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## From the Editor ...



It seems that the older I get, the faster time flies by. I'm not yet accustomed to the year 2015, and now we are entering another year.

How was this past year for you? These are certainly dangerous and violent times. But even in these evil days, did we make progress in our Christian life? Did we grow to be more like our Savior this past year? Did we become more righteous this year? How much do we resemble Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

The Holy Bible tells us in no uncertain terms that we are to "grow up into Christ in ALL things" (Eph. 4:15)! We are not to compare our righteousness with others', but we are told to compare ourselves to our Lord Jesus Christ (II Cor. 10:12). Each year, we of the Church of God's Faithful (CGF) ask God in prayer to give us the fruits of His Holy Spirit. Then, through the Holy Spirit, we could emulate our Lord in our actions and attitudes, in a renewed effort to grow in true righteousness.

Twelve of the fruits of the Spirit are listed in God's Word, beginning with wisdom, as Proverbs 4:7 states: "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding."

In Galatians 5:22-23, nine fruits are listed. They are love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. The other two fruits, righteousness and truth, are recorded in Ephesians 5:9, giving us a total of twelve.

We, the CGF, fervently beseeched God to allow these fruits to be manifested in our everyday thoughts and actions, thereby "growing up into Christ in ALL things." As this happens, others should be able to see Christ in us. Has this been the case this past year? Can people see Jesus Christ in us?

Following the Bible's direction, when we asked God to give us the fruits of His Spirit, we had faith that it would be done. God is FAITHFUL, and His called and chosen people must be FAITHFUL, too (Heb. 11:6 and Rev. 17:14). As God was pleased with Solomon for asking for wisdom to be a righteous king, He must have been pleased with us for sincerely asking for more of His Spirit so that we could become more like the soon coming King of Kings, Jesus Christ.

Luke 11:9-13 contains Christ's instructions for prayerfully asking in faith for something:



And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any

of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

## Those of Good Report

I have stated quite a few times that I believe we of the CGF have as much or even MORE faith than many of the righteous characters of the Old and New Testaments! I said this with the biblical knowledge that many of the people listed in the "Faith Hall of Fame" of Hebrews 11 had seen, heard, or had some kind of direct access to the Eternal God or His angel or angels. Having visual contact or speaking directly with God would most definitely strengthen a person's faith.

Consider Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, Solomon, Daniel and the other Old Testament prophets who had direct encounters with Almighty God and/or His angels. These encounters naturally impressed upon the minds of these chosen servants of God that "*he that cometh to God must believe that he is*" (Heb. 11:6)!

## A Brief Review

I have not seen God or heard His voice. But I have, on many occasions, felt His presence and have been directly guided by His Spirit to certain verses of Scripture that He wanted me to apply in my life. The CGF is God's true Church, and we use the Holy Bible, through which Christ speaks to us.

II Peter 3:18 is a wonderful verse that contains one of the many new truths given to the CGF. This truth has been extremely important to the true Church, even since the beginning of the Philadelphia era under God's servant, Herbert W. Armstrong.

When Mr. Armstrong was called and given the commission to take the true Gospel of the Kingdom of God to the world as a witness, the world lay in spiritual darkness. The Sardis era Church was as described in Revelation 3:1-6, practically dead. Most of the truth it had received from the Thyatira era had been lost, except the knowledge of the Sabbath, the true Passover, and limited understanding of God's annual Holy Days.

II Peter 3:18 tells us:

“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.

And that is what the Church did! It GREW in grace and in the KNOWLEDGE of Jesus Christ! For 55 years, Christ guided Herbert Armstrong, revealing to him new truths to help him faithfully complete the work of proclaiming the true Gospel to all nations, and prepare a people for God as the Body of Christ, His true Church (Matt. 24:14 and Luke 1:17).

## The Word of God

The Holy Bible is the WRITTEN Word of God, and Jesus Christ is the LIVING Word of God (See John 17:17, John 1:1-4 and Rev. 19: 11-13). Herbert Armstrong was the *restraining force* that withheld "the mystery of iniquity" mentioned in II Thessalonians 2:6-7. Mr. Armstrong has been dead for 28 years,

and prophecy has marched on! The "man of sin" (II Thes. 2:3) has already come and sat in the Temple of God as the chosen leader of the Worldwide Church of God (WCG), and he has caused the *great falling away from truth*.

