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## From the Editor...



Look! Up in the sky—it's a bird! It's a plane! NO! It's SUPERMAN!

Way back in the 1930's, the comic book character, Superman, was introduced to the world! This "strange visitor from another planet" was "faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive," and could "leap tall buildings with a single bound!"

Superman was the creation of two high school students, Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, and although Superman was totally fictitious, he captured the imaginations of men, women, and children all over the earth. Most of us of that generation, being caught up in the fantasy of Superman, at times have pointed toward the heavens and cried aloud, "Look! Up in the sky—it's a bird! It's a plane! NO! It's SUPERMAN!"

During the month of November 2013, many of us might have once again pointed to the heavens, as a strange visitor from outer space approached Planet Earth. Those who understood might have exclaimed, "Look! Up in the sky—it's NOT a bird! It's NOT a plane! NO! It's COMET ISON!

Very sophisticated space and ground instruments carefully studied Comet Ison as it made its way around the sun. It was believed by some professional people that if this heavenly wanderer, Comet Ison, survived its journey around the sun, it would be incredibly bright and easily visible with the naked eye in the Northern Hemisphere by early December. Some had speculated that it might be as bright as the full moon in the latter part of December and early January 2014—it could be seen all night long.

Nevertheless, all hopes were dashed when Ison was destroyed on its journey around the sun!

The article titled "Signs in the Heavens" by Ron Chambers and Jon Ardis, in this issue of the *Midnight Cry*, explores the thought that wandering comets, flaming asteroids, "blood moons" and other phenomena seen in space in the past have been omens—warnings of perilous events to come. "Blood moons" will be seen this year on April 15th and on October 9th, which, amazingly, are the dates for the First Day of Unleavened Bread and the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles! In the past, many who witnessed these lunar eclipses considered them to be omens.

This has been believed by many who witnessed their appearance! Are the appearances of these astral bodies portents for the future? The Holy Bible tells us that there will be signs in the heavens (Lk. 21:11), and that we are to "watch...all these things that are coming to pass" (Lk. 21:36). The "Signs in the Heavens" article discusses the heavenly signs seen in times past

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# SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS

# THE TETRAD

by Jon Ardis and Ron Chambers

Plain scriptures in the Bible show us that some very important events will take place immediately after unbelievable but visible happenings occur in the heavens.

“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars (Lk. 21:25).

“The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood (Acts 2:20).

“I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath. Blood and fire and vapour and smoke (Acts 2:19).

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken (Mat. 24:29).

“...and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places (Rev. 6:12-14).

God tells us at the very beginning of the Bible that the lights in the heavens are to be signs for us today.

“And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also (Gen. 1:14-16).

In verse 14, the word “signs” is Strong’s #H226:

“ (in the sense of appearing); a signal (literally or figuratively), as a flag, beacon, monument, omen, prodigy, evidence, etc. – mark, miracle, (en-) sign, token.

We can see that one possible meaning for “signs” is “omens.” The *Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary* defines “omen” as: “an occurrence or phenomenon believed to portend a future event.” Can we really look to the heavens today and foretell the future? Is it possible? Is that what God wants us to do today?

Again, Jesus Christ, Himself, tells us in Luke 21:25 that there SHALL be signs:

“ And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring.

Christ doesn’t state that there **may** be or there just **might** be, but there **WILL** be, there **SHALL** be, signs in the sun, signs in the moon and signs in the stars! And this is spoken in the context of the end-time. I’m sure all of us can look around, and have been doing so for years, and understand that we are surely living in the end-time. We see the signs of the times in all the prophecies that have been fulfilled since the death of Mr. Herbert Armstrong, and in all the wonderful and exciting new truths that have been revealed.

When we talk of signs, we may feel a bit uneasy because of certain scriptures and the way that Jesus Christ rebuked the Pharisees in Matthew 16. However, upon closer examination, we see that Christ wasn’t really scolding them for seeking a sign, but rather for not being able to discern by observing what was taking place around them at the time. Are we looking around? Do we see what is happening around us today? Do we see signs that we are truly living in the end-time? Or are we caught up in the world, and so deeply involved with our daily routines and

our lives, that we are missing out on God-given signs?

“ And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. 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 (Lk. 21:34-36).

“ The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? (Mat. 16:1-3).

We, as God’s people, have His Holy Spirit dwelling within us, and we understand His plan and His prophecies. So we should be able to discern the signs of the times.

And, as we have set forth to observe the Beginnings of Months, we have the faith to believe that God will bless us with more understanding and discernment, and increase our knowledge of His truth. As we enter the sixteenth year in the Day of the Lord, God is going to show us mightily that we are in the “gun lap” toward His Kingdom. We are definitely living in, not only the end-time, but the end of the end-time. We can see incredible and exciting revelation, and signs in the heavens that prove it.

Some very significant signs that we have anticipated, but have not spoken much about, are right on the horizon. The world is watching, many are wondering. Are we?

During 2014 and 2015 the earth will experience four “blood moons.” This phenomenon is called a “tetrad.” In addition to the tetrad, there will also be a total solar eclipse that will take place between the second and third blood moons. A blood moon is simply a total eclipse of the moon. A lunar eclipse occurs when the earth’s shadow (the umbra) falls on the moon. A total eclipse occurs when the earth’s shadow completely covers the moon.

Total lunar eclipses aren’t that unusual; there will be 85 total lunar eclipses in the twenty-first century. The greatest length of time between two consecutive total lunar eclipses is only three years. In between these “droughts” will be occurrences of three or four total lunar eclipses, each separated by approximately six months. However, it’s very interesting that the four total eclipses that will happen in 2014 and 2015 will all take place consecutively on God’s Holy Days.

