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## THE RECORDS OF HISTORY AND PROPHECY

“The Bible is its own expositor. Scripture is to be compared with scripture. The student should learn to view the word as a whole and to see the relation of its parts. He should gain a knowledge of its grand central theme—of God’s original purpose for the world, of the rise of the great controversy, and of the work of redemption. He should understand the nature of the two principles that are contending for the supremacy, and should learn to trace their working through the records of history and prophecy to the great consummation. He should see how this controversy enters into every phase of human experience; how in every act of life he himself reveals the one or the other of the two antagonistic motives; and how, whether he will or not, he is even now deciding upon which side of the controversy he will be found.

“Every part of the Bible is given by inspiration of God and is profitable. The Old Testament, no less than the New, should receive attention. As we study the Old Testament we shall find living springs bubbling up where the careless reader discerns only a desert.

“The Old Testament sheds light upon the New, and the New upon the Old. Each is a revelation of the glory of God in Christ. Christ as manifested to the patriarchs, as symbolized in the sacrificial service, as portrayed in the law, and as revealed by the prophets is the riches of the Old Testament. Christ in His life, His death, and His resurrection; Christ as He is manifested by the Holy Spirit, is the treasure of the New. Both Old and New present truths that will continually reveal new depths of meaning to the earnest seeker.

“When a real love for the Bible is awakened, and the student begins to realize how vast is the field and how precious its treasure, he will desire to seize upon every opportunity for acquainting himself with God’s word. Its study will be restricted to no special time or place. And this continuous study is one of the best means of cultivating a love for the Scriptures. Let the student keep his Bible always with him and, as he has opportunity, read a text and meditate upon it. While walking in the streets, waiting at a railway station, waiting to meet an engagement, let him improve the opportunity to gain some precious thought from the treasure house of truth.

“The student of the word should not make his opinions a center around which truth is to revolve. He should not search for the purpose of finding texts of Scripture that he can construe to prove his theories, for this is wresting the Scriptures to his own destruction. The Bible student must empty himself of every prejudice, lay his own ideas at the door of investigation, and with humble, subdued heart, with self hid in Christ, with earnest prayer, he should seek wisdom from God. He should seek to know the revealed will of God because it concerns his present and eternal welfare. This word is the directory by which he must learn the way to eternal life.” *Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, 462–463.

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### Mission Statement

The ministry of **Future for America** is to proclaim the final warning message of Revelation 14 as identified within the prophecies of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. The end-time fulfillment of Bible prophecy is no longer future-for it is taking place before our eyes. The historic, prophetic understanding of Seventh-day Adventism is now present truth. We are the final generation. Our emphasis on the prophetic word includes all the counsel of God's Word. To know what lies ahead is useless if we do not possess the experience to stand during these solemn times. Through obedience to God's law, and faith in the promises of God's Word, we are to receive that experience.

Coupled with the prophetic message, **Future for America** emphasizes all aspects of the medical missionary work. The "entering wedge"-medical missionary work-must be practiced by those who are to finish God's work in these final hours.

During this time period, country living becomes more essential with each passing moment. **Future for America** upholds and promotes this end-time truth. God's people must prepare for the coming storm, and that preparation includes the experience of learning how to survive in a simple fashion, away from the great centers of population.

**Future for America** intends to print and distribute truth-filled literature, while helping to establish lay-printing operations in parts of the Lord's vineyard where faithful brethren do not have the means to raise up a printing operation with their own resources.

# Ministry Update

Greetings from Arkansas. Spring and Summer are a busy time around here with ministry activities, family, friends, gardening, canning, ect. This weekend I travel to Minnesota to help the Dickies setup the accounting software for their ministry. Two Sabbaths ago I was in Virginia presenting three messages on Daniel 11:41 and related topics. The first two Sabbaths of August we will be in California. In between the Sabbaths we will attend the ASI annual meeting in Sacramento. Sometime after that I intend to travel to the Philippines and begin the groundwork for our evangelistic efforts, which begin in January.

Currently we intend to do three back-to-back series in the Philippines, but we now have a donor possibly interested in funding a fourth as well. That means possibly eight straight weeks. We will see if the Lord continues to open the door for series number four.

We have the funds for one series, including the budget to build a church where this series takes place. We have the funds available to do the second series, but are waiting to see if the funds arrive to build a small church there as well. We are budgeting \$6,500.00 for a small church. The funding for the third series is almost half accomplished. We are budgeting \$5,800.00 for each series. We therefore need \$2,800.00 to meet the goal for the third series, plus \$13,000.00 for two churches in series number two and three. If funds do not arrive to build the other two churches we will accept that as the Lord's providence.

The Bible workers are the largest expense for the series and that money needs to be available three months before January. Ten Bible workers spend three months before and one month after the series. I plan to take all of those funds with me in August. For all three series the Bible worker budget is \$9,600.00. (That is roughly ten thousand dollars for thirty men to do Bible work for four months. These men have the qualifications to be pastors, but the Philippines has not the money to hire any new pastors. It is not uncommon for one pastor to have 25 to 30 churches. That means a pastor speaks only twice a year in each church he pastors. The Bible workers support themselves by doing colporter work and when needed the groundwork for an evangelistic series. They hope that someday they will be employed as a regular pastor, but few reach this level of economic security. In any case, these men generally have consecration to their work.)

If the Lord blesses with funding above and beyond our budget, we use that added money to increase the amount of literature provided at the meetings. We also meet needs that arise when in the Philippines which are outside the budget for the series. In the last four years *Future for America* has helped to increase a one-room school with thirty children to a three-room school with a hundred and forty children. We have helped with several church expansions, roofs, and additions. We have built several small jungle chapels, and met many urgent medical needs, supplied much literature (primarily *Spirit of Prophecy* and Bibles), and helped with several other miscellaneous projects.

Currently we are supporting a year round Bible worker who does follow-up to the series we hold each year, as well as, coordinating the Bible workers and preparation for upcoming series. For this reason we hold our series in close proximity to the previous years effort. We are attempting to keep a focused attack with our efforts of evangelism. This allows us to follow up the previous years work and continue and finish up projects that we have already been involved in. This also allows to work with essentially the same brethren each year, which is very productive in the sense that, we do not have to spend time getting to know new people each visit. Time is a most important element to gospel work.

We also are funding a weekly radio broadcast that reaches many islands, including the island that has been in the news recently due to the volcano. Last year I visited the brethren who are operating the radio program in order to have a planning session with them, and as I awoke in the morning from the all night boat ride to their island, I decided to video the approach of our boat to the port. As we entered the port I got video pictures of Mayon volcano spewing out smoke. It was about 60 miles away. This was in January of this year.

## PHILIPPINES' MAYON VOLCANO ERUPTS

**June 24, 2001, Legazpi, Philippines**—Thousands of central Philippines residents were forced to evacuate Sunday after a volcano erupted, spurting fountains of lava and shaking the ground for miles, authorities said. At least 6,000 villagers living within 5 miles of the Mayon volcano fled their homes Sunday. At least 4,000 others in the path of

the lava were ordered out as well. Depending on lava flow, as many as 60,000 could be forced to evacuate to nearby Legazpi. An elderly woman died of a heart attack during the evacuation but no other injuries were reported.

After the volcano shook the region with a series of explosions and began spewing lava—warning signs of a major eruption—authorities raised the alert from 4 to the highest level of 5, which means an eruption is in progress with fast-moving lava flows.

Volcanologists were keeping close watch on the volcano, located 200 miles southeast of Manila. A mushroom-like cloud loomed over the cone of the 8,118-foot volcano. Audible explosions shook the ground less than 8 miles away as officials were preparing emergency shelters and evacuation plans, emergency coordinator Cedric Dive said.

On Saturday, volcanologists had raised the alert level to 4 in the area around the volcano after it spurted a 160-foot fountain of lava and puffed a column of ash two-thirds of a mile into the sky, officials said. They raised it to 5 on Sunday.

The volcano could spit lava and red-hot boulders for several days, said Raymundo Punongbayan, director of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology. A 3.7 mile area around Mayon is permanently off limits but many residents ventured into the zone during the day to farm the lush soil.

