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From the Editor ...



The Beginning of Months...Part III

Jesus Christ, the living Word of God, had recently been baptized by John the Baptist and had gone into the wilderness to fast for 40 days and 40 nights. When the fast ended, Satan the devil thought it was the most opportune time to tempt the Son of God. Matthew 4:3 tells us:

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

There was no doubt in Jesus' mind that He was the Son of God and that at His Word the stones would have been turned into nourishing bread. However, He answered the god of this world by quoting the words of Deuteronomy 8:3.

And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

The man of God, Moses, was inspired by God's Spirit to write the first five books of the Bible—a major part of "that which proceeded out of the mouth of God." These books collectively are called "the Law"!

Within the past 18 months the Church of God's Faithful has been inspired to search out the Holy Scriptures in regard to a command that came out of the mouth of God—the truth about the "beginnings of months." In the book of Numbers, the fourth book of the Law, God issues a command that is to be observed forever as a MEMORIAL by Israel.

Also in the day of your gladness [the Sabbath], and in your solemn days [the holy annual sabbaths], and in the beginnings of your_months, H2320 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 (Num. 10:10).

God declared that statement!

In 31 AD when Jesus Christ was killed by the thrust of the Roman soldier's spear, He became the Passover for each of us, removing the need for animal sacrifice. But a sacrifice is still called for:

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Rom. 12:1-2).

Coming back to the Old Testament, we read the following in II Chron. 31:3 and II Chron. 2:4:

He [Hezekiah] pointed also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, to wit, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths^{H7676}, and for the new moonsH2320, ['The new moons' should be translated as 'the NEW MONTH,' #2320, not MOON, #3394] and for the set feastsH4150, as it is written in the law of the LORD (2Chr. 31:3).

Behold, I [Solomon] 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^{H7676}, and on the new moons^{H2320}, and on the solemn feasts^{H4150} of the LORD our God. This is an ordinance for ever to Israel (2Chr. 2:4).

Notice—this is an ordinance FOR-EVER, commanded through the words that proceeded from the mouth of God.

These commands are not only for

Solomon's time and the days of the nation of Israel, but the book of Ezekiel prophesies the commanded observance of the *beginnings of months* in the Kingdom of God—in the wonderful World Tomorrow!

And it shall be the prince's part to give burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the beginnings of your months [the new moons, H2320] and in the sabbaths^{H7676}, in all solemnities^{H4150} of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meat offering, and the peace offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel (Ezek. 45:17).

Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths^{H7676} and in the beginning of the months [the new moons, H2320] (Ezek. 46:3).

And in the day of the beginning of months [new moon, H2320] it shall be a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram: they shall be without blemish (Ezek. 46:6).

This describes activities in the World Tomorrow! Therefore, we see that the **beginnings of months** must be kept as carefully as the Sabbath day is observed! The Sabbath and the beginnings of months are MEMORIALS of the creation. Both are commanded to be kept forever.

As He walked in the flesh, Jesus Christ kept the Sabbath and the annual holy days (See Luke 4:16 and John 7: 37). It is <u>not</u> recorded that He kept the beginnings

of months. But if He had not, He would have been guilty of committing sin and we would not have a Savior. And the Bible declares that Jesus never sinned!

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 (Heb. 4:15).

The apostle Paul writes plainly in Colossians 2:16-17 that the Colossian Church faithfully kept the dietary laws of the Bible, the holy days, the beginnings of months, and the holy Sabbath! Paul was the apostle/minister over the Roman church(es), the Corinthian church(es), the Galatians, the Ephesians, the Philippians, the Thessalonians, the Laodiceans, the Colossians, and probably Troas, Miletus and others. Paul warned in I Corinthians 1:10 that all the churches should speak the same thing.

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Thus you can be sure that if the Colossians faithfully kept the beginnings of months, the other churches under Paul's authority observed the beginnings of months also.

Colossians 2:16 states:

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday^{G1859}, or of the

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God's Frue Church... Set Apart by Truth!

By Robert Ardis

God's true Church, the Church of God's Faithful, is undeniably SET APART by TRUTH. And NEW TRUTH is a powerful identifying sign that Jesus Christ is here today as Head of the CGF. Therefore, a continual flow of new truth has been poured upon us in these nearly 17 years.

As I write, it is July 28th on the Gregorian calendar. It is also the beginning of the 5th month, Av, on God's holy calendar. The names on the Hebrew calendar are not from God, but are supplied by the individuals who labored to preserve the calendar. God calls the months of the year and the days of the week by their consecutive numbers. Only the seventh day is an exception—it is the Sabbath day.

God's true Church has observed the *beginnings of months* for almost a year, as one of the latest new truths revealed to us. Our Lord brought this command to our minds, and unveiled the scriptures that demand the observance of the *beginnings of months*. As a result, we obediently keep them!

Look at II Chronicles 2:4:

Behold, I [Solomon] 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^{H7676}, and on the new moons^{H2320}, and on the solemn feasts^{H4150} of the LORD our God. This is an ordinance for ever to Israel.

Here King Solomon states that the Temple that he was preparing to build would accommodate the sacrificial offerings that would be offered on every morning and evening, and on the Sabbath, the *beginnings of months* (as it should be translated), and the holy day feasts of God! "New moons" is a poor translation of "new months" or "beginnings of months" as defined by *Strong's Concordance*, #2320 in the Old Testament and #3394 in the New Testament.

