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From the Editor ...



Here in the Church of God's Faithful—the Church of Jesus Christ—we state quite often that we are living in Bible times! There should be no doubt of this obvious fact! Today prophecies written thousands of years ago are being fulfilled at an increasingly rapid rate.

We are “living in Bible times” as we witness the accomplishment of amazing, detailed Scriptures occurring all over this deeply troubled world! Has there ever been another time when such a variety of catastrophic “natural” disasters of all kinds and descriptions have happened all over the earth as is seen today?

Foremost, to me, when considering the many disasters that have recently occurred, are the 9.0 earthquake and resulting tsunami that struck northern Japan last March. The horrific destruction that occurred in that area of Japan was recorded on video for the rest of the world to view and feel some tiny bit of the pain and suffering those people experienced. At least 22,000 died or are still missing! Some perished quickly, but hundreds died slowly in the rubble of the destroyed homes and buildings!

And that was just the beginning for northern Japan! There was also the catastrophic series of events that plunged that region of Japan into a nuclear nightmare that is still growing in intensity. The powerful nuclear reactors which supplied electrical energy to that area have “melted down” and “melted through” their containment vessels. This has produced an uncontrolled situation which is poisoning the land, sea, and air with radiation at levels greater than the Chernobyl disaster. Areas in the northwestern United States are recording unusually high radiation readings.

Smaller earthquakes have continued to occur in Japan, with a potent 7.1 magnitude shaking the northern region July 8. And not only Japan, but in so many other areas of the world, powerful earthquakes have crippled major cities. A horrific 7.8 magnitude temblor struck the South Pacific in the proximity of the Kerichac Islands.

F-4 and 5 tornados have recently killed hundreds of people and left billions of dollars of damage to towns and major cities in the USA. Record flooding is happening now in China with an estimated 2,000,000 people displaced from their homes.

Here at home, on the Missouri and Mississippi River systems, the run-off from record amounts of winter snowfall in the northern and northeastern US and unusually heavy rain this spring is causing massive flooding! Millions of acres of farmland are under water. Many towns and cities bordering the rivers along the way have been inundated, including thousands of homes, businesses, and industrial areas.

And just the opposite is seen in severe drought and oppressive heat over vast areas of the earth! Huge wildfires in the state of Arizona have burned more acreage than any fire on record. Even this morning on July 10, the air was heavy with the smell of smoke from the wildfires in Georgia and Florida, over 200 miles away.

The Holy Bible predicted these times of trouble and plainly shows that they are an automatic consequence of rejecting God's ways. And they are only the "beginning of sorrows"—they are going to get even worse!

Read God's warning in Deuteronomy 28:15:

“*But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee.*”

And man refuses to turn from his rebelliousness toward God. A few weeks back, an estimated 50 "Christian" churches, during a Sunday service, held readings from the Islamic "holy" book, the Quran. They read passages from a book written by a man that expounds a different way of life from true Christianity. The Holy Bible is the Word of the living God, and commands Christians to follow Jesus Christ. He is the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE (Jn. 10:6)! Acts 4:12 in the Holy Bible states emphatically that only through Jesus' name can man attain salvation!

“*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under*

heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

But here were "Christians" studying another WAY—a different religion about another "god", Allah--founded by Mohammed, the revered prophet of Islam, instead of learning more about God Almighty and His Son!

It is widely reported that most so-called Christians cannot name the first four books of the New Testament nor recite the Ten Commandments. So WHY would these so-called Christian churches want to study another religion when their members do not even know the very basics of Christianity?

Or, perhaps, that is the reason they seek information about another religion! They are completely ignorant of God's ways.

If they actually knew ANY of the Ten Commandments, would they observe and do what the commandment states? The First Commandment thunders forth from Exodus 20:1-3:

“*And God spake all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*”

Nevertheless, here were these churches reading from the Quran about another god. It would have been much more beneficial if they had read and attempted to heed the Ten Commandments recorded in God's book!

The state of New York has recently joined ten other states in signing into law that same-sex marriage is legal and will be allowed all rights and privileges of marriage.

