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This book documents:***That there was...***

a church which was dying *on the inside* for years, at its headquarters ... one which had fattened itself up, nonetheless, with plump payrolls ... a Bible-based organization whose leadership had refused to look to the Bible for truth—had even stopped believing its own teachings—and whose employees were afraid to lose their jobs.

That, in this church, there was...

a man who reluctantly was propelled into uncharted waters ... one who was not an insider and who refused to knuckle under to those who were ... an individual who did not enlist the support of any church member outside his home in beginning the first worldwide work of warning as evidenced by his personal letters.

BUT, at that time, there was...

a public rejection of this truth delivered in accordance with God's way. And, there was NO REVOLUTION as there should have been, as God hoped there would have been. Instead, such supreme truth was spurned because of its supreme "cost." The price was too high to pay; the burden too heavy to bear. THIS truth brought a cross that was too much like Jesus'.

Much later on, however, crafty “leaders” would find a way around this cross, even designing a way to turn a profit from PARTS of the truth. By using deceived congregations for support (Oh! *The sacrifice!* ... Ah! *Still the income!*), a Christ-like sacrifice was sweetly avoided. For these hirelings there would be NO acceptance of *LIFE-CHANGING* truth until there were **JOBS ... MAGAZINES ... BUILDINGS ... A GROUP** in order to have get-togethers, potlucks, dances, and sports. IN OTHER WORDS, **UNTIL THERE WAS NO REAL LIFE-CHANGE AT ALL!**

What a great sacrifice to endure! “Leaders” could even move up a rung on the ladder. A rich church had to move out of their mansions into cottages (a temporary deprivation it was hoped). A large group had to break into smaller ones (a real hardship if you wanted to field a sports team). Routines were disrupted in finding new places to sit (a nuisance to get used to different surroundings).

MOVING from one location to another **IS NOT BEING HOMELESS!** And, neither is leaving a large group of friends to join a smaller circle the same as being **AN OUTCAST!** Any circle is still a circle!

The message now is:

Go on, you “leaders,” hold onto your power for a little while longer. Hold on until the world knows, and it will know for sure, how you *PARASITES* live off God’s sheep. And, you

followers, when are you going to wake up? The Jews before Christ's resurrection, what was their problem? Lack of faith. But, AFTER His resurrection—for nearly two thousand years, even through much horrific tribulation—what was, and continues to be, their problem? PRIDE! Do God's New Testament people plan to hold out until Christ comes, too?

Can any sensible person deny: *LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER*? If one can now see that the mother-church had in its very nature the tendency toward harlotry, then you its daughter-churches must look at yourselves as naturally following her example! What sin that the parent carries is not transferred to its offspring? Your "mother" had **AIDS**; why are you haughtily pretending that you, living on as "her daughters," DO NOT?

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jules Steves".

September 21, 1998

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CHANCELLORRAYMOND F. McNAIR
DEPUTY CHANCELLOR

April 25, 1985

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dervaes:

I would like to thank you very much indeed for the letter which you sent to me. I received it on the 17th of April 1985 and appreciate your taking the time to write it. I would like to take this opportunity to briefly go over the history of this entire situation and set out on paper clearly the facts in this case.

First of all, let me say that I think that you do love each other very much and are striving to overcome whatever problems you may have. All marriages go through crises from time to time, and these have to be worked out.

I would like to mention for the record why I ended up counseling you. Mr. Carrol Bryant, who is a very good friend of yours and a Local Elder of the Church, came to Mr. Greg Albrecht at a time when there was much friction in your marriage. Apparently you, Mrs. Dervaes, had "hit bottom." Apparently you felt that you wanted to walk out of the situation, that you had hurt your husband so much that you were confused and bitter and couldn't do what you perceived was required as a Christian.

As a result of this situation, Mr. Albrecht felt that immediate action was necessary and

requested that you counsel with the ministry. Because he was extremely busy, he asked me if I could counsel with you to assess what the problems were.

As you, Mr. Dervaes, are a student at Ambassador College, you and your family naturally come under the ministry of the College, as far as spiritual matters are concerned. Hence, the meeting which was arranged on the 28th of March 1985. (Subsequent meetings were held on the 1st and 9th of April.)

At that time, we sat down and endeavored to discuss what the nature of the problem was. Before I go any further, I would like to point out the ministry's attitude behind such counselings, as made clear in II Cor. 1:24, "Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand."

It is with this in mind that I would like to make the following observations, as a result of the first counseling and the subsequent counselings. I wish to further mention here that these observations have not been reached hastily, but have been as a result of the combined input of Mr. Bryant and Mr. McNair. In addition to this, much time, consideration and prayer was given to this very important subject.

At the very beginning of the counseling, I made the statement that I understood you had a marriage problem. You, Mr. Dervaes, replied

that you did not have a problem, that your wife did. That you both questioned her conversion and would like to discuss whether or not she was converted. I pointed out that if a wife has a problem to the point of walking out then the husband also has a serious problem on his hands.

Mr. Bryant and I concluded that indeed Mrs. Dervaes was converted and did have God's Holy Spirit. This is an initial conclusion based on the evidence which was available at the time of the discussion. The fact that Mrs. Dervaes has been willing to battle on for many years under certain trying circumstances demonstrates a converted attitude. It appears that there have been many "problems" for her to battle with over the years of the marriage, and this has not been conducive to her demonstrating the fruits of God's Spirit as readily as she might have in other circumstances.

However, I would like to point out at this time that, yes, you, Mrs. Dervaes, do have a problem, but we feel, Mr. Dervaes, it stems from your lack of understanding of the proper role and relationship of a husband in a marriage. In addition to this, a lack of understanding in treating your wife as "the weaker vessel." "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered" (I Peter 3:7).

It is clear to us that Mrs. Dervaes was wrought up to the point of walking out of the family home and under tremendous pressure. Naturally, we do not want to see this happen and are gravely concerned about the situation.

It is our opinion that Mrs. Dervaes is being pushed too much by her husband and needs more "elbow room" in order to be an individual. It is the man's responsibility to do the business area of a marriage, and its major communications. Apparently, it is the habit of you, Mr. Dervaes, to have your wife do all of the communication in business matters, rather than taking the lead when things get difficult. Then you criticize your wife for not doing things in the manner which you desire. This obviously creates a great deal of tension for her.

Next, we understand your preference for teaching your children at home and have no comment on that except to say that such a situation creates a tremendous burden, principally on the one doing the teaching, i.e., Mrs. Dervaes. We wonder whether or not Mrs. Dervaes is strong enough at this time physically and emotionally, to cope with such a situation, having four children under the age of 10. This in addition to having recently moved to Pasadena and living in a home which has much need of repair and renovation.

It is also apparent that you, Mrs. Dervaes, are easily influenced and do not make up your own mind on certain things and stick to them. We feel that you misunderstand the biblical

injunction of Eph. 5:22, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord." There are times when a husband should submit to the will and desires of his mate, as indeed Eph. 5:21 makes clear: "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."

I would again like to reiterate that we are not here to force counseling upon you in any way, shape or form, but merely wish to point out that from our many years of experience we conclude that a major problem exists in your marriage and that you need counsel and advice.

I would like to encourage you both to follow the admonitions in the book of Proverbs (Prov. 12:15, 15:22, 19:20 and 20:18) that you seek out, listen to, and follow good advice. I would personally like to encourage you to do this. Help is at hand, but it is up to you whether or not you wish to accept it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arthur O. Suckling". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid.

Arthur O. Suckling

cc: G. Albrecht; C. Bryant; R. McNair

(NOTE: This letter to Mr. and Mrs. Dervaes at the end of their 1985 counseling session is Mr. Suckling's assessment based on faulty and incomplete knowledge and biased by his prejudice against any Christian who behaved as an adult.)

1986

February 11, 1986

Dear Mr. Tkach,

I had second thoughts about sending you the letter of February 10 because I did not want to be guilty of any wrongdoing—in particular, against the government of God and the “chain of command.”

At first, when I thought this was just a personal issue regarding my beliefs on marriage, I did take that counseling up through these three ministers: from Mr. Suckling, to Mr. Albrecht, and on to Dr. Albert. The conclusion of the matter, then, was that I would have to be responsible for the particular beliefs that I held. This I most wholeheartedly supported and it was, in fact, what I had advocated all along.

But I am NOT writing to you about my personal counseling. I know that I would have to take that up with the ministers involved. That original issue has long since been settled in my mind; for, time and again, the Word of God has been proven right in my life. And so, it is not my intent to rehash the past.

Why I am writing to you, and what I am writing about, is the philosophy of the ministers

that came out as a result of those counseling sessions. I have not taken this concern to another minister because this matter is so critical that it surely affects the whole Church. It has become more and more obvious, as later examples have since shown, that there is an extremely dangerous undercurrent of wrong belief here.

I did not at first grasp this because it seemed so strange and unreal; but the proof is there. As described in my letter, I found there exists a very heinous teaching: One can not have a deep, personal, two-way relationship with God through His Word and that it is the ministry who only can discern God's will for us.

My desire is only to inform you of what I believe to be true. I deeply feel that I had to speak out. Thank you for letting me directly communicate this to you.

May God guide and direct you.

Jules Dervaes

February 10, 1986

Dear Mr. Tkach,

There is a need to write this letter to you, and I appreciate very much your “listening” to me. I feel as if I have to make this effort and then I will turn it over to God. I’ve been wanting to write to the Church for a long time but each time I’ve talked myself out of it. Many times I told myself that it is best to let God handle it. But I began to see that this can be a “cop-out” and a way to play it safe and not make waves. I know that I have my own “beam” in my eye to take care of. I know that God is in charge of His Church and that He is the one to look to.

So there are reasons that I could use to “look the other way.” But, recently, a trial that I experienced taught me a very serious lesson: I am responsible for what I know. This responsibility has compelled me to contact you.

Last April in a counseling session, I was told that God’s will could not be known by me directly, that only the minister could discern it for me. I said that my wife and I had prayed, studied the Bible, read church literature, and heard sermons; we had arrived at an answer from God’s WORD. I was told that that was a Protestant idea and that, maybe, I was in the wrong church. When I protested, the issue became—not what is the TRUTH—but was I going to accept the minister’s viewpoint. I was stunned because I could not find any biblical

proof that I had to forfeit the Word of God and take the word of a minister.

Four ministers were aware of my situation. The consensus was that I could not know God's will in my life. I admit that I have problems in my life, problems in my marriage, and problems in my children that I need to overcome. So I did not carry this any further; but I reflected on this issue for months and would read articles written by the Church back in previous years. I saw that the "old" approach was directly at odds with this new one being put forth by these ministers.

Needless to say, I felt confused and I felt alone. Surely, the Church had not changed, had it? On such a very, very crucial issue? Then this past summer, I heard a sermonette delivered in the Auditorium PM Church. The message was one on ministerial counseling. The speaker's conclusion was that if we reject the minister, we reject Jesus Christ. There was no differentiation made between the doctrines of the Church, matters of sin, and just the beliefs held by the minister. Yet Mr. Armstrong would always say that we should not believe him but believe the Bible.

Then, after keeping this to myself (only my wife knew) all this time, I found out by happenstance, just this past week, that this philosophy—that only ministers could discern truth—has been around for at least four years. Some AC graduates and students have come to adopt the same philosophy. Somehow this is

being “taught” or conveyed without anyone questioning it.

As a father of four children, I try to do my best to protect them. It is much easier to protect them physically than spiritually. But I still try to block the bad music, stop the bad TV shows, and weed out the bad attitudes. It is a very heavy responsibility, one that requires a lot of time, effort, and insight.

The eldest of my children is an eleven-year-old girl. If she were old enough, I would send her to AC because it is God’s college. I am responsible before God for her spiritual growth and I would entrust her to the college to further that growth. However, I would be furious to see her come through this experience with a warped attitude. A young, eager, vulnerable mind could be “raped” by those who usurp the very authority of God. I am too much a father to stand by and watch while this could happen to her.

I have very strong feelings about this; I wanted to share it with someone. If I am wrong in anything, I am sorry. Please correct me. I highly respect and value the government of God established by His WORD.

Thank you for being the servant that you are. May God bless you.

Jules Dervaes

February 23, 1986

Dear Dr. Albert,

I was present at the lecture that you gave to the Epistles of Paul class on February 21. You covered some very good points concerning the scriptures of Romans 13. Also, the explanation of the actions taken by the Church in 1979 was very well presented. What you taught regarding being “under authority” was very biblical and, therefore, correct.

Having now heard your viewpoints on several occasions, and having been in counseling sessions with you, I have observed that you are very authoritarian—which is “good,” especially in this day and age. However, there is present in your approach and manner something that the Bible preaches against, in Mark 10:42-45 and in 1 Peter 5:3. It seems to me that the loving authority, exemplified by Jesus, Paul, Mr. Armstrong, and others, is somehow missing and being neglected. I certainly fall short of the standard set for Love by First Corinthians Chapter Thirteen. Nevertheless, the standard for us all is still there, serving to guide and correct each one of us.

You made a comment in this lecture that reflected a strange belief that I had never before heard from a minister. You said that you would most likely be over us in the kingdom because you have had “a twenty-five year head start” on us. Where is this tenure concept found in the

Bible? Considering Matthew 24:13, it seems caution is required in this matter, especially if you add to that Matthew 23:11-12 and 1 Corinthians 10:12. I think it is erroneous to believe that time spent IN the Church is a factor at all if you consider this in the light of Luke 19:11-26. Furthermore, 1 Corinthians 3:12-15 shows that the work done here will be tested first. Please be careful because you are giving a wrong impression.

Although I have much to learn, I thought I would share these thoughts with you. As you said, God is the only source of law/authority. Because God is also Love, it seems clear that love and authority are one and the same. Therefore, true authority cannot negate love and does not exist for its own sake. And, where there is true authority, there must be love. As stated in 1 John 4:18, "there is no fear in love."

I hope all goes well for you and that God will guide and direct you. Keep growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

In Christian love,

Jules Dervaes

February 24, 1986

Dear Dr. Sherrod,

Thank you for the conference time last Wednesday. I appreciated that opportunity to talk to you in some depth regarding Anais and her classes at Imperial Schools. I've had a chance now to think more concerning what was said during that meeting.

It would seem imperative that Imperial Schools have a clearly stated educational philosophy in order to define the "track being run on" and, thereby, assist parents, children, and faculty alike to gauge progress accordingly. This first priority would insure that any changes made would be real, long lasting, and to the benefit of all involved. Additionally, it would help parents, who wish to enroll their children, to decide on the basis of knowing exactly what Imperial "stands for."

Although dress, attendance, homework, and other regulations certainly need to be addressed (and should not be disregarded in the least), these are really outward signs of the need for an inward change. There is a necessity to look deeply into the total academic environment. By this, I don't mean that teachers be highly "credentialed," because credentials by themselves don't mean a thing except that one has passed so many courses. Yet teachers should be dedicated, hard working, oriented to excellence, and pursuing the goal of

developing all the students at all levels to their full potential.

You did mention that time is needed. While that can always be true, time can be an enemy by hindering the basic, deep changes that require immediate action. Going slow is “good” when you don’t really know where you are going. But if you know what’s right, then, by all means, “full speed ahead.”

During our conversation you mentioned that these problems came because you compromised on the entrance rules, and allowed Anais and Dannielle to attend when maybe they shouldn’t have been admitted. That really puzzled me because these two students haven’t really been the instigators of what’s wrong with the school. That, I believe, is misdirecting the issue. There was something fundamentally wrong which surfaced, at this time, through their cases. They were the cause of the surfacing of the problem; but they were IN NO WAY the cause of the problem. There is a great, real difference.

Thank you for letting me share these additional thoughts with you. Maybe, some more discussions can be forthcoming. In the meantime, I wish you all the best with the work ahead. And, thanks very much for your concern.

In Christian love,
Jules Dervaes

March 11, 1986

Dear Mr. Tkach,

Recently, on February 12, I sent you a letter regarding a personal concern that I had.

I don't know if this is even proper or not but I would now like to request a meeting with you. I can imagine how very busy you must be at this time. However, I would come any time of the day or night at your convenience.

Because of the complicated nature of what has transpired over the last year, I hesitate to write another letter. So, although I know how difficult it is to handle everyone's concerns on an individual basis, I really don't know where else to turn.

I feel as if I must talk with someone before Passover and I would be very grateful if you could help.

Thank you for your concern.

In Christian love,

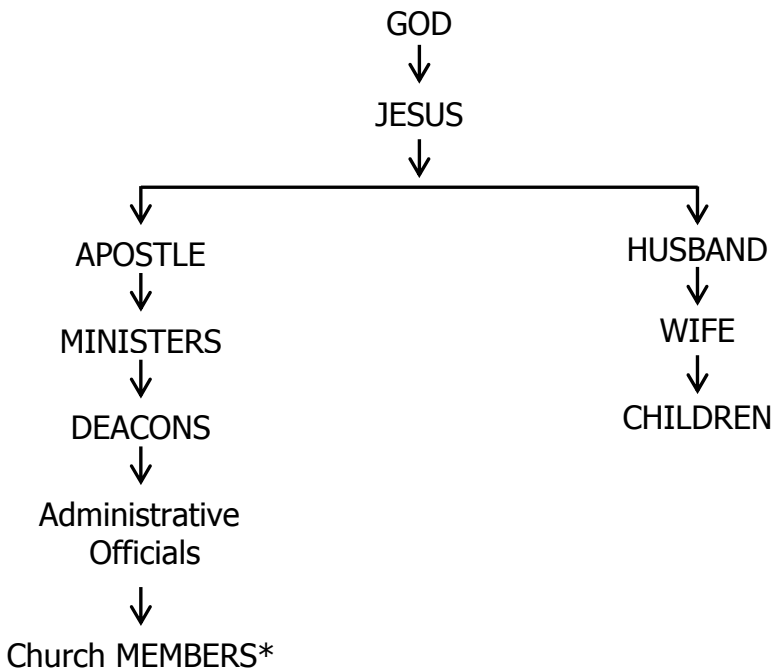
Jules Dervaes

April 11, 1986

From the Worldwide Church of God

GN 3/62, Torrance: *The Right Kind of Authority in the Home.*

The Chain of Authority:



*Under this authority and yet also directly under Christ are the husbands.

(Husbands:) As the head of the house it is your duty to give your life in service to your family by encouraging, guiding, admonishing, and teaching them the way of life as Christ does the Church.

GN 4/83, Ward: *Your Marriage—Shell or Substance*

The structure for God's government in the family is given in 1 Cor. 11:2-3. God is the head of Christ, Christ is the head of the man and man is head of woman.

PT 6/66, Meredith: *What All Husbands Need to Know*

The area of character development is one also in which a really strong masculine husband should take the lead.

AC REPRINT: *Prepare to Be a King*

Strength of will and personality, infectious optimism and raw courage all of us admire.

To be this way, you must, of course, have a purpose in which you fervently believe—and for which you are willing to die if necessary.

The man who is bold and sure of his convictions will inspire the admiration and respect of his friends and associates. Any leader of men must have this bold power of decision, this sense of "captaincy" in storming the beaches of life, scaling the mountains and conquering all obstacles.

Judgment—be completely fair and impartial in the decision or action he may take. Learn to get wise counsel. Learn to admit your

own mistakes. Then act on the truth with fairness and mercy.

Many times, he may have to make hard and unpleasant decisions. But make them he must. And he must see that they are carried out.

A great leader must have strength of will to dominate in any crucial situation to guide the affairs of his family, company or nation in the right way.

... Even though his course of action may sometimes be unpopular, a true leader will have the spiritual and mental resources to see it through and not be deterred by criticism or adversity.

... Must be willing to delegate authority. He will be thinking far more about what is “right” than what is expedient.

GN 1/61, Hoeh: *How Far Does Church Government Extend into Your Life*

As individuals we are not all of the same competence to determine what Scriptures say.

The Church authoritatively speaks by the ministry when it comes to making decisions which regulate the whole church.

God has given us a responsibility for your sake to intervene in special occasions in your personal life—in matters of adultery, drunkenness, utter laziness, etc.

GN 1/57, Mr. H. W. Armstrong: *Christ Did Put Authority and Rule in His Church*

Does God's rule in His Church give ministers authority to intervene even in the personal life of members? Yes, but of course rarely and only in extreme cases where this is necessary (2 Thess. 3:10-11).

God's ministers are required to use wisdom and judgment and they are never going to interfere in private lives unless there is a Bible reason.

It is never a matter of God's ministers deciding what we, as humans, think is right and then imposing our beliefs or views on the other members. It is a matter of God, through Jesus Christ, leading through His Holy Spirit those in the Church that are the elders to understand what is God's Law on the question.

GN 8/53 & 6/58, Hoeh: *Government in Our Church*

All offices in God's Church are gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is God who created us with our natural talents and who adds to those talents, portions of His talents through the Holy Spirit.

Many of the gifts are offices with authority, but others are purely Spiritual gifts which belong not only to the ministry but to others also. These are the gifts of healing and speaking and interpreting foreign languages. There are the gifts of knowledge by which truth

hidden for centuries is revealed, and the gifts of wisdom and faith.

All these gifts are distributed throughout the Church as God sees fit so that He may work through the Church and govern it. God, not man, decides who shall be given the responsibilities in carrying out His work.

GN 3/79, Meredith: *Should You Help the Underdog*

Once God had shown you where He is working in carrying the true gospel to the world and whom He is using in this ministry, you should obey them in matters of Church government and direction.

In matters of faith, you should follow them as they follow Christ (1 Cor. 11:1).

GN 6/79, Meredith: *The Final Authority*

Christians must be alert to the prophecy that even from among their leaders some would arise speaking perverse things—twisting God's Word (Acts 20:29-31).

In order to recognize perverse teachings, and in order to grow in grace and knowledge, you need to pray and study God's Word continually. If you do this intelligently you will never be deceived. Remember, the important test Christ gave us was to examine the fruits in

a minister's life and work. A false minister simply cannot produce the fruits—people converted in obedience to God's law and His way.

So respect and obey God's true ministers, but constantly study to acquire the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5) and to perceive a deceiver who might arise.

And even then, if there is ever a case when you have a real conviction that one of God's ministers is teaching something contrary to His will, you ought to "obey God rather than men."

In all matters, then, it's God's opinion that really counts. He is the final authority!

God has specially called His ministers to act as His spokesman teaching the people His will. That authority is to be respected! It is not respect to the man, but to the office and to God who placed him in that office.

GN 6/79, Mr. H. W. Armstrong: A Correction

What I meant was that members should not disbelieve everything we teach and read the Bible for the purpose of trying to prove that we teach falsely ... Therefore I do not encourage members to question all over again what we preach.

I most certainly have always encouraged all members to read and study the Bible continually—to increase in their own knowledge

and understanding—but not to deliberately try to disagree with the Church and study for the purpose of disagreeing and causing dissension and division in the Church.

So understand, I certainly did not mean to say those in the Church must not study the Bible. Indeed everyone **MUST!** What I did mean is, if ever you think you see in your Bible that what I, or the Church teach is in error—or if you see a biblical **TRUTH** the Church does **NOT** preach, then you must not mention that to any other member, or to anyone except your local pastor or write to the Pasadena office or direct to me.

Richard Rice: *How God Answers Prayer*

A paraphrasing of his sermon:

God works through people. He also uses the Bible. He reveals His will when we meditate. He speaks through His ministers. He can work through natural circumstances. He still performs miracles.

He leads us to the answers to our prayers through His Holy Spirit. He can use trials to answer our prayers. Angels are used in answering prayer. Existing means can be used to show us the answer to our prayers.

After having asked God for His help, we may be meditating and thinking about the problem and the answer suddenly becomes

clear in our mind, and we know just what we should do.

Through this kind of careful and prayerful examination God through His Holy Spirit can show you the answer to your problem or difficulty.

Because you have focused your mind on Him, God can use His Spirit to put the solution to the problem into your mind.

Bible CC Lesson 46, p.14: *(Discernment Available to All)*

Are brotherly love and discernment two more things to be sought through prayer, in order to bring forth the “fruits” of righteousness? Phil. 1:9-11.

Notice the word judgment in verse 9. This word means discernment—ability to perceive the difference between things good and bad, profitable or unprofitable...

These are the spiritual attributes the apostle Paul prayed that God would give individual Christians.

We need to pray God would give them to all of His people today so we may all grow up together in spiritual character to the stature of Jesus Christ (Eph. 4:13).

We find it all summed up in Ephesians 3:14-19.

PT 11/61, Meredith: *What the Holy Spirit Can Do for You*

In other words, God's Holy Spirit will help you understand the Bible, remember it, and live it. It will also help you grow in understanding of spiritual truth and of the amazing prophecies of the Bible that are now being worked out here below.

Bible CC Lesson 11, p.11: *(Divine Guidance Comes through Prayer)*

A Christian may come boldly to the Father and Christ the Son in prayer to request help in whatever form necessary and can expect to receive it according to God's will, if he is striving to please God in the way he conducts his life. Divine guidance, intervention, wisdom, understanding, inspiration, as well as protection, legitimate needs and power to do God's will—all these and more are available through contact with God as made possible by His Spirit.

GN 12/59, Neff: *How to Solve Your Personal Problems*

We should go to God with all of these problems in prayer.

But how does God answer this request ... Sometimes He does reveal the answer to us immediately...

In addition to seeking advice and wise counsel, we must learn to discern between good and evil...

Yes, you need to learn to decide many of these things for yourself. Don't permit others to make all your decisions, to solve all your problems. If others make all your decisions for you, and solve all problems, you are not developing in the character and nature of God. You need to learn to stand on your own two feet, with God's help. If you cannot learn to make decisions in this life, if you cannot develop the talents that God has given you, so that you can make wise decisions, how do you think God can use you in His Kingdom?

GN 7/78, Mr. H. W. Armstrong: *(Actions Can Be Judged, Not Heart)*

We can judge a person's actions as being either in conformity or not with God's law. But can we judge the heart? No.

What happens if a minister judges the intent, thoughts, and beliefs of a brother? God's answer—Deuteronomy 19:16-20.

From the Bible—*Growth and Maturity FOR ALL:*

(Eph. 4:13) ... until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

(Col. 2:2) My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely Christ.

(Philemon 6) I pray that you may be active in your faith so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

(Phil. 2:13) ...for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.

(Phil. 3:15) All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

(Heb. 5:14) But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

(Heb. 8:10) This is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their mind and write them on their hearts.

(Rom. 15:14) I myself am convinced my brothers that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another.

(1 Cor. 14:39) Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

(2 Pet. 3:18) But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord...

(Col. 1:9) For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

(Col. 4:12) Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus... is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

(Rom. 12:2) Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing, and perfect will.

(Phil. 1:10) ...So that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ.

(James 1:4-5) Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

(Eph. 1:17) I keep asking that God of our Lord Jesus Christ ... may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better.

(1 John 2:20) But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.

(1 John 2:27) As for you, the anointing you received from Him remains in you and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as His anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in Him.

(Heb. 10:19) Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus.

(Heb. 13:20) May the God of peace ... equip you with everything good for doing His will and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him...

(Heb. 4:15) Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

MY PERSONAL BELIEFS:

Ministers are to clarify doctrines and carry out church policies.

But the OFFICE of husband was founded at the time of creation. It existed before there was a Church, before there was a priesthood, before there were ministers. The authority in the family pre-dated any other human authority. This office must be respected. It was the original office established by God.

Ministers are to back that authority that exists in the home. They are not to come between husband and wife except if there is

known sin involved. They are not to usurp the authority of the husband, not to arbitrate between husband and wife. They are to respect that office that God instituted. They are not to replace it or work around it. They are bound to uphold it.

The purpose of the ministry is that of teaching and edifying. It is not to perpetuate an office, not to create a dependency, not to take the place of God. It is definitely not to interpret the Bible by reading in its own understanding and not to establish its own opinions as standards of conduct. It is not to use disfellowshipping, etc., as an offensive weapon.

A minister is a teacher. And the well-known, ultimate goal of every true teacher is this: to make oneself no longer necessary.

I believe in the teachings of the Church, as stated in this paper; and, to my knowledge, no corrections have ever been made to these teachings. Is the ministry divided against itself?

I know that I personally have received understanding from the Bible and I have received answers directly from God through prayer. I stand by my convictions.

Jules Dervaes

PRESENTED TO MR. ALBRECHT
ON APRIL 11, 1986

May 12, 1986

Dear Mr. Tkach,

On February 11, I wrote to you concerning a problem that I had become aware of. Another letter I wrote on March 11 requesting to see you, if at all possible, before Passover. Then on April 11, I sent a packet of papers to you through Mr. Webber. On that same day, I made a request to Mr. Albrecht for an appointment before Passover.

As of May 11, I had not received any communication regarding the above. I have not been forward; instead, I have been waiting and praying about this situation. I really did not know how long I was to wait before I could expect a response.

I did not want to be pushy but wanted to allow reasonable time for more important business and busy schedules. I did not want to be demanding and, thus, be regarded as inconsiderate. Even though I fall short of always having the best attitude, I still am trying hard to be understanding.

Therefore, I chose to continue waiting, allowing God to work it out in His time. Although I wanted to trust God, there remained the question of my doing MY part. So I have written these letters to keep you informed of the situation. Yet, I admit to having felt "in the dark" as to what I should be doing more than this.

Today, in a conversation with Mr. Albrecht, I inquired what was the status of my situation now. He asked hadn't I received the phone call from Mr. Salyer or Mr. Tkach.

I replied that I had NOT gotten any call. He then said that there must have been a breakdown in communication. I asked when was I to have received that call. Mr. Albrecht answered that it was to have been before Passover.

If an effort was made to contact me back then, I appreciate that; but I never received a call or a message that a call was made (nor a note explaining that I was trying to be contacted).

I am disappointed because I was waiting for just such a call and because I was looking for that expression of concern. I would have responded promptly because it meant very much to me.

I have been trying to implement Matthew 18:15; I have been trying to follow these biblical guidelines. It seems as if I had reached an impasse. As I wrote previously, I need help in working all this out.

Thanking you again for your concern,
Jules Dervaes

May 12, 1986

Mr. Joseph Tkach
RE: Imperial Schools

Dear Sir,

On Monday, May 5, during school hours, Imperial Schools took my eleven-year-old daughter, along with her class, to see the Harlem Ballet at the Ambassador Auditorium. This was done without prior notification to parents and, therefore, without my permission.

I vehemently object to this action which usurps parental authority and undermines parental responsibility. As a parent, I have the God-given right and corresponding responsibility to determine what my child is exposed to; and I am appalled that Imperial Schools did not recognize that FACT.

Furthermore, what is totally without justification is the lack of prudence on the part of Imperial for failing to consider whether the Harlem Ballet would be appropriate viewing for children. Some investigation into the style, content, and costumes of the program would have been in order. Even Ambassador College students have movies reviewed, and edited, in order to prevent "surprises" from the world. In the case of a live performance, the "ounce-of-prevention" principle should have been applied.

The above case is a dangerous precedent showing an absence of foresight. Because the

mind of a child is extremely impressionable, it needs to be subject to guidance and not to guessing. Again, to reiterate, this action occurred without parental knowledge or permission. It marks a betrayal of the trust that I as a parent have given the school.

I have not surrendered, and will not surrender, my child to the absolute jurisdiction of a school. I alone am ultimately responsible for my child and must answer to God for my stewardship. I believe the school should exist to support and assist the parent, not to replace or ignore the parent.

I am requesting that the government of God for the family be respected by Imperial Schools.

Thank you for your response to this plea.

Jules Dervaes

(A copy has been sent to Dr. Sherrod.)

June 5, 1986

Dear Mr. Tkach,

I feel embarrassed writing you again, especially since I've been writing monthly now since February. As before, I am requesting to see you personally, at your convenience.

I could come to your office and wait until there was an opening; but, then, I know that you must be very busy and I know I must be patient. Also, I have obligations at my work that can't be shunted; and so I would like an appointment to be scheduled for me when possible.

Although Mr. Horschack did call the Friday of May 16 and talk to my wife (I was at work), he informed her that Mr. Salyer was out of town. He mentioned that there would be contact made the following week after graduation (May 26 - 30); but no definite date was set and no firm arrangements were made. I waited last week in order to give Mr. Salyer time to make the necessary appointment.

However, now I don't believe that I should see Mr. Salyer; for, in the end, I shall have to see you anyway. In order for me to carry out the principle of Matthew 18:15, I would need to talk about the situation involving *****
*****. Since you already know about that matter, I feel it would be more complicated, and also inappropriate, for me to involve anyone else.

All this will take some time to get straightened out; and I feel it is best to bring it to your personal attention.

Having already waited these past four months, I would like to see that things are progressing to a resolution. However, I will continue to wait if you do not feel the need to see me at this time.

Thank you for your concern and assistance in this matter. May God guide and direct your ways.

Jules Dervaes

June 16, 1986

Dear Dr. Albert,

Thank you for the sermon that you gave on Pentecost. The topic of spiritual gifts was very relevant, interesting, and of great importance to us all. I realize that time constraints made it impossible to cover the entire scope of this subject on this occasion. However, I have heard you lecture in the college classes this year; and, at those times also, you have made some similar comments, both directly and indirectly, that are worrisome to me.

What you taught in class to AC students could have been considered, I presumed, your opinion. What you preached yesterday to the Auditorium PM congregation should be, I presume, the Word of God. Here I have to question whether all of what you said—and implied—was indeed biblical.