Notice that Solomon declares that this observance is an **ordinance FOREVER** to Israel! And God's true Church **is** the Israel of God today (Gal. 6:16).

Jesus Christ tells us in the New Testament:

It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God (Matt. 4:4).

Later, Christ inspired the apostle Paul to write to the young evangelist, Timothy, the following words in II Timothy 3:15-17:

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto

salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

When we understand from the Word of God that Solomon's declaration in II Chronicles 2:4 is an ORDINANCE FOREVER for ISRAEL, that should get our attention! And when we add our Lord Jesus' statement in Matthew 4:4 that man should live by EVERY WORD of God, and apply it to Solomon's proclamation, even more credence is given to the command. II Timothy 3:15-17 also tells us that ALL scripture, II Chronicles 2:4 included, is instruction in righteousness!

The Goal of a Christian

These are very dangerous and critical times in which we live. Time is short! All who have been called by God our Father must try to GROW UP into Jesus Christ in ALL things, according to Ephesians 4:15. Jesus was in the very image of the Father and kept all the commandments of God, and did everything that would be pleasing to His Father! John 8:29 tells us this.

And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things

that please him.

Matthew 5:48 makes even more precise how God expects us to become:

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

These verses describe the goal of a Christian, and all effort must be expended to attain this. Yet, we know that of ourselves we can do nothing; so we cry aloud to God to give us His Holy Spirit.

The fruits of God's Spirit are listed in God's Word. One year ago, we began by asking first for wisdom, as Proverbs 4:7 tells us to do:

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

By receiving wisdom, we can better understand the depth of the other fruits. Nine more fruits are listed in Galatians 5:22-23, and two others in Ephesians 5:9, totaling 12 fruits. These characteristics may not be all of the fruits of God's Spirit, but can you think of any more that are not covered by these 12?

The CGF has fervently prayed for the fruits of God's Spirit during this year, as we observed the beginnings of months. We began keeping the beginnings of months in the seventh month of the sacred calendar. The seventh month, Tishri, is recognized as the beginning of the civil year and the memorial of creation! Nisan, the first month, marks the beginning of the ecclesiastical year. The Hebrew calendar begins on Nisan one, but New Years Day is Tishri one, the Feast of Trumpets. The Hebrew year we are currently in is a leap year containing 13 months that will end at the beginning of the seventh month,

September 25, 2014.

The CGF, as a collective BODY, has prayed each month for one of the 12 fruits of God's Spirit.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Here is the system we used...

- 1. 7th month on sacred calendar, Tishri, Sep/Oct—We asked for **Wisdom**.
- 2. 8th month, Cheshvan, Oct/ Nov—**Love**
- 3. 9th month, Kislev, Nov/Dec **lov**
- 4. 10th month, Teveth, Dec/ Jan—Peace
- 5. 11thmonth, Shevat, Jan/Feb— **Longsuffering**
- 6. 12th month, Adar, Feb/Mar— **Gentleness**
- 7. 13th month, Adar II, Mar/ Apr—**Goodness**
- 8. 1st month, Nisan, Apr/May— Faith
- 9. 2nd month, Iyar, Apr/May— **Meekness**
- 10. 3rd month, Sivan, May/June— **Temperance**
- 11. 4th month, Tammuz, June/ July—**Righteousness**
- 12. 5th month, Av, July/Aug— Truth

On the 24th day of the 6th month on the Hebrew calendar—Elul—corresponding to September 19, 2014, the entire Church will fast and pray for the 12 fruits of God's Spirit. We have been asking for the individual fruits all year, but on the 24th of the 6th month we will collectively ask for ALL of the fruits of the Holy Spirit to be given to the CGF so that we can awaken the sleeping churches. How exciting!

More Signs

On the 25th of September, the 7th month, Tishri, will begin. The beginning of the month and the Feast of Trumpets will be celebrated with great excitement and joy on that date! The CGF will celebrate our 18th anniversary and enter the 18th year of a 19-year time cycle that started on October 2, 1997, at the establishment of the Day of the Lord! Now we can excitedly look forward to the possibility of receiving the gifts of signs, wonders and miracles, which are to begin the rescue of the woman/Church held in bondage in the synagogues of Satan.

On October 8, 2014, at the beginning of the Feast of Tabernacles, the "moon will appear as BLOOD" as the second of the Tetrads are predicted to be seen! The "blood moons" appear to be warning signs from our loving God—signs in the heavens—at the beginning of the Feast of Tabernacles. How wonderfully thrilling! The Feast of Tabernacles depicts the Kingdom of God! Do these signs tell us that the Kingdom of God is near and we must continue to WATCH and PREPARE?!

We are God's true Church, and we are identified by the fruit of God's Spirit that is being emphasized this month—Truth! Truth is the 12th fruit that we are carefully examining this year. So, let's ask the question—What IS truth?

What Is TRUTH?

God's Word tells us plainly in John 17:17: "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." The Holy Bible is the Word of God and man is supposed to live by every word that proceeds out of God's mouth.

When I pause and look back at ALL

of the new truth the CGF has been given, it greatly encourages me. Each of us, as members of the CGF, know and fully realize that Jesus Christ is the HEAD of the Church and has continually revealed new truth to us.

II Peter 3:18 contains a vital new truth given to the CGF early on that is so simple to understand, but those of the scattered churches will not accept it as it plainly reads. The scripture states:

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

The CGF teaches that Jesus Christ is the Living Word of God, according to the scriptures:

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 (Jn. 1:1-2).