However, the apostle Paul has

written in the Holy Bible in Romans 1:26-32 what the mighty Christ thinks of this perversion:

“*Because they do this, God has given them over to shameful passions. Even the women pervert the natural use of their sex by unnatural acts. In the same way the men give up natural sexual relations with women and burn with passion for each other. Men do shameful things with each other, and as a result they bring upon themselves the punishment they deserve for their wrongdoing. Because those people refuse to keep in mind the true knowledge about God, He has given them over to corrupted minds, so that they do the things that they should not do. They are filled with all kinds of wickedness, evil, greed, and vice; they are full of jealousy, murder, fighting, deceit, and malice. They gossip and speak evil of one another; they are hateful to God, insolent, proud, and boastful; they think of more ways to do evil; they disobey their parents; they have no conscience; they do not keep their promises, and they show no kindness or pity for others. They know that God's law says that people who live in this way deserve death. Yet, not only do they continue to do these very things, but they even approve of others who do them” (GNB).*

Paul sums this up in Romans 8:7: “*Because the carnal mind is enmity [hostile] against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*”

The utter hostility toward God and His ways is so very apparent in this evil world. Crime, violence, perversion, dishonesty—everything described in the Scriptures above--are commonplace today in the world's society. Certainly, the disgraceful Casey Anthony trial,

for the whole world to see, demonstrated that there is no justice in the land!

There is a cause for every effect! Rebelliousness against the ways Almighty God has designed for mankind, so that he can live in peace and prosperity, has resulted in the insurmountable problems that are being seen everywhere today.

Mankind learns only by the “hard way.” The very hardest way—the Great Tribulation—is just over the horizon. Matthew 24:21-22 issues a warning statement that those 50 churches and every “Christian” should be concerned about because “it shall surely come to pass”!

“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.”

World troubles will continue to escalate because God’s laws are being trampled on. Power and wealth—all the silver and gold in the world—will not save anyone. World financial systems are going to collapse. I repeat, there is a cause for every effect, and our Creator has set before us a choice:

“Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known” (Deut. 11:26-28).

Jesus Christ has only one true

Church, and those blessed to be a part of the Body of Christ must be “growing up into Him in all things” (Eph. 4:15)—keeping His Commandments and doing those things that please Him (1 Jn. 3:22-23). We must “hold fast” the Word of God and patiently endure until the end (Mk. 13:13).

The blessing for obedience, which is the effect of true faithfulness to God, is expressed in Revelation 3:10:

“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”

Thus, our work must be focused on awakening the “sleeping virgins” of Matthew 25:1-13, that they may cease from their sinful DIVISIONS and come together in UNITY to the true Church as verse 9 tells us:

“Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews [they say they are the churches of god] but God has only one true Church], and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.”

Christ has work for all of to do, and our prayer must be as Luke 21:36 directs:

“Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.”

It is already too late for the vast majority of the world. The Day of the Lord has come—believe it

or not—and the *Four Horsemen* of false religion, war, worldwide famine, and disease and death are galloping over the entirety of Planet Earth! The effect of a world that has lost sight of its God is everywhere over the planet. But things will get much worse—the Great Tribulation looms ever closer.

The begotten brethren of God snared in the DIVIDED churches will clearly have the choices set before them very shortly. Those who heed the calling and come and accept the thrilling new truth that Christ has given His Church will be provided safety during the time of Great Tribulation. Those who refuse to be part of the one true Church will experience the horrible, *worst time of trouble ever* (Rev. 12:14-17).

God has a wonderful plan, and through our training in the place of safety, and then as part of the 144,000 firstfruits during the 1000 years of the Millennium, we will be able to greatly impress upon the minds of the billions of human beings raised in the Second Resurrection that it pays to obey God.

There is a cause for every effect, and multiple billions are eventually going to fully comprehend that living God’s ways brings true happiness and peace.

Thy Kingdom come—soon!

Your brother in Christ,



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The Seven Spirits of God

By Robert Ardis

In the beginning verses of the amazing book of Revelation, the aged apostle, John, though writing in the 90's AD, was spiritually transported into the time often referred to in biblical prophecy—the awesome Day of the Lord.

Verse 10 of chapter one plainly states:

“I came to be in the Spirit on the Day of the Lord, when I heard a loud voice behind me like a trumpet” (ISV).

The voice he heard was the mighty voice of the living Jesus Christ, who began to show John, in vision, the long history of the true Church (chapters 2-3) that Christ had built and against which the gates of hell would never prevail.

Then in chapter four, verses 1-2 depict John—still in the Day of the Lord—in spirit standing before the fantastic throne of God Almighty!

“After these things I saw a door standing open in heaven. The first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this.” Instantly I was in the Spirit, and I saw a throne in heaven with a person seated on the throne” (ISV).

It is important to realize that the marvelous vision which John is describing are significant events that are occurring in our time—now—in the Day of the Lord. It is imperative to understand that, as John was writing over 1900 years ago, in spirit he was in the present time—the Day of the Lord.

