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WHY The CHURCH?

By Herbert W. Armstrong

When Jesus Christ returns to earth in supernatural splendor, power and glory, He is coming to His TEMPLE. But *where* is that temple — when will it be built?

Many students of the Bible have wondered — speculated. Will the Israelis after all de-

The real purpose and function of the Church has not been understood. This article brings the eye-opening TRUTH.

Jerusalem 70 years after the destruction of Solomon's temple to build the second temple on the same site.

The prophecy concerns Zerubbabel, governor of the con-

But Zerubbabel was merely a TYPE. The prophecy, as we see plainly beginning verse 6, chapter 2, is millennial.

"For thus saith the Eternal of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire [RSV has, 'so that the treasures of all nations shall come'] of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts . . . The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former."

It is speaking of the end-time — at the second coming of Christ.

Now what does it mean, the glory of this latter house (or latter-day house) shall be greater than that of the former — that is, greater in splendor than Solomon's temple, which had the most glorious splendor of any building on earth? Certainly the second temple, built by Zerubbabel, even though larger, could not compare in splendor to Solomon's.

But God was speaking of the temple to which Christ shall come, at His glorious second

coming as King of kings and Lord of lords!

Jesus Christ came the first time still in the days of old-covenant Israel — a carnal-minded and rebellious people. It was a material temple, even as He came to a physical, carnal people.

But He is coming the second time in supreme power and glory. He will come this time to a GLORIOUS TEMPLE — a SPIRITUAL, not a material temple!

A glorified temple

Of God's Church He says in the second chapter of Ephesians, "Now therefore ye are . . . of the household [family] of God [the CHURCH]; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord;" (emphasis mine, Ephesians 2:19-22).

The glorified Christ is coming to the glorified temple — with a glory far greater than Solomon's temple!

Note it. Christ is *not* coming to a material building, but to His Church, then to be GLORIFIED with Him.

Notice further, in Ephesians, chapter 4: "From whom the whole body [body of Christ — the Church] fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth. . ." (verse 16).

Now let's UNDERSTAND.

Old Testament Israel, both church and state, lived in the days of the first Adam. They had the one human spirit — they were carnal minded, hostile against God, not subject to the law of God. But God gave them His laws (spiritual, as well as sacrificial, ceremonial and statutory). It proved that without the *second* Spirit — the Holy Spirit of God — people would not turn to the right way of life, *even though God revealed to them the knowledge*, not only of Himself, but of His GOVERNMENT!

But the New Testament Church of God started out with God's Holy Spirit added to the human spirit, even from its inception.

The Old Testament sacrificial laws and ceremonial rituals were a mere *temporary substitute* for Christ and the Holy Spirit. When the reality came the substitute was ended, but the basic SPIRITUAL LAW — the law of LOVE codified in the Ten Commandments — continued. But the CHURCH was required, having the Holy Spirit, to obey them not (See WHY THE CHURCH, page 6)



SCHOOLHOUSE — The Jean's schoolhouse near Eugene, Ore., housed the first church congregation founded by Herbert W. Armstrong as a result of a series of evangelistic campaigns in 1933.

stroy the Dome of the Rock — the Moslem temple standing today on the site of both Solomon's temple and the temple to which Jesus came at His first appearing?

Malachi's prophecy says:

"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek [Christ], shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant . . ." (Malachi 3:1).

It was John the Baptist who prepared the way — but that was before Jesus' FIRST coming. When we read on through verses 2 to 6 it becomes altogether evident this prophecy in Malachi is talking about Christ's *second* coming, in power and glory, to RULE.

WHO, then, as a human messenger (one bearing a message) was to prepare the way before His SECOND coming? And *what* of the temple to which He is to come?

Zerubbabel a type

Look briefly at the prophecy of Haggai. It concerns the contingent of Jews who returned to

tingent and builder of this second temple. This was the same temple to which Jesus did come — except the Roman King Herod had somewhat enlarged, restored and embellished it.

SIGNIFICANCE OF POPE'S DEATH

By Herbert W. Armstrong

The death of Pope Paul may have tremendous significance to God's Church and to God's Work!

Some 20 years ago when Pope John was elected, I wondered if he would be the pope who would offer his good offices to the nations of Europe to bring about the political and military, as well as economic, union so many European nations have desired.

In other words, to resurrect the Holy Roman Empire, which ruled Europe under the popes from 554 to 1814. But immediately we could see

Pope John was not the man to do this. He sought to strengthen the Roman

Catholic Church by launching the ecumenical movement — hoping to bring back



PAPAL BLESSING — Pope Paul VI imparts a blessing before crowds assembled in front of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Italy. [UPI photo]

to the "Mother Church" her daughters that had gone out of her in PROTEST — calling themselves Protestant.

Fifteen years ago I felt that surely Pope Paul would be the stern pope who would bring about this United States of Europe (Revelation 17), sternly ruling all Europe with police and military force (Revelation 13). But he too was a more kindly, gentle type of man.

During the decade and a half of Pope Paul's rule, the Catholic Church faced its period of greatest trial and test in many decades. Pope Paul continued the efforts of the ecumenical movement, but it brought no real results. But his greatest stress was within the church itself. Many priests became of (See POPE'S DEATH, page 2)

Bonn summit: no help for dollar

PASADENA — In mid-July the heads of government of the free world's leading industrial powers — the United States, West Germany, Japan, France, Britain, Italy and Canada — met in Bonn, West Germany, in an attempt to iron out the many problems in their complex trade relationships.

The World Economic Summit Conference in Bonn, attended by this writer, ended with cautious predictions of optimism for the year ahead. For a day or two after the massive conclave the mild euphoria such conclaves engender seemed to have pumped new confidence into the West's fragile economic system.

But hardly was the ink dry on the summit's nebulous final communiqué when it became abundantly clear nothing really had been resolved. This was because nothing was done about the plummeting value of the U.S. dollar.