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth (Jn. 1:14).

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called **The Word of God...** And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS (Rev. 19:13,16).

The scriptures plainly declare that **Jesus Christ** is the **LIVING** Word of God! And the **Holy Bible** is the **WRITTEN** Word of God.

Come back to John 17:17-19 again:

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Paul the apostle was fully aware that the Word of God IS TRUTH!

I Thessalonians 2:13 declares:

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

Let me state this again; Jesus our Lord is the Living Word of God and the Holy Bible is the written Word of God. Therefore, "the knowledge of Jesus Christ" (II Pet. 3:18) is the knowledge contained in the Holy Bible. And that knowledge, or understanding, is TRUTH. "Thy word is truth"!

And when understanding has finally been given for a particular truth that was hidden away in the Bible—when Christ reveals its meaning—He is giving us His "knowledge" of the written Word of God—thus it is NEW TRUTH!

Let me also repeat this statement: "A continuous flow of new truth identifies the one true Church of Jesus Christ!" And that certainly describes the Church of God's Faithful! We have been given the "knowledge" of over 100 new truths since our beginning in October of 1997.

The Little Book—Eaten!

Revelation 10 reveals to us very important new truths that we the CGF must fulfill, and it shows that we will be given much new knowledge—and that we will have great difficulty presenting this new knowledge to the Church and to the world.

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire (Rev. 10:1).

The great Being pictured here is Jesus Christ with all power in heaven and earth given to Him. (Compare Rev.1:13-16 and Ezek. 1:26-28, and request our booklet *The Little Book Unveiled at Last.*)

And he had in his hand a *little book* open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth [worldwide power!] (Rev. 10:2).

And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices" (Rev. 10:3). ("The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy? (Amos 3:8))

And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not (Rev. 10:4).

The seven thunders are not re-

vealed at this time. Perhaps they are messages for the two witnesses. We will have to wait and see.

And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven [See Dan. 12:7], And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer (Rev. 10:5-6).

Time will continue, as the book of Revelation plainly reveals. For example, the Great Tribulation, the return of Jesus Christ for His saints, the binding of Satan for a 1000 years during the Millennium (the Kingdom of God); then Satan's release from his prison and the second resurrection, called the Last Great Day, lasts for another 1000 years. After those days, it will be the time for God the Father to come and make the earth His headquarters!

So, what is meant then by the statement, "Time shall be no longer"?

Very simply, it means rebellious MAN'S TIME is over! Man's allotted time of 6000 years is over and done. God allowed man 6000 years to go his own way, but as of the Feast of Trumpets of 1997, those 6000 years came to an END, and the Day of the Lord began again. From that point, God began to intervene and bring to pass all end-time prophecies. His first major involvement was to release the four horsemen!

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel [the angel of the seventh church, Laodicea], when he shall begin to sound,

the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets (Rev. 10:7).

The great mystery that ONLY the Father knew would become a reality in the days when the Laodicean angel would begin to SOUND! Laodicea began in 1990, but did not SOUND with power until 1997 when Gerald Flurry went to the world with Herbert Armstrong's book, Mystery of the Ages! Mr. Armstrong delivered his final sermon to the WCG membership on the Feast of Trumpets, 1985. Exactly 12 years later, on the Feast of Trumpets, 1997, the CGF began the message of the Kingdom of God is at hand! That message involved "the mystery of God," which was the precise time when the Father would send Jesus Christ back to the earth, secretly, suddenly, "as a thief in the night" to His Temple (See Matt. 24:36-39). Thus, the Kingdom really IS at HAND!

And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter" (Rev. 10:8-10).

This prophecy is for the time in which we are living today. John has been dead nearly 1900 years, so there must be a modern-day John

to fulfill this part of the prophecy. While studying these verses, I bowed my head and asked our mighty God to let me eat the "little book" if it was His will. The realization that the understanding of the book of Revelation, the numbered prophecies of Daniel, and other vital prophecies, was tied to the "digesting" of what the "little book" revealed. Thus, I felt somewhat apprehensive in asking, but I asked for the little book! That was in late 1997, and from that time, truth after truth has been showered upon this small Church. The main connecting new truth received was that the "little book" was the announcement that the Day of the Lord HAD COME, and was an entirely different event from the Day of the Lord's Wrath.

"And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings [This will be done to the full by the ministry of the two witnesses.]" (Rev. 10:11).

Again, I urge you to either download our booklet, *The Little Book... Unveiled at Last!*, or request a copy from the address on the website.

The subject of Revelation 10 continues into chapter 11:

And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the **two olive trees**, and the two candlesticks [Philadelphia and Laodiceal standing before the

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God of the earth" (Rev. 11:1-4).

God's faithful ones will be protected in the place God has prepared (Rev. 12:6), while the two witnesses, who represent Philadelphia and Laodicea--and the WORK of God's true Church--must face the beast and the false prophet.

This month, Av, is the 5th month on the sacred calendar, and it is the twelfth month in which we have come before God specially requesting the separate fruits of God's Spirit. This month we are concentrating on the fruit of TRUTH!

We know that all of the new truth that has been revealed to us is from the Head of the CGF, Jesus Christ. We believe we were told to "eat the little book"—and we did! Since then, truth after truth—the KNOWLEDGE of Jesus Christ—has been poured upon this small Church.

