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From the Editor ...



The inspiring and enlightening Fall Holy Days have passed and time has taken us swiftly into the dark days between now and the Spring Holy Days. These are definitely exciting and very urgent, dangerous times in which we live! Arguing, bickering, fighting—worldwide turmoil in practically every facet of life are the subjects of most any news program! There is much uncertainty in this dying world. On a worldwide basis, people are upset, running to and fro, not knowing where to turn for sure answers.

The mid-term elections for the United States will be held November 2, and there is very little confidence in the political leaders—on either side.

Spiritually, the world's religions and even the "churches of god" are more divided and confused than ever! The divided churches are an abomination to God (1 Cor. 1:10)! These churches that have split off from the former WCG are now sound asleep spiritually—totally self-satisfied. But with the spiritual eyes to see and ears to hear, we must have the love and concern for our sleeping brethren to motivate us to cry out to our merciful God to awaken them to the dangers that lie immediately ahead—even the Great Tribulation!

Ezekiel 9:4 tells us that we should be deeply concerned, even "sighing and crying" for them to awaken out of their sleep. If we are doing this as we should, God places His mark upon us!

“**And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem [“the city” and “Jerusalem” are symbolic of the Church], and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.**”

Therefore the vital questions are:

- What is God's mark?
- Do you have it?
- If you do not have it—how do you receive it?

Here are five simple facts that identify the mark of God and how you can receive it!

1. Understand that the book of Revelation is written during the Lord's Day (the Day of the Lord), according to Revelation 1:10.
2. The apostle John is writing during the Day of the Lord; thus, as Chapter 6 begins, the mighty Christ is opening the seven seals during the Day of the Lord.
3. The prophetic meaning of the

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Truly... A Very Great Day!

By Robert Ardis

God's Fall Holy Days have come and gone for this year of 2010. We recently observed the final Holy Day of the year, called *The Last Great Day*. These seven days are listed in order in Leviticus 23. Verse 39 calls attention to *The Last Great Day* as the day following the joyous *Feast of Tabernacles*:

“Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days [these seven days are the Feast of Tabernacles]; on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day [the Last Great Day] shall be a sabbath.

In the New Testament book of John, it is seen that our Lord Jesus Christ, even with a death warrant over His head, as an example for all Christians to follow, kept the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day:

“After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him. Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was

at hand (Jn. 7:1-2).

The Lord's Feasts

It is believed that John wrote his gospel around the year 90 AD in the city of Ephesus in Asia. The temple in Jerusalem had been destroyed 20 years earlier, and a falling away had happened and true Christianity was being replaced by a false gospel (see Gal. 1:6-7 and II Tim. 4:10-17). Therefore, those early readers of John's "book" would not have a complete Bible to study as we do today. The Bible was not compiled nor made available to the masses for over 1500 more years! If these early Christians had possessed their own Bibles, they could have turned to Leviticus 23 where it is declared a dozen times that these Holy Days are commanded convocations and ARE the **LORD'S FEASTS**.

But John is inspired to label the Feast of Tabernacles as "*the Jews' Feast*"; thereby it could be more readily recognized as being a commanded assembly by the God of the Jews. John uses this same approach in identifying the Holy Days in chapters 2:13; 5:1; 6:4; 11:55; 19:42.

But the important point empha-

sized in John 7 is that our Lord Jesus Christ kept the Holy Days of God! He cries aloud in verses 37-39:

“In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Our Lord is proclaiming the time pictured by *the Last Great Day* when the Spirit of God will be "poured out" on all mankind. The prophet Joel writes on the same subject in 2:28-29:

“And it shall come to pass afterward [Joel's prophecy is in time order; therefore, v. 28 brings the reader to AFTER the Millennium], that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon

the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Yes! There is coming a GREAT DAY when all who have ever lived will be raised up in a Second Resurrection and given their opportunity to become part of the family of God.

World in Spiritual Ignorance

But the world is in complete spiritual darkness about this part of God's plan! The deception of the religions of the world is nearly complete in regard to the Holy Days and the marvelous scripture above. Most Protestants and Roman Catholics believe that all of the dead who have ever lived are either in ecstatic bliss in Heaven staring into the face of their God, or suffering indescribable horrors in the burning fires of "hell."

However, the *Last Great Day* pictures the time AFTER the millennial rule of Jesus Christ and the saints when all the DEAD shall be raised in a resurrection—the Second Resurrection.

But first observe Revelation 20:4-5 and the description of the **First Resurrection**:

“And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.”