The first eclipse falls on the First Day of Unleavened Bread, April 15, 2014. The second eclipse occurs on October 8, 2014, which at sunset is the beginning of the Feast of Tabernacles. The third eclipse falls on Passover, April 3, 2015 and the fourth is on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles, September 28, 2015. Although total eclipses of the moon are not uncommon, to have four consecutive eclipses falling on God’s Holy Days is extremely rare. It is believed that there have only been seven like this since the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, and only three in the last 500 years. It is also believed that our Lord was crucified during a tetrad.

Whenever these phenomena have occurred, very significant events have taken place that have had a profound impact on Israel. As mentioned, Christ’s sacrifice occurred during a tetrad. The first of the



three tetrads within the last 500 years occurred in 1492. At that time, Spain was one of the most powerful nations on earth and a major homeland of the Jews. 1492 was the year of the Spanish Inquisition and a Royal Decree ordering Jews to convert to Catholicism, or be executed or leave the country, under the orders of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. This decree was called "The Edict of Expulsion" and was approved by the Roman Church, the religion of Spain.

The Jewish people were given only fourteen days to evacuate Spain. Those who remained were executed by torture, and thousands were burned alive. Those who evacuated had all their possessions, land and assets confiscated by the state.

The tetrads seem to represent both sorrow and triumph. The Inquisition certainly caused much sorrow for Israel. However, 1492 was also the year that Columbus discovered the new world which became a new homeland for Israel, hence the triumph.

The second tetrad occurred in 1948, which also has great significance for Israel. After 200 years without a national homeland, the nation of Israel was reborn, an occasion of immense joy for God's chosen nation. God's promise of return was fulfilled and it would be difficult to imagine a more triumphant time in Israel since the time of Moses.

The third tetrad occurred in 1967, the year Israel was invaded by the Arab armies. Once again, there was terrible anguish and trepidation in Israel. The Arabs vastly outnumbered and outgunned Israel. However, through a series of miracles, God provided a marvelous victory over Israel's enemies. As a result, God's Holy City of Jerusalem was once again united with Israel, and again there was great elation in Israel.

It is evident that God uses these signs in the heavens, these tetrads, as an omen and a wake up call to those who can see them for what they are. In Jewish tradition the signs are considered to be warnings

to the nations. Right in the midst of the four blood moons to occur in 2014 and 2015, is a total eclipse of the sun. The eclipse occurs on September 30, 2015, during the Feast of Tabernacles.

Could this solar eclipse be intended by God as a warning to us that there will be a significant worldwide event during this tetrad period? As we have read in Matthew 16:3, God expects us to be able to discern "the face of the sky." We cannot know for sure what will happen in 2014 and 2015, but we can be quite certain that God is letting us know that something WILL happen and we need to pay attention and be ready.

If what we believe is correct, and God is giving the Church of God's Faithful one nineteen-year time cycle to complete the Midnight Cry and finish HIS WORK, we may only have less than three years to get the job done.

If the eighteen-year prophesy of Luke 13:10-13 applies to us now, then the very last day of the eighteenth year falls only fourteen days before the final eclipse of the tetrad.

“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roar-

ing; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory (Lk. 21:25-27).

These verses are referring to the tribulation at the end of the age, and they tell us that when we see these signs, miracles and wonders in the heavens, we can know that the Kingdom of God is very close to fulfillment.

“The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come (Joel 2:31).

We know that this verse refers to the "day of the Lord's WRATH" which makes up the last year of the Tribulation. It is so very easy to see that these tetrads that are on the horizon could truly portend the imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

“Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching (Lk. 12:37).

Let's watch, and let's see what does happen in 2014 and 2015... ❖



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# The Construction of The Latter House

## A New Phase in the Plan of God

J R Cabangbang

The Church of God's Faithful (CGF) was incorporated on September 12, 1997. That same year, on the Feast of Trumpets, October 1-2, the mighty Christ came unexpectedly as "a thief in the night" to His faithful Church ("his temple," Mal. 3:1). That marked the beginning of *the Day of the Lord* (1Thes. 5:2). Six thousand years allotted to mankind to choose his own direction expired. God's time, which extends into all eternity, started once again. The mystery of God was finished, and the greatest secret of all time was revealed (Mt. 24:36 and Rev. 10:7). The *time of the end* (Dan. 12:9) is here.

As the CGF celebrated the Feast of Trumpets 2013, it entered into its 17<sup>th</sup> year, and also the 17<sup>th</sup> year in the 19-year time cycle that started at the onset of the Day of the Lord. Are we about to enter a new phase in the plan of God?

### A Christian Revolt

“From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses,

**know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God (Js. 4:1-4).**

In recent history, apostasy caused the breaking apart of God's Church into more than 300 groups and churches. They have become the ten virgins of Matthew 25, and they are, in fact, the "great falling away" from truth (2Thes. 2:3). The leaders who seek preeminence are the foremost obstacle to unity in the churches. As a tragic result, the contentious "daughter churches" are engaged in aggression and war. Their shepherds have failed to come up with any solution to repair the chaotic condition that exists today. Instead, they are attempting to continue the already fulfilled commission of the late Herbert W. Armstrong. Matthew 24:14 is now history, but the *sons of Levi* are trumpeting the gospel again to the entire world. This is actually a rebellion against the Holy Scripture:

“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come (Mt. 24:14).

A vital truth not understood by many is that God is not calling the world now. Thus, their efforts are futile and rebellious. Making Christ's bride (the Church) ready must be the shepherds' top priority now. Unfortunately, they have failed to follow Jesus Christ and His

handpicked physical leader of the one true Church of God today.

Vanity and pride billows within the fighting churches where competition is at a record high. This Satan-inspired uproar took root within God's Church when Mr. Armstrong died on January 16, 1986. Satan furiously attacked and scattered God's people, who then drifted into a spiritual sleep, as described in the parable of the ten virgins (Mt. 25:1-13). And now, the lambs (God's flock) are being led by false shepherds (wolves in sheep's clothing), marching toward destruction. Consequently, eternal life and death hang in the balance!