All that the CGF is doing now, and what we have done in the past, is in preparation for the ministry of the two individuals called the two witnesses. They are two prophets of God who will do the greatest WORK ever done in the New Testament! As previously stated, they represent the two end-time eras of the true church—Philadelphia and Laodicea.

This is a TRUTH the CGF has taught since the beginning of our work.

When the modern-day John ate the little book, it was "sweet in his mouth," but became "bitter in his belly." It is sweet to know the meanings of the prophecies, which have been hidden for centuries. But accomplishing those prophecies is not going to be easy—it will be a bitter task. However, it will be done because Christ is directing us and will guide the two witnesses in their ministry, even to their death.

Here is a brief list of some of the wonderful NEW TRUTHS—the "knowledge of Jesus Christ"—that the CGF has been given:

- 1. The Day of the Lord and the Day of the Lord's Wrath are two different events.
- 2. 6000 years of man going his own way came to an end, and the Day of the Lord began on October 1-2, 1997! This began on the Feast of Trumpets and the beginning of: a new month; a new year; and a new 19-year time cycle.
- 3. The books of Daniel and Revelation could NOT be understood until the time of the end came.
- 4. The truth of the 144,000 firstfruits of Revelation 14.
- 5. The identity of the 144,000 Israelites of Revelation 7.
- 6. The identity of the innumerable multitude of Revelation 7.
- 7. The wonderful understanding of the Pentecost resurrection.
- 8. The identity of Laodicea today.
- 9. The identity of the ten virgins of Matthew 25.
- 10. Only the CGF can deliver the "Midnight Cry."
- 11. The truth of Revlation 3:9.
- 12. The identity of the synagogue of Satan.
- 13. Five proofs that Matthew 24:14 was fulfilled by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.
- 14. The probable location of the place of safety.
- 15. Why Satan is allowed to attack the remnant church that keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ (Rev. 12:17).

- 16. Since the entire world will be expecting Christ's coming, due to the ministry of the two witnesses and the sounding of the trumpets angels—especially the sound of the last trumpet, how can Christ return "as a thief in the night"?
- 17. The First Resurrection and our introduction to God, our Father in Heaven.
- 18. The 111 days in Heaven.
- 19. Only Israel is given God's Holy Spirit in the Millennium.
- 20. There are only TWO general resurrections, not three.
- 21. The lake of fire is ignited at the beginning of the Last Great Day, not at the end.
- 22. The Last Great Day is 1000 years, not 100.
- 23. The fate of Satan and his demons.
- 24. Revelation 21 and 22 (coming in booklet form).
- 25. The beginnings of months (coming in booklet form).

TRUTH after TRUTH!

This is all the space I have for listing these wonderful new truths that were not known, or at least not taught, in Mr. Herbert Armstrong's time. But below is a list of our 19 books and booklets that contain the 100+ new truths:

- 1. Elijah's Message to the Philadelphia Church of God
- 2. Bloody Jezreel
- 3. The Day of the Lord—6000 years HAVE Ended!
- 4. The Little Book...Unveiled at Last!
- 5. Petra...Place of Safety? or Place of Slaughter?

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Short Questions & Comments

For the Interest of Former WCG Members

By Robert G. Ardis

Today the entire world is teetering on the brink of total annihilation. Nations and groups of nations are intimidating other nations and groups of nations! Religious hatreds are threatening to suck the world into nuclear chaos. Upset weather is on such a scale that most experts say they have never seen the like before. Upset weather patterns are menacing the world's production of food crops. Earthquakes are occurring in increasing frequency and severity. Horrible diseases, such as Ebola and bubonic plague, are spreading from nation to nation.

The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are in full gallop!

Listed here are 25 questions and comments that touch on the conditions of the world and why it is in such dangerous situations today. Each of us should want to "prove all things and hold fast that which is good" (I Thess. 5:21). Each of us should want to be counted worthy to escape the Great Tribulation that is fast approaching.

With the condition of the world today, how do you answer the following questions and comments?

1. Do you realize that the "man of sin" of II Thessalonians 2 has already come and gone after causing the great "falling away"? If you think the falling away has not happened, just look around at the split and splintered churches that have separated from the

- former Worldwide Church of God (WCG)! If all that division is NOT a great falling away, what is it? Click on our website, given at the end of this article; then click on "Articles," and read our booklet, *The Apostasy!*
- 2. Most ministers split off from the former Worldwide Church of God teach that the "man of sin" (II Thess. 2:3) who causes the great falling away will be the pope of the Roman Catholic Church. However, these ministers are mistaken! They have combined the prophecies of the man of sin of II Thessalonians 2 and the "false prophet" of Revelation 13. The man of sin has already come and gone, and the falling away has already occurred. The Bible plainly teaches that when the false prophet finally comes on the scene, the faithful of God will be in the place of safety, and will certainly not fall away! Read our booklet, The Apostasy!
- 3. Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong died over 28 years ago. At the time of his death there were around 98,000 baptized members in the WCG. But today, when you add up all of the members of the 300+ churches and groups that have come out of the former WCG, it is shocking to see that there has been NO GROWTH in baptized members in these 28 years. In fact, the numbers are greatly diminished! Why?