There is an abundance of amazing information contained in verses 4-5; thus, care should be taken to comprehend the phrase, “**But the REST of the dead lived not again until the 1000 years were finished.**” We will thoroughly examine this statement a little later.

But continue with Rev. 20:6-7:

“Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison.”

There is no room for misunderstanding the words above:

- a. There will be a First Resurrection. (I Cor. 15:51-53 plainly shows that the First Resurrection occurs at the sounding of the last trumpet at the visible return of Jesus Christ for His saints.)
- b. Christ and the saints will rule planet Earth for 1000 years.
- c. Satan will be released at the end of the 1000 years.

After the Millennium

The Millennium passes swiftly and verses 8-10 give a thumb-nail view of Satan's release from his imprisonment and his incredible power to deceive. After 1000 years of the wonderful World Tomorrow, after the millennium of plenty, peace and prosperity, the devil will be able to deceive millions of people who will have lived all their lives under the righteous rule of Christ! Satan will so completely deceive those numbered as the “sand the

sea” that they will attempt to attack the headquarters of the only God they have ever known!

That is deception!

But this totally futile effort will be thwarted by the power of God Almighty! He will send “fire” down from Heaven and destroy this vast rebellious army. And verse 10 brings out an interesting statement: Satan will then be cast into the Lake of Fire “to be tormented for ever and ever”! Also notice that this appears to be the same area where the *beast and the false prophet* were cast 1000 years earlier.

Now, are we to believe that the *beast and the false prophet* will still be alive and suffering in the Lake of Fire after 1000 years? No! The scriptures plainly state that all who have died are DEAD and are oblivious to either bliss or pain: “**For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing...**” (Eccl. 9:5) Thus, the beast and the false prophet who perished in “a” lake of fire at the return of Christ will still be DEAD, but will also be resurrected for a very terrifying reason!

Look now at verse 12 as it depicts “**the rest of the dead**” raised up in the Second Resurrection: “**And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened...**” The understanding of the Bible is opened to that awesome multitude for the first time! The Spirit of God will be “poured forth” as Christ proclaimed in John 7. Thus they are given understanding and JUDGED in their new life according to the Word of God even as we are being JUDGED today (see I Pet. 4:17).

The Just and the Unjust

However, there is another group

typified by the beast and the false prophet, who had an opportunity to accept God's ways and did not. Continue with verse 12-14:

...and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books [the Bible], according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell [the grave] delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

All of the billions of humanity who have ever lived will be raised in a single massive resurrection—the Second Resurrection! The *Last Great Day* will become a reality! Christ states this in John 5:28-29:

“Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done ill, unto the resurrection of judgment” (Revised Version).

In Acts 24:15 the apostle Paul refers to Christ's words: “...that there shall be a [notice “a” resurrection] resurrection of the dead, both of the *just* and *unjust*.” Paul declares that it will be one SINGLE resurrection—of the *just* and the *unjust*!

The prophet Daniel had written nearly the same words hundreds of years earlier in chapter 12, verse 2:

“And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and

some to shame and everlasting contempt.”

So, let's review what has been written, and understand clearly who is being described in these verses as the REST OF THE DEAD!

Remember first that this is the Second Resurrection—the Last Great Day—the BLESSED of the First Resurrection will have been God-beings for 1000 years!

Christ declares that, at the Second Resurrection, those who have done “good” will attain unto the resurrection of life. Daniel goes a step farther and states “everlasting life.”

Christ declares that, at the Second Resurrection, those who have done “ill” or “evil” (Strong's #5337, used only four times in the NT: *foul, flawed...*) shall be resurrected to “judgment” (Strong's # 2920: *accusation, condemnation, damnation, judgement*).

Paul, speaking of the Second Resurrection, expressly shows it will be one single resurrection that will include the “just” and the “unjust.”

Daniel seems to put emphasis on the final outcome: the “just” described as those who are resurrected to “everlasting life” and the “unjust” to receive “shame and everlasting contempt”!

Our Lord, Paul and Daniel each declare there is only ONE resurrection of the “rest of the dead”! And since it is plain from Revelation 20:6 that the saints resurrected at the coming of Christ are the FIRST RESURRECTION, then the resurrection of the “rest of the dead” is the SECOND RESURRECTION. Therefore, there is no need of a THIRD RESURRECTION, as we have long been taught. There will be no-where else to resurrect!