The CGF urges cooperation, NOT competition! The Church of God's Faithful possesses the spirit of unity and genuine brotherhood. We have walked through open doors, reaching out for our brethren who are trapped in the *synagogues of Satan* (Rev. 3:9). Our outstretched hands have been rejected by leading ministers with lukewarm or hostile responses. Therefore, God will punish these apathetic and uncompromising leaders, unless they quickly turn away from the heinous crime they are committing.

“And he [Christ] shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi [ministers of the "churches of god"], and purge them [in the Great Tribulation] as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness (Mal. 3:3).



These appointed overseers have failed to feed the flock. God's people are malnourished and deprived of spiritual knowledge and understanding. They have not grown in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as commanded in 2 Peter 3:18. Of all the churches, the CGF has grown in revealed knowledge from the Word of God, because we have followed Christ, not men.

As a reward for our obedience and humility, and as an incentive to keep the work of Christ in the forefront of our minds, the living Christ sends a flood of truth that sets us apart (Jn. 17:17)! More than a hundred new truths have been spoon-fed to this "little flock" since the *Day of the Lord* began sixteen years ago. More *new truths* will be revealed to the CGF as God's endtime work progresses toward its zenith. These new truths are hidden in the Word of God, exclusively revealed to the CGF by Jesus Christ, and are easily accessed on our website: [www.setapartbytruth.org](http://www.setapartbytruth.org).

## The Midnight Cry

The CGF has been commissioned to "prophesy again" (Rev. 10:11) and thunder forth the *midnight cry* of Matthew 25 to the unfaithful Philadelphians that comprise the "churches of god." We have been doing this since Christ came as a thief in the night on the Feast of Trumpets 1997.

This "CRY" is being delivered through various open doors. For example, in the e-magazine, *The Midnight Cry*, our efforts are aimed at awakening the *ten virgins*. This magazine of "urgent understanding" helps fulfill the "cry" of Matthew 25:6 and purposes to inform and warn the scattered members of God's Church.

Mr. Robert Ardis is the CGF's pastor-general, whom Christ has called and chosen as the physical leader of the one true living Body. In his booklet titled *The Midnight Cry*, Mr. Ardis describes who the *ten virgins*

are today:

“ The Ten Virgins of Matthew 25 are symbolic of the thousands of our brethren who have been deceived as part of the 'churches of god,' again, labelled in the Bible as the *synagogue of Satan*. They had been called to repentance, baptized, and forgiven of their past sins. They were pure and clean through the blood of Jesus Christ--they were as virgins--but have been snared in the *synagogue of Satan* by the deception of the devil. Yet, through the mercies of God, many of them will be *given* to the Church Jesus loves, that they may be taught, and then they will be with Him as part of the 144,000 virgin firstfruits of Revelation 14:14 (*The Midnight Cry*, pages 20-21).

## The Spirit of Revival

The Church of God's Faithful is tirelessly promoting Philadelphian love, peace and unity among the churches. It endeavors to carry out Christ's vision of ONE ACCORD among God's people. We encourage and advertise the spirit of *at-one-ment* with the brethren of God. However, God's called-out ones are incredibly stubborn, callous and stiff-necked. They are spiritually intoxicated by the ministry of hireling ministers, rebelling against God's established government.

The Word of God shows us that Christ will make God's people finally understand. He will empower His Church with *miracles, signs* and great *wonders*, and this will be the turning point at which Revelation 3:9 becomes a fulfilled prophecy. The midnight cry WILL awaken the ten virgins to meet the Bridegroom (Mt. 25:6). They will soon be *sighing and crying* in shame and amazement! The God of Israel will use this power as a "rod of iron" upon His extremely deceived, proud and defi-

ant people. Shockingly, this is how far God's Spirit-begotten children have succumbed to Satan's deceptive power.

Bible prophecy is zooming to fulfillment! Events of biblical proportions are exploding in the world scene as never before. Earthshaking and electrifying events hit the mainstream media constantly. We are witnessing protests, demonstrations and uprisings around the globe. It is all about revolution. This ten letter word *r-e-v-o-l-u-t-i-o-n* engulfs Satan's evil society and, very sadly, the house of God today. Instead of being united, God's begotten children are totally divided!

## 19-Year Time Cycle!

As a vital part of our warning commission, the CGF has issued a possible scenario based on the 19-year time cycle that started on the Feast of Trumpets 1997 and which ends with the Feast of Trumpets 2016, based on God's sacred calendar (the Hebrew Calendar). New understanding has been given in the light of Bible prophecy as to when the ten virgins may wake up and respond to the midnight cry. This urgent and very interesting account is found in the book of Luke:

“ And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her. Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God (Lk. 13:10-13).

Let's consider the symbols used in this parable. Christ laid His hands upon the sick woman on the Sabbath. The Sabbath is symbolic of the Day of the Lord, and the woman is

symbolic of God's Church, including the ten virgins of Matthew 25 that have been bound in the *synagogue(s) of Satan* (Rev. 3:9) through all these years. 2014-2015 is the 18<sup>th</sup> year of the woman's infirmity, and if this is the correct time cycle, the woman of Luke 13 will be released from bondage, and God's Church will be healed! 2015-2016 is the 19<sup>th</sup> year, in which the *wise virgins* trim their lamps and meet the *Bridegroom* in the place where the midnight cry is emanating from (Mt. 25:7). The great rescue work and the *miracles, signs and wonders* will soon commence and help the wise virgins to identify that place. If this scenario applies to this current time cycle, God's Church will soon be thrust into a new phase of God's plan! And the time is at hand!

