened. However, the past ten years have been fraught with earth-shaking situations and dangers that have amounted to more problems than Y2K could have caused at its worst.

Today I wish I could write of wonderful things happening all over the earth—but good news is really hard to come by. Weigh that statement for yourself—what has been the really good news of this past year or this past decade compared to all of the really bad news—even catastrophic news? And remember, the Day of the Lord began over 12 years ago!

It is an obvious fact to those who have eyes to see that the Four Horsemen's ride is having their expected impact upon this evil world:

- Religious deception and confusion is at an all-time high.
- Religious hatred will bring on 30 days of all-out nuclear war between the king of the North and the king of the South.
- Nuclear fallout, along with extremes of upset weather, will cause famine on a scale unheard of before.
- Pestilence and death will follow until the frightening number of one-fourth of the population of the earth will lie dead as a biblical reality!

Therefore, can we venture a guess as to what is in store for Planet Earth and all of mankind for the year 2010? Jesus Christ instructs those who are wise and watching: "Whoso reads...let him understand" (Matt. 24:15)! How much do you understand?

Our Lord and Master also tells us in Matt. 6:10 that we should pray, "Thy Kingdom come..." yet many students of the Bible know there are horrible times predicted for this earth before the Kingdom can come. Matt. 24:21 states: "**For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.**"

The "Great Tribulation" is the Fifth Seal, which comes after the conclusion of the Four Horsemen's ride, and which continues for 42 months. According to the sure Word of God, it will be the worst time of trouble ever to come upon Planet Earth—and Satan, the devil, will have his part in bringing it about.

All nations great and small will be traumatized

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# The Kingdom Of Heaven IS At Hand!

By Robert Ardis

On October 1, 1997 astounding Truth was revealed to the fledgling Church of God's Faithful. On that evening in 1997 the pivotal Truth that the Day of the Lord and the Day of the Lord's Wrath are TWO different events—not one—was made so plain! What a remarkable Truth and so provable by the Holy Bible that it is amazing that it had not been known and taught by the Church all these years. All of us of the former Worldwide Church of God (WCG) had been taught that these two prophetic events were one and the same—the Seventh Seal of the Book of Revelation. Yet when this subject is examined under the light of God's Word, the Truth emerges that these important prophetic events were NOT the same occurrence.

## Thrust into Our Time!

On that Feast of Trumpets evening of October 1, 1997 new understanding was given to me as I read verse 10 of Rev 1: "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day..."

It was instantly plain to me that the Apostle John was thrust into the Lord's Day—the Day of the Lord—before any of the Seven

Seals are opened! The picture seen here is that John was thrust into our time—1997—and the Day of the Lord would begin at that precise time. The great mystery of God (Mark 13:32) concerning the "secret" coming of Jesus Christ to His Spiritual Temple became a reality (Mal.3:1-2) which no one had known until that evening when it actually happened—and God revealed it.

Six thousand years of time allotted to rebellious mankind came to an abrupt end on October 1, 1997 and God's time resumed once again—the Day of the Lord had come as a "thief in the night" (I Thess. 5:2)!

## Signs!

II Thess. 2:1-3 brings out two important signs that would have to happen before the Day of Christ (the Day of the Lord) could begin—"as a thief in the night"!



Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering

together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the Day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, EXCEPT there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition. (My emphasis)

These TWO signs would precede the Day of the Lord:

1. There would come a falling away from Truth.
2. The "man of sin" would be revealed

Those TWO major events did happen as signs to us that the Day of the Lord was ready to occur. The WCG was attacked by Satan (Rev.12:12-13) in his usual methods—bringing in false doctrines of the world and

*"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day..." It was instantly plain to me that the Apostle John was thrust into the Lord's Day—the Day of the Lord—before any of the Seven Seals are opened!"*

dividing and conquering! The man appointed as the Pastor General of the WCG by Herbert Armstrong immediately before he died became the "man of sin" sitting in the Temple of God (the Church).

This newly appointed Pastor General of the WCG cast aside the Truth that had been taught for years and adopted the false doctrines of the world. This was an attack upon God's True Church and caused the great falling away from Truth. Nearly 100,000 begotten brethren were thrown into confusion not understanding what was happening.

Mr. Gerald Flurry and the Philadelphia Church of God (PCG) headquartered in Edmond, OK was raised up as the Laodicean Work of Jesus Christ and began crying aloud the understanding of II Thess. 2:3-4.

“ Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

It has been incorrectly explained for years by respected commentaries and even Mr. Armstrong that the “temple of God” mentioned in verse 3 would be the “temple” or “tabernacle” that would be constructed in Jerusalem by the King of the North (the Anti-Christ-Beast-False prophet; Dan. 11:45). Matthew 24:15-16

and Luke 21: 20-21 were used as corroborating scriptures in an attempt to connect the “temple” of II Thess. 2: 4 with the “tabernacle” of Dan. 11. But God revealed to Gerald Flurry that the “temple” of

II Thess. 2 was actually the collective body of Christ—the Church. I Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19 and II Cor. 6:16 plainly reveal the identity of the “temple”.

“ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any

man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

“ What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

“ And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Gerald Flurry printed and distributed his book Malachi’s Message to the Church of God Today which made it plain to those few who would heed, the truth of the “temple” over which the “man of sin” would rule and cause the great falling away from truth. That was done 20 years ago!

**These TWO signs would precede the Day of the Lord: There would come a falling away from Truth, [and] The “man of sin” would be revealed.** **Let there be no DIVISIONS among you...**

Most of the Church and especially the leading evangelists and ministers of the Church would

pay no attention to Mr. Flurry’s warnings. Although they disagreed with the doctrinal changes being made by the WCG leadership, some evangelist and ministers, who had just sat there doing nothing but drawing their paychecks, when they finally thought they could secure a following, broke away from the WCG and formed their own

church (Acts 20:28-30). They did not follow or support Gerald Flurry. Over a period of a few years, one by one these churches formed, then split and divided into competing church after church and group after group, contrary to the plain scriptures that warn them not to have divisions among themselves (I Cor. 1:10).

Now it is estimated that there are over 300 different churches and groups claiming to be the “Churches of God”!

## Crying Aloud!

The CGF has proclaimed the Truth of the Day of the Lord for over 12 years—THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND—with only little response from those that heard this vital message. We have sent this information out through booklets, audio and video tapes, cds, personal contact and letters to the Philadelphia Church of God, the Laodicean Candlestick/Church (Rev. 1:20 and 3:14-21) and their leader Mr. Gerald Flurry. Our commission as Christ’s Church was to go only to the “Inner Court” of the Temple and NOT to the Outer Court. Therefore we have “fished in a small pond” for these 12 years.

“ And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple (Strong’s #3485 Naos... Inner Court) of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple (the Outer Court) leave out, and measure it not...(Rev 11:3)

The PCG is in the Inner Court as Ezek. 8:16 plainly shows us:

“ And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD’S house, and,

## **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

Jesus Christ is the Head of His One True Church and has set us apart by TRUTH! Since this article you are reading was written and presented for the January issue of the Midnight Cry, Christ has revealed more important NEW TRUTH to the CGF.

For 12 years, from the beginning of the CGF, we have operated under the assumption—the preconceived idea—that only the Laodicean Candlestick/Church (the PCG) and the remnant of the true Philadelphia Candlestick/Church (the CGF) were in the INNER COURT of the Spiritual Temple (#3485). However, Christ has directed our minds in the studies on the two recent Midnight Cry articles, The Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand, and, The Synagogue of Satan, and showed us very vital NEW TRUTH! This New Truth is involved with the true meaning of one important word that had not been studied deeply enough due to our preconceived ideas about that word. The word is “temple”, (Greek naos- #3485). But now the plain scriptures containing that word, all of a sudden have become so obvious!

The verses printed above, I Cor. 3:16-17 and 6:19; along with John 2:19-21 and Eph. 2:20-22 show us how the word “temple”, #3485, is used. Strong's defines #3485 “naos”: From a primary word ναῖω naiō (to dwell); a fane, shrine, temple: - shrine, temple. Compare G2411.

The Hebrew/ Greek Key Study Bible by Spiros Zodhiates states the following about “naos”: “The Temple itself is the heart and center of the whole sacred enclosure called heiron (#2411). The naos was the Holiest of Holies.”

The naos (#3485) is the INNER COURT of the entire temple (#2411) complex. The scriptures explicitly state that those individually and collectively called of God, who have been baptized, had hands laid upon them, and have received the Holy Spirit are the TEMPLE (#3485—INNER COURT) of God!

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God (#3485), and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple (#3485) of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple (#3485) ye are (I Cor.3: 16-17).

This is the NEW TRUTH we have just been given! We have had the misconception for 12 years that the split and splintered “churches of god”, the synagogue of Satan, were in the OUTER COURT—but we were wrong—and we admit it!

Rev. 11:1-2:



**And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple (#3485) of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple (#3485) leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.**

The CGF has knocked on the door of Laodicea, the PCG, the seventh Candlestick, for 12 years thinking they alone were in the INNER COURT with those faithful of the sixth Candlestick. But now, after all these years, we realize we are to measure the numerous split and splintered “churches of god”, the synagogue of Satan that are also a part of the INNER COURT!

It is a little difficult to believe the synagogue of Satan could be in the INNER COURT of God's Temple, but remembering that the “man of sin”, that Wicked [one], the son of perdition actually ruled in the Temple of God according to the Word of God (II Thess. 2); it is not hard to believe this is the case today!

Over 300 split and splintered “churches of god” are equivalent to confusion—and Satan is the author of confusion—not God (I Cor. 14:33).