From my notes, I have you saying that “the chief gifts correspond to the chief offices.” I don’t believe that you can make such a blanket statement without any biblical support. In fact later on you point out that Romans 12 states that the gifts come “according to the proportion to your faith.” This directly contradicts your previous assertion, since gifts do NOT come in proportion to your office and since faith is NOT a limited commodity restricted to ministers only.

Consider the following written by Dr. Hoeh from the article Government in Our Church (The GOOD NEWS, August ’53):

All offices in God's Church are gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is God who created us with our natural talents and who adds to those talents portions of His talents through the Holy Spirit. Many of the gifts are offices with authority, but others are purely Spiritual gifts which belong not only to the ministry but to others also. These are gifts of healing and speaking and interpreting foreign languages. There are the gifts of knowledge by which truth hidden for centuries is revealed, and the gifts of wisdom and faith.

All these gifts are distributed throughout the Church as God sees fit so that He may work through the Church and govern it. God, not man, decides who shall be given the responsibilities in carrying out His work.

To me this goes against the grain of what you were suggesting through your sermon. You also strongly imply that knowledge of truth comes only "from the top." Then, consider what Mr. Herbert Armstrong wrote in the article A Correction (The GOOD NEWS, June/July '79):

What I did mean is, if ever you think you see in your Bible that what I, or the Church, teach is in error—or if you see a biblical TRUTH the Church does NOT preach, then YOU MUST NOT MENTION THAT TO ANY OTHER MEMBER, OR TO

ANYONE EXCEPT YOUR LOCAL PASTOR
OR WRITE TO THE PASADENA OFFICE
OR DIRECT TO ME.

Also, notice what Mr. Armstrong says in The GOOD NEWS, April '79 issue regarding new truth:

Now suppose a member thinks he or she has found an error in our doctrines. How must you proceed? If you have found truth we all want to know and embrace it! ... If it is felt to be a valid truth, it will be brought to me personally, and the living Christ will make it clear to my mind!

To me, this shows that Mr. Armstrong recognized this vital and significant truth: that TRUTH can come from anywhere! In fact his experience with the Sardis Church contradicts your assumption that God only works from the top down.

YES, it IS authority from the top down. But, NO, it is NOT always truth from the top down. There is a big difference.

It looks to me as if you are assuming that there is a residual holiness that comes from holding an office in the Church and from being in it for a long time. It seems that you are indicating that wisdom comes automatically as part of the position. Consider this remark from

Mr. Tkach in his article Spiritual Vision: Seeing Through A Glass Darkly (The GOOD NEWS, August '79):

Seniority isn't going to accomplish anything for us. A babe in Christ may obtain a higher position in the Kingdom of God than those suffering spiritually from the blurred vision that comes from old age.

As I read the Bible, in Colossians 3:16, James 1:5, and more, and as I view the examples in its pages, I believe that you have missed the mark in emphasizing position as the criterion for spiritual gifts. Such an emphasis can lead to dangerous results. Position DOES NOT EQUAL growth; and, furthermore, knowledge DOES NOT EQUAL salvation.

There is a warning here for ALL of us. There should be a clarification of the above issues so that no one should be misled. I have written this for the purpose of making sure that we base all our beliefs ON THE BIBLE and not on human reasoning plus assumptions. Please, let the Bible guide you.

After the Apostle Paul describes the spiritual gifts of 1 Corinthians 12 that you spoke of, HE immediately continues with an explanation of what HE considered the MOST important aspect:

And now I will show you the most excellent way. ... If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

May you grow in the grace and the knowledge of Jesus.

Jules Dervaes

(A copy of this letter has been sent to Mr. Tkach.)

June 17, 1986

Dear Mr. Tkach,

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter I sent to Dr. Albert concerning his Pentecost sermon. It reflects some of my concerns about what the teachings of the Church are. There would seem to be major differences here that need to be resolved.

I have tried to convey to you my willingness to wait for you to consider my situation. I am determined to see this through and I will not drop the matter. If I do not get a response to this plea, I will have to make the necessary arrangements to come to see you.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Jules Dervaes

July 7, 1986

Dear Mr. Salyer,

Now that two weeks have passed since the conference I had with you, I thought it would be appropriate to present to you my impressions and concerns regarding that meeting. This is important to me because, as you correctly stated, the issues remained unresolved.

The concluding remarks made at that time were that I was in danger, because I was at the "edge of the cliff." Maybe you won't understand my boldness in saying this; but, if searching for the truth means my being on the edge of the cliff, then I want, with God's help, to take on the cliff. With my salvation at stake, I don't need to be cowering in the corner, walled in by error.

Another observation made was that I was "straining at a gnat." If, as I believe, this "gnat" is sin, then most certainly I want to be more and more straining to not tolerate sin. I hope that you were not advocating a lukewarm, don't-get-involved approach; for I thought that we were supposed to guard against spiritual apathy.

From the comments made about the lack of unity that I exhibited, I sense there exists here a false sense of unity. For, the Bible talks about the unity of doctrine and of faith (Eph. 4). That was the reason that I came: to clarify the confusion of conflicting beliefs taught by different ministers. Yet, in the end, I don't believe those areas were ever fully and

conclusively addressed. Instead, the main focus became me and how I was being “passively resistant.” Yes, I will admit that I do try to resist false interpretations and opinions. After all, that is my Christian duty.

Furthermore, there arose the charge that what I was doing was in the line of “intellectual vanity.” The facts of this case that can be verified will show that only as a result of a direct attempt to separate me from the Church did I respond to the request for the paper that I typed. This presentation came, therefore, from a defensive position. (I already informed you that it was my wife who did most, if not all, of the research. And these were NOT even our ideas but those of the ministers of this Church.) Yet, even if you can assume a false motive of a man, how does that ever cancel out the true nature of a message? The two are not even remotely related in any way, or shape, or form.

This leads me to the question why a distinction is made regarding who has the truth. The ONLY concern should be: What is the truth! Even if four, or four hundred, ministers all agreed on what to say, that does not produce truth.

Of course, there is only one source of truth—John 17:17—but it is not the exclusive domain of any one person or any one group. (Mr. Herbert Armstrong recognized this.) God, after all, is not a respecter of persons.

Now, to address the question that Mr. Horchak brought up would take another conference. I have thought about his comment, as I said I would. There is, of course, no denying that selfishness is sin.

But, are you the ministry going to legislate what selfishness entails? Are you, as in the example referred to, going to regulate the number of times a man can have sex with his wife? Are you saying that having sex five times a week makes you a sinner? (Having sex zero times a week, does that imply that you are a saint?) What, then, is the number that the Church has fixed as the correct quota per week for the man? I am being facetious because I don't think the Church belongs in the numbers-game, which the Pharisees played so well.

Therefore, please refer to what Mr. Armstrong said in *The GOOD NEWS*, July '78:

We can judge a person's actions as being either in conformity or not with God's law. But can we judge the heart? No. What happens if a minister judges the intent, thoughts, and beliefs of a brother? God's answer—Deuteronomy 19:16-20.

I am truly sorry that the conference did not proceed to a resolution. But I feel that you clouded some issues and skirted others. And I still know that the ministry has spoken

differently on these issues. It is very evident that you are not all speaking the same thing.

When you informed me that I had taken up one working day of the ministry's time (you spelled it out: Two hours times four ministers equals eight hours), I thought that this was uncalled for and that it was an improper approach to my concerns. In fact, that one comment revealed a lot to me.

I do appreciate what time you did give me; I do realize that you have other business to attend to. Yet, I am also responsible to God for what I know and what I can and should do. For this reason I will press on.

I hope you will convey to Mr. Tkach my continuing concern. I have still more things to discuss but I will cover them at a later date.

Thank you again for your assistance in this matter.

Jules Dervaes

July 18, 1986

Dear Mr. Tkach,

Having counseled on different occasions with several ministers who represent the top leadership in the Church today, I feel a sincere regret that very little has been accomplished. What occurs in these meetings is a circular pattern that confuses rather than clarifies the issues involved. One notable exception was the one session with Mr. Raymond McNair, who was very concerned and compassionate. This was truly a bright spot which my wife and I appreciated very much.

After seeing firsthand the workings of some ministers, I can say with disappointment that I feel there is generally something lacking with regard to their having any deep, abiding concern. Of course, everyone is nice, with all the usual civilities. But, underneath, I sense there is no openness, no real warmth, no true understanding. It is as if one is intruding upon a secret society whose members are aloof and rigid, believing they are the possessors of special knowledge from which non-privileged outsiders are barred. Residing in this spiritual ivory tower forms a real barrier to any serious search for the truth.

What seems to be the intent of some ministers is to see if they can find fault with the person who is questioning them and, therefore, find reason to discredit, or ignore, what he says. This is a quick and easy approach guaranteed

to work all the time. For I know that I have problems by the fact that I am still carnal. However, with this ministerial “sleight-of-hand,” the central issues all just disappear and are not dealt with, while the question of truth somehow manages to be swept away under the rug of assumptions and opinions.

Maybe it is time for me to speak plainly about what I believe and have observed. If, as I believe, we are fast approaching the “last days,” then there should be a corresponding realization that the Laodicean Church of God is very much a reality, not only just around the corner, but also, in all practicality, already extant. It will not just spring up overnight. Because it is a known fact that congregations of churches take on the personality of their ministers, it is more than a supposition, therefore, that lukewarm multitudes are forming because of the presence of lukewarm leaders. After all, the government of God teaches us that responsibility rests at the top.

Considering that God’s plan in this age of Pentecost is to instruct the first fruits, it should be evident that He is primarily concerned with us. The Old Testament illustrated how He dealt mainly with physical Israel and their relationship to Him. Accordingly, with the duality principle in effect, God today has concerned Himself with New Testament spiritual Israel and their relationship to Him.

Because judgment is on the House of God now, there is no reason to believe that God is

out to judge those who spiritually are not even called yet, since it is not their time. Knowing, therefore, that God does not waste His words, there are biblical passages that refer to our time and to this Church. We have for too long pointed the finger at the religions of false Christianity while failing to consider that, since God is dealing with us now, His finger is pointing at His own spiritual people.

These messages are true today. God has spoken them through the Bible. It remains for us to examine His words and apply them where applicable. Yet there seems to be an indifference among some ministers that the Bible can not possibly apply to them and that they are exempt from its instructions and corrections. There seems to be no need on their part to check their actions with the Bible.

(Ezekiel 34:2) (NIV) Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock? ... You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. So they were scattered because there was no shepherd.

(Ezekiel 34:10) I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock.

[**Note:** *The term “my flock” can only refer to God’s true Church.*]

(Ezekiel 34:18) Must my flock feed on what you have trampled and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

[Note: *What should be healthful spiritual food—truth—has been discarded and dirtied.*]

(Ezekiel 34:20) Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away.

[Note: *The heavy-handed use of authority shows the “power-play” used by some to eliminate any who have opposing views.*]

(Micah 3:1) Listen, you leaders of Jacob, you rulers of the house of Israel. Should you not know justice, you who hate good and love evil; who tear the skin from my people and the flesh from their bones; who eat my people’s flesh, strip off their skin and break their bones in pieces; who chop them up like meat for the pan, like flesh for the pot. ...As for the prophets who lead my people astray, if one feeds them, they proclaim “peace”; if he does not, they prepare to wage war against him.

[Note: *If one does not “feed”—flatter—certain ministers by doing whatever they say, then that person is looked upon as an enemy, a trouble-maker. This is “politics” at its best.*]

(Micah 3:9) Hear this, you leaders of the house of Jacob, you rulers of the house of Israel, who despise justice and distort all that is right. ... Her leaders judge for a bribe, her

priests teach for a price, and her prophets tell fortunes for money. Yet they lean upon the Lord and say, “Is not the Lord among us? No disaster will come upon us.”

[Note: *Some leaders have come to believe that no matter what they say God is “on their side.” Thus they feel spiritually safe. But they have become oblivious to this inherent danger.*]

(Zechariah 11:16) For I am going to raise up a shepherd over the land who will not care for the lost, or seek the young, or heal the injured, or feed the healthy, but will eat the meat of the choice sheep, tearing off their hoofs. Woe to the worthless shepherd, who deserts the flock!

(Malachi 2:7) For the lips of a priest ought to preserve knowledge, and from his mouth men should seek instruction—because he is the messenger of the Lord Almighty. But you have turned from the way and by your teaching have caused many to stumble; you have violated the covenant with Levi, says the Lord Almighty. So I have caused you to be despised and humiliated before all the people, because you have not followed my ways but have shown partiality in matters of law.

[Note: *Some ministers are unfamiliar with the Church’s own literature. They show partiality to their own interpretation and they become vague when questioned about it. Their formula for everything —non-doctrinal— is:*

“Whatever we say” EQUALS “what you must believe.”]

(Jeremiah 23:1) Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture ... I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing.

[Note: *People have become really fearful to rightfully stand up against what is wrong, lest they be branded anti-government.]*

(Jeremiah 23:30) I am against the prophets who steal from one another words supposedly from me. ... I am against the prophets who wag their own tongues and yet declare, “The Lord declares.” ... they tell them and lead my people astray with their reckless lies, yet I did not send or appoint them.

[Note: *What the minister says is not automatically what God declares. He should not look to himself but to God as the final authority.]*

(Jeremiah 23:34) If a prophet or a priest or anyone else claims, “This is the oracle of the Lord,” I will punish that man and his household. ... But you must not mention “the oracle of the Lord” again, because every man’s own word becomes his oracle and so you distort the words of the living God, the Lord Almighty, our God. This is what you keep saying to a prophet: “What is the Lord’s answer to you?” or “What has the Lord spoken?” Although you claim, “This is the oracle of the Lord,” this is what the Lord says: You used the words “This

is the oracle of the Lord,” even though I told you that you must not claim, “This is the oracle of the Lord.”

[Note: *Somehow it is being taught that the minister can discern what is God’s will for you in your life. Somehow people are believing this is so. Somehow this “claim” is being perpetrated against an unsuspecting people. This is deadly wrong.*

Those who say “we have the mind of Christ in this matter” incriminate themselves for they do not adhere to the words of Christ.]

(Jeremiah 6:14) They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. “Peace, peace,” they say, when there is no peace. Are they ashamed of their loathsome conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush.

(Jeremiah 7:1) Stand at the gate of the Lord’s house and there proclaim this message: ... Do not trust in deceptive words and say “This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord!”

(Ezekiel 13:10) (against the prophets of Israel) Because they lead my people astray, saying “Peace,” when there is no peace, and because, when a flimsy wall is built, they cover it with whitewash, therefore tell those who cover it with whitewash that it is going to fall.

(Ezekiel 13:15) So I will spend my wrath against the wall and against those who covered it with whitewash. I will say to you, "The wall is gone and so are those who whitewashed it, those prophets of Israel who prophesied to Jerusalem and saw visions of peace for her when there was no peace ..."

[Note: *There exists a tendency to portray an image of "Unity" and to protect this at all cost, even to the point of covering up and of attacking honest dissension. Instead the emphasis should be on building or strengthening or even replacing the wall itself. Too often the issue becomes "are we in harmony" rather than "are we right." And so coat after coat of whitewash is applied to hide the cracks and make the wall "look good." There results a unified "show" but with very flimsy "substance." What a lot of wasted effort because a faulty wall will not stand no matter how much whitewash is applied.*

If one points out the fault in the wall, then he is considered to be the one at fault.]

(Revelation 3:17) You say, "I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing." But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, and blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

[Note: *The Church can say it is spiritually rich because it has such a wealth of knowledge.*

It can say that it needs no new understanding because it is “well off” already. Possessing so much spiritual treasure puts us in a highly dangerous position of losing touch with the reality that is described by Jesus here.]

(Ezekiel 3:17) Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to a wicked man, “You will surely die,” and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood.

[Note: *This is an important commission that all of us should take to heart. We should teach this awesome accountability.]*

Thank you for allowing me to speak plainly about my concerns. May God guide and direct your ways.

Jules Dervaes

August 5, 1986

Dear Mr. Tkach,

(Luke 18:8) However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?

Why would Jesus ask such a question? Was He really concerned about this possibility? If so, are we as concerned as He was (IS)? Or, are we so smug today, because, like the Jews, we think of ourselves as God's "pets"? What do the Gospels show about the people to whom Jesus came the first time? Are there any present-day similarities, considering the fact that the carnal mind has not changed over the centuries of human existence?

Living at the time of Christ's earthly ministry were a people who were counting on their association with the Temple and banking on their knowledge of the Law in order to gain favor with God. They had a religious heritage they could embrace to enable them to feel securely righteous.

Yet the nation of Judah failed to SEE their Messiah for this very reason: They thought they had it all going for them. In fact, such an attitude proved to be a faith-barrier; and, for outstanding examples of faith, Jesus had to point out other peoples. He was even astounded over the faith shown by one who was considered an "outsider." And so HIS OWN

PEOPLE, the ones most prepared to recognize and receive Jesus, were instead the most obstinate, while the leaders—those “in the know”—were the worst of the lot.

The holy words they studied and expounded upon did not give them any magic key to open up their eyes to see who was standing before them. It was the common people who were the most receptive to Christ’s approach because they were not preoccupied with maintaining power and position.

The Pharisees sought to retain their superior standing in the community and their influence with the Roman government. Failing to heed the signs of the times, these leaders could not accept any vision that was different from the one they cherished which centered on their being at the top. The special knowledge they possessed had “gone to their heads” and became a hindrance (not a help) to their applying it to the reality of the Christ.

Hypocrisy reeked from the ranks of the ruling Pharisees because they were concerned about the SHOW more than the SUBSTANCE. Their education in the Scriptures was used not as a means to find the truth; but, in a sick perversion, it was employed as a way to entrap Jesus, who Himself WAS the TRUTH (John 14:6). They did so without any qualms because they were so sure they were specially immune to correction that they could twist and tangle the Scriptures for their own ends.

Jesus spoke directly to the LEADERS of His Old Testament Church when He exposed their hoax, saying that they were VAINLY WORSHIPPING Him, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. This had occurred because those in power were passing off as God's word their own interpretations and additions based on their reasoning.

Since they only looked to themselves as the final say-so, they had set up a "biblical CATCH-22" by which they always came out on top. The standard, pat answers they had been giving soon formed their own tradition which then became more important than the Bible itself. This brought on a stagnation of thought which, subsequently, embalmed their minds to any further revelation of truth. This same Mark 7:7 holds for the Church today.

Jesus brought a unique message that the Pharisees could not or would not accept. They accused Him—a mere human—of claiming oneness with God. In fact it was evident that Jesus even talked with the Father. This posed a direct threat to their sacrosanct priestly positions; for Jesus was actually bypassing them. The whole "spiritual" hierarchy was at stake.

And so, at His Son's death, with the veil to the Holy of Holies being torn from the top down, God thus signified that a new phase of worship had begun. This happening signaled a RETURN to the original plan of forming personal relationships with God: God talking WITH

Adam. The Holy Spirit being received at Pentecost confirmed that vital truth: All who had God's Spirit had access to Him. This common accessibility effectively canceled the previous "superiority" of the priesthood which the Pharisees had fought so bitterly to retain. What Jesus stood for and what He was put to death for now came to light. The Second Adam restored man's broken relationship to God on a personal basis and revealed his (everyone's) incredible human potential, that is, to become as God.

With the Holy Spirit now being available to all, this enabled anyone to have a direct, personal relationship with God since Jesus had taken for Himself the office of the High Priest, the mediator and intercessor for the people. No other special administrative personnel were needed; for, the new Christian could approach the throne of God on his own. Paul's writings clearly indicate this new reality. God Himself had torn down the barrier that the LOGOS had previously ordered erected to serve a ministerial purpose UNTIL the time when Jesus would qualify to remove it.

Accordingly, while on earth Jesus had worked hard to prepare His disciples to accept their NEW role as His ministers. Yet the Bible shows their total misunderstanding of this change when it records that the ones Jesus Himself personally trained for three and one-half years were still fighting for the top positions in the forthcoming government, the last

argument occurring even just before His death. In order to eradicate this OLD idea, Christ instituted a new format for the Passover which would display, by way of reinforcement, the deep lesson He had come to teach.

Thus, the footwashing ceremony was not only to be an act done once a year but it was also to be an attitude practiced continually, throughout the year, by true ministers of Jesus. It would be the “nail in the coffin” for whatever lofty ideas would be lingering from the old priesthood mentality; it would serve to define and usher in a new era of ministry. No longer to be a position monger, the minister was to be a servant of all, following in the footsteps of the Master-Servant. His office would exist, not as an end for elevation of self, but rather as a means for elevation of others to Christ.

Today some ministers seem to be erecting those barriers once-and-for-all removed and banished by Christ. They are trying to re-establish the old regime emphasizing the exclusiveness of their position by claiming sole contact with the mind of Christ. This represents an artificial monopoly designed to create dependency and thus maintain power. This contradicts the basic teaching of the Bible.

Yet it is evidently “taught” by ministers; for it is NOT “not taught.” Statements against this heinous deception are conspicuously absent. Members just seem to know that a minister tells them God’s will. They believe it and accept it; and this is allowed to continue without

correction. This “teaching” by default, then, has become the de facto, established teaching that is the everyday, common practice.

To the Pharisees, Jesus was indeed a rebel. He was easily guilty of repeatedly violating the Sabbath “laws” THEY had manufactured as a tool to control those who were not as spiritually enlightened as they. In order to set them straight Jesus used the crucial principle: THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN AND NOT MAN FOR THE SABBATH.

For, the LEADERS had taken a good thing and had warped it beyond what God had ever intended. They had taken the test commandment of God and had attached their own “dos and don’ts” in order to establish a power base and test their control. The Sabbath which was the way to identify God’s people became the means to enslave them to those who had special knowledge of the Law. In their hands the God-given Sabbath became a Pharisee-controlled one. What was intended to establish a relationship with God (God and Adam conversing on the seventh day), instead became the way to establish one with the influential leaders. God somehow disappeared from the picture entirely, having been replaced by a system based on man-serving-man.

This directly applies to the Church today by replacing the terminology “the Sabbath” with the phrase “the government of God.” The exact same error of judgment made by the Pharisees is being made now by those who have taken the

government of God and distorted its proper use. They have extended it BEYOND the limits even God had prescribed and are using it as an instrument of control in areas of non-doctrinal matters. What God established to assist man has instead been used to manipulate him. What should have been a delight has been turned into a fright. The principle that should be, but is NOT, in effect is this: THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD WAS MADE FOR MAN AND NOT MAN FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.

Here is stated a clear, incontrovertible principle based on the Bible which the Church has not come to terms with. For, the means whereby God was going to teach man to have a personal relationship with Him has become, in this church era, the way to choke him out of it. The government has become the one all-important end, without any regard for its God-given purpose. The foremost requirement is to have the church member establish a relationship not with God but rather with the minister. That seems to be the only thing that really matters. Yet, Jesus already set this matter straight once and He died for doing it. And this is to be noted as a WARNING: Jesus Christ did not die at the hands of liberals! This fact needs to be UNDERSTOOD.

The REAL government of God should be based on this elementary principle: There exists the equality of nature with a difference of roles. This is evident in the God Family (Father and

Son equal but with different roles) and in the human family (husband and wife equal but with different roles). The church family, however, seems based along these lines: Minister and Layman NOT equal BECAUSE OF different roles. This perversion corrupts the very government of God. The Church's preaching stands in stark contradiction to the practicing, because the ministry in the Church under the label of authority does perpetuate a subtle division of the Spirit resulting from the status of the office.

With this bias in effect, the ones in charge can actually prevent the growth of the "inferior" ones. That growth and development which would result from a member's direct contact with God on a personal basis is thwarted. Instead of fostering and driving the layman to reach for the highest level of spiritual maturity, it is beneficial for leaders to protect their "privileged" rights toward God by keeping others in a spiritual crib. What, therefore, WAS a false, artificial inequality of the Spirit-nature can manifest itself as a "real" gap, which can be easily "widened" by the stunting, crippling effect brought on by smothering ministers.

A pattern has emerged in the Church which has extremely serious implications. The ministry has sought to replace parents—rather than to assist them. The article that you wrote in *The Worldwide News* shows that you are aware of this situation. But the ministry has also sought to replace husbands—rather than to

assist them. And, finally, it has even sought to replace God—rather than to assist Him. There has been, therefore, a real “persecution” that is actually destroying the Church from within. It is much worse by far than any trial that the world could perpetrate on us because the world can only destroy the body (Luke 12:4). What it involves is a battle for the spiritual minds of God’s people. Yet what we hear preached is “Peace,” that is, UNITY, when there IS NO unity (Ezekiel 13:10).

What history has shown is that the Jews—God’s physically chosen people—“missed” the first appearance of Jesus who came in physical form. Now, two thousand years later, will we—God’s spiritually chosen people—“miss” the second appearance of Christ who will come in His spiritual form? Have we learned the lesson contained in the Gospels?

Scriptures referring to Pharisees of OUR DAY:

(Matthew 23:3) So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy loads and put them on men’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

(verse 13) Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the kingdom of heaven in men’s faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.

(verse 15) You [teachers] travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are.

(Luke 11:52) Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and have hindered those who were entering.

(Acts 20:29-31) I [Paul] know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard!

(2 Peter 2:1-3) But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up.

May God guide your way.

Jules Dervaes

August 21, 1986

Dear Mr. Tkach,

Thank you for your sermon on the Sabbath, August 16. I am trying to follow your good advice.

“Don’t quit,” you said. So I won’t. “Be involved,” you exhorted. So I will. I will not quit writing these letters BECAUSE, in this manner, I will be involved. I feel as if letters are my means of communicating with the Church even though it is only a one-way involvement.

Marriage (good business, also) is based on two-way communication: Top → Bottom AND Top ← Bottom.

As a husband I owe it to my wife to establish and maintain the frank and open communication which is vital to our relationship. My headship should never be the basis for my ISOLATION. In like manner my wife owes me her input, both the positive and negative, in order to insure that ONENESS that we both strive for. Her submission should never be the basis for her INDIFFERENCE.

This marital analogy should be pointedly applied to the Church. What the Church DOES advocate for the husband/wife union, it apparently does NOT for the leader/layman relationship. As husbands we are reminded that correction can be received from our wives. This serves to confirm the fact that, even though it is authority that comes from the top down, in

no way is it always truth from the top down. In what manner does the Church accept this essential communication from “the lower level”? Is it truly encouraged and warmly welcomed? Or, is it coldly ignored and obviously discouraged?

In your sermon you correctly identified the number one malady that afflicts our generation. It is “the killer” of love; it is: indifference. We laymen should not, therefore, be indifferent to the Church, should not have the “let George do it” attitude. But, is this REALLY what the ministry wants? In my own experience, I have found most ministers would rather you be deaf, dumb, and blind. One may preach involvement; but what is TAUGHT by example is something else.

And, apathy cuts across all “official” lines. In the ministerial ranks there is “wholesale” apathy which can be easily documented. Can you imagine that ministers—SHEPHERDS!—are actually NOT speaking out against sin? What is so sickening is that THEY are the very ones who should be protecting their own flocks! There exists a PERVERSE attitude in the Church with regard to acting against wrongdoing. They say, “Let God do it.” “George” or “God,” it still makes no difference. That apathy is an abomination.

And so, could it be true that we are seeing a ministry that not only has itself practiced indifference, but has also encouraged it in the past? For, there exists some confusion here, that is, while involvement is preached from the

pulpit, it is attacked when it is really practiced to the full extent. In other words, the involvement is fine as long as it is superficially “sweet” and stays within the “proper” bounds. It is taboo for a layman, for instance, to ever speak up (a REAL form of involvement) when a minister does not know what he is talking about. Loud and clear it comes through that one does not ever cross a minister (and I am not even referring to doctrinal matters). Consequently, involvement—the TRUE and DEEP kind—is curtailed; and what then results is a no-growth situation in which both parties are content just to sit there and look good “on stage.”

What is on the scene now is a stagnant Church of God which seems content with the wealth of its knowledge, not desiring to search out more truth or deeper understanding. It finds itself in a rut because of its “riches” and no longer is spearheading any dynamic, powerful movement. Militarily speaking, this Church has “dug in” to await the coming of Christ, all the while enjoying its high and secure position and becoming oblivious to fatal lethargy.

Something is amiss when ALL we can do is to LOOK to the vision of the Second Coming. Having been numbed with our success, we can easily OVERLOOK what we have to DO in order to make the final grade. Our perception has been distorted by the fact that we think that we already have it made, since Christ surely

wouldn't (we think: couldn't) do without the MEMBERS (including MINISTERS!) of His Church. Being a member, or even a minister, of this covenant Church IS NOT synonymous with enjoying the benefit of the covenant.

Notice what John the Baptist says.

(Matthew 3:8-9) Therefore bring forth fruit in keeping with repentance; and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father"; for I say to you, that God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

Yes, the Church is growing in numbers. One can readily point to an impressive wealth of statistics; but what does that actually prove about SPIRITUALITY? The peculiar tendency of this Western Society to rely on numerical figures and analysis to represent growth is deceptive especially when it is applied to a spiritual organization. It paints a very false picture of what really counts.

The idea is not to collect members, donations, and calls. The idea is to preach the Word of God with boldness and without compromise and to strengthen and sharpen God's people while leaving the numbers of those called up to God (John 6:44). Why is it that we "look to the numbers" for that feeling that all is well? It is a false sense of security. Remember

David counted his fighting men against the advice of Joab.

(2 Samuel 24:10) David was conscience-stricken after he had counted the fighting men, and he said to the Lord, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. Now, O Lord, I beg you, take away the guilt of your servant. I have done a very foolish thing."

Isn't the Church the mother of us ALL? Aren't we all to become sons of God? Yet, it seems as if there has been an abandonment of the "laymen" sons of God. The ministry has concentrated on protecting and fortifying its position at the expense of feeding those under them. As teachers they have retarded the growth of their students by keeping them in a dependent, fearful state. The stranglehold held by a domineering ministry has served to squelch the spiritual growth of the laymen.

Instead of being independent, healthy, fully mature Christians in their own right, laymen turn out to be apron strings-bound to a possessive ministry. At the Judgment, however, there is no one who will stand in my place before Christ. There will be no entrance to the kingdom via any ministerial coattails.

Therefore, the charade whereby some ministers "play God" must be stopped. If this is allowed to continue without correction, there

will be a spiritual “holocaust” of the chosen people.

(Matthew 24:10) At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.

Already there are more signs that a degeneration of the Church is now occurring amongst the brethren.

In The GOOD NEWS, August '79, Mr. Armstrong warned:

But, the BAD NEWS, as it appears today, my dear brethren, is that we, undoubtedly of the Philadelphian era—my son’s ridicule notwithstanding—are in serious danger of BECOMING also the Laodicean era. I am personally much concerned about that. If you are NOT concerned, then indeed we are in mortal DANGER.

That was in 1979. How MUCH MORE should we be concerned today! May God guide and bless you as you lead this Church away from that danger.

Jules Dervaes

September 1, 1986

Dear Mr. Tkach,

There has been an analogy used in the Church recently to depict the changing of the church eras throughout New Testament history. For example, when the Sardis Church was replaced by the Philadelphian one, it was said that “the baton had been passed.” Now, this SAME phrase has been used by you to describe what had transpired at Mr. Armstrong’s death last January. What this is telling us is that the baton has thus been passed from the Philadelphian to the Laodicean Church of God. This new chapter, then, is a fulfillment of prophecy that we are told to watch for.

Yes, we are to watch world news; but we are also to WATCH OURSELVES. For, as equally significant as the rise of the United States of Europe, IF NOT MORE SO, is the appearance of the FINAL end-time people of God. While our attention has been focused on events “worlds away,” we are in danger of missing the extremely important event which directly involves US and which will affect the lives—physical and SPIRITUAL—of those whom God is now training AND judging.

While there has been a much greater emphasis placed by the Church on the world and its problem, there is a greater need for an awareness of what is happening on our “front porch.” This official smugness, having become the predominant characteristic, actually is

confirmation that the transition has indeed taken place in the church eras. One has only to look with open eyes at the keystone Church at headquarters to know that the TRUE brotherly love attribute has, for the most part, been lost. The outward show of it will still be heralded; yet, even that is also disappearing. At the HQ Church, the “average temperature” has been lukewarm.

Of course, no one is going to like to admit the fact that he is a member of the Laodicean Church, but this only serves to establish the *raison d'être* for such a church era. So the Revelation 3:17 description is, of course, absolutely accurate because the Laodicean member will no doubt be assuming all along he is NOT ONE. What will make the Laodicean a REAL Laodicean is that he will keep on believing he is still a Philadelphian! What will count, however, is not the name of the church but the ATTITUDE of the man in that church.

Only an awakening to the stark reality of the existence of this new era can halt this life-threatening deception and jolt one to stir up a new INNER zeal. One may preach over and over again about being involved; but the rekindling of the Spirit will occur when we Laodiceans realize how “wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked” we really are. Nothing can change if we don't first admit there is a need for change. Such a renewal is the way to a place of safety before the great tribulation comes.

It is not that the Laodicean Church is a “maverick” church because it will certainly continue to preach and possess ALL the right doctrines. That is exactly WHY it is Laodicean! It is not liberal in its doctrine; on the contrary, on the outside it is very conservative. But it is “liberal” in its attitude, thinking that it itself IS righteous because it KNOWS what is righteous. Outside service to “the work” does not automatically translate to the right attitude of heart. This was the show that the Pharisees had excelled in; and this was the stage act that Jesus had “canceled.”