- For the answer please read our article, "Did HWA Fulfill Matthew 24:14?"
- 4. Why are the brethren of God split and splintered into an estimated 300+ DIVIDED churches and groups? Isn't this DIVISION WRONG? Isn't it a SIN? For the Bible's answers, read the article, "An Open Letter to the Scattered Brethren."
- 5. Who are the members of the synagogue(s) of Satan mentioned in Revelation 3:9? For the Bible's answer, read articles, "An Open Letter to the Scattered Brethren" and "Why Christ Calls Them the Synagogue(s) of Satan."
- 6. Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong believed he fulfilled the prophecy of Zechariah 4:9. Was he an end-time Zerubbabel, and did he complete the spiritual temple? For the Bible's answer, go to our website, select "Videos" from the menu, and view our videos, Five Proofs that HWA Fulfilled Matthew 24:14—Parts I and II.
- 7. Can every person holding fast to all that Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong taught be assured of protection in the *place of safety,* and, ultimately, of salvation? If you believe that, how do you explain Revelation 12:17, where "the remnant" who "keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Christ" must face Satan in the Great Tribulation? Read the article, "Why

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- Christ Calls Them the Synagogue of Satan!"
- 8. Are you warned by your minister that you should NOT read dissident literature from any of the other splits of the former WCG? Do you realize this places you in the same serious situation that members of the Sardis era church were in when they refused to read Herbert W. Armstrong's literature? Their refusal to read led them into becoming spiritually dead (Rev. 3:1-2)! What about you? Read our article, "Why Christ Calls Them the Synagogue of Satan!"
- 9. Do you realize the Bible declares that the ancient, rosered, pagan city of Petra will be a place of SLAUGHTER—NOT SAFETY! See Jeremiah 49:17-18 and Isaiah 34:5-6, and read our booklet, *Petra—Place of Safety? OR Place of Slaughter?*
- 10. Where does the Bible strongly indicate the place of safety will be? Read our article, "Where Is the Place of Safety?" Also, view our video, *Where Is the Place of Safety?*
- 11. Can spirits die? Is it possible for angels or demons to die? The *WORD* (John 1:1-4 and 14) was *SPIRIT*, and the CREATOR OF ALL THINGS, and became Jesus Christ. Yet HE DIED! Thus—spirits CAN die! Prove this statement with your Bible and our article, "Spirits CAN Die."
- 12. Did you know the Bible tells us that Satan will be burned into ashes? Look at Ezekiel 28:15-19, and read our article, "The Fate of Satan and the Demons!"
- 13. Why do you believe the First Resurrection will occur on

- a future Feast of Trumpets while the <u>Feast of Firstfruits</u> clearly pictures this longed-for event of the "early harvest"? Read our booklet, *The Feast of Trumpets OR The Day of Pentecost...Which?*
- 14. At Passover, haven't you been taught that, as we partake of the unleavened bread representing Christ's broken body, our physical sins are forgiven? And we have been taught that, as we drink the wine at Passover, symbolizing Jesus' shed blood, our spiritual sins are forgiven. If you believe these statements, you are seriously mistaken! All sins, physical and spiritual, are forgiven through the blood of Jesus Christ. See Ephesians 1:7; Revelation 1:5; I John 1:7. Also read the booklet, The Plain Truth about God's Healing!
- 15. What purpose did the brutalization of Christ's body have for a true Christian today? See Hebrews 10:19-20; Matthew 27:51; John 6:51; I Peter 2:24; and read *The Plain Truth about God's Healing!*
- 16. The Bible plainly teaches that there will be only TWO general resurrections—not THREE! See Daniel 12:2; John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; Revelation 20:5 and 12-15. Request or download our booklet, *The Deep Things of God*.
- 17. Do you know that only Israel will have access to God's Holy Spirit during the Millennium? Check it out! There is not a single scripture in the Bible indicating that God's Spirit will be available to the Gentiles in the Millennium! They will receive

- the KNOWLEDGE of God's ways, as ancient Israel did, but not His Spirit. Request or download our booklet, *The Deep Things of God!*
- 18. The Bible plainly states that, at the First Resurrection, there will be ONLY 144,000 firstfruits—no more—no less! Read Revelation 14:1-5, and BELIEVE the Word of God. Then download our booklet, *The Deep Things of God!*
- 19. Are the 144,000 firstfruits of Revelation 14:1-5 the same as the 144,000 <u>Israelites</u> of Revelation 7:1-8? Definitely NOT! See our article, "The Identity of the 144,000 Israelites."
- 20. The Bible states that, "A day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years is as one day" (II Pet. 3:8). Why have you believed that the Last Great Day lasts only 100 years? Read our booklet, *The Deep Things of God*, which explains from the Bible, why we believe that the Last Great Day lasts for 1000 years!
- 21. What has happened to God's Church today? The Bible repeats over and over that God's people are led astray by their shepherds. Do you believe that? Jeremiah 50:6 states it very concisely: "My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray..." Is your minister one of those shepherds? Read our revealing booklet, *The Midnight Cry*, for the answer.
- 22. Did you know that 6000 years of man's allotted time of going his own way ended on the Feast of Trumpets, 1997? And did you know a new 19-year time cycle began on that same date?

Has Christ given this 19-year time cycle for the true Church to have the Bride of Christ prepared for Him? As of August 2014, do we have ONLY 2 years left to finish the preparations?

