

GHI 260 Religious Cultism

In GHI 260 you will become informed on the distinctive characteristics of both the major cults active in America and of many minor groups, some of which have appeared recently. As the foundation of this course on religious cultism, you will be made aware of the cult mentality as a psychological phenomenon. You will also be introduced to the ways in which modern culture creates cult vulnerability, and the ways in which the Church must respond to these factors. GHI 260 uses the definition of cultism that conforms to the biblical teaching on revelation, inspiration, and authority. When you have completed this course, you will be equipped to confront the cultist in a redemptive way. You will also be aware of the materials that can be used in a teaching ministry that protects believers from modern religious cultism.

Credit hours: 2

Text: Larson, Bob. Larson's Book of Cults. Wheaton: Tyndale House, 1985.

Assigned reading: Roger Chambers, "Christianity and the Cults," Seminary Review (XXVII, No. 4; Dec. 1981):133-164.

Research paper:

You will be responsible for a research paper on one of the cults included in the agenda of GHI 260. Exceptions must be approved by the instructor. Size: Not less than 2500 words. Selection of a topic should be made as early as possible. This paper will be due at the hour at which the class holds its last regular meeting. Style: Turabian, Fourth Edition. End notes permitted. This paper must go beyond the material contained in class lectures. Submit two copies, one to be graded and returned, one to be retained by the instructor.

Grading standard: Major examinations 50%
Research paper 50%

The final grade is subject to adjustment in consideration of other factors.

Teacher: Roger R. Chambers

Agenda:

- Session 1: Cults, A Definition; the Cult Mentality; Cultic Conversion.
- Session 2: Mormonism
- Session 3: Jehovah's Witnesses
- Session 4: Armstrongism (Worldwide Church of God)
- Session 5: Unification Church of Sun Myung Moon
- Session 6: Christian Science
- Session 7: Seventh Day Adventism
- Session 8: Transcendental-Hinduistic Cults
- Session 9: Scientology; Minor Cults

CULTS, A DEFINITION

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B. Definition

1. Common bases of definition
 - a. Departure from "major doctrines of orthodox Christianity."
 1. Source of authority
 2. Doctrine of Jesus
 3. Doctrine of man
 4. Doctrine of salvation
 5. (Eschatology)
 - b. Objectionable methodology
 1. Secular commercial ventures or politics
 2. Anti-family
 3. Deceptive recruiting and conversion techniques
 4. Requiring blind obedience
 5. Ignores obligations to society
 - c. Age, i.e., old cuts become churches
 2. Biblical basis of definition: Inspiration and revelation
 - a. The Bible as the final revelation
 - b. The inability of cult figures to accredit their claims by apostolic signs and wonders; hence, the necessity of persuasion by powerful personality and the use of manipulative conversion techniques.

C. The Cult Mentality

1. Cultural vulnerability
 - a. Subjectivism
 - b. Anti-intellectualism
 - (1) philosophical
 - (2) simple intellectual laziness
 - c. Desire for the novel, dramatic, nontraditional
 - d. Loneliness and isolation
 - e. Inadequacy and failure
 - f. Philosophical meaninglessness
2. Cultic exploitation of cultural vulnerability
 - a. Removal of pressure to think
 - b. Inner-confirmation (some)
 - c. Creation of an "in" group
 - d. Regimented activism.
 - e. Call for overwhelming commitment
 - f. Creation of conviction of importance or superiority
 - g. Catching people at particularly vulnerable times
 - (1) youth
 - (2) family breakup
 - (3) death
 - (4) personal crisis

D. Cultic Conversion

1. Phase One: Impression Management
 - a. Warm indulgence
 - (1) Overwhelming introductory experience; positive image
 - (2) Unconditional, enthusiastic, acceptance of prospective member (e.g., "love bombing")
 - b. The Promise
 - (1) Reference to basic societal, religious, or personal problem
 - (2) Promise of solutions/answers *usually vague and general)
 - c. Validation of the Promise
 - (1) Testimony of members
 - (2) Often the staging of demonstrations
2. Phase Two: "Grooming"
 - a. Encouragement to stay with group in some way
 - b. Preliminary isolation from family and friends
 - c. Intense interaction within the group
3. Phase Three: Indoctrination
 - a. Appeal to novelty
 - b. Difficult Scripture texts exploited (with some cults)
4. Phase Four: Action, i.e., a commitment of the magnitude that forbids recantation. (The prospect is "hooked.")
5. Phase Five: Commitment Maintenance
 - a. Isolation from outside world
 - b. Intellectual isolation
 - c. Persecution complex
 - d. Warnings against defection
 - e. Exhaustive activity
 - f. Creation of dependence upon the group

E. A Biblical Response to Cultism

1. The restoration of objective theology and soteriology
2. Emphasis on the non-innovative character of the Restoration Movement
3. Restoration of legitimate, biblical, absolutism
4. The return to genuine, substantive, teaching to centrality in the life of the Church
5. The restoration of the doctrine of commitment
6. Meeting the legitimate emotional needs of the people

F. Evangelizing the Cultist

1. Know his beliefs.
2. Be as positive as possible.
3. Use the Bible (where the cultists believes in the Bible)
4. Take a warm, personal, interest.
5. Be aware that many cultists are genuinely brainwashed.