In your personal article in *The Worldwide News*, August 25, you wrote:

We must endure to the end. But not only endure, we must grow!

In order to grow, then, one needs food for nourishment. Yet, within the same issue, another article refers to what Mr. Dexter Faulkner said concerning the fact that more than 90 percent of the readers of The PLAIN TRUTH, The GOOD NEWS, and YOUTH 86 aren't even associated with the Church. He explains:

We can't assume our readers understand the doctrines and terminology we are so familiar with in the Church. ... We don't shy away from educating our readers about the Church, but we have to be very basic in our approach, not

assuming they will automatically understand what we are talking about.

Yes(?), for YOUTH 86; MAYBE(?), for The PLAIN TRUTH. But, The GOOD NEWS??? That is a poor excuse for not feeding the flock. That is a poor excuse for neglecting the commission of the Church.

The words that Jesus left ringing in Peter's ears were "Feed my sheep." How is it, then, that the sheep of God's Church are being fed only pabulum? If you treated a physical child the same way, he would be stunted in his growth.

This statement of policy is a self-indictment by this Church of its failure to truly nourish its members with the "meat" of the Word. Since the Church is our mother, when it withholds the vital nourishment necessary to bring the fetus to full-term, full-potential development, this — IF PROLONGED PURPOSELY — can result in a stillbirth. The unborn child will have died within the womb of its own mother. THIS AMOUNTS TO A SPIRITUAL ABORTION!!!

What the Church is, therefore, admitting is that it is not even a very good, responsible parent. And, neither is it a credible teacher. If the Church is to be in the field of education, then it needs to educate itself about the right philosophy and methods based truly on God's way.

A true teacher reaches out to ALL levels and challenges each one to grow at HIS own level. A true teacher makes each one REACH to his potential. A true teacher finds ways to meet the educational needs of each individual. A true teacher does not abandon ANYONE—basic OR advanced, new student OR “old.” Restricting one’s main teaching to just the new entrants will only ensure that very few will ever progress much beyond entry-level competence.

Isn’t the Church supposed to be TRAINING full-fledged teachers? How can that possibly be so, when it ceases to provide for development beyond the basics? If it only caters to newcomers, then it will fail to educate those who are in the best position to teach others. You are neglecting to establish a strong teaching CORPS outside of the ministry. You are wasting the most valuable resource the Church has, that is, its members.

If you built up and really “fed” the members to be healthy and strong, then THEY could assist—by word AND EXAMPLE—the new ones coming along. Instead you bypass them in favor of attracting new converts and thus leave the vast majority of the Church in a weak, deprived state.

God works THROUGH PEOPLE; and you are not strengthening His people. Yes, you may attract new ones through TV, etc.; but then you do IGNORE the very means God can use to “build” them into the Church.

What possible good is it if you reach the world and ABORT your own children? There is no way that this can be allowed to continue.

You must start preaching the truth. It is an injustice to withhold “food” from God’s people. YOU can do something about it. Really apply Joshua 1:7 in conjunction with a verse that applies to the Joshua that came after Zerubbabel: ZECHARIAH 3:7.

May you swiftly and courageously embrace the truth and teach it now to the children of God.

Jules Dervaes

September 22, 1986

Dear Mr. Tkach,

The October '86 issue of The PLAIN TRUTH contained a rather astonishing article written by you. In your personal column you wrote glowingly about Mrs. Nancy Reagan's battle to curb drug abuse. I very much agree with what you said. You extol her strong stand and her continuing efforts in fighting against an extremely serious problem that is ravaging our people—especially the youth. You state:

Stern talk indeed! Mrs. Reagan left no one in doubt about where she stood. Some issues are too important to be influenced by party politics and temporary popularity.

But, to be frank, Mr. Tkach, you have left me in doubt about where you stand. The issues that I have raised in my letters to you are too important to have been influenced by church politics and one's own temporary popularity. Your silence on these problems is in marked contrast to Mrs. Reagan's outspokenness. In fact, even though you applaud her, all the while you do not imitate her; for you write:

It is what we do, not what we say we believe, that shows what we really think. ... Mrs. Reagan had the courage to challenge every one of us to examine what we really believe—and then prove it!

It is this proof that is missing in your own actions. There hasn't been any response coming from your office. And so, the question can be raised: What do you really believe?

From your writing, it seems that you do understand about the "adult double standards" that teenagers do pick up on. That you can readily spot in the world, but how about in the Church? We adults also pick up on the double standards. Just one instance of this is the working wives at headquarters. Doesn't Matthew 7:3-5 apply to the Church?

From your position it is fairly safe to speak out against drug abuse. It is an obvious evil that God hates. But what He hates the most is hypocrisy. This lesson of the Gospels should be evident to all. So, where is the courage that you yourself wrote about? What about Ecclesiastes 9:10?

There is a remarkable statement by Mrs. Reagan to which you gave affirmation by quoting it in your article. Mrs. Reagan believes:

You do have the responsibility to put your conscience and principles on the line. You have the responsibility to be intolerant of drug abuse anywhere, anytime, by anybody. You have the responsibility of forcing the issue to the point of making others uncomfortable and yourself unpopular.

How deeply do YOU really believe this? How much do I believe in these words? So much so that I am putting my principles on the line, Mr. Tkach. And I do have the responsibility to be intolerant of SIN (not JUST drug abuse) anywhere, anytime, by ANYBODY. It is my responsibility to force this issue to the point of making you uncomfortable and myself unpopular. However, will you support me in this action?

I would much prefer it if you would handle this situation; but, if you won't, I still have my responsibility to do what I must do. The truth will have to be spoken and soon. I can use your own words to underscore the issue: "All of us want to be right, but few are willing to do what we should to make things right." I am going to DO what I should to MAKE things right. I sincerely regret that you have neither responded to my concerns nor encouraged me in my circumstances.

I have taken this to you because I know that you are the legitimately appointed PHYSICAL head of this, the TRUE Church of God. And I firmly believe that God is IN CHARGE. (And He is ALWAYS in charge even in the Laodicean Church.) However, this does NOT mean in any way that what you do is IPSO FACTO right.

It is my understanding that I have a personal responsibility before God and that I am to let NO MAN take my crown. Therefore, if you do not choose to help me in this duty, then I will

have to do it without your assistance. There will come a time for the moment of decision when the plain truth can NOT be hidden any longer.

Please consider these pertinent scriptures:

(Matthew 7:12) In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

(Matthew 5:23) Therefore if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

(Luke 17:1) Things that cause people to sin are bound to come, but woe to that person through whom they come. It would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. So watch yourselves.

(Matthew 7:21) Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?" Then I will tell them plainly, "I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!"

(John 18:23) “If I said something wrong,” Jesus replied, “testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?”

(Ezekiel 13:13) Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says: “In my wrath I will unleash a violent wind, and in my anger hailstones and torrents of rain will fall with destructive fury. I will tear down the wall you have covered with whitewash and will level it to the ground so that its foundation will be laid bare. When it falls, you will be destroyed in it; and you will know that I am the Lord. So I will spend my wrath against the wall and against those who covered it with whitewash. I will say to you, ‘The wall is gone and so are those who whitewashed it, those prophets of Israel who prophesied to Jerusalem and saw visions of peace for her when there was no peace, declares the Sovereign Lord.’ ”

(I Corinthians 3:12) If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man’s work.

(Zechariah 3:6) The angel of the Lord gave this charge to Joshua: “...If you will walk in my ways and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these standing here.”

[NOTE: IF..., THEN...]

It has been said that “if” is the biggest two-letter word in our language. I pray that you WILL walk in God’s ways. I plead with you to truly consider the “sheep” that are under your care. Finally, 1 John 3:10:

Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; neither is anyone who does not love his brother.

In Christian love,

Jules Dervaes

October 3, 1986

One Day Before the Feast of Trumpets

After 12 years in the Worldwide Church of God, Jules Dervaes was disfellowshipped by Larry Salyer (with Robin Webber in attendance) at the end of a “counseling” session.

The issues Mr. Dervaes brought up about the problems in the Church during each counseling session were never addressed. Instead, the focus was always on Mr. Dervaes’ motives, his “resistant” position, and his not agreeing with the ministers.

At no time did Mr. Dervaes discuss the Laodicean concern or other issues with any layperson or minister outside the private counseling sessions.

(The following letter was written to Mr. Salyer by Mignon Dervaes in response to a phone conversation between them the same day regarding his disfellowshipping Mr. Dervaes.)

October 4, 1986

Dear Mr. Salyer,

Thank you for your time Friday evening. I said I'd get back with you. I have decided to write you a letter in order to make sure I convey my feelings and thoughts to the best of my ability. This, I feel, is the best way, as I told you before, that my experiences in counseling here confused me greatly.

Let me begin with a brief history of my life in the Church. After a year of intensive study, I was baptized into Christ in 1974. I am very thankful that it was overseas in New Zealand where, I feel, I was protected from the liberalism of the 70s. I feel that I understood and grasped the basic doctrines of the Church. I was so happy to be called.

My first experience in a local church area was in Tampa in 1975 when we moved back to the States for the purpose of being closer to the Church as it was not available in New Zealand. For several years I didn't understand what was going on at the time and knew almost immediately that there was a different attitude from what I had been taught. I held on to the best of my ability to what I was originally taught even when one minister told me I didn't have to keep the Sabbath (which I continued to do) and

when one wouldn't anoint my daughter for healing. I looked to God anyway for the needed healing and didn't go to doctors.

This was a very difficult time for me. I was weak in this area, especially with worried in-laws and parents who offered to pay any medical expenses. It was only by relying on God and through the encouragement and steadfastness of my husband's faith and my belief in complete submission to him as head of our family that I made it. In time our daughter was healed.

Mr. Lohr arrived in Tampa about 1978. He emphasized his loyalty to headquarters. He was loyal to a fault, as I will explain. He was very noncommittal in certain areas and tended to be very vague and general in his sermons. To make a long story short, my husband and I asked him to teach us "the way" to live. We had a talk with him and told him to please help us walk the way the Bible teaches. Until this point, I was so upset because of not being "fed" on the Sabbath that I had been borrowing old GN magazines from the 50s and 60s from a long-time member.

Mr. Lohr, of course, was upset and explained and stressed whenever we had any problems toward him to use Matthew 18:15. It was firmly embedded in my mind. To my delight, Mr. Lohr really started to preach the Word. He explained to us that he had been hesitant for awhile as he wasn't sure where headquarters stood on some issues so he

wouldn't take a stand. We told him that he could still be loyal to headquarters but when they preached differently from what he knew to be true to please help us and be bold with the truth. He really shaped us up and helped ground us in the faith.

But, as you may have heard, he overstepped his bounds in 1982 with the cheese campaign. I didn't like his slant and abuse of authority; yet, I didn't want to make waves. Soon the church was becoming divided over the issue. I was expecting our fourth child and was in the early stages of pregnancy with emotional upheavals anyway and became very distraught. I sought out a local elder and his wife who were of the same opinion that Mr. Lohr was misusing his authority. For some of us it was a violation of principles we held; and so we resisted.

My husband was to go talk with him, remembering Mr. Lohr's admonition of Matthew 18:15. It soon became apparent by his attitude it would be of no use and we took it to God. During this time we felt the possibility existed that disfellowshipment could occur for not supporting the government of God. It upset me terribly to think of the humiliation of it, but the crisis was resolved when Mr. Tkach intervened. It was only through reliance on God and my husband's encouragement and steadfastness that I made it through. Again Mr. Lohr stressed Matthew 18:15 over and over again. So Jules did go after it was all over to talk with him and explain why we took our stand and how I felt I

needed the local elder and his wife for support. During the next few months our respect for Mr. Lohr increased as he really struggled to do better.

I will speak at this point of the disillusionment I felt when Mr. Lohr, a minister, fell from his pedestal in my eyes. I felt at that point I couldn't trust any human again so blindly. My faith had been misplaced. I should have been looking to God more. For me, that is a very difficult thing to do; yet, it is reassuring as I've seen God move in my life and others' lives.

This brings me to our move to Pasadena. I felt that that background was necessary to give you an idea of some of the lessons I've learned.

Putting our future entirely in God's hands we left for Pasadena hoping to make ourselves available to God for His purposes. For one year, before the move here, God was stripping away a lot of the misconceptions and falsehoods I had about myself. Some things my husband noticed but couldn't quite put his finger on. At this point God took over. It was here in Pasadena that God removed the rest of the scales from my eyes about myself. I didn't want to believe it. I didn't want to face it. Perhaps this is recorded in my file as I tried to explain it to Mr. Suckling. I wouldn't allow myself the luxury of blaming circumstances and other people, etc., for the sins and faults within me. My carnal nature wanted to believe the self-deception that I knew I was playing for years.

For God had blessed me so much materially for years, and I was, because of the grace of God, more gifted than most of the other women in the Tampa area. I was leading a "charmed," smug life and believing this was a sign from God that I was a good Christian in His sight. But I knew sometimes that something was amiss because my insides told me so on occasion but it was so easy to dismiss. I was becoming very lukewarm. I had need of nothing.

This "garbage" in me kept pouring out here in Pasadena until around April, 1985. I thought I was not coping at all. I couldn't face myself. Jules tried to help but I withdrew. I kept asking God to intervene and He had. I just couldn't accept the junk He was showing me. I became absorbed in self-pity. I had feeling for no one except me. Exhausted, I sought counseling as I felt I was not being a Christian. I doubted my conversion. Perhaps you know the rest. I feel I must explain what has been occurring deep inside me from then until now.

Mr. Salyer, this brings me to the purpose of this letter. I was totally confused and bewildered by the counseling I received. I had learned from the earliest years in the Church and even while studying church literature before that I was to submit to my husband in everything. I did not like the command. I really bristled. I am ashamed to admit it but one of the things that God showed me during this time in Pasadena was that I was submitting with my

head and not with my heart. It was only to keep looking good. I was a hypocrite.

Mr. Lohr gave good marriage sermons that I feel were biblically based. In contrast Mr. Suckling said I didn't have to submit in everything when I had "strong feelings" and only when it was "reasonable." I cannot go along with Mr. Suckling's stand. Rather, I am holding fast to what I originally learned and believe. I have spent the last year investigating for myself to test and examine myself on what the Bible and the Church says on this and other issues.

It appears there is no real unity of belief here among the ministry. As a result of this and other instances, my mind was totally messed up, my reputation smeared, and my eternal salvation endangered. I sometimes barely hung on. As a result of these events, my husband felt the need to beseech the Church on the behalf of myself and any others who may be so affected.

Also Mr. Lohr taught, and I believe it is biblically based, that the husband is over the wife in the home and that he is directly under Christ in our family and our spiritual leader as long as he follows the ways of God and doesn't ask me to sin. At that time I must not obey. There has never been such a situation in our home.

Mr. Lohr also taught, regarding Matthew 18:15, that wives can correct their husbands. I found also such a statement in a GN article.

Also, Mr. Lohr wanted us to correct him as he stated on several occasions. That is the main reason that the letters were written; for, there applies the Ezekiel 3:13 message to us. Yet, if I, a wife who is lower in position in authority, can correct my husband and even a minister, I should be able to point out sin in others' lives whatever their position.

It is my duty and responsibility as I can't throw away scriptures in the Bible. To make a point, I have often been corrected by my children. They have been right and I have been wrong. Their correction has validity to me. Also, Mr. Meredith has remarked that it would be a wise field minister to keep someone around him in a local church area who is not afraid to tell the minister he's wrong. I, too, believe it is wise.

From the examples I have given maybe I technically should have been disfellowshipped in the cases of not following the government of God; but I had convictions that the government over me had no jurisdiction over me in that sense and that I must obey God rather than men who were corrupting their authority. Yet, I know that I would be subject to any punishment imposed by them.

I firmly believe Mr. Meredith's article *The Final Authority* (The GOOD NEWS, June '79) holds true for me. I researched all those articles in the paper submitted at Passover over a period of months, checking our beliefs and attitudes with those of the Church. I read each one to get

the full meaning but could use only excerpts for the paper. It was never my intention to manipulate statements for a perverted reason to make it “appear” to say something it didn’t. I was diligent as my eternal life was at stake.

I could write pages on the subject of submission alone as I spent so much time studying and talking about this with Jules to make sure we were biblically correct. I do not believe it is easy to correct my husband, inspire, give all my input about a decision and still submit with my heart. What God requires for women is no easy task but I must do it. Also, for husbands to properly learn to love their wives (not indulge their wives) as God does, wanting no spot or wrinkle in their character is very difficult. Sometimes husbands must show this “tough love” toward their wives as God does to us. It is not a popular notion today I realize.

You mentioned to me that Jules has rightly discerned some wrongs in the Church. I know my husband and what difficulty he has gone through to rightfully stand up for his beliefs. We felt we were not showing true Philadelphian love by turning and looking the other way. We wanted to, as it would have been so much easier; but we were responsible before God as our brother’s keeper and felt Matthew 18:15 should be applied as before.

Also, after experiencing the trial about
***** / ***** / *****, we felt that the damage done to many of the youths in the Church would have been less if someone would have cared enough

sooner to speak up. We are to judge someone's actions as in accordance with God's law. I know that a few attempts were made and failed regarding Mr. *****'s actions. Persistence may be the key, had it been done earlier. It may have turned a lot of people around sooner before any permanent damage had been done.

I also realized that Mr. Armstrong wanted to know what was going on in the 70s. Yet, no minister or member came forward according to a GN article. No one wanted to lose his job. That is not a good reason to tolerate sin.

You stated to me that you discerned a rebellious attitude in Jules. I sincerely know that you are in error. I know my husband. Maybe you equate strength of conviction against sin with a rebellious attitude. In that sense you did discern correctly for he is steadfastly "rebellious" against sin. I hope to acquire more rebellion and intolerance against sin also. I know how difficult it was for him to write what he did and how he dreaded it. I have known him since 1965 and he usually has to force himself to get involved in activities as he is usually bashful and more concerned with family matters.

For a time now, he has been trying to reject the apathy and tendency to run from unpleasant situations and confrontations. He is strong and steadfast in the ways of God and had kept me on course when I was ready to throw in the towel over these issues and confrontations or to talk to others about what

was wrongly said about us. If Jules saw me going against the Church in attitude he would firmly and sternly correct me. I admit to having a bad attitude at times during all this but Jules would not tolerate it in our home. So I, in turn, urged him to not run from the wrongs but stand up as it was tearing at us inside.

You mentioned that disfellowshipments do occur in error sometimes. We know that, too. You also stated that God can use this to correct either you or us. We are not interested in a following or any other church. I know that this is the true Church as does my husband. Our only choice is to look to God for deliverance now.

God's Church has been a source of great joy to us and lately much sorrow. You have the authority to impose whatever punishment you desire. Yet, disfellowshipment is for those who continue in sin unrepentant. We are not sinning when we disagree. Disagreements are not sin. That implies that a wife cannot ever strongly disagree with her husband. Consider that Mr. Apartian and Mr. Hulme have taken stands against working wives.

Romans 14 plainly gives the individual latitude in areas of individual, personal beliefs. I feel that we are not sinning in anyway by being concerned and putting Matthew 18:15 and Ezekiel 3:13 into effect and taking to heart the biblical warnings to our Church in order to stop the inherent dangers from occurring to any of us. Mr. Armstrong recognized this and wrote

articles as such. We are to live by every word of God.

I wish that I could forget and turn away and not recall any contradictions I perceived. I want all of us to make it into the Kingdom of God; but it must be on God's terms and not any human's. I feel God is teaching me a lesson where I must continue to desire the Kingdom for all with all my being, regardless of circumstances. As far as my personal beliefs go, I read the letters Jules wrote and I agree with what he wrote. I have the same concerns over these issues. I only corrected some wording in the earlier letters to make statements clearer and not as abrupt.

Please have Mr. Tkach read this. Thank you for listening to me.

Mignon Dervaes

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 91129

JOSEPH W. TKACH
PASTOR GENERAL

November 21, 1986

Dear Mrs. Dervaes,

I am writing this letter to you three days after our November 18th conversation on the telephone. As I mentioned in our conversation, it is my hope and desire that God's Church can be of assistance to you. I tried to be understanding of your needs and concerns, but you felt unable to respond to my request to meet with you in my office to discuss your spiritual concerns. I did not wish to "push the point" at the moment, as I realized, this is a big decision in your life, and frankly, I would hope that you would willingly meet with God's servants rather than feel you have to.

It is now important that we meet—soon—not on your terms—but on the guidelines of the Church, as I instructed you. I am, therefore, asking you to call me by December 5th to set up an appointment. I will be more than happy to talk with you. If you choose not to respond, I will have no other recourse but to come to the conclusion that you no longer wish to have an active fellowship with the Worldwide Church of God.

Sincerely,



Robin S. Webber

December 1, 1986

Dear Mr. Tkach:

This is to update you on our situation.

Enclosed please find a letter that my wife sent to Mr. Salyer on October 4. In the letter she requested that you also be allowed to read it.

Enclosed also find a copy of the letter that Mr. Webber wrote to her. In a phone conversation about setting up a meeting with him, my wife requested that, since she wasn't sure what was to be discussed, it would really help her to have a written explanation of what the Church believed was wrong with the letters which I had previously written. Mr. Webber replied, first, that he didn't have the time and, then, that it would take too long. He eventually winded up by stating that the meeting would have to be face-to-face. But my wife had ONLY said she wanted a paper of church beliefs to study and to prepare her for ANY meeting, so that it would be both productive and conclusive. He refused, therefore, to honor her request in which she had asked to be instructed according to God's Word.

But, now Mr. Webber has arrived at the conclusion that this request is against the "guidelines of the Church." However, he never came right out in the first place and openly informed her of this.

Here are some scriptures which show principles from the Bible on which true GUIDELINES should be based:

(Titus 1:7) For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

(verse 9) Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine to both exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

(2 Corinthians 6:3) Giving no offence in anything, that the ministry be not blamed.

(Matthew 5:41-42) And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

(Romans 15:1-2) We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let everyone of us please his neighbor for his good to edification.

(1 Peter 5:3) Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

(James 4:17) Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

(1 Thessalonians 2:8) So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only,

but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

(Matthew 10:42) And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

(John 13:12-15) So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, "Know ye what I have done to you. You call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet."

Also, enclosed please find a copy of an article stating some beliefs that I had previously informed you of by letter. I would like for you to personally get in touch with me if you feel that I am in error. I would request that this be handled BEFORE January 1, 1987.

As I have stated before, I would very much like for you to resolve this situation. I don't want to! But, if I have to, I will.

If I don't hear from you before January 1, then I will assume that you have decided not to consider this issue. Only then will I proceed to print and distribute this material.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Jules Dervaes

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 91129

JOSEPH W. TKACH
PASTOR GENERAL

December 23, 1986

Dear Mr. Dervaes:

Mr. Tkach has received your letter of December 1, 1986 and asked me to respond.

Both Mr. Tkach and I had hoped for the best from you as you had opportunity to review your attitude and approach to ministerial counsel and God's Church. Sadly, it now appears that you intend to pursue a personal goal that we cautioned you about previously.

I told you earlier that you clearly displayed a desire to be a minister and have people follow your teachings. This you vehemently denied. Yet your letter reveals that you have taken upon yourself ministerial responsibility. Have you not read Hebrew 5:4, "And no man takes this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron."

I can only caution you once again about the spiritual error you will be making if you attempt to fight against God. Many have gone before you who have made that mistake and apparently all have come to nought.

The theological viewpoints you have expressed in your latest letter cannot even be considered while you are putting yourself in a

judgmental position. If therefore you choose to launch some campaign of hate mail in the guise of spreading truth, that is between you and God. But we will not even consider yielding to your threats. As the Jewish leader Gamaliel said of the early apostles, "... Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God." (Acts 5:34-39)

I do hope and pray that you will humble yourself before God and be restored to fellowship in His Church.

If we can be of any help to you and your family, don't hesitate to write.

Sincerely, in Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Larry R. Salyer". The signature is fluid and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Larry R. Salyer
Director
Church Administration

LRS:bjy

December 25, 1986

Dear Mr. Tkach,

Enclosed please find a copy of Mr. Salyer's letter of December 23. This is just a note to inform you, at this time, that there are flagrant errors contained in his letter to which I hope to respond in more detail later.

There still remains the central issue that you have chosen not to consider. I have requested over and over again from the ministry that the Bible be the basis of deciding the truth. And you must realize, of course, that by this I mean the ENTIRE Bible.

Regarding my previous letter, then, you have not shown me that the "theological viewpoints" (Mr. Salyer's words) are in error. It is absolutely vital to NOW understand this crucial concept: To remain silent can be considered CONSENT.

I plead with you again to take the necessary steps to resolve the issue of what is the plain TRUTH. To refrain from considering this on WHATEVER pretext is a dereliction of duty on your part. There is no excuse before Christ for failure to speak out against error OR for unwillingness to embrace truth.

This policy of abdication is abominable; it can only lead to spiritual suicide. I have been willing to bring this to you and to you alone. Only my wife knew the contents of the material that I have submitted to you since last Passover.

All this time I have NOT sought to inform anyone else; I have been faithful to the guidelines of the Church. And those guidelines culminate in Acts 5:29! May I now respectfully remind you that you are only a man.

Because you (through Mr. Salyer) have refused to respect my own Christian responsibility as SPELLED OUT in the Bible, I cannot accept the conclusions contained in his (your?) letter. I am truly sorry that you yourself have made it impossible for me to follow you since you are not following Christ in this matter.

Without any "hate" (Mr. Salyer's judgment, and his apparent condemnation?), I will distribute to others the material which I had first submitted to you. This situation has occurred as a direct result of your continued silence.

Please refer to The BULLETIN, August 14, 1974, "How to Handle Doctrinal Problems," by Mr. Raymond McNair, pages 396-99. Also, please read the AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG, Volume 1, "The Dual Test," pages 359-61.

So that you know where I stand, I am stating to you that I will continue to support you as the human head of God's one true church organization. I will not interfere at all with any legitimate rights that you possess for running that organization under God.

What I have to do is to share the truth with others and to warn them of the impending

peril. In doing this I do NOT wish to hurt anyone; nor do I seek the support of any person. ALL that I do need is God and HIS support!

It is, indeed, very sad that this has become so twisted—so perverse—that you now perceive what I am doing as “fighting against God,” when what I am really doing is just speaking the PLAIN TRUTH.

May God open your eyes to the truth.

Jules Dervaes

A *GOOD NEWS* – letter!

This is a tribute to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, a man who was dedicated to the search for truth at all cost. His legacy was THE PLAIN TRUTH. His challenge to all men was: Believe the Bible!

May the love of truth continue in each of us. May the fire it ignited never die!

But no fire can continue burning over the years without fuel. It can only diminish until dying embers remain where there once was a mighty blaze. The initial searing of our consciences gradually is replaced by a warm and cozy feeling. The roaring heat that used to prod us to action has turned into coals of comfort.

If there remains a faint glow deep inside you, it is the remnant of that Spirit of Truth that formerly set you ON FIRE. Rekindle it! No one needs more to fan the love of truth into flames again than he who considers himself a respectable member of God's Church.

It won't be long now; but the journey is by no means over!

What is the plain truth?

The “place of safety” is NOT for the Philadelphian Era of the Church of God!

Before you say, “But the Bible says,” ask yourself if you are willing to really look at the TRUTH as revealed in the scriptures with an open and honest mind that is not already prejudiced. Would you even accept such a statement, one that goes against “what you’ve always heard”? Consider Mark 7:7.

ALL traditions, even those of the Church of God, should square with the biblical truth. The challenge has always been there; today is no exception! It is our turn, as true followers of Christ in this age, to put ourselves on the active roster as SEARCHERS of the truth. It is too easy to just assume that this is no longer applicable to us who already are members of the Church. But, remember the Bereans!

If you are not interested in any “bad news,” and if you are not really convicted of YOUR individual responsibility to be grounded in the truth according to John 17:17, then this article will be of NO USE to you whatsoever. PLEASE do not read any further; for, it is only those who are willing to see that ARE able to see.

Of course, the mind will normally register some strong objections to any unpleasant thought. Certainly, it remains difficult to embrace, at first sight, any new belief that works contrary to what is in our OWN self-interest. There exists a balking factor by which our minds want to reject outright what looks to

be a negative idea. It is ONLY the love of truth, which can propel anyone to find truth at all cost, even if it's to one's own seeming hurt.

However, as Jesus promised, that truth will set us FREE (John 8:32). And, it will—IF we are willing to just believe it! Jesus Himself encountered a resistance to the truth that He proclaimed, which progressively turned into hardcore, violent opposition.

Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! ... If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? (John 8:45-46)

WHY!

Here is that original statement again: The “place of safety” is not for the Philadelphian Era of the Church of God! How could this in any way be true? Because, very simply, the ERA of the Church known as Philadelphia HAS ENDED. Like its predecessor the Sardis Church, the Philadelphia Church of God has given way to accommodate the next in the line of historical periods of God's New Testament Church. While that Church ITSELF has not ceased to exist, that era signified by the name “brotherly love” has been NOW superseded.

The predominant characteristic of the Church that exists at this very time is that of

lukewarmness. This will come as no surprise to anyone who is absolutely honest with himself. There has definitely occurred a gradual-but-obvious change from the “early days” of the post-Sardis Church. Personal experiences in today’s Church can easily document the prevailing attitude of complacency that has crept in and that has been strangling the love out of us all. It is an easy thing to prove, but one very hard to admit.

Well known to all is the fact that there would exist a Revelation 3:14 Laodicean Church of God. NOT understood has been how this Church would actually arrive on the scene. The puzzle of TWO Churches of God existing side-by-side has been resolved.

The death of Mr. Armstrong—the Zerubbabel of the modern age—has settled the issue beyond any doubt. God’s Apostle would indeed finish the work that God appointed for him to do; and that work that he did FINISH was the Philadelphian Era of God’s Church. Therefore, the change in leadership signaled the corresponding change in eras.

When referring to the previous changes of the first through sixth eras, this analogy has been the one that the Church today has been using: “The baton has been passed.” After Mr. Armstrong’s death last January, the exact same phrase was again used, but in reference to the assumption of the office of Pastor General by Mr. Tkach. It was repeated over and over that “the baton had been passed.” And, with this

quote, God was notifying the Church at large that a new era had just begun.

For the seventh and final era of God's Church to come into existence there would be no violent upheaval or power struggle. What the transition to the Laodicean Era would require was a quiet and orderly transfer of leadership indicative of a very well-run organization.

Forecasting this passage of power was the loss of Mr. Armstrong's hearing and eyesight over the past seven years. God had worked it out that his isolation was necessary in order to allow the Laodicean "body" to gain a foothold. Then, with the passing away of Mr. Armstrong as he slept in his favorite chair, the final, peaceful transformation was complete.

The very nature of the new Laodicean Church did necessitate that only such a natural transition as this would occur. There could be no breaking away of a rebellious Church, no splitting from the fold. This body of believers would still continue to be the one true Church of God and carry on with precisely the same doctrines. It would be true to its name and consistent with its heritage.

It is important to recognize that in no way would liberalism be the characteristic of this body. On the contrary, the religious externals would exhibit a rigid orthodoxy! And this pious face would nicely serve to MASK the complacent condition of the heart.

Here is a warning that was issued by Mr. Armstrong as early as seven years ago:

But, the BAD NEWS, as it appears today, my dear brethren, is that we, undoubtedly of the Philadelphian era ... are in serious danger of BECOMING also the Laodicean era. I am personally much concerned about that. If you are NOT concerned, then indeed we are in mortal DANGER. (The GOOD NEWS, August '79)

It is very, very logical that the Philadelphian Era would evolve into the Laodicean one. Of course, God knew human nature and He understood that the truly phenomenal success of the Philadelphian Church could, after a time, produce a Laodicean "offspring."

Throughout all areas of human endeavor, there exists the complacency principle. It affects nations, companies, organizations, and individuals.

And so, according to the revealed plan of God, it has also impaired the Church of God.

Whenever wealth of ANY SORT is possessed for any length of time and, most assuredly, whenever it is passed down as an inheritance, that resource is almost always taken for granted and NOT genuinely prized.

The same sum \$100,000,000 may be involved; but it would not EQUAL at all the

same value for the son who inherited it as it would for the father who had earned it. For the inheriting son, such a sensational fortune could surely pose a serious threat and easily cause him to just “lose touch” with reality. Whereas the well-to-do heir could look at himself and now “see” a multi-millionaire, he has a distorted picture of his own true self-worth.

If wealth happens without work, it disguises the fact that the dollar-rich prince is, still, really only a character-poor pauper. And, not having any “sweat equity” tied up in his holdings would just contribute to the son’s acquiring a highly exaggerated sense of his essence as an individual.

It is most common to consider wealth in terms of the physical and tangible. But it is by no means solely limited to that. When you consider that a person may accumulate a wealth of KNOWLEDGE and when you reason that this knowledge can be of SPIRITUAL matters, then the words “I am rich” take on an entirely different significance.

So consider this enhancement of the verse Revelation 3:17:

You are the true Church of God. And so, you can say that you are rich-in-knowledge of the doctrines of the Bible. For, only you have acquired the great spiritual wealth of the beliefs, traditions, and activities that set apart the one chosen people of God. And now you

believe that you do not need anything else; for you are, indeed, very privileged to possess the true learning found in the Old and the New Testaments. You know which day is the Sabbath and you know the plan of salvation as revealed in the Holy Days. You even know the hidden identity of Israel; and no one else but you has understood the key, end-time prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. BUT ...