The Book of Life

Here is a frightening fact of scripture: those who had their opportunity in knowing God's truth and refused it will be resurrected as a part of the “unjust.” They will be raised to physical life and immediately condemned to the Lake of Fire—the second death!

The Lake of Fire will be ignited at the very beginning of the Last Great Day, first to accommodate Satan and all of his demons—next, all of the wicked who have already been judged and had their names removed from the Book of Life will suffer the second death!

The Book of Life apparently is a record, ordained by God from the foundation of the world—from the creation of Adam. It appears that MOST of the names of all humanity have been written in the book. However, Revelation 17:8 plainly states that some were not recorded in the Book! And it is also plainly states that some will have their names “blotted out” of the Book!

“Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.” (Psalm 139:16)

What a wonderful statement! Nothing is impossible with God! He knows the death of a sparrow; He numbers the stars of heaven and calls them by name; and He created and knows our very personal DNA (see Matt. 10:29 and Psa. 147:4).

“Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous. (Psa. 69:28)

“ He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. (Rev. 3:5)

“ And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him [Satan and his beast system], whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (Rev. 13:8)

“ The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. (Rev 17:8)

“ And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. (Rev. 21:27)

Let's add here Christ's words in John 8:44:

“ Ye are of your father the devil, [Would their names be written in the Book of Life?] and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him...”

I am sure the depth of this scripture is not yet fully understood!

“ And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. (Rev. 20:15)

The following scriptures will bring us back to the beginning of the Second Resurrection—the Last Great Day:

“ And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are...*” (were cast) (Rev. 20:10)

This apparently means the same geographical location where the beast and the false prophet died 1000 years earlier. They were the only ones to die in that “lake of fire,” since judgment would not be for another 1000 years—thus there was no one else to “feed the fire.” This area is the Valley of the Sons of Hinnom (#1067 *hell*—gehenna: see Mark 9:43) located outside

and below the wall of Jerusalem at the extreme southeast corner. “... and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.” The word *ever* is Strong's #165 defined as *age*; therefore, this scripture is saying that Satan will be tormented from age to age—from the age of his confinement in the “bottomless pit” to the age he spends in the Lake of Fire.

“ Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting [age-lasting] fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. (Matt. 25:41)

The Lake of Fire is ignited by God at the BEGINNING of the *age* of the Last Great Day as Satan and his demons are confined in *Gehenna* (see the next section of scripture from Ezekiel).

“ Thou [Lucifer/Satan] wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. And I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee...therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. (Ezk. 28: portions of verses 14-18)

Can spirits die and be burned to ashes? Remember, Jesus Christ was a Spirit and became a man—and

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And At Midnight There Was A Cry Made...

Will You Be Wise?

And at midnight there was a cry
made, Behold, the bridegroom
cometh; go ye out to meet him.

Rev. 3: 7-12 &
Matt. 25: 1-13

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Immutable and Irrefutable!

by Robert Ardis

God is God! His words are absolutely true. The Bible is the written Word of God, therefore when John 17:17 states that “thy Word is Truth”—we believe it. John 1:1-3 tells us:

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

And verse 14 declares:

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

The glorified Christ is still called “the Word” as He prepares to return to the earth in Rev. 19:13:

“And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called the Word of God.

The Apostle Paul is inspired to record a marvelous truth in regard to God (and Christ) in Hebrews 6:17-18.

“Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.

These verses tell us plainly that

1. It is impossible for God to lie;
2. He swore that He would keep His promises to Abraham.

It certainly was not necessary for God to swear an oath for us to believe Him—we know His Word is “immutable”! *The American Heritage Dictionary* defines “immutable” as: “not susceptible to change, unchanging or unchangeable.” And Mal. 3:6 and Heb. 13:8 state that God changes not—He is the same today, yesterday and forever. And His Word is TRUTH!

Another seldom used word that can refer to the faithfulness of God and His Word is “irrefutable”. It is defined as: “incapable of being refuted or disproved.”

Psalm 100:5 declares: “For the LORD is good; his mercy is ever-

lasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.”

Now, since you have read this far, what do you think is the real purpose of this article? Let me tell you! My purpose is to inform you of the fact that the Mighty God and Head of the Church, Jesus Christ, has given His Church—the CGF—*immutable and irrefutable* proof that we are His one and only true Church!

That is a bold statement, but observe the proof!

Jesus Christ has stated in Matt. 16:18: “I will build My Church...”—and he did! Now, I have recently completed our 15th booklet entitled *The Book of Revelation UNDERSTOOD at Last!* In writing this booklet I have come to realize another wonderful TRUTH Christ wants us to know and understand!