Gerald Flurry was raised up to lead the Laodicean work of Jesus Christ and to reveal the apostasy in the WCG. But, as predicted in Revelation 3:14-20, the Philadelphia Church of God (PCG) became a lukewarm church doing Mr. Flurry's work instead of the work of God.

However, God had reserved a few faithful brethren to carry on the Philadelphia work of the sixth candlestick of Revelation 3:7-13. And they were ready (although they did not know it) for the Day of the Lord and the secret coming of Jesus Christ as "a thief in the night" (II Pet. 3:10). This happened 12 years after Mr. Armstrong gave his final message to the WCG at the Feast of Trumpets 1985! The Gospel of the Kingdom of God had been successfully proclaimed to the world as a witness to all nations. Now it was time for the message, "The Kingdom of God is at hand," to go out in power!

On the Feast of Trumpets 1997, the Day of the Lord came as a thief in the night, and the living Christ came suddenly to His Temple (Mal. 3:1). A new 19-year time cycle also began on that date on the sacred Hebrew Calendar and we have now come to the 19<sup>th</sup> year of this time cycle. Has God given us this one 19-year period to get the bride of Christ ready for her Husband? If He has, we have much work to do.

There was much NEW TRUTH to be revealed as that time cycle began. And new truth, the KNOWLEDGE of Jesus Christ, has been continu-

ally poured upon God's faithful Church as an identifying sign of the true Church. We are SET APART BY TRUTH! And where TRUTH is—that is where Christ will be!

Truth identifies us, but most begotten brethren snared in the synagogues of Satan refuse to examine the new truth that Christ has revealed to the CGF. This is why I asked at the beginning of this article, "Are you a righteous person? Do we resemble Christ to the point that others can see Christ in us?"

Well, the answer is NO! Our scattered brethren do not recognize us as the one true Church. That is the reason we have beseeched God our Father to give us the fruits of His Spirit, that Jesus Christ might be manifest in us.

## The Awakening Nears!

The scattered churches are sound asleep spiritually, as symbolized by the ten virgins of Matthew 25:1-13. They are going to be awakened at the midnight hour by the thunderous cry that "the Bridegroom has come." The cry is going out even now as you are reading *The Midnight Cry* magazine, but not in the POWER that it will be THUNDERED forth. Christ is in charge, and the POWER to awaken them will be given to us in His time. Just as Jesus did in His earthly ministry through miracles, signs and wonders (Matt. 4:24-25), He will do with us. He changes not (Mal. 3:6)!

Remember how He gave to the 12 apostles and then to the 70 disciples the same fantastic POWER in Matthew 10:7-8:

“ And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers,

raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

This is a sure thing. Revelation 3:9 will be fulfilled, and I still wonder whether we have only a little less than two years to complete our work of preparing the bride!

As of now, the CGF is tiny and without strength (Rev. 3:8). We have kept God's Word patiently and we are filled with faith—but we have asked for more. We walk by FAITH—not by sight!

## More to Learn

I am a sick, old man and it is difficult even to write this article. But there have been vital lessons I've needed to learn, and I think I have learned most of them through my trials of illness. The main point, in my opinion, that I needed to learn was compassion for others in their trials. Therefore, unless there are other things I need to learn, I look forward to the healing that God is going to do for me soon, and for all of us in the CGF. Then, with that wonderful experience, we will be able to go out with the POWER of miracles, signs and wonders, along with compassion and new truth to awaken and make ready the WISE of the scattered brethren.

I have been afflicted with cancer of the bone marrow for seven years. It has been a "thorn in my flesh"! I have admired the apostle Paul for his outstanding attitude concerning his thorn in the flesh. Paul had been given much revelation, but he felt hindered by his affliction. We read of his example in II Corinthians 12:7-10:

“ And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was

given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, *lest I should be exalted above measure*. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, *My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness*. Most gladly therefore will I rather *glory in my infirmities*, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. *Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake*: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

For quite a while I wrestled with these verses. I knew my faith was strong—it is a gift from God—but to "glory in my infirmities" and "take pleasure in" all my trials and troubles was more than I could honestly claim. That really bothered me! I talked to God in prayer about this, asking Him to give me the same attitude that Paul had so that I could actually take pleasure in my sickness. I knew if I could do this, I would not only be imitating Paul, but I would be imitating Christ and would be an example of growing in righteousness—growing up into Christ.