“But??” But, what???

Now there comes one thing that this RICH true Church of God does NOT know. It does not realize that it is really “wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.” WHY??? Because it is, all along, continuing to SEE itself as still the princely Philadelphian Church.

As the heir to the powerful SPIRITUAL fortune amassed during the era of Mr. Armstrong, Laodicea is busy counting its cache of the sacred assets that it now manages. It is banking on these same holy resources to ensure prime royal access to the Kingdom. It is even assuming that use of the CHURCH-OF-GOD “CREDIT CARD” will enable it to conveniently and all-too-effortlessly make its first-class reservations for the long-awaited, stellar trip to the Place of Safety.

The very proof that the Laodicean Church is REALLY Laodicean is in its inability to see

itself as the “pauper” it is and in its actual refusal to even consider that possibility.

At this time it is imperative to RE-search the Bible in an effort to rekindle the heart. The MOST critical phase of our Christian work is to “purchase” from Jesus “gold refined in the fire,” “white clothes to wear,” and “salve to put on your eyes.”

Let us love “with actions and in truth.”

Jules Dervos Jr.
12/31/86

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to the Pastor General of the Worldwide Church of God.

1987

February 11, 1987

Dear Mr. Tkach,

Enclosed please find an article which I am first submitting to you in order to give you the opportunity to respond as head of the Worldwide Church of God. If I receive no word from you after one week, then I will proceed to distribute this information to others.

One year ago, I decided to become involved in a situation which I felt was serious, very serious. With some anxiety I wrote you a letter expressing my concern. To this day, I still have not heard any word from you PERSONALLY about this matter.

What has transpired during this time I could not have ever thought possible. Instead of progressing toward a resolution in a biblical way, more and more problem areas began to surface. Each one I have duly brought to your attention and each one has yet to be resolved according to the Word of God.

And so, at this time before the Passover, I wish once again to remind you that there is much unfinished work which cannot go on being ignored. Therefore, I am requesting that

you put into practice Matthew 7:12 and that you follow the admonition found in Matthew 5:23-24.

Please note that one of the unresolved issues in my case has recently been addressed by an article in The GOOD NEWS of February '87. Its title is "Turning Criticism to Advantage"; and I agree wholeheartedly with the content. That message is BIBLICAL!

Why is it that the words that you publish do not represent the deeds that you practice? Why is it that I have been disfellowshipped for trying to follow biblical principles?

(Leviticus 19:15) You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. But in righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.

(Leviticus 19:17) You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him.

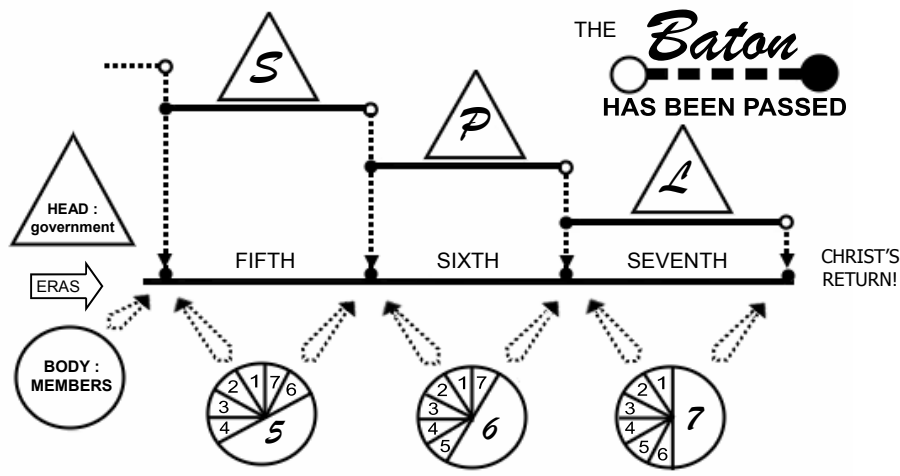
And, are you not my neighbor, Mr. Tkach?

Why is it that you have not answered me? I hope and pray that you will soon respond to this appeal. I'm sorry to have to say this but I can't hide from the truth: Please consider that your taking of the Passover with this plea unanswered would be regarded as the utmost hypocrisy.

Jules Dervaes

Now The LAST ERA

A VISUAL AID TO REVELATION TWO & THREE



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[Diagrams are for illustrative purposes only and are not meant to reflect actual percentages or time spans.]

FROM the book THE INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, there is this passage about the messages found in Revelation Chapters 2 and 3:

These seven messages DO apply to seven successive Church eras. BUT they also apply to the WHOLE CHURCH through ALL eras. In other words, the Ephesus characteristics DOMINATED in the first era, and the Laodicean will dominate in the last, but SOME of these characteristics are found in EVERY era. The messages apply to the WHOLE Church (and so I have said and written for more than fifty years) but certain characteristics predominate in the various eras. (page 155)

BUT DO YOU BELIEVE THE PLAIN TRUTH?

Please understand what God has already been telling us. It's there "IN BLACK AND WHITE." Now the choice is up to you! You can either prove this is the truth or prove it is an error. The one thing that you cannot afford to do is to ignore the issue altogether. For that would indeed be for you a most tragic, and truly fatal, mistake.

God's Apostle Mr. Armstrong had often spoken of himself as the Zerubbabel of Zechariah 4:9. The work that he was commissioned to do was to raise up the Philadelphian Era of God's Church. And according to the divine plan, that was THE VERY SAME work that he would complete. It was Mr. Armstrong who began that sixth stage and it was he who would end it.

That part of God's WORK known as "the Church in Philadelphia" was, therefore, to be finished when its human leader died. In The GOOD NEWS magazine of August '79, on page 27, Mr. Armstrong wrote:

God never yet has let one through whom He STARTED a great project turn wrong—and He has never yet let such an appointed leader of His die until his job was FINISHED!

In Mr. Herbert Armstrong's final book MYSTERY OF THE AGES, on pages 282-92, he repeatedly refers to the change that occurs between two successive church eras as: "the baton" BEING PASSED. At no other time is this phrase used except to signal and identify the transition from an old to a NEW church era.

The May '86 issue of The GOOD NEWS, one specified as A Tribute to Herbert W. Armstrong, includes this one particular article of extremely great PROPHETIC significance. It

is entitled “Passing the Baton” and in it, there is this statement:

Mr. Armstrong termed his appointment of Mr. Tkach “the passing of the baton.”

His use of that specific, epochal terminology has signified that an era of church history has passed. And thus, the God of Amos 3:7 has REVEALED His plan!!!

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. (Rev. 3:13 & 22)

As of one year ago, there has occurred in the Worldwide Church of God a smooth and orderly transfer of the human authority under God’s government. The citizens of the United States of America can relate to such transfers of power because we have a constitutional procedure that determines the succession to the presidency. As each new leader assumes the office, he ushers in a new era, a period that reflects the all-pervasive influence of his personal philosophy. And it is a well-known political formula that one leader EQUALS one era.

Similarly, the Church of God has entered a new era. The Armstrong/Philadelphian one has ceased. The pivotal message of Revelation 3:14 is addressed to that new leader (“angel” or

“messenger”), the human head of the Church who would follow AFTER Mr. Armstrong.

What had transpired was a gradual change in the attitude (NOT THE DOCTRINE) of the church membership. The Sixth Characteristic was, over the years, being subtly displaced by the Seventh one until it finally was superseded. “Creeping” complacency took root and clearly became the dominant, prevailing tendency of the majority of today’s church members.

The Seventh trait “Lukewarmness” now stood out as the single most noticeable feature of this second generation “corporation.” And, it had become manifest throughout the entire body “from the sole of your foot to the top of your head” (Isaiah 1:6).

While some vestiges remained, the Sixth Era was all-but-over. When its founder Mr. Armstrong, the man who epitomized for so long the trait of “brotherly love,” died, the new era was then officially installed. The human government had become the Laodicea Church of God.

It is important to realize that there is a critical distinction that needs to be made between a member of the Laodicea Church and a Laodicean member. Not all members of the Seventh Era will have to depict the Seventh Characteristic—the lukewarm attitude. Yet, since the Church AS A WHOLE will exhibit this tepid condition, such members will find

themselves in opposition to the prevalent Laodicean faction.

One who strives to maintain the Philadelphian attitude will have to struggle against that lukewarm-malaise which he finds in himself and in others. One who truly would live the agape way will not—CANNOT—“go along” with the Church AS IT IS. One who is practicing deeds of love must be at variance with a complacent Church. One who follows in Christ’s footsteps will need to apply the lessons found in Chapter 10 of the book of Matthew.

Only the PHILADELPHIAN-TYPE member within the Laodicean Era can thereby qualify to be kept from the hour of trial (Rev. 3:10). For, protection from the Great Tribulation can never be a wholesale proposition. Proof will be required of each individual whether or not he alone has stood this TEST of love. Everything else will be irrelevant.

Yet many, at this time, will not understand and will not really want to understand what has occurred. It is as if they have hung out the “PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB” signs on the doors of their Christian lives. Within the comfort and security of the Church, we have been sweetly “lullabied” to sleep. Matthew 25:5 states that ALL ten virgins—the ENTIRE Church of God—“became drowsy and fell asleep.” That means US!

For, church history finds us NOW in Matthew 25. And Luke 21:36 warns that we

should be WATCHING!!! Have you been watching CHURCH EVENTS? Have you been watching the CHURCH ATTITUDES? Have you been watching YOU?

While we were all asleep, Jesus Christ took His Church into the final stage—the Seventh Era.

IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP!!!

Have you the “oil” for your lamp?

Jules Dervais 2/11/87

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to the Pastor General of the Worldwide Church of God.

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 91129

JOSEPH W. TKACH
PASTOR GENERAL

March 3, 1987

Dear Mr. Dervaes:

Your letter of February 11 has been received. We note that you say you will begin distributing your article if you do not hear from Mr. Tkach within one week! Mr. Tkach has been on a journey of several weeks overseas so will obviously not see your article. Laymen have no authority to give ultimatums to anyone anyway, so yours will be ignored.

Your enclosed article appears to be the same material which has already appeared on car windshields in the Pasadena area, so it doesn't appear that you thought much of your own ultimatum either! This is the type of letter the Pastor General would refer to staff members for any response. Hence, I trust you will not mind hearing from this department.

It is not our intention to comment on your disfellowshipment. You have access to a local pastor when you are repentant and desirous of being taught as a member of the Church of God in obedience to the scriptures (1 Thess. 5:12-13; Heb. 13:7,17).

However, we will do you the courtesy of explaining some of the places where you have

erred in the article you submitted with your letter.

You are wrong in saying Mr. Armstrong taught that the Philadelphian era of the Church would be replaced by the Laodicean era at his death. He never said that and did not believe that. On the contrary, he taught that the Laodicean era would commence upon its separation from the Philadelphian era at the beginning of the Great Tribulation.

Mr. Armstrong did say that God would not let a human leader die before his Work was finished. Mr. Armstrong did believe that his personal work was completed. But, neither Mr. Armstrong nor the Church has ever equated a Church era with the work of just one human leader. Rather, each era is under an angelic messenger, and there have been multiple human leaders in every era so far.

The “passing of the baton” is our phrase, not a biblical quotation. We have used it to portray the succession of a new era of the Church. We have also used the same terminology in the completely different context of a new era of human leadership within the same era of the historic Church. Thus, you cannot cite this terminology as evidence the eras have changed. We are the ones who used the term, and we did not mean it the way you are taking it. To you it may be “a well-known political formula that one leader equals one era.” But that is not found in the Bible, and we have never taught that. It is your personal

doctrine. So do not attempt to use quotations from our literature to prove it. That would be hypocrisy.

Your contention that the attitudes of a majority in the Church are now Laodicean is a personal judgment which you are not qualified to make. The claim that "one who is practicing deeds of love must be at variance with a complacent Church" would appear to be an example of speaking evil of one's brethren in order to excuse his own doctrinal disagreement. Such is not an evidence of pure godly love.

We did want to point out that you have been misusing quotes from our publications. Hopefully, you will correct the wrong conclusions which have resulted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "David G. Hunsberger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David G. Hunsberger
Personal Correspondence
Department

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FOOT NOTE:

In paragraph 2, line 1, Mr. Hunsberger INCORRECTLY ASSUMED that the “deadline” was not adhered to. By this time there were TWO scrolls written. The first one was already being distributed since January 1. But the new scroll (*Now The Last Era*)—with a new deadline—was NOT distributed until after Mr. Tkach had the chance to read and respond to it.

The procedure Mr. Dervaes followed for the first four scrolls:

FIRST, he submitted the material to Mr. Tkach, asking for a response.

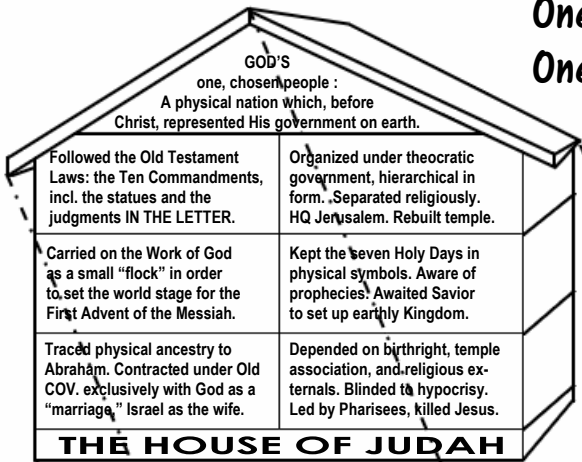
SECOND, after no response, he submitted the scroll to the evangelists and ministers at headquarters. When there were no comments, he distributed the material to the international offices and lay members in Pasadena.

THIRD, he distributed the scrolls nationally and internationally to ministers and lay members in various congregations.

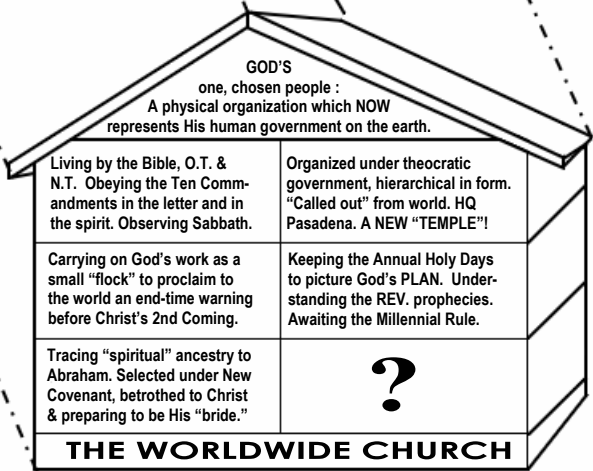
For the last three scrolls, Mr. Dervaes followed the same procedure; however, he no longer asked Mr. Tkach for his input nor did he wait for one before distributing the scrolls to others.

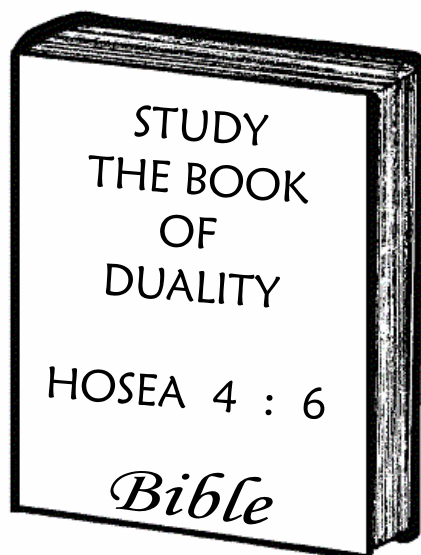
A Tale of Two FAMILIES

One PAST,
One PRESENT!



... One Physical
& One Spiritual!





But listen, dear brethren of God's Church, Satan is MORE POWERFUL, MORE CUNNING, MORE SUBTLE, than any human being on earth! Unless you and I are constantly on guard—close to God in constant heartrending prayer—constantly close to God and His truth through Bible study—Satan CAN deceive you, blind your eyes to God's truth and USE YOU!

... And SATAN DID BLIND AND DECEIVE THOSE WHO, WITH HONEST HEARTS, HAD ACCEPTED GOD'S TRUTH! ... Brethren, do we think we are so superior to those of the first, second and third centuries that Satan could not have tried to pervert God's TRUTH today?

These words of Mr. Herbert Armstrong were written not to “the world” but to God’s own people in The GOOD NEWS of August ’79. They are just as true today!

Have you ever thought deeply about why Jesus Christ was killed by His own nation—by the very family that He had prepared to receive Him; by the body that He had established to represent His law, the government of God; by the one special people that He had chosen to be His “bride”? You need to know the real reason!!!

History has a way of repeating itself for those who forget, or who choose to ignore, its lessons. This time, “the people of God” are the members of the Worldwide Church of God. And, the REJECTION that had happened once can just as easily happen again! Do you doubt that? (1 Cor. 10:12)

Certainly, the time is right; the conditions are similar. “You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.” (Matt. 16:3) You are knowledgeable of the world condition and you watch anxiously for the fulfillment of prophecies about a united Europe. You eagerly desire the Messiah to come, to set up His Kingdom ON EARTH. And, you know about the Great Tribulation, from which you want to escape.

Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you

can say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our father.” (Matt. 3:7-9)

Moreover, today some may claim that they had Mr. Herbert Armstrong as their spiritual “father.” But, if they were truly his spiritual “children,” then they would do the things that he did. They would see the need to get right with God.

You diligently study the scriptures because you think by them you possess eternal life. These are the scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life. (John 5:39-40/ NIV)

These are dangerously deceptive times in which to live. You may be thinking that your “membership” in the Worldwide Church of God is the single, most important concern in your life. You may feel that all is well for you there, safe and secure within its walls of exclusiveness.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets. (Luke 6:24-26)

Isn't it possible that, here, Jesus is pointedly referring to one's EXTERNAL CONDITION (or STATUS) of spiritual—NOT physical—well-being and affluence?

No such dire warning should go unheeded. Belonging to that group which is the one true government of God on this earth can backfire! It can lead you down the path that will take you away from Christ. It can hinder your entrance into God's Kingdom, your acceptance into His Family. This, the House of Judah had to first find out—the hard way.

So, take these words of Jesus to heart:

I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the SUBJECTS of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matt. 8:11-12)

And WHO ARE the “subjects of the kingdom”? Today they are none other than the members of the Worldwide Church of God. For the Church—as founded by the Second Adam—IS the “EMBRYONIC” KINGDOM OF GOD!!!

It is just too easy to flippantly dismiss the lesson of the Gospels as having been meant for only one people in the past. The Bible is a NOW book and it contains a LIVING message which is

intended to affect and to admonish US—in 1987.

Can we afford, then, to consider the gospel narrative OBSOLETE? Can we say, for instance, that such a “story” as the Matthew 21 parable of the tenants no longer conveys a viable lesson? Can we also say that verse 38 could only apply to the Jewish people? And can we, thus, say that we would have never rejected the Son of God, that we would NOT have killed Him when He came to His “vineyard”?

And you say, “If we had lived in the days of our forefathers we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.” So you testify against yourselves that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets. (Matt. 23:30-31)

Yes, we are “the descendants” of those who murdered Jesus because we ARE the SPIRITUAL JEWS—laying claim to the same ancestry of the faith. Our “forefathers,” the Old Testament people of God, failed to see the coming of Christ-in-the-flesh. They clung to their image of themselves as the chosen people before God and they chose to put that self-image BEFORE GOD. The elect body counted on their highly privileged position as “the keepers of the Temple” and they elected to keep that status quo rather than accept the MAKER of the Temple.

Yes! We, too, as a people—as a CHURCH—are capable of “killing” Christ. We also can be deceived! The only difference for the Second Advent is that Jesus will be coming in the RESURRECTED “FLESH.”

It is extremely likely that we will now be following in the footsteps of our Old Covenant counterparts. We will be fulfilling the alarming duality that is the plain truth of Bible HISTORY.

One thing is very certain. What will make this Physical/Spiritual parallel ALL-THE-MORE TRUE is that the WARNING will not be considered. The very proof IS the BLINDNESS!!!

Many will object to these words and say instead, “Lord, Lord, didn’t we put out the Gospel to the world in Your name? Didn’t we expel the ‘demons’ of the false religions? Didn’t we perform a MIRACULOUS WORK for You in this era?”

And, to that, Jesus will say:

“I NEVER KNEW YOU.”

3/15/87 Jules Dewees

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 to the Pastor General of the Worldwide Church of God.

March 16, 1987

Dear Mr. Tkach,

Enclosed please find an article which I am submitting to you as Pastor General of the Worldwide Church of God. If I do not hear from you, then after a week I will distribute this material to others.

Also, included is another letter which I sent to you on February 11. The post office informed me that you would have had to sign for this delivery. I proceeded on the basis of the information at hand but I have since found out that such was not the case.

I know now that you had not received this letter ON THE TWELFTH as I was previously led to believe. I am sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

There is enclosed, too, my wife's letter to Mr. Salyer on October 4, 1986. In it she asked that you be given it to read. She is concerned that you have not considered her situation. It would be helpful at this Passover time for her to receive a definitive answer from you about the concerns that she expressed.

As I review the situation of the past year, I admit to having often been frustrated by the lack of any response from you directly. I am sorry if I have been too forceful at times. And I apologize for any impatience that I may have shown.

I have tried to remain true to my convictions and firm in my beliefs. At the same time I have had to show respect for the office which was penalizing me for that. This was, indeed, difficult to do. I am sorry for any lack of love that I may have shown you.

The messages that I have been writing to you are too important to have any personal feelings get in the way. Will you please consider them for your sake and for the sake of those who look to you?

Jules Dervaes

April 5, 1987

Dear Mr. Hunsberger,

Thank you for your letter of March 3. I hope that you were sincere in trying to point out my errors. I realize that MY word is not—by itself—truth. Neither are the teachings of Mr. Armstrong—by themselves—truth.

I hope that you also do realize that YOUR word (or “the Church’s”)—by itself—is not truth either. And you have failed to show me where I have erred in relation to what is the only ABSOLUTE TRUTH—God’s WORD!!!

If you were sincere, then I must inform you that I believe that your conclusions are sincerely wrong. Please read Colossians 2:8; Jude 10; Romans 2:19-24; and 1 John 3:10.

I have never realized that I have not been fully living up to my Christian commitment. I am now trying to change and that is why I am writing these letters.

Thank you for your concern in this matter.

Jules Dervaes

April 5, 1987

Dear Mr. Salyer,

At this time before the Passover, I wish to remind you that there is unfinished work which cannot go on being ignored. I am requesting that you put into practice Matthew 7:12 and that you follow the admonition of Matthew 5:23-24.

Please note that one of the unresolved issues in my case has recently been addressed by an article in The GOOD NEWS of February '87. Its title is "Turning Criticism to Advantage." I agree wholeheartedly with this biblical message. However, the principle behind these words that you have published does not agree with what you have told me in counseling.

Why is it, then, that I (and my wife) have been disfellowshipped for trying to follow Bible principles? Please read Leviticus 19:15 and 17.

Please consider now that your inconsistency with the Bible—and with your own literature—amounts to hypocrisy.

Jules Dervaes

April 5, 1987

Dear Mr. Webber,

At this time before Passover, I wish to remind you that there is unfinished work which cannot go on being ignored. I am requesting that you put into practice Matthew 7:12 and that you follow the admonition of Matthew 5:23-24.

Please note that one of the unresolved issues in my case has recently been addressed by an article in The GOOD NEWS of February '87. Its title is "Turning Criticism to Advantage." I agree wholeheartedly with this biblical message. However, the principle behind these words that you have published does not agree with what you have told me in counseling.

Why is it, then, that I (and my wife) have been disfellowshipped for trying to follow Bible principles? Please read Leviticus 19:15 and 17.

Please consider now that your inconsistency with the Bible—and with your own literature—amounts to hypocrisy.

Jules Dervaes

April 7, 1987

Dear Jules, Mignon & Children,

How are things with you in California? Again, this morning it looks like might rain. Guess we could always use the rain, but have had a lot of it the past month. It also has been very cold for this time of the year—50 degrees, and as low as 38 degrees! That's cold for Florida!

We have been busy trying to get the house presentable for Night to be Observed. [He] did get the exterior painted—it really needed it badly! Interior will do—still have trim to paint and wallpaper bathrooms. But just can't get it all done at one time.

Next week is N.T.B.O. and Days of U.B. already! Time passes by so quickly. Seems like we have just returned from the F.O.T. We certainly are looking forward to the spiritual rejuvenation from the Holy Days.

This brings me to a question I want to ask you. With all the people we know in Pasadena, the news (bad) has arrived here. Have ya'll quit attending church services? And have been disfellowshipped? If this is true, I am NOT asking for an explanation as to why, etc. It is just very difficult (knowing this) answering people when they ask me if I heard from Mignon, how are they doing, are the children alright, etc. I am not spreading rumors, all I can say is—guess they are OK.

Needless to say, this is very difficult for me to ask these things. Both [he] and I pray for you. [His] family allowed themselves to be disfellowshipped from the “trunk of the tree”—God’s True Church. It was extremely difficult for us. And in circumstances such as this, when some of our close friends leave, that same hurt feeling comes back. It’s like I told [him] at the time of his troubled family leaving—that it was up to him what he was going to do (leave with his family, or remain strong)—his decision would not influence me in anyway to leave God’s Church. I proved one time at baptism this is God’s Church, and God is the same yesterday, today, and forever—so I was not leaving God’s Church, if he decided he would. No man was taking my crown.

Yes, as long as man is in charge of the physical, mistakes will be made, we are all human. It is up to each one of us to forgive and forget about the mistakes made, going on with our life according to God’s laws. I am not trying to re-convince or re-convert you; this is just the way it is according to the way I have been taught.

Yes, we are a family unit, and each one of us being baptized members, means we have to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. By our works God will know us. We are responsible for our own works not our mate’s, a minister’s, or a friend’s.

I guess I have said enough but we truly are concerned. Please do answer my two questions

and leave it at that. I'm not interested in any literature you may have causing you to having yourself cut off from God and His awesome work.

With love,

*Note: This letter was from a WCG friend
from Tampa, FL.*

In response, the only answer we sent back
was **Luke 12:8-9**.

Passover, 1987

Dear Jules, Mignon & family,

Hello strangers! It has been such a long time since either of us has corresponded. How is everyone? Are you adjusting to Pasadena life—I do hope it is getting better. I hear you have a place for a garden and lots of flowers where cement used to be. I'm sure it makes it more livable for you as that was such a part of your life here.

Well, we still haven't heard about **** and A.C. yet. Makes you rather nervous the longer the wait is. ***** was accepted at A.C. in Big Sandy which I'm sure you know by now.

Well, Passover season is upon us. I'm sure you're busy like all of us preparing for it. We are certainly trying to digest the new truth regarding Christ's broken body before Passover.

Even though I haven't written, I do think of you all often. You haven't been forgotten.

So what are your future plans? Is Pasadena your permanent home? What is Jules doing now? Does he take any courses at A.C. at all?

Hope to hear from you. Do take a few minutes to let me know how everyone is. If we don't keep the candles burning and replacing them with continued fellowship, our friendship will soon die out.

Love,

(A WCG friend from Tampa, FL)

April 28, 1987

Dear Mr. Tkach,

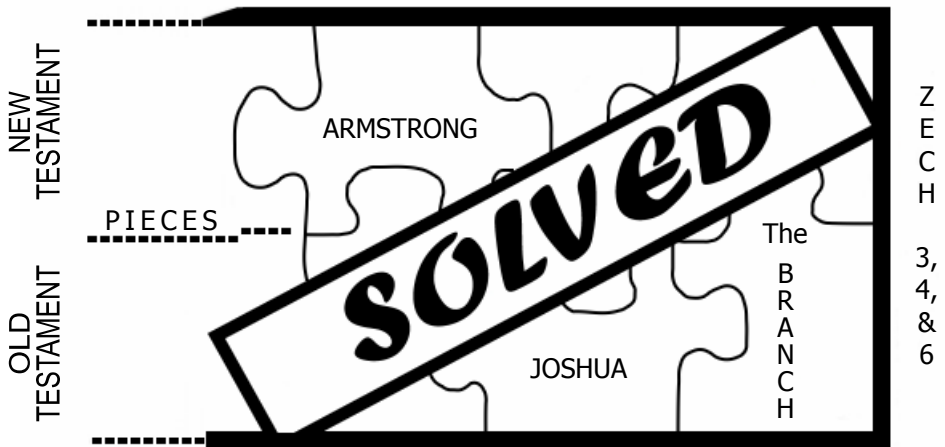
Enclosed please find important information that should be considered by you. If you have any comments, I would appreciate hearing from you.

In one week, I will begin distribution of this material. Please consider Zechariah 3:7.

Praying that you will walk in God's ways,
yours in Christian love,

Jules Dervaes

ZECHARIAH'S PUZZLE



If you have been puzzled by the turn of events which have occurred in God's Church in the last year, then please LISTEN to the words of Mr. Herbert Armstrong from his book MYSTERY OF THE AGES:

I learned that the Bible is like a jigsaw puzzle—thousands of pieces that need putting together—and the pieces will fit in only one way. Then the picture becomes crystal clear to the one willing to believe what God our Creator says ... See these truths with your own eyes in your own

Bible. And open your mind to God's leading you into His TRUTH as you do. It will make a lot of sense as nothing ever did before. (page xi)

ARE YOU one who is willing to believe what God says? WILL YOU open your mind to God's leading you?

The truths of the Bible are revealed here a little, there a little, scattered from beginning to end, and revealed only through the Holy Spirit within those surrendered and yielded to God, willing to have confessed error and wrongdoing, and yielding to BELIEVE Christ the Word of God. (page 5)

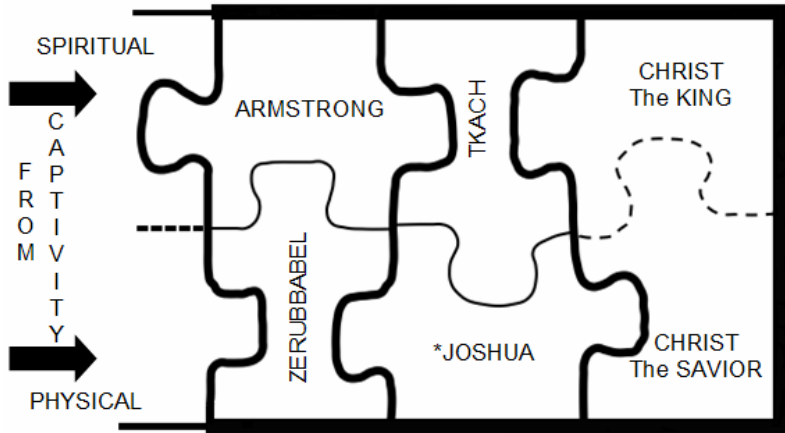
HAVE YOU yielded yourself lately to believe what Christ speaks to you through the Bible?

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27)

He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God. (John 8:47)

DO YOU BELONG TO GOD?

THEN HEAR HIM!



Kingly & Priestly : Godly

*** & his associates**

Hidden in His Word are the plans of Almighty God. Disclosed is His promise to reveal those “secrets” for you! (Amos 3:7) However, you may of your own choice find it “easier” to become blind to the light of God’s truth.

In modern times Christ began the piece-by-piece revelation of Bible mysteries through His Apostle and servant Mr. Armstrong. One KEY segment was FIXED as the leader of God’s Church plainly identified himself with Zerubbabel. This was the primary DIRECT LINK with the Old Testament and was crucial to

unlocking the New Testament future—according to the dual nature of biblical prophecy.

Henceforth, the prophetic picture hinged on this KEY IDENTIFICATION! Notice Mr. Armstrong's statement:

Zerubbabel was the governor of the contingent [of Jews] and builder of the temple to which Christ came at His first appearing on earth as the human Jesus. Also, prophetically this Zerubbabel was the type of one to come in the LAST DAYS of this world whom Christ would use in building the temple to which the glorified all-powerful Christ shall come at His second appearing. (The PLAIN TRUTH, April '79)

And, about the first four chapters of Zechariah, he writes:

The real MESSAGE is about OUR TIME, NOW—the LAST DAYS! (The GOOD NEWS, May '80)

With that discovery, one can begin to interconnect the Old and the New Covenants. God intended for us to apply this information and continue to solve THE REST OF THE PUZZLE!!! We are not to abandon its completion when it seems in our self-interest to “look the other way.” Instead, we should NOW be inserting those other pieces that FIT that

part which has already been put into its place by the hand of God.

By restoring God's government for the "spiritual Jews," Mr. Armstrong did indeed fulfill his "part"; he led that remnant which had come out of the captivity of this world—modern Babylon! It was his job to prepare that Spiritual Temple, the one to which the Spiritual Christ would LATER (not in his life) come as KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS.

Just before his death, Mr. Armstrong appointed Mr. Tkach as his successor. After this delegation, Mr. Tkach was proclaimed as JOSHUA. This very popular analogy was well-documented with much acclamation.

Even though the desired intent was to model the Moses/Joshua sequence, the name used was also the same as Zechariah's JOSHUA. Here was that key Zerubbabel (/Joshua) LINK which had already been established by Mr. Armstrong.

It is here, therefore, that we should insert this recent piece—EXACTLY WHERE IT FITS!!!