## The Latter House

Herbert W. Armstrong believed that Zechariah 4:9 is a prophecy referring to himself as a second and end-time Zerubbabel, and to the Church (*The Worldwide Church of God*) as the Temple. A letter written by him was sent to the Church on March 19, 1981. Here is an excerpt from that prophetic message:

“ Zerubbabel built the second temple to which Jesus came the first time. John, the Baptist, prepared the way before the FIRST coming. But WHO was to build the SPIRITUAL temple to which Christ shall come the second time? Who was to prepare for his second Coming? Remember God does things in Dual stages. As Zerubbabel built the first temple of MATERIAL stone, wood, and other materials, he was a forerunner or type of one through whom Christ would raise up or build the Spiritual TEMPLE—His Church of our time, prior to the day of the Lord and Christ's Second Coming. As John, the Baptist, prepared the way, in

the PHYSICAL wilderness of the Jordan River for the first coming of the HUMAN Jesus (both human and God), then coming to His MATERIAL temple, and to His physical people Judah, ANNOUNCING the Kingdom of God to be set up more than 1900 years later, SO God would use a human messenger in the spiritual wilderness of 20<sup>th</sup> century religious confusion, to be a voice CRYING OUT the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, about the SPIRITUAL Christ, coming in SUPREME POWER and GLORY to his SPIRITUAL TEMPLE, to actually ESTABLISH that spiritual KINGDOM OF GOD.

Now in the Day of the Lord, Christ is building the “*Latter House*” of Haggai 2:9. The Old Testament Zerubbabel was the head of the tribe of Judah during the time of the return from Babylonian exile. He was the builder of the second temple. He led the first group of captives back to Jerusalem and began rebuilding the temple on the old site. The second temple was consecrated in about 516 B.C., 70 years after the Babylonians destroyed the first temple (called Solomon's temple) in 586 B.C.

Mr. Ardis has illustrated the amazing prophecy of Haggai 2:23 in his book, *Set Apart By Truth*:

“ In that day [in the Day of the Lord that began on October 1, 1997], saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel [The original Zerubbabel built the second temple. A second Zerubbabel, Herbert W. Armstrong, completed the spiritual temple to which Christ would return. However, the temple--the Worldwide Church of God--was fiercely attacked, shattered, and scattered by Satan after Mr. Armstrong's death. Now, in the Day of the Lord, a

third Zerubbabel has come], *my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet* [the third Zerubbabel will be as the ring on the finger of God that represents the authority of God]: *for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts* (*Set Apart By Truth*, pages 63-64).

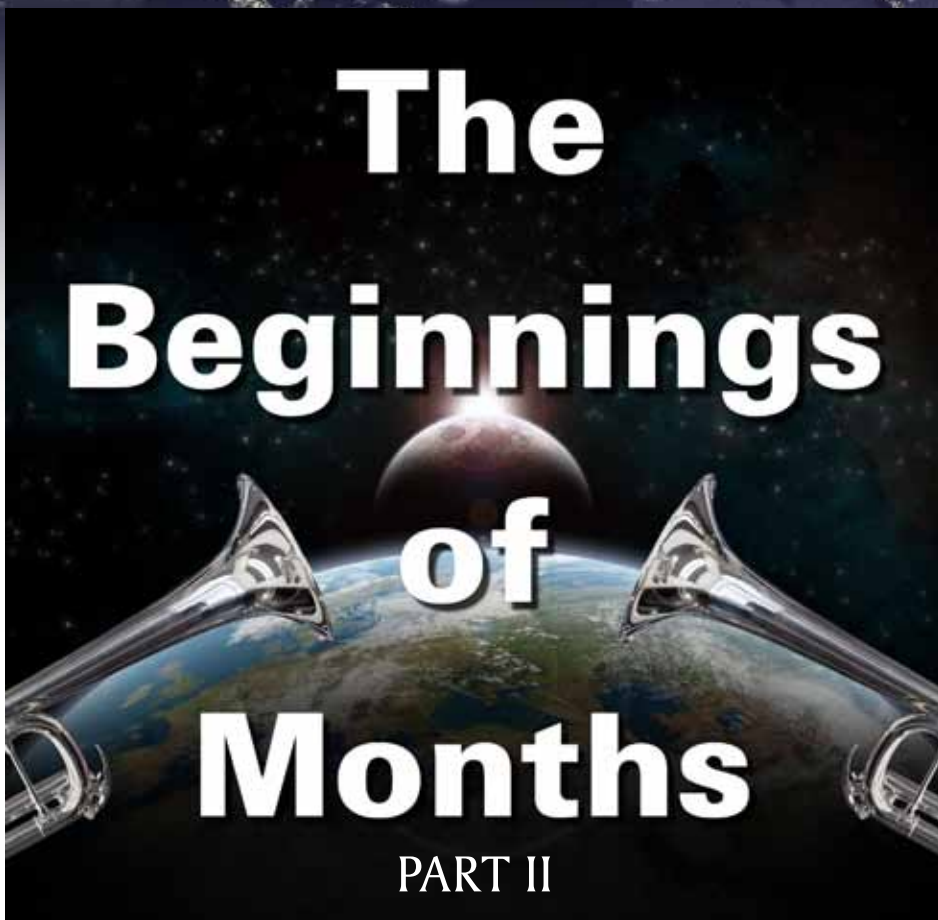
Jesus Christ, the Builder, is constructing the *LATTER HOUSE* now, in the *DAY of the LORD*. Positioning of the pillars is His top priority at this precise moment. Very FEW pillar positions are still available to be filled! Many pillars have failed to withstand the test of time; hence, they are fallen and off-track! However, God, in His grace and mercy, demands replacements. He is calling replacements from the “*streets and lanes of the city*” and from the “*highways and hedges*” (Lk.14:21-23).

The greatest work in New Testament times lies directly ahead! Stalwart pillars must ALL be positioned PRIOR to the grand awakening of the ten virgins, symbolically represented as the woman of Luke 13. If YOU as an individual respond quickly, you will be one of the faithful pillars whom God will use to rescue our sleeping brethren in the *synagogues of Satan*. Remember, God has set aside only a *very thin* space of time for you to act!

If, by any chance, you are a member of one of the scattered “churches of god,” you may be a rare *wise virgin* awakened by the midnight cry NOW, set apart to be an additional laborer in the coming rescue work. What a magnificent and fantastic opportunity our bountiful Father is giving you---once in an eternity! Pursue your *transcendent potential* to be one of His mighty pillars in the Kingdom of God forever!