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B. Cultic Authority

1. Prophet Joseph Smith (b.1805)

a. The heavenly vision of 1820.

b. Visitations culminating in 1827, "golden plates" translated into Book of Mormon.

c. Theories of origin of the Book of Mormon

(1) Joseph Smith

(2) Sidney-Rigdon-Spaulding Manuscript

2. Trilogy

a. Book of Mormon

b. Doctrines and Covenants

c. Pearl of Great Price (The Book of Abraham)

3. The inner witness ("Burning in the Bosom") prescribed in Moroni 10

General History

1. Joseph Smith in New York

2. The Mormons in Kirtland, Ohio

3. The Call to Missouri (1831)

4. Nauvoo, Illinois and the dream of Mormon Empire

5. The death of the Prophet and the splintering of Mormonism

a. Brighamites to Salt Lake, Utah

b. Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints, Independence, Missouri

6. The modern Mormon Empire

D. Distinctive Doctrines

1. Man-become-God (See "Mormon Plan of Eternal Progression")

2. Polygamy

3. Inspiration; the Mormon view of the Bible

4. Priesthood

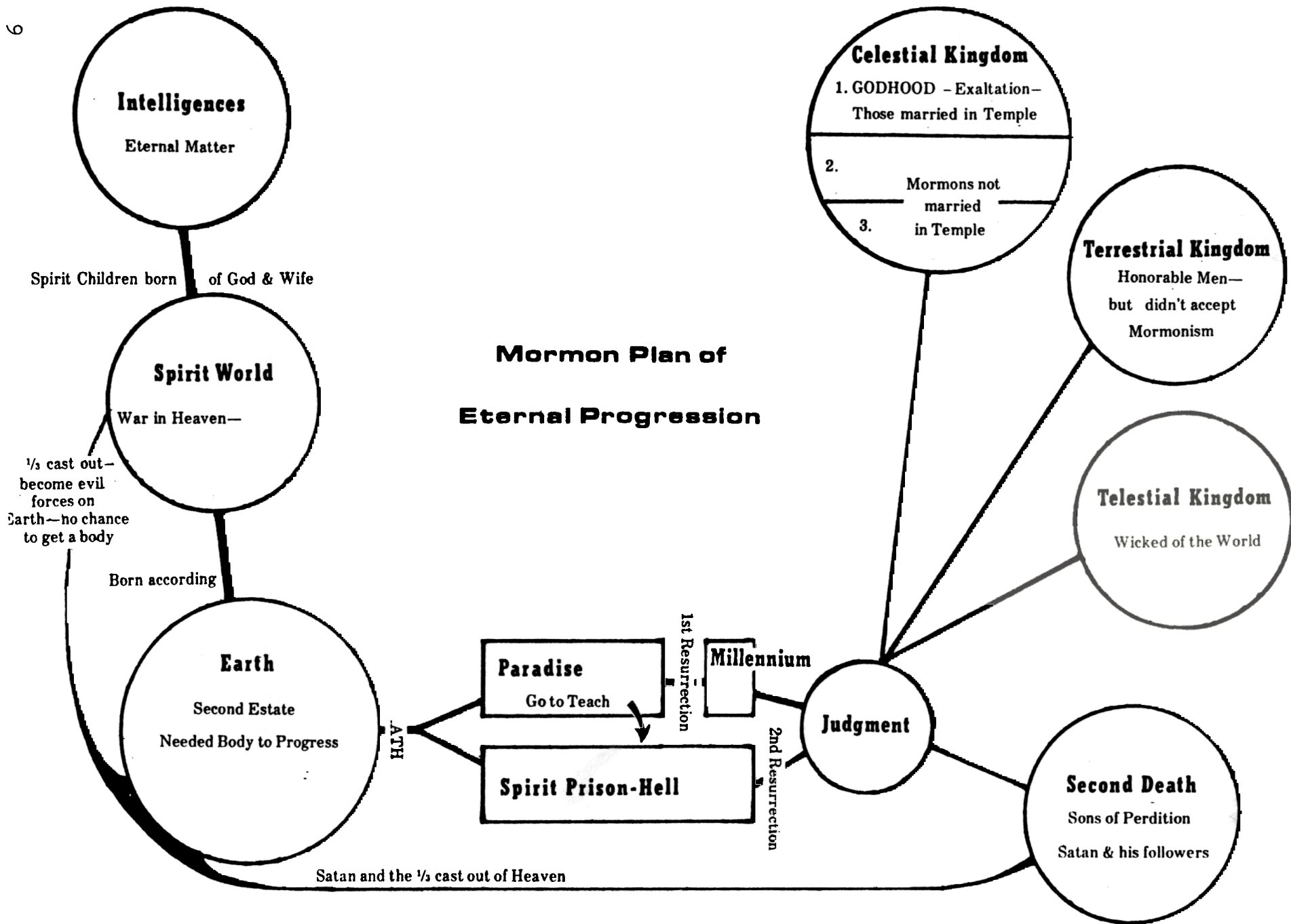
5. Baptism for the dead

6. Atonement

E. A biblical response to Mormonism

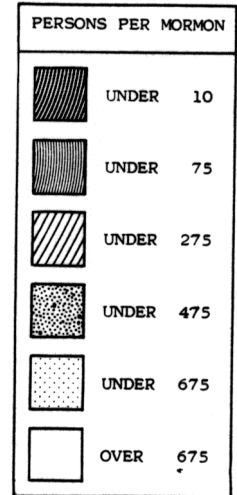
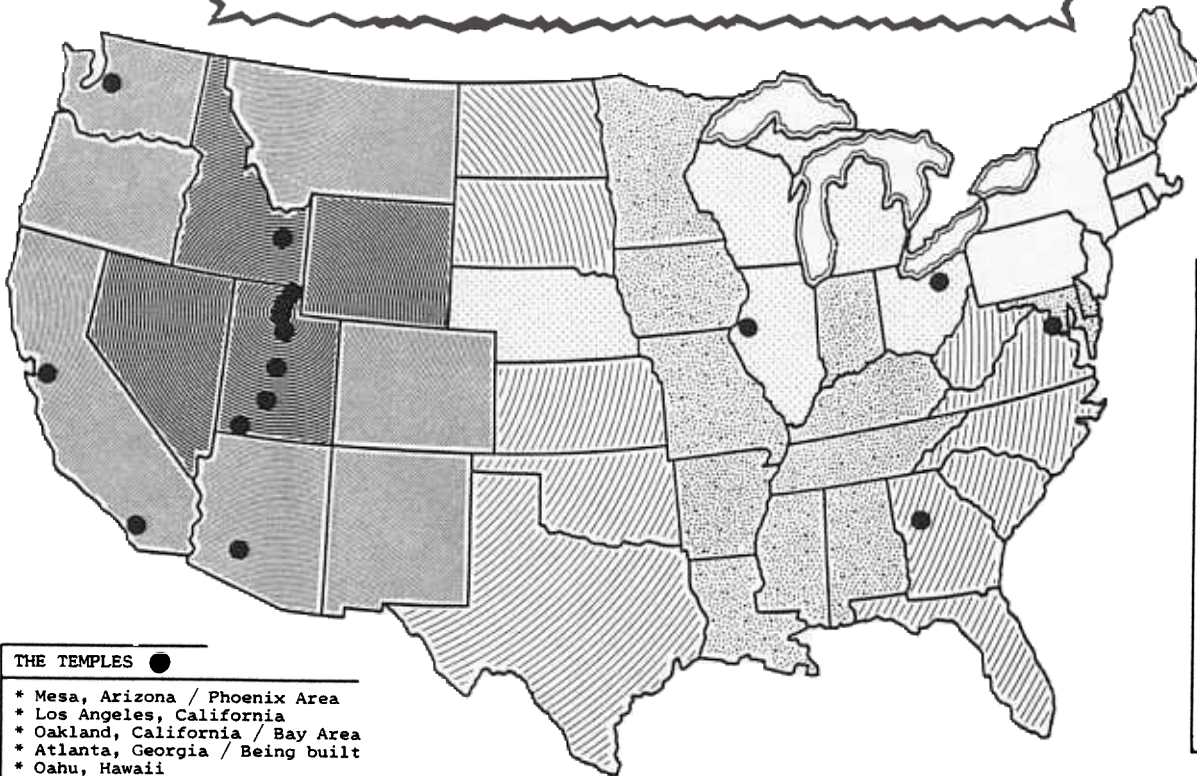
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THE MORMONS: WHERE ARE THEY ?

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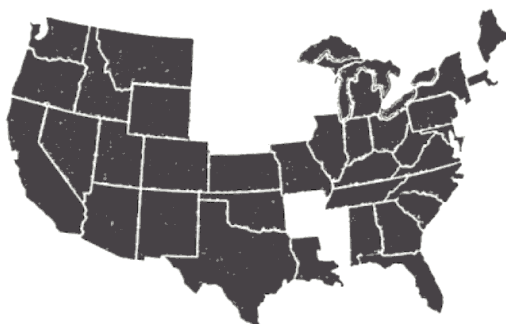
THE TEMPLES

- * Mesa, Arizona / Phoenix Area
- * Los Angeles, California
- * Oakland, California / Bay Area
- * Atlanta, Georgia / Being built
- * Oahu, Hawaii
- * Idaho Falls, Idaho
- * Nauvoo, Illinois
- * Kensington, Maryland / Washington, D.C. Area
- * Kirtland, Ohio / Cleveland Area
- * Jordan, Logan, Manti, Provo, Ogden, St. George & Salt Lake City, Utah

RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES			
Group	Rank	%/RW*	%/Pop
MORMONS	12	2%	1%
CH CH & CH of CH	22	1%	0.5%
Roman Catholic		40%	23%
Protestant		50%	29%
Cults		8%	5%