Look at this point by point:

Revelation 1:10 shows definitely that the apostle John is in “the Lord’s Day”—or “the Day of the Lord.”

The opening of the seven seals does not occur until chapter 6—thus the part sealed could not be understood until they are opened. And they are not opened until the Day of the Lord has come—which Rev. 1:10 clearly shows has come.

The amazing revealing of the many

new truths right out of book of Revelation were opened to the CGF after Trumpets of 1997. Therefore, the Day of the Lord had come and the seven seals had been opened. That is the newest truth Christ wants us to realize!

The CGF teaches that “the Day of the Lord” came as “a thief in the night” on Oct 1, 1997. No one knew the new truths that Christ has revealed to His Church until 1997, when man’s 6000 years abruptly ended and the Day of the Lord—God’s time—began once again and Christ came suddenly to His Spiritual Temple.

The revealing of the new truths from the book of Revelation to the CGF is proof (a) that the Day of the Lord has come—and (b) that the CGF is the true Church of Jesus Christ.

Here is a short list of some of the new truths that have been revealed since Trumpets of 1997.

Revealed Truths

- We know and can prove irrefutably that the Day of the Lord and the Day of the Lord’s Wrath are TWO DIFFERENT EVENTS!
- We know Christ came suddenly to His Temple—as a thief.
- We know Christ will also come visibly when “every eye shall see him.”
- We know the exact number of firstfruits there will be at the first resurrection.
- We know when the seventh trumpet will sound.
- We know the first resurrection occurs on the Feast of Firstfruits.

- We know the identity of the “innumerable Multitude” of Rev. 7.
- We know that the marriage of Christ to His Church happens in Heaven.
- We know at what interval Christ will return to conquer the earth.
- We know why He will rule with a “rod of iron”.
- We know that Israel will be the model nation in the World Tomorrow.
- We know why Satan will be released at the end of the millennium.
- We know the fate of Gog, Magog, and the nations that make war with the King of the earth after the millennium.
- We know the fate of Satan and the demons.
- We know that there are only two resurrections—not three.
- We know when the “lake of fire” will be ignited.

The CGF knows and teaches these new truths and offers you the challenge to “prove” them. We can show you from the Bible—the Word of God—which is immutable and irrefutable—these new truths that are contained therein. They have been there in your Bible as TRUTH all these years, but are spiritual knowledge and have been revealed by Christ to His one true Church since the Day of the Lord came as “a thief in the night” on Oct. 1, 1997.

I urge you to check us out! And request or download our new booklet, *The Book of Revelation UNDERSTOOD at Last*—you will be glad you did. ❖



What Manner Of Persons Ought Ye To Be?

by Andres N. Yparraguirre

The apostle Paul in his first epistle to the Thessalonians has written:

“But of the times and seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night [and it has already happened]. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But you brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief . . . Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober (1 Thess. 5:1-6).

What's Next?

The scriptures quoted above and other scriptures in the Bible clearly indicate that the coming of the Day of the Lord would be as a thief who enters secretly into a household in the darkness of the night. This means that there would be such spiritual darkness in God's church when the Day of the Lord came that many of them would become spiritually asleep (Matt. 25:2, 6-12) and overtaken by that Day. How would that happen, it might be asked?

When the Day of the Lord came, world conditions were as in the days of Noah before the flood. Men would be:

“eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark (Matt. 24:38).

Under this condition of relative “peace and safety”, as Paul has written, and of “eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage”, the Day of the Lord did come “as a thief in the night”! (Request our free booklet *The Day of the Lord*). Even today people around the world are still talking of “peace and safety” supposing that “all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation” (2 Peter 3:4). Under this condition of relative peace and safety during the Day of the Lord “sudden destruction” will come upon the whole world and the sleeping “churches of god” unless they are awakened by *the Midnight Cry*. And some, sadly, “shall not escape.”

The parable of the *Ten Virgins* describe how and under what circumstances half of those spiritually asleep could be overtaken.

“Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. 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. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily, I say unto you, I know you not (Matt. 25:1-12).

We are now in the Day of the Lord. But only a tiny group believes it has already come. We have written much about the coming of this wonderful event including “time-lines” of the soon coming Kingdom of God. We produced the “time-lines” in step-by-step, date-by-date diagrams. The CGF takes Christ's instructions in Matt. 24:15 very seriously. The scripture states: “**who-so reads...let him understand**” and this is in regard to the numbered days of the prophet Daniel. Therefore, the CGF seeks to understand—

and we issue clear admonishment that the “time-line” is the way *we understand* these prophecies! And we state clearly that they may not necessarily be as God has planned! But it’s the best we can do!