Revelation 1:1 and 3 make it very obvious that the events of the book of Revelation are for our time—now—not 1900 years ago! God never uses vain words—He speaks TRUTH, and these verses tell us these **“things will shortly come to pass”** and that the **“time is at hand”!**

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants **things which must shortly come to pass**...Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: **for the time is at hand.**”

The Day of the Lord came precisely at the end of mankind's allotted 6000 years of rebellion toward God. That time period ended on the Feast of Trumpets, October 1, 1997, and God's time—the Day of the Lord—began once again. This

coming Feast of Trumpets of 2011 will mark 14 years from the point of time in which John, in vision, was writing! Truly, “the time is at hand,” and all “things will shortly come to pass”! (Request or download our important booklet, *The Day of the Lord*, to fully understand this important subject.)

Chapters two and three of Revelation are the history and prophecy of the true Church from Pentecost 31 AD (1980 years ago) to the end of the Laodicean era, which will *shortly come to pass*. And if not for the prophecies recorded in the Bible, the true history of the true Church could not have been found.

Chapter 12 is a synopsis of the history, written as prophecy about the true Church, from the birth of Jesus Christ to the vitally necessary “place prepared of God” for the faithful of His Church (v.14). God is faithful in preparing a place for those “accounted worthy to escape” (Lk. 21:36). Yet there will be some who either wait too long or are too stubborn to become a part of the one true Church. Verse 17 warns that a person can “keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ,” but still wind up in the Great Tribulation if they are not part of the “woman”—the true Church!

Chapter four shows the apostle John viewing the control center of the entirety of the “universe(s),” the very majestic throne of the Eternal Father in heaven. He beholds God Almighty in His GLORY. Also, John tries to depict the twenty-four angelic elders, sitting on lesser thrones around God's throne, wearing golden crowns. They, apparently, have tremendous power and responsibilities.

The four strange and amazing liv-

ing creatures—the seraphs—there before the Almighty, challenge our imaginations as to their exact appearance. And the multiple millions of angels surrounding the throne of God suggest to our human mind that John is viewing another dimension!

Verse 5 of chapter four portrays another marvel at the very throne of God, which is seldom mentioned:

“*And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.*”

Notice, John writes that the *seven lamps of fire* are the seven Spirits of God! Nevertheless, John had written earlier in his version of the Gospel, that: “*God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth*”(Jn. 4:24).

John writes that God is “a Spirit”! So, what is meant by the “seven Spirits of God”? We need to read further.

Chapter five brings us to the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, reaching out to receive, from the hand of God, the scroll that contains the main prophecy of the Revelation (v. 4). The scroll is thoroughly sealed with seven seals that can be opened only by the Lamb. And, very important to remember, the seven seals are opened in the Day of the Lord—and not until then!

John is in spirit in the Day of the Lord that began October 1, 1997 (Rev. 1:10). Jesus Christ does not open the seven seals until chapter six—thus the book of Revelation could NOT be understood until the

Day of the Lord came and Christ removed the seals—all seven of them!

The Almighty Father and Jesus, the firstborn Son, are both God-beings. In Revelation 5:6 the Son is pictured as the Lamb of God, but no-

true Church, or God’s Kingdom on earth!

It is clearly stated in Revelation 5:6 that the seven eyes of the Lamb are “... *seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.*”

OMNIPRESENCE

tice another amazing feature:

“*And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.*”

The Lamb, just like the Father, has seven Spirits!

Omnipresence

There is much symbolism used in the book of Revelation. The symbol of a “horn” many times means the same as “beast” or “mountain”—representing a “nation,” “king,” or “kingdom.”

Daniel 7:24 and 17 interprets the meaning of “horn.”

“*And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them... These great beasts, which are four, are four kings [kingdoms], which shall arise out of the earth.*”

The seven horns of the Lamb are symbolic of the seven eras of the

Then way back in the Old Testament, II Chronicles 16:9 adds this clarifying statement:

“*For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly.*”

Thus, the Word of God informs us that the seven Spirits of God “run to and fro throughout the whole

TRUTH

earth” in behalf of His people. He “sees all” and “knows all.” This reveals how God is aware of all things happening in this wide, wide world! He knows the number of hairs upon our heads and even the “death of a tiny sparrow” (Matt. 10:29-30).

King David was inspired to write the very revealing Psalm 139, extolling God’s watchful care over His people—that He has known and planned for us before we were even born! His Spirit is everywhere and in everything. Verse 7 declares: “*Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?*”

David continues praising God in the fact that He is God and knows all about each one of us—again, from the very beginning.

LOVE

Yes! God is God! And this understanding that He is in every place—He is omnipresent—also gives us realization that He is all-knowing—omniscient!

Truth

God is the source of ALL truth! Therefore, all true knowledge, including all branches of factual science and mathematics, and all wisdom, originate ONLY from God.

These two qualities, omnipresence and truth, that ONLY God can possess, give vital clues to determine other Godly qualities, characteristics, or distinctiveness whose original source would be ONLY from God.