*RW: Religious World

33 STATES WITH



OVER 10,000 MORMONS

STATISTICAL SUMMARY			Stakes	Temples	Persons Per Mormon	Persons Per Mormon Under					
State	Population	Mormons				10	75	275	475	675	Plus
Ala	3,444,165	9,491	3		363				363		
Alas	302,173	9,070	1		33		33				
Ariz	1,772,482	128,789	33	T	14		14				
Ark	1,923,295	6,500	1		296				296		
Cal	19,953,134	391,048	113	2T	51		51				
Col	2,207,259	47,749	13		46		46				
Con	3,031,709	4,343	1		698						698
Del	548,104	1,581	1		347				347		
Fld	6,789,443	32,200	12		211			211			
Geo	4,589,575	17,192	7	T	267			267			
Haw	769,913	28,132	10	T	274			274			
Ida	713,008	228,902	67	T	3	3					
Ill	11,113,976	21,375	5	T	520					520	
Ind	5,193,669	15,750	5		330				330		
Iowa	2,825,041	7,239	3		390				390		
Kan	2,249,071	9,138	2		246		246				
Ken	3,219,311	10,690	3		301				301		
Lou	3,641,306	9,862	4		369				369		
Maine	993,663	3,814	1		261			261			
Mary	3,922,399	12,460	2	T	315				315		
Mass	5,689,170	6,203	1		917					917	
Mich	8,875,083	17,173	7		517					517	
Minn	3,805,069	8,318	3		457				457		
Miss	2,216,912	7,252	2		306				306		
Misso	4,677,399	15,915	6		294				294		
Mont	694,409	25,507	7		27		27				
Neb	1,483,791	6,610	2		574					574	
Nev	488,738	51,506	17		9	9					
NH	737,681	2,780	1		265			265			
NJ	7,168,164	7,068	2		1014					1014	
NM	1,016,000	27,662	7		37		37				
NY	18,241,266	17,713	8		1029					1029	
NC	5,082,059	18,965	7		268			268			
ND	617,761	2,365	1		261			261			
Ohio	10,652,017	20,849	6	T	511				511		
Okla	2,559,253	12,005	5		213			213			
Ore	2,091,385	66,414	20		31	31					
Penn	11,793,909	15,670	4		753					753	
RI	949,723	891	1		1066					1066	
SC	2,590,516	11,742	5		221			221			
SD	666,257	4,117	1		162			162			
Tenn	3,923,687	10,396	4		377				377		
Texas	11,196,730	57,485	19		195			195			
Utah	1,059,273	907,866	255	7T	1.17	1.17					
Ver	444,732	1,868	1		238				238		
Vir	4,648,484	23,838	10		195				195		
Wash	3,409,169	90,076	23	T	38		38				
WV	1,744,237	9,399	1		186				186		
Wisc	4,417,933	7,063	2		627					627	
Wyom	332,416	36,230	11		9	9					

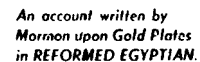
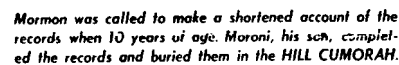
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THE ARTICLES OF FAITH
of The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints

1. We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression.
3. We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.
4. We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.
5. We believe that a man must be called of God, by prophecy, and by the laying on of hands, by those who are in authority to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.
6. We believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive Church, viz., apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc.
7. We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing interpretation of tongues, etc.
8. We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.
9. We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.
10. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes; that Zion will be built upon this (the American) continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth; and, that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory.
11. We claim the privilege of worshiping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may.
12. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers and magistrates, in obeying, honoring, and sustaining the law.
13. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul--We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.
--Joseph Smith.

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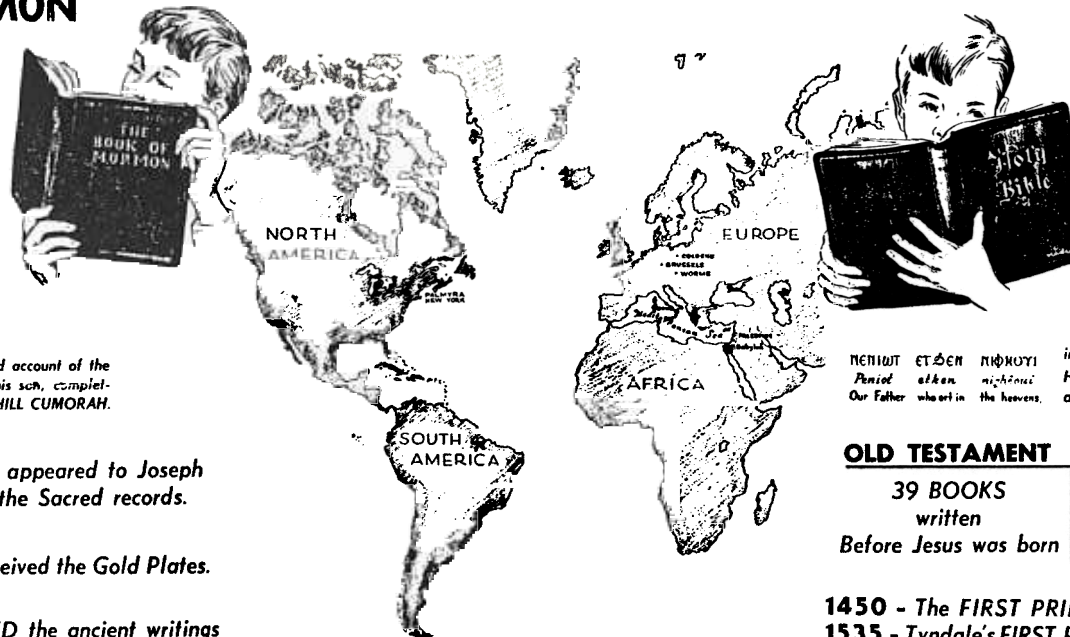
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SEPT. 21, 1823 - Moroni appeared to Joseph Smith and revealed to him the Sacred records.