The REVIVAL of the CHURCH OF GOD will begin very soon! The MASTER BUILDER is inviting YOU to His BUILDING PROGRAM. DON'T BE LEFT BEHIND. BE A PART OF IT! ❖





# The Beginnings of Months

## PART II

By Robert Ardis

At the beginning of His earthly ministry, our Lord Jesus Christ was baptized by John the Baptist. Soon after His baptism He was led by the Spirit of God into the wilderness to fast—to refrain from eating any food or drinking any water—for 40 days and 40 nights. At the end of that terrible ordeal of fasting, Satan the devil came to Him, thinking he could entice Jesus in His physically weakened state to doubt if He really was the Son of God, and thereby cause Him to SIN!

Matthew 4:3 states:

“And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

Jesus, probably looking Satan directly in the eye, quoted from the

Word of God (Deut. 8:3), emphasizing the fact that:

“...Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God (Matt. 4:4).

A little later, in His “Sermon on the Mount,” Jesus declared:

“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be

called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:17-20).

Jesus Christ kept every law of God perfectly. Had He not, He would have sinned, and we would not have a Savior. He was a perfect high priest and a loving Savior. Hebrews 4:15 tells us:

“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

So the question comes to my mind: How could someone claiming to be a follower of Jesus Christ read a plainly stated command in Scripture and yet NOT obey the command? It might seem to be the least of the commandments, but if it comes from the “mouth of God,” it must be obeyed!

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong was undoubtedly God’s end-time apostle and was used by Jesus Christ to proclaim the true Gospel—the Gospel of the Kingdom of God—to the entire world as a witness to all nations. During Mr. Armstrong’s long ministry he instituted the observance of the annual Holy Days, which had not been kept for several hundreds of years. God revealed to him the necessity of observing the Holy Days, but the importance of the *beginnings of months* was NOT given to this servant of God.

Why?

Well, we are not sure, but apparently God wanted to wait until these days—in the Day of the Lord—to reveal to His Faithful Church the importance of observing the *begin-*

nings of months.

Let's begin by reading scriptures that are very likely the same verses Mr. Armstrong studied as he determined the need to observe the annual Holy Days. Notice Numbers 10:10, which records the LAW regarding the Sabbath, the beginnings of months and the annual Holy Days:

“ Also in the day of your gladness [the Sabbath], and in your solemn days [the annual Holy Days], and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I am the LORD your God.

In II Chronicles 2:4, King Solomon makes this statement:

“ Behold, I build *an house* to the name of the LORD my God, to *dedicate* it to him, and to *burn* before him *sweet incense*, and for the *continual shewbread*, and for the *burnt offerings morning and evening*, on the sabbaths,<sup>H7676</sup> and on the new moons H2320 [Remember, “new moons” should be translated as “beginnings of months,” as seen in last month’s article. There it was proven that the Hebrew word, *chodesh*, #2320, means *month* or months not “new moons”], and on the solemn feasts H4150 of the LORD our God. This is an ordinance for ever to Israel.”

Notice! This is the LAW! And this commanded LAW is an ORDINANCE forever! Israel (the true Church, Gal. 6:16) is to observe each Sabbath Day, each beginning of the month, and each of the seven annual Holy

Days—for a MEMORIAL!

The *memorial* takes us back to the **re-creation week** and the **first** seventh day on which God rested, thereby creating the **first Sabbath Day**. God designed that first Sabbath to occur on **the first day of the seventh month!** Thus all three commanded observances were kept on that beginning of the seventh month. The weekly Sabbath, the beginnings of months and the annual Holy Day of the Feast of Trumpets all happened on that seventh day of the re-creation week! The re-creation was completed in the seasonal **time of the seventh month** so that ripening fruits and vegetables would be available for food in the area of Eden. Later, in Moses’ time, the first month (Abib or Nisan) was designated to be the ecclesiastical “beginning of months unto you” (Ex. 12:1-2), but the beginning of the seventh month would always be the date of the completed re-creation. However, the **first day of the seventh month** is recognized as the beginning of the **civil year** and as New Year’s Day. In Moses’ time, it became known as the Feast of Trumpets, but God apparently had all of this in His plan from the very beginning.

The blowing of trumpets is for a “memorial” of the RE-CREATION (from this point on we will label this as the CREATION), and for the future fulfillment of the seven trumpet angels that culminate in heralding the return of Jesus Christ.

But for now, we will concentrate on the MEMORIAL of CREATION! When our forefather Adam was created, God interrupted HIS TIME and gave man 6000 years to go his own way. That time came to an end on October 1-2, 1997, as the DAY of the LORD began! The DAY of the

LORD is an extremely important part of the plan of God. The MEMORIAL of “blowing of trumpets” is an important reminder of ALL that the Sabbath, the “beginnings of months” and the annual Holy Days signify!

Again, it appears from Old Testament scriptures that the importance of the beginnings of months is ranked right along with the weekly Sabbath and the annual Holy Days of God, although the beginnings of months are not considered to be holy convocations or Holy Days. Servile work is also permitted on the beginnings of months! (This will be clearly shown later in this series of articles.)

The beginnings of months have much to do with the MEMORIAL of CREATION. What is it that is memorialized?

We will begin with Genesis 1:14-18:

“ And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

Now, notice a wonderful clue to the meaning of the prophecy in Revelation 12:1 that involves the verses in Genesis 1:14-18. In Daniel 12:2-3,



it is plainly seen that the stars of heaven in Daniel's prophecy symbolize the firstfruits of the first resurrection:

“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. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Now come to Revelation 12:1 to see just what is memorialized:

“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.