This problem No. 1, in fact, was not even an official item on the agenda. The Americans had come to Bonn determined to play down the problems of the dollar. The American view prevailed that the Bonn meeting should only deal with trade imbalances and how to stimulate world economic growth.

Thus, the Bonn meeting fooled nobody. Within two or three days of its conclusion the foreign exchange markets went wild again as

money managers unloaded hundreds of millions of unwanted, surplus dollars in search of stronger currencies.

The Bremen talks

The failure of the Bonn conference contrasted sharply with the success attained at the Common Market head-of-government conference (only a week earlier in Bremen, West Germany) to construct a new European Monetary Union by the end of this year if possible — with hopefully a single European currency, backed heavily by gold and the mighty *deutsche mark*, in operation in five years or less! (The basic outlines of this new European monetary system and its European Currency Unit [ECU] were examined in the "Worldwatch" column in the July 17 *Good News*.)

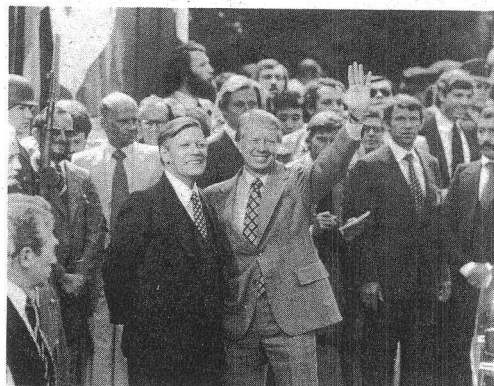
In Bonn the Germans and French

gave it his endorsement.

American reservations or not, the Germans and their French partners have set their course. A report in the *New York Times* of July 30 analyzed the importance of the new German assertiveness.

"The outcome of last week's Western economic conference is another sign that 30 years after losing World War II, West Germany is finally acquiring the diplomatic muscle to match its economic strength . . .

"President Carter and other Western leaders wanted him [Schmidt] to expand the German economy faster than he considered prudent . . . Mr. Schmidt refused to do this, offering only a modest stimulus . . . Instead, he had already chosen to spend Germany's trade surplus — the fruit of its economic strength — on financing



LEADING FIGURES — Two leading personalities at the Bonn economic summit were West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and President Jimmy Carter. [Plain Truth photo]

member states.

'A powerful beast'

The book of Revelation describes the system that will emerge eventually in Europe as a beast and this beast will have a "mark," and without this mark, no one can buy or sell.

The so-called "mark of the beast" has its primary religious connotations (Sunday observance), but it is worth noting that the German mark will be the kingpin currency behind a new European monetary system that is destined to control much of world trade — and

international commerce may literally be impossible without access to and use of this "mark."

In this light, consider also this quote from the *Wall Street Journal* of July 12: "While exact rules [for the monetary union] are yet to be drafted by European finance ministers and Common Market aides for a political decision in December, planners emphasize that the influence of discipline-conscious West Germany can be counted on to prevent reckless creation of reserve money. 'This will be a powerful beast, but a highly controlled beast,' says one planner."

Worldwatch

BY GENE H. HOGBERG

briefed the American delegation on the outlines of the monetary union, stressing it was not intended as an anti-American gesture, but that it had been given great impetus because of the dollar's decline. President Jimmy Carter was noticeably cool to the whole idea and declined to

the further unification of Europe and increasing his country's diplomatic authority within Europe and abroad . . .

"The real issues at stake are as much political as economic. A disciplined European monetary bloc . . . would provide the basis for a single European currency that could eventually take over much of the dollar's role as an international medium of exchange . . .

Britain at the crossroads

The sudden swelling support for a European Monetary Union clearly has come at a bad time for Britain. Support for the Common Market has dropped to its lowest level ever in Britain — only 29 percent.

Many experts feel the monetary plan represents an unacceptable compromise of prized British sovereignty. Yet not to join could be the death knell of Britain's economy. Reported the *Daily Telegraph* of July 24: "The issue is of the gravest importance. A decision to join would mean Britain giving up much of her economic independence from Europe . . . But to stay out could mean condemning the country to second-class political and economic status in Europe in the foreseeable future."

If Britain decides to opt out of the EMU plan, the Republic of Ireland, much more pro-EC [European Community], is very interested in it.

Should Britain decide in the end to opt out, the alternatives facing Ireland would be to opt out as well or to break the parity link with sterling and tie in with the stronger European currencies.

"In such circumstances," reports London's *Financial Times* of July 14, "the temptation would be for Ireland to break the link. The Republic tends to see its historic destiny as moving closer to Europe and away from Britain."

Thus, before long we could see a whole new Europe arise — one primarily continental and Roman Catholic in character, revolving around Germany and France as its economic base — with Protestant Britain and possibly also Denmark, where public interest in the Common Market is also waning, on the outside looking in.

There are presently nine members of the Common Market. If, as expected, Spain, Portugal and Greece link up, the membership would be increased to 12. But if, in addition, recalcitrant members Britain and Denmark opt out, the Community would be left with 10

Let the arrows bounce off your shield . . . pick up the sword . . . and advance forward with Mr. Armstrong as he serves our "Great Commander in Chief — Christ Jesus."

Kenneth R. and May F. Jenks
Belleville, Ill.

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The following letters were received after Stanley Rader's appearance on the Tomorrow show July 28. For more information, see page 5.

Mr. Rader on 'Tomorrow'

Your appearance on the Tom Snyder Show prompted me to stay up two hours past my usual bedtime. It was well worth staying up for.

You did a very fine job in presenting the beliefs of the Church and in answering questions thrown out by your host. You showed great compassion towards GTA in your treatment of questions about him.

I have been troubled by hearing of criticism you have received in the past. I'm sure there are many people like myself in the Church who are guilty of neglecting to show our support to our leaders. That is why I welcome this opportunity to thank you for your continuing service and loyalty you are showing to the Church.