This once again goes to prove that our purposes are not God's purposes. (Isaiah 55:8) Our actions and our desires notwithstanding, God's plan alone will stand.

Mr. Armstrong stressed that he was of the Davidic line, the SAME as that of his Old Testament type. Now Mr. Tkach has been designated as being of the lineage of Levi. This

additional evidence as well confirms that he is NOT the type of the Joshua of the Exodus (from the tribe of Ephraim) BUT the type of the Joshua of the Temple who was from the priestly tribe. Can this be only a coincidence?

A look at history will show that it was the priestly leadership in Judah that continued until the time of the Messiah, including the three and one-half years of His ministry. This period is foretold by the term “your associates” which attests to the fact that, during the tenure of “Joshua,” Christ would come to the Jerusalem Temple over which he/they had charge. (Zech. 3:8)

That leadership failed to see the piece of the Kingdom puzzle, which was “hidden” in the Isaiah 52 and 53 portraiture. HOW could they miss their own Savior? Because HE simply did not fit into THEIR plans. It was not advantageous for them to alter their ideas to FIT what God had in mind!

Likewise, today, the Church has become “glued” to its initial plans of following Mr. Armstrong to the place of safety to await the setting up of an earthly kingdom. But his death has made that speculation outdated. Yet we still cling to the old plan by doctoring it, splicing in a new leader; i.e., we say that we will just have Mr. Tkach take us “there” instead.

However, a “new” reality requires that OUR plans be subject to review and revision. Everything must be always brought back into

line with SCRIPTURAL REALITY. It is time to return to “the trunk of the tree.”

What is fact, what is proven fact—not any supposition—is that Mr. Armstrong WAS “Zerubbabel”! The next leader IS that “Joshua” who was “dressed in filthy clothes.” There is no reason to “crowbar” any different, unwieldy selections into place because THIS PIECE FITS!!!

The Bible states this man Joshua will be a “burning stick snatched from the fire.” This metaphor signals that he will be put to the test as he carries “the baton” of the Seventh Era Church into the “FIRE” of the Great Tribulation.

Jules Dervaes 4/28/87

 NOTE: Prior submission of this material has been made
 to the Pastor General of the Worldwide Church of God.

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HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
CHANCELLORARTHUR O. SUCKLING
FINANCIAL AIDS OFFICER
COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

April 28, 1987

Please remove me from any mailing list I may be on to receive your material. I do not wish to have your opinion.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Arthur O. Suckling". The signature is stylized with a large, loopy initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

Arthur Suckling

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May 22, 1987

Dear Mr. Hunsberger,

This is a personal note written to you because of the fact that you DID respond once to one article (2/11) which you read. But, in reality this response was very inadequate and incomplete as I indicated to you in my answer of April 5.

However, it must be recognized that YOU did take the time and effort to at least attempt to point out what you believed was wrong. That showed that you were interested enough to take that one step.

Yet, then, you “retreated under fire!” Why has it been that you have now shrunk back from your responsibility?

I hope that you were sincere in trying to help me. If you were, then please do not take a NEUTRAL POSITION!!!

Jules Dervaes

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 91129

JOSEPH W. TKACH
PASTOR GENERAL

June 4, 1987

Dear Mr. Dervaes:

Your letter of May 22, addressed to me personally, has been received. You mentioned being disappointed that I have not responded to all your letters, though I did let you know your theories are not believed by the Church.

That answer was intended to cover more than just the immediate letter. What you have written are theories which cannot be proved or documented at this point. There is no cogent argument presented; hence, what is there to answer? When God has a revelation for His Church, we believe He will reveal it through the same Church ministers who are teaching the brethren His ways. A true prophet would be recognized by the Church.

As you may know, we receive hundreds of "prophetic messages" from individuals, each with an apparently sincere belief that God has revealed some truth only to him. We do not customarily respond to all these private interpretations and theories. Please do not feel any personal "slight" that we do not respond to all your letters. When we feel it will be helpful, we will reply.

Sincerely,



David G. Hunsberger
Personal Correspondence Department

STABBED IN THE BACK !!!

ARE We
Back on the Track? -
When We
Lack Faith?
[GN 10/81]



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by close
FRIENDS --

who divine New truth **from Old ERROR.**

Even my close friend, whom I trusted,
he who shared my bread, has lifted up his
heel against me. (Psalm 41:9)

If an enemy were insulting me, I could
endure it; if a foe were raising himself
against me, I could hide from him. But it
is you, a man like myself, my companion,
my close friend, with whom I once
enjoyed sweet fellowship as we walked
with the throng at the house of God.
(Psalm 55:12-14)

King David realized the treachery that comes from within. The Apostle Paul understood that peril and WARNED the Church:

I know that AFTER I LEAVE, savage wolves will come among you and will not spare the flock. EVEN FROM YOUR OWN NUMBER men will arise and DISTORT THE TRUTH in order to draw away disciples AFTER THEM. So be on your guard! (Acts 20:29-31)

Would you listen to Paul? Would you listen to Peter?

But there were also false prophets among the people, just as THERE WILL BE FALSE TEACHERS among you. They will SECRETLY introduce destructive heresies ... Many will follow their SHAMEFUL ways and will bring the WAY OF TRUTH into disrepute. (2 Peter 2:1-2)

WOULD YOU LISTEN TO JESUS CHRIST?

And, Jesus warned:

Watch out for false prophets. They come to you IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. (Matt. 7:15-16)

By HIS fruit Mr. Herbert Armstrong has been recognized as a true Apostle of Christ. Would you listen to him?

NOTICE The GOOD NEWS, October '79:

LET US BE CAREFUL LEST ANY OF THIS APPLY TO THE MINISTRY OF GOD'S CHURCH! (Ezekiel 34) "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord ETERNAL unto the shepherds: Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? [with the Word of God] ... The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick" (verses 2-4). Some of our ministry wanted to do away with healing. God put HEALING in His Church. He put it in 1,900 years ago through the original apostles. He put it in today's era of the Church through me, His apostle. DO NOT BE GUILTY OF NEGLECT IN THIS IMPORTANT DOCTRINE. (page 6)

NOTICE The GOOD NEWS, October '81:

I am shocked—saddened—discouraged—hurt! ... Brethren, I was shocked. It was like being stabbed in the heart. (page 4)

What hurt Mr. Armstrong so deeply was his discovery that faith in healing had once again fallen into neglect. Had his earlier pleading fallen on deaf ears? The Pastor General then wrote this stern WARNING to the members:

But the passage in Matthew 25 shows those individuals in it (the Church)—or who profess to be in it—and are lukewarm and lacking in faith in God's Word will have the door slammed in their faces!

Let the truth be known that God's Apostle fought long and hard to establish and keep physical healing as a belief of the Worldwide Church of God. NOTICE these references:

TOMORROW WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE, p. 83
INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL, p. 111
AUTOBIOGRAPHY, VOL. 1, p. 332
MYSTERY OF THE AGES, pp. 211-12

Then when his battle seemed lost, it felt to Mr. Armstrong as if he were being "stabbed in the heart." However, this phrase implies that there would have taken place face-to-face, man-to-man confrontation. NOT SO!!! What really did occur was a cowardly, behind-the-back act of deception. Lurking in the dark and waiting for the weak is always the best way for jackals to hunt. Alive, Mr. Armstrong was too mighty a prey for the jackals themselves to bring down.

So they waited for old age to take his life before moving in to dismember his “body”—the body of beliefs to which he had faithfully committed his life, in order to teach his spiritual family. Now, in his death, his “close friends” are destroying that life.

For, they had played the game well. They had sought the prize; and now, finally, it was theirs. Without “the lion” to protect “the sheep,” all is easy pickings.

Since they don’t have to contend with Mr. Armstrong any longer, there will be A REAL FEAST for the assailants who could not manage the decency to openly confront him WHEN HE COULD HAVE KICKED THEM OUT!!! Cowering and compliant, they stealthily hid within “the fold” in order TO DECEIVE EVEN THE ELECT.

Didn’t THEY listen to what he was saying? NOTICE The GOOD NEWS, April ’79:

God COMMANDS that we all speak THE SAME THING! ... All doctrines in the present Philadelphia era were put into the Church by Jesus Christ through His chosen apostle. ... When Christ chose His apostle for this time, He chose one who ... WILL NOT compromise or water down truths and doctrines Christ has given... (page 28)

The FOUNDATION has ALREADY been laid. (Eph. 2:20) That WORK had been

COMPLETED—CEMENTED—CONCRETED! Mr. Armstrong FINISHED his job. And, IN MEMORIAM of him, the new Pastor General pointedly proclaimed:

I'm not here to fill the shoes of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, I'm here to FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE HE SET. ... Pray that God would guide and direct me ... that I can follow in those footsteps.

But the “footsteps” are NOT being followed! And the foundation is NOT being built on; instead, it's being tampered with and perilously undermined. The TRUNK OF THE TREE is rotting from within. OLD, REJECTED ERROR is being swallowed as new truth just as a dog returns to its VOMIT!!! (Read 2 Peter 2:17-22.)

How did his pupils WALK TOGETHER with Mr. Armstrong when they were NOT AGREED with him? (Amos 3:3) How could it be GOOD AND PLEASANT for his brothers to dwell together with him in DISUNITY? (Psalm 133:1) The answer in one word: HYPOCRISY.

Let this INDICTMENT stand:

But you have TURNED FROM the way and by your teaching have caused many to stumble; you have VIOLATED the covenant with Levi...

So I have caused you to be despised and humiliated before all the people, because you have not followed my ways

but have shown partiality in matters of the law. (Mal. 2:8, 9)

Let this TRUTH stand: Acts 5:29.

AT THE TOP of the government of God IS GOD. To follow the government of God means TO FOLLOW GOD!!! No one—NOT even the Pastor General—takes HIS PLACE.

Mr. Armstrong knew this and wrote:

But even Christ's apostle has no authority to SHUT OFF the authority above him. ... Authority does not END at any point under God the Father. (The PLAIN TRUTH, August '79)

CONSIDER THIS 1987 FEAST MESSAGE:

Come, all you beasts of the field, come and devour, all you beasts of the forest! Israel's watchmen are BLIND, they all lack knowledge; they are all mute dogs, they cannot bark; they lie around and dream, they love to sleep. They are dogs with mighty appetites; they never have enough. THEY ARE SHEPHERDS who lack understanding; they all turn to their own way, each seeks his own gain. "Come," each one cries, "let me get wine! Let us drink our fill of beer! And tomorrow will be like today, or even far better." (Isaiah 56:9-12)

JESUS CHRIST SPEAKS:

Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may ... go through the gates into the city ... Outside are the dogs ... everyone who loves and practices falsehood. (Rev. 22:12-15)

Jules Dervaes 9/10/87

NOTE: This material has been sent
to the Pastor General of the Worldwide Church of God.

November 5, 1987

Dear Mr. Tkach,

Enclosed please find information pertaining to the Church. Would you please respond to this material?

I hope that you will give a reply within the week. If I do not hear from you, I will have to assume that you have rejected this message.

Please don't dismiss this rashly. If you insist on denying the validity of this information, you will be fulfilling the very prophecy that you have rejected.

I hope that you will see the gravity of this situation and respond accordingly. I pray that Christ will guide you to His throne.

May God help you to recover the sight that you have lost.

Jules Dervaes

(Note: This letter was sent a second time. The REVISED DATE was November 12.)

The REAL “POPE” -

*(2 Thess. 2 :
3 - 12)*

*NOW sits in
the House of God.*



The TEMPLE is HERE!

WON'T YOU BELIEVE
MR. ARMSTRONG???

In MYSTERY OF THE AGES, in the chapter entitled “Mystery of the Church,” the Apostle of the Worldwide Church of God had identified this Church as THE TEMPLE:

The Church, then, is to grow into a HOLY TEMPLE—the spiritual TEMPLE to which Christ shall come—even as he came to a material temple of stone and metals and wood the first time.

And,

There is no scripture foretelling the construction of a material temple in Jerusalem before Christ's appearing.

And the Apostle Paul wrote:

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises TO BECOME A HOLY TEMPLE in the Lord. (Eph. 2:19-21)

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and YOU ARE THAT TEMPLE. (1 Cor. 3:16-17)

What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For, WE ARE THE TEMPLE of the living God. (2 Cor. 6:16)

Also, Mr. Tkach has stated:

There are many ways to defile the temple of God—or the Body of Christ. (*The Worldwide News*, April 6, 1987, page 3)

These, then, are irrefutable proofs that the New Testament Temple is none other than the Church, THE BODY OF CHRIST. (1 Cor. 12:27; Rom. 12:5) Furthermore, THE CHURCH, as the

spiritual mother of its members, is identified as the NEW JERUSALEM!!!

But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother. (Gal. 4:26)

With this knowledge, it's time to face all the facts. It's time to remove the mental "roadblocks." It's time to proceed to that stark, but undeniable conclusion.

The NONEXISTENCE of the physical temple does ALSO mean the NONOCCURRENCE of the "abomination desolation" being set up within the PHYSICAL Jerusalem. For, no one can SIT as "God" in a temple that will not even be erected. And no Catholic pope (or anyone else) can DEFILE a "holy place" which NEITHER would exist, NOR would ever be holy!

Haven't we skirted this touchy issue for too long? Are we refusing to consider knowledge because it goes against the Church's TRADITIONAL beliefs? Yet, Mr. Armstrong's challenge to such traditional Christianity still stands; it has always been: "BELIEVE THE BIBLE!"

WON'T YOU BELIEVE THE BIBLE???

The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course (1983), Lesson 3, on page 11, presents this poignant question: "At His 'coming' (parousia), what will Christ do to

‘that Wicked [one]’ who has seated himself ‘as God’ in the temple of God?” This is in reference to Second Thessalonians 2:4.

For an unbiased explanation of what specific temple is meant here, simply “ask” the author—Paul. Apply a cardinal rule of exegesis: LET PAUL INTERPRET PAUL! Since this Apostle also wrote the passages quoted earlier from Ephesians and Corinthians, since not one retraction, correction, or even amendment was ever expressed by him, and since God recorded ALL scripture useful for our teaching (2 Tim. 3:16), the correct answer is that the “temple of God” SHOULD MEAN—consistently and uniformly—THE CHURCH OF GOD. To conclude otherwise would be to exhibit a fatal prejudice against the PLAIN TRUTH, which could lead to spiritual death.

Candidly expounded, the second chapter of Second Thessalonians reveals that there will be a man in the CHURCH OF GOD who will have risen through the ministerial ranks to be placed atop this human government of God. As the highest representative of the true Church on earth, he would then cut off that authority ABOVE him and, thereby, establish himself as THE FINAL AUTHORITY. Not answering to God, he would render arbitrary decisions based on personal opinions. This exalted man would put his word above God’s WORD—the Bible! Thus, this religious leader would be taking the very PLACE OF GOD as Head of His Church.

For, in claiming to possess “the mind of Christ”—even while dispossessing the truth of Christ—he would be proclaiming himself to be—essentially and effectively—EQUAL WITH CHRIST! In asserting to use “the government of God”—even while MISUSING it as a weapon to demand the absolute loyalty only reserved for God—he would be seating himself upon the throne of God.

And so, this “God”-man would require worship of his PERSON and all his followers would be expected to bow down before his IMAGE. Now, an IDOL would stand in the “holy place”!!!

The only HOLY place—the ONLY “place” on this earth which is set apart to the service of God; the sole, unique state that belongs to God; the “holy nation” (1 Peter 2:9)—is THE CHURCH, representing the people of God. There can be no other fulfillment of Matthew 24:15!

The Ambassador College Correspondence Course (1972), Lesson 2, on page 14, states:

The modern “abomination of desolation,” therefore, will also be some kind of FALSE “god” in Jerusalem!

But, WHICH JERUSALEM???

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. (Heb. 12:22)

As Christians you come to the NEW Jerusalem. For, certainly, the OLD Jerusalem had forfeited its special place in God's eyes.

The plain truth, then, is that the ABOMINATION will make desolate the TRUTH of Christ and will desecrate the very CHURCH of God. Having been ousted by His own government Christ will reveal the LAWLESS ONE and return to overthrow this USURPER!

Here, then, is THE GREAT LIE—the heinous HALF-TRUTH—which is promulgated by the “man of sin”: To obey him is to obey God, while to oppose his ways is to oppose the government of God. This warped, distorted, PARTIAL truth will have been set in God's Church by “the son of perdition.” Those members who go along in harmony with this satanic deception and rigidly hold to its wicked “fruits” will perish.

They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the LIE and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness. (2 Thess. 2:10-12)

Many will wish to believe the delusion that they are obedient to God when, in truth, they are only obedient to a man. It will be all-too-easy to embrace this IMAGE of Christianity

rather than to face the reality that this is nothing but IDOLATRY. Adoring followers of “the vicar” will delight in their comfortable fantasy. Disdaining the REAL duty of a Christian, they will decline to enact the WHOLE—the unadulterated—truth. Peter and John understood it (Acts 4:19); the other apostles (Acts 5:29); so also Paul (1 Cor. 11:1); and Mr. Armstrong. It is: FIRST, FOLLOW GOD; second, follow others ONLY AS THEY FIRST FOLLOW GOD!!!

The abrogation of this clear, God-given responsibility will open the way for what is prophesied as the GREAT APOSTASY. It is well known that such a church-wide rebellion will occur. Here, then, is the answer to HOW it will occur.

In order for the “falling away” to be “great,” it must logically be UNSUSPECTING. It cannot be out in the open. It cannot come from an outside agent. It cannot originate from the lower ranks. Any such outbreak could only be public, obviously wrong, and easily squelched. Because of the hierarchical basis of the Church, this type of revolt would, by its anti-government nature, be so small and have just MINOR consequences.

Naturally the most effective deception always works from the top down. Deceive the leader and those under him will follow blindly and willingly all the way, as they tout passionately the virtue of LOYALTY. This way,

people could sincerely believe that they were doing the right thing.

The problem is that, while it is right for our justice to be blind, it is dangerous for our loyalty to be so. BLIND LOYALTY CREATES "HITLERS"!!! And, "too much" loyalty is really only a vice in disguise. The history of man should have taught us this lesson by now!

Satan is not stupid. He knows how to make "little Satans." He knows what works. As Lucifer he, too, was once God's TRUE representative on earth and directed "the government of God."

HOW do you think that one-third of God's HIGHEST creation could have become deceived?

Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ... Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist... (Eph. 6:11-14)

Jules Dervais 11/12/87

NOTE: This material has been sent
to the Pastor General of the Worldwide Church of God.

December 16, 1987

Dear (Sir),

Thank you for your letter. Enclosed please find additional articles that have been, and are now being, distributed.

Above all, thank you very much for your prayers. We will be praying for you. May God guide you to do His will.

I apologize for the shortness of this note. I just wanted to get this information to you as quickly as possible. Perhaps I may be able to help you with any questions that you have, at a later date.

Jules Dervaes

December 28, 1987

Dear Jules & Mignon,

We have deep brotherly love for both of you. Jules, I was very glad when I heard that you were going to attend Ambassador College; I could emotionally share the expectations and thrill of the opportunity that God had placed before you.

It took courage to pack up your young family and cut your earthly ties to Tampa Bay and head West. You can imagine our dismay to hear that you had jumped ship, so to speak.

Jules, we love you and Mignon. We will pray that God our Father will gently and mercifully lead you back to repentance, and that you will once again be a part of the body of Christ doing His work, not your work. Until then, please don't send us any more literature.

In deep love,

Bill Harkins

1988

February 8, 1988

Dear Mr. Harkins,

Having received your personal note and having given it much thought for a long time, I am writing this letter in reply. At first, I really did appreciate that you made the effort to respond. But, then, I very quickly realized that what you were trying to do was to make me FEEL wrong without ever taking the time or effort to prove that I WAS wrong. Such destructive manipulation is exposed by the enclosed GOOD NEWS article. I will follow the advice given about false guilt; that is, I will "reject it."

If you really care, then could you CARINGLY show me exactly where I have transgressed the LAW OF GOD? (As opposed to the traditions of men, the group of men called "the Church" in Mark 7:7)

If you really are praying that I come back to the fold, then could you PRAYERFULLY share with me "the truth" which you possess and which, you claim, I lack? (As spiritually applying the lesson of James 2:15-16)

If you really have love for me, then could you IN LOVE point out any one scripture which would correct “my error”? (As evident by 2 Timothy 3:16)

What you have done—whether you care to admit it or not—is to PRE-judge me (and condemn me?) for breaking YOUR law, that is, what you interpret as being right—void of any biblical proof. If you fail to show “the love” that you have written about, then YOU will be the one in danger of having “jumped ship”—THE SHIP of which Christ is captain!!!

Of course, what you are assuming (and you do so erroneously, as I have PROVED in writing) is that the ship run by Mr. Tkach is the same as GOD’S SHIP. But where is your proof? The Bereans checked out the Apostle Paul and they were commended by *him for doing so. Will you even do the same? It’s foolishness to trust in Mr. Armstrong’s appointment of Mr. Tkach; for, God’s servant Samuel **appointed Saul to be the King. It’s foolishness to trust in Mr. Armstrong’s choice of Mr. Tkach; for, God’s Son chose Judas to be an Apostle.

The ship that you are desperately clinging to is going down. But, since your mind seems already made up, could you—AT LEAST—answer just one question for me? WAS Mr. Armstrong’s commission the work of God or the work of a man? If you answered that it was “of God,” then WHY don’t you believe what he told you???

But even Christ's apostle has no authority to SHUT OFF the authority above him. (PT 8/79)

But this Church of God is a SPIRITUAL ORGANISM—NOT a humanly organized and purely humanly led and influenced operation of MAN, started BY man, RUN by man! (GN 6/79)

However, if you can't bring yourself to respond to this, I will understand that you don't want to face this harsh reality and that you are afraid of the plain truth. In that case, please, PLEASE, don't feel sorry for me. Save your sympathy for yourself. And please be careful lest such pious sentiments smother TRUE, "deep" love.

God must be worshipped in spirit and IN TRUTH. Won't you even CONSIDER that you are IN ERROR? (1 Cor. 10:12)

I am praying that you don't reject this admonition given in the way of true love. May this Passover find you in the TRUE BODY OF CHRIST.

Jules Dervaes

NOTE: These errors were later found.

* The Bereans were commended by Luke who wrote Acts.

** Saul was chosen king by use of the lot (God's choice) and then Samuel anointed Saul.

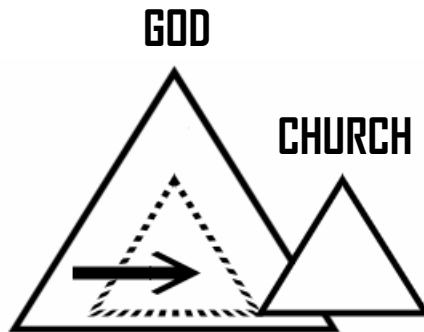
"WHO MOVED?"

WHERE GOD IS:

THE IDEAL



THE REAL



WHERE ARE YOU?

As a member of God's one and only true Church, it's easy to find oneself with little to worry about. So very, very nice would it be to sit tight and wait out the end of this age. (After all, won't the Church get "the inside scoop" on end-time prophecies?) For one thing is 100 percent certain: God would never leave His Church. Since it's not possible for the faithful and true Shepherd to abandon His flock, He will not "move." But, can His Church MOVE? Has it EVER moved? Does it have A HISTORY of moving?

Go now to the place in Shiloh where I FIRST made a dwelling for my Name, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of my people Israel. ... Therefore, what I did to Shiloh I will NOW do to the house that bears my Name, the temple you trust in, the place I gave to you and your fathers. (Jer. 7:12-14)

Shiloh—Israel—Jerusalem, all were TRUE "Ekklesia" and ALL left God. As warnings for us today (1 Cor. 10:11, 12), the Bible documents how THEY left.

And so, God has NOT left His people in the dark. The Bible—HIS VOICE—is replete with warnings He has addressed to us. But, what if this Church chooses TO IGNORE HIS CALL??? What if today's Church is "busy" applying these critical messages to Gentile churches of the

world? Then it is that, once again, THE CHURCH is intent on leaving God! The physical organization has become emboldened to trust in ITSELF just as God's physical nation, the Jews, trusted in their TEMPLE.

Do not trust in deceptive words and say, "This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord!" (Jer. 7:1)

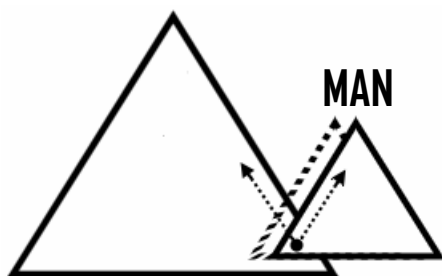
One can keep repeating over and over, "This Worldwide Church of God IS the Church of God..." Absolutely, YES! But, THE question remains: ARE YOU [becoming] A CHILD OF GOD? Certainly, there is no other PLACE to go. BUT, just as certainly, there is ANOTHER POSITION to take!!!



God and His VISIBLE Church will not be ONE until the Kingdom comes. And, contrary to what may be a popular assumption, "our" Millennium is not here yet! It is plainly erroneous and extremely dangerous to believe

that the BODY OF CHRIST and His physical Church are NOW (or were ever!) one and the same. One's position in this organization should not be used to gauge one's position in relation to God. It is a popular-but-poor barometer. For, God allows both THE WEEDS AND THE WHEAT to grow together. (Matt. 13:28)

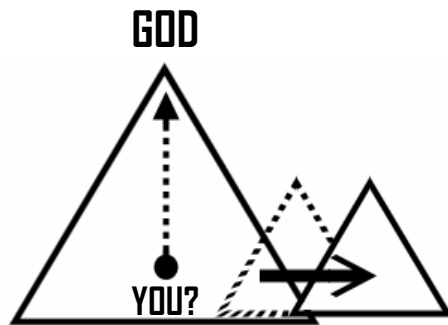
Obviously, one could be a member IN the Worldwide Church of God and yet not be UNDER God. In such a situation there is the need to engage in much "merrymaking" (Matt. 24:38) in order to quell the emptiness inside, in lots of SHOW BUSINESS to conceal the lack of substance. To soothe any nervous passengers on a slowly sinking Titanic, isn't it necessary to employ the most energetic and lively cruise directors?



One's reward will not be determined by his relationship to the minister in charge but by his personal relationship with God and with Him alone. Thus, it is imperative for everyone to make his election with God sure, letting no man

take his crown. And, “no MAN” means just that—not even the Pastor General of God’s OWN Church. Because today’s Church—from the top, as a whole—HAS MOVED, members may have GONE ALONG without even realizing what has really happened. Possibly, one could be trying to remain UNDER God and IN the Church whose leadership is no longer under God.

It’s not a question of IF—but only of WHEN—God will test THAT POSITION. In the end not even Worldwide Church of God members will be allowed to serve TWO MASTERS!!! Beware of deadly compromise! Beware of lethal inaction! Neutrality will not save you—it will surely destroy you!!!



Always, there is a price exacted for taking the NEUTRAL POSITION. Staying silent is nothing other than CONSENT by default. Doing nothing is actually a DECISION—A CHOOSING to be uninvolved. Can one really be free of guilt by looking the other way? The view that one’s

“Christian” duty is to “shut up and do what you’re told” is SATANIC!

Even humanity indicts the good citizenry who kept quiet as Jews were carted off to death camps, and it convicts the loyal soldiers who followed orders in operating the gas chambers. Even humanity would pronounce “GUILTY” on these—the silent, the obedient. But so perverted have we become that we in the Church think that God would instead reward us for our cowardly stance.

The previous Holocaust of Judah in which millions lost their physical lives WILL PALE INTO INSIGNIFICANCE compared to the SPIRITUAL HOLOCAUST being perpetrated on God’s people NOW. CAN YOU STAND BY AND WATCH AS SPIRITUAL LIVES ARE BEING LOST FOREVER? The ultimatum is clear: SPEAK OUT OR LOSE YOUR OWN ETERNAL LIFE!!!

This awesome accountability, which is recorded in Ezekiel, pertains to each and everyone without exception. Church laymen are not exempt from this duty; no one escapes this warning from God:

When I say to a wicked man, “You will surely die,” and you do not WARN him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin and I WILL HOLD YOU ACCOUNTABLE FOR HIS BLOOD. ... Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and does evil, and

I put a stumbling block before him, he will die. Since you did not WARN him, he will die for his sin. The righteous things he did will not be remembered, and I WILL HOLD YOU ACCOUNTABLE FOR HIS BLOOD. (Ezek. 3:18-20)

And it is through THAT WARNING that others' lives COULD be saved and that your life WOULD be saved.

Yet, there exists in the Church a perverse attitude, which is exemplified by the phrase: "LET GOD handle it." This simply is the elevated, Christian version of the apathetic "Let George do it" mentality of the world. "George" OR "God"—it makes no difference; the mind manifests the SAME attitude of INDIFFERENCE. Apathy is apathy, even when it is cloaked in "Christian" terms. Using God merely forges a more grand and "honorable" excuse. But such apathy is an abomination!

God just will not do for us what WE can—AND SHOULD—be doing for ourselves. God has made clear our responsibility; He is (and has been) waiting on US. Tragically, we have been waiting on HIM all this time—all in vain! We have tried so hard to make God a partner in our self-serving effort, but He will not "BUY IT."

Stop and think about what nonsense we have fostered. If God WERE really to handle all SIN found in the Church, then what would He need US for??? Doesn't the Bible prove once-

and-for-all that it is His plan to use HUMAN instruments?

And, since man's incredible HUMAN POTENTIAL is to become God, then shouldn't we trainees be handling these matters, PER HIS INSTRUCTIONS, just as He would? Otherwise, it is foolish to believe that we could "one day, soon" BE Him without ever taking those steps which are necessary to BE-COME Him.

Ignoring such prerequisite opportunities which He has designed to develop the GODLY character IS THWARTING the very plan of God! To run from critical character building situations would mean to run ourselves right out of God's Kingdom. SATAN COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT ANY BETTER!!!

Indeed, the master of deception has been hard at work, within the Church of God, so twisting and perverting positions that what is good appears bad; what is death appears life; what is true appears false; what is ungodly appears godly!!! He has so cleverly disguised his government of MAN that it now poses as the government of GOD.

This subtle transformation became evident when the fear of God was replaced by the fear of men and when purity before God was sacrificed for unity with men. "UNITY" battled the conscience. "UNITY" vanquished love. Finally, "UNITY" was reigning supreme OVER TRUTH. And, we bowed down to this new god.

What happened? Wasn't it unity that God wanted in His Church? Yes, but He intended for His people to grow to reach AT-ONE-MENT WITH HIM. And His Church organization was to ASSIST HIM in that process. Instead, it has sought to REPLACE HIM by engaging in COMPETITION with Him.

What the Church is offering as a substitute for the REAL UNITY-WITH-CHRIST is a MAN-MADE, artificial, counterfeit CONFORMITY-WITH-CHURCH. What this corporation is promoting is a BOGUS product, a cheap imitation. And, because it hawks such inferior "goods," the Church relies on intense promotion, on emotional pitches, and, if that fails, on heavy-handed tactics.

Their defective merchandise is being widely acclaimed and marketed on a grand scale in order to downgrade the ALTERNATIVE that Christ is offering. So fierce and ruthless has the Church become in its rivalry on a "head-to-head" basis, that it now dictates this obscene and abhorrent "back room" ultimatum: "BUY FROM ME—OR ELSE."

OR ELSE??? Yes, the Church's human leadership has degenerated to this despicable state. The price one must pay TO GAIN CHRIST is TO LOSE "the Church." To seek UNITY with the true HEAD of the Spiritual BODY of Christ (Eph. 4:13, 15*) means to forfeit membership ("unity") in the physical corporation ("body") of the Worldwide Church of God led by Mr. Tkach ("head").

IMPOSSIBLE? HERETICAL?? INSANE???

If you think so, then prove me wrong and prove it QUICKLY! Or, will you GAMBLE, wagering your eternal life—staking it on the sure bet that this Church did not MOVE?

Other New Testament CHURCHES/ LEADERS MOVED, as YOU can plainly see in Galatians 2:11 and in Revelation 2:5; 2:14-16; 2:20-22; and 3:2-3. AND so, too, has THIS Church MOVED away from God. Christ will return to FIGHT FOR what was HIS. WILL YOU BE FIGHTING AGAINST HIM?

Give a brother the chance to LIVE, pass this warning on. Your own life depends on it.

WARNING:

**YOU ARE ACCOUNTABLE
FOR BLOOD!!!**

IF YOU BELIEVE that I am wrong, and if I were wrong, and you had said nothing to dissuade me, then you would be accountable for MY blood!

IF YOU BELIEVE that I am wrong, and if I am right, but you had done nothing to repent of your wrong, you would be accountable for YOUR blood!

IF YOU BELIEVE that I am right, and if a brother were wrong, and you had said nothing to warn him, then you would be accountable for HIS blood!

Jules Dervae 1/3/88

NOTE: This material has been sent
to the Pastor General of the Worldwide Church of God.

February 8, 1988

Dear Sergeant VanDergrift,

Thank you for the time you spent over the phone explaining about the vehicle code ordinances of Pasadena.

As stated in the phone conversation of February 3, it is our desire to comply fully with all ordinances of this city. In order that there be no misunderstanding on our part, we wish to restate in writing what we have concluded from the information received as a result of the conversations with you and also with Mr. Joe Russ of City Hall.