The institute said the southeast portion of Mayon's crater showed visible signs of weakening Sunday and may give way in days, loosing lava down the slope of the volcano.

The institute, which has been watching the volcano closely since it showed renewed signs of unrest in January, said Saturday's "lava fountain" is a key sign of mounting pressure within Mayon. Gas emissions and volcanic tremors have been high for months and the volcano has spit red hot boulders and trickled lava in recent weeks.

Mayon, a cone-shaped mountain that towers over farming communities in the Bicol region, is a tourist attraction in the Philippines. Its most violent eruption occurred in 1814, killing more than 1,200 people and burying an entire town in volcanic mud. Lisa R. Thiesse, Editor/Owner *Quickening News*™.

We recently printed a new *products catalogue* and mailed it out in May. In it we list the price for the book, *Truth Triumphant* is \$4.00—but the price is supposed to read **\$14.00**. Sorry for the misprint.

Pastor Vic Gill phoned me last week and told me a evangelistic series he was scheduled to due in Canada this fall has been postponed. This was the evidence that he was to hold the series in the Ukraine this year. He had been waiting for the Lord's direction about whether to return this year or early next year. He is now committed to a series in the Ukraine for either September or October. His budget for the series is \$8,000.00 and above that he is praying for another \$7,000.00 to meet the needs outside the actual series budget. He helps construct churches, secured home churches, helped Bible workers and lay pastors with their needs, provides clothing (which is of even more importance in the Ukraine than a place like the Philippines, due to the severe winter weather), and many other needs that arise.

If you have never had the privilege to share the gospel through evangelism in a third world country it may be difficult to understand the financial needs that arise, but most who have experienced this type of work recognize the financial outlay beyond the actual series budget can be enormous as well as essential. I say can be, because it all depends on what funding you have to work with. Many of us return home from these efforts with virtually no money at all, while bringing back the pledges of sending back more funds to meet promises we make while in the country.

This type of service can be heartbreaking, for there is not enough dollars to solve all the glaring needs and problems, but it is primarily a blessing and a privilege to be able to share and serve in this fashion. All of us who have been involved with these past and future works sincerely thank you for the sacrifice that you have made that allows us to be part of this work.

Please place these projects on you prayer list. We want the Lord's direction in all that we do.



## A DEMONIC ENERGY

Andrea Yates had just killed four of her children when the fifth one wandered into the bathroom, where his mother was kneeling by the tub. "What's wrong with Mary?" asked Noah, 7, eyeing his 6-month-old baby sister, who lay motionless in the water. Get in the tub, instructed the boy's mother, according to the account she reportedly gave police investigators. The boy ran, but not beyond the reach of his mother's once loving arms.

Anyone who has ever given a boy a bath may wonder at how she subdued the squirming, bony body of a 7-year-old and forced him to submit to the fate of his siblings. But Andrea Yates **must have been possessed by a demonic energy**, and perhaps the boy was too stupefied by the horror of his mother's betrayal to resist. After all, the crime was **"incomprehensible,"** said the father, Rusty Yates, who held a teddy bear and a cheery family photo and spoke to reporters the next day on the clipped lawn of their suburban home in Houston, with the basketball hoops and the bikes in the driveway, behind the yellow police tape. How could a mother commit such an act against nature and all morality, ending the lives she had so recently borne and nurtured? And kill them so methodically, one by one, holding them under the bath water (imagine the eyes staring back) and laying them out on the bed wrapped in sheets like little Christian martyrs, Mary, 6 months, Luke, 2, Paul, 3, and John, 5. (Noah, for some reason, she left in the tub.) *Newsweek*, July 2, 2001.

"The condition of things in the world shows that troublous times are right upon us. The daily papers are full of indications of a terrible conflict in the near future. Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. Strikes are common. Thefts and murders are committed on every hand. Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of men, women, and little children. Men have become infatuated with vice, and every species of evil prevails." *Testimonies*, volume 9, 11.



Dear Jeff and Kathy, My wife D. and I receive such a spiritual blessing from your newsletter and tapes. Please keep them coming. We hope our contribution will be helpful, and apply it wherever you need. One of these days I plan to send you some copies of my presentations. Also I want to hear some of your newer presentations. The judgment of the Living was greatly appreciated. If you ever come to our area, please let me know. We would be happy providing you accommodations. Thank you for your ministry. Sincerely, LA—CA



Dear brother Jeff, It is an inspiration for me to listen to your tapes. Please keep sending them to me. I'm sorry I'm not working at this moment and can only send you so little. I pray the Holy Spirit continues guiding you. With Christian love. EF—FL



Dear Jeff and Kathy, Thank you for faithfully sending your tapes and newsletters to me. I am so glad you didn't stop sending them, though I may not have sent any help. I am very interested in the work in the mission fields. Continue keeping us updated. A. T. Jones was a very deep, profound thinker. Hard to imagine he could go off the deep end with all the light given him. Makes me tremble to realize our danger. May we always be true to Jesus is my prayer. Please send me the big study Bible. Thanks again, Sister CJ



## RESCUERS SEARCH FOR PERU QUAKE SURVIVORS

**June 24, 2001, Lima, Peru**—Rescue crews in Peru are searching for survivors from a powerful earthquake which left at least 40 people dead and more than 450 injured. Experts expect the death toll to rise although a series of tidal wave warnings stretching along the Pacific coast from Mexico to Chile have been lifted.

The 8.1 magnitude quake shook southern Peru—and parts of Chile and Ecuador—around 3:35 p.m. local time, flattening dozens of homes, churches and buildings, officials said.

Two cargo planes are on their way to the affected area with 22 tons of food, blankets and medicine. The quake caused destruction throughout coastal Peru. At least 20 aftershocks were reported. Lisa R. Thiesse, Editor/Owner *Quickenings News*™.

"How carefully should we avoid mirth and unbecoming levity on the cars, on the boat, wherever we may be; for the daily record of disasters shows that there is no safety anywhere. Even in our homes we are in danger; for storms, floods, and fire are sweeping off thousands, while earthquakes are destroying additional thousands. If there ever was a time when we should be sober and watch unto prayer, it is now. Our lives are safe only when hid with Christ in God. We need every day to purify ourselves even as he is pure. There is always hope for us in God. Faith is our defense, for it connects our human weakness with divine power." *Review and Herald*, January 29, 1884.



## 66 DEAD IN HUNAN FLOODS

The death toll from floods and torrential rains in central China's Hunan province has risen to 66. Officials say 46 people are still missing and 19 have been seriously injured. In total, 210-thousand people were affected by the torrential rains.

Floodwaters have caused serious damage to factories and mines, with total economic losses of 120 million US dollars. Last week, 100 people were said to have died in floods in the southwestern province of Yunnan and Guangxi Zhuang region, as well as in neighbouring Guangdong province. Lisa R. Thiesse, Editor/Owner *Quickening News*™.



## VATICAN ACCUSED ON MODERN 'INQUISITION'

**Friday, 30 March, 2001, Vatican rules: defending orthodoxy at all costs?**—The Vatican department responsible for maintaining orthodoxy in the Catholic Church is coming under attack over its “inquisitional” methods. The church should safeguard its faith, but not by means unworthy of that faith.

In a strongly-worded editorial, a leading US Catholic magazine *America* says the methods used by the *Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith* are out of date and do not respect human rights. The magazine calls on the Vatican to “dismantle without delay” the procedures it uses to investigate theologians. *The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith* was once known as the *Holy Inquisition*. It is headed by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, one of Pope John Paul II's closest advisers. He is known as “the Pope's enforcer”.

“God's word has given warning of the impending danger; let this be unheeded, and the Protestant world will learn what the purposes of Rome really are, only when it is too late to escape the snare. She is silently growing into power. Her doctrines are exerting their influence in legislative halls, in the churches, and in the hearts of men. She is piling up her lofty and massive structures in the secret recesses of which her former persecutions will be repeated. Stealthily and unsuspectedly she is strengthening her forces to further her own ends when the time shall come for her to strike. **All that she desires is vantage ground**, and this is already being given her. We shall soon see and shall feel what the purpose of the Roman element is. Whoever shall believe and obey the word of God will thereby incur reproach and persecution.” *The Great Controversy*, 581.