## The Answer from God's Word

God heard my prayer and showed me that perhaps I really am as the apostle Paul was. I was just not putting the facts together correctly. Now let's read some of Paul's later writings in the book of Hebrews, chapter 12, verses 4-11, where he makes his statement of "taking pleasure in infirmities" more easily understood.

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You could say, “To blow on something to cool it down. A process, not yet necessarily cold, but LUKE-WARM.” We must not allow this to happen to us; in all things we must have perseverance. In Herbert W. Armstrong’s book, *The Seven Laws of Success*, the sixth law is perseverance, that is, endurance. Or, as Mr. Armstrong put it, STICK-TO-IT-IVENESS.

We must expect trials in our Christian life, and we must prepare ourselves to endure, because God allows us to suffer at times.

“ If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons, for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? (Heb. 12:7).

The apostle Paul was even happy to suffer many hardships for God’s people (2 Tim. 2:1-3, 9-10). “Never give in!” declared Winston Churchill in his famous address at Harrow school on October 29th 1941:

“ Never give in, never, never, never, never – in nothing, great or small, large or petty – never give in, except to convictions of honour and good sense.

Over the years, many who seemed to be converted and who joined the fellowship of God’s Church have for various reasons left us. They failed to endure. Christ knew this would happen, but we all must realize that the trials of this end-time are devised so we can build the character God wants, and for the very purpose of sifting the quitters from among us.

Christ told Simon Peter that Satan desired to sift him as wheat. Christ knew what was to come on Peter, and He prayed for him. Peter denied that he knew Christ, but he

came through this trial—he repented and did not quit.

Each of us probably knows someone, or perhaps many who have left the sanctuary of God’s true Church. What happened to these once fully dedicated people of God? We have seen that it is because of iniquity, i.e., sin. They took their eyes off the ball; the cares of this world ensnared them; or they simply became weary of well-doing. There are probably as many reasons as there are people. However, the main reason is disobedience to God’s Law. God said He would never leave us or forsake us. So why do we leave God?

Some have left God’s Church completely, gone into the world, even into mainstream religion. Some attend one of the many WCG split-off groups that can be tailor-made to what you want in a church. Unfortunately, this can be a long way from what God wants for you. There is a way that SEEMS right to a man!

Think about this: Did you think that coming into the true Church of God would end your problems? And when that didn’t happen, did you seek a church group that fitted your criteria, a church made in your image? If so, you had better wake up. The “midnight cry” is going out. Jesus Christ’s parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25 lists four groups of God’s called and chosen ones who must qualify to be counted worthy to be taken to the place of safety and then to participate in the marriage of the Lamb. (Send for our booklet, *The Midnight Cry*, for details on this subject).

Our great God is measuring the inner court. He wants to strengthen our spiritual muscles. Those who continue to do the rounds of the split-off groups are looking for

doctrines that suit them, rather than the two-edged sword of the Word of God. They have stopped trembling at God’s Word. They have failed to hold fast—they have failed to endure. We need to be like God—we need to endure.

“ And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness. The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee... But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment (Ps. 9:8-10,7).

This word “endure,” as applied to God, is slightly different in meaning from the word that applies to us. God doesn’t have to undergo or bear trials, have fortitude, persevere, suffer, in order to build character. But God does endure. The same Hebrew word occurs in Psalms 102:11-12.

“ My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass. But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

God will always continue, remain, and stand firm and fast.

“ They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yes, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed (Ps. 102:26).

Here we see the word “wax old” meaning to become worn out, to decay, to make old. We all will wax old physically, just as the physical

earth and all things in it will. But we don't have to wax old spiritually. Instead, we should mature!

If we endure to the end, God will grant us His type of endurance. He will establish us in His kingdom, but we must fight now—we must never give up! Sometimes we think if we ask God once, that should cover it. But God wants us to be persistent, to develop enduring patience. Sometimes the answer to our prayer is “Not now” or “Not yet.” God may not be saying no, but He often tells us to be patient and have faith. He knows when to say yes to our requests for our best benefit. God has supreme wisdom to know when and how to best answer our prayers. We must be persistent, and we must endure.