Jeanette Baker
South Charleston, W. Va.

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You were truly God's representative on the Tomorrow show.

Your strong faith in God and your deep loyalty to Mr. Herbert Armstrong was so evident — your responses while on that "hot seat" were a real blessing for the Work.

Thank you for being such a strong example for all of us in God's Church. How blessed we are to have been given this knowledge. I pray it will be soon that all of God's created will have God's guidance in His Kingdom.

We sure like the audio-visual setup. Really appreciated your talk.

Carl and Evelyn Nelsen
Council Bluffs, Iowa

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Sir, I saw you last night on the Tomorrow show with Tom Snyder.

You did a wonderful job as a representative of God's true Church answering Mr. Snyder's poignant questions.

I saw you were going to be on the show about a week ahead of time. I prayed that God would give you His strength and guidance. That prayer was answered!

Mr. Rader, you are doing an excellent job for God's Work.

Harry Dale Tudor
Richmond, Ky.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to Mr. Rader

Thank you for giving us some insight into the "real" Stanley Rader. You were a mystery to us in the past. I have reason to like you now that I know something about you; very good reason to highly respect you. Our thanks to your wife for her suggestion.

Anne L. Pettigrew
Mira Loma, Calif.

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Tonight I had the opportunity to read the transcript of your address, which appeared in *The Good News*.

I want to thank you for your long-term service and continued loyalty to God's Church and Work.

Please don't ever leave your post in the Work, Mr. Rader. We need you, especially now as the Church is struggling to regain the spirit it once had more of — the spirit of love which you spoke of.

Frank Lewandowski
Bethel Park, Pa.

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Thank you very much for your personal talk about yourself and Mr. HWA and your years in the Work.

We hope we can hear more of your personal experiences in the Work of God.

You probably had heard this before; but just in case you had not, read on:

Along about 1972 until the time you were baptized (I rejoiced too), when you were attending the private Bible studies with HWA overseas, Mr. Armstrong, on his return, would mention to the headquarter's congregation how "you were coming along and that much closer to baptism." Mr. Armstrong was confident, I think, that eventually you would be baptized.

Pete Puls
Roseburg, Ore.

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After reading the transcript of your address (July 3, 1978, *Good News* article), which followed the June 17 sermon by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong at the Ambassador Auditorium, Pasadena, Calif. . . I felt the need to write and tell you that "we in the back ranks of God's mighty army" love you very much and are very thankful that you are near Mr. Armstrong and can be a "strong right arm" in the critical times ahead.

We are, praise to our Leader Jesus Christ, now making a NEW START in the right direction!

We need to be AWAKE and plunge with renewed vigor into the work before us, for the night draweth on when no man can work!

Let us GIVE as never before, of our earnest and heart-rending PRAYERS for God's Work, and for those Christ is using in it — in our enthusiasm and warm-hearted encouragement and support, both in attitude and words, and in tithes and offerings — that God's Work now will make the FINAL DASH ON THE HOME STRETCH WITH A RENEWED VITALITY, VIGOR AND POWER!

NEXT ISSUE: Herbert W. Armstrong writes "Where Are We Now in the Panorama of Prophesied World Events?"

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Part 3: The Plain Truth About Healing

WHAT BOTH OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS REVEAL

By Herbert W. Armstrong

Many believe, today, that Jesus healed and performed miracles only to demonstrate He was the Christ, but we read of miraculous healings all through the Old Testament.

The Israelites, on their trek out of Egyptian slavery, came to Marah. The water was too bitter to drink. Of course the people griped and blamed Moses. Moses cried out to God, who performed a miracle, making the waters sweet. Then God said: "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Eternal thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Eternal that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26).

'The God that heals'

Those last five words are translated from the Hebrew name *Yahweh-Rapha*, 'one of God's names meaning the "healing God" or the "God that heals."'

In Exodus 23:25, God is quoted speaking to the children of Israel: "... I will take sickness away from the midst of thee."

Again, in Deuteronomy 7:15: "And the Eternal will take away from thee all sickness..." In Deuteronomy 32:29, God is quoted: "... I heal..."

David prayed: "O Eternal my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me" (Psalms 30:2). Psalm 41:4: "... Lord, be merciful unto me: heal my soul..." In Psalm 6:2, David prayed: "Have mercy upon me, O Eternal; for I am weak: O Lord, heal me..."

Psalm 103:3: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thine diseases." Is it God's will to heal? Some ask. Or others say, "I know He could heal me, if it's His will." Is it His will to forgive? Then, He says, it is also His will to HEAL — all our diseases. Psalm 107:17-20: "Fools because of their transgressions, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat [food]; and they draw near unto the gates of death. Then they cry unto the Eternal in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses."

"He [sendeth] his word, and [healeth] them, and [delivereth] them from their destructions." (The original Hebrew signifies the present tense.) This is a case of one who has been very foolish, and brought the sickness upon himself. But, on repentance, God forgives and has mercy and heals.

Specific case history

God had said to ancient Israel,

"I am *Yahweh-Rapha*" — that is, "I am the Eternal that heals you," or, "I am your healing God," or, "I am your God-healer." He also said in the Ten Commandments: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

Healing is the forgiveness of physical sin. None but God can forgive sin. None but God heals! God is a jealous God. He is not going to allow anyone else to heal. Medicines and drugs do not, *cannot* HEAL!

Notice, now, the case of King Asa of Judah. He turned to the king of Syria for help, and paid him money to become an ally. God had said He would fight their battles for them. This hiring of allies God calls harlotry, in which the harlot pays instead of being paid.

But King Asa forsook God — like a wife forsaking her husband and hiring lovers — and this, after having previously relied on God for victories! God sent a prophet to remind Asa of what he was doing. But Asa in hot anger had the prophet imprisoned.