It is our understanding that it is lawful to display a banner/sign—which states a religious message—on our van while it is parked on city streets. Since the content is religious, that display would not be considered as advertising, which is prohibited. Also, since there is no ordinance on the books against this type of display, any complaints that might arise could incur no legal action against us.

If these statements are correct, we would wish to proceed with our plans to have our banners printed. If there is anything that would need further clarification, please contact us so that we may work toward full compliance with the law.

We do hope that we have correctly understood the Pasadena codes and so will be acting in conformity with them. Again, thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Jules Dervaes

(Please note: A copy has been sent to Mr. Joe Russ.)

February 8, 1988

Dear Mr. Joe Russ,

Enclosed please find a copy of our letter to Sergeant VanDergrift of the Pasadena Police Department.

The letter was written for the purpose of explaining our understanding of the legal parameters involved in displaying a religious banner on our van while parked on city streets.

If you find that we have misinterpreted in any way what is allowed by the city of Pasadena, please let us know so that we may be corrected before proceeding with our plans.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Jules Dervaes

Dear Friends Letter

March 3, 1988

DEAR FRIENDS,

Momentous, turbulent times are just ahead for the world, AND for the Church, AND FOR YOU! Yet, Bible prophecy remains—for the most part—a mystery. Dare you face this fact—that we grope along, still in darkness! Dare you admit that the Worldwide Church of God does NOT have “all the answers”!

For many years now we have counted on it as the only channel to watch to receive “THE NEWS.” To continue to do so is to discount all the biblical evidence that this Church, during these CURRENT events, will have LOST its license to broadcast GOD’S SIGNAL!

As for the prophets who lead MY PEOPLE astray... Therefore night will come over you, WITHOUT visions, and darkness, WITHOUT divination. The sun will set for the prophets, and the day will go dark for them. The seers will be ashamed and the diviners disgraced. They will all cover their faces because there is NO ANSWER from God. (Micah 3:5-7)

Consider that we are now closer, ever closer—by more than one-half century—to the return of Christ from the time when Mr.

Armstrong began his broadcast. Yet, for DECADES now, NO major, significant new knowledge of prophecy has been forthcoming.

Isn't that strange? Since Christ's Advent is to be preceded by ever-increasing "labor pains," shouldn't His servants be able (as midwives would) to inform you of the PROGRESSIVE SIGNS of "delivery"?

Yes, the WCG has made, and continues to make, public those keys to that GENERAL prophetic knowledge which Mr. Armstrong earlier discovered. However, it has NOT been able to further advance that knowledge into SPECIFIC areas; it has NOT pinpointed ANY new sign of the times, in this MOST critical of all times. WHY?

Consider that, if these are the last days, "something" DEFINITELY should be happening because events would be SPEEDING to a climax. How can it really be possible that "everything goes on" just as before? (2 Peter 3:4) The days of 1972, 1975, 1979, and 1986 have come and gone. So, what is this "saying" the Church has?

"The days go by and every vision comes to nothing." (Ezekiel 12:22)

The faithful God of Amos 3:7 is bound to inform His servants of the DETAILS of His plan BEFORE they happen. So why has the WCG become as quiet as a mouse? Why has it been

acting like the proverbial ostrich? Can it be that IT has NOTHING TO SAY? Is it possible that God (YES!!! GOD) COULD HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY, but that the WCG—repeatedly refusing to TUNE INTO His wavelength—is NO LONGER acting as His servant???

For when I called, NO ONE answered, when I spoke, NO ONE listened. (Isaiah 66:4)

Could it be that the WCG hotly pursues only the AP and UPI sources of news while ignoring the BIBLE? That it is obsessed with producing CBS-type documentaries at the expense of examining the BIBLE? Such an approach has made the Church little different from SECULAR news agencies; the exception is that it can manage, every now and then, to plug in some information which its founder had bequeathed to it.

Why, instead of leading the way of Christ, is the WCG now trying so hard to IMITATE the way of the world? It used to be that The PLAIN TRUTH was ahead of TIME (the magazine). Then, it just kept up with TIME. But NOW it is lagging behind—following TIME.

The Church's The GOOD NEWS magazine is a pathetic ghost of its former self. And The WORLD TOMORROW show serves up only "left-over" news along with "warmed-over" prophecy.

What a sick caricature the WCG presents! It has become an IMPOSTOR!!!

Because it has ABANDONED the use of God's SWORD, the WCG has lost "the CUTTING edge":

The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Heb. 4:12)

Through the Church's failure "TO WIELD" the Word of God, its message has been diluted. It can now only whimper instead of cry ALOUD. (Isaiah 58:1) Does the WCG shy away from handling the DOUBLE-edged BIBLE because it really is afraid that IT MIGHT CUT ITSELF? Does the Church NOT venture more deeply into God's word for fear that it might emerge MAIMED?

Having become very adept at using the familiar warn-the-world passages, the WCG relishes handling those parts of the Bible that CUT the world. With flamboyant fanfare the Church goes on the attack, swinging the SWORD'S ONE edge against Christmas, Easter, etc. Against a hapless foredoomed opponent, it marshals all its media forces to claim an easy, one-sided victory.

But the Bible cuts BOTH ways!!! And, when the WCG comes face-to-face with scriptures that could CUT the Church, it suddenly becomes very anemic and strangely inept! Does it quickly and energetically take on the challenge of correction pointed out with that OTHER edge of God's SWORD? No! Instead, it spurns the Bible. Does the WCG boldly and diligently take up the charge to be trained in righteousness by Scripture? No! Instead, it does NOT EVEN CONSIDER IT.

Imagine a church—which claims to be “of God”—SCARED of searching for truth! Imagine it IN HIDING—evading a biblical challenge! Imagine it MUTED and FLEEING FROM God's Word! Yes, this is the WCG which, before all to witness, HAS ADMITTED—BY ITS SILENCE!—that it won't speak the words of God. Does the Worldwide Church of God, then, follow the EXAMPLE of God?

Although Jesus knew He was the Son of God and did not have to explain anything to one He knew to be the Devil, STILL when He was questioned by Satan HE DID ANSWER!!! He USED Scripture to answer: “It is written ...” and, when Satan used a Bible verse to test Him, Jesus ANSWERED with another scripture: “It is ALSO written ...” (Matt. 4:4, 7 and 10). Thus, in the battle with His adversary, Jesus did not run away but met the challenge, response-for-response, using God's Word.

So, even if the WCG considers an inquiry “satanic,” still it should respond AS JESUS DID.

However, it has NOT! Under fire, and being hammered at, the WCG recoils from the word of God and retreats from the field of battle.

“Is not my word like fire,” declares the Lord, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?” (Jer. 23:29)

Error—if it is error—should be able to be REFUTED by using the Bible—OR GOD’S WORD IS ABSOLUTELY USELESS AND IMPOTENT!

Why, then, hasn’t the WCG made the effort to fight with the Word of God to combat “my error”? To assume that the Pastor General (or any of his staff) HAS REFUTED “my message” is utterly wrong. Although it has been duly presented IN FULL COMPLIANCE with church government, the announcement of the Laodicean Era was NEVER CONSIDERED AT ALL!

Therefore, to believe that this problem has been settled “at the top” is a mistake. Still NO ONE—NOT Mr. Tkach, NOT one of the top evangelists, NOT any of the hundreds of ministers contacted thus far—HAS EVER RESPONDED WITH SCRIPTURAL PROOF that this message is false. How completely useless and impotent the church ministry is!!!

This silence of the WCG is proof—undeniable, VISIBLE evidence—that it now stands convicted of REBELLION against God.

The Church has NEVER submitted this matter to ITS SPIRITUAL HEAD; it has NEVER consulted THE LIVING CHRIST. By refusing to take this biblical dispute to the PROPER, FINAL AUTHORITY, the WCG continues to flagrantly DISOBEY the very government of God!!!

Won't YOU please take this message to Jesus Christ? Won't you, at this critical time, humbly go before God, submit your will to His, and let Him lead you through His Word? This letter signifies my prayer that you will respond to His LIGHT!

Yours sincerely,

Jules Dervaes

March 15, 1988

Dear Mr. Martin Filippello,

Some time ago now, we became aware of your teaching through a newspaper advertisement. It was apparent that you had some insight into the problems that the Worldwide Church of God was undergoing. But it was also clear to us that, having taken liberties with God's WORD, you were distorting prophecies to suit your ideas.

This belated note is to inform you that we have biblical proof that you are in error. Even though the WCG is now, indeed, the Laodicean Church, you cannot set yourself up as the former (and now defunct) Philadelphian Church.

You should repent of your false teachings and seek the way of Jesus Christ. This is written so that you may know that you have been warned. Please, now, respond to this message and let God lead you to His truth.

Jules Dervaes

March 20, 1988

Dear Mr. Tkach,

At this Passover time, I wish to once again express my desire that we follow the guidelines of the Bible. To show you that I want to serve God and do His will, I am offering to wash your feet.

Please accept this petition. It is my hope that you will personally respond and allow me to follow the example of Christ.

Jules Dervaes

March 29, 1988

Dear Mr. Salyer,

At this Passover time, I wish once again to express my desire that we follow the guidelines of the Bible. To show you that I want to serve God and do His will, I am offering to wash your feet.

Please accept this petition. It is my hope that you will respond favorably and allow me to follow the example of Christ.

Jules Dervaes

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‘SHEPHERDS’ INFORMED FIRST DURING 1987-88

– BUT ONLY AFTER PASTOR GENERAL TKACH
FAILED REPEATEDLY IN HIS BIBLICAL (AND
PERSONAL) RESPONSIBILITY –

All these evangelists, pastors, local elders, deacons, and PT/GN writers, etc., received (subject to error in mailings, etc.) one or more mailings sent to their home address or office.

* Indicates that the minister’s ADDRESS was not known; therefore, the literature was sent to a member in his congregation with a written request to forward it to that minister by name.

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Beam, Rick / Amarillo, TX
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Booze, Michael / Raleigh, NC
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 McCrady, Frank III / Lakeland, FL
 McNair, Carl / Tucson, AZ
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 McNeely, Darris / Fort Wayne, IN
 Meeker, George Jr. / Springfield, MO
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 Metzel, David / Cleveland, OH
 Miller, Carroll / AC-Pasadena, CA
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 Morris, Dick / Lakeland, FL

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 Nyhus, Laurie / Toronto, CAN

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 O'Dell, Samuel / Amarillo, TX
 *Ogwyn, John / Houston, TX

P

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 Parsons, Frank / AC-Big Sandy
 Peine, Thomas / Indianapolis, IN
 Pelley, Dennis / AC-Pasadena, CA
 Pentlin, John / Kansas City, KS
 Peoples, Jim / Colton, CA
 *Pettit, Robert / San Antonio, TX
 *Petty, Gary / Houston, TX
 Picard, D / Pointe-Claire, CAN
 *Pifer, Garry / Champaign, IL

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 Shoaf, Norman / Temple City, CA
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 Smith, Carlton / Los Olivos, CA
 Smith, Norman / Vista, CA
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Wheatcroft, Dennis / Glendora, CA
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White, Valden / Spokane, WA
Wilson, Dean / Portland, OR
Witte, Gerald / Flint, MI
Wright, Ray / Pasadena, CA

Y

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Z

Zhorne, Jeff / Pasadena, CA
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Seagoville

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Banners

ON THE STREET

Witnessing to the People as a Prophet of Old



(Photo Credit: September 1990 Ambassador Report.)

For three and a half years (April 1988 – September 1991) on Sabbaths and Holy Days, Jules Dervaes witnessed to thousands of local, national, and international Worldwide Church of God members before and after services by displaying banners and signs on the streets bordering Ambassador College.

*“Thou hast given a banner to them
that fear thee, that it may be
displayed because of the truth.”*

Psalm 60:4

(Banner size: 2' x 10')

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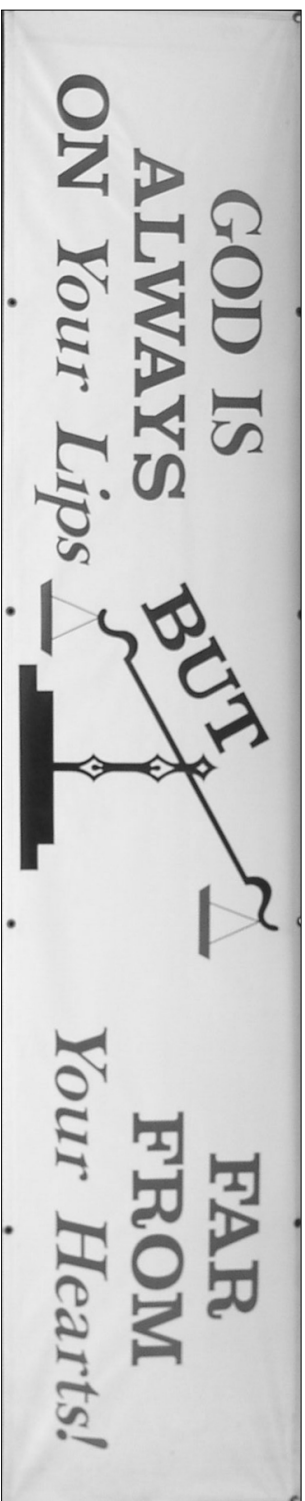
**THE BATON HAS BEEN PASSED.
WAKE UP CHURCH OF LAODICEA!**

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**I CHALLENGE YOU! ASK YOUR GOD!
IS HE TOO BUSY? IS HE SLEEPING?**

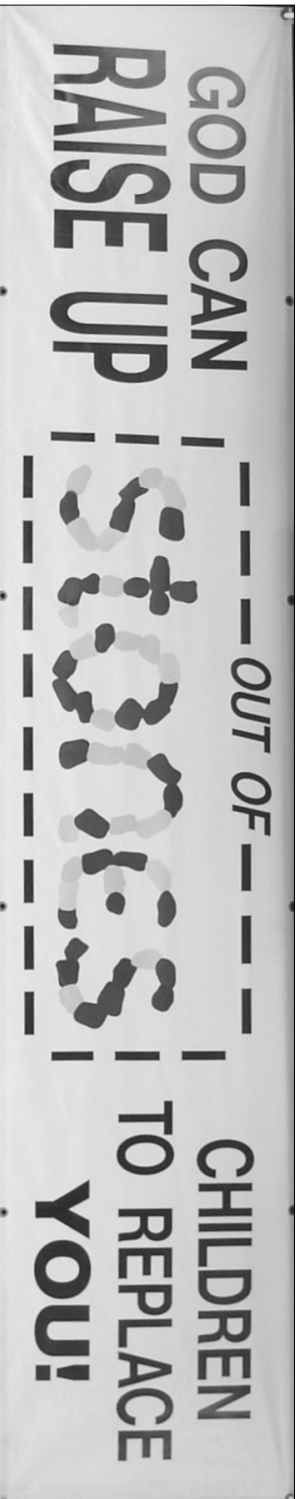


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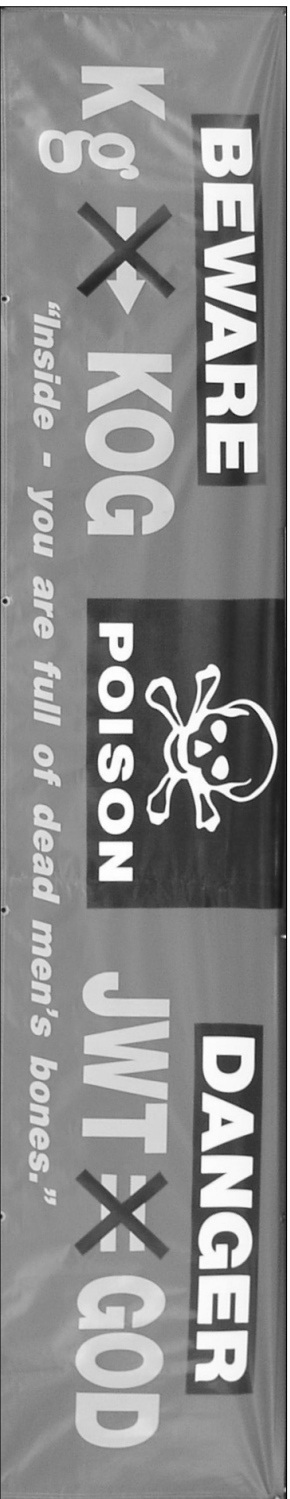


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Signs

Jules Dervaes displayed the following signs on his van while parked on the streets bordering the Worldwide Church of God headquarters in Pasadena, California, before and after services on Sabbaths and Holy Days.

These various messages were displayed along with the banners from 1988 to 1991.

189 MESSAGES
of Faith, of Hope, and of Love
Delivered to the Lost
Worldwide Church of God
by Signs on the Street

“Oh, my anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain. Oh, the agony of my heart! My heart pounds within me, I cannot keep silent.

For I have heard the sound of the trumpet; I have heard the battle cry.”

Jeremiah 4:19

A BRAIN DEAD
WCG MEMBER IS
NO MEMBER AT ALL

WCG SCOFFERS—
YOU ARE PROVING JUDE,
PETER & HWA RIGHT

A DOG RETURNS
TO ITS VOMIT
1. MAKE-UP
2. BIRTHDAYS
3. WORLD CLUBS
4. VOTING

ARE THERE NO WCG
DAVIDS TO FACE THIS
SIX-FOOT GOLIATH?

SHAKING IN
THEIR BOOTS ARE
KING T & HIS ARMY!

YOU CAN'T JUST SIGN
ON THE DOTTED LINE
TO BE IN THE KINGDOM

LAUGH IF YOU WILL—
YOU WILL ONLY
DIE LAUGHING

DUALITY—
JERUSALEM
DEVOURS
HER CHILDREN

HAVING A PIECE
OF THE ROCK—CHRIST—
IS THE SUREST WAY
TO DIE!

THIS IS
THE PLAIN TRUTH:
THE KINGDOM IS
NOW AT HAND

WHEN YOU THINK
YOU'VE FOUND GOD—
YOU HAVE NOT!

ASK FOR THE OLD PATHS
AND WALK IN IT
BUT THEY SAID...
JER 6:16

JWT SERVES YOU
BUT NOT GOD—
GOD GAVE ME THIS
U S A OF SAFETY

DO YOU HAVE
ALL TRUTH?
SO YOU—NOT JESUS—
MUST BE GOD
IN THE FLESH

HWA'S CHILDREN
SHOULD BELIEVE
THE SAME THING
HE BELIEVED

ONE DAY YOU WILL HAVE
TO ANSWER FOR
NOT HAVING THE GUTS
TO QUESTION SIN

WE DON'T SEE
THE BLOOD ON
OUR OWN HANDS

HWA'S BLIND SPOT
WAS TO TRUST JWT—
TKACH'S GROUP
TOOK OVER THE WCG
IN A COUP

TO TURN AWAY—
THE LIGHT MUST BE
BLINDING YOU!

FOR YOU TO TURN
AWAY—THE LIGHT
OF JESUS MUST BE
BLINDING TO YOU

YOU COWARDS
REFUSE TO STAND UP
TO AND REJECT
THE COUP PLOTTERS

GOD IS NOT TO BE USED
AS YOUR PACIFIER

I SEE A CHURCH
WISE IN ITS OWN EYES
PROV 26:12 & 26

ANYBODY READ THE
MYSTERY OF THE AGES
LATELY?
WHAT HAPPENED TO
YOU—YOU LOOK
LIKE THE WORLD

THE CHURCH IS
TO HOLD GOD'S PLACE
NOT TAKE IT!

THE BIBLE IS A
DOUBLE-EDGED
SWORD—
DO YOU FEEL IT?

WHERE IS HWA'S
DOCTRINE OF THE
SEVEN ERAS?

YOUR APPROACH
TO SEEKING TRUTH
IS TO RUN AWAY

YOU'RE FEELING
HAUGHTY NOW
BUT WHAT WILL YOU
SAY IN 3 YEARS?

NOW TKACH SHOWS
HIS TRUE COLORS

DON'T LOOK
DON'T LISTEN—
DIE!

GOD DOESN'T
TRUST TKACH—
WHY DO YOU?

TKACH HAS TAKEN AWAY
YOUR MEMORY AND
YOU ARE ROOTLESS

AS YOU DID STAB HWA—
SO NOW ARE OTHERS
STABBING YOU TKACH!

SHOW ME IN THE BIBLE
WHERE I AM WRONG...
JUST LIKE I'VE BEEN
SHOWING YOU!

THE MOST HIGH DOES
NOT LIVE IN A CHURCH
RUN BY MEN

GOD IS OBLIGATED
ONLY TO WARN YOU—
NOT TO RESCUE YOU

WCG—A CHURCH WISE
IN ITS OWN EYES

YOU WERE TO BUILD
ON THE APOSTLE'S
FOUNDATION—NOT
DEMOLISH IT BIT BY BIT

WOULD ANYBODY LIKE
TO PROVE ME WRONG?
LOOK IN THE BIBLE
TO CHECK THE BIBLE

THE JEWS WHO KEPT
THE HOLY SABBATH
KILLED JESUS

SHOW ME IN THE BIBLE
WHERE I AM WRONG

WHAT ARE YOU
AFRAID OF?
AFRAID TO LOOK?

SATAN SAVED
HIS TRUMP CARD
FOR THE LAST—
TO GET YOU!

YOU GO BACKWARDS!

WCG IS TOO
SOPHISTICATED
TO ACCEPT A MESSAGE
OFF THE STREETS

PRAY THAT SOMEONE
INSIDE THE LAODICEAN
CHURCH OF GOD WILL
SOW DISCORD PLEASE!

ONLY TREE CLIMBERS
NEED CALL

WE ARE IN MORTAL
DANGER (QUOTE HWA)
CHECK OUT
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GOD DOESN'T REWARD
A COWARD—
TKACH JUMPS SHIPS
AND IS ONE PLAIN
OLD DESERTER

THE CHURCH
DOES NOT WANT JESUS
TO RETURN—HE WILL
SPOIL THEIR FUN

TRUTH IS NEVER
OBSOLETE!

TO BE A TRUTH SEEKER
MEANS YOU
DON'T HAVE IT

GOD HAS HIGHER
STANDARDS
THAN MR. TKACH

YOU STIFF NECKED
PEOPLE—
YOU KEEP ON
BACKSLIDING

WHAT MAKES THE WCG
ANY DIFFERENT
FROM OT ISRAEL?
ONLY 2000 YEARS!

LUCIFER ALSO LED
THE GOV'T OF GOD
ON THE EARTH

WCG CANNOT
SAVE YOU—
ONLY CHRIST CAN

YOU VULTURES
GATHER TO FEED
ON THE CARCASS!

GOD HAS HIDDEN
THESE TRUTHS FROM
YOU WISE ONES

YOU'VE BEEN LIVING
OFF HWA'S RESIDUAL
BLESSINGS—YOU ARE
JUST DYING S L O W L Y!

GOD GAVE ME
THIS PLACE OF SAFETY

I AM SAFE HERE
FLYING ON
THE TWO WINGS
OF USA EAGLE

PLEASE FOLLOW HWA
SEEK TRUTH
LOVE ALL MEN

SCARED BOYS
USE SKIRTS OF MAMA
TO HIDE BEHIND!

GOD'S APOSTLE
COMMANDED
NO MAKE-UP PERIOD!

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE
TELLS THE WORLD
TO REPENT
BUT IT DOESN'T

EVEN THE ELECT
CAN BE DECEIVED—
LOOK IN THE BIBLE

THE PT HAS ITS HEAD
IN THE SAND

CHILDREN PLEASE
WHY DON'T YOU EXPLAIN
THE STORY OF GEN 27
TO YOUR PARENTS?

SEE A CHURCH WISE
IN HER OWN EYES
PROVERBS 26

WHY DON'T YOU MEET
ME ON MT. CARMEL?

YOUR FEASTS
ARE A DISASTER—
GOD HATES
YOUR PARTYING

HWA WAS FOOLED BY
GTA, BY RADER,
BY DEAN, BY TKACH &
CO AND YOU!

JOE TKACH AND YOUR
AMBASSADOR SS
TROOPS WHO ARE
BESIEGING
GOD'S CHURCH
OF NEW JERUSALEM →

→ OUR ARMY
REPLIES TO YOU:
“N U T S!”

DO YOU HAVE CHRIST?
WELL THEN YOU'VE
JUST GOT A GOD
IN YOUR IMAGE

HWA WAS FOOLED BY
1. HIS OWN SON
2. RADER
3. DEAN
4. TKACH, HOEH & CO
AND ALL YOU FAKERS

PAUL AND PETER KNEW
THE DANGER COMES
FROM WITHIN—
BUT YOU DON'T!
APPLY 2 PETER 2 TODAY

WHERE'S MR. TUFFGUY?
YOU CAN RUN
BUT CANNOT HIDE

DOES YOUR '90 WCG
HAVE ALZHEIMER'S—
OR AMNESIA? NO!
YOU HAVE REBELLED!

DOES ANYONE KNOW
HOW TO USE THE BIBLE?

I SOW TRUTH
NOT DISCORD—
I DO NOT HIDE
IN ANONYMITY

DIDN'T ELIJAH SOW
DISCORD—
JOHN THE BAPTIST
JEREMIAH
ETC, ETC?

YOUR YEAR IS TO BE
THE WORST EVER!

DO NOT DISTURB—
THE WCG IS RESTING
PEACEFULLY

YOUR WALLS
WILL CRASH—
BE TORN DOWN

A CHRISTIAN WHO
STOPS GROWING IS NOT
A CHRISTIAN AT ALL

TRUTH BEFORE UNITY
SEEK TRUTH AND
LOVE ALL MEN

GOOD ANGELS WERE
LOYAL AND OBEYED
AND BECAME DEMONS

UNITY IN ERROR
MEANS ALL WILL FALL
TOGETHER

UNITY AFTER TRUTH
YOU BOW DOWN
TO Y O U- NITY!

SABBATH KEEPING
IS NOT A ROPE
AROUND GOD'S NECK

CHECK SUNDAY PAPERS
FOR MY TRIBUTE
TO HWA

READ APRIL 30
LONGVIEW JOURNAL
& TYLER TELEGRAPH

BLESSINGS COME
FROM THE LORD
BUT YOU BOW TO
AND WORSHIP JWT

BEST FEAST EVER?
CA 6.9 (EARTHQUAKE)
JERRY & HUGO
(HURRICANES)

LAST DAY OF U B (4/26)
AT BIG SANDY TEXAS
7 REQUEST CALLS

ALL NEWS MEDIA PROVE
I AM CORRECT—
FOR A YEAR I'VE KNOWN
WHAT THE BEAST
SYSTEM WAS

JWT IS NOT FOLLOWING
IN HWA'S FOOTSTEPS

WE ARE DEDICATED
TO CARRY ON
HWA'S LIFE'S WORK

SLEEPING WCG USES
GOD AS ITS PACIFIER

PLEASE DISTURB
AMBASSADOR COLLEGE!
SHE IS SOUND ASLEEP

THIS HOLY SEASON,
PLEASE REMEMBER
MR. ARMSTRONG—
WHAT HE TAUGHT

J-W-T TRICKED BLIND
AND DYING HWA
TO GET THE BLESSING

BARNABAS WAS LED
ASTRAY BY PETER

ARE YOU SO RICH
THAT YOU DO NOT NEED
MORE TRUTH?

THE BIBLE IS FULL OF
REALLY WEIRD PERSONS

WHAT MAKES YOU
SO DIFFERENT
FROM O T ISRAEL?

WCG PRAYS
THANKING GOD
SHE IS NOT
LIKE SINNERS
LUKE 18:11

WE ARE
THE WORLDWIDE
CHURCH OF GOD
OF 1986—BUILT ON
THE VERY SAME
FOUNDATION!

WE ARE THE 1990
REMNANT OF JUDAH!

FOR YOU TKACHITES
YOUR FEAST IS GOING
TO BE THE WORST EVER!

GOD WILL REIGN—
HE WILL RAIN ON
YOUR PARADE TKACH!

AT LEAST THE PROPHETS
OF BAAL ANSWERED
THE CHALLENGE!

SIN IS SIN EPH 2:20
HWA DEFINED AND
JWT CAN'T REDEFINE

THE PLAIN TRUTH IS
YOU SHOULD DROP
HWA'S NAME AS
FOUNDER IN PT!
WHY NOT BE HONEST?

ACROSS THE WAY IS
THE SYNAGOGUE
OF SATAN REV 3:9

I MAY LOOK, ACT,
TALK LIKE A WOLF
BUT THE REAL ONES
ARE THE SHEEPY
TKACHES HIDING IN WCG

THE CHURCH IS NOT
THE KINGDOM OF GOD

I BELIEVE H W A
I FOLLOW H W A
I TEACH H W A

JESUS CHOSE JUDAS
AND HWA CHOSE TKACH
BOTH CHOICES
LED TO BETRAYAL

AMBASSADOR
PRODUCES
\$YCOPHANT\$

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I KNOW THAT
HWA WAS ALIVE

A CHURCH
WITH ALL THE ANSWERS
MUST PINCH ITSELF

A CHRISTIAN
WHO STOPS GROWING
IS NOT ONE AT ALL

HOW ARE YOU
SUFFERING TODAY
CHRISTIAN?

Y-0-U DESPISE HIM
WHO TELLS YOU
THE TRUTH
AMOS 5:10

FORCEFUL MEN
LAY HOLD
OF THE K 0 G
NOT WIMPS!

LOOK HOW SMART
YOU ARE—NOT EVEN
USING THE BIBLE!

SURE I AM CRAZY
AND SO WAS NOAH
UNTIL IT BEGAN TO RAIN

I CAN EXPLAIN
REVELATION 3:9
YOU CAN'T

ON THE STREETS
BY NEW JERUSALEM
AT THE GATE OF THE
SPIRITUAL TEMPLE
WHICH IS THE CHURCH→

→FOR GOD'S PEOPLE/
NEW TESTAMENT ISRAEL
I LIFT UP A BANNER

DON'T PRAY—OBEY
OBEY GOD!

GOD IS
NOT ON OUR SIDE
STOP TAKING
HIS NAME IN VAIN

DOGS RETURN
TO THEIR VOMIT:
DOCTORS, MAKE-UP,
BIRTHDAYS
& WORLD CLUBS

TKACH—YOUR COUP
WILL COLLAPSE
CHRIST WILL RETURN
TO RECLAIM
HIS GOVERNMENT

AS WITH SAUL
GOD ALLOWS TKACH
TO RULE IN ORDER
TO TRAIN DAVIDS!

WHY NOT AT LEAST
BE HONEST AND
SCRATCH HWA'S NAME
AS FOUNDER
OF YOUR CHURCH?

THE WCG
WON'T BE ABLE
TO CRUISE
TO THE KINGDOM

THE BRAIN DEAD
WCG'ER IS
NO MEMBER AT ALL

A WAIT AND SEE
FARMER STARVES!
A WAIT AND SEE
GENERAL LOSES!
A WAIT AND SEE
CHRISTIAN DIES!

WATCH TKACH
SEE HIM PURGE HWA
A LA STALIN

WE'RE THE 1
AND THE SAME
WCG OF 1986—
LOVE IT OR LEAVE IT!

TKACH—
YOUR GROUP
IS DYING
WATCH ALBERT & CO!

ONE DAY JWT'S PARTY
WILL BE OVER
AND YOU'LL BE FACING
THE MUSIC ALONE

SINCE THE CAT DIED
IN 1986, THE MICE ARE
NOW RUNNING WILD

THE WHOLE WORLD
IS DECEIVED
AND THAT MEANS
ALL OF US

OUR WAY IS NOT GOD'S
AND WE ARE BLIND

NOT CHANGING HIS
BELIEFS, MANDELA
MAKES TKACH LOOK
LIKE SOME STOOGE

A SMALL VOICE
SPEAKS OUT—
EMPEROR TKACH
HAS NO CLOTHES ON!

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!
GOD REJECTED YOU—
JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE!

FOUR YEARS AGO
MINISTERS WERE
KISSING UP
TO HWA'S BOOKS
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

NO MAN OR GROUP
IS THE WAY
ONLY CHRIST IS

THERE'S MORE
TO CHRIST
THAN MEETS THE I

WOULD YOU'VE
NAILED CHRIST
FOR HIS DIFFERENCE?

WOE TO YOU
WHO LAUGH NOW
LUKE 6:25

JWT HAS
CASTRATED MINISTERS
ARE ANY MEN LEFT
IN YOUR WIMPY CG?

NO CHURCH OWNS GOD
WOE TO YOU BUYERS

YOU HAVE REJECTED
GOD AND CHOSEN
TO OBEY TKACH
INSTEAD!

THIS ROYAL CHURCH
HAS NO CLOTHES ON
REVELATION 3:17

SABBATH KEEPERS
MAKE GOOD
HYPOCRITES

DANGER—
OPEN MIND!

THE USA EAGLE
HAS 2 WINGS,
2 FREEDOMS—
SPEECH AND RELIGION!

MAY I PLEASE WASH
YOUR FEET MR. TKACH?

FATHER PLEASE
FORGIVE US
FOR OUR SILENCE

THIS CHURCH WHICH
BEARS MY NAME
HAS BECOME A DEN
OF ROBBERS! JER 7:11

NO CHURCH OWNS GOD
TRUTH ISN'T DISCORD

CHRIST TOLERATES
TKACH
FOR HIS PURPOSE
OF TESTING YOU!!!