- 23. Revelation 10:6 states, "... time shall be no longer"! What does this mean? The book of Revelation shows that, after chapter 10, the time of the two witnesses and the Great Tribulation comes about, followed by the 1000 years of the reign of Christ. After the millennial reign, the 1000 years of the Last Great Day will occur, followed by the Father coming to the earth. Therefore, the statement, "time shall be no longer" is referring to man's time, which ended when 6000 years since the creation of Adam ended on the Feast of Trumpets, 1997. The Day of the Lord came as a thief in the night nearly 17 years ago!
- 24. Do you know the Bible teaches that the First Resurrection occurs on a future Feast of Firstfruits—PENTECOST—NOT on the Feast of Trumpets? And do you know that the 144,000 resurrected firstfruits will NOT

return to the earth until approximately 111 days after the First Resurrection, when the King of Kings and Lord of Lords comes to reign over Planet Earth? Read our eye-opening booklet, 7 Visions of Revelation 14!

25. Are you aware that the apostle John is already in the Day of the Lord in verse 10 of Revelation 1? Haven't you been taught that the Day of the Lord does not occur until after the Great Tribulation and the heavenly signs? Read our revealing booklet, The Day of the Lord...6000 years HAVE Ended!

You will find the amazing answers to these 25 subjects in the booklets and articles suggested for each one. All are available at our website, www.setapartbytruth.org. Or you may request them by writing to us at the address on the last page of this magazine.

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new moon^{G3561} [This should be translated 'month' instead of 'moon'] or of **the sabbath**^{G4521} days...

Strong's Concordance defines the Greek word translated as #3561, "new moon," as follows:

Feminine of a compound of G3501 and G3376 (as noun by implication of G2250); the festival of new moon: - new moon.

Now notice that the correct definitions from *Strong's* of G3501 and G3376 have nothing to do with the moon:

A primary word, including the comparative (second form); "new", that is, (of persons) youthful, or (of things) fresh; figuratively regenerate: - new, young" (G3501).

A primary word; a month: - month (G3376).

The translators should have known better, but appear to have succumbed to their tradition and used "new moon" instead of "new month"!

One other important point from Colossians 2:16:

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new month...

This tells us that the beginning of months is NOT a holy day—but it is to be observed! Therefore, if it is not a holy day, it must be a HOLI-DAY—a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing to our great God who wants the very best for us!



Did you know that the whole book of Revelation is a vision of the Day of the Lord?

Revelation 1:10 states:

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The "day" belonging to "the Lord".

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And ALL of these days will be kept during the reign of Christ in the World Tomorrow—therefore, there should be **no doubt** as to the necessity of us FAITHFULLY observing ALL of these COMMANDED LAWS TODAY! Let's **rejoice** that God has revealed them unto us! And remember—observing the *beginnings* of months is an ORDINANCE FOREVER to ISRAEL!

Your brother in Christ,



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- 15. The Apostasy
- 16. The Book of Revelation Understood at Last!
- 17. 7 Visions of Revelation 14
- 18. Revelation 21 and 22 (almost ready for printing)
- 19. The Beginnings of Months (almost ready for printing)

God has blessed this tiny Church! He has showered us with the FRUIT of TRUTH! We are SET APART by TRUTH! Truth is an identifying SIGN of the true Church! Let me repeat: next month, on the 24th day of Elul (Friday, September 19) the CGF will fast and pray that the 12 fruits of God's Holy Spirit will be given to us, as well as the gifts of miracles, signs and wonders to authenticate the truths we are proclaiming.

With the same POWER that was given to the 12 apostles and the 70 disciples during Jesus' ministry, the CGF will thunder forth the MIDNIGHT CRY that "the Bridegroom HAS COME" in the Day of the Lord. The wise of the scattered churches will awaken quickly and come to us to be taught the truth that Christ has given us. Revelation 3:9 will then be fulfilled! The two witnesses worldwide ministry will begin!

We will be watching world events, including the second BLOOD MOON, at the beginning of the Feast of Tabernacles this year. We will have entered the 18th year of a 19-year time cycle that began as the Day of the Lord began, on the Feast of Trumpets, 1997.

Jesus' parable of the crippled woman who had been in bondage to Satan for 18 years (Luke 13:10-17) is possibly a prophecy about the scattered churches of the former WCG. They are currently snared in the synagogue(s) of Satan, but may soon be freed from bondage through the knocking of the CGF, empowered by Jesus Christ. We will have to WATCH and WAIT and be READY!

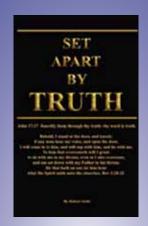
Exactly how the rescue work will take place, I am not sure. But I do know it will happen! God's Word declares that our work shall be done and God's Word is TRUTH! Jesus Christ is with us. He is with His true Church, and we can say, as

King David said:

Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy commandments are truth (Ps. 119:151).

The "little book" has been eaten, and its contents have been mostly digested; therefore, all nations will soon know that the **God of Truth** will return visibly to rule the earth in RIGHTEOUSNESS.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone. Teach me thy way, O LORD; I WILL WALK IN THY TRUTH: unite my heart to fear thy name. I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore (Ps. 86:9-12). ❖





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Obama ready to strike at Islamic State militants in Syria, he tells policy experts

President Obama is prepared to use U.S. military airstrikes in Syria as part of an expanded campaign to defeat the Islamic State and does not believe he needs formal congressional approval to take that action, according to people who have spoken with the president in recent days.

Obama discussed his plans at a dinner with a bipartisan group of foreign policy experts this week at the White House and made clear his belief that he has the authority to attack the militant Islamist group on both sides of the Iraq-Syria border to protect U.S national security, multiple people who participated in the discussion said. The move to attack in Syria would represent a remarkable escalation in strategy for Obama, who has sought during his presidency to reduce the U.S. military engagement in the Middle East.