Later Asa was stricken with a serious disease. Notice II Chronicles 16:12-13: "And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the Eternal, but to the physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign."

God wants His people to rely on Him, to TRUST Him. He wants to do things for us that we cannot do for ourselves. He wants us to learn the lesson of faith!

Now notice another case history, recorded in II Kings, first chapter. King Ahaziah, king of Israel at Samaria, son of the evil Ahab, "fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick; and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease."

"But the angel of the Eternal said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron? Now therefore thus saith the Eternal, Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die" (verses 2-4).

Baalzebub, the god of Ekron, was the patron deity of medicine — the medicine god of Ekron. The manner in which people inquired of this god was through the medical doctors.

Is it because some of us do not know and rely on the true God that we rely instead on medical doctors? God has said, "I am the God that heals you."

But now one other case history from the Old Testament. It's the

example of King Hezekiah. It is recorded in II Kings, the 20th chapter, the first seven verses.

"In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Eternal, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live."

Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the Eternal, saying, I beseech thee, O Eternal, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore."

He put his heart into his prayer. He OBEYED God. He had a right ATTITUDE. He did not now turn to seek human help, but trusted God alone. Continuing the passage in verse 5: "... Thus saith the Eternal, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the Eternal. And I will add unto thy days fifteen years..."

New Testament teaching

Earlier we saw that proclaiming the ANNOUNCEMENT of the Kingdom of God and healing went hand in hand in Jesus' ministry. One passage in Matthew summarizes it:

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people" (Matthew 4:23).

Jesus' ministry began in Galilee, not in Jerusalem. Matthew's account shows that the so-called "Sermon on the Mount" (actually a teaching to His disciples) followed (chapters 5 through 7).

Beginning in chapter 8: "When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean" (verses 1-2).

Here again comes the answer to the frequently expressed doubt, "Well, I know God could heal me, if it's His will — but how can we know His will?" Here is the answer: "And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed" (verse 3).

Gentiles not excluded

Continuing in verse 5: "And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum [where He lived] (Matthew 4:13), apparently in His own house, there came unto him a centurion [Gentile captain over 100 Roman soldiers] beseeching him, and saying, Lord,

my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

"And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it."

"When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel... And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour" (Matthew 8:5-13).

How God heals

Next we need to UNDERSTAND how God heals. And we need to see, further, how both the Gospel and healing tie together. Both operate on the same principle — one being spiritual, the other physical.

God is the CREATOR. But also He is the Great Designer, Educator and Lawgiver. Whatever God does He does with purpose and with order, according to the principles of His law. There can be no law without a penalty for its transgression.

And God never compromises with His laws or their penalties. Once a law is transgressed a penalty is incurred. Once a penalty is incurred it *must* be paid. God never suspends the penalty.

The biblical definition of SIN is the transgression of LAW (I John 3:4). In the spiritual sense, in connection with the Gospel, the basic law of the Kingdom of God is the *spiritual* law (Romans 7:14) set in inexorable, relentless motion — the law of LOVE, the "GIVE" way of life — the principle of the Ten Commandments. The penalty for transgression is DEATH (Romans 6:23) — eternal death, the absence of eternal life.

All have sinned. And sin sets up an impassable barrier between the sinner and God. The penalty — death — must be paid! God will not compromise a thousandth of an inch on that!

Then how do we get FREE from that penalty? How may we avoid paying it? By the fact that Christ paid it for us. Christ never committed sin. He never brought that penalty on Himself. But, being the actual Maker of all mankind (Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:13-16), His life was greater than the sum total of ALL other human lives. And when He died on the cross, He took our penalty on Himself. He paid the death penalty for all mankind — conditioned on our repentance and

faith. He paid the penalty FOR US, in our stead.

We may be healed by the same principle.

God made man of the dust of the ground (Genesis 2:7). We are composed of matter. He designed our bodies so that they function according to definite physical laws.

In the human body are a number of systems; for example, the digestive system, the respiratory system, the circulatory system, the nervous system, the reproductive system, etc. Each functions separately, yet all work in perfect harmony with each other. They function according to definite physical LAWS. Those laws, when transgressed, exact a PENALTY.

When a person is sick or has contracted a disease, he is simply paying the PENALTY of transgressed physical law in his body.

One may not *himself* have broken a physical law. It could have been an accident. It could have been from a contagious disease contracted without his knowledge. In the case of Job (Job 2:6-7), Satan was the cause of Job's ailments for a special purpose, by God's permission. Nevertheless, sickness and disease are the *penalty* being paid for broken physical law.

God, the great Lawgiver, demands that the *penalty must be paid*! God never compromises that principle! NO HEALING without the penalty having been PAID!

Jesus paid the penalty

So now let's continue in the eighth chapter of Matthew: "When the even was come [sunset, ending that Sabbath day], they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils [demons]; and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias [Isaiah] the prophet, saying, *Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses*" (Matthew 8:16-17). Jesus paid the penalty in our stead.

Like the forgiveness of spiritual sin, God has paid the penalty for us by sending His Son Jesus to suffer the penalty in our stead. The penalty for physical transgression is physical punishment — sickness or disease, physical impairment, pain and suffering or physical death.

Healing does not mean that God *suspends* the penalty so that no penalty is paid. Instead, Jesus has already paid it for us. Therefore God may *legally* remove the penalty from the human sufferer. But it is nonetheless a MIRACLE!

The scripture above quoted says Jesus Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses — but NOT ON THE CROSS. They scourged Jesus, beat Him, break-

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WHY The CHURCH?

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merely according to the strictness of the letter, but according to the spirit—or principal or obvious intent of the law (II Corinthians 3:6).

Purpose and function of Church

Now we come to the purpose and function of the Church of God.