During the last world war, in another speech by Winston Churchill, this time in the House of Commons on June 4th 1940, he said this:

“We shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end. We shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and

growing strength in the air, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills. We shall never surrender.

Mr. Churchill displayed the character that would help the British people through World War II. He was determined never to give in. He had the resolve to endure until his goal was reached. But for members in God's Church, our resolve, our enduring, must be even greater than that of Winston Churchill. We are under attack by wicked spirits in high places. We must learn to find failure unthinkable.

“We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed ... For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh ... Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall

raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you (2Cor. 4:8-9,11,14).

In spite of what Satan can do to us, he cannot destroy us. We must make up our minds now that no trial will be too great. If we fear any trial, we are admitting that something exists that could stop us from enduring to the end.

Our calling is too precious to endure for a while and then give up. God promises that all things work together for good to those who love Him and remain faithful in trials, not just for a while, but for as long as it takes. When we make it through our trials, we don't falter over the occasional “No.” We learn why God sometimes says no. Then we are ready for that ultimate “Yes.” Then we are ready for the kingdom of God!

So let's resolve to bear our trials, have fortitude, persevere, suffer if necessary, for our wonderful calling. It is only those who endure, not just for a while, but to the end, that will have a place in the Kingdom of God – forever! ❖

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# Hastening The End Of

# DISASTERS

by John Durrad

We read and hear daily of terrorist attacks, disease epidemics, famines and human suffering around the world. Our financial world is in turmoil. God is allowing Satan to speed up his wrath. The whole world, including the USA and Britain, is being massively cursed. Enormous government bail-outs of our banks and financial institutions are occurring more frequently.

## Disasters Will Increase

Disasters are increasing. We see more food shortages, more weather upsets, more floods, more droughts, more raging fires, more crime. To quote Matthew 24:8, "All these are just the beginning of sorrows."

So what is man doing about all these disasters? Man tries, but he never seems to treat the cause of the problem. One thing man does is to make more laws to cover the situation. Another thing man does in the wake of a disaster is to set up a disaster fund. This is to help the victims of the disaster. There would be nothing wrong with this except it's the old story of treating the *effect* and not the *cause!*

The real and ultimate cause of disasters is disobedience to God's law. Man either does not know this, or chooses not to know because he

doesn't want to obey. Consequently, disasters will increase until man will obey.

This is what we are seeing today. There will always be a next disaster. No amount of money will prevent the next one. It is like using a sticking plaster to cover a gaping wound. And even if there were an unlimited amount of money to cover a disaster, how do you compensate the loss of a loved one with money? No, disaster funds are not working. We are simply treating the effect, and usually not very well at that! Our disasters today are the countdown to a major event in the future. We read this in the book of Matthew:

“ For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened (Matt. 24:21-22).

This will be the biggest disaster to strike mankind. After this disaster-to-end-all-disasters, there will be no stopgap, no treating the effect, no useless disaster fund set up by man. But there will be God's grace and mercy to those who will finally obey Him when He steps in to save the world. Until then, mankind, in a futile attempt to solve the problem,

will continue to treat the effect while doing nothing or very little to prevent it happening again.

## Treating The Cause

Today, however, God has a work that is treating the cause of all man's ills. Remember, the cause is disobedience to God's law. Only God's work, represented by the Church of God's Faithful, is telling it like it is. That is to say, we are warning the world of the fruits of their disobedience. We do this so that individuals may have the opportunity to understand how they can escape disasters today, as well as the wrath of Satan in the soon coming Great Tribulation.

Although God's warning message is for all who have an ear to hear, it is mainly tailored to His own people who, unfortunately, are currently split into many different groups.

“ Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die: and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn

the wicked and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul (Ezek. 3:17-19).

This warning to the wicked and to God's Church is so important that it is repeated in Ezekiel, chapter 33!

So as God's Church, The Church of God's Faithful must without fail warn those who care to listen. We do this through our message, which is really God's warning to these people to change their ways. To reach those who would listen, we use the modern technology given to us—the airwaves, the computer, the printed word, CD's sent out, and of course, the personal word to those in the Church.

All this costs money, but we do the work with far less resources than most disaster funds accumulate. This is done through the tithes (Mal. 3:10) and offerings (Deut. 16:16) of a few faithful people that God is trying and testing in this end time. God knows that where people spend their money is where their heart really is.