The booklet “*WHOSO READS, Let Him Understand!*”, published by the Church of God’s Faithful, details the possibility of the end-time prophecies leading to the visible Return of Christ and on into the far future. We began in the time periods of 2005 to 2009, first and later to 2008 to 2012. Now although both of these “time-lines” have been proven wrong—only time could tell! They fit perfectly—but it was not God’s time! However, we continue on—knowing that Christ will inspire the correct rendition of a “time-line” that will again link all of Daniel’s numbered days and other vital prophecies—and we will continue to “**whoso reads...let him understand**”. We know **TIME is close—Satan does too!**

A Hint from Recent Church History

Consider this; God’s apostle Herbert W. Armstrong completed successfully the preaching of the true gospel throughout the world as a sign of the end-time (Matt. 24:14), through the Worldwide Church of God (WCG), the 6th candlestick-church (Rev. 1:20; 3:7). He died on January 16, 1986 and Joseph W. Tkach took over the leadership of the WCG. Almost immediately after Mr. Armstrong’s death Satan attacked God’s church. The new leadership began replacing the true doctrines of the church with corrupted doctrines of this world. By December 1989 spiritual darkness had descended upon God’s Church—except for a tiny few.

On January 16, 1990, exactly 4 years (Luke 13:6-9) after Herbert Armstrong’s death, the warning message to the WCG issued forth in the form of *Malachi’s Message to the Church of God Today*. Mr. Gerald Flurry had been selected by Christ as the human leader of the 7th Candlestick/Church—Laodicea! The warning message of the Book of Malachi to a ministry gone sour began to sound!

But the “man of sin” led the WCG in a *great falling away* from truth—the prophesied apostasy was a reality! The remains of the WCG today in no way resemble its former glory.

For seven years the PCG did a mighty work for God! Mr. Flurry cried aloud, warning the people, exposing the “man of sin” and the apostasy. He encouraged those who would hear to “hold fast” (Rev. 3:11) to the truths we had long held dear. His book “*Malachi’s Message*” and other PCG literature were an answer to many of our prayers. But Satan’s attack on the Church continued.

After seven years, through Satan’s deceptive wiles, he caused Mr. Flurry and the PCG to turn from their commission of warning the WCG. Membership and tithes began to diminish prompting a faithless change of commission by the PCG. Gerald Flurry opted to compete with those other Church leaders who had finally attracted enough members to maintain their lifestyle and start their own works! And Mr. Flurry would make a terrible mistake in illegally seizing and printing Mr. Armstrong’s book *Mystery of the Ages* (MOA). In his confusion, he boldly proclaimed “he could make disciples in the entire world” with this one book. He was trying to duplicate Mr. Arm-

strong’s commission of proclaiming the gospel to the whole world! This is an operation of futility that is only producing confusion! Jesus Christ had already directed His servant Herbert Armstrong to successfully fulfill Matt. 24:14:

“**And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations [and he did]; and then shall the end^{G5056} [of preaching the Gospel] come.** (See Strong’s #5056).

Once off-track and involved in a court battle with the WCG over the copyright infringement of *MOA*, Mr. Flurry began to introduce erroneous, bizarre doctrines contrary to scriptures. This resulted in another split in God’s church in 1997, setting the stage for the end-time ministry of the Two Witnesses! As spiritual darkness continued deep into the night, Mr. Flurry declared himself as **THAT PROPHET**, a title that belongs only to Jesus Christ. Unwittingly, Mr. Flurry made himself “**the abomination of desolation**” (Request the booklet, *WHO-SO READS, Let Him Understand!*) “**standing in the holy place**” (Matt. 24:15). This is an indication of how terribly close this present world is to the Great Tribulation (verse 21).

Then in 2007 the CGF published *The Midnight Cry* booklet and in January of 2009 began sounding the *midnight cry* (Matt. 25:6) through *The Midnight Cry* magazine!

Looking Forward to the Day of God

In the second epistle of the apostle Peter, he wrote,

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 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. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God; wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? (II Pet. 3:9-12)

God’s spirit-led people today who have not fallen asleep, but are wide awake and alert, know that the Day of the Lord has already come. The Bridegroom has come and the cry to come out to meet him is sounding forth. The CGF understands what no other group upon this earth understands regarding the Day of the Lord! Again, how dangerously close this world is to the Great Tribulation—and yet the “virgins are still sleeping”! We fully realize that God’s Kingdom is imminent and our proclaiming the “Kingdom of God is now at hand” *must* become a THUNDEROUS ROAR!