Immediately after the foundation of the Church, the apostles Peter and John performed a sensational healing of a well-known cripple—after which Peter preached to the crowd attracted (Acts 3:1-26). But immediately the priests, captains of the temple and Sadducees threw the apostles into prison overnight (Acts 4:1-3). And the next morning the apostles were brought before the high priest and his family, besides other rulers and dignitaries. They were severely THREATENED and sternly commanded to cease preaching in the name of Christ.

These apostles were human. This experience was unnerving! They went immediately to a company of CHURCH MEMBERS for encouragement, prayer and morale strengthening (Acts 4:23).

These loyal Church brethren "lifted up their voice to God . . ." (Acts 4:24) in united prayer, petitioning God for inspiration and divine power that the apostles might continue boldly proclaiming the message.

Notice here an important function of the Church. The Church lay members did not go forth with the message — they *backed up*, unitedly, the apostles who were charged with THE GREAT COMMISSION. Notice:

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together . . ." (Acts 4:31).

But these Church brethren were able to stand solidly and loyally back of the apostle, because they "were of one heart and of one soul [mind]" (verse 32).

Later, when the savage persecution had set in, the apostle James was martyred. King Herod also had Peter cast into prison, with the intent probably of killing him also (Acts 12:1-4).

"But" (verse 5) "prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him."

The result? God sent an angel to loose the chains that bound Peter, and to lead him secretly out of the prison. Peter fled on to Caesarea.

The prevailing error

At this point it is well to clarify further the most common and universal erroneous belief. It is the assumption that 1) God is desperately waging a contest against Satan, attempting to get every living human "saved." NOW! This assumption must concede that Satan is winning that contest overwhelmingly! But there is NO SUCH CONTEST. Satan has power to do ONLY what God ALLOWS!

2) The corollary to this assumption is an even more tragic belief that has acquired universal acceptance. And that is the fallacy that everyone *not* saved is lost — condemned to an eternal hell fire, which, incidentally, is also a myth. The vast majority are neither saved nor lost. Just not yet JUDGED!

It was our first human progenitor that made the CHOICE. God accepted his decision and pronounced sentence on Adam's world for 6,000 years — except for those God called for some special performance. The 6,000-year sentence is about to expire, and a happy, joyful world of PEACE, with eternal life available to all, is now just around the corner.

Jesus Christ emphatically verified this sentence God pronounced on

the world. He said plainly, "NO MAN CAN come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him . . ." (John 6:44). And none can come to God, except through Him!

So let us clarify once for all time that the purpose of the Church is definitely NOT to preach or persuade the whole world into a spiritual salvation, NOW — before Christ's second coming!

Some have construed the GREAT COMMISSION as being to the Church as a whole — to evangelize and "save" the world — NOW. A large system of missionaries from traditional Christianity has resulted.

Examine now, the three places where the GREAT COMMISSION is explained.

Examine the report of THE GREAT COMMISSION recorded in Matthew 28:

"Now the eleven disciples [Judas already had left them] went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them . . ." To whom? Not the Church as a whole. Only to the disciples who were to become the original APOSTLES! ". . . All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. GO therefore and make disciples [learners — those taught] of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Matthew 28:16-20, RSV).

'One sent forth'

Notice carefully. This GREAT COMMISSION to be SENT FORTH with Christ's Gospel message was given only to those who were apostles, and the word *apostle* means "one sent forth" with the message.

The King James translation of the above has been MISinterpreted by some to imply that ALL the people in every nation were to be converted *then*. The RSV translation, above quoted, makes it clear. Make disciples, students, learners to HEAR the message — *within* all nations.

The AV (King James version) has: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them . . ." The sense is, teach *within* all nations, NOT teaching every individual. And "baptizing them" can refer ONLY to those God specially called, since Christ said plainly, "NO MAN CAN come to me, except the Father which sent me draw him."

Now examine Mark's account of THE GREAT COMMISSION. Most translations from the original Greek text into English OMIT verses 9 to 20, saying these verses were NOT INSPIRED, and were added at a later date by uninspired editors. Even so, the RSV does quote these verses in finer type, as follows:

"And he said to them [the 11 apostles], Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation." That is, announce the GOOD NEWS of the coming Kingdom of God. Continue: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved . . ." But Jesus plainly said NO MAN could come to Christ — believe — except those specially called by the Father!

Notice now the King James translation: "Afterward he [Jesus] appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat . . . And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved . . ." (Mark 16:14-16). Of course NONE could believe and be baptized EXCEPT those God the Father specially called. So there is NOWHERE ANY CONTRADICTION. The GREAT COMMISSION was given

to the APOSTLES — those "sent forth" with the message — NOT the lay members of the Church.

Called to a special service

What then? Did not the lay members have any part in proclaiming the Gospel? Definitely they did, as we have seen. Their part was to *back up* the apostles — stand behind them with their prayers, encouragement, tithes and offerings. They are PART OF A WELL-ORGANIZED TEAM, as we shall show in more detail.

And there is NO EVIDENCE in either Matthew's account or Mark's, that any were to be baptized EXCEPT those God the Father had called to a special service. NOTHING contradicts the fact that God had withdrawn His Holy Spirit from ALL, EXCEPT those specially called.

Now notice the account in Matthew 24. This is in the form of a prophecy, for our present living generation:

The AV has, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end [of this age] come" (Matthew 24:14).

The RSV is the same in meaning: "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

Church an organized body

Is the Church of God merely a scattered, isolated number of professing Christians, each going his own way to get out the Gospel or, as many believe, to get his personal salvation and eternal life?

Jesus Christ specially called His disciples, trained them to become His apostles. TO THEM — the apostles, the ones "sent forth" with His Gospel message — He gave THE GREAT COMMISSION — a *whole* to the body of the Church as a whole.

But WHAT OF GOD'S CHURCH? HOW ORGANIZED? It is a spiritual organism — but also it is WELL ORGANIZED, as we shall now see.