Please refer to the sermon of Jan. 2, 2010 on our website and to the article by the same title, The Temple of God and The Synagogue of Satan, to fully understand this wonderful NEW TRUTH!

behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, (this accurately describes the PCG fulltime ministry) with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.

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Verse 17 tells us that although these 25 priests of God are still in the Inner Court they are committing abominations. Gerald Flurry has claimed Christ's title of That Prophet and that is an ABOMINATION to God. That very unwise declaration makes Gerald Flurry a false prophet, a false Christ, and an Abomination to God. Verse 17 describes these 25 priests in their "abominations" as worshipping Satan represented as the sun-god—in the Inner Court. This is occurring immediately before the Great Tribulation begins as seen in Ezek: 9.

Pause here and evaluate that which has been made apparent to those who have eyes to see:

- The "man of sin" has been revealed.
- The great falling away has occurred.
- The Abomination is standing in the Holy place.

The Abomination is standing in the Holy Place (the Inner Court) today! Request or download our booklet, *Whoso Reads...Let Him Understand* that fully explains the subject of the abomination.

Twelve years have gone swiftly by. The Word of God had shown us

that we were not to go to the Outer Court of the Temple (Rev. 11:2), yet now we are seeing evidence that the door to the Outer Court is being opened to this urgent

message. The meaning of the parable of the Ten Virgins has been revealed to the CGF and their awakening has begun by our midnight cry—"The Day of the Lord HAS come"; "Behold the Bridegroom HAS come"; "the Kingdom of Heaven IS at hand"! This is why we use the Midnight Cry as the name of our magazine!

**The King IS here—a Vital Message!**

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND! The King, Jesus Christ, is here in the Day of the Lord discerning who will be His stalwart PILLAR members in preparation of bringing in the other "lively stones" (I Pet. 2:5). The PILLARS must be set, firm and unshakable, for the repairing and completion of the Spiritual Temple that Satan had viciously attacked after Herbert W. Armstrong died.

The CGF is the only Church with the Truth of the Day of the Lord coming as a thief in the Night on Oct. 1, 1997. We have been laughed at and scoffed at for proclaiming this truth—but this is Truth from the Word of God—so pity the scoffers.

Now observe what is being seen in the news of the world today!

Let me tell you here that the message of the Day of the Lord and THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND is a much more vital message than we had realized and God has Work for us to do!

In the last few issues of the Midnight Cry we have drawn attention to the fact that Satan is the Great Deceiver—and now we can see what he is up to in bringing an evil plan that the entire "Christian" world is gobbling up. The world is embracing the doctrine of a One World Government and the return to the Tower of Babel with the slogan; EUROPE: MANY TONGUES, ONE VOICE!

Satan knows his time is short and he is bringing on his greatest deception! He cannot do away with scripture; therefore he perverts the scriptures through subtle corruption. He has his master plan to confuse a world that will accept

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his deception—but the CGF has been given God's Plan!

Thus, what you are reading here is the revealed TRUTH of God's

Plan versus Satan's corruption of God's Plan.

**One World Government—Satan's style!**

Satan's Plan is to influence the world to believe in his system that will once again be rooted in Europe under the influence of Roman Catholicism. A very charismatic leader, most likely of German descent, will suddenly rise to prominence within United Europe. He will become the super-dictator

of Europe or as the Bible identifies him—the Beast!

And as history repeats itself and prophecy is fulfilled the Beast will be under the binding religious influence of the “anti-Christ”, the Great False Prophet, the leader of the Roman Catholic Church. Revelation 13 and 17 are detailed prophesies of these events that Satan cannot change, but he can twist them out of time sequence and arrive at the wrong meaning—as we will reveal here.

The devil wants all mankind to believe his corrupted version of the scriptures to produce death and destruction throughout the world, but he especially wants the begotten children of God snared in the split and splintered churches to believe it. These churches are the Synagogue of Satan, or, as we write this in a less offensive phrase, the “churches of god” using little “c” and little “g”. The “churches of god”, like most of the world, are expecting the Roman Catholic pope to enter into Jerusalem and build a “temple” for his headquarters (Dan. 11:45).

“And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him (Dan. 11:45).

The “churches of god” and the world accepting Satan’s One World plan will believe the pope will fulfill the role of the “man of sin sitting in the temple of God” causing the “great falling away from truth”. Request or download our booklet

*The Apostasy* for a full explanation of this subject.

But the apostasy has already occurred and the “man of sin” has already been identified—nearly 20 years ago! Yet many of the major “churches of god” adamantly refuse to admit this. Therefore, the leaders of these churches are deceiving their congregations and are embracing Satan’s plan.

When they see the “beast” and the “false prophet” come on the world scene, when the prophesied events that are destined to happen in Europe and in Jerusalem become realities, then many of the “Christian” world and the foolish virgins of the “churches of god” will know Christ’s visible coming is imminent—but it will be too late for them then. The devastating action by United Europe as the King of the North and the 30 day war precipitated by the King of the South will horrify the entire world! Then the conquering of the Middle-East and Jerusalem will be the beginning signs of the Great Tribulation.