Love

The first of these characteristic of God that I think of is, "God IS love" (I Jn. 4:8 and 16). The *love of God* is true *agape love* that is defined by Strong as G26:

“agape, from 25; love, that is, affection or benevolence.”

True love originates ONLY from God! God is the source of true love.

Romans 8:7 tells us that the natural mind of man cannot possess true love as God does:

“Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is **not subject to the law of God**, neither indeed can be.”

1 John 5:3 explains very simply why the carnal mind cannot keep God's law:

“For **this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments**; and his commandments are not grievous.”

God's love comes only through the indwelling of His Holy Spirit within those whom the Father has called and are obedient to Him.

John 3:16 records the greatest act of love ever:

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Life

The next quality that can only come from God is "life"!

LIFE

“Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature: For

by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”

Hebrews 1:3, in the *Good News Bible*, tells us:

“He reflects the brightness of God's glory and is the exact likeness of God's own being, sustaining the universe with his powerful word.”

POWER

John 1:1-4 states:

“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. **All things were made by him**; and without him was not any thing made that was made. **In him was life**; and the life was the light of men.”

Holiness

Another distinction that emanates from God alone is true *holiness!* Man attempts to make gods out

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Keep The Pentecost Vision



By John Wood

Clear all other thoughts from your mind and imagine this. You are standing on the hot, sandy floor of the desert when suddenly you feel a powerful surge of energy in your body. You turn your head and notice that the brethren standing all around you are shining like the sun in its full strength. They are gleaming like gems, but far more brilliant and beautiful than any gem can be. You comment to the brethren around you that their countenances are breathtaking, and the sound of your voice when you speak is majestic, as the voice of the roaring sea. The brethren around you comment that your face shines as the sun at midday. As you look around, you serendipitously discover that your feet are glowing like brilliant brass or gold. The almost translucent appearance of your body is so bright you wonder how it is you are not blind just for gazing at it.

Suddenly we all rise and are quickly formed into a circle where we see a very brilliant being who commands authority and attention. He introduces Himself as Jesus Christ. Our hearts glow as we greet our Lord, Saviour, King, and future husband

in a joyful thunderous roar. He welcomes us heartily to the Family of God and informs us that in a moment we will be in Heaven for the coronation, the wedding, the wedding supper, our installation into our offices, and to meet our Father.

Then, at the speed of thought, we are taken to God's Heaven in another dimension. We suddenly are standing on a sea of glass which burns with fire, the like of which we have never known. This sea of glass expands as far as you can see. Millions of angels greet us with exquisite singing which you

never thought possible. We see a beautiful brilliant being sitting on a throne, and we instantly recognize Him as our Father. There is a vast gleaming rainbow about the throne, and around the throne are four strange yet magnificent creatures with many eyes. As well, we see twenty-four angels, who have the offices of high elders, arrayed in magnificent garments and crowns of gold. We strain, even with our much expanded intellects, to take this all in.

While we are waiting to meet

Christ, we meet brethren who have gone through the great tribulation. They tell us their harrowing trials, hardships, and final glorious victory. We meet brethren of Old Testament times, such as Abel, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Moses, Joshua, Esther, Isaiah, and David. We also meet brethren of the New Testament, such as Peter, John, Paul, Matthew, James, Anna, Simeon, Mary, and Mary Magdalene. We share stories with them; we amazingly speak the same pure Godly language which will soon be taught all over the earth. Each of the three groups of firstfruits, which are the foundation stones, the pillars, and the lively stones, wholeheartedly congratulates the other groups for a job very well done. At this point, you are so brimming over with joy you think you will burst. Additionally, you meet many angels, some of whom seek you out and intro-

duce themselves as the ones who were appointed to watch over you your entire life. You embrace them and thank them for their efforts. You may apologize to them (and later to Jesus Christ and God the Father) for the trouble you caused. I know I will. You meet Michael, the protector of Israel, and Gabriel, the

angel of the annunciation. Furthermore, you will meet the four creatures before the throne and the twenty-four elders and each one of these beings will explain his function and what part he played in working out your well-being and

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salvation.

Then a marvellous thing happens. You have a personal meeting with Jesus Christ. He immediately embraces you and congratulates you. From the bottom of your heart you thank him for what He did for you. With your infinitely expanded intellect, you finally deeply grasp the enormity of His sacrifice and involvement in your salvation.

Then, at the speed of thought, we are taken to God's Heaven in another dimension. We suddenly are standing on a sea of glass which burns with fire,

He talks about your particular position as a pillar in the inner court. He gives you precise details of your duties and responsibilities. Christ may explain to you how you were prepared for this office. You may have your own questions for Him. Then you must move on because the next God-being wants to visit with Christ.