A woman in prophecy pictures a church (see Eph. 5:24-32 and Rev.17:3-5). Therefore, the woman in Revelation 12:1 symbolizes the true Church! She is clothed with the sun! The SUN pictures light, truth, righteousness, and goodness—all that comes from GOD (see Isa. 61:10-11 and Psalm 84:11). The true Church is clothed with the brilliance of the Spirit of God the Father, symbolized by the SUN!

The woman is standing on the MOON, which reflects the glory of the SUN. The moon, therefore, denotes the mighty JESUS CHRIST, who is the KEYSTONE of the FOUNDATION on which the true Church stands (see Eph. 2:20). The true Church of Jesus Christ will be made up of 144,000 firstfruits represented as STARS, as Daniel 12:2-3 tells us!

Thus we can see that the weekly Sabbath memorializes God the Father as the Supreme Creator of ALL

that exists (John 1:1-4, 14 and Eph. 3:9, etc.). Two great lights were created and set in the heavens, as recorded in Genesis 1:14-17. The greater light, the SUN, pictures God the Father!

Let's add Revelation 22:1-2 at this point:

“And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

And Hebrews 1:3 from *The Good News Bible*:

“He [Jesus Christ] reflects the brightness of God's glory and is the exact likeness of God's own being, *sustaining the universe with his powerful word*. After achieving forgiveness for the sins of all human beings, he sat down in heaven at the right side of God, the Supreme Power.

The *beginnings of months* picture TIME in a consecutive sequence of 12 months fulfilling a complete year. This requires a SUSTAINER to insure all phases of the solar system involved in the creating and sustaining of a perfect tract of TIME! The Hebrew calendar is a revealed truth given to Adam. Jesus Christ, as the SUSTAINER, maintains complete order and harmony in the relative positions of the sun, moon, earth—and the stars—to keep TIME perfectly.

The beginnings of months picture

Christ as the other great light—the MOON. The moon reflects the LIGHT of the SUN, similar to Jesus Christ reflecting the image of the Father, who is LIGHT and LIFE. Christ has been given *ALL Power in heaven and in earth* to sustain the UNIVERSE (Matt. 28:18).

The annual (yearly) Holy Days picture God's wonderful plan of salvation. The Holy Days are appointed TIMES that are set from the “beginning of the month” (the seventh month) each year. The CGF uses the Hebrew calendar and has this “Holy Day Calendar” available on our website [www.setapartbytruth.org](http://www.setapartbytruth.org).

These observances are a MEMORIAL of the six days of the creation of the earth and all living creatures, including our fore-parents, Adam and Eve. Then, on the next day, the seventh day, the weekly Sabbath was created! Also, during that creation week the seventh day was the beginning of the month—the seventh month, Tishri. The beginning of the seventh month is the annual Holy Day of the Feast of Trumpets!

All three commanded observances are memorials, especially on the years that the weekly Sabbath falls on the beginning of the seventh month—the Feast of Trumpets!

Therefore, that seventh day of the creation week was full of wonderful meaning—a MEMORIAL—that is seen all through the Bible, even to the book of Revelation. As God's people faithfully keep each of these commanded observances, we do it as a MEMORIAL to God our Father, to Jesus Christ our wonderful Sustainer, and to their magnificent PLAN in which 144,000 firstfruits will soon be born into the God family!

Numbers 10:10, Numbers 28:11, I Chronicles 23:31, II Chronicles 2:4 and 31:3, Ezekiel 45:17, and Ezekiel 46:3 and 6 are a few places show-

ing the scriptural observance of the beginnings of months (new moons) being kept in the Old Testament, and also prophecies of them being observed in the World Tomorrow.

Hopefully, after this study of the scriptures regarding the beginnings of months, there should be no doubt about the necessity of observing the "beginnings" just as sincerely as we keep the annual Holy Days or the weekly Sabbath day. In the next installment in this

series, we will look at the New Testament teaching about the beginnings of months. Did Jesus Christ and the New Testament Church observe the beginnings of months? Find out next time!

As we wrote earlier, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong faithfully observed the annual Holy Days for a number of years without understanding their meaning. They were then regarding the Holy Days, as we of the CGF are today in regard to

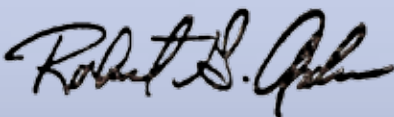
the full meaning of the beginnings of months. We do not understand all aspects of this command, but we will faithfully observe the beginnings of months with the knowledge that God will reveal their full significance when it is time for us to understand. And we can be sure that when we do understand all of their meaning, we will exalt and praise God for the wisdom He has placed in them. ❖

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From the Editor.*

and the historical events that actually occurred around the time of the sightings of those "signs." This important article also lists the known dates for future heavenly signs and the possible prophecies linked to those sightings.

The second installment of "The Beginning of Months" also appears in this issue. It was clearly shown in the first article of this series that God commands in the Holy Bible that the beginning of months is to be observed by the true Church today. Why was this command not followed by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong when he instituted the observance of the annual Holy Days? And what is pictured by the beginning of months? This installment reveals more about this great blessing God has given to His Church!

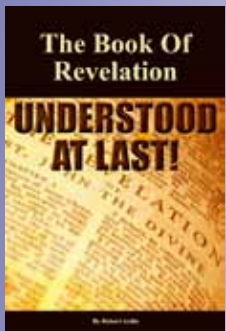
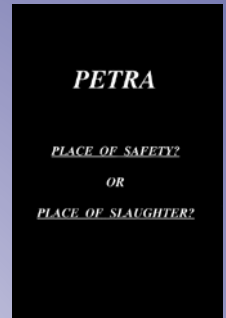
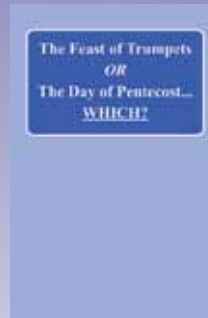
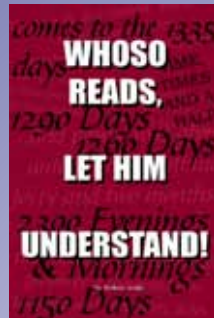
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"Therefore every **scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven** is like unto a man that is an householder, which **bringeth forth out of his treasure things NEW AND OLD.**" (Matt 13:52). (Emphasis ours - KJV)



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## The Faithful Watchman

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### Bank-Run Fears Continue; HSBC Restricts Large Cash Withdrawals

Following research last week suggesting that HSBC has a major capital shortfall, the fact that several farmer's co-ops were unable to pay back depositors in China, and, of course, the liquidity crisis in China itself, news from The BBC that HSBC is imposing restrictions on large cash withdrawals raising a number of red flags.