## CHURCH HAS RIGHT TO PRONOUNCE ITSELF ON LAWS, JOHN PAUL II SAYS

**Vatican City, November 13, 2000, ZENIT.org**—The Church has the right to criticize a country's laws and institutions when they go against the moral law, John Paul II affirmed today. When receiving Pedro Jose Ribeiro de Menezes, the new Portuguese ambassador to the Vatican, the Pope focused on the public role of the Church in modern democracies. “The Church has no direct power over laws and institutions of the state, chosen democratically and in full liberty by citizens,” the Holy Father said. “**But** in fulfilling the mission received from her divine Founder, **she claims the right** to pronounce herself on them, distinguishing what is permitted by the civil laws from what is the moral law, consistent with a well-formed conscience.”

“Wycliffe was a keen detector of error, and he struck fearlessly against many of the abuses sanctioned by the authority of Rome. While acting as chaplain for the king, he took a bold stand against the payment of tribute claimed by the pope from the English monarch and showed that **the papal assumption of authority over secular rulers was contrary to both reason and revelation**. The demands of the pope had excited great indignation, and Wycliffe's teachings exerted an influence upon the leading minds of the nation. The king and the nobles united in **denying the pontiff's claim to temporal authority** and in refusing the payment of the tribute. Thus an effectual blow was struck against the papal supremacy in England.” *The Great Controversy*, 82.



## CATHOLIC CHURCH GAINS INFLUENCE IN MEXICO

After nearly a century on the political sidelines, Mexico's Roman Catholic Church was encouraged by the Vicente Fox's victory in July's presidential election.

Fox's political party, the National Action Party (PAN), has been the nation's pro-Catholic faction for some time. In fact, according to a report in *The Washington Post*, in some areas where PAN controls local government, officials have already banned strip clubs, disparaged homosexuals and made efforts to impose community curfews.

The Archdiocese of Mexico is also trying to exert greater influence in government. The *Nuevo Criterio*, a publication of the church, recently advised the divorced president-elect to adhere to church teachings on divorce and either reunite with his ex-wife or promise never to remarry. Concerns over Catholic influence grew when Guanajuato's state legislature, with a PAN majority, extended an abortion ban to include cases of rape and incest. *Church & State*, September 2000.

"The papal church will never relinquish her claim to infallibility. All that she has done in her persecution of those who reject her dogmas she holds to be right; and would she not repeat the same acts, should the opportunity be presented? Let the restraints now imposed by secular governments be removed and Rome be reinstated in her former power, and there would speedily be a revival of her tyranny and persecution." *The Great Controversy*, 564.



## CATHOLICS MAKE EVANGELICALS LEAVE TOWN IN MEXICO

Catholic leaders in San Nicolas, Mexico, a town of some 4,000 people, are telling 36 evangelical families they must leave town within 90 days "or be kicked out." Their water and sewer services were cut off March 28. A San Nicholas spokesperson said, "What the town wants is for the evangelicals to stop spreading their religion to more people and to stop having their meetings. Another example of Romanist intolerance!" *The Christian News*, June 11, 2001.



## UNITY, AND EVANGELIZATION OF GLOBALIZED WORLD

Vatican City, May 21, 2001, Zenit.org—Church unity, and the evangelization of a globalized world, particularly through the media, were among the topics broached during **the first sessions** of the extraordinary consistory of cardinals. The 155 cardinals in attendance are meeting behind closed doors in the Vatican's Synod Auditorium. Texts are read or improvised by the speakers, but not handed out. Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls gave reporters a summary of the first 16 addresses. Cardinal Eugênio de Araújo Sales, archbishop of Rio de Janeiro, spoke of the need for Church unity. **"Fidelity and unity with the Pope are an integral part of the Catholic faith,"** he said. Cardinal Jaime Ortega y Alamino, archbishop of Havana, stressed the role of the hierarchy in presenting holiness as a topic for the Church. "We need a real and audacious pastoral ministry of holiness," he said.

**Ecumenical dialogue, Christian unity and papal primacy** were at the heart of speeches given by cardinals on **the second day** of their extraordinary consistory.

German Cardinal Walter Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity, was among the cardinals gathered in the Synod Hall who dedicated his 10-minute address to the topic of ecumenism. "Unity is the challenge of the third millennium," he said, and ecumenism "the topic" of the times. . . .

Ukrainian Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, major archbishop of Lvov, explained that **there is only one difference between Orthodox and Eastern-rite Catholics in his land: the recognition of papal primacy.**

Moscow Orthodox Patriarch Alexy II has said that the reason for differences between Rome and Orthodoxy is the existence of these Eastern-rite Catholics. But Cardinal Husar said the opposite is true: Greek-Catholics should be the bridge between the Catholic and Orthodox Churches. "We have their same liturgy and rite," he reminded his audience.

American Cardinal Avery Dulles addressed the topic of **papal primacy and its importance for Church unity.**

The Jesuit theologian said that some believe the issue of primacy creates a great ecumenical difficulty. But he contended that the opposite is actually the case.

In fact, he said, **the great problem of many Christian confessions today is that they do not have a sign of communion to represent them, to give them unity. Many have no leader who can speak on their behalf with other faiths. The absence of an authority also leads to divisions over doctrine and discipline,** Cardinal Dulles pointed out.

“You know how it is with the papal power. The people have no right to interpret the Scriptures for themselves. They must have someone else interpret the Scriptures for them. Have you no mind? Have you no reason? Has not God given judgment to the common people just as well as He has to the priests and rulers?”  
*Faith and Works*, 77.



## CATHOLIC DOCTRINE & GOVERNMENT MONEY

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore is moving ahead with a new plan to strengthen the Catholic identity of parochial schools, even as the church hierarchy presses for various forms of government aid.

Church leaders announced in March that henceforth all teachers in church elementary schools will be required to receive a certificate in catechism. Teachers in grades 6 through 8 will be required to hold a youth ministry certificate, and all non-Catholic teachers in the schools will be required to take courses in basic Catholic doctrine.

“First and foremost, we really are rooted in the richness of our Catholic tradition,” said Ronald J. Valenti, superintendent of Catholic schools for the Baltimore archdiocese. “That’s the sum and substance of what we are. Catechesis should permeate all elements of school life.”

Even as they boost the sectarian flavor of their schools, the church hierarchy continues to press for assistance from Maryland taxpayers. While voucher bills have not been successful in the state, church lobbyists did win an \$8 million appropriate for textbook aid last year. This year, the amount of the aid was cut back to \$5 million. *Church & State*, May 2001.

“When the nation for which God has worked in such a marvelous manner, and over which He has spread the shield of Omnipotence, abandons Protestant principles, and through its legislature gives countenance and **support to Romanism** in limiting religious liberty, then God will work in His own power for His people that are true. The tyranny of Rome will be exercised, but Christ is our refuge.” *Maranatha*, 194.



## BUSH'S BIRTHDAY GREETING TO JOHN PAUL II

Washington, DC, May 21, 2001 [Zenit.org](http://Zenit.org)—The White House today released this text of President George W. Bush's birthday greeting to John Paul II, who turned 81 last Friday.

### Your Holiness:

It is my honor to wish you my warmest congratulations on your 81st birthday. As I reflect on **your lifelong activities**, I note with **admiration** your vision of a world embracing human dignity, responsibility, tolerance, and civilized values. You are an inspiration to people of all faiths. We have learned much from you, and **we still have much to gain from your wisdom and experience**. May you enjoy many more years providing guidance concerning questions central to our lives.

Best regards, George W. Bush.

“History testifies of her [the papacy's] artful and persistent efforts to insinuate herself into the affairs of nations; and having gained a foothold, to further her own aims, even at the ruin of princes and people.” *The Great Controversy*, 580.

**Quote:** “Africa is a nation that suffers from incredible disease.” President George W. Bush, at a news conference in Europe.