“And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst

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of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled (Luke 21:20-22).

The false ministers of the “churches of god” will see the pope in his “temple” in Jerusalem and proclaim; “the Abomination is standing in the Holy Place”. But the Abomination is already in the Holy Place!

“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand;) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains (Matt. 24:15-16).

Understand this point! Jerusalem in prophecy is



A depiction of Europa and the Bull. Commonly associated with Europe.

not described as a “holy place” but as Sodom and Egypt: “And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified” (Rev. 11:8).

## “A Day Late and a Dollar Short”

Gerald Flurry is already identified as “the Abomination standing in the Holy Place”—the Inner Court of God’s Temple (Ezek. 8:16)! These prophecies have already been fulfilled! Satan wants to blind the world and especially the sleeping churches to their fulfillment, but the CGF has the vital Truth and the Kingdom of Heaven IS at Hand!

As you read, this is God’s plan being revealed to you! Thus you have the choice: (#1) to prove what we are saying and have time to prove yourself worthy to escape all that will come to pass and to be protected in the Place of Safety; or (#2) you can follow Satan’s corrupt plan and wait too late and wind up in the Great Tribulation. That is Satan’s great desire—his plan—to deceive the brethren of God, causing them to wait too late and to perish in the Great Tribulation.

This is so important brethren! Study our literature with your Bible and your mind opened. You have these two options! Believe God’s Plan that the Day of the Lord came as a “thief in the night” and Christ came suddenly to His Temple over 12 years ago. He has been discerning and selecting His Jewels, His Pillar members. When all of the Pil-

lars have been firmly established on the solid foundation (Eph. 2:20-21) then Christ will bring the wise virgins of the synagogue of Satan into wakefulness. They are part of the “lively stones” for the finishing of the Temple and will finally respond to God’s Truth and seek us out. The foolish virgins will waste valuable time seeking oil, investigating different versions of Satan’s plan and by waiting too late wind up in the Great Tribulation.

and the Great Tribulation will begin. Study the possibilities of our 2009-2013 timeline in the November 2009 issue of the Midnight Cry. The sequence of events displayed in our timeline is vital for you to understand. Do not wait! Don’t be “a day late and a dollar short”! Satan wants to blind your eyes to what has already occurred—to take your eyes off of what has been fulfilled—and to wait too late with the rest of the world as the Great Tribulation engulfs the earth.

## Flee—Now!

You do not want to wait so long that you will be locked out of the place Christ has prepared (Matt. 7:21-23 and 25:10-12). The scriptures are shouting a loud warning! When you understand that the events in the Plan of God that have already happened are being falsely duplicated for a later date by Satan—you are warned to take action immediately. “Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains...” (Matt. 24:16). Understand this verse in its spiritual meaning! It is saying that when you who are “spiritual Jews” (Judeans)

grasp this part of God’s Plan you must flee to the mountain of the Lord’s House—the Church of God! Notice Isa. 2:2-3 and the explanation of the meaning of “mountain”:



THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND! Christ is here in the Day of the Lord. You have the opportunity to prove what you have just read. There is a lot to study! New Truth is hard to accept when there are preconceived ideas in our minds. But this is vital understanding that will stand in the light of God’s Word. Don’t let Satan deceive you into waiting to see what happens in Europe and Jerusalem! When the great false prophet sets up his headquarters in Jerusalem—it will be too late. God’s faithful will have already entered into the Place of safety

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By John Durrad

Once upon a time, a member of the Worldwide Church of God, having realised what was being done to the Church by Mr Tkach, stated "I know I should move but I am really comfortable with the Church, my friends and the social life, so I think I will stick with it." Are you so comfortable with your position, your standing in the church, that you are not willing to change, even when it is obvious that Christ has left?

If you feel that comfortable in your church group, you would be wise to at least consider what 2010 may bring.

With the year 2009 on the Roman calendar now behind us, what can we expect in 2010? What did we have in 2009? Let's take a look at some headlines:

**Food Emergency: 20 million on verge of starvation as the world teeters to**

**the brink of a global famine.**

**Deputy FM: Israel threat to attack Iran is not bluff.**

**No respect, no morals, no trust – welcome to modern Britain.**

**Hezbollah gears up for new war.**

**WHO – Aids leading cause of death, disease in women.**

**Haredi violence will not solve Jerusalem Sabbath struggle.**

**Millions hit by plague worse than swine flu.**

**UN nuclear watchdog: can't rule out other Iran enrichment sites.**

**Flood waters force 500 from homes.**

**Wildfires sweep across eastern Australia.**

**China expert warns of pandemic flu mutation.**

**Dubai default threat rattles world stocks.**

**Second gay bishop for Episcopal**

**Church, Anglicans.**

**Kenyans battle for resources, with guns and swords.**

**New report finds racism prevalent across Europe.**

**New Hamas West Bank commandoes set to revive anti-Israel terror.**

**Copenhagen closes with weak deal that poor threaten to reject.**

**The frightening rise of Christian persecution.**

And, of course, don't forgetting the numerous headlines regarding the world's financial meltdown.