Administration officials have been working in recent days to enlist the support of the nation's political establishment to help sell their strategy to the American public, which Obama will address in a prime-time speech Wednesday night. The president met with the top four congressional leaders Tuesday, while his aides held briefings on Capitol Hill.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/...

Russia successfully tests nuclear missile, more planned: navy chief

(Reuters) - Russia carried out a successful test of its new Bulava intercontinental nuclear missile on Wednesday and will perform two more test launches in October and November, the head of its naval forces said.

The armed forces have boosted their military training and test drills since the start of the conflict in

eastern Ukraine, which Russia considers in its traditional sphere of influence.

The 12-meter long Bulava, or mace, has undergone numerous tests, some successful, and can deliver an impact of up to 100 times the atomic blast that devastated Hiroshima in 1945.

Naval Commander-in-Chief Admiral Viktor Chirkov said the test launch had been carried out from the White Sea and that the test missile had hit its target in Russia's far east.

"In October and November of this year, the naval fleet will carry out two more launches with two rocket cruisers equipped with ballistic missiles," Interfax quoted Chirkov as saying.

A Bulava missile weighs 36.8 tonnes and can travel 8,000 km (5,000 miles) and hold 6-10 nuclear warheads.

http://www.reuters.com/...

California's Drought Has Reached a Grave New Milestone

The residents of the San Joaquin Valley are facing an ominous crises due to California's drought. Unlike most communities in the drought stricken state, the unincorporated town of East Porterville isn't just running low on water. For some residents, they've completely run out.

At least 182 of the 1400 households in the town have run out of well water, prompting the county to provide 12 gallons of water for each resident that is facing water scarcity. With the help of the Red Cross, the bottled water was supplied at the cost of 30,000 dollars, and is expected to last 3 weeks. For some residents, the shortage is just too much.

East Porterville resident Angelica Gallegos fought back tears as she described being without water for four months in the home she shares with her husband, three children and two other adults.

"It's hard," she told The Bee. "I can't shower the chil-

dren like I used to."

Farmworker Oliva Sanchez said she still gets a trickle from her tap, but dirt started coming out with the water about a week ago.

"I try to use the least possible. I'll move if I have to," she said.

If you can believe it, the number of properties with dry wells may in fact be higher. Some residents are afraid to report these issues for fear of being evicted by their landlords, or possibly having their kids taken away by CPS.

http://www.thedailysheeple.com/...

Comment: Our merciful God warns us in many ways that we are turning away from Him and His Laws. The whole world is steeped in sin, and America as a powerful world leader does not excel in the moral high ground. Elsewhere is the headline, "Americans vulnerable to starvation."

It is a curse to be short of food and water, and although Californians are no worse (or better) than others Americans the warnings are for all!

"For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken, cisterns, that can hold no water." Jer 2:13

Perhaps a shortage of these life giving commodities will turn Americans to their God, the God they profess to trust in. I won't hold my breath.

"O God, thou art my God: early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;" Psm 63:1

Arrest warrant issued for Santa Barbara TB patient

LOS ANGELES -- A Santa Barbara man with a contagious case of drug-resistant tuberculosis was wanted on an arrest warrant Friday so he can complete treatment, health officials said.

Agustin Zeferino, 24, discontinued treatment for the disease two weeks ago, Santa Barbara County Health Department officials said. Zeferino poses a serious health risk to anyone who comes in contact with him, the department said.

"We do everything we can to enable and give patients incentives to be compliant with receiving treatments," said Charity Thoman, the tuberculosis controller for Santa Barbara County. "This is the most dangerous form of tuberculosis and it can be life-threatening if it goes untreated."

Drug-resistant tuberculosis is a highly contagious and rare form of the disease that can be spread by coughing or sneezing.

It is the second time in the past month that California health officials issued a warrant for a TB patient refusing treatment, though the move is extremely rare. Eduardo Rosas Cruz, 25, was arrested last month in Fresno after refusing treatment.

http://www.sacbee.com/ ...

Comment: This is yet another case of a contagious disease that could spiral out of control. We have heard a lot about the Ebola disease that has killed over 1200 so far.

All these are the beginning of sorrows" Matt 24:8

One of these sorrows is pestilence, which is an infectious and contagious disease which is usually fatal. Matt 24:7. Luke 21:11 and Rev 6:8, which represents the 4th Seal.

Certainly, death and Hades rides the Pale Horse, and it only takes one virus to get control for this terrifying prophecy to be fulfilled in all its gory detail!

All the major nations are on the alert, and they appear at the moment to have things under control with enough drugs at the ready. However, it is debatable whether this world is adequately equipped to deal with this problem, but of course enforced isolation or restriction of movement to prevent these diseases from spreading is a very sensible thing to do. That may hold back the Pale Horse for a little longer, even though our sorrows continue!

'Harbinger' author says loss of 'Tree of Hope' a warning

The author of "The Harbinger," the inspiration behind the "Isaiah 9:10 Judgment" documentary, says the seventh harbinger is no more.

A tree that was placed at the site of the 9/11 Muslim terror attack in New York City has died, has been removed, and destroyed.

"Harbinger" author Jonathan Cahn says it's because of his book that the tree will not be replaced.

His work examines the nine harbingers, or warnings, recorded in the Bible that were delivered to Israel before the nation disintegrated. He contends God is giving the same nine warnings now to America to urge the nation to repent.