# ⚖ CHURCH/STATE LEGAL BATTLES TO ESCALATE

TV preacher Pat Robertson's American Center for Law and Justice, with its bullying tactics and threats of litigation, continues to stalk the land. Jerry Falwell recently linked up with a group called the Liberty Counsel, which has launched its own campaign of intimidation aimed at public institutions. To make matters worse, a number of Religious Right groups have joined forces and built a "superfund" called the Alliance Defense Fund. It consists of millions of dollars that they'll parcel out to right-wing legal groups in an attempt to use the courts to attack the church-state wall. From an *Americans United for Separation of Church and State* newsletter, June 12, 2001.

"The dignitaries of church and state will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments." *The Great Controversy*, 592.

Dear Jeff, I was overwhelmed with the box that you sent me. Thank you seems so little to say. I will put all of this information to good use, share it and cannot thank you enough. I am once again building my library as each time I go to the British West Indies and bring anything with me, it has to stay there as so many are hungry to the word of God. David, (my son) has a wonderful loaning library.

I am always sending you this study, or that one-and have no idea if they are of interest to you-but I share them with different people and sometimes pass them on to you. Last night as I was reading in Psalms, I came across something that I know I must have read; yet it never hit me so strongly. Psalms 111:4-8:

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: (which translated in Hebrew means "He hath made a memorial for His wonderful works.") He hath given meat unto them that fear him; he will ever be mindful of his covenant. He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen. The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

To me, without even doing any further study, what this says is His commandments cannot be changed. It seemed to me anyone that would read that with an open mind would see it. Nevertheless, I looked up some key word in both *Strongs* and *Webster*.

The word in verse 7 in *Strongs* #539—means established, steadfast, permanent. The word *stand* in verse 8 means established, stand fast, lean upon, take hold of, rest yourself. The word *forever* in verse 8 means for eternity, everlasting, perpetually, world without end.

It seems to me that anyone that can put away preconceived ideas and just read His word and asks for guidance from His Spirit could see that the Sabbath has clearly never been nor can ever be changed.

Then another interesting thing I discovered. I was reading in *The Great Controversy* on page 362 of how Dr. Joseph Wolff came upon some Arabs in Yemen that possessed a book called *Seera*, which gives notice of the second coming of Christ and His reign in glory. And they expect great events to take place in the year 1840. Journal of Joseph Wolff he spent six days with the children of Rechab, they drink no wine, plant no vineyard, sow no seed and live in tents, and remember good old Johadab, the son of Rechab; and I found in their company children of Israel, of the tribe of Dan.

Well Jeff, I remembered reading something about these people and knew that they were to drink no wine ever. Or build a house, or sow a seed, nor plant a vineyard nor have any but were to dwell in tents. Jeremiah 35:18-19 is a

## "Rome's Arraignment Of Sabbath- Breakers"



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promise from the Lord.

I have been reading *Ecclesiastical Megalomania* and want to thank you for sending it to me. On page 115 I found something that to me was enormously interesting. He speaks of 3 John 9 where John makes this statement about Diotrephes—

I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the pre-eminence among them, does not receive us. Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds, which he does, prating against us with malicious words. An not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting them out of the church.

You know, that always puzzled me as to who John was speaking of. I seemed strange. I never though of the word pre-eminence. What a perfect word the mind of God used here. Pre-eminence—just what the devil has always wanted and what the Papacy claims to have. See Colossians 1:18. He is the head of the body, the beginning, the first born from the dead, that in all things he might have the pre-eminence.

He does, yet here is Diotrephes wanting pre-eminence. *Strongs* says it is to be first in rank or influence. That's the number for pre-eminence in Colossians But for pre-eminence as John used it for Diotrephes, it is to be fond of being first. Ambitious of distinction. Love to have the pre-eminence.

Robbins calls Diotrephes a proto type. Excellent. And what a clue God through His spirit has left us in the book of John. What a key that is, Antichrist was already at work, 1 John 2:18 and 4:3 and the Lord gave us a word that was clear as a bell. Eminence is a title for cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church "his Eminence," Thank you God, you make it so marvelously rewarding to search out your truths. ND



## 16 HIT BY E.COLI OUTBREAK

Several people are being treated in hospital after contracting E.coli disease. The outbreak in Suffolk is thought to have affected children and adults. A nursery in Newmarket has been closed as a result of the problem while one in Bury St Edmunds is also thought to have been affected.

Health authority officials say 16 people have tested positive for the disease, which can cause severe stomach upsets. A spokeswoman for West Suffolk Hospital in Bury St Edmunds said she was not sure how many people remained in hospital but said the number was fewer than 10. The outbreak is thought to have begun in Newmarket at the weekend. Lisa R. Thiesse, Editor/Owner *Quickening News*™.



## TROPICAL STORM LEAVES BEHIND PUBLIC HEALTH WORRIES

June 22, 2001, Houston—Worries over Tetanus, hordes of mosquitoes and well water contaminated with E. coli has motivated health officials to take action in the watery aftermath of Tropical Storm Allison. So far, potential outbreaks have been avoided.

As of Friday, the city health department had administered 7,800 tetanus shots to residents with wounds or cuts who trudged through flood waters contaminated with sewage and other debris; Harris County had administered another 1,000.

Mosquitoes, whose populations boomed in the watery stew, landed on people at a rate of more than 100 per minute. Mosquitoes can spread encephalitis and other viruses to humans, and such concerns begin at 25 landings per minute.

No viruses have been detected yet, so the insect infestation so far has been just a nuisance, said Dana Beckham, the state health department's expert on animal diseases.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is helping to pay for 10 days of mosquito spraying in the disaster zone.

Polluted water was also a concern. Houston's health department found that more than half of the 760 wells and water systems it tested in the area were contaminated with bacteria, such as E. coli.

Allison was blamed for at least 22 deaths and \$4 billion of damage in the Houston area since the storm came ashore June 5. Lisa R. Thiesse, Editor/Owner *Quickening News*™.

# THE ORIGIN OF AIDS: PERSPECTIVES ON A POSSIBLE VACCINE INDUCED PANDEMIC

Transcript of Oral Presentation made by Leonard G. Horowitz, D.M.D., M.A., M.P.H. May 29, 2001, *Les Premieres Recontres Medicales, Libreville, Gabon, Africa.*

Honorable First Lady, and esteemed program officials, it is indeed an honor for me to be among an American delegation invited by the First Lady to present some recent perspectives from the United States concerning HIV/AIDS as a possible vaccine induced pandemic. I am the author of the American best selling book, *Emerging Viruses: AIDS & Ebola: Nature, Accident or Intentional?*, and I will be reporting today from my current publication in the May 2001, issue of the peer reviewed scientific journal of *Medical Hypotheses* published in England, reprints of which are being prepared for distribution tomorrow.

I presented this thesis initially at the XI International Conference on AIDS in Vancouver, in 1996, beginning with data that showed that approximately sixty-five percent (65%) of Black Americans believe that HIV/AIDS may be genocide. Genocide is defined as the mass killing of people for economic, political, and/or ideological reasons.

In the October 2000, issue of the esteemed *American Journal of Public Health*, Dr. Stephen Kunitz, considered among America's most prominent medical sociologists, concluded much like Africa's most esteemed medical sociologist and psychiatrist, Dr. Adeoye Lambo (Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria), that where capitalism, colonialism, and "WASP (White Anglo Saxion Protestant) directed globalism" goes, the expected and consistently observed outcome is the mass killing of native populations.

My thesis raises this specter concerning HIV/AIDS following the administration of experimental hepatitis B (HB) vaccines given to gay men in New York City (NYC) and Blacks in Central Africa in 1974 and early 1975.

Could what I am about to present represent genocide? Might it be standard Machiavellian theory in practice? That is, creating the problem to profit from the solution; in this case from pharmaceutical sales while reducing undesired populations? Might the same instigators be suppressing lower cost, lower risk, and highly effective alternative therapies? This is certainly a most heretical, politically challenging, ethically and morally disconcerting possibility. Yet, based on the evidence I will summarize here, a theory whose time has come for close examination; a theory I conclude should, if not must, be conducted by an independent scientific and ethics committee charged by the United Nations to discern the truth.

To summarize my findings, (first slide) you are now looking at the United States Government contract under which numerous AIDS-like and Ebola-like viruses were bio-engineered using crude and tedious laboratory methods, by Litton Bionetics researchers, during the late 1960s and early 1970s. As you can see, Dr. Robert Gallo, "Project Officer" for the National Cancer Institute (NCI), oversaw this contract which, as documented, began on February 12, 1962.