These are all frightening headlines that the world has suffered through 2009 – ONE YEAR! So, what can we expect for 2010? More of the same, only worse. We are in a time which the Bible describes as the end-time, the end of an age, a time of unprecedented crime and violence. So much crime that one act will follow another like links of a chain.

“Make a chain; for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence” (Ezek 7:23).

I really did try to find some good news in 2009, but it was quite difficult, and most of it was mediocre by world-shattering standards. For example, a wedding ring that was

lost 68 years ago was found with a metal detector. The man’s daughter will use the ring when she marries next year. A nice happy ending, but unlikely to benefit many people.

Another item shows the Queen of England seemingly alone (although aids must have been close at hand) boarding a train to travel to Norfolk for her Christmas break. A station guard was heard to say, “Well she does get a discount as an old age pensioner.” The little good news I could find was of this order, with nothing to balance the books of famine, health issues, plagues, war and so on, even if that were possible.

## Reading the Signs

The news we hear from around the world is a graphic illustration that this is indeed Satan’s society. What is needed is a benevolent supreme head of this world who would rule in righteousness, and eliminate the cause of world troubles. I’m sure we all realise that this could only be God Himself. Many treat the effects of disasters and traumas but never seem to eliminate the cause. God will be able to eliminate the actual cause of all man’s woes by enforcement of His immutable Law, the Ten Commandments, and by the forgiveness of sin. All of man’s

woes are the result of sin, which is the transgression of God’s Law.

This is not possible in this present society. First, Jesus Christ must return in power and glory to set up the Kingdom of God. When will this be? Will we see the countdown to the return of Christ during

2010? This is a question that should be on your mind day and night. We are in the Day of the Lord. Christ is closely discerning his people to see who is worthy

to be a part of the 144,000 Firstfruits.

It is so important to read the signs of the times we are in. It is important to realise this, but what is more important is the question of what you are going to do about it!

“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the

heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up (2 Pet. 3:10).

“In the which”, or during that time, that is, during the Day of the Lord, the heavens shall pass away.

## Our Part in the Matter

Now notice what we should be doing now, those of us who under-

stand these things:

“Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation [conduct] and godliness...Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found without spot, and blameless (2 Pet 3:11,14).

The final verse of this chapter adds:

“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ... (2 Pet 3:18).

This magazine is called *The Midnight Cry*. That is not just a title. It represents a final warning message going out to God’s scattered people, few as they are, around this world. “And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom

cometh; go ye out to meet him” (Matt 25:6). The Church of God’s Faithful is sending out this warning. We also produce a booklet with the same title,

*The Midnight Cry*. In the booklet, Mr. Robert Ardis makes some astounding comments regarding the parable of the Ten Virgins in Matthew 25.

Before we review those comments, do you realise that it has been estimated that the Worldwide Church of God has split and splintered into over 300 different churches and groups? Could all these groups be God’s Church? Surely God has only one Church! You need to identify just where you are if you are a member of one of the 300 splits.

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Or have you given up on the Church amidst all the confusion? Are you trying to keep God's Law as a lone Christian?

It is not possible for a former member of God's Church to simply bury one's head in the sand. You are known by Christ, but also you are known by Satan. But do you yourself know where you are?

The Bible mentions a group of people with a very unsavory title. In the book of Revelation in chapters 2 and 3, the title "Synagogue of Satan" is used to represent a group of God's people. In the *Midnight Cry* booklet, Mr Ardis writes this:

***It would be very wise, as 2010 brings us ever closer to the first resurrection, for those of the Laodicean Church and those 300 plus split-off groups, to make sure you know that you are in the one and only True Church of God.***

1 Corinthians 1:10 shouts out the truth that the Church must not be divided...

Nevertheless, today we see approximately 300 divided, fragmented, and competing churches and groups claiming to be "Churches of God", when in reality we all should know that God has only One true Church. My intentions are not to offend, but to be bluntly honest; therefore, these Churches of God should be labelled churches of god, using little "c" and little "g", or stating it as Christ does: the synagogue of Satan.

That is not a very complimentary title, but it is how Christ addresses them in Revelation 3:9! I can only write that which is biblically accurate! (*The Midnight Cry*, Page 19)

You would not wish to be labelled

with that horrible title, and yet, as amazing as it seems, it does apply to some of God's people at this time. It would be very wise, as 2010 brings us ever closer to the first resurrection, for those of the Laodicean Church and those 300 plus split-off groups, to make sure

you know that you are in the one and only True Church of God.