SEPT. 22, 1827 - *Joseph received the Gold Plates.*



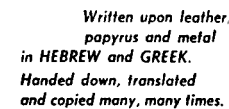
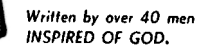
1830 — *The first BOOK OF MORMON was printed at PALMYRA, New York.*



*The Book of Mormon
contains the
Commandments of God to us*

***The Bible contains
the Commandments
of God to us***

tells of **GOD'S PEOPLE
WHO ONCE LIVED ON THE
EASTERN CONTINENT** *near
the shores of the Mediterranean Sea.*



OLD TESTAMENT NEW TESTAMENT

39 BOOKS
written

Before Jesus was born

27 BOOKS
written

After Jesus was born



1450 - The **FIRST PRINTING PRESS** invented.
1535 - Tyndale's **FIRST PRINTED BIBLE** in English.
1539 - The **Great Bible**.
1568 - The **Bishop's Bible**.
1611 - The **KING JAMES AUTHORIZED VERSION**.



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CRUCIAL DATES IN MORMON HISTORY

1813-1814: Sidney Rigdon takes great interest in Spaulding's romantic novel of Israelite Indians.

1815: The Smith family moves to Palmyra, NY in the "Burnt-Over District"; the Spaulding manuscript disappears from the print shop in Pittsburgh.

1820: Smith prays in the woods and is told by two personages that all existing religions are false. (This is told in retrospect.)

1821: Rigdon meets Alexander Campbell.

1823: Joseph Smith, often looking for lost treasure; works for W. H. Sabin, where Spaulding's daughter is now living; Smith learns of the manuscript. (In later telling Moroni the angel appears to Smith in this year; told in 1843.)

1825: Rigdon leans toward the Campbell-Stone movement while he works on the Spaulding manuscript. Smith is at the height of his glory as an imposter.

1826: Rigdon joins the Campbell-Stone movement. Late in the year Harris, Smith, et al. meet in private. They call themselves the "Golden Bible Company."

1827: Rigdon begins to preach Mormon doctrines. Smith begins his pretended translation of the "golden plates."

1830: The Book of Mormon comes from the press. First Mormon Church organized at Manchester, NY (Known as the Church of Christ for the first four years.) Rigdon denounces the Campbell-Stone movement. Smith assumes the title: Seer, Translator, Prophet, Apostle of Jesus Christ, and Elder of the Church through the Will of God . . .

1831: Mormons move to Kirtland, Ohio. Joseph Smith leads a party to Independence, Missouri and locates the site of the "Temple of Zion" near the court house. Names it as the site of the "original Garden of Eden."

1835: Smith purchases the Chandler manuscripts and "translates" the Book of Abraham (in Pearl of Great Price).

1838: Smith, Rigdon, et al. forced to flee Kirtland when their bank collapses. "Spiritual wifery" (polygamy) announced as the plan of God. Mormons driven from Missouri.

1840: Commerce, Illinois renamed Nauvoo. (The third "Zion.")

1842: Smith joins Masons and steals their rituals, symbols, etc.

1843: The practice of polygamy begins

1844: Smith seduces Rigdon's daughter and others. Incensed fathers and husbands start a paper to expose Smith and his in-crowd. Smith sets Danites on his enemies, destroys their press, and forces them to flee Nauvoo. Dr. Foster goes to Carthage and swears out a warrant for Smith. Smith killed by mob that storms the Carthage jail (June 27). The movement divides. Rigdon and Brigham contest for the presidency of the church. Young wins and takes the "Brighamites" west, ultimately to Salt Lake. The Smith family ("Josephites") establish what would be called the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints with headquarters in Independence.

OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF MORMON

Introduction:

- Not a morally wicked book.
- Not a copy of the KJV.
- Best described as an "epic novel."
- Clearly monotheistic (vs. Mormon theology).

I. Opens 600 B.C. in Jerusalem. The prophet Lehi of the tribe of Manassen warns the people of the coming captivity. Lehi is threatened and forced to leave the city. He goes to the Arabian Peninsula. He takes his wife Sariah and his sons Lamen, Lamuel, Sam, and Nephi. They are joined by a man named Ishmael who has daughters for the sons of Lehi to marry

II. God commands this faithful few to build vessels and take provisions and brass plates containing the O.T. They sail to the west coast of the Americas. On their way they read Isaiah and make many specific predictions concerning what would happen later, including details of the ministry of Jesus. (They explain some complicated doctrines of Christ long before He taught them.)

III. The family is divided after the death of Lehi--righteous Nephi vs. not-so-righteous Laman. This is the primary plot of the books, i.e., the wars between the Nephites and the Lamanites. Meanwhile, Christ comes to the New World, teaches, and chooses 12 apostles from among the Nephites.

IV. The Lamanites (dark-skinned) finally destroy the Nephites (A.D. 420). The golden plates of the Nephites are buried by the last surviving Nephite Moroni. The book closes as Moroni seals up the prophecy and goes to his death.