What a wonderful opportunity it is to give back to God something of what He has given us, and to help in the process of securing a future with no more disasters. It is not wrong to give to disaster funds to ease the plight of helpless victims, but giving to God's work will go towards treating the very cause of these disasters.

Man's disaster funds merely treat the horrible effect of broken law. Consequently, disasters will continue to increase until the return of Jesus Christ in mighty power.

“ For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be fam-

ines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows (Matt. 24:7-8).

## Trust In The Lord To Hasten The Coming Of Christ

We are living in perilous times, and it is going to get worse. But those who trust in the Lord and obey His commandments can make a difference. God has ordained that we can influence how soon His Kingdom is established.

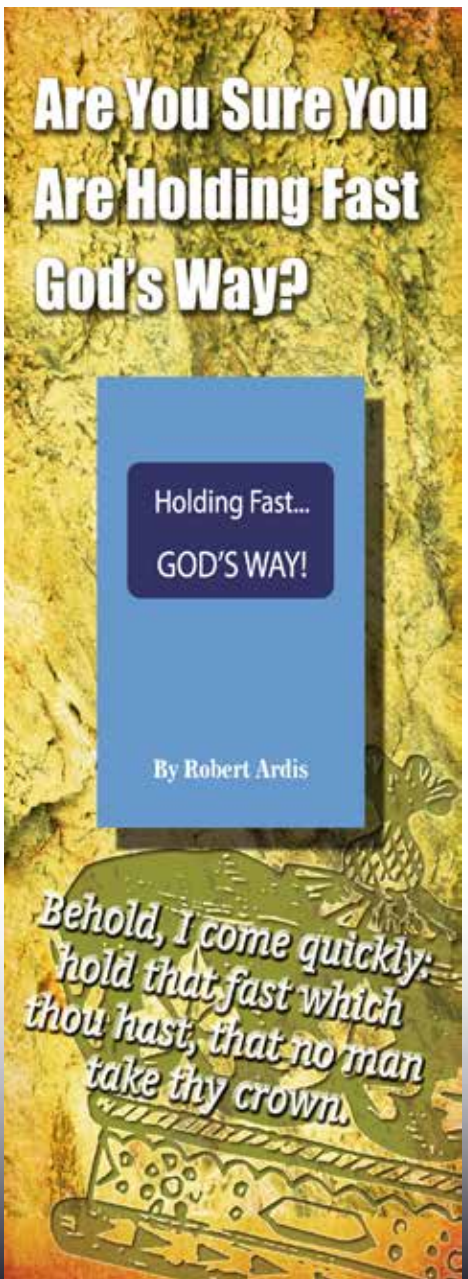
“ Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? (2 Pet 3:11-12)

So we can hasten, or (perish the thought) delay the coming of Christ to set up the Kingdom of God. Although disasters in this world will increase, we must, through our own zeal to overcome our weaknesses, hasten the end of this suffering. That is why our prayers, tithes and offerings are so urgently critical to God's work.

Many of God's people are languishing in organizations that, frankly, are not doing the work as they should. Ask yourself two questions. First, is your church set apart by truth? That is, are you receiving new truths coupled with old established truths given to Herbert W. Armstrong? Secondly, are you growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ?

A calling from God brings with it not just the responsibility of your own salvation, but also the understanding of where God's true Church is, and the responsibility of backing up that organization to the full extent of your being.

What a glorious honour to serve our God! Let us all work extremely hard to hasten the return of Jesus Christ in all power and glory, and to put an end to these disasters that **WILL** increase until that wonderful future event. ❖



Also Edom shall be a desolation: every one that goeth by it shall be astonished and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof. As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it. (Jer. 49:17-18)



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# Where else could the *Place of Safety* be?

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From the Editor.

“ Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin [We have not been required to do this—yet]. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, *My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:* For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; **but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.** [Remember, God is creating God-beings out of us!] Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

There—it is so plain. No chastening for the present seems to be joyous, that is, a pleasure. It is grievous. Nevertheless, **AFTER** the trial has ended, certainly we can take great PLEASURE in the fact that our God not only rescued us from our severe test, but has produced *the peaceable fruit of righteousness* in us.