## **Four Groups In God's Church Before the Tribulation**

Christ continues to closely discern His people to see who qualifies to be taken

to the Place of Safety and then to become a part of the Marriage of the Lamb (Matt 25:1-13). The parable of the Ten Virgins in Matthew 25 lists four groups of God's called and chosen people. These people comprise all the called and chosen brethren who are alive today. If you consider yourself a member of God's Church today, you are a part of this parable! Right now you have to place yourself in one of the four groups that make up this parable:

Group 1 – 5 wise virgins

Group 2 – 5 foolish virgins

Group 3 – They proclaim the Midnight Cry: "And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him" (Verse 6).

Group 4 – They have oil to sell, but

still do not answer the midnight cry.

**“But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you; but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves (Verse 9).**

The question remains, where do you fit into this parable? To which of the four groups do you belong? Nothing could be more important than to know that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church to which you belong.

**“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful (Col 3:15).**

We need to show that we are thankful for our calling by maintaining a close contact with Jesus Christ. Remember Christ said He would never leave us, but we can leave Him!

Let us now identify the four groups of this parable, which in turn will identify where you stand in this parable of the end-time.

The Ten Virgins of Matthew 25 are symbolic of the thousands of our brethren who have been deceived as part of the "churches of god," again labelled in the Bible as the synagogue of Satan. They had been called to repentance, baptised and forgiven of their past sins. They were pure and clean through the blood of Jesus Christ – they were as virgins – but have been snared in the synagogue of Satan by the deception of the devil. Yet, through the mercies of God, many of them will be given to the Church Jesus loves, that they may be taught, and then they will be with Him as part of the 144,000 virgin Firstfruits of

Revelation 14: 1-4 (*The Midnight Cry*, pages 20-21).

So the first two groups, the 5 wise virgins and 5 foolish virgins, represent the churches of god, or synagogue of Satan, the 300 plus groups who are allowing their spiritual lamps to go out by not being close to Jesus Christ, the Head of His One True Church. Remember, even the wise virgins are depicted as going to sleep. "While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept" (Matt 25:5).

If you are in one of those two groups, there is not a moment to lose. You will be considered a "wise virgin" if you contact the third group, the Church of God's Faithful, who are proclaiming the very truth of the Midnight Cry, and who comprise the Body of Jesus Christ, the True Church of God.

The foolish virgins have lost spiritual understanding. They have not yet totally quenched the Holy Spirit, but they are dangerously close to doing so. They are not able to get oil from the wise virgins, but have to go to the fourth group, which has oil, i.e. spiritual understanding, to sell. This they are able to do, but it is too late to enter the place of safety with those previously proven worthy to escape.

“ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready [wise virgins] went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

“ Afterward came also the other [foolish] virgins, saying, Lord,

Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, verily I say unto you, I know you not (Matt 25:10-12).

They will be locked out and will have only the Great Tribulation to look forward to. However, they can still qualify for the Kingdom

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of God, albeit through much trauma, and by not denying Christ.

The fourth group, which has oil to sell, is the Laodicean Philadelphia Church of God. They have much truth, but unfortunately, they are not now growing in new truth, grace, and the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Most have refused to respond to the Midnight Cry to become pillars in the Spiritual Temple of God, and would rather continue to build physical structures, claiming they "have it all".

What can you do if you have honestly found yourself to be devoid of the presence of Christ in the Laodicean Church, or in one of the many split-off churches of god? First of all, congratulations! Herbert W. Armstrong stated: "The most difficult thing for any human seems to be to admit being wrong – to confess error of belief and conviction – to unlearn false knowledge as well as to learn true knowledge" (*Mystery of the Ages*, page 5, hardback).

Now that you are over the first

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hurdle, the realisation of where you are, you need to consider where you must be. None of us can be complacent as this world staggers on with terrible unsolved problems; we need to control our destiny as never before.

## Who Is Proclaiming the Midnight Cry?

We are the Church of God's Faithful. Perhaps you have thought of us as just another splinter group among all the rest in the synagogue of Satan. God's Word says, "...you will know them by their fruits" (Matt 7:16). Do we have fruit that would identify us as God's True Church?

God's True Church will always be growing in new truth. It will be set apart by truth! The only fruit of Mr Armstrong's ministry that has endured is the revealed truth given him by Jesus Christ. Only truth remains. Truth is one vital fruit that truly identifies God's true Church, not material possessions.

The Church of God's Faithful has an astounding 75 New Truths given by Jesus Christ our Head. Some of these will truly amaze you; you will not have heard of them before, but you can prove every one from your Bible. Our 160 page book, *Set Apart by Truth*, explains every one of these truths and is a vital book of understanding for every baptised member of God's Church.

2010! What will this year bring to you, personally? Which way are you heading? The Kingdom is at hand! Will you heed this Midnight Cry?

The Bridegroom has come. Now you must come to where He is!

“And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our Salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent [The cry has gone out at midnight] the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light (Rom. 13:11-12).