The Church is the begotten family or household of God (Ephesians 2:19). "And are built upon the FOUNDATION of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone" (Ephesians 2:20).

It is, continues verse 21, like a "building fitly framed together [which] groweth unto an holy TEMPLE in the Lord."

It is the TEMPLE to which Christ shall come at His second coming in GLORY! It is that body of Christ that is the affianced BRIDE of Christ, to be married to Him (as the old covenant was a marriage) when He returns.

In Ephesians, "... Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it . . . That he might present it to himself a GLORIOUS CHURCH . . ." (Ephesians 5:25-27) in the resurrection!

Of that same marriage, "... Alleluia! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the MARRIAGE of the Lamb [Christ] is come, and his wife [the resurrected glorified Church] hath made herself ready" (Revelation 19:6-7).

It is not only a SPIRITUAL ORGANISM — it is a well-organized ORGANIZATION. Notice I Corinthians 12:

"... Brethren, I would not have you ignorant" (I Corinthians 12:1). "But now are they many members, YET BUT ONE BODY" (verse 20).

But it is a well-ORGANIZED body. "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all . . . But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, divid-



TEXAS VISIT — Herbert W. Armstrong emerges from his jet after a flight to address the Big Sandy, Tex., congregation Aug. 5 (inset). (Photos by Paul Patterson and David J. McKee)

ing to every man severally as he will. For as the body is ONE . . ." (united, organized into cooperative teamwork — not scattered individuals, each claiming to serve God in his own way).

Repeating, "For as the body is ONE, and hath many members, and all the members of that ONE BODY, being many, are ONE BODY: so also is Christ. For by ONE SPIRIT are we all baptized into one body . . ." (verses 4 to 13).

Continuing in verse 25, "That there should be no schism [division] in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another" (that is, outgoing concern and love).

Continuing in verse 28, "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues."

Now back to Ephesians. What about the member who GOES OUT OF THE CHURCH to have his own relationship with Christ, to GET his own salvation? He is OUTSIDE the body of Christ!

Notice, again, the "household of God" — THE CHURCH — is built upon a FOUNDATION. Would one build a BUILDING on a foundation of shifting sand? God's Church is "built upon the FOUNDATION of the apostles [New Testament], and prophets [Old Testament, whose prophecies are for us TODAY — I Corinthians 10:11], Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone" (Ephesians 2:19-20).

HOW WELL ORGANIZED? "In whom all the building [the Church] fitly framed together groweth unto an holy TEMPLE in the Lord" (verse 21).

Again, "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love" (Ephesians 4:16).

Yes, Christ ORGANIZED His Church.

"And his gifts were, that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers" (Ephesians 4:11, RSV). "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith, and

of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12-13).

What about a single member — a "joint" or "part" — going off by himself or following a MAN instead of the CHURCH OF GOD that is in direct continuous succession from the apostolic Church founded by Christ A.D. 31? He is like a joint or piece of wood or stone, "entirely outside of, and therefore NO PART of the BODY OF CHRIST that shall MARRY Christ!"

We have seen that Christ gave the lay body of the Church the SPECIAL MISSION to *back up* his apostles in their GOING FORTH with the Gospel to the world — with their prayers, encouragement, tithes and offerings.

But this GIVING of their prayers, encouragement and financial support was GOD'S ASSIGNMENT — *as the very means* of developing in them God's holy, righteous character — that they, with the apostles and evangelists, may qualify to RULE with and under Christ in God's Kingdom. This *very means* of character development within the laity IS THE WAY OF GIVING — not Satan's way of GETTING.

God's way — the way of His law — IS GIVING of outflowing LOVE. It is the GIVING way. The person who tries to be an individual separate Christian, to get his own salvation, is going at it the GETTING way — Satan's way. And I would not want to try to get myself into God's Kingdom by Satan's way.

Notice again WHY God set apostles, evangelists, pastors and other elders in His Church NOT ONLY for the work of the ministry, being SENT FORTH into all the world announcing Christ's message of HOPE. Read it again: It was "For the perfecting of the saints . . . for the edifying [enlightening, instructing] of the body of Christ: TILL we all come in the UNITY of the faith, and of the KNOWLEDGE of the Son of God, unto a perfect man . . ."

But cannot a single separate individual EDEIFY HIMSELF, *outside* of the Church? Not likely — and THAT IS NOT GOD'S WAY.

How does God infuse HIS TRUTH into the Church? NOT through each individual separately — but through the apostles and other ministers under them.

In the time of the first apostles — (See WHY THE CHURCH, page 7).

WHY The CHURCH?

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first century — the Bible was not yet completely written. God used a very few prophets, through whom he communicated. The prophets gave the message to an apostle. Today the Bible is complete. God has used no prophets in the Church in our time.

However, the laity of the Church received their teaching and instruction from the apostles. The original 12 had been taught by Christ in person — and so also had Paul. Jesus Christ was the *personal* Word of God. The Bible is the *written* Word of God. It's all the precise same TRUTH and TEACHING, whether from Jesus in person, when on earth or from the written Word of God. God's apostle for our day was taught by the written Word of God — the SAME IDENTICAL TEACHING!

But what of the separated individual believer, who tries to get his salvation all by himself or by following some man or any of hundreds of professing Christian denominations of our day? He is CUT OFF from that TRUE teaching, which Christ reveals to and through His apostle!

What if one in the Church disagrees on some point of doctrine? Then he is out of harmony with God's Church. And GOD HAS ONLY THE ONE CHURCH.

And all in the Church are commanded to speak the same thing — and it *must* be what CHRIST, either in person or by written Word, has taught His apostle.

To the church at Corinth, the apostle Paul wrote: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Some of them wanted to follow Peter, some wanted to follow Apollos, some Paul. But PAUL was their apostle and Christ taught them by PAUL.

The separated individual believer will follow his own idea of God's truth. THAT IS NOT GOD'S WAY.