Let's add Romans 5:3-5, which con-

nects perfectly with the statement in Hebrews 12:11 that, **AFTERWARD**, the trial yields Godly fruit:

“ And not only so, but *we glory in tribulations* also: knowing that *tribulation works patience*; And *patience, experience*; and *experience, hope*: And *hope maketh not ashamed*; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

My trial of battling this cancer is not over as yet. However, I am very thankful that I understand, as Paul did, that the healing is sure, and **AFTER** the healing I will be able to say I take PLEASURE in my infirmities and in all I have gained in God's mercy through my trial. I have learned, and can glory even NOW in tribulation and in the patience it produces, along with experience, hope and the love of God.

Another year has flown quickly by, and I am deeply thankful for the understanding God has given me in regard to my illness. He has given us of the fruits of His Holy Spirit, and I truly hope all of us have “grown up into Christ” a little more this past year. And with Christ's righteousness in us, we must be ready for whatever God will have us do to prepare the bride for her marriage to Jesus Christ.

In the coming year, be ever close to God our Father and to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior and have a good year!

Your brother in Christ,



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### The Global Economic Reset Has Begun

In my last article, I outlined the deliberately engineered trend toward the forced "harmonization" of national economies and monetary policies, as well as the ultimate end goal of globalists: a single world currency system controlled by the International Monetary Fund and, by extension, global governance, which internationalists sometimes refer to in their more honest public moments as the "new world order."

The schematic for the new world order, according to the admissions of the internationalists, cannot possibly include the continued existence of U.S. geopolitical and economic dominance. The plan, in fact, requires the destabilization and reformation of America into a shell of its former glory. The most important element of this plan demands the removal of the U.S. dollar as the de facto world reserve currency, a change that would devastate our current financial structure.

I outlined with undeniable evidence the reality that major governments, including the BRICS governments of the East, are fully on board with the globalist agenda. There is no way around it; the BRICS, including Russia and China, have openly called for a global monetary system centralized and dictated by the IMF using the SDR basket. This same plan was outlined decades ago in the Rothschild-owned magazine *The Economist*. We are witnessing that plan being implemented in front of our very eyes today.

For the past couple of years, the current head of the IMF, Christine Lagarde, has used the phrase "global economic reset" often in her speeches and interviews. There is some (deliberate) ambiguity to this notion, but after sitting through hours upon hours of her most boring and repetitive discussions in globalist think tanks such as the Council On Foreign Relations, the consistent message is pretty straightforward. If anyone can stand to listen to this wom-

an's carefully crafted prattle and well-vetted half-truths for more than five minutes, I suggest they watch this particular speech given in January at the CFR:

Her message on the global economic reset is essentially this: "Collective" cooperation will not just be encouraged in the new order, it will be required — meaning, the collective cooperation of all nations toward the same geopolitical and economic framework. If this is not accomplished, great fiscal pain will be felt and "spillover" will result. Translation: Due to the forced interdependency of globalism, crisis in one country could cause a domino effect of crisis in other countries; therefore, all countries and their economic behavior must be managed by a central authority to prevent blundering governments or "rogue central banks" from upsetting the balance.

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*Comment: There is no doubt that there has to be as Christine Lagarde put it, "a global economic reset." This means cooperation between all major governments on how the world's financial system will run. That of necessity would mean control of not just the finances of the nations but also the politics and yes, the religions of the world.*

*This would mean that someone at the head would have to be given great power to control such a system. Would it be an Englishman, An American, a Russian, a Chinaman, a Japanese, an African? Who could rule such a system with fairness to all? A Jew perhaps!*

*Jesus Christ came to earth as a physical human being — a Jew! He returned to God as king of kings, and Lord of Lords. He is one, the only one who is qualified to lead the government of the future.*

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

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

*World government is coming, but it is not what this world would vote for and it certainly is not what this world expects!*

## **US Missile Shield Unable to Repel Massive Russian ICBM Attack – Chief of Strategic Missile Forces**

The existing US missile shield is incapable of withstanding a massive strike of Russian nuclear intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs), the commander of Russia's Strategic Missile Troops told a press conference.

The analysis of Russian military experts has found that "neither the firepower potential, nor the data computing capacity of the currently deployed US missile defense" installations could deal with a swarm attack of the Russian nuclear triad, Strategic Missile Troops Commander, Colonel General Sergey Karakaev, told journalists Wednesday.