The BBC reports that some HSBC customers have been prevented from withdrawing large amounts of cash because they could not provide evidence of why they wanted it. HSBC admitted it has not informed customers of the change in policy, which was implemented in November for their own good: "We ask our customers about the purpose of large cash withdrawals when they are unusual... the reason being we have an obligation to protect our customers, and to minimise the opportunity for financial crime."

As one customer responded: "you shouldn't have to explain to your bank why you want that money. It's not theirs, it's yours."

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

Comment: They say, "Money makes the world go round," and lack of money has caused banks to collapse. We can see how fragile our monetary system is when a major bank puts restrictions on receiving your own money.

Banks have come in for a lot of criticism lately concerning how they deal with their customers, and people are becoming quite concerned about whether their money is now "cast iron" safe in their banks as it used to be.

"Lay not up yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and

where thieves do not break through nor steal:

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matt 6:19-21

However, if you do have a little extra money, hiding it under your pillow or floorboards is still a risky option. A bank will still offer the best protection, with perhaps a small interest also, albeit only for a short time into an uncertain future. As the scripture says, better make sure your real money (treasure) is laid up for you in heaven.

### Mother In Indiana Says Her Demon-Possessed Children Were Levitating And "Walking On The Walls"

What would you do if your children were picked up and flung around your house by an invisible force? What would you do if your children started convulsing while "chanting Satanic verses"? The things that a mother in Indiana says happened to her children sound absolutely crazy.

For example, she claims that her 9-year-old son walked up a wall and ceiling backwards while under the power of a demon. Normally people would just call her a lunatic and dismiss her wild allegations, but an official from child services and a nurse were there and saw it for themselves. So how are we supposed to dismiss the testimony of those eyewitnesses? And as you will read about below, that was not the only instance where public officials were able to see for themselves that these children truly were demon-possessed.

The head of the Gary, Indiana police department, Captain Charles Austin, is a believer. According to the Indianapolis Star, he was skeptical at first but now his skepticism is totally gone...

A woman and three children who claimed to be possessed by demons. A 9-year-old boy walking backward up a wall in the presence of a family case man-

ager and hospital nurse.

Gary police Capt. Charles Austin said it was the strangest story he had ever heard.

Austin, a 36-year veteran of the Gary Police Department, said he initially thought Indianapolis resident Latoya Ammons and her family concocted an elaborate tale as a way to make money. But after several visits to their home and interviews with witnesses, Austin said simply, "I am a believer."

Video from the police department investigation has been released, and it is incredibly bizarre.

[http://thetruthwins.com/...](http://thetruthwins.com/)

Comment: Is America obsessed with witchcraft and the occult? The answer seems to be "yes." What with Katy Perry's Illuminati-themed occult ritual performed in front of the whole world, and the fact that witchcraft is the fastest growing religion in America, it appears that never before have the powers of darkness been so popular in America. It is even more shocking that very young children are getting caught up in what some people believe is just harmless fun.

In the Bible the 5th chapter of Galatians records the wonderful fruits that come from the input of God's Holy Spirit in the human mind. These are spiritual gifts given to us by a benevolent God, and are designed to enhance our lives and our dealings with others.

On the other hand the works of the flesh include adultery, fornication, idolatry, hatred, strife, murder and witchcraft! Dealing with the occult and allowing children to do so is perverse in the extreme. One wonders what the next generation are going to be like.

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov 22:6

This proverb works both ways. Good and bad!

## The World's Expectations

MUNICH-In the run-up to the Munich Security Conference, prominent German foreign policy specialists are calling for "German Leadership" in the EU's foreign and military policy activities. It is "the responsibility of the powerful, ... to insure Europe's ability to act," wrote the former German Minister of Defense,

Volker Rühle recently in a newspaper column: "Germany must lead." As the Security Conference's Director, Wolfgang Ischinger, explained, Germany "must massively bring to bear its foreign policy in Europe." Since the beginning of the crisis, "Germany's clout" has grown in the EU, and "so have the world's expecta-

tations on German leadership."

The prerequisites for a German-European global policy seem favorable, since the German government laid the groundwork for integrating France into its foreign policy, last week. As both countries' foreign ministers announced, in the future, they will coordinate closely with one another and even take joint trips abroad.

In this cooperation, Berlin is operating from a position of strength vis à vis Paris - seriously weakened by the crisis - and can presume that it will largely pursue its interests in the framework of this alleged cooperation.

[http://www.german-foreign-policy.com/...](http://www.german-foreign-policy.com/)

Comment: In the book of Revelation John sees a repulsive monster rising up with great power.

"And I... saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns..." Rev 13:1

This is a symbol of great political power shaped in the image of Satan. This Beast is given authority over all the nations, and all people will be forced to worship this superpower of great might. (Rev 13:7-8)

John also then sees another best that represents religious power and is intimately associated with the first beast which has great military and political force. (Rev 13:11-12). This false political and religious system also has tight economic control over those it dominates. Can we see the power of the EU, with strong German leadership increasing to a level pictured to that of this prophecy?

Let us not be fooled. All the sweet talk about the benevolence of this mighty European Empire will melt away as its power increases; that power given away by the unsuspecting member states. It will be a tool of Satan in yet another bid for mastery over the God of the Universe. As before, his futile attempt will be unsuccessful, but not before terrible havoc is unleashed upon this earth.