Many of you who are reading this article have been associated with the Church of God for many, many years – some as much as 60 years! What a shame to lose the race at the last hurdle. Remember, all who finish this race will be winners, but there will be those who simply do not endure to the end. We all must continue to study, to show ourselves approved to God, workmen that need not be ashamed, and rightly dividing the word of truth.

We began with many bad news items that will continue to grow and plague this earth in 2010.

Good news will, as usual, be in short supply. But for those who may not be too interested in what we have been saying, I have some good news for you in 2010. The World Cup Football starts in June! Better make the most of it; it may be all you will get, and it will not negate the inevitable bad news that will curse our society.

We hate being the harbinger of bad news, but without the Government of God, 2010 will continue to be as 2009, only worse! Shame on you if after stumbling onto the truth, you pick yourself up, dust yourself down, and continue on as before. If you are that comfortable where you are, even after truth is laid before you, then you are simply following your own way.

“And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of” (2 Pet 2:2).

Always remember, the day of reckoning is nearer than when you first believed. ❖

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## ***The Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand***

And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

You must flee to the Church of Jesus Christ—the mountain of the Lord's House and not be deceived by Satan the devil and his evil One World plan. The Woman is astride the Beast in Europe! Time is very short! The decision is yours!

The Kingdom of God IS at Hand! ❖

## **Are You Proving All Things And Holding Fast That Which Is Good? Then You Will Know:**

- The Day of the Lord's Wrath is a one year period within The Day of the Lord which lasts forever.
- The Day of the Lord has come "as a thief" and his visible coming will be announced to the world for 1260 days by the Two Witnesses.
- The "falling away" (from truth), the "man of sin" being revealed, and the "abomination of desolation standing in the holy place" of Matthew 24 have already occurred.
- The Midnight Cry of Matthew 25 is now sounding to gather the Lord's Elect to prepare them to "fly into the wilderness" as the Woman of Revelation 12:14.

**If you do not know these things, you must act now.  
Time is very short. [setapartbytruth.org](http://setapartbytruth.org)**



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### From the Editor

by the ghastly results of the Four Horsemen's ride and the introduction to the world of THE BEAST as Rev. 13:1-2 and 4 describe:

“ And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw [a composite of the four beasts of Daniel 7] was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon [Satan] gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority... And they [the entire world] worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

The apostle John, under inspiration of God's Spirit, recorded what he saw of the Day of the Lord—our world today—beginning with Rev.

1:10. The verses above portray in symbol UNITED EUROPE, the final resurrection of the “holy Roman Empire”! They are scripture, history and prophecy. Satan cannot change scripture, but to deceive those who might understand, he corrupts the meaning of the scriptures to suit his own evil plan. Satan wants all nations to believe the answer to the problems of the world is “One World Government”—his world—his government!

Revelation 17:3-5 explains even more thoroughly:

“ So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns... And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

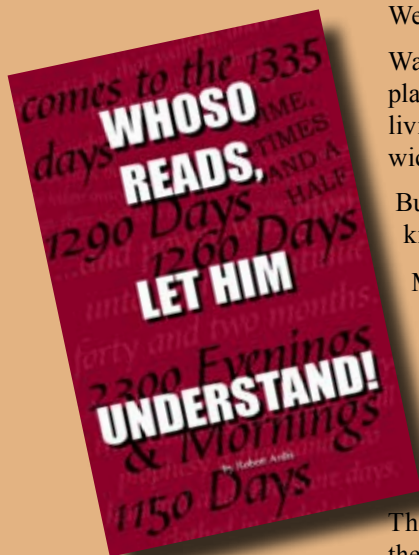
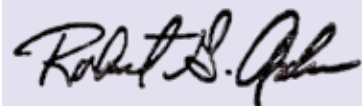
We live in Bible times! Very dangerous Bible times! The Lisbon Treaty has been signed by all of the participating nations of Europe. The BEAST is rising as is symbolized in life-like statues and newly minted

coins. Revelation 17:5—the woman riding the Beast—is displayed throughout Europe and the UK. United Europe (Europa) is riding the Beast (a bull). Carefully study the cover of this issue.

Revelation 13:11-14 also explains the appearance of a second beast that has two horns like a lamb (church and state—the Vatican) but speaks like the dragon. This represents the Roman Catholic Church, Mother Babylon, and the great false prophet that shall arise.

So, what can we expect in the year 2010? EXPECT ANYTHING! Satan knows his time is short and he has a plan to try to deceive you. All of the prophetic characters are coming quickly onto the world scene. All God has to do is “snap His fingers”! Things can happen so fast—we must be ready. The CGF timeline for 2009-2013 is a possibility! Watch! Read carefully this month's article, The Kingdom of Heaven IS at Hand! Don't allow Satan to deceive you.