One of the harbingers was a sycamore tree at Ground Zero, which after the destruction of the Twin Towers was replaced by an evergreen, a move Cahn believes follows the Isaiah prophecy.

Now the replacement tree is gone, he said.

"The ancient sign of nearing national judgment has been manifested. The erez tree has fallen. The seventh harbinger now speaks of impending judgment. The Tree of Hope, the symbol of America's resurgence ... is dead," he explained.

"The keepers of the Tree of Hope did everything they could to save the withering tree. They even changed the soil in which it grew. But no matter what they did, the tree continued to wither away and die," said Cahn.

http://www.wnd.com/...

Comment: Yet another dramatic warning to America, and the world, that their ways are not right with God. It is significant that the tree was planted with great fanfare and yet removed with little notice given. It is like they are trying to play this down to convince themselves that these prophecies will not come to pass.

The ostrich is alleged to bury its head in the sand to escape danger. Could those who refuse to accept reality be imitating this posture and hoping the danger will go away?

God's Church has been at the forefront of warning this world of its evil ways and the result of not heeding the words of the Bible. Yet, as also Mr Cahn points out God gives warning after warning before He puts the penalty in motion.

"Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying.

Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." Amos 3:1, 7

God does reveal to us the coming punishment for our sins. He also reveals to us the way to avoid that punishment. The question remains, who will heed the many warnings?

Vatican Advocates Military Action in Iraq

Military intervention in Iraq may be the only way to stop the genocide against the country's Christian minority by the Islamic State (formerly the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, or ISIS), a senior Vatican diplomat says.

"At this moment, we hope the voice that is surging from different Christian and religious communities, from moderate Muslims, from people of good will around the world, may find the response of concrete humanitarian assistance that is provided for the Christians in northern Iraq as well as some political and even effective military protection," Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, the Vatican's permanent observer to the United Nations told Vatican Radio.

This marks the first time a Vatican official has supported military action of any kind in recent memory. Pope John Paul II condemned the 2003 invasion of Iraq and the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

"They are using the sword to cut off hand[s] and also beheading other[s] so I don't think this is the behavior of human beings, but wild animals do that," an Iraqi Christian refugee told CBN News.

Islamic State terrorists have looted the Christians' possessions – everything from dentures to wedding rings – leaving them destitute. Churches have been burned or converted into mosques. Ancient Christian manuscripts also have been burned, and Christian symbols have been desecrated.

"They are killing our people in the name of Allah and telling people that anyone who kills a Christian will go straight to heaven," Archbishop Toma Dawod of the Syrian Orthodox Church told U.K.'s The Guardian newspaper following the fall of Qaraqosh, which had been Iraq's largest Christian city, to the Islamic State.

http://www.breitbart.com/...

Comment: When the Vatican advocates military action in Iraq and some comparing the threat with the Third Reich we know we are in the latter days when peace will be taken from the earth in a devastating way. There are many cries for peace but there is no peace.

"Destruction and misery are in their ways:

And the way of peace have they not known" Rom 3:16-17

On an individual level, when an oppressor threatens your home, your life and your family, you will not stand by and let it happen. Similarly, a country cannot just do nothing whilst another country issues threat after threat and complains about even their right to exist!

So, we can never have peace while the heart of man is desperately wicked; and that is the heart of all men. Even when we look for peace, none can be found.

"We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!" Jer 8:15

We can be thankful that the Prince of Peace will soon usher in peace that will be lasting and over the whole earth.

As Obama Broadens Iraq Goals, Escalation Seems Inevitable

President Obama's goals in Iraq continue to grow

every time he gives a speech, and the shifting sands are giving hawks more ammo in their constant push to escalate the new US war as much and as quickly as possible.

Obama's goals have gone from protecting Irbil to protecting Irbil and Baghdad, and now to prevent the creation of an Islamic caliphate in Iraqi territory, as well as keeping all "strategic" sites in the nation from ISIS control. That's a big shift, in only about 72 hours since he announced the war.

Retired Gen. Carter Ham today insisted that the latest US goals are going to be "very difficult" to pull off with only the 108 warplanes involved in the air campaign, and will likely require troops on the ground.

President Obama has insisted that ground troops aren't being considered, but the credibility of that claim is very much in doubt, given the 2,000 US Marines already stationed just offshore, and the Air Force analysts saying 15,000 ground troops will be needed just the support the current air war, which the administration insists will be a "long campaign."

http://news.antiwar.com/...

Comment: The Islamic revolution gains pace. The West should be very concerned. This IS (Islamic State) have found it easy to take over Iraq because Iraq is a failed state with a dysfunctional government. Its army not only ran away, but left behind its weapons to be seized by the IS, many given by the Americans and are

therefore of the highest quality.

Islamic State is not interested in the destruction of a racial or national group. It is interested in religion, in its own very extreme brand of Sunni Islam. To those ends it engages in forced conversions, looting, driving people out of their homes and country, and, worst of all, killing those it considers infidels.

The West still refuses to acknowledge that in this region, religious revolution is a far greater evil than undemocratic government.

The Bible predicts that a huge army of 200 million men will come from the east and advance on the Holy Land. Whatever the West does now it will not stop this happening, and the Islamic revolution could be the formation of this massive army.

"And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden alter which is before God,

Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates...

And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them." Rev 9:13-16

The Midnight Gry Has Begun!

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