THE WCG CAN ONLY
TELL THE WORLD
TO REPENT—AS IT ACTS
THE PHARISEE!!

YOU THINK HWA WAS
WRONG ON BELIEFS
BUT THE ERROR HE
MADE WAS ON TKACH

GOD SAYS ...
MY PEOPLE
“YOU WCG”
HAVE FORSAKEN ME

WE PUBLISH
THE GOOD NEWS
THE WCG
NO LONGER DOES

SHHH—QUIET PLEASE!
RETIRED CHURCH!

THE GOSPEL TRUTH—
JESUS WAS/ IS KILLED
BY HIS OWN CHURCH

A VULTURE’S WORK:
TKACH’S FEAST
IS PICKING CLEAN
THE BONES OF HWA

USA—A NATION
UNDER GOD?
NO WAY—GOD HATES
THIS INDEPENDENCE

GN FOR BABIES
HOW SAD
THE GN NOW
A 2ND CLASS JOKE

GN FOR BABIES
HOW SAD
THE GN NOW
2ND CLASS MUSH

I BELIEVE HWA
I BELIEVE HWA
I BELIEVE HWA!

FOR 3 1/2 YEARS
I'VE HELD
A BANNER HERE
FOR 3 1/2 YEARS
YOU HAVE GROWN
MORE AND MORE BLIND

Permanent Signs Displayed

I BELIEVE H W A.
I FOLLOW H W A.
I CARRY ON H W A.
AND, I WARN YOU!

H W A SAID
NO!
NO MAKE-UP!

PLEASE FOLLOW
H W A
SEEK TRUTH!

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A PROPHET OF OLD WAS
A MAN ON THE STREET

FOR J-W-T
THIS IS 50 YEARS OF
TRASH!



I BELIEVE
HWA
WHY DON'T YOU?

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THE GOOD NEWS,
THE PLAIN TRUTH,
HWA'S BIOGRAPHY,
& pamphlets that HWA wrote.*

Dear Friends Letter

May 3, 1988

DEAR FRIENDS,

(Reproduced below is a personal letter written on April 18 to one who is finding LIFE UNDER CHRIST.)

Having received your very encouraging letter, I wish to thank you for the scriptural material that you presented and, also, for the prayers that you offered. I am very grateful to God for your perseverance in keeping the Sabbath and the Holy Days even without the benefit of the social interaction that comes from church services. To know that and to know that you are continually searching for the truth in the Bible brought great encouragement to me.

Much can be said about the prophetic significance of the duality found in the gospel accounts. There has been a dangerous gap in our understanding about the message Jesus really brought and TO WHOM He brought it. He came to deliver a life-giving warning for HIS spiritual people today. God's physical Old Testament Church—the Jews—never read His Gospel; its belated message could not have been intended for them.

What we should soberly realize is that the period preceding the Second Coming of Christ will parallel the times of the First Advent. As you correctly pointed out, the New Testament

Church—although it is God’s chosen people—will be the agent for persecuting His true servants. The Church will be so deceived that it will think it is acting in the service of God by seeking to “kill” His followers. The leaders will not want to surrender their power to the returning HEIR and the lay members will be afraid to displease these ministers lest they be put out of “the synagogue.”

But, just as before, the misled Church—unknowingly—will only be assisting God in His plan by actually provoking His begotten sons to develop godly character. In this way Satan’s tactics will backfire and he will only be performing a “valuable service” in getting God’s servants ready for the marriage supper. In order to qualify to be Christ’s bride, each person will have to become ONE WITH HIM and show the love of Jesus in the face of spiritual persecution by one’s own church. And to prepare to marry Him, it has become necessary to leave “our home” and to love less “our family.”

As you understood, no secular agent could even be capable of bringing this about. Betrayal is the means, and being cast out will be the end result, of this inner oppression. The one who can hurt you the worst is always the one who is closest to you. For, in reality, it is no great trial for us to leave the world as we have nothing in common with it. But, for us to leave the Church is a great sacrifice whereby we suffer a real-but-not-mortal loss of “our lives.” We are no longer able to function as “living” members of

that community which was “our world”; and, being physically cut off from personal contact, socially we “die.” And, furthermore, we are considered by those whom we have loved to be now spiritually “dead” and of no earthly value.

Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors; I am a dread to my friends—those who see me on the street flee from me. I am forgotten by them AS THOUGH I WERE DEAD; I have become like broken pottery. (Psalm 31:11)

But the oil of character that will be “purchased” from Christ through bearing our cross will be that which allows us to be there to walk through the door when the bridegroom arrives. While we are “trimming our lamps,” it is evident that we will have to return to the ways of the early disciples. As in those days, the OPEN followers will be outcasts—isolated and excluded from communal services. And this will be the test to see if we desire the praise of God more than the praise of men. For those who can now keep the Philadelphian spirit of love, it’s meant to be the opportunity to qualify to receive that Philadelphian reward and to become, indeed, pillars in God’s Kingdom.

Since pillars do not need support, they can “go it alone.” Because pillars are strong enough to stand singly, they give support. For us the church group has been the scaffolding that has

previously held us up. Its structural framework is still craved by many who are addicted to being propped up by “popular support.” But it’s time now to see if we can have the power of Christ-in-us to remain standing alone.

It seems obvious now that this was the only way possible that Christ could have really found out who were truly His followers because they would be actually following in His very footsteps. His salvation has never been “a parade”; each individual must walk in THE WAY that Jesus walked. This type of trial, then, was necessary to separate those who can walk on their own from those who want to “come along for the ride” and wind up needing to be carried the whole way by church-cart.

We who are the outcasts are not meant to have a FORMAL organization that would compete with the one that God has established in this era. Jesus (as did the prophets) did not set up another government but existed under the church of His day. He obeyed that authority as far as He could but drew the line when it came to sin. It’s not His way to head two STRUCTURED bodies at the same time.

This is the lesson of David-under-King Saul. And, to form an actual church group would be counter-productive to what God now desires, that is, the personal growth of the individual in direct relationship with Christ. What this end-time trial has provided is the opportunity—not to form another corporation—but to establish another WAY OF LIFE.

We who are following His way of life will be scattered brethren. But God has not left us without the capability to “fellowship” with one another. Although the physical distance between us may be greater than between those believers in the first century, God has provided special ways for us to still be in very close contact—by letter and, even, by phone. At this time we can readily communicate and form relationships if we put out the effort and use the means that we have available. One day there will be a joyful union of all those who were trained in this final period; but for now that cannot be so.

Then those who feared the Lord TALKED WITH EACH OTHER and the Lord listened and heard. ...“They will be mine,” says the Lord Almighty, “in the day when I make up my treasured possession.” (Mal. 3:16-17)

We feel an urgent need to contact all WCG members in order to warn them so that God can say that He did give the cry to awaken “the ten virgins.” Each one should have the choice to respond to that WARNING so that, if one would be blind, it wouldn’t be through ignorance but through his willful rejection of the light. This work to prepare the way for Christ is now directed to the Church because judgment is begun on the family of God. Our very salvation is dependent on bringing this message of salvation to others.

I will close for now; but I wish to thank you once again for your special letter. It was really a very great thrill to read of your dedication.

We are belatedly sending you the enclosed Passover card as our way of affirming that you did not keep the Holy Days alone.

Yours sincerely,

Jules Dervaes

May 25, 1988

Dear (Sir),

Thank you for your last letter and for your prayers. I hope that you and your family are well and that you had a meaningful Pentecost.

I appreciate your Bible study and the information that you presented on the very important subject of the way Christ works with His people. This has been of concern to me for quite some time. That statement in my last letter about which you had some questions was one which I had the most trouble writing. I readily understand how confusion can exist in this area because it just can't be explained in a few words.

After sending the letter I was still anxious whether or not I had explained that point clearly enough. What was a very difficult concept, I had attempted to explain in a very few words. It proved impossible. And, as you have recognized, there were some biblical examples that didn't seem to fit that explanation.

When this situation with the Worldwide Church of God came up several years ago, I looked to God's Word in order to find out how to properly handle it. Today, it is a very hard thing to realize that the Church-organization that God is working with can be in ERROR. And yet, it really should be the easiest thing in the world to see; for that is exactly what the Bible documents OVER AND OVER again in the history of God's people. God's Word reveals how

He worked when an anointed individual—such as Saul or Solomon—failed to respond to His correction.

God’s “hands” can never be “tied” by human beings. Never, that is, unless God HIMSELF chose to be bound, as when He made certain promises that were UN-conditional. (Even then, all things still work out only according to His purposes.) Such was the case involving King David.

As you can see on the enclosed chart, God established ONE kingdom, one nation, of ISRAEL. That is the rule. However, BECAUSE OF the unique promise having been given to David, the House of Judah did—for a time—become a second kingdom. That is the EXCEPTION. God “allowed” that tribe to break off and form a separate nation in order to keep in place the throne of David. But that new nation was never THE Kingdom of Israel. And this “detour” was to serve God’s purpose of preserving that throne until the time came when it could be planted BACK in Israel, “until Shiloh (Christ) come.”

Therefore, it would be correct—technically—to say that God did ALLOW “the existence of two structured bodies at the same time.” But, it’s important to remember in this regard that God also allowed both divorce and polygamy in the Old Testament—although that was NOT His way initially. And so neither would it be His way to have the two separate nations—Judah and ISRAEL—existing alongside

each other even though He did permit it then for a very special reason.

Also, there is validity to your point that God TRANSFERRED the kingship from Saul TO David and from Solomon TO Jeroboam. When the one He appointed as leader disqualified himself by disobedience, God did look elsewhere to find someone who would “do the job.” But, it is at this juncture that one should proceed with the utmost CAUTION. The whole picture needs to be taken into consideration; and the greatest care should be given here to examine HOW that transfer actually took place.

Briefly, these are the points to consider:

(1) God allowed the formerly chosen leader the full span of his lifetime before He instigated the change. It was in HIS time that He removed the kingship. God’s TIMING is a key element.

(2) Both David and Jeroboam did not occupy the throne until AFTER their predecessors died. Although chosen in advance, both men had to wait. In that interim, they were “on the run” for their lives, living in exile—outside of the kingdom.

(3) Each of God’s successors represented a future kingship that came into power only when the present one had expired. A similar change occurs in the U.S. presidency between the November election and the January inauguration. During this period the outgoing president remains in power even though the nation has a newly-elected head of state.

Because of this, one could technically claim that the USA has TWO leaders at the same time. But, realistically, only one rules as the OFFICIAL head while the other “waits in the wings” until the first leaves “the stage.”

(4) God did WORK WITH the new leader even while the “old” government was still in place. During this transition, He would certainly have assisted David, the anointed successor. Could David with his band of men be considered another “government” existing opposite the legally ESTABLISHED kingdom? David—keeping God’s laws—did command a body of God’s people UNDER God. But, his “organization” was not the OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED one of the land. And it was not the FORMAL, authoritative government which ruled OVER Israel and which conducted the affairs of state.

(5) While David was being trained by God, the Kingdom of Israel which was led by Saul was still HEADED by God. Even though Saul, His human agent, was a rebellious king whom He rejected, God remained in charge of HIS kingdom. The human leader(s) “at the top” may go astray but God will continue to HEAD the officially and formally structured body. But, at that time, He will circumvent those who refuse to recognize His authority and will work through others who will obey Him.

Regretfully, the Worldwide Church of God has failed to live up to its covenant with God. Its leadership has taken the Church captive. Its human head has usurped the power of God. So, God will call others to replace “the children of Abraham” who have refused to repent. And He will WORK WITH those who will respond to His direction, as He raises up a kingdom people-in-waiting. GOD WILL FIRST TRAIN this church-in-exile BEFORE He removes the errant leader and his followers. Then, when God determines the time, He can install that tried-and-tested new government IN POWER in a direct and orderly manner. This procedure is God’s way. By this means we can be sure that God is in charge

Because we live in this transitional period of time, it will be a test of our commitment to God to be faithful to His Body. We should not abandon those whom God has called BEFORE He does. We are to love God’s people to the limit, finding our example in Jesus’ death for His friends.

There is much more to write but, for now, I’ll send this information along. I hope that it will be helpful to you in your study. Thank you for writing. I’ll be praying for you. May God keep you in His care.

In Christian love,
Jules Dervaes

June 7, 1988

Dear (Sir),

Thank you for your letter and for the information you provided about your status with regard to the Worldwide Church of God. I don't know if I have a full grasp of what your point of contention with the Church was. I can tell you that I agreed with what I believed to be the teaching on the race issue which was put forth under the leadership of Mr. Armstrong.

Now, since October '86 when I was disfellowshipped, I have been out of contact with the WCG's beliefs and policies—except on one occasion, when through extraordinary circumstances, I “accidentally” came upon its “NEW TRUTH” (old error) about Christ's broken body. (Later, I did try to find out more but was unable to make any headway.)

Therefore, I am not knowledgeable about what, if anything, has changed with respect to the race question. I don't know what you may have experienced during these recent times. And I am not aware of any errors in previous church teachings. I do believe, however, that we should refrain from fruitless endeavors in any area of study. And, I am confused about the aim and the extent of the dispute that you have engaged in.

The four claims (listed in the letter to your friends) that you say “no one can prove” are—in one misleading sense—unprovable. Are you saying that, because of this, the Church should

not state any view either way? But, can't we use deductive proof? Can't we deduce conclusions which are based on obvious, general facts?

All differences will come to an end—IN CHRIST (Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:11). When the Jew/Greek NATIONAL identities and the male/female SEXUAL forms cease, so too will all racial classifications. This TOTAL, PERFECT, and COMPLETE unification can only take place in the SPIRITUAL realm.

We should now, IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE, be striving to become one with each other. Yet, some ways are not possible nor are they proper! We still have physical roles that we must enact in the specific manner that God intended. The physical conditions designed by God for each person must be fully promoted and nurtured.

Today's world, in desiring to do away with all distinctions in all areas, has fallen into ever-deepening perversion. In its relentless march toward eliminating the differences which God created, Satan's society seeks to overthrow God's order. It has even succeeded in blending the sexes to such a degree in some cases that only marginal differences are evident—not only in outward bodily form but also, more heinously, in psychological make-up. Satan has been working for six thousand years to pervert the very FOUNDATION of God's human government—the Adam/Eve DIFFERENCE.

God established certain distinctions so that important lessons could be learned. Early in our history, Satan led mankind to abuse those distinctions; and now he watches as man, in the name of liberty and justice, seeks to destroy them. But, we must realize two extremely critical points:

(1) Man-made distinctions are evil while God's created ones are GOOD.

(2) While God's distinctions have been ABUSED, they should never be thrown out; ONLY THE ABUSES BY MAN SHOULD CEASE.

God will lead us into His truth if we seek it with all our hearts. Please write and explain more fully what you feel about the race issue. I'm willing to listen; and I'll be praying for you.

In Christian love,

Jules Dervaes

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Seven Warnings

From Adam—THE WORLD has always been held captive; that is NOT news. HERE IS NEWS! Now—THE CHURCH is being held hostage! The prophetic event just at hand is the existence of the church-in-captivity. THE WORLD has always been a wilderness. Yet, today—as in Christ's time—THE CHURCH has receded into a spiritual wasteland! Into this void comes "A voice of one calling in the desert." And seven WARNING MESSAGES are here being trumpeted! Are you afraid to read them?

A GOOD NEWS—LETTER

- 1** ... A tribute to Mr. Herbert Armstrong who searched for the truth. "But, the BAD NEWS, brethren..." [GN 8/79] Why would he warn "we are in mortal DANGER"? What is the Church's fortune? Rev.3:17

NOW, THE LAST ERA

- 2** The baton has been passed. What was the prophetic statement made by Mr. Armstrong?[GN 5/86] How has Amos 3:7 been fulfilled? How did the 7th era creep in? Is Matthew 25 becoming past history? Luke 21:36.

A TALE OF TWO FAMILIES

- 3** Physical/Spiritual, OT/NT DUALITY exists! How are GOD'S people being destroyed? Hosea 4:6. NOW, who are the "subjects of the kingdom"? Wasn't Jesus killed by His own? To whom will he say "I NEVER KNEW YOU."

ZECHARIAH'S PUZZLE

- 4** How does Zech. 3-6 fit into NT times? [GN 5/80] The Zerubbabel KEY [PT 4/79] unlocks the mystery of Joshua: HWA/JWT — Davidic/Levitic. To what leader will Christ come? How do our plans fit in? Isaiah 55:8

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STABBED IN THE BACK

- 5** What did King David experience? What warning did Mr. Armstrong give to the ministry? [GN 10/79] to the members? [GN 10/81] What TRUTH has been watered down? In the Church, where does authority end? [PT 8/79]

THE REAL 'POPE'

- 6** Let Paul explain the Temple of God. What does the AC Bible Course state about II Thess.2:4? What is the GREAT LIE? How does the GREAT Apostasy occur? Did not Satan direct the Gov't of God on the earth ONCE?

'WHO MOVED?'

- 7** Shiloh, Israel, Jerusalem—all TRUE "Ekklesia"; All left God. What are WE trusting in? How long can we stay silent? Ezek.3:18-20. Why CAN'T God handle it? NT Churches HAVE moved! Will you be fighting CHRIST?

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“Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.”

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find the literature that you requested. It is my hope that you will take this life-or-death matter to Jesus Christ in prayer.

And, please realize this:

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May God help us to NEED our Savior!

[To those who had previously received the literature which had been sent out.]

This may be the last warning message that you will receive. Unless you request otherwise, no further information on the surprise fulfillment of prophecy will be sent to you on a continuous basis. Instead, the end-time effort will be directed to reach others who may be searching for THE TRUTH.

Please realize this: SPIRITUAL ISRAEL is looking for Christ to come as KING. But, FIRST, HE MUST COME TO US AS SAVIOR. Because physical Israel saw NO NEED TO BE SAVED, it missed the SON OF GOD! This Church will ALSO miss Him as it, too, sees no need to be saved. May God help us to NEED OUR SAVIOR!

December 17, 1988

Dear Mr. Schnippert,

Perhaps one of the most insidious mistakes is to believe that you do not reap what you sow, but what you THINK you sow, or what you SAY you sow, or what you WISH you had sown, or what you want others to BELIEVE you have sown. But realize this: You reap what you ACTUALLY sow. (The GOOD NEWS, January '88)

These are your WORDS. You go on to say:

So it is with you and me. If we deceive ourselves, even innocently, or deceive others, perhaps intentionally, it makes no difference. Our spiritual crop will be faithful to our acts.

Are you only looking at your outward appearances? (Psalm 37:9) You write such great articles which explain spiritual truths.

Will you act on them?

Jules Dervaes

1989

Longview News-Journal

April 30, 1989

Aliens study for citizenship



HONOLULU (AP) — A day before the deadline, Cecilio Rio, an alien resident in Houston, is studying for a federal exam as a step toward citizenship.

Rio, 35, is one of about 12,000 aliens living in the United States who are studying for the exam. They will take an additional five years of study before they can apply for temporary residence and apply for citizenship.

The exam is a written test consisting of 100 questions. It covers U.S. history, government, civics, and English language.

Rio, who is from Mexico, is studying for the exam at a community center in Houston. He is one of the many aliens who are studying for the exam at the same time.

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Employers of illegals face INS

AUSTIN (AP) — The head of an Immigration and Naturalization Service team from San Antonio said it would be recommended that employers who employed undocumented workers, without proper documentation, be fined or prosecuted.

Scott Robertson said a dozen aliens were detained when the INS team combed Austin hotels, restaurants, and construction

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4 ZIGZAG'S MIZLE ... Zigzag's Mizle, a tale of two families. It is a tale of two families, a tale of two families. It is a tale of two families, a tale of two families.

5 WHO MOVED? ... Who moved? A tale of two families. It is a tale of two families, a tale of two families. It is a tale of two families, a tale of two families.

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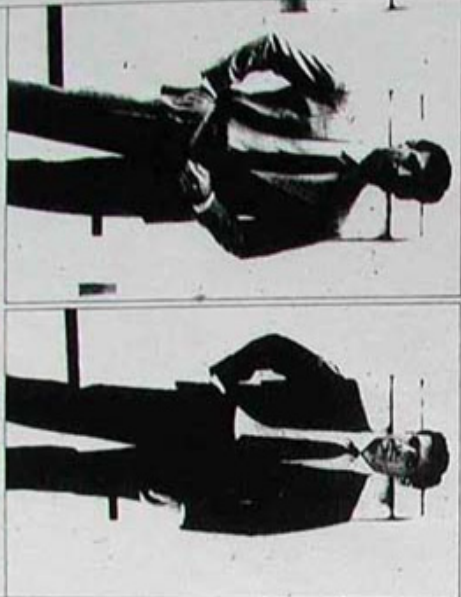
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and show business will take place in September. George Foreman, Earl Furrer and Jimmy Walker are among those mentioned. The former heavyweight champ, the Pharaoh Churchill, and the television sitcom "Good Times" actor are also mentioned. They are among 75,000 alumni of the U.S. Forest Service Job Corps program, who officials hope will show up for the other anniversary reunion. The gathering, planned primarily for southeastern U.S. residents, is to be held at the historic site of the Quail Creek National Monument in Florida, a Job Corps Center which was established in January 1964, the first such conservation center in the nation.

The Job Corps program, a regional means of the national program, is a difficult to locate everyone who's been involved. The older corps members are the hardest to contact since many have moved on. They are being sought by Everglades, the state's largest conservation and reforestation agency, which has been working to restore the Everglades since 1964. The program was established in 1964, the first such conservation center in the nation.

COLE MEMBERS From every year since the program's inception and staff members who have been affiliated with the program, the Forest Service from 1964 through 1988. As the Civilian Conservation Corps, the site still is being used for job training. But it is now operated by a private contractor.

Forest in Texas Supervisor Mike Latham, who once held Everglades' job and also was a center director in Washington State, is planning to attend the reunion. He will deliver the keynote address. He will deliver the keynote address.

Additional information may be obtained by writing: U.S. Forest Service, ATTN: Job Corps Reunion-1989, 1720 Peachtree Road, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30309-1101.

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A Special Pentecost Letter

June 6, 1989

Dear Friends,

The PLACE of safety does exist; there is on this earth a physical domain which has been designed to afford protection for the Church. In the end-time, this special site was provided in order to allow true Christians—those who are LIVING the Word of God, not just believing it—to be kept safe from bodily harm so that they may be trained for the soon-coming Kingdom of God. WHERE in the world is it??? The Bible doesn't reveal the name of the place. But, in its pages you can find out something much more vital than where; you can discover WHO can be "protected"!

One place where the Bible speaks outright on the identity of who is shielded from the danger which engulfs the world is Revelation 3:10. This scripture, which has for many years kept members "glued to their seats" in the Worldwide Church of God, can have several possible explanations. It is part of that message which is ADDRESSED "to the angel of the church in Philadelphia." If "angel" is interpreted to mean messenger or minister, then that person, indeed, was Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

What is important to note in this verse is that the very significant phrase—"keep you from"—can mean in Greek either "keep you from undergoing" OR "keep you through." Using the former meaning, Revelation 3:10 correctly

points out, then, that Mr. Armstrong would not have to undergo “the hour of trial”; for, he would have died before the whole world entered its final test.

A similar, broader interpretation can be arrived at if the “you” is also applied to the entire church body as an historical entity. Then, the message would read that the SIXTH ERA itself would terminate prior to the time when the end of this age would occur. This likewise would be a proper—although, for the WCG, an unpopular—version indicating (as has been proved in a previous letter) that the Philadelphian Church would not be extant when Jesus Christ returns because, earlier, it would have “passed its baton” to the Laodicean Church.

A completely different possibility is translating Revelation 3:10 to mean that this Sixth-Era Church (which the Worldwide Church of God has claimed to be) would be KEPT SAFE THROUGH a time of horrendous destruction and death coming upon our world. Because of our own vested interest, this would easily be the most favored translation. Yet, such a sweet lullaby rendition would only create biblical nightmares.

For instance, would God really promise to protect an entire church at large? Would He provide blanket security to anyone and everyone who managed to keep his church seat warm? Would He bless with protection those who manifested “the herding instinct”?

Furthermore, is “safety in numbers” a concept subscribed to by God? Has He ever advocated GROUP salvation?

The only way to make logical and biblical sense out of the above reading is to interpret the “you” as a SINGULAR pronoun, referring to each person separately. Thus, God’s protection could only be granted to one who individually exhibits those characteristics, who singularly personifies that special attitude, identifiable as Philadelphian. In order to fall under the Revelation 3:10 safeguard, a member of the Body of Christ must PERSONALLY be a Philadelphian. Where the Church, too, is identified as being Philadelphian in its work, it is still the individual that must give an autonomous account of HIS work.

As for the WCG, it does not possess any common or collective Philadelphian attribute which is its own property and which can be distributed to its members. The Church is not a corporation which can disburse Philadelphian profits; its members are not shareholders who can accumulate Philadelphian dividends. The trait of brotherly love cannot be acquired just by belonging to a group—no matter how many years one fraternizes. No one can, THROUGH ASSOCIATION, be Philadelphian. The WCG has neither the power to create this character in any of its followers, nor the power to sustain it in anyone if he were to “lose” it. But, what the Church can do is to serve as a substitute for individual “do-it-yourself” Philadelphian-ism.

As an organization the WCG was able to introduce the team concept. When the Church started to modernize, it began looking and sounding more and more like an American corporation. There was this new image, the image of THE TEAM. And the church members were joining Team Philadelphia.

Although this might have appeared to have been a desirable and admirable viewpoint, there was an insidious danger inherent in such a worldly approach. One aspect that carried extremely grave consequences was that members could now so easily take their seats as spectators—maybe cheerleaders, as well—who could watch from the sidelines the church's masterful performance and be thrilled with its expertise and with its achievements.

In this age of the specialist, laymen who felt unskilled dared not risk embarrassment by venturing out onto the field staked out by the team professionals. And, because of the disposition of TV viewing among our generation, armchair adherents were opting to enjoy vicariously the "Christian" show.

In due time, there arose from the church's Pasadena headquarters an infectious rah-rah spirit. When any record was broken in a physical—observable and countable—event (as in the number of pieces of literature mailed out yearly or in the number of phone calls brought in by a telecast), it was as if the Church had won a tremendous, meaningful victory.

Apparently, the spiritual worth of the Church was now being pegged to one or more numerical indexes. Utilizing numbers the WCG had a simple, convenient method to gauge its public success. For, it had set its sights on being a “record-breaking” church.

This was just the sport that team players could enjoy. Here was a physical challenge. To break the record was a real (i.e., visible) goal. Physical plans could be made to physically achieve it; and the physical results could be physically documented. And, this down-to-earth process could generate a lot of enthusiasm and be a great morale booster as it would be verifying the WCG’s progress with impressive statistics. The continuous pursuit of more triumphs would be a good management tool for coaching the team.

(The Los Angeles Lakers coach Pat Riley used the same approach in challenging his team to REPEAT as the NBA champions in 1988 after winning the championship in 1987. That challenge proved effective, as the Lakers put together back-to-back championships and were on their way to becoming known as the team of the 80s.)

Over the years there had occurred this evolution of the Worldwide Church of God. If the Church could be pictured as a person, it would now be a businessman, an executive, a chairman of the board. For recreation, being very athletic, “he” would be a member of a sports club. “His” outlook on life would center

on teamwork. For “him,” life would not be worth living outside the organization. “He” would get “his” support from the team; the team would be “his” salvation.

In this regard, the WCG has not been maturing as a church; gradually, it has been degenerating. Its perspective has become distorted and its concepts are exceedingly dangerous. Besides letting pseudo-Philadelphians swell its ranks, the Church’s team philosophy does not represent the Christian life at all. Even if one were an ACTIVE participant in the work of the WCG (distributing the magazines, answering the phones, etc.), one does not—cannot—qualify for the kingdom VIA THE TEAM. The heart of the Christian experience is not team activity!

While it is true that if a person were a Christian then he would share in church activity, the converse statement is NOT true. To believe that if a person joined in church activity then he would be a Christian is to believe a cruel fiction. The organized functions that a church provides are only a vehicle through which a Christian may work in order to activate his (Christ’s) faith, a faith already delivered.

Therefore, the WCG, as an organization which is intent on the fulfillment of its end, is A MEANS, ONLY A MEANS, AND NOTHING BUT A MEANS! It is not AN END in itself; Christ is. The irony of ironies is that those in the center of the Church’s work (with possible exceptions) can really be out on the fringe of Christianity.

To be a Philadelphian Christian is NOT to be part of an organization. (NOR is it to live in a particular era.) It is to love your brother! In his epistles the Apostle John's message was to "love one another."

Whoever loves God MUST also love his brother. (1 John 4:21)

It is A COMMAND given to us by God. And it is plain; it is direct. God's order does NOT say to love the Church, to love its services, to love its activities, to love its comfort.

And, furthermore, it does NOT say for the Church, for the team, for the group to love your brother. The Word of God does say for YOU—YOU! YOU, personally! YOU, directly!—to love your BROTHER!!!

(I will close now and continue this topic in another letter.)

One last thought:

At this very meaningful feast of Pentecost, in such critical times as these, it is imperative that you recall that you were not baptized into any church, that you were not baptized into the Worldwide Church of God. All of you were baptized only into Jesus Christ.

My prayer is that you may come humbly to Jesus and renew your baptismal commitment to

HIM. May God guide you and keep you in His care. May you develop the strength and courage to be truly, PERSONALLY, a Philadelphian, standing fast at the close of this age.

Sincerely, in Christian love,

Jules Dervaes

December 1989

Gerald Flurry founded the PCG and published “his revelation” in MALACHI’S MESSAGE.

Gerald Flurry and John Amos were both sent the SEVEN SCROLLS during the years 1987-88.

“New” organizations/corporations began by carving up the “old corpse” of the Worldwide Church of God.

THE FIRST “EASY PICKINGS”
STARTED THREE YEARS AFTER
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1990-1996

September 13, 1990

Dear Mr. John Trechak,

RE: Our phone conversation of 9/11/90

If you are going to print the facts which you learned in this conversation, I hope that you will be fair about also printing my attitude towards your passing this information on to your subscribers.

I answered your questions openly because I'm not trying to hide who I am and what I do. On the other hand, my having been too free with my comments and having not clearly qualified my views might give the impression that I supported your work of publishing the AMBASSADOR REPORT.

I admit that I was flirting with the idea of possibly making use of your report to influence others and to gang up on the Worldwide Church of God. I was wrong. Especially after going back and rereading parts of some copies of the AMBASSADOR REPORT that had been sent anonymously to me some time ago, I knew I had made a grave and foolish error which I now regret.

It is not as if your reports were a mainly neutral news gathering source or if your efforts were devoted to disseminating only doctrinal expositions. No—yours is not the right way.

How do I know this? Because I have trouble myself with Proverbs 24:17! And, furthermore, I haven't just watched with glee at the downfall of "my enemy"; more than a few times, I have jumped in to "cast stones" myself—if not verbally, at least mentally.

It is a difficult, constant fight to keep the correct loving attitude; but it's a real picnic to tear down what you don't like while vandalizing what you can't tear down. Uncovering deviant behavior and secret corruption is the stuff of tabloids. And, who doesn't have any dirty laundry? Although a Christian must speak out, in public if needs be, about doctrinal sins, he is not to be an investigative reporter.

How dangerous and deadly is that business! The personal exposé approach leads one to start playing God. For instance, if he were alive today, how would you have handled someone like Samson? Even though he could have inspired some really juicy headlines, Samson's story wasn't over until it was over.

I have always to keep checking myself, questioning why am I doing this and what is my attitude in doing it. Wouldn't it be so very simple if all it took to be right is for us to say "I'm doing this to help people!"? However, the final say in this regard belongs only to God.

When God wanted to directly help those who had gone astray, He sent the prophets. What was the proper attitude as displayed by them when they had to point out the failings of the Old Testament Church?

Look at Jeremiah, for example. Do you detect a sense of joy in his experience? And, in the case of Jonah who would have liked to have seen God's wrath destroy the Gentiles, God did emphatically rebuke him. Through Ezekiel God declared that He took no pleasure in the death of the wicked. Don't you recall what both Abraham and Moses did in pleading to get disaster averted?

So, if you believe the WCG to be an evil cult, shocking and depraved, are you to wish for its destruction and applaud it when it comes? I have to battle my visceral gloating instinct constantly; for, otherwise, I would begin to cheerlead in the contest leading to the inevitable defeat of the wicked.

My question to you is: Why does the AMBASSADOR REPORT "live" off the blood of the WCG? Finally, I will leave you with the warning that God has given to those who have said "Aha!" over the ruin of Israel: Ezekiel 36: 1-7.

You are responsible for what you have been told. Dare you teach others the way of sin! May God help you to see your peril AND REPENT!

Jules Dervaes

September 26, 1990

GERALD R. FLURRY
P.O. BOX 1787
EDMOND, OK 73083

RE: MALACHI'S MESSAGE to God's Church Today

Yesterday I received unsolicited in the mail the above publication along with Volume 1, Nos. 1-5 of The Philadelphia Trumpet. I wish to inform you that I challenge your copyright of 1990, printed on page one of MALACHI'S MESSAGE and other copyrights of this message in your other publications. Whether it was done unknowingly or deliberately, many of your ideas are a direct and clear plagiarism of my work The Letter to Laodicea which was in stages published from December, 1986 through January, 1988.