II. The Watchtower Society (Jehovah's Witnesses)

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B. Cultic Authority

1. The Holy Spirit delivers divine revelation through the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society.
2. The New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures
3. Primary works of the Society:
 Charles T. Russell. Studies in Scriptures. Brooklyn: Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, 1886-1917. Seven volumes.
 J.F. Rutherford--33 books written from 1915-1941.
 Anonymous Watchtower publications, such as Let God Be True (1952), This Means Everlasting Life (1950), What Has Religion Done for Mankind? (1953), Make Sure of All Things (revised 1957), Jehovah's Witnesses and the Divine Purpose (1959).

C. General History

1. 1870: Charles Taze Russell took over a Bible class of Millerites; this group conferred on him the title "Pastor."
2. 1879: Russell, using money earned as a successful haberdasher, financed the publication of Zion's Watchtower.
3. 1884: "Zion's Watchtower Tract Society" chartered by Pastor Russell in Pittsburgh.
4. 1886: First of seven volumes published in series titled The Millennial Dawn. (Six written by Russell; the seventh published in 1917.)
5. 1896: The society is renamed The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society.
6. 1917: Joseph Franklin Rutherford assumes leadership of the society. He publishes vol. 7 in Millennial Dawn series: The Finished Mystery. This work caused a split in the society. The main group followed Rutherford, the smaller remained by itself and is known today as "The Dawn Bible Students Association." This group published The Dawn magazine.

7. 1925: Rutherford publishes booklet claiming "Millions now living will never die." 1925 set as the year for the end of the present order of things.
 8. 1931 (July 24-30): At the Columbus, Ohio convention the members of the society begin calling themselves "Jehovah's Witnesses."
 9. 1942: Nathan Homer Knorr assumes leadership of the society.
 10. 1950: New World Translation appears. (Published 1961,)
 11. 1977: Knorr dies; Frederick Franz assumes leadership.
- D. Organization of the Jehovah's Witnesses
 Parent Corporation--The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania (the international society).

U.S. Branch--The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York.

Board of Directors (7)

Branch Servant--over an entire nation, or a group of small nations.

District Servant--over 25 circuits (usually 2 or 3 states)

Circuit Servant--over from 8 to 24 congregations

Congregation--basic unit

Congregational Servants--seven overseers administer each Kingdom Hall.

Pioneers--specially selected and trained door-to-door workers

Congregation or Kingdom Publisher--rank and file; low rung on the ladder.

- E. How One Becomes a Jehovah's Witness
- Step one: Door-to-door visits and publications.
- Step two: The back call, to encourage the person to read the literature left at the first call and to try to get them into a study class.
- Step three: Home study
- Step four: Attend an area book study. (You are now "a person of good will.")
- Step five: Attend a Watchtower Study on Sunday mornings.
- Step six: Attend service meetings to receive instruction in proper methods of speaking, presentation of books, filling out forms, how to get contributions, how to conduct book studies.
- Step seven: Baptism. A public initiation, usually done at circuit assemblies or conventions. A symbol of consecration to the Society. After this, salvation depends on placing books, filling quotas, filing reports, etc.

- F. Major Distinctive Doctrines of the Watchtower Society
1. Arianism (Jesus is Michael the Archangel)
 2. Denial of the bodily resurrection of Jesus
 3. Annihilation of the wicked
 4. Denial of the immortality of the soul
 5. Only the 144,000 will share in the heavenly glory with Jesus, all other JW's will enjoy the blessing of life in a regenerated earth.
 6. The Holy Spirit as an impersonal force
 7. Eschatology:
 - a. 1914--Jesus enthroned in Heaven as the Messianic Kingdom is established.
 - b. 1918--Jesus entered the "spiritual temple" and began to cleanse it. This marked the period of judgment and inspection of His spirit-begotten followers, i.e., those of the 144,000 who had died. In this year the judgment of the nations also began. The people living divided into sheep and goats.
 - c. The Battle of Armageddon--the next great event in history. Dates set for the end of the present order 1914, 1918, 1925, 1929, 1942, 1975, 1983.
 - d. The setting up of the Millennial Kingdom
 - e. The final test or judgment
 - f. The 144,000 remain in heaven in their spirit-bodies for eternity; the rest go to new earth.
 8. Rejection of oaths and blood transfusions
- G. A Biblical Response to Watchtower Theology
1. The deity of Christ: Col. 2:9; I Jo. 5:20; Isa. 9:6; John 5:18; 10:30-33.
 2. O.T. scriptures in which "Jehovah" is applied to Jesus in the N.T.:
 - a. Psalm 102:25-27---Heb. 1:10-12
 - b. Joel 2:28-32-----Acts 2:21; Romans 10:13
 - c. Psalm 23:1-----Jo. 10:11
 - d. Isa. 45:23-----Ro. 14:11
 3. Texts that show that the blood of Jesus takes not only "Adamic guilt," but "personal guilt": Ro. 5:15-17; 8:1; I Jo. 1:7; Eph. 1:7; 2:8; Heb. 9:26
 4. The bodily resurrection of Jesus: Jo. 2:18-22.

Why We Know That Time Is Running Out

Do you realize that these very conditions were foretold centuries ago?
Where? In the Bible.