On the next slide, reprinted from the *United States Congressional Record*, Litton Bionetics is listed as the sixth leading biological weapons contractor for the US Army in 1969.

The next slide is reprinted from the journal *Nature*, December 5, 1970, wherein you can see Dr. Gallo from the NCI as lead author, with co-investigators from Litton Bionetics, reporting on their studies of RNA-dependent DNA polymerase (more commonly known as "reverse transcriptase") in human acute leukemic cells. As you may recall, Dr. Gallo was the 1984 alleged discover of HIV. It was later determined that he did not discover it alone, but with Luc Montagnier from France. Dr. Gallo was then credited with the co-discovery of the AIDS virus. Yet, the problem is, this unique enzyme that is central to the function of HIV/AIDS, and critical to leukemia virus activity as well, was being investigated before 1970. This is approximately fifteen (15) years prior to Dr. Gallo's alleged discovery of HIV, and almost nine (9) years before his is credited for the discovering the first leukemia virus (HTLV-I).

The next graphic depicts the viral re-combinations that were routinely carried out under Dr. Gallo's direction at that time. As the examples show here, monkey viruses (especially SV40 in the presence of SIVs, simian foamy retroviruses [SFR], and others) were recombined with feline leukemia virus RNA and chicken leukemia virus RNA which caused

wasting, immuno-suppression, and death. It is well known that feline leukemia in cats reflects similar pathogenicity and symptomatology as HIV in humans. Additionally, as shown, cross species leaps, contrary to popular belief were not easily or spontaneously induced. To get these new man-made viruses (called "mutant hybrids") to jump species into man, the viruses were cultured in human white blood cells in some studies, and human fetal tissue cells in other studies.

The next slide presents another US Government document; a NCI monograph of 1974 showing a map of the world. Over New York you see a square, with a similar one appearing over Central Africa, apparently Uganda. Also, stars appear over northwest Uganda, southeast Uganda, and Bethesda, Maryland. According to the legend, the stars represent "Herpes Virus Research." Included here is the Epstein-Barr virus and cytomegalovirus from monkeys linked today to certain cancers and chronic fatigue. The square, the legend tells, depicts liver cancer virus and vaccine research, that is, HB virus and vaccine studies ongoing by 1974 in the two regions initially struck by HIV/AIDS.

To briefly summarize, and you may wish to more critically review this in the *Medical Hypotheses* publication, between 1974 and early 1975, 200,000 human doses of HB vaccine, representing four sub-types or strains of that virus, were administered to gay men in NYC, Blacks in Central Africa, and mentally retarded children from the Willowbrook State School on Staten Island in New York. That vaccine was prepared by initially growing the HB virus in contaminated chimpanzees and Rhesus monkeys shipped from Africa to New York by Litton Bionetics.

Dr. Maurice Hilleman, considered the world's leading vaccine developer, admitted during a 1986 interview (that never aired, the tape of which I recovered from the audio archives of the National Library of Medicine), that he imported the AIDS-virus into North America in contaminated monkeys destined for vaccine research and development at the Merck Pharmaceutical Company. He described how he brought the non-human primates into New York from Africa and got them off the planes. Recovered contracts show that Litton Bionetics's monkey colonies, as the NCI monograph depicts, were in southeast Uganda, and in northwest Uganda. Litton affiliated there, at that time, with the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) that conducted numerous cancer virus and vaccine studies on native populations.

The early HB vaccines were prepared in these contaminated chimpanzees. The viruses were grown in the chimps, and then extracted along with a variety of simian virus contaminants (including SV40, SIVs, and SFRs) during the vaccine manufacturing process. The viruses were then injected into the Willowbrook children, gay men, and Black Africans. Of course, many of these people died during this part of the investigation. The survivors, who had developed (HB) antibodies, then contributed their blood. The final vaccine was prepared from this blood by separating the whole cells from the serum. It was from this (pooled) serum that four different sub-types of the 1974-75 HB vaccine were prepared and administered. The 200,000 doses were reportedly tested on these same populations.

This according to all the scientific evidence, best explains the triggering of the AIDS pandemic on two far-removed continents, in two demographically distinct populations, during the late 1970s.

You may have heard that AIDS viruses predating this period have been discovered. This is not the truth. Although HIV gene fragments, representing portions of perhaps ancient viruses, have reportedly been discovered, HIVs demonstrating the complete viral genome only reflect this period of AIDS pandemic origin.

I will close by quoting directly from my article in *Medical Hypotheses*.

"Not easily embraced by individuals, organizations, institutions, and/or government agencies biased by special interests, the dire implications of neglecting this hypothesis, and its further investigation, are unfathomable. Such actions strain the ethical fabric of science, our moral obligations as world citizens, and may be contributing to an irreversible attack against humanity.

"On the other hand, the AIDS crisis may serve an ideologically justified function concerning burgeoning ethnic populations in a period of globalistic transition. In effect, it provides a revenue generating control mechanism for 'international security' interests and the organizations, institutions, and industries aligned with what amounts to utilitarian global genocide."

Thank you.



# COLORADO PRAIRIE DOG COLONY HAS PLAGUE

**June 20, 2001, Colorado Springs, Colorado**—Tests confirmed a colony of prairie dogs near a subdivision southeast of the airport here are infected with the plague, and county health officials said Wednesday they are investigating whether the death of a 28-year-old man is connected.

April Tooke, a spokeswoman with the El Paso County Department of Health and Environment, said tests that came back Tuesday night confirmed the plague among the prairie dogs in the eastern part of the county. It is called bubonic plague when it infects humans, Tooke said.

The man lived nearby and rode his bicycle through the area. He died Monday after suffering plague-like symptoms, Tooke said, but tests have not yet been completed on the cause of death.

Tooke said about 150 of the 300 prairie dogs in the colony have died.

Plague is a bacterial disease of rodents, primarily transmitted to other animals and humans by the bite of an infected flea, according to the health department's Web site. Symptoms among humans include high fever, chills, headache, severe fatigue and tender or swollen lymph glands. Tooke said authorities have begun spraying in the area to kill the infected fleas. *CNN.Com*.



# DAIRY INDUSTRY TARGETS DISEASE

Could an obscure disease afflicting milk cows be making people sick? Scientists are not sure, but the dairy industry wants the government to eradicate the cattle illness.

At least one in every five US herds is believed to be infected with the livestock disease, called Johne's (pronounced YO-nees). Scientists are studying its possible link to Crohn's disease, a chronic bowel disease in humans for which there is no known cause or cure.

The National Milk Producers Federation, which estimates Johne's cost to the dairy industry at \$200 million a year, is asking Congress for 1.3 billion to identify and destroy infected cattle. *The Associated Press*, May 2001.



# TWO RECENT EMAILS: LAMB LIKE BEAST

We have listened to several of your tapes, loaned to us by a friend. On this tape, in a special way, you are trying to bring home something that you consider a very important point, the truth. Yet on that same tape you are propagating an error that undercuts the your credibility. Are you really a stickler for the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

What am I getting at? You make several references to the "lamb like beast." Revelation 13:11 AV says, "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." (This is the only text in the AV Bible that mentions beast & lamb.)

*Webster*: "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon."

*Weymouth*: "Then I saw another Wild Beast, coming up out of the earth. He had two horns like those of a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon."

*Young's Literal*: "And I saw another beast coming up out of the land, and it had two horns, like a lamb, and it was speaking as a dragon."

*Darby*: "And I saw another beast rising out of the earth; and it had two horns like to a lamb, and spake as a dragon."

*Douey*: "And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns, like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon."

In what you say, I'm sure you mean well. But what you are saying in respect to Revelation 13:11 is an error I'm sure you don't wish to propagate! It is certain that this beast does not have lamb like qualities—out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh—and this beast speaks like a dragon!