The first parts of what would be a seven-part letter I sent to Mr. Tkach via registered/certified mail beginning December 1, 1986 (see enclosed copy). Later, the entire seven-part message was sent to—I believe—every evangelist in the Worldwide Church of God both here and overseas. And, not only to them, but this message was mailed to many, if not all, of the ministers at headquarters. Additionally, many local pastors or elders in the United States (a few overseas, too) were sent this information.

I have the mailing list of the ones which were contacted. Furthermore, I sent The Letter to Laodicea to hundreds of WCG members living in the United States and also to a few overseas. I have kept the complete mailing list. Finally, every regional office of The PLAIN TRUTH was sent this message. Thus, the files of the WCG are filled with the message that I delivered to it.

When the bulk of the mailings were finished, I began to proclaim this Laodicean message to church brethren on the streets of Pasadena, beginning the Last Day of Unleavened Bread in the spring of 1988. The WCG has a photo record of every banner, every sign, that I have displayed. More than a few of “your” ideas can be found on my signs.

Not only have thousands of local church brethren seen these messages but also many thousands of American and foreign members have viewed them during the Feasts of Tabernacles of 1988 and 1989. It’s now been two and one-half years that every Sabbath with few exceptions I have held the Laodicean message before the church’s eyes on the streets around its headquarters.

For you to make the statement on page 67 that Dr. Hoeh “stated that the Church of God has entered into the Laodicean era” and that, having said this in the spring of ’88, this message “was quickly stopped by Church leaders” is absolutely ridiculous.

Not counting the letters I sent him, I PERSONALLY delivered the Laodicean warning to him—via my ten-foot banner—on a sidewalk outside Imperial Schools. He said, “Good afternoon,” as he walked on by.

Again, much of your material plagiarizes what I have written. You will not be allowed to claim it as your own. I would advise you to settle this according to Matthew 5:25-26.

Jules Dervaes

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May 17, 1991

Dear (Sir),

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter postmarked the 13th of April. I have waited this long to answer because I wanted to reflect on how I should deal with the concerns that you wrote about. I do feel that your approach (“pray, fast, and meditate on what I have read”) is the best start you could make. Using these tools correctly will help you to check out what is THE TRUTH. Of course, I believe that you have been given God’s Word—His seed, as in the parable of the sower—through your acceptance of the Bible as the sole, legitimate, and final authority in your life. Is that the case?

Are you a true believer? Excuse the bluntness but I’ve got to know on what basis will you decide what I tell you is right or wrong. The critical issue is not the answers which I can give you but the beliefs which you hold. What is the foundation on which you will build your actions in response to the knowledge made available to you? Being a member of the Worldwide Church of God used to—but no longer does—signify that the loyal, sincere individual had a steadfast, secure, and straightforward reliance on scriptures as his guide.

I would like to be of help to you but I don’t see what else I can do at the moment. I feel that the answers to your questions are to be

found in the literature which you already have at hand. I did want you to know that I am sincerely concerned about your situation. Yet, I believe, as Mr. Herbert Armstrong did, that John 6:44 applies in all cases. If you are one who is listening to the Father and learning from Him, then you will come to Jesus.

At this feast of Pentecost, my prayer for you (and all of us) is that you will be strong and courageous not just to know about the truth, a condition which in the end will be useless and utterly disastrous by itself, but to do the truth. There is much work to be done and I will be pleased to assist you in the part which you decide to take.

Jules Dervaes

May 29, 1991

Dear (Sir),

It was with mixed feelings that I read your letter which I received the day before Pentecost. Initially I felt relieved that you were brave enough to at least approach me directly and do so in a manner that was not anonymous. Your words had the ring of truth to them. But, I also had strong feelings that, even while you gave such good advice, you had—apparently, it would seem—already in your heart pre-judged me in mine.

This upset me because with all the correct words you had to say I feel as if you had taken an incorrect approach towards me by pronouncing me guilty until proven innocent according to your perception.

Although you had hoped your letter to be one of encouragement, I read it with a feeling of helplessness as if you were trying, convicting, and sentencing me all at one fell swoop. Certainly you can judge an action as right or wrong IF that judgment is based solely on God's! However, you never referred to any ACTION which I may have done which was a clear transgression of His law. What behavior you may consider sin is of no relevance whatsoever; and only God can judge the heart.

I wish that you would have come forward as a real defender of your faith rather than an accuser of mine. Then we might have been able to have had a good Berean-type talk enabling us

BOTH to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

As it is, you don't know me and, I would guess, you don't care to. Since you have never talked personally with me, you yourself could not know first hand what my attitude even is. What could it be that you know ABOUT me? We all have to be careful—don't we?—about lumping people together into nice, neat categories.

Maybe you saw “me,” that is, my van (with me in it) holding up a banner and several signs on the street in Pasadena. If so, do you consider my demonstrating like that to be an open-and-shut case convicting me of a bad attitude?

Not everyone who speaks out PUBLICLY against something or someone must—as you seem to think—be in a bitter state of mind. You need only weigh, if you will, the example of the Old Testament men later regarded as the prophets of God. Also consider Jesus who spoke to crowds fiercely denouncing the teachers of the law and Pharisees of His day. If Jesus can do it, so can I. And, more than that, SO SHOULD I!

As to what you did explain about bitterness, I want you to know that I have, indeed, had bouts with that since I am not immune to this very common sin. However, being tempted, as you know, is not the same as having sinned.

On most occasions I have beaten back the tendency toward being mean-spirited. Even though there are those times when I do fall, I do soon realize (praise God) that I am wrong and am sorry for what I was saying or thinking.

What you wrote is true; bitterness is a cancer. I, therefore, must always be on guard not to let it take root in me. And so, I am appreciative of your taking the opportunity to warn me of this ever-present, virulent danger.

May God's Word be a lamp to your feet and a light for your path.

Jules Dervaes

October 3, 1991

Dear (Sir),

Thank you for your letter of September 19. I put it aside until I had finished with writing another individual. And, with the intervening Feasts, I'm only now able to respond to your concern.

With this mailing I will enclose all the material which I have publicly made available, as of this date, to those requesting information. Although your name appears on my address list, it was not marked as to indicate whether you were sent the entire packet or just the introductory letter with promotional flyer. It might be that you may have received The Letter to Laodicea (seven messages), but I have since also included two additional letters addressed "Dear Friends" plus the Pentecost '89 supplement.

As to your questions, I can understand your having them because this is a difficult period we're going through—indeed, a time of MANY QUESTIONS. I believe that you can find the basic answers to most of your inquiries in the literature I am now providing and in the Bible, of course. It would be helpful to study God's Word anew in the light of the WCG's rejecting its foundation and of its subsequent, subtle abandonment of the LIVING God!

If you let your heart be open—not closed in prejudice or through fear—and if you truly desire and really "dig for" the truth, Christ will

deliver to you the answers for which you have sought as a result of your sincere necessity.

It is critical to understand how this process of getting answers works. God is only bound to give us what we need to know and not what we may want or wish to know. We will always have what it is that is relevant—by His determination—to our salvation on any given day. We will always be provided with enough truth to grow on.

What determines the rate and the amount of further answers is our readiness as seen in the prior acceptance of what we already have been given. For every morsel of truth previously delivered, we must be acting on it, taking visible steps to make it a living part of us. Or, no more will be forthcoming. What is our universal condition is that we obstruct the process because we are not willing to accept all what God has been willing to offer!

I hope to hear from you concerning what “daily bread” you are now partaking of. Thank you for your willingness to pray for me.

My prayers for you come with this letter.

Jules Dervaes

November 7, 1991

(SIR:)

Responding to your request I sent you the literature which I have been distributing (The Letter to Laodicea, etc.). At that time I knew nothing of you personally, nothing of what you stood for. Now it's become obvious of late that you have decided to put me on YOUR mailing list—something that I have never requested.

Because I am not one to play the ostrich, I did read some of your material to investigate your position and to acquaint myself with the news of the day regarding the Worldwide Church of God. Sadly, it is plain that you are pushing your own agenda, one predicated on self-delusion. Because you have understood PIECES of truth—AS OTHERS HAVE DONE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRETY OF HISTORY—you have proceeded to fashion a system tailored to your own personal ends.

With a little sugarcoating of truth, much vile error can easily and unwittingly be swallowed. And so, your work has created a danger a “thousand times” greater and more heinous than any pagan/Gentile philosophy. You are, consequently, a menace to God's TRUE work and you will be harshly dealt with by Him because you purport to represent HIM in disseminating your poison to others. Know this, that you will be held accountable for the “children” you have led astray and that, if you

don't repent, you will receive the punishment of a FALSE prophet!

I state here and now that I have NO agreement with you, that I desire NO association with you, and that I will have NO affiliation with you. And I require that you delete all references to me and the 800-LAST ERA number—which is MY WORK and MINE ALONE—in any of your future publications with the implication that I have joined you or have some part in your work.

Remove me also from your mailing list. It is all too clear that you want to be a teacher of truth without being a SEEKER of truth. And, God doesn't work that way!

May God help you to rid yourself of satanic delusions.

Jules Dervaes

September 12, 1992

(SIR:)

Having picked up your letter yesterday from my post office box, I am writing you directly about your request.

Although I am appreciative of your courteousness in asking permission to use in your book some quotes from the letters I had sent you, I do not wish to grant you that permission.

If you would like an explanation of my reasons, I would have to provide that to you at a later date. I am sending this to you promptly so as to not cause any reason for misunderstanding my position.

Jules Dervaes

June 12, 1995

Mr. Joseph Tkach, Sr.:

It has been years since I last contacted you directly, although I tried for three and a half years to send you a message via my banners on the streets around Ambassador College. The last time you “heard from” me was the Feast of Tabernacles in 1991. And the circumstances were, to say the least, adversarial.

Now I’ve heard the news that you are ill (with cancer?) and I would hope that you would take my contacting you this time in a different light. A lot has happened in the interim but I didn’t want to let this opportunity be lost without trying once more to see whether or not you would like to discuss what has transpired in both our lives.

God knew what I needed and I am learning rather belatedly that what “bad” has happened to me was for my good. Deep personal sins—hidden from me from my birth—have had to be exposed and these revelations have not been easily received. Providentially, my being disfellowshipped by you in 1986 was the event that triggered the dismantling of my former life. My regret is that my downfall didn’t occur sooner because now my children will carry a much heavier burden of my sins into their own families.

During the time when I was displaying banners to you, I certainly did not have the godly attitude which Christ taught. I swung

back and forth on the pendulum as I wrestled, trying to find the right balance in dealing with such a unique and sensitive situation.

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I want you to know that I am more than willing to meet with you to discuss on God’s terms how all of us can get ourselves ready and take the Church of God into the Kingdom of God. You only have to look at what’s happened to know that changes are needed before it’s too late. Now, as always, for you and for me, there is God’s way or nothing. My prayer is that you will choose His way and set matters in that order. In the end this is the only true healing.

Be aware that God will take back His Church as He was poised to do in His time. It

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And, should you not return His vineyard to Him, then it will be God who will take it also from anyone you appoint who does not give up “the property” to The Rightful Owner. Above all, that is certain.

With this letter I pray that God will forgive me my offenses as I forgive you yours.

Jules Dervaes

June 12, 1995

Dear Mr. Tkach,

I am a twenty-year-old girl and am writing to you on hearing that you were ill.

You may not know who I am but my father is Jules Dervaes, who was disfellowshipped in 1986 for asking some questions about the attitude of the Church.

We have now been disfellowshipped for about ten years. During that period of time we had no real contact with any of the church members. We still keep the Sabbath and all the Holy Days but for all those years we have kept them by ourselves.

I used to feel resentful towards the Church for doing this to our family but my father always told us that everything that happens is for God's purpose. So when we heard that you were ill my father thought that we should write to you.

Even though at first we couldn't see what good this disfellowship was for us, we have learned that God's will is not always our will. God has a purpose for everything. As a result of the disfellowshipping, my father has taught us to try to live the way God wants us to live. We have also learned that buildings aren't the only things that count in our life—it's our relationship with our family, father, and God that count.

I still feel sad for the friends we left behind and I hope that one day we will meet them again.

God has worked with people in the past who have had illnesses—like Hezekiah. I believe that God wants someone to head His Church until the end-time; and after Mr. Armstrong died you took over and maybe God is trying to work with you through this illness to follow His way.

We will be praying for you.

In Christian love,

Anais Dervaes

Dear Mr. Tkach,

I am writing to you because I heard that you were ill, but first let me introduce myself: I am 17 years old and I am a son of Jules Dervaes, Jr. who was a member of the Worldwide Church of God for about 12 years before being disfellowshipped in 1986. The reason my dad was disfellowshipped was that he asked questions about the Church's actions and for still following Mr. Armstrong's beliefs after Mr. Armstrong's death. For several years after this, my dad, along with my brother, my two sisters and me, showed banners and messages about Mr. Armstrong's beliefs.

Although we thought that being disfellowshipped was a major detriment to our lives, we were mistaken—God had other plans. Since being disfellowshipped we have grown closer in many ways toward God's plan and toward His coming Kingdom.

I pray that you will be closer to God and that you will benefit in some way from this experience. Also, I pray that you will find grace and peace from God during this time of trial.

Sincerely,

Justin Dervaes

Dear Mr. Tkach,

I am the fourteen-year-old son of Mr. Dervaes and have spent three and a half years holding banners and signs across from the Ambassador College campus for what we believe is right. Prior to this, we had been disfellowshipped from the Worldwide Church of God and I have learned a lot from my dad (who taught us at home from the Bible) and from other experiences during those years. My dad told me that it was God's plan that we would be disfellowshipped so we can learn to do important things as a family.

After we had been disfellowshipped from the Worldwide Church of God, I would have never thought of writing you. But my dad helped me understand that this is the way God wanted it to happen so we can learn new things.

I am sorry to hear that you are very ill and we are praying for you to get better soon.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Dervaes

Dear Mr. Tkach,

I am the twelve-year-old daughter of Jules Dervaes, Jr. and I had sat in the car holding the banners for 3 1/2 years.

I heard that you were sick and my dad thought it might be a good idea to write to you and wish you well.

My dad also thought I should write to you and maybe you can think about what I write: My dad said it was God's plan for him to get disfellowshipped from the Church. God wanted Mr. Dervaes to try to make another living.

In the ten years that I have lived here, I have learned a lot. Some things that happen are God's plans. God works out a plan for someone to do something to make something happen.

It was God's plan for Joseph to get sold into Egypt. Sometimes with God's plan it may seem hard at first; then, later, everything falls into order. For Joseph it was hard at first to get separated from his father and then get thrown into prison, but he was patient; and God had Pharaoh make him rule and have his family move into Egypt.

I hope you understand this better and I wish you were feeling better. I will be praying for you. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Jordanne Dervaes

June 12, 1995

Dear Mr. Tkach:

A few years ago, I could not have written any letter to you as it would have been difficult, if not impossible, for me to have felt any Christian sentiments upon hearing that you were ill. And, even now, there is a struggle inside me to concern myself with your condition in any meaningful way that would help you out during this time.

I would rather let this be a short superficial note without having to go into any depth about anything or without having to deal with the real issues of life that should concern us all. In this particular case, I have an even harder time because I still wrestle with the bitterness in me toward you for the changes that occurred in my life over the recent years.

The anger still wells up inside when I mentally relive the events leading up to the disfellowshipping of my former husband, Jules Dervaes. It's there again when I recall that NO MINISTER in the WCG ever cared to address in any meaningful way the letters he wrote about the Laodicean Era. Yet, some of these men have left the Church over the same reasoning.

Not having the FAITH in God that I should have had and not developing a real marriage relationship through true SUBMISSION to my ex-husband, I tired of this whole Laodicean message when it affected me personally and, as I viewed it, adversely. What I failed to realize is

that NOT dealing with the Laodicean message AS IT AFFECTS ME PERSONALLY is what will affect me adversely, not the other way around.

Maybe you will remember me as the woman who could hold a banner with Jules Dervaes one month, then switch sides and run to the ***'s the next, saying that Jules Dervaes was wrong. The years since have been turbulent ones for me, for after being disfellowshipped, divorce from Mr. Dervaes soon followed. I had squandered, and then eventually, lost my position as his wife, something I never dreamed could happen even though I knew I harbored a secret rebellion toward him and his values for years.

There has been, and continues to be, much to change in my life; and one of the most important changes I need to make is to try to become and stay committed to the truth or a person even when doing so brings personal suffering. As Mr. Dervaes has tried to teach me, we all will have to suffer; but to suffer for one's sins and foolish choices is human; to suffer for doing right—godly. And since I have always avoided feeling the pain necessary for growth even humanly, I subsequently lost many opportunities to learn the lessons in life that I could have.

Because we still subscribe to The PLAIN TRUTH and read the *Pasadena Star News*, we are aware of the doctrinal changes, the “splits,” and the financial turmoil within the Church. We also know about the former WCG ministers

who have recently started separate churches. But Mr. Dervaes has consistently taught us (his four children and me) that there is no other place (church) to go.

He has also always believed that God has allowed you to sit in Moses' seat for His purposes. Thus, it is not up to any man to challenge that position with a counter "church." This understanding helps us to deal with the unpleasant events and wrong feelings when we realize that what has transpired since '86 was all a part of God's plan and that there are lessons to be learned that could not have been taught any other way.

There is now an opportunity within the Dervaes family to make amends for my non-committed, faithless nature by submitting to a higher cause and working toward a purpose outside myself. But this, along with the damage that I have caused in my family's life, will take a lifetime to redress.

I gave you a little background to help you understand where I'm coming from and where I'm headed. This now brings me to the hardest part of this letter and why I am writing: Your illness is God's way of getting your attention. He tried to warn you gently through Mr. Dervaes' letters to Laodicea and then with the banners.

Later, not even the financial and doctrinal crises were enough to awaken you. But now

you have a chance to respond to him correctly through this critical time.

God demands two things from us before He will heal us—faith and obedience. What EVERYONE is lacking today are faith and obedience. I am praying that you will respond to God's merciful chastening before it is too late.

In Christian love,
Mignon Rubio

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 91129

JOSEPH W. TKACH
PASTOR GENERAL

June 16, 1995

Dear Mr. Dervaes:

On behalf of Mr. Joseph W. Tkach, I wish to acknowledge the letters from Mignon, Justin, Jordanne, Anais, Jeremy and yourself dated June 12th. Your expressions of sympathy and your prayers are much appreciated.

Other comments in the letters, however, give the impression that you believe Mr. Tkach's illness as well as the schisms in the Church may be due to God's punishment because the Church did not accept your theories about the Laodicean Era. I would caution you not to draw unwarranted conclusions. Let us remember that Job's friends all thought they knew he was being afflicted by God for some awful sins. Obviously they were all wrong--as are those who make the same sorts of assumptions about current events.

We are grateful to God for the deeper understanding and appreciation of the gospel He has been giving us. There are always trials, but God always brings us through as we rely on him in faith and strive to please him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David G. Hunsberger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

David G. Hunsberger
Personal Correspondence Department

CHRIST'S WARNING TO THE END-TIME
TENANTS OF GOD'S VINEYARD: LUKE 20:9-18
THAT MEANS YOU!!!

YOU, of Tkach's church—aka "Worldwide Church of God"—AND YOU NOW of Flurry's church, of Meredith's church, of the next-hirelings-to-leave-churches: How **YOU** have proven correct the Laodicean/LAST ERA message I first delivered to you in 1986! Take heed now. On God's Word you will not succeed with your personal ambitions, carving up the Body of Christ as each of you sees fit to devour!

You who preach biblical duality when it pertains to others are plainly inept at seeing that truth when the scripture applies to yourselves. How conveniently selective you've become at using God's Word for your own ends. Your worldly ambition blinds you! Your work is one of competing to corner more of the market in God's "vines" and of jockeying for position to gain control of His "vineyard."

Letter written to Joseph Tkach, Sr. dated June 11, 1995:

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And, should you not return His vineyard to Him, then it will be God who will take it also from anyone you appoint who does not give up “the property” to The Rightful Owner. Above all, that is certain. ...

You “tenants” have but a short time before God will claim what you have stolen from Him. In this the Last Era, it is **YOU** who will come face-to-face against God’s wrath as He will fight this time for what is His!

His “Gentile” servants will rise up and all you usurpers will fall before them. Your wicked work will be crushed in due time. **“Certainly so!”**

Jules Dervais

September 23, 1995

The Death of Mr. Joseph Tkach, Sr.

His Worldwide Church of God Reign:
January, 1986 – September, 1995

Joseph Tkach, Sr., the Pastor General and head of the Church, died of cancer complications on Saturday, September 23, 1995, at the age of 68.

Before his death, he appointed his son, Joseph Tkach, Jr., to the position of Pastor General. Joseph, Jr. was 43 years old when he took over the reins of the Worldwide Church of God.

August 26, 1996

Joseph Tkach, Jr.:

Betrayal begets betrayal; one coup only spawns others. It was your father who showed those who followed him how they, too—each in his own time, each for his own personal reasons—could turn from the appointed way.

In first providing the rationale and setting the premier example of breaking the covenant with Mr. Herbert Armstrong, he opened the barred gates for a free-for-all of “new churches.” The once powerful, previously unified—now ravaged—Worldwide Church of God continues to reap the sordid fruits of schism as sown by the hand of the late Joseph Tkach.

The tables have been turned, the robbers becoming now the robbed. And you, the “heir to the fortune,” can only sit by helplessly, victimized by a series of copycat crimes, sins your father had legitimized by his being his own authority. Then one year ago, he did answer to The Higher Authority as God took his life prematurely in order to get His Church back! Obviously, you would not want to recognize that God has passed **OLD TESTAMENT JUDGMENT** on your father’s reign.

And now you rule “supreme.” What will it take for you to return to God what has been usurped? Continued rebellion means you will need to...

WATCH YOURSELF! Despite your youth, you will have to stay ever guarded against surprise illnesses, mystery infections from which your new “savior”—The Medical Messiah—cannot save you.

WATCH YOUR FRIENDS! They are with you as long as you don’t stand in their way. Your buddy-buddy “leadership” has only led them to see you as expendable. Opportunistic insiders mean treachery is a-foot, at your back.

WATCH YOUR FINANCES! Economic turmoil will wreck havoc with your hold on power. As jobs go, so goes paycheck-loyalty, so comes more instability. More vultures will hover near, eager to strip the church carcass bare to the bone. Sitting atop this skeleton, you face a bankrupt future.

WATCH ELIJAH’S GOD! His clock has run down and your “good times” are over. He will soon act physically to intervene in your affairs; then, you will have to deal directly with **THE REAL GOD!**

Soon you will get even more proof this God has not ever been on your side. Whatever your father—now you—have done, God allowed for a purpose. Your way was allowed-but-not-approved in order to expose the phoniness inherent in your elite, “glorified” organization.

This has been accomplished. What you will see from now on is God working with others to implement His plan. And this will be done through His Holy Days—**AS ALWAYS!**

In particular, you will have first-hand evidence that the Feast of Trumpets is the feast that signals God's rulership directly in our affairs. Your father had broken **OLD TESTAMENT COMMANDS** only to have that '95 Feast "break him"—dying as he did "a day short" of the tenth since his takeover.

He ignored my August '95 warning that the hand of God would be upon him in God's time—"now"!

You (and every usurper) should heed, therefore, this direst of warnings:

BEWARE THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS!

Jules Dervaes

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Timeline

A brief chronicle of events of Jules Dervaes' involvement with the Worldwide Church of God spanning the years 1974-1998.

1974

DEC Baptized in New Zealand by WCG minister John Larkin.

1975

JUNE Returned to Tampa, Florida; attended WCG Tampa congregation.

1984

AUG Entered Ambassador College, Pasadena.

1985

SPRING Began series of counseling sessions with ministers, ending August '85.

AUG Daughter Anais and live-in guest Dannielle enrolled in Imperial Schools for one year.

1986

- JAN Founder Herbert W. Armstrong died.
- FEB Sent first letter to Mr. Tkach.
- APR Submitted **General Letter to Ministry** of the Church's own teachings to ministers.
- MAY Graduated from Ambassador College (AA) degree.
- JUNE First counseling session with ministers regarding letters to Mr. Tkach.
- JULY First mentioned ***Laodicean Era*** in letter.
- OCT Second counseling session regarding letters. Mr. Dervaes disfellowshipped by Larry Salyer and Robin Webber. (At no time did Mr. Dervaes or his wife discuss the Laodicean concern and other issues with any lay person or minister outside the private counseling sessions.)
- DEC Sent the first scroll—**A GOOD NEWS LETTER**—to Mr. Tkach. (Mr. Dervaes followed the correct procedure that Mr. Armstrong established for handling controversial issues.)
- DEC Received response from Larry Salyer to message.

1987

- JAN Sent the first scroll to evangelists, ministers, and local elders in Pasadena and international offices. Then distributed the scroll, placing it on members' cars parked on public streets near the college. Mr. Dervaes never set foot on church property to distribute literature.
- FEB Sent the second scroll—**THE LAST ERA**—to Mr. Tkach. Followed the same distribution procedure.
- MAR Sent the third scroll—**A TALE OF TWO FAMILIES**—to Mr. Tkach; then followed the same distribution procedure to evangelists, ministers, etc.
- APR Sent the fourth scroll—**ZECHARIAH'S PUZZLE**—to Mr. Tkach. Followed distribution procedure again.
- SEPT Sent the fifth scroll—**STABBED IN THE BACK**—to Mr. Tkach. Followed distribution procedure.
- FOT Sent the scrolls to various ministers and members nationwide and worldwide.
- NOV Sent the sixth scroll—**THE REAL POPE**—to Mr. Tkach.

1988

- JAN Sent the seventh scroll—**WHO MOVED?**—to Mr. Tkach. During this whole time, there was no response from Mr. Tkach.
- SPRING By this date, the following had received the entire seven scrolls—**LETTER TO LAODICEA:**
- Gerald Flurry
John Amos
Rod Meredith
Raymond McNair
David Hulme
plus *hundreds of others*
- PASSOVER Began hand-held banner showings on public sidewalk around Ambassador College
- MAY Last hand-held banner showing. Began banner/sign showing on van parked on public streets around Ambassador College.
- FALL Sent out last of unsolicited mailings.
- FALL Advertised 1-800-LAST ERA number.

1989

- APR Witnessed to Big Sandy, Texas, with signs and a newspaper ad in the *Longview News-Journal* and the *Tyler Telegraph*.
- FALL Divorce finalized between Jules Dervaes and Mignon Rubio.

DEC Gerald Flurry founded Philadelphia Church of God and published MALACHI'S MESSAGE (February 1990).

1990

SPRING Ambassador College closed and was put up for sale.

SEPT Wrote to Gerald Flurry about his book MALACHI'S MESSAGE after receiving it unsolicited.

1991

FALL Three and a half years (four Holy Seasons) of banner and sign showing ended. Thousands of local, nationwide, and worldwide members were witnessed to, resulting in personal requests for the scrolls.

1993

Rod Meredith founded Global Church of God.

1995

- MAR Started Dervaes family business in Pasadena.
- JUNE Dervaes family wrote Mr. Tkach upon hearing he was seriously ill
- AUG Sent the VINEYARD LETTER to Mr. Tkach just before he died. Also sent it to employees of the various splinter churches.

1996

- AUG Wrote to Mr. Joseph Tkach, Jr.

1998

- JULY Dervaes family compiled the true history of the Last Era of the WCG. During the twelve years the family never attempted contact with any present or former members of the WCG to draw them away.
- SEPT Published and sent the history to employees (whose addresses were known) of the four churches, i.e.,

Worldwide Church of God

Philadelphia Church of God

Global Church of God

United Church of God

Epilogue I

At the time of Herbert W. Armstrong's death, the Worldwide Church of God's membership was a little over 100,000.

The Church's flagship publication, The PLAIN TRUTH, showed an English language circulation of 8,075,000. The more doctrinally based The GOOD NEWS magazine had a circulation of 754,000. Moreover, *The World Tomorrow* television broadcast was one of the most watched religious programs in the U.S.

However, as church membership declined and annual revenue plunged from a high of about \$170 million a year to \$25 million, the WCG began looking for ways to dispose of its property.

With rolling lawns and manmade streams trickling into ponds swimming with koi, the maintenance of the Pasadena campus alone cost an annual \$2 million.

In the spring of 1990, the Ambassador College Pasadena campus closed its doors and was listed on the real estate market. The WCG had its last remaining campus located in Big Sandy, Texas, closed in 1997.

In March of 2000, the Big Sandy campus sold for \$8.5 million dollars to Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc., who then leased the campus to Bill Gothard, president of the Institute in Basic Life Principles.

The Pasadena campus remained on the market for 14 years. During this time, the church had put forward plans to develop a massive housing project on the property. The world-renowned Ambassador Auditorium – also known as the HOUSE OF GOD – was slated to be bulldozed.

Pasadena neighbors fought this project and, in the end, the church decided to sell off portions of the property. The eastern third of the campus was bought by Sares-Regis, an Irvine-based developer who plans to build condominiums and apartments.

In May of 2004, the WCG sold approximately 13 of its 31-acre west campus to Maranatha High School and Harvest Rock Church for an undisclosed sum. The sale included many of the campus' main buildings: Ambassador Auditorium, Hall of Administration, Physical Education Complex, Student Center and Men's Dormitory.

The WCG's total church income for 2003 was approximately \$18.6 million.

In the fall of 2004, the remnant of the WCG leadership closed escrow on their new headquarters – a 50,000 sq. ft. office building in Glendora, CA.

Epilogue II

Mr. Dervaes' house was in "much need of repair and renovation" (see minister's letter of April 1985); but he was very grateful for the shelter God had blessed him with.

Now his home has not only increased in value from its original purchase price by 1000% and is located in what is today one of the up and coming areas of Pasadena, but it has also been the foundation of his work which has been featured in or mentioned by the following media:

PRESS COVERAGE

Capital Press – *From Their City Lot, More Than Enough Food* (December 2002)

USA Today – *Move Over, Fido! Chickens Are Becoming Hip Suburban Pets* (June 2003)

Pasadena in Focus – *Saving His Corner of the Earth* (November / December 2003)

Pasadena Star News – *Path to Self-Sufficiency* (May 2004)

Pasadena Star News – *Give Grease a Chance* (July 2004)

Los Angeles Times – *It's Kind of Easy Being Green* (July 2004)

Pasadena Star News – *City Honors Recyclers* (November 2004)

Pasadena Independent – *City Honors Recyclers* (November 2004)

Los Angeles Daily News – *LA Lags Behind the Alternative Fuel Trend* (June 2005)

Pasadena Star News – *From Frying Pan into Fuel Tank* (June 2005)

Associated Press (published in over 40 media outlets across the nation) *Cost, Food Safety Concerns Lead City Dwellers to Keep Gardens* (August 2005)

ONLINE FEATURES

Los Angeles Independent Media – *Transesterification Can Be Fun* (February 2004)

Los Angeles Independent Media – *The End of Suburbia Comes to LA* (March 2004)

Ecology Action Newsletter – *A Path to Freedom* (November 2004)

Off-Grid.net – *They Practice What We Preach* (March 2005)

Post Carbon Institute & Global Public Media – *Interview with Jules Dervaes* (August 2005)

City Hippy – (*upcoming*)

MAGAZINES

Organic Style – *A Grassless Society* (April 2005)

Natural Home and Garden – (*upcoming*
November 2005)

Plenty – (*upcoming*)

TELEVISION / VIDEO

CBS:

KCBS 2 – Los Angeles, CA

WWLTV – New Orleans, Louisiana

KCAL 9 – Los Angeles, CA

PBS: KCET Los Angeles – *California Connected*

The End of Suburbia – Commentary (DVD)

RADIO

KMUD – *Women on Wednesdays* Program

KPFK – Featured Segments

RECOGNITION

Winner of the City of Pasadena's 2004 Award for
Preservation of Natural Resources through the
Creation of an Urban Garden.

Honored by:

Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition
Los Angeles County Certificate of Achievement



1986



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BACKYARD 2003

NOTE: Mr. Dervaes' house is still in need of a new roof, paint, and interior repairs. Although much work remains, he is still very grateful, as always, to his parents (now deceased) for their values and for their care; and he thanks God for His goodness and mercy.

Vía del Rey

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"...and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks..."

THEY? Who are they? Non-believers who will be forced to change how they live in the future by Christ Himself—in person?

This work begins with us. We, as believers of the Bible, must first start this change so that others can follow our true Christian example. We are the ones called to initiate The Kingdom Plan now. If we wait, then we would have lost the best opportunity to prove that we really are who we claim to be. God's real work will have passed us by!

The history of God's true Church as documented in *The Hidden Years*, additional commentaries and writings, and end time prophecies are available online at:

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Just look around...

When there are millions upon millions on the same road, they are on the crowded freeway of life, going Nowhere but traveling with plenty of company.

Leading to life's Summit is the way which only very few travel—the Path.

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A CLOSER LOOK

This is, first and foremost, a history book; yet its pages are riddled with prophecy for the true believer. For God's New Testament people, this documented account of events leads to a day of decision when every individual, personally and publicly, will have to choose good or evil—light or darkness.

God will never tolerate a detached, indifferent, or spectator point of view. Hiding from the bad news of *The Hidden Years* is not an option. No believer in Christ would willfully remain in ignorance. But, if you are cool to what has been happening, you are no Christian anyway.