When the disciples of Jesus Christ asked him, "What will be the sign . . . of the conclusion of the system of things?" he answered by foretelling events that would identify the generation living at the time when God would wipe out this corrupt world. He said that the time just before that would be marked by international war, food shortages, disease epidemics, earthquakes, also increased lawlessness. The Bible also foretold that men would be "ruining the earth." Read this for yourself in your own Bible at Matthew chapters 24 and 25, Luke 21 and Revelation 11:15-18.

But how do we know that we live in the generation of which Jesus spoke? Because people now

living have seen the foretold events take place, all of them, and on a global scale.

Furthermore, Bible prophecy pinpoints the year 1914 as one of great significance. That is why, over thirty years before that date, Jehovah's witnesses, careful students of the Bible, widely announced this.

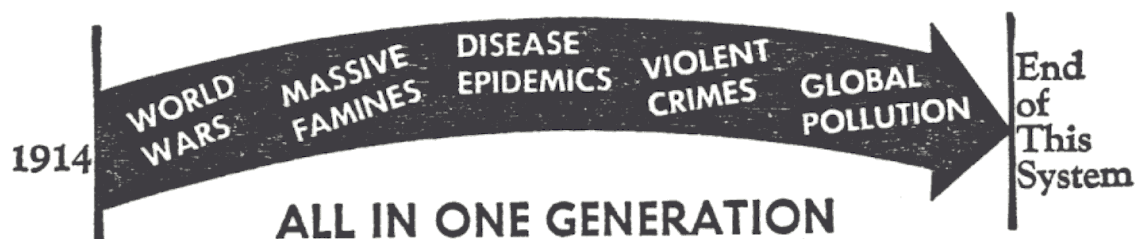
What do historians now say? Recently, University Professor D. F. Fleming wrote: "More and more historians look back upon World War I [starting in 1914] as the turning point of modern history, the catastrophic collapse which opened the way for others, perhaps the final one."

What does all this mean?

That 1914 was the start of what the Bible calls "the last days."

The last days of what? Not of the earth, nor of the human race. But the last days of the present world system that is ruining the earth. When will this time period end and the foretold destruction come? As recorded at Matthew 24:34, Jesus answered:

"Truly I say to you that this generation will by no means pass away until all these things occur."



The generation seeing the start of "the sign" in 1914 is now far along in years.
Time is obviously running out!

But what about the great efforts under way by world leaders to bring peace and security world wide? Note carefully what 1 Thessalonians 5:3 says:

"Whenever it is that they are saying: 'Peace and security!' then sudden destruction is to be instantly upon them."

What does this mean for you?

III. Armstrongism (The Worldwide Church of God)

A. Bibliography

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- B. Cultic Authority: "I didn't really believe it then, 38 years ago, but subsequent events have verified that God did speak to my wife at that time, shortly after we were married, revealing thru an angel that He was calling us to the mission of WARNING the world of the fast-approaching END OF THIS WORLD, the Coming of Jesus Christ, and the world-ruling

Kingdom of God." (Excerpt from open letter from Herbert W. Armstrongism; Nov. 25, 1955.)

C. General History

1. 1925: Herbert W. Armstrong, in response to a challenge to disprove evolution, entered into an intense, prolonged study of the Bible. He came to seven conclusions, which he considered his by divine revelation:
 - a. God does exist.
 - b. Evolution stands disproved.
 - c. The Bible is the infallible Word of God.
 - d. The Sabbath is binding today.
 - e. The annual Holy Days and Festivals of God are binding today.
 - f. The wages of sin is annihilation, not eternal punishment.
 - g. Eternal life is imparted by the Holy Spirit (an impersonal force)
2. 1927: Armstrongism joined a Sabbatarian group: the Church of God (headquarters Stanberry, Missouri).
3. 1930: Armstrong ordained by the Oregon Conference of the Church of God, an offshoot of the Stanberry group. Armstrong helped form this new sect, which emphasized faith healing and "Pentecostalism."
4. 1933: Armstrong and former members of the Oregon Conference established the Sabbath-keeping "Radio Church of God" in Eugene, Oregon.
5. 1933-34: Armstrong begins his radio ministry and publishes the first issue of The Plain Truth.
6. 1941: The "church-service" type radio program dropped and replaced by the "news-broadcast" format and renamed "The World Tomorrow."
7. 1946-47: Radio Church of God reorganized: Its own printing operation established; three powerful radio stations used for ministry, Ambassador College established in Pasadena, California; Church headquarters moved to Pasadena. Armstrong is convinced that his ministry is the exclusive work of Christ on earth. He is the "John the Baptist" preparing the way for the Second Coming.
8. 1955: TV ministry begins. Church later to be renamed Worldwide Church of God.
9. 1958: By this year the radio program reached every continent, with an estimated 4-5 million listeners. By October The Plain Truth began to be published in colors, increased to 32 pages, and circulated 175,000 copies.
10. 1956: First church organized in England.
11. 1959: Ambassador College campus established at Bricket Wood, near St. Albans, Hertfordshire.
12. 1964: Ambassador College campus established at Big Sandy, Texas (100 miles east of Dallas).
13. 1972: Rift between Herbert W. Armstrong and his son Garner Ted comes to light. Leaders in the church make known discontent about church policies and that are unfair and destructive and about the younger Armstrong's immoral and expensive lifestyle.
14. 1974: Discontent grows.