The only lamb like qualities about this beast, if you want to call them such, are about the horns, for they are "horns

like a lamb.” The horns of a lamb, when they finally begin to get horns, are very small & basically are of little use. Please, when you quote or make reference to the Bible or Spirit of Prophecy, quote correctly. If it is not correct, then it is an error. Keep pointing people to Jesus. Your brother in Christ, J

“This **lamb-like power** unites with the dragon in making war upon those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” *Last Day Events*, 145.

How do we understand the first phrase of Isaiah 29:21?

“THAT MAKE A MAN AN OFFENDER FOR A WORD.”



Hi Jeff, Super magazine, and tape too!

I could hardly believe someone wanted to be dropped from the mailing list because you were “too strident” in the *London series*! Any excuse will do, I guess. EGW said that Jesus was deeply in earnest, but not vehement. Well, I think you can be forgiven for being a bit “strident”, since it probably seems like you’re trying to wake up the whole world all by yourself! Just today at breakfast, I happened to be replaying one of the *London series* tapes you sent out. Say, would you send me the set? (Maybe I could play it when I’m feeling a bit drowsy at my desk!) God Bless! Happy Sabbath!

## ⌚ “IN GOD WE TRUST”—THE US MOTTO

During the US Civil War [in the 1860’s], supporters of the use of the phrase *In God We Trust* on currency argued that it would mitigate the results of that divisive conflict.

Things remained quiet until the turn of the century. But controversy flared anew in 1905 after President Theodore Roosevelt directed the Mint to come up with new designs for the nation’s coins. On aesthetic grounds, the Mint disliked the use of *In God We Trus*” on the coinage and proposed leaving it off. Roosevelt was also no fan of the phrase; he argued that it cheapened religion to have a God motto on money and recommended instead using only *E Pluribus Unum* [from many—one].

In a letter dated November 11, 1907, Roosevelt responded to a minister who had written to him expressing dismay over the omission of *In God We Trust* on the new coins. “My own feeling in the matter is due to my very firm conviction that to put such a motto on coins, or to use it in any kindred manner, not only does not good but does positive harm, and is in effect irreverence which comes dangerously close to sacrilege,” he asserted.

Coins were minted without the motto, but public outcry was swift and strong. Roosevelt quickly reversed himself and agreed to sign legislation mandating that *In God We Trust* appear on all US coins. Congress duly passed the bill, and Roosevelt signed it into law on May 18, 1908. [Editor’s note: Notice how quickly Roosevelt **reversed himself** when under public pressure. “Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance.” *The Great Controversy*, 592.]

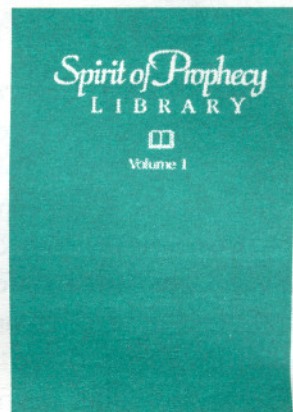
Coins remained the most popular medium of exchange in the United States until the beginning of the 20th century. As paper money became more common, a drive was launched to make sure *In God We Trust* would appear on dollars of various denominations. President Eisenhower endorsed the idea in 1955, and a bill quickly passed Congress requiring the use of the phrase on paper money. It has appeared on all notes since October of 1957. *Church & State*, May 2001.

“A profession of Christ without internal rectitude is no better than a whited sepulcher, beautiful without but within full of corruption.” *Review and Herald*, July 22, 1875.

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## YOU CAN LIE AND STILL BE HONEST

CBS News anchor Dan Rather in a Fox News Interview last month said he thinks Bill Clinton is an honest man, even though he lied under oath and to Jim Lehrer about the Lewinski affair. Rather said: **"I think you can be an honest person and lie about any number of things."** *US News and World Report*, May 28, 2001.

"Wherever the divine precepts are rejected, sin ceases to appear sinful or righteousness desirable. Those who refuse to submit to the government of God are wholly unfitted to govern themselves. Through their pernicious teachings the spirit of insubordination is implanted in the hearts of children and youth, who are naturally impatient of control; and a lawless, licentious state of society results. While scoffing at the credulity of those who obey the requirements of God, the multitudes eagerly accept the delusions of Satan. They give the rein to lust and practice the sins which have called down judgments upon the heathen.

"Those who teach the people to regard lightly the commandments of God sow disobedience to reap disobedience. Let the restraint imposed by the divine law be wholly cast aside, and human laws would soon be disregarded. Because God forbids dishonest practices, coveting, lying, and defrauding, men are ready to trample upon His statutes as a hindrance to their worldly prosperity; but the results of banishing these precepts would be such as they do not anticipate. If the law were not binding, why should any fear to transgress? Property would no longer be safe. Men would obtain their neighbor's possessions by violence, and the strongest would become richest. Life itself would not be respected. The marriage vow would no longer stand as a sacred bulwark to protect the family. He who had the power, would, if he desired, take his neighbor's wife by violence. The fifth commandment would be set aside with the fourth. Children would not shrink from taking the life of their parents if by so doing they could obtain the desire of their corrupt hearts. The civilized world would become a horde of robbers and assassins; and peace, rest, and happiness would be banished from the earth." *The Great Controversy*, 585.



## PREMARITAL SEX MORALLY ACCEPTABLE

Sixty percent of Americans say premarital sex is morally acceptable, a Gallup poll shows. *Religious News Service*.



## NEUROTHEOLOGY: THE NEW MIND-SCIENCE

Neurotheology is the study of the neurobiology of spirituality and religion.

In 1998 Massachusetts Institute of Technology Press published the 844-page *Zen and the Brain*, by Dr. James Austin, a neurologist. Last year the *Varieties of Anomalous Experience* by the American Psychological Association was published, covering enigmas from near-death experiences to mystical ones. At Columbia University's new Center for the Study of Science and Religion, one program investigates how spiritual experiences reflect "peculiarly recurrent events in human brains." In December, the scholarly *Journal of Consciousness Studies* devoted its issue to religious moments ranging from "Christic visions" to "shamanic states of consciousness." In May the book *Religion in Mind*, tackling subjects such as how religious practices act back on the the brain's frontal lobes to inspire optimism and even creativity, reached stores. And in *Why God Won't Go Away*, published in April, Dr. Andrew Newberg of the University of Pennsylvania used brain-imaging data collected from Tibetan Buddhists lost in meditation and Franciscan nuns deep in prayer. They use the data to identify what seems to the brain's spirituality circuit, and to explain how it is that religious rituals have the power to move believers and non-believers alike. *Newsweek*, May 7, 2001.

"Thousands, I was shown, have been spoiled through the philosophy of phrenology and animal magnetism, and have been driven into infidelity. If the mind commences to run in this channel, it is almost sure to lose its balance and be controlled by a demon. 'Vain deceit' fills the minds of poor mortals. They think there is such power in themselves to accomplish great works, that they realize no necessity of a higher power. Their principles and faith are 'after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.' Jesus has

not taught them this philosophy. Nothing of the kind can be found in His teachings. He did not direct the minds of poor mortals to themselves, to a power which they possessed. He was ever directing their minds to God, the Creator of the universe, as the source of their strength and wisdom." *Evangelism*, 605.



## TREASURY SECRETARY SEES 'GOLDEN AGE'

*The Associated Press, June 24, 2001*—Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill said Sunday that the country is "on the edge of a golden age of prosperity," describing the current economic slowdown as an "adjustment period."

"I think we're not doing badly for the kind of correction that we're in right now," O'Neill said on ABC's *This Week*.

"It's easy to find gloom and doom, but consumers are hanging in there, their spending rates are still quite good," O'Neill said.

"The contraction occurred . . . in the investment sector, where we had an overexpansion."

The Treasury chief was less optimistic about the future of Social Security. "We're headed toward a situation where we're going to have a lot more people retired and a lot fewer workers providing payroll taxes, that we've got to do something different," he said.

The answer, he said, is the Bush plan to let workers invest some of their Social Security contributions into personal savings accounts. "It's a big idea," O'Neill said. "It's time for us to make every American into a wealth accumulator, not a creator of an entitlement benefit."