## Creation smackdown draws massive audience

WASHINGTON — More than 800,000 people watched a clash of world views at the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Ky., on Tuesday night, with evolutionist Bill Nye, known as the "science guy" for his televised science presentations, admitting he doesn't know how "consciousness" came to be.

On the other side of the podium was museum creator Ken Ham, who said the Bible offers an explanation



about that, and many other issues, and suggested they require no more “belief” than a faith in the unobservable premises of evolution.

Near the end of the debate, each was asked what it would take to change his mind about evolution and creation. Nye said he would need “just one piece of evidence.”

Ham responded, “no one would convince him the word of God is not true.”

In perhaps the most compelling moment of the debate, Nye and Ham were confronted with the question. “How did consciousness come from matter?”

Nye replied bluntly with, “I don’t know. That is a great mystery.”

“Bill, I want to say that there is a book out there that does document where consciousness comes from,” Ham said, referring to the Bible, and adding that he believes man was created “in God’s image.”

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

Comment: I would have loved to have seen this debate. On the one side was evolutionist Bill Nye and on the other side was Ken Ham believer in creation. When asked how consciousness (life) came from matter, Mr Nye, the “science guy” said, “I don’t know.” Whereas, Mr Ham directed people to the Bible.

Even a shallow believer in the Bible would surely be better off accepting God’s Word, even if not wanting to obey it, rather than admitting that, “I don’t know” (Where life came from).

It is hard to believe that creation does not require a creator, and yet obviously some people do. There is much comfort in the first chapter of Genesis when we realise and accept that we are modelled after the supreme head and creator of the universe!

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Gen 1:27

## Thames bursts banks as Cameron calls UK floods ‘biblical’

The UK Environment Agency on Monday issued 14 severe - meaning lives (and more than 2,500 homes) are at risk - flood warnings for the Thames in the affluent counties of Surrey and Berkshire to the west of London. Many people in Somerset, one of the hardest-hit counties in the southwest, blame the devastating floods on the failure of the Environment Agency to dredge local rivers.

On Sunday, Communities Minister Eric Pickles joined the attack, suggesting that the government had “perhaps relied too much on the Environment Agency’s advice” on flood prevention. Pickles, a member of Prime Minister David Cameron’s Conservative Party, told BBC TV that “we thought we were dealing with experts.”

On Monday, Chris Smith, the head of the Environment Agency, hit back and accused ministers of having held back vital funds. Smith, a former member of parliament for the Labour Party, said the Treasury had limited the amount the agency could spend on flood management in Somerset.

“When I hear someone criticizing the expertise and professionalism of my staff in the Environment Agency who know more about flood risk management - 100 times more about flood risk management - than any politician ever does, I am not going to sit idly by,” Smith said.

<http://www.dw.de/...>

Comment: We can understand that who those have had their home ruined by flood water are very angry with Chris Smith the head of the Environment Agency who appears to have done very little in flood prevention methods. Experts have pointed out that the dredging of rivers, not done for many years, could have prevented the worst of the floods by carrying the water away. In fact millions of pounds that could have been used by the Agency to clear river beds has been used for setting up a bird sanctuary! The irony is that the bird sanctuary thrives on marshy wet-lands!

For the people affected through this does seem like putting the protection of bird life before that of human life. All the more tragic as human life has been lost due to the floods.

We can also understand why our Prime Minister Mr Cameron calls the floods “biblical.” However, no matter how high the waters rise, God has promised us that they will never again cover the earth as they did in Noah’s time.

“And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall they any more be a flood to destroy the earth. Gen 9:11

Little compensation for those with severe property damage, nevertheless God also promises us a future of peace, prosperity and happiness, devoid of such catastrophes as many suffer with today. We can look forward to that Wonderful World Tomorrow!

## Senate Passes 'Clean' Debt Ceiling Bill

UPDATE (2/12/2014 3:52 PM): The Senate passed the "clean" debt ceiling bill, sending the legislation to President Obama, who is expected to sign it into law. The bill suspends the debt limit until March 15, 2015.

The vote to pass the bill was 55-43. An earlier procedural vote to advance debate passed 67-31, with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and Whip John Cornyn (R-TX) joining mostly Democrats to invoke cloture.

Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas forced the 60-vote procedural vote. Two GOP Senate aides told Breitbart News that McConnell forcefully urged him not to do so at a closed-door meeting yesterday.

According to an analysis by the Senate Budget Committee Republican staff, the national debt will rise to \$18.2 trillion while the debt limit is suspended.

[http://www.breitbart.com/...](http://www.breitbart.com/)

Comment: What happens when you suspend the debt limit? Of course, the debt rises! According to the experts it will rise to 18.2 trillion dollars.

It used to be that one million was a very large number, and it is. Then we had to think in billions. Now, as far as US debt is concerned we must think

in trillions. There may be some confusion on just how big a trillion is. The British trillion is 1 with 18 zero's and the US trillion is 1 with 12 zero's. Whatever way you work it 18.2 trillion dollars is a great deal of money to owe!

The average American citizen should be concerned because it is them which will suffer from this governmental decision the most.

"Can I condone wrong balances and short weights in the trader bag?

Nay; Nay; I will be striking you with ruin for your sins;

You may eat, but you shall never be satisfied, feeling an inward void; you may store, but you shall never save," Micah 6:11-14 (Moffatt)

Until we have God's financial system in place we will continue to suffer under man's inefficient bureaucratic systems in which those in control cream off huge sums for themselves.

Herbert W Armstrong was called Mr 10% because he advocated God's tithing system. This is the future system that will be used by God's Government to the advantage of all. No longer will debt cripple government or individuals.

# The Midnight Cry Has Begun!

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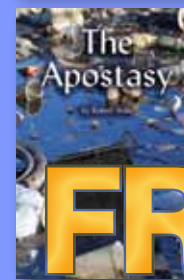
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