After some time, Christ will introduce you to God the Father--the highlight of our lives. This being originated you and me in His mind back when there was no time. Mr. Robert Ardis is the Pastor General of the Church of God's Faithful. This is a wonderful quote from Mr. Ardis's booklet, *The Feast of Trumpets or the Day of Pentecost...Which?*, starting at the top of page 30:

“What words can we use? They all fall short in any description. But, it will be so very wonderful! To forever be with our Husband, Jesus Christ. To behold and be embraced by God the Father. To be praised and given our fabulous positions as pillars in the Inner Court is absolutely mind

boggling!”

What will the Father and you discuss? Perhaps your Father will explain how your trials specifically benefited you and prepared you for your particular position in the Kingdom of God. Perhaps the Father will explain to you why He chose you. What traits did He see in you? With His infinite wisdom and intelligence, this great being

can see through time, He knows DNA, and He knows what you are going to do before you do. He will explain how He and Christ specifically laid the groundwork for your training, well-being, and success. I am sure you will have many questions. Finally, He will express his deep, deep love for you. We will have the intellect to grasp precisely what He is trying to convey to us.

You will finally have the answer to that nagging question that is in the back of your mind--Why me?

As we leave His holy presence, we are given harps, and we are taught the song of Moses. We will learn this in no time with our vastly superior intellects. As Revelation 14:1-3 states:

“And I looked and lo, a Lamb stood on mount Zion and with Him a hundred and forty and four thousand having His Father's name written in their fore-

heads. And I heard a voice from Heaven as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder, and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps. And they sang as it were a new song before the throne.... and no man could learn that song but the 144,000, which were redeemed from the earth.”

Following this is the magnificent coronation of Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The great God the Father will personally crown Jesus Christ. The Father will give His Son His blessing, and we will worship and praise both the Father and the Son. We may even shout, “God save the King; Long live the King,” to continue the tradition of the throne of David, which is really the throne of Jesus Christ. All of us 144,000 may be installed in our positions as foundation stones, pillars, and lively stones at this point.

Then we will be issued clean, white linen for the wedding. Revelation 19:8 states:

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“And to her it was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white for the linen is the righteousness

of saints.”

Mr. Robert Ardis, in his booklet, *The Feast of Trumpets or the Day of Pentecost... Which?*, states on page 24:

“God the Father has planned the marriage of His Son! If we can imagine the most grand and splendid, magnificent event; and glo-

rious occasion; the pageantry of a worldly coronation, or the most inspiring wedding ceremony ever complete with the highest quality of music and thrilling singing, it would pale into insignificance compared to that which God has planned for His Son – and for the firstfruits! God, in all His glory, will perform the ceremony. The holy angels will sing – And Christ will be magnificent!”

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Following the wedding, the wedding supper will take place. The banquet will be superb and unique, as only the God family can plan. This also will be a time of prayer, reflection, thankfulness, and deep fellowship. We will meet even more of the fantastic personalities from the time of Abel to our own time. We will get them up to speed on events, and they will give us invaluable advice that relates to their experiences. You can be assured that God and Christ will be beaming. They will be happy and content with their new family on their plane.

Finally, when the time is right, we will prepare to return to the earth with Christ to put down all rebellion and rule. I'm certain that by that time Christ will have explained to us precisely what our part will be in the great battle to come, our part in the putting away of Satan and the demons, and our individual roles and duties as kings and priests in the Millennium. We will meet our magnificent, white horses upon which we will ride as we follow Christ back to the earth.

Do you believe this, brethren? Do you think this is just a fantasy? Do you think that it is a fabrication made by a man who lived in ancient times? You'd better believe

it. It is more real than the temporary world you see every day. Brethren, we must know who we are. If you don't profoundly grasp this, get on your knees and ask God to give you the faith to believe Him in regard to this concept. Meditate about this, pray about it, fast, and read the scriptures that pertain to this. Additionally, read *The Feast of Trumpets or the Day of Pentecost...Which?* in order

to get this vision embedded into your mind. In the days, weeks, months, and years to come we will need this Pentecost vision in order to endure to the end. This is the very reason for your existence; to be in the firstfruits of God's family and to be the wife of Christ.

You are going to be a son of God who will help facilitate the birth of countless sons of God into the family of God for all eternity. As Mr. Ardis has stated, "We must think like God!" We must get the big picture in order to survive spiritually.

Physicists are talking about the possibilities of other universes. The theory of the "multiverse" is presented by physicists with observational evidence, calculations,

and simulations to support the theory. Massachusetts Institute of Technology physicist, Alan Guth, has suggested that new universes are constantly being created, but they cannot be seen from our universes. Additionally, Sir Martin Rees, the Astronomer Royal of Britain, has stated:

"This new concept [the multiverse theory] is potentially, as drastic an enlarger of our cosmic perspective as the shift from pre-Copernican ideas to the realization that the Earth is orbiting a typical star on the edge of the Milky Way."