The CGF has been set apart by TRUTH (John17:17)! TRUTH is God’s Mark! Verse 21 tells us this:

“That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee,

that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

The sleeping virgins and later the entire world will know shortly that the Father has sent His Son *again!*

The CGF has had more details revealed to us about the coming Kingdom than any other church or group. Therefore, having seen and known all of these things pertaining to the *Day of the Lord*, and even the coming *Day of God* (II Pet. 3:12), we ask today, even as the apostle Peter asked the disciples in his time: “**What manner of persons ought we to be in all holy conversation (behavior) and godliness?**” Should God’s people today conduct themselves like the men and women in the days of Noah? Or should we not rather conduct ourselves as befit a true follower of Christ (I Cor. 11:1) who should live by every word of God (Matt. 4:4)?

Jesus Christ has given us basic principles and guidelines in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5,6,7). We have been instructed how to live—how to “grow up into Christ in ALL things (Eph. 4:15). And we have the overall GOAL of conducting our lives to: “**Become ye there-**

fore perfect, even as the Father in heaven is perfect” (Matt. 5:48).

Are we measuring up to these principles? Are we humble, peace loving, and forgiving of our enemies? Are we honest in our dealings, merciful, considerate of the failure of others? Are we overcoming our weaknesses and the sins which so easily beset us (Heb. 12:1)? Do we constantly hunger and thirst after God’s righteousness? Are we continuing to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? These are but a few questions we need to ask to assess *what manner of persons we ought to be* as we seriously consider our hope of the completion of this Work, the Place of Safety, the Resurrection and being BORN into the Kingdom of God—then right on to the new heavens and new earth and “the planting of the heavens” (Isa. 51:16) through our Lord, Christ Jesus.

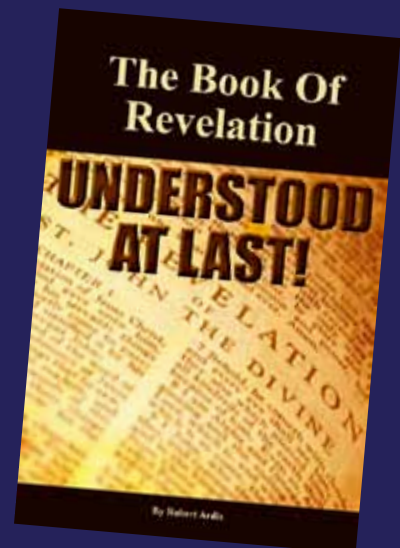
Peter wrote these words for us today, “**Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless**” (II Pet. 3:14).

Amen! ❖

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From the Editor

book of Revelation that was sealed under the seven seals could NOT be understood until the seven seals were removed. They were removed after the Day of the Lord had come as “a thief in the night,” then new truth that was previously not open to understanding began to be revealed and received on October 1, 1997!

4. Immediately upon the removal of all seven seals, which Christ opened during the Day of the Lord, NEW TRUTH directly from the book of Revelation was poured forth upon the true Church of Jesus Christ—the Church of God’s Faithful! Christ had come suddenly to His temple (Mal. 3:1)!

5. New truth from the book of Revelation, heretofore sealed and NOT understood, was revealed to the CGF; therefore, this is irrefutable proof that the Day of the Lord did begin on October 1, 1997, or we could NOT have received the new

truth that was sealed until that time!

New truths such as:

- The Day of the Lord and the Day of the Lord’s Wrath are TWO DIFFERENT EVENTS
- The exact number of first-fruits there will be in the First Resurrection
- The Resurrection occurs on a future Day of Pentecost—not on the Feast of Trumpets
- The identity of the 144,000 Israelites of Revelation 7
- The identity of the innumerable multitude of Revelation 7
- The fate of Satan and the demons
- There are only TWO general resurrections

These are only SEVEN of the many new truths that could be UNDERSTOOD only after the seven seals were removed after the Day of the Lord began!

I Thessalonians 5:21 tells us to

“prove all things; hold fast that which is good.” The CGF has been given immutable and irrefutable new truth that you should prove—and appreciate!