He pointed to the estimates of American experts who believe an effective missile defense system must consist of various integrated types of missile interception means, be it kinetic or laser systems, deployed in all environments, including in space. Such multi-layered defense would be able to engage missiles in the air and warheads in space.

The long-term development plans of Russia's Strategic Missile Troops have been corrected to take into consideration the predicted scale and pace of US missile defense development, the general said.

The Strategic Missile Troops plans to introduce some "brand new and effective means and techniques to penetrate any missile defense system," General Karakaev said, stressing that Russian ballistic missiles are capable of engaging targets "anywhere in the world."

Next-gen ballistic missiles with breakthrough characteristics, carrying new means to penetrate ABM systems, would "guarantee to neutralize emerging potential threats," Karakaev said.

## **Did Saudi Arabia Just Clear The Way For An Invasion Of Syria And Iraq?**

And now, a further turn for the absurd...

While it's still far from common knowledge among the Western public that Washington's closest allies in the Mid-East are funding, arming, and otherwise enabling the Sunni extremists (including ISIS) battling for control of Syria and working to destabilize Iraq, the massacre that unfolded earlier this month in San Bernardino has managed to focus some much needed attention on the role Saudi Arabia plays in promoting extremism.

As we noted in the immediate aftermath of the California mass shooting, the fact that Tashfeen Malik spent 25 years in Saudi Arabia living with a father who, according to family members who spoke to Reuters, adopted an increasingly hardline ideology as time went on, underscores the fact that the puritanical, ultra orthodox belief system promoted by the Saudis is poisonous. That's not a critique of Islam. It's a critique of Wahhabism and the effect it has on the minds of those who are inculcated by Saudi culture.

Here's an excerpt from "Saudi Arabia Is Underwriting Terrorism. Let's Start Making It Pay," by Charles Kenny:

For years since 9/11, U.S. and Western officials have mostly looked the other way at all this ideological support for extremism: Saudi oil was just too important to the global economy, even though many of these Saudi petro-dollars were underwriting repression at home and the growth of Salafist fundamentalism abroad.

This support for radicalism abroad should come as little surprise given that Islamic State is an ideological cousin of Saudi Arabia's own state-sponsored extremist Wahhabi sect—which the country has spent more than \$10 billion to promote worldwide through charitable organizations like the World Assembly of Muslim Youth. The country will continue to export extremism as long as it practices the same policies at home.

More, from "Saudi Arabia: An ISIS That Has Made It," by Kamel Daoud:

Black Daesh, white Daesh. The former slits throats, kills, stones, cuts off hands, destroys humanity's common heritage and despises archaeology, women and non-Muslims. The latter is better dressed and neater but does the same things. The Islamic State; Saudi Arabia. In its struggle against terrorism, the West wages war on one, but shakes hands with the other. This is a mechanism of denial, and denial has a price: preserving the famous strategic alliance with Saudi Arabia at the risk of forgetting that the kingdom also relies on an alliance with a religious clergy that produces, legitimizes, spreads, preaches and defends Wahhabism, the ultra-pu-

ritanical form of Islam that Daesh feeds on.

Consider that, and consider the following headline from Reuters which surely qualifies as the most tragically ironic thing you'll read all day: "Saudi Arabia announces 34-state Islamic military alliance against terrorism"

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## Ryan-led House Wagers on Vegas Debate to Distract From \$1.6 Trillion Deal

They say "What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas." That didn't happen with last night's Las Vegas-based Republican debate, but back in D.C., Capitol Hill lawmakers were doing everything they could to keep what happened in Washington within the Beltway, at least for another day.

If you bet on the House Speaker Ryan era ushering in a new sense of transparency on Capitol Hill, last night's actions may cause you to think again; the House GOP doubled-down on the traditional Friday night news dump with a Las Vegas debate late-night news dump for a mega-budget deal certain to help keep America in the red for years.

As The Hill points out,

"Ryan unveiled the details of the agreement while the political world was fixated on the fifth GOP presidential debate in Las Vegas."

Pollster and Fox News analyst Pat Caddell summed up the spending portion of the bill yesterday on Breitbart News Daily:

"Look at what's happening there," Caddell tells host Stephen K. Bannon on Breitbart News Daily, referring to the current \$1.1 trillion "omnibus" spending bill, "which I guarantee you will be one of the greatest giveaways to special interests ever devised." Caddell blasted Republicans for "giving away the store," saying they are "handing over everything" to the Democrats in order to allow oil companies to export fuel.