Your brother in Christ,



### We Live In A Violent World!

Wars and rumors of wars everywhere are the news of the day. International Terrorism plagues the earth. Yet, Life goes on! Especially here in the Western World, eating, drinking, living it up, marrying, starting families—just as it was in the Days of Noah! Violence and wickedness is everywhere, but Life goes on.

But how long can Life continue on as usual? Where are we in Bible prophecy? Can we really know?

Matthew 24:15 states: “When you therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso reads, let him understand).”

Today many understand that the amazing prophecy of the “man of sin sitting in the Temple of God” has already been fulfilled. But do you realize “the abomination standing in the Holy Place” has also been fulfilled—NOW! And do you understand what happens next in prophecy? Do you understand the prophecies of the 1335, 1290, and 1260 days?

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## The Faithful Watchman

Newsletter of the Church of God's Faithful



Through *The Faithful Watchman*, we endeavor to keep ourselves abreast of how our Lord Jesus Christ is orchestrating the ride of the 4 Horsemen as He sets the scene for the Two Witnesses to begin their 1260 days of prophesying and for the Great Tribulation to begin. Read daily updates to *The Faithful Watchman* online at [setapartbytruth.org](http://setapartbytruth.org).

### Van Rompuy and the secret Belgian plot to rule Britain

Perhaps, like many, you think Herman Van Rompuy, who took office as the first EU President on Friday, is a harmless figure of fun. Well, you're wrong.

Van Rompuy, a former prime minister of Belgium, represents the 'Belgianisation' of Europe - a process which began 180 years ago and for which Britain has only itself to blame.

There is ominous symbolism in a Belgian ruling the EU. During the Second World War, Churchill called the Belgians 'the most contemptible of all - a nation which vainly hoped to stay out of this war, no matter what they owed to those who had saved them in the last war'.

Yet the Belgian political model has since then stealthily conquered Britain, turning Brussels, not London, into the centre of power from which decisions are imposed on the British people.

Make no mistake, the EU is an empire with global ambitions. In his acceptance speech, President Van Rompuy extolled 'global governance'.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/...>

Comment: A former prime minister of Belgium Herman Van Rompuy the new EU president has been described as "dangerous".

What is dangerous is knowing what the EU is going to do in the near future. Europe rides the Beast! A statue right outside the EU headquarters in Brussels shows a pagan goddess named Europa (from which Europe takes its name) riding a bull.

"So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication." Rev 17:3-4

The danger is that this despicable beast, or system of government is of the devil and Satan and who will be able to make war against him?

Thankfully, a more powerful being, the creator of heaven and earth will make war with this system, and win!

### Doomsday Clock to Change This Week

The minute hand of the famous Doomsday Clock is set to move this Thursday, and for the first time, anyone with Internet access can watch. Which way the hand will move and by how much have not been made public.

The event will take place at 10 a.m. EST (1500 GMT) on Jan. 14 at the New York Academy of Sciences Building in New York City. While the actual clock is housed at the Bulletin of Atomic Sciences offices in Chicago, Ill., a representation of the clock will be changed at Thursday's news conference. (You can watch the live Web feed at [www.TurnBackTheClock.org](http://www.TurnBackTheClock.org).)

The last time the Doomsday Clock minute hand moved was in January 2007, when it was pushed for-

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ward by two minutes, from seven to five minutes before midnight.

<http://www.livescience.com/...>

Comment: This couldn't have come at a better time to focus people's attention on how close we are to what the world calls doomsday and the Bible calls Armageddon. As the sixth vial of the Seventh Trumpet Plague is poured out on this earth the river Euphrates is dried up and the world's armies are gathered to Armageddon.

**"And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." Rev 16:16**

Whatever happens with man's doomsday clock nothing is going to stop the relentless march to this gathering of this great army made up of the Dragon, the Beast and the False prophet. (Rev 16:13)

God's Word is sure and the Midnight Cry is

going out, not by those who have placed this doomsday clock at 5 minutes to midnight, but by the Church of God's Faithful. If some people are encouraged to read and study our book *The Midnight Cry* by this doomsday clock, then it will have done some good.

Whatever the time is, and we would put it nearer to 1 minute to midnight, we must be ready for what is to come at all times!

**"And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." Matt 25:6**

In the introduction to our Midnight Cry book this is stated. "Time is swiftly going by! Prophecy is being fulfilled and most of God's people are asleep spiritually, not comprehending the extreme perils of the times in which we live! Hopefully, this you are reading will be a wake-up call for you. And as you read, please understand that you are hearing The Midnight Cry of Matthew 25:6!

## The Midnight Cry Has Begun

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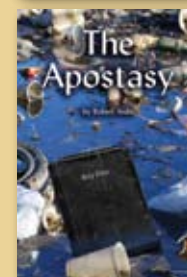
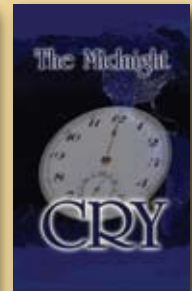
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