"Christ declares that there will exist similar unbelief concerning His second coming. As the people of Noah's day 'knew not until the Flood came, and took them all away; so,' in the words of our Saviour, 'shall also the coming of the Son of man be.' Matthew 24-39. When the professed people of God are uniting with the world, living as they live, and joining with them in forbidden pleasures; when the luxury of the world becomes the luxury of the church; when the marriage bells are chiming, and **all are looking forward to many years of worldly prosperity**—then, suddenly as the lightning flashes from the heavens, will come the end of their bright visions and delusive hopes." *The Great Controversy*, 338.



## EFFORT TO REPEAL HJR 38 MEDICAL PRIVACY RULE FAILS

Dear Friends: Here's a brief update on our campaign to stop the new HHS medical privacy regulation.

Despite more than 61,000 e-mail lobbying messages, 13 co-sponsors, and a last-minute flurry of phone calls to Capitol Hill, privacy advocates have fallen short in an effort to derail the federal government's so-called medical privacy regulation.

On June 15, a 60-day window for Congress to "veto" the regulation slammed shut, with no action taken on HJR 38, a bill filed by Congressman Ron Paul that would have repealed the new regulation.

As a result, the Health & Human Services regulation, which will force doctors to turn their patients' confidential medical records over to the government, has officially gone into effect. The regulation was drafted by the Clinton administration and was quietly implemented in April, 2001, by President George W. Bush, despite the growing public outcry against it.

During the week of June 11, privacy advocates mounted a last-ditch effort to repeal the regulation by flooding their congressional representatives with thousands of phone calls demanding a vote on HJR 38. But House Speaker Dennis Hastert, refused to bring the measure to a vote, ending any chance of killing the HHS regulation.

Capitol Hill sources said the House schedule was "very light" the week of June 15, and "a vote could easily have been scheduled. Hastert just didn't want to."

"Privacy advocates made a tremendous effort," said Libertarian Party National Director Steve Dasbach, "but we've lost what we always knew would be an uphill fight. The problem was that Democrats supported the regulation because it was Bill Clinton's baby, and Republicans supported the regulation because George W. Bush endorsed it. It was classic Washington DC bipartisanship: The politicians won, and the American public—and privacy—lost." Sincerely, Steve Dasbach, National Director of the Libertarian Party.



# THE SIGN OF JONAS

By David Lin

“Certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, ‘Master, we would see a sign from Thee.’ But He answered and said unto them, ‘An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly; so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.’” Matthew 12:38–40.

This text has led some students of Scripture to advocate the Wednesday crucifixion theory by pitting this one text against thirteen that speak of Christ rising on the third day, and four texts, which foretell that He will rise “in three days.” Study of the text will reveal that Jesus did not intend it to lead men to a laborious reckoning of the date of His crucifixion and duration of His burial, but, rather, He wanted readers to grasp the essence of His gospel. The context throws light on this point: “The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgement with this generation, and condemn it; because they repented at the preaching of Jonas, and behold, a greater than Jonas is here.” The essence of His greatness lies not in the length of time He rested in the tomb, but in the sufferings of death He tasted for all men.

Christ drew a parallel between Jonah in the whale’s belly and His own ordeal in the “heart of the earth,” not to lead us to calculate time, but to contemplate His sufferings for us. We are to see the identity of Nineveh, whose “wickedness is come up before God,” with our own “evil and adulterous generation.”

Of Nineveh Nahum wrote, “Woe to the bloody city! It is all full of lies and robbery. . . . Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the well-favored harlot, the mistress of witchcraft’s, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.” Nahum 3:1–4. To this city God sent Jonah, and they repented in sackcloth and ashes. But the Jews did not repent, even in the presence of One “greater than Jonas.” This is the thrust of this text.

The Jews demanded a sign of Jesus in the same spirit as Satan, who challenged Him to perform a miracle to prove His divinity. Christ cited the “sign of Jonas” as His strongest proof. His statement stressed the duration of three days and three nights when He battled in the “heart of the earth”, not the terminus of that period. For He could

not have risen from the grave, unless He had drained the cup of woe to its dregs.

Many students of this text dwell on Christ’s resurrection, but He Himself regarded His suffering as primary. The fact that God sent Moses and Elijah to meet with Jesus on the mount and speak “of His decease which He should accomplish in Jerusalem,” Luke 9:31, proves that Heaven was also chiefly concerned with Christ’s sufferings. Than the bread and the cup that He ordained at the last supper, again stressed the sufferings of His death. “For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord’s death til He come.” 1 Corinthians 11:26.

There is a contrast between the physical ordeal of Jonah and the spiritual anguish of Jesus. A rhyme exists between the Greek *koilia* (belly) of the whale and the *kardia* (heart) of the earth. We note also that Jonah’s request for the sailors to throw him in the sea typified Christ’s willingness to lay down His life, and Jonah’s prayer, “I will pay that that I have vowed,” Jonah 2: 9 was like Jesus’ prayer, “Not My will, but Thine, be done.” Luke 22:42.

Taking “heart” to be the seat of man’s affections, and “earth” to represent men who are of the earth, we recall Caiaphas’ words, “It is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.” John 11:50. These words had a double application. As far as the “heart of the earth” was concerned, Caiaphas, who was of the earth and spoke of the earth, was only concerned for the physical safety of the Jewish nation, while Christ worked for their spiritual restoration.

In the New Testament “heart” (*kardia*) always refers to the mind or affections, not to a point in space. If “heart of the earth” meant Christ’s tomb, the analogy would not fit. For in the tomb He rested in peace, while Jonah suffered intensely in the whale’s belly. So the analogy would fit if we compare Jonah’s three-day ordeal to Christ’s three-day struggle with Satan. (As for a person being “in the heart”, 2 Corinthians 7:3, Ephesians 3:17, Phillipians 1:7, 1 Peter 3:15 yield four examples in a positive sense.

After Judas closed the deal to betray His Lord, Satan, who had hitherto failed to cause Jesus to sin, launched his last offensive. Said Jesus, “The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me.” John 14:30.

As Christ entered Gethsemane, He began to be “very

sorrowful and heavy, and said, 'My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death.'" Matthew 26:37.

"There appeared an angel unto Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat was as it were great drop of blood falling down to the ground." Luke 22:43,44.

Finally, on the cross Jesus cried, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" Matthew 27:46.

"A great fish" in the Jonas story may well correspond to "leviathan" in Job 41:1, 34, who "is a king over all the children of pride." In Isaiah 27:1 we read "In the day the Lord with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea."

In Revelation 12:4 a dragon stands "before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born." It does not say that child was devoured ere it was "caught up unto God, and to his throne." In actual life, Christ was devoured, but the dragon had to vomit Him out, after which He was caught up to God's throne.

So it is most fitting to apply the "three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" to the last hours of Christ's agony. From all appearances, Satan had everything going his way in those crucial hours. The world exulted, as Christ had foretold, "Ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice." John 16:20. For he had apparently fallen victim to their murderous designs—enveloped in the "heart of the earth". Leviathan had devoured the male child. For three days and three nights the dragon vented his hatred on the Son of God. Jesus said, "When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me, but his is your hour, and the power of darkness." Luke 22:53.

The parallel is clear. Since Jesus cited Jonas' experience as a prophetic type of His own ordeal, and declared it to be the only sign given to an "evil and adulterous generation," we take that correlation as God's way to help us appreciate the infinite price He paid for our salvation. Now we know the final result.

John 12:31, 32 says, "Now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." To lift Christ up from the earth, is now seen to be God's purpose in this sign of Jonas.

We equate "your hour, and the power of darkness," with the three days and three nights of Satan's seeming supremacy, when He had Christ in his grasp. As far as externals were concerned, he had full mastery over Jesus,

even to the extent of torturing Him to death. But Jesus vanquished the power of darkness; "in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." In turbulent sea of demonic passions, He retained His serenity and mastery over all things. It is ever true that "all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, . . . none can stay His hand, or say unto Him, What doest Thou?" Daniel 4:35.

In Christ's humanity God risked the honor of His name, as in the case of Job, whose life is on record to help us fathom the purposes of God. The Job drama discloses much that is at stake in the great controversy between Christ and Satan. Unwittingly, Job suffered to vindicate his Redeemer.