John 17:17 states Christ’s desire for ALL true Christians: “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” Set them apart by truth—truth is God’s Mark! Therefore, please study and prove the vital new truth we teach. Be set apart by truth! Then join us in our sincere efforts of “sighing and crying” to awaken all of our sleeping brethren. The Day of the Lord has come and the Great Tribulation looms ahead! And according to Ezekiel 9, God’s Mark will be desperately needed in the near future!

Our article in this issue of the *Midnight Cry* entitled “Immutable and Irrefutable” expands on this subject. We hope all of this will be of help!

Your brother in Christ,



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Truly...A Very Great Day!

died! All things are possible with God. And the scripture plainly show Satan’s ultimate fate—to become ASHES! Our booklet, *The Deep Things of God*, explains fully!

The burning Lake of Fire is the scene which the “rich man” of Luke 16:19-31 beholds as he is resurrected. Due to his evil life, his name has either been “blotted out” of the Book of Life, or his name was never written there—but he has already been judged and “found wanting”!

Hopefully, there will be only a com-

paratively few who perish in the flames of Gehenna at the beginning of the Last Great Day—but there will be some. However, the great majority of the “unjust” who lived in ignorance of God’s plan will be given this judgment period of a thousand years—the Last Great Day—to have access to the Spirit of God to overcome and grow in God’s ways until they reach the point that they can also be born unto the family of God.

The “just” who are resurrected at the Second Resurrection are the millions of Israelites, beginning with the 144,000 listed in Revelation 7: 3-8, who receive God’s Spirit and live during the Millennium and

overcome as the model nation of the entire world. Only Israel is given God’s Spirit during the Millennium.

In this article we have just scratched the surface of the astounding new truth God has given to the CGF concerning the Second Resurrection and the Last Great Day. Hopefully, your interest has been aroused to the point that you either request our fantastic booklet, *The Deep Things of God*, or download it from our website. This booklet expands on the subjects briefly covered in this article and will give you additional biblical truth of *the successful conclusion to God’s plan of salvation for all mankind*. I can promise you some interesting reading! ❖

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France braces itself for another week of protests as Sarkozy believes he has turned corner

All are furious at the Senate's decision to approve new pension legislation which will see the retirement age rise from 60 to 62.

The reform, which was passed by the French Parliament's upper house on Friday, is part of President Nicolas Sarkozy's concerted attack on a social system which he believes has pushed the country to the verge of bankruptcy.

Despite French university students planning to march on Tuesday, and trade unions calling for their seventh one-day nationwide strike on Thursday, Mr Sarkozy is convinced he has turned a corner.

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

Comment: It is a common problem with human nature that lets men think they are better than they really are. Mr Sarkozy wants to improve his image with the French people yet he is perceived as being the most unpopular French President in more than 50 years. Indeed the latest opinion poll that found his popularity had dropped to below 30 per cent for the first time in his presidency reveal that if Mr Sarkozy really thinks he has "turned a corner" with the nation's strikes his thinking may be a long way off reality.

Thinking we are better than we really are is not only unrealistic, but smacks to arrogance and vanity.

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." Phil 2:3

Of course Mr Sarkozy just like many other Western leaders are facing economic problems that do need

strong measures to see a nation through, and winning a popularity contest may not be all that helpful, however I'm sure most people would like to see a little humility in their leaders from time to time.

Iran, Venezuela leaders seek 'new world order'

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) -- The leaders of Iran and Venezuela hailed what they called their strong strategic relationship on Wednesday, saying they are united in efforts to establish a "new world order" that will eliminate Western dominance over global affairs.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and visiting Venezuelan counterpart, Hugo Chavez, watched as officials from both countries signed 11 agreements promoting cooperation in areas including oil, natural gas, textiles, trade and public housing.

Both presidents denounced U.S. "imperialism" and said their opponents will not be able to impede cooperation between Iran and Venezuela.

Iran's state TV quoted both Ahmadinejad and Chavez as calling their relationship a "strategic alliance" that would eliminate the current global order.

"Iran and Venezuela are united to establish a new world order based on humanity and justice," Ahmadinejad said, repeating his predictions that those who today seek "world domination are on the verge of collapse."

<http://kxnt.cbslocal.com/...>

Comment: There seems to be a great deal of interest in the South American nation of Venezuela. Russia is to build the nation's first nuclear power station, and Iran, yes Iran, wants to seek a "new world order" with the nation. It is no coincidence that whilst

the western powers teeter on the verge of collapse, Iran continues to flex its muscles in a most dominant way.