"It's about incompetence of government," said Caddell, adding, not only is it incompetent but "it's falling apart right before our eyes and a super-majority of Americans across the board agree...."

Also per The Hill,

"The full text of the 2009-page omnibus bill was posted online early Wednesday morning at about 1:30 a.m." In essence, the GOP got much of what it wanted, the Democrats got much of

what they wanted ... and the American people will get spun like a Las Vegas roulette wheel, assuming the news cycle eventually turns away from the Vegas debate to the \$1.6 trillion bill.

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

## Secret Deal Quadruples Foreign Workers in U.S.

Buried in the 2000-page omnibus spending bill released by the Senate this morning is a secret provision that many senators hope unemployed blue-collar workers won't find out about.

This provision would quadruple the number of H-2B visas for unskilled foreign "guest workers." It would allow more than a quarter of a million foreign workers to enter the U.S. each year and work in the construction industry, hotel-motel services, truck drivers, food processing, forestry and many other fields that don't require a college education.

The Gang of Eight bill back in 2013 also increased the controversial H-2B visa that brings in foreign workers to fill jobs as construction workers, restaurant workers, hotel maids, etc.

In just the case of construction, there are six unemployed construction workers for each job opening, according to a study by the Economic Policy Institute. Yet the omnibus released around 2 a.m. Wednesday, would as much as quadruple the H-2B visa in an unadvertised provision secreted into the more than 2,000 page bill.

Labor unions are expected to kick up a fuss, but the bill could be voted on before news of the provision reaches the rank and file.

The last-minute insert was sponsored by Sens. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., and Thom Tillis, R-N.C. A bipartisan group of senators including Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., Bernie Sanders, D-Vt., and Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn.

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## Flint, Michigan Issues State of Emergency After Threat of Lead Poisoning in Children

A change in the water source has exposed children in Flint, Michigan, to potentially dangerous levels of lead, prompting the city to issue a state of emergency for what is being described as a "man-made disaster."

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver declared the state of emergency Monday in response to what she called the "man-made disaster caused by the city switch-

ing to the Flint River as a water source.”

The city had disconnected from Detroit’s water supply in April 2014 and began drawing its water from the Flint River.

“This switch has resulted in elevated lead levels in drinking water, which prompted both the city and the County Health department to issue a health advisory earlier this year,” the mayor’s office said.

The city subsequently switched its source of water back to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Oct. 16, but lead levels still “remain well above the federal action level of 15 parts per billion in many homes,” the mayor’s office said.

The office urges residents to continue using water filters.

The city, which has not responded to ABC News’ request for comment, realized savings of about \$4 million annually by using the Flint River, according to The Associated Press.

[http://abcnews.go.com/ ...](http://abcnews.go.com/)

## A European CIA (II)

BERLIN/BRUSSELS (Own report) - A German intelligence officer has assumed the management of the EU’s IntCen espionage agency and has the respon-

sibility of enhancing its effectiveness. Last week, the BND’s Gerhard Conrad was appointed the new director of the Intelligence Analysis Center (IntCent), which is under the authority of the European External Action Service and lays the groundwork for an intelligence agency in the service of the EU’s foreign and military policy.

The core of the agency has existed since 1999, with the objective of reducing the EU’s dependence on US intelligence services, to become militarily autonomous - even, if necessary, without the USA.

Because of rivalry between the national intelligence agencies, particularly those of the larger EU countries, IntCen’s development had not progressed as rapidly as was hoped. As its new director, Conrad is expected to correct the situation.

However, the German government continues to reject the substitution of its national intelligence services by an EU agency, because Berlin would have to give up its special advantages, for example, through the BND’s cooperation with the US agencies, and give up its methods that are incompatible with the interests of other EU member countries.

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# The Midnight Cry Has Begun!

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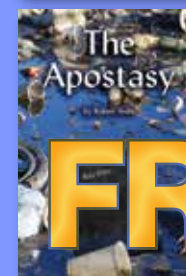
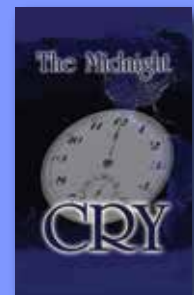
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