The character of God was on trial. Before the whole universe Satan accused God of selfishness—that He secured the loyalty of Job by bribery. By this Satan would undermine the very foundations of God's government of love and righteousness. For selfishness is sin, and Satan's challenge was an attempt to prove the sinfulness of God. If Job failed the test, God would have been proven to be sinful, and Satan would have won the right to coexist with God. Yea, he would have been seen as wiser than God—having deeper insight than the Creator into human nature.

Now Christ had come to dwell with men, Satan had another chance to prove his point. If he could make Christ sin, he would have proved the perpetuity of evil. The character and sovereignty of God was at stake. It was a contest of moral strength, not of physical might. Since the intrusion of sin was a new, mysterious factor in God's universe; all creation must fully appreciate its intrinsic evil before sin can be forever banished. God gave Satan—the author of sin—every chance to prove his claims, while Christ appears as God's first and last response to the challenge of sin.

In the ensuing conflict the adversary resorted to every form of evil and deception to win his case, but God cannot deny himself. He is the embodiment of love and truth, so by love and truth alone He must conquer, saying "I have sworn by Myself, the word is gone out of my Mouth in righteousness, and shall not return: That unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." Isaiah 45:23.

The essence of sin—the transgression of the law—is irreconcilable with God. Its intrusion has alienated the human race from its Creator. Christ came to live a human life of true harmony with His Father—being "obedient unto death, even the death of the cross," thereby reveal-

ing to man God's love and truth, which has the power to break man's slavery to sin and lead to reconciliation with God.

There is a contrast as well as a parallel between Jesus and Jonas: Jonas' ordeal in the belly of the whale was the result of his own disobedience, while Jesus' agony in Gethsemane and on Calvary was due to our disobedience. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them. . . For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Corinthians 5:21.

"Few give thought to the suffering that sin has caused our Creator. All heaven suffered in Christ's agony; but that suffering did not begin or end with His manifestation in humanity. The cross is a revelation to our dull senses of the pain, from its very inception, sin has brought to the heart of God. Every departure from the right, every deed of cruelty, every failure of humanity to reach His ideal, brings grief to Him." *Education*, 263–264..

"The condescension of Christ in behalf of men was a marvel to the angels. Redemption through Christ was to them a mystery of love and wisdom. . . this condescension of their Commander in . . . subjecting Himself to mockery and insult, poverty and a felon's death, called forth from the shining hosts of heaven the highest adoration and deepest joy." *Review and Herald*, July 15, 1909.

Christ hoped that this message of God's love would lead the "wicked and adulterous generation" to repent. In Jonas' episode the Ninevites saw God's will to warn them of their peril. It was His goodness that led them to repent. So they will rise in judgment with this generation, if we are unmoved by the much greater spectacle of the crucified Christ. Indeed, why are we so indifferent, so cold and unloving?

So we take Christ's "three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" as the duration of His last period of anguish, not the time He slept in the tomb. For His saving power lies in the suffering of death that He tasted for every man. "For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings." Hebrews 2:10. So the Son of Man in "the heart of the earth," means that for three days and three nights He yielded Himself a victim to the devilish devising of this world.

If one must fix the limits of Jesus' dying agonies, we submit Matthew 26:2, 15, when Judas collected the thirty

pieces of silver, as the beginning, and John 19:30, when Jesus "bowed His head and gave up the ghost," as the end of His struggles. The moment He died, He was forever freed from "the power of darkness." His coming forth from the tomb was but an inevitable sequel to this final victory.

The fact that Christ cites the sign of Jonas as the only sign given to this generation, indicates that He attaches prime importance to it. In the agonies of Christ the love and justice of God are vindicated; the price for our redemption's paid, and the true features of Satan unmasked.

"It must needs be that offenses come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!" Matthew 18:7. God is absolved of all responsibility for the intrusion of sin; for now it is seen that He is its greatest Victim. "We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man." Hebrews 2:9.

This is God's reply to all who argue that since Christ took back His life after He gave it, He didn't really die.

The text says that He took human nature "for the suffering of death." Jesus' suffering is judged by its intensity, not its duration. His infinite capacity for suffering made it possible for Him to "taste death for every man." He who had ever been in the bosom of the Father was made sin for us, enduring the strange horror of being forsaken by His God. This infinite anguish that broke Christ's heart far exceeded the sum total of all human suffering.

He said, "I lay down my life, that I might take it again. . . I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father." John 10:17, 18.

That is true with regard to His suffering. The text is equally applicable with regard to Christ giving His life. He who is the inexhaustible Source of life, after having given it for myriads of souls doomed otherwise to perish, still has an inexhaustible remainder. For infinity minus a finite quantity, equals infinity. Christ says, "I have power to take it again." It is His legitimate right to rise from the dead after He had paid off all our debts.

In Exodus 12:3–6 God orders the Israelites to "take to them every man an lamb, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan and slay it "in the evening" of the 14<sup>th</sup> day. Reckoning from the close of the 10<sup>th</sup> day to the beginning of the 14<sup>th</sup>, there is a 72 hour period when the lamb is "in the heart" of him who intends to slay it.

That duration matches the period from the time Judas collected the thirty pieces of silver to the hour Jesus expired on the cross. The gospels do not record the exact hour when Judas conspired with the priest. But after all, must we work out a precise correlation of the 72 hours? Primary significance lies in the fact that the Lamb was "in the heart" of His slayers during that time.

Careful study shows that God's only purpose in fixing the three-day interval of Exodus 12 was to typify the span of time when the Son of Man yielded Himself a victim to the cruel designs of "the heart of the earth." These three days and three nights Christ regards as the focus of His vicarious sufferings.

## WHEN THE CALL SHALL COME

**"Those who would be ready to meet their Lord must keep their lamps filled with the oil of grace.** It was a neglect to do this that distinguished the foolish virgins from the wise. They had lamps, but no oil; their characters could not stand the test. The wise virgins had not only an intelligent knowledge of the truth, but through the imparted grace of Jesus Christ, their faith and patience and love constantly increased. Their lamps were replenished by their vital connection with the Light of the world. While the foolish virgins awoke to find their lamps burning dimly, or going out in the darkness, the wise virgins, with their lamps burning brightly, entered the festal hall, and the gates were shut. Greatly rejoicing at the sound of the bridegroom's voice, they joined the bridal procession.

"The oil with which the wise virgins filled their lamps represents the Holy Spirit. 'The angel that talked with me came again,' writes Zechariah, 'and waked me, as a man is wakened out of his sleep, and said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: and two olive-trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. . . . Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive-trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive-branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.'

"The anointed ones standing by the Lord of the whole earth, have the position once given to Satan as covering cherub. **By the holy beings surrounding his throne, the Lord keeps up a constant communication with**

**the inhabitants of the earth.** The golden oil represents the grace with which God keeps the lamps of believers supplied, that they shall not flicker and go out. Were it not that this **holy oil** is poured from heaven in the **messages of God's Spirit**, the agencies of evil would have entire control over men.

**"God is dishonored when we do not receive the communications which he sends us.** Thus we refuse the **golden oil** which he would pour into our souls to be **communicated** to those in darkness. **When the call shall come**, 'Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,' those who have not received the holy oil, who have not cherished the grace of Christ in their hearts, will find, like the foolish virgins, that they are not ready to meet their Lord. They have not, in themselves, the power to obtain the oil, and their lives are wrecked. But if God's Holy Spirit is asked for, if we plead, as did Moses, 'Show me thy glory,' the love of God will be shed abroad in our hearts. Through the golden pipes, the golden oil will be **communicated** to us. 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.' By receiving the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness, God's children shine as lights in the world....

"Now is the time to prepare for the coming of our Lord. Readiness to meet him cannot be attained in a moment's time: Preparatory to that solemn scene there must be vigilant **waiting, combined with earnest work.** The union of these two makes us complete in Christ. **The active and devotional must be combined as were the human and divine in Christ.** So God's children glorify him. Amid the busy scenes of life their voices will be heard speaking words of encouragement, hope, and faith. The will and the affections will be consecrated to Christ. Thus they prepare to meet their Lord; and when he comes, they will say, with joy: 'This is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: . . . we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.'

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent, that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless." *Review and Herald, July*