God in His almighty wisdom, has

raised up the CHURCH, as His MEANS of teaching all the SAME TRUTH — all speaking the SAME THING! Not each individual his own thing!

God raised up the CHURCH, not only that its apostles and evangelists go into all the world announcing the GOOD NEWS of the coming Kingdom of God, but also as the very means for the general body of lay members to develop God's own holy righteous CHARACTER — by means of *GIVING* — giving their continuous prayers for the apostle, giving their encouragement, tithes and offerings.

WHAT then, of the person who follows after a man outside the Church or tries to get his salvation simply by GETTING and not GIVING that which members are to give to the Church's Work? Consider Jesus' parable of the pounds in Luke 19. The pound is the British unit of money. Jesus illustrated Himself giving each member, on conversion, one pound — representing the Holy Spirit given at conversion. But the Christian MUST grow in grace and Christ's knowledge. As he does, by GIVING in the Church, he receives an increasing amount of God's Spirit. The isolated, separated member will probably LOSE OUT (see Luke 19:20-24).

Why the Church?

Finally, WHY the Church? WHY did not Christ just "save" separated individuals? What is the REAL PURPOSE of the CHURCH?

Like most everything in the Bible, the purpose and function of the Church has been grossly misunderstood. The entire world has been deceived by Satan (Revelation 12:9).

Jesus had not come on a soul-saving crusade. The most widespread false assumption of all is that Christ is contesting against Satan to "get everybody saved now!" And with it, the supposition that all not saved are "LOST" — condemned! They are neither. They are not yet

JUDGED!

But in Adam, by his decision, all humanity has been *sentenced* to 6,000 years of being completely cut off from God! That is, all except the comparative very few specifically called for a special mission.

Jesus Christ, I repeat, emphatically verified this 6,000-year sentence (John 6:44). No scripture can or does contradict that plain statement of Jesus.

Jesus called, chose, and for 3½ years trained His apostles to become, with Him and the prophets, the FOUNDATION on which the Church was built. Also He set the example, those 3½ years, for His apostles, in proclaiming (announcing) the coming KINGDOM of GOD. Then Christ died for the sins of humanity and was resurrected and ascended to God's throne in heaven.

On the day of Pentecost A.D. 31 He sent the Holy Spirit in a great manifestation, both visible and audible, to found His Church.

On that day of Pentecost, it was Peter, chief apostle, who proclaimed the Gospel message — and God ADDED 3,000 baptized that same day.

A day or so later — very possibly the very next day — Peter and John healed the cripple and Peter preached the Gospel. God ADDED another 2,000 to the Church.

It is significant, and generally unrealized, that neither Jesus nor the apostles embarked on any soul-saving crusade, which is a modern Protestant practice. The apostles, as Jesus had done, proclaimed the Gospel — the GOOD NEWS of a coming BETTER WORLD. It was not an emotional pleading, "Won't you give your heart to the Lord?"

True, because unbelieving Jews did not accept Jesus as their promised Messiah, the apostles, at first, put special emphasis on the fact they were eyewitnesses to Jesus' Messiahship and resurrection! They had been with Him 3½ years before He was crucified, and 40 days after He rose from the dead.

But they did proclaim the same message Jesus had taught them — the coming Kingdom of God. It was not a begging for souls. "... The Lord added to the Church such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47).

When the apostles met with fierce persecution, imprisonment and threat, the laity of the Church ENCOURAGED them, prayed heart-rendingly for them, supported them financially.

So, let the truth be clarified once and for all, the PURPOSE of the Church was NOT to "get the world saved now!"

God's PURPOSE in raising up His Church, in a world otherwise CUT OFF from God, was dual:

1) To provide a united body of Spirit-led believers to back up the apostles (and evangelists) who had been specially trained to GO FORTH into all the world with Christ's Gospel message. ALL this, as *their part* in THE GREAT COMMISSION. Theirs was a WORK of *GIVING*, giving of their prayers, their encouragement and financial support of the ORGANIZED Gospel WORK. And this is GOD'S means of, and the training ground for:

2) The overcoming of Satan, and the constant development of that holy, righteous CHARACTER — thus qualifying them to sit with Christ on the throne of earthwide GOVERNMENT.

GOD'S WAY of developing His holy character was THE *GIVING* WAY. GOD's way of life is the GIVING way of outgoing LOVE. Satan's way is incoming self-advantage — hostility to God's way and to His Church.

Those who allow an attitude of hostility and rebellion against God's Church — and God's GOVERNMENT within His Church — to cause them to leave, and go it alone or follow a MAN, are seeking merely to GET salvation FOR THE SELF! That is NOT God's WAY!

The GLORY on beyond

Happily, the 6,000-year sentence on Adam's world — being cut off

from God, is due to END in our present living generation. This world now — still Satan's world except for God's CHURCH — is fast plunging into the supreme CRISIS of world tribulation. But it is said to be "dark-est just before dawn!"

Then, SUDDENLY, when least expected by the cut-off world, Jesus Christ will come in supreme supernatural POWER AND GLORY! Yes, "at such an hour as ye think not," said Jesus.

His CHURCH will have been made ready!

"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent [precede] them that are asleep [dead]. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17). He is coming to RULE ALL THE EARTH!

Then shall be fulfilled Revelation 19:6-7, the mighty voice of the archangel shouting, "ALLELUIA! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice." The Church, resurrected in GLORY, shall reign with Christ a thousand years!

Satan will be banished. God will call ALL LIVING to His salvation. After the millennium shall come the GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT (Revelation 20:11-12) when all who had been cut off from God for 6,000 years shall be resurrected MORTAL — and all called to God's salvation and eternal life!

Then, the glorious eternity beyond — all saints then immortal, inheriting the transcendent human potential — RENEWING THE FACE OF ALL DECAYED PLANETS, FINISHING THE GLORIOUS BEAUTIFUL CREATION THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE ENDLESS UNIVERSE — in happiness, joy and GLORY!