Dr. Rees explains that in a black hole in space there is a point called singularity at which all physical laws may cease to exist. At this point the curvature of space and

God the Father has planned the marriage of His Son! If we can imagine the most grand and splendid, magnificent event; and glorious occasion...it would pale into insignificance

time become infinitely large. Science cannot predict what will happen at this point. Even Einstein's theory of relativity can't predict what effect singularity has on an object. After singularity, basic forces such as gravity, electromagnetism, and strong and weak nuclear

forces may not exist. If only one of these forces does not exist, then this universe would not be part of our own. Stars would form differently, according to Sir Martin Rees. As Dr. Rees relates:

“ Our universe may be just one element – one atom, as it were – in an infinite ensemble: a cosmic archipelago.”

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The Feast of Trumpets

Seven mighty trumpets blow in the year of God's vengeance during the "greatest time of trouble" ever to come upon the earth.

For years The Church of God has taught that the imminent return of Jesus Christ and the resurrection of the Saints will take place "at the last trump" on the Feast of Trumpets. Is this correct?

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

It is certainly obvious that Christ does return at the last trump, but is it The Feast of Trumpets?

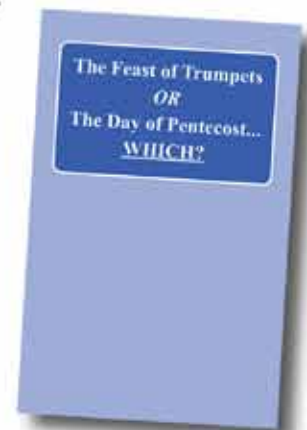
It is possible that the first trump of that most terrible and frightening year, is on The Feast of Trumpets, and the last trump is on The Feast of FIRSTFRUITS...

Or The Day of Pentecost

Yes!

You must understand that this is a possibility and that you must "prove all things, hold that fast WHICH is good!"

WHICH?



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of everything, but **ONLY** God is the source of all that is *holy*!

I Peter 1:16 commands: *“Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”*

HOLINESS

See also Leviticus 11:44. In His **holiness** all that is worthy of adoration, honor, and worship, all that is pure and righteous, all that is good and honest, all that can be understood as godliness, originates **ONLY** with the God-family.

God and Christ are supreme Spirit-beings! However, as Spirit they are the **ONLY** source of seven distinctive characteristics that are seen in God’s Word as the seven Spirits of God.

So far in this article, six qualities or distinctions that originate **ONLY** with God have been presented. Is there any other trait or characteristic that you can think of that could originate **ONLY** with the God-family?

What would be the seventh characteristic whose **ONLY** source is the God-family? In my mind it would be that which our Lord Jesus Christ kept focused on while in the flesh and desired so intensely to have once again. This one thing He desired of the Father is expressed in John 17:3:

“And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the **glory** which I had with thee before the world was.”

Glory

The **glory** that is **ONLY** God’s cannot be fully understood or appreciated by our human minds. The complete magnificence and splendor of **GOD** is inconceivable in

our human state. Everything that is awesome or spectacular, such as the stars of heaven; or that is fantastic in beauty and perfection as the rolling seas or majestic mountains; or that has the frightening power of a mighty thunderstorm—are eclipsed by the **CREATOR** of the universe! **ALL GLORY** belongs to **GOD**—the Father and the Son!

That was the unimaginable characteristic that Jesus so desired to once again possess in all the fullness of it.

The apostle Paul was inspired to explain

this, in part, in I Corinthians 2:8-12:

“Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified **the Lord of glory**. But as it is written, **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him**. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of

a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; **that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.**”

And the *glorious* promise from the God of **glory** is that He has included us in His awesome plan for mankind, as Paul explains further in Romans 5:1-2:

“Therefore being justified by faith [which works by love; Gal. 5:6], we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in **hope of the glory of God.**”

If we are faithful to the end and reach the **glory** of the First Resurrection, we will be born into the family of God to possess **ALL** of the qualities and characteristics of God—except in rank. God will

GLORY

be God—and our Father! Christ will be God—and our husband! We will be God—the children of our Father and the wife of our husband!

As part of the 144,000 firstfruits of the God-family, we will be in the very image of Jesus Christ, who is in the very image of God the Father. I John 3:2 and Hebrews 1:3 state this wonderful truth very plainly:

“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like

him; for we shall see him as he is.”

“Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

Therefore, the Scriptures positively indicate that we, too, will be possessors of the seven Spirits of God--Love, Life, Truth, Power, Omnipresence, Holiness, and Glory--to eventually go forth into the heavens at the will of God to “plant the heavens” (Isa. 51:16), so that there will be “no end to His government and peace” (Isa. 9:7) throughout the entirety of the universe—“world without end” (Eph. 3:21)!