Both Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (Iran), and Hugo Cheavez (Venezuela), called their relationship a "strategic alliance" that would ELIMINATE the current global order. That word "eliminate used in this context is a very emotive word. They could have said, "Change" the current global order, but President Ahmadinejad is not used to the soft approach!

This world is heading for a time far worse than the current credit crunch, and if these trends would be allowed to continue, then we know that "no flesh would be saved alive." (Matt 24:22).

Fortunately for mankind a "new world order" is on the way, but it will be with no thanks to Mahmoud Ahmadinejad or Hugo Chavez, or any other human being, it will be delivered by the Supreme Head of the Universe, and it will not be negotiable.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgement and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this." Isa 9:6-7

British budget cuts to include nearly 500K job losses

LONDON - The British government on Wednesday announced historic spending cuts, aimed at reducing the country's deficit, that will cost the public sector half a million jobs.

The measures announced by Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne will span four years and include an average cut of 19 percent in central government departments' budgets, an \$11 billion reduction in welfare spending and an increase in the pension-eligibility age to 66. The government acknowledged that 490,000 public-sector jobs would be lost over the four years as result of the cuts.

Only the budgets for schools, the National Health Service and overseas aid were spared. ... The De-

fense Ministry must find savings of about 8 percent, compared with the 19 percent average, but is facing a loss of 42,000 jobs over the next five years.

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

Comment: Things look bleak for Britain this winter as the government attempts to reign in the enormous budget deficit bequeathed by previous governments. This is only the start of what is to come, as the Bible states just the beginning of sorrows!

Passing by a camping centre the other day we noticed a clever worded sign advertising their winter sale. It said, "This is the winter of our discount tents." Playing on a quote from Shakespeare's King Richard the III "Now is the winter of our discontent."

If Britain is in for a winter of discontent, who will the public turn to in their need to stave off the austerity measures implemented on them? When David was fleeing from King Saul, many people who were suffering distress, hardship and discontentment from the government of the day turned to David to help them.

"David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him.

And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: ... 1 Sam 22:1-2

Perhaps the only hope the British public have is in the various trade unions to put forward a united front to the government. However the Unions have threatened French-style riots could be the order of the day. Protests in France have led to scenes of violent clashes over cuts which are far less draconian than those which are being introduced in Britain.

Mr Bob Crow, of the Rail, Maritime and transport union said Britain should follow the example set by France. He said, "We should look across the channel to the kind of resistance being mobilised by the French trade unions... (They are) an example to how to resist austerity cuts and attacks on standards of living."

British unions held a rally in Central London on Tuesday to demonstrate their escalating fury. Some wore T-Shirts featuring David Cameron (Prime Minister) depicted as a butcher. Others had shirts say-

ing: "Guy Fawkes: Your Country needs you." I can hardly wait for November 5th!

Hungary: Toxic red sludge has reached the Danube

KOLONTAR, Hungary – The toxic red sludge that burst out of a Hungarian factory's reservoir reached the mighty Danube on Thursday after wreaking havoc on smaller rivers and creeks, and downstream nations rushed to test their waters.

The European Union and environmental officials both fear an environmental catastrophe affecting half a dozen nations if the red sludge, a waste product of making aluminum, contaminates the Danube, Europe's second-longest river.

<http://news.yahoo.com/...>

Comment: Although this is a relatively local disaster, as opposed to country-wide or world-wide, it is nevertheless a disaster that the world should be aware of because of future events that mirror this current occurrence only in a far greater way. Looking at the pictures on TV news, this toxic spill of

red mud remind me of the rivers and seas of blood depicted a number of times in the Bible, past and future. In the past God said, "You shall know that I am the Lord" as He visited the first of ten plagues on ancient Egypt.

"Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shall know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood." Ex 7:17. In the future when the second and third plagues of the seventh seal are opened we see a horrifying scene of blood.

"And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea. And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood." Rev 16:3-4

It would benefit all of mankind to circumspectly consider this toxic spill in Hungary and relate it to the truly horrendous worldwide future of our seas and rivers turning to blood as the time of God's Wrath draws ever closer. What a warning this should be!

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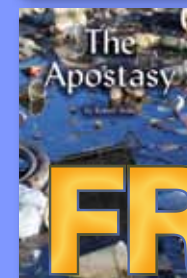
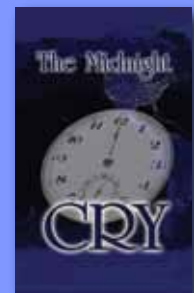
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