Stan Rader transcript on 'Quest'

Herbert W. Armstrong and Stanley Rader, general counsel to Mr. Armstrong, traveled to Phoenix, Ariz., July 29 for Sabbath services. Mr. Armstrong's sermon was taped for a future World Tomorrow telecast following an address by Mr. Rader on the subject of Quest magazine. Excerpts from Mr. Rader's comments are reprinted here.

When we established Quest, we had certain ideas in mind. We thought it would be a good idea if we would be able to establish the finest magazine in the country without a religious message. We already knew that we had the finest religious magazine in the world — *The Plain Truth*. And we knew that with all of our other efforts — television, radio included, and all of our booklets, *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News* — there were people in the world, particularly in the United States, we could not reach with our religious publications.

We felt it necessary to reach those people — to at least make them aware of the Worldwide Church of God.

And we felt one way to do that would be to make them aware of the publisher of the finest secular magazine in the world was the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation [AICF], of which Mr. Armstrong of course is the chairman and founder. (Naturally, we never hide the fact that the primary financial support of the foundation comes from the Worldwide Church of God.) The reasoning was the finest

magazine in the United States would be closely identified, of course, with the publisher, AICF. In turn, everyone would know the Worldwide Church of God was responsible for it.

Now we have accomplished all of that. As a matter of fact, that's exactly what took place. Quest has been established and it is a success. It is so successful in doing what it was supposed to do, two of the major television networks have approached us just because they picked up the rumor that maybe Quest would be for sale. They want to buy because they want to make Quest the flagship of their publishing empires.

Each of those two companies has very substantial publishing holdings, but they don't have a magazine like Quest.

Now, to remind you of what we intended to do with Quest in addition to making it the best magazine of its kind, we also should perhaps keep in mind what we did not intend to do. We did not intend to reach any group of people in the biblical idiom, nor did we intend to reach them with a biblical message directly.

We were looking more at Quest as a public relations vehicle, as I described, so that people would be more aware of the Worldwide Church of God.

We knew that there would be some difficulty when we began to publish a secular magazine. We knew that some Church members would not understand what appeared to them to be differences in philosophy, differences in approach, even maybe differences in those things that might be understood as being basic principles:

But we thought the ministry as a whole would be able to clear that up. We knew that there might be some confusion, and certainly there was.

I recognized these things before, as did Mr. Armstrong, because they were easily predictable. Just as it was predictable that there was a great risk in trying to establish a new magazine, because only about 10 new magazines a year survive out of 400 efforts. We also knew we were taking, what I have called, a leap of faith into a void unoccupied by any other publication in the world when we went ahead with a magazine in the secular field. A magazine, mind you, that was attempting to strengthen spiritual, intellectual and other important cultural educational bonds between peoples everywhere.

And we didn't want to emphasize the bad things in life. We wanted to emphasize the good things in life.

Notwithstanding what I've just said, notwithstanding Mr. Armstrong's awareness of the problems or my awareness of the problems, I knew from the very first issue that it was going to be much worse. Not because of what was contained in the issue, not because of the article content, not because of the cover, not because of the advertisements, not because of the photographs and not because of any other illustration or caption or headline or subhead. I knew immediately within several days because, by coincidence, I had to go to New York on business for the Church.

When I arrived, I met a Church member whom Mr. Armstrong and I know quite well. When he met me,

he was delighted. He said: "Mr. Rader, I can't tell you how happy I am. I can't tell you how pleased I am. I just received my first copy of Quest." And then he said, "But I have to tell you, Mr. Rader, I have to wait to the weekend to read it because I haven't had a chance to study it."

And I said, "Please don't study it. It's not a textbook. It's not designed for a classroom. It's not to take the place of the Bible or your correspondence course. It is intended to amuse, entertain and inform, in a very general way, some people. Please don't study it."

But I knew then there would be grave problems, because if people thought that the idea of a magazine of that nature was to study it, it would be a disaster for the Church.

At any rate, we have suffered with the problem. Last December, before Mr. Armstrong's return to Pasadena for the annual board meeting, I went to him and told him there were a good number of people within the Church, I had been led to believe, who did not understand Quest. And there was a certain number of the ministers who did not understand Quest. Consequently, because of that, coupled with the fact it appeared the magazine was costing more than the financial people in the Church had anticipated, I recommended to him that sooner or later we think of divesting ourselves of the magazine.

And that's exactly what he told the board members about the 3rd day of January, that we would give the magazine a year. We would then take another look at it to see whether we could make people within the Church understand what it was all about, so there would be no problems, and to see what the financial results would be.

Mr. Armstrong and I looked at it again during the spring and he decided we weren't able to promise we would be able to make the Church people understand what the purpose of the magazine was.

He then told me, "Let's get the Church out of it as quickly as possible." So what I've done in a very short period of time — actually three weeks — is to eliminate all of the Church participation in the management of the magazine on a day-by-day basis.

There is some hope more and more people within the Church will better understand what the magazine is about, while we're in this process of seeing it is sold to the best possible buyer. And by that, I don't only mean that we're going to try to sell it to somebody for the most money. We're going to try to maximize the recovery in terms of dollars and cents, but we want the magazine to be taken on by somebody who will have the same respect for its editorial values.

The magazine is recognized all over the United States by knowledgeable people in the industry and by a certain number of people who do subscribe to it. And we don't want the magazine to just simply perish. We don't want someone to take it and distort it because it will continue, even in other hands, to bear Mr. Armstrong's name as founder of the magazine. And it will continue to play a very important role, I think, in the cultural life of the United States. I think that is significant.

I know that during this next year we will find more and more evidence... that truly this is the end time. We do have a great mission ahead of us, which of course, is to make people more and more aware of the message.

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