It will not be long (*the time is at hand*) before we will stand with Christ our Savior before the very throne of the Almighty in Heaven. We will not only see and hear the magnificent scenes there at God’s throne; we will begin to fill our role in His plan—forever and forever!

Be encouraged; ALL of these things will shortly come to pass! ❖

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Given the large number of black holes (which in fact are collapsed stars) and the corresponding large number of points of singularity, there may be a large number of universes. The collective size of these universes may pale our own vast universe into relative insignificance. Scientists say that black holes are in these other universes and other universes are forming in them. Given this, of course, this process never ends. According to many physicists, the term “multiverse” may have to be used to describe what is out there, or at least a multitude of universes in one giant universe. I’ve only covered a tiny fraction of this theory; there is far more to it. Although it is a theory, it certainly gives food for thought.

Brethren, creation may be far, far greater than we have ever imagined. Even with our powerful Hubble and infrared telescopes we cannot see to the end of our universe. The farthest we can see is 14 billion light years away, and that only increases one light year per year. There still is no end in sight to our universe. God the Father and Jesus Christ are far deeper than we can ever imagine with our limited intellects. Not only is all of creation going to be given to us, but also the same

Do you think this is just a fantasy? Do you think that it is a fabrication made by a man who lived in ancient times? You’d better believe it. It is more real than the temporary world you see every day.

depth of wisdom, intellect, creativity, and love inherent in these two marvellous beings. The apostle Paul relates in Romans 8:19 – 22 that the creation is groaning and waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. May God help us keep the Pentecost vision. Let us be there to spread love and joy eternally. ❖



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Pope urges return to faith in increasingly secular world

MADRID, Spain — Pope Benedict XVI complained Friday that modern society has a certain “amnesia” about God as he lamented the dwindling of the faith during a visit to Spain, a once staunchly Catholic country that has seen the church’s grip on society fall dramatically since the end of the Fascist dictatorship of Francisco Franco.

Benedict was speaking in general terms about the secularization that has taken hold in much of the West in a speech to a few hundred adoring young nuns gathered in El Escorial monastery, a UNESCO world heritage site about 50 kilometres northwest of the capital.

Benedict, in Spain to celebrate the church’s World Youth Day, told them their decisions to dedicate their lives to their faith was a potent message for the world.

“This is all the more important today when we see a certain eclipse of God taking place, a kind of amnesia which, albeit not an outright rejection of Christianity, is nonetheless a denial of the treasure of our faith, a denial that could lead to the loss of our deepest identity,” he said.

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Comment: The Pope, the religious head of 1.1 billion people cannot give faith to his believers no matter how hard he tries. Jesus Christ said in these latter days that faith (in the true God) would be a rarity.

“I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?” Luke 18:8

This is not so difficult to believe when we understand who the god of this world is! Also what is not so difficult to understand for those who have been

associated with God's True Church for any length of time is the assertive posturing of the present Pope. His aim is to reassert the spiritual Supremacy of the Vatican and more openly proclaim the authority of the office of Pope among all Christians.

In Revelation 17:5 we see revealed the professing Christian world of today. It is dominated by a “mother church”, symbolised by a fallen woman, whose name is Babylon the Great. This is the horrifying description of the end-time Roman Catholic Church and her protestant daughters, called Great because it rules also the political power of the time, identified in the Bible as the Beast!

This church is named after the city of Babylon. The Babylonian mysteries centred about a counterfeit saviour or messiah. Their saviour was Nimrod, who promised them liberty from God's Law. Many of the ancient pagan practices of Babylon were taken on by the church, celebration of Lent, Easter, and Christmas etc. and easily took root in the local church at Rome. Most people accepted it all because using the name of Christ it meant they could keep their old beloved customs.

No wonder then that faith in the one True God has dwindled when religious leaders promise liberty from God's Law. 1.1 billion people can't be wrong—can they?

Palestinians warn Obama not to stand in way of statehood

The Palestinian Authority knows all the right buttons to push with Washington. The Palestinian leadership is fully aware of the value US President Barack Obama (like his predecessors) puts on overseeing an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement, and has regularly wielding that weakness like a

diplomatic bludgeon against the White House.

On Saturday, the Palestinians were at it again, warning the Obama Administration that vetoing their UN Security Council bid for statehood would “destroy” the two-state solution to the conflict.

“Anyone who supports the two-state solution should back the Palestinian effort [at the UN],” insisted chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat.

Senior PLO official Zakariya al-Agha followed up by reminding Obama that in September of 2010 he promised that a Palestinian state would be established in one year.

The warnings came just hours after Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas confirmed in a speech in Ramallah that on Friday, September 23 he will address the UN General Assembly, after which he will submit to the Security Council an official application for UN membership for “Palestine.”

The Obama White House has repeatedly stated that it will veto the motion, with Obama himself going so far as to call the Palestinian stunt a “distraction.

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Israel ups West Bank forces before Palestinian UN bid

Israel has boosted its army presence in the West Bank ahead of a Palestinian recourse to the UN amid fears they may resort to the International Criminal Court over Jewish settlements, reports said on Friday.

Public radio reported the build-up and the daily Yediot Aharonot said three battalions of reservists -- some 1,500 personnel -- have been mobilised and units already in the occupied territory have been reinforced.

The move comes ahead of expected Palestinian demonstrations as their statehood bid looms at the United Nations on September 23, public radio said.

General Avi Mizrahi, the commander of central Israel which includes the West Bank, has issued strict orders to the military to act with restraint and avoid bloodshed if trouble erupts, Yediot Aharonot said.

It said troops in the Palestinian territory have been armed with anti-riot equipment including tear gas to enable them to control any protests

without having to resort to live ammunition.

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Pakistan floods: world ignoring humanitarian crisis

The world is ignoring a growing humanitarian crisis in Pakistan's Sindh province where a second year of catastrophic floods has forced up to two million to flee their homes, washed away vital crops and left millions at risk of disease, according to aid agencies and local political leaders.

An estimated 300 people have died in three months of torrential monsoon rains which have destroyed 400,000 homes, breached sewerage and freshwater canals and left two million people suffering from malaria, hepatitis and other sanitation-related diseases.

Three-quarters of a million people are living in temporary shelters and seven thousand people have been bitten by snakes in the water.

22 of the province's 24 districts have been flooded, ten of them severely, including several where millions of people were displaced just one year ago.

More than 21 million people fled their homes in the 2010 floods which left one fifth of Pakistan under water and killed an estimated 1000 people. According to aid agencies the impact of this year's flood is worse than last year because many of the victims have been forced abandon their homes for the second consecutive year, but a slow international relief effort is threatening to compound the suffering.

“Our opinion is that it's already worse than last year, not because of the numbers but the impact on a population already severely affected by last year's mega-flood,” said Oxfam's country director for Pakistan, Neva Khan. “We're talking about the same population,” she added.

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Euro Collapse Could Lead to War: Polish FinMin

A collapse of Europe's monetary union would likely lead to a breakup of the European Union as a whole, posing significant risks to the region and even raising the possibility of war in the long

term, Poland's Finance Minister told CNBC late on Thursday.

"If the euro zone were to fall apart then it's hard to exclude the possibility of EU falling apart as well," Polish finance minister Jacek Rostowski said in an interview.

"The EU has been one of the two great pillars of European peace and security of the past 60 years," he said.

"Therefore the danger in a longer-time horizon, in 10-20 years, in the absence of one of the key elements of our security system and one of the key elements of our political system, which ensures we deal with problems in this peaceful, democratic way we've developed, the risk of all sorts of authoritarian political movements, and therefore even war, in the long horizon, rises," he said.

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The Next 9/11 — A Nuclear One?

National Security: The Sept. 11 commission stated that our biggest failure was one of imagination. Imagine an Iranian nuclear device detonating high over the American heartland. They're working on it.

On the same day the 9/11 Commission issued its report, another commission issued a report on

a threat that could change our world and way of life in ways we can scarcely imagine. It is a real and credible threat, and it is largely being ignored.

Pakistan province shuts schools to curb dengue fever

LAHORE, Pakistan — Pakistan's most populous province shut educational institutions Wednesday in a bid to control an outbreak of dengue fever that has killed at least nine people since last month, officials said.

Schools, colleges and universities across the central province of Punjab, where the disease has affected nearly 5,000 people so far, will remain closed for 10 days for fumigation.

Local media said nearly two dozen people have died, including a senior government official, over the past two months.

But officials have confirmed nine deaths, including a 14-year-old boy who died in Lahore's Children Hospital on Wednesday.

Punjab government spokesman Ikhlaq Ahmed said on Wednesday that 4,989 cases had been reported in the province so far, of which 4,118 were in Lahore alone.

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The Midnight Cry Has Begun

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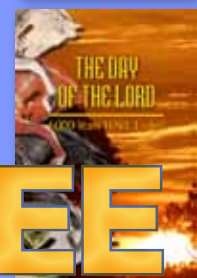
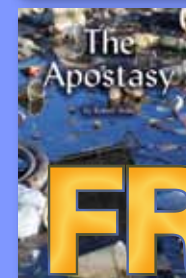
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