15. 1975: The failure of prophesied end of the age leads to a split and fragmentation of "the Word."
16. 1978: Garner Ted Armstrong incorporates his own church--the Church of God International--in Tyler, Texas
17. Spin-off Organizations:
 - a. Ambassador Report, Pasadena
 - b. Assemblies of "the called out ones" of "Yah", Inc. Jackson, TN
 - c. Association for Christian Development, Winslow, WA
 - d. Biblical Church of God, Hollister, CA.
 - e. Christian Biblical Church of God, Hollister, CA
 - f. Church of God, Australasia, Australia
 - g. Church of God Evangelistic Association, St. Ann, MO.
 - h. Church of God International, Tyler TX (Garner Ted)
 - i. Church of God (New Testament Judaism), Cleveland, OH
 - j. Church of God of Augusta, Augusta, KS
 - k. Church of God of Baltimore, Reistertown, MO
 - l. Church of God of Fruita, Fruita, CO
 - m. Church of God of Kelowna, Kelowna, Canada
 - n. Church of God of Sonoma, Santa Rosa, CA
 - o. Church of God, Seventh Day, Oahu, HA
 - p. Church of God, The Eternal, Eugene, OR
 - q. Family Church of God, Costa Mesa, CA
 - r. Foundation for Biblical Research, Pasadena, CA
 - s. Fountain of Life Fellowship, Valley Center, KS
 - t. Great Lake Society for Biblical Research, Jerison, MI
 - u. Institute for the Preservation of the American Family, Paradise, CA
 - v. Jesus Loves the Lost, Easton, PA
 - w. Liberty Ministries International, Richmond, VA
 - x. Rising Star Publications, Dallas, TX
 - y. The Shofar, Phoenix, AZ
 - z. Truth Alert, Freehold, NH
 - a1. Truth Line, Cleveland Heights, OH
 - a2. 20th Century Church of God (now called "Liberty Foundation", Vacaville, CA
 - a3. United Church of God, Lake Winola, PA
 - a4. World Insight International, Pasadena, CA

D. Distinctive Doctrines

1. The absolute authority of Herbert W. Armstrong
2. Pyramidology
3. Numerology. E.g., "Twelve is God's organizational number. Seven is the number of perfection"; Armstrong's experience of deep repentance began at 28 (4 X 7); at 35 (5 X 7) he was converted; God "opened the door of radio and the printing press when Armstrong was 42 (6 X 7); In 1941 the work expanded to a national scale and 7 years later--1948--Ambassador College was instituted.
4. Polytheism and man-become-God (after the pattern of Mormonism); the doctrine of salvation and the Kingdom are realized when the individual "joins the God-Family."
5. British-Israelism (Dispensationalism); His foundational book THE UNITED STATES AND BRITISH COMMONWEALTH IN PROPHECY is a rewrite, with additions, of J. H. Allen, JUDAH'S SCEPTRE AND JOSEPH'S BIRTHRIGHT (1902). Armstrong claims that this true identification of "Israel" is the key to understanding the Bible and was a "lost key" from the apostolic age to the beginning of his ministry in Eugene, Oregon.
6. The resurrection of Jesus--Armstrong denies that the body that was nailed to the cross was the same one that walked out of the tomb. This is based on his contention that the body and spirit cannot exist independently, and therefore the concept of the spirit of Jesus reentering his body is impossible.
7. The immortal spirit: No immortal soul or spirit--no conscious existence apart from the body. (Of the Jehovah's Witnesses)
8. Annihilation of the wicked.
9. Racism: Consistent with Dispensationalism/British-Israelism, Armstrong is a stern racist. Whites and blacks may worship together, but all socializing is segregated. Separate meetings are held for holy days and religious festivals. Ambassador Colleges admit no one but Anglo-Saxons. Non-Israelites can be saved, but shall ever be stationed below Israel (Cf Mormonism).
10. Physicians and medicine: Prior to the father-son split in the cult, conventional medical care was forbidden members of the Worldwide Church. Synthetic medicines were forbidden. If anyone was really sick, he was to look to Mr. Armstrong for healing. Doctors were forbidden. No injections or vaccinations allowed, even in the case of rabies. Herbert let his wife die when simple abdominal surgery would have saved her life. In the split, many church leaders were angry that so many children had been allowed to die under Armstrong's rules.
11. Alcohol: While Armstrong is strongly against drugs and tobacco, all kinds of alcoholic beverages are used at social gatherings of the cult.
12. Money: Armstrong requires three tithes: one to Pasadena, one for feasts and holy days, one every third year for

"church widows and orphans." Above the tithes, regular assessments are made against the cult members for special projects. Huge sums pour into Pasadena from non-members who read The Plain Truth and listen to the radio and TV programs.

The Armstrongs live in plush splendor in Pasadena, including a mansion and chauffeured limousines. Armstrong travels the world in his private jet, staying at the best hotels. He dresses in the most expensive suits and wears thousands of dollars worth of jewelry. His financial empire was administered by non-member, attorney, Stanley Rader. In the split, Armstrong baptized Rader to silence objections from other church leaders that a "non-Christian" should have such power in God's one true Church.

13. Special Days: Easter, Christmas, personal birthdays, etc. are not permitted to be observed as they are of "pagan origin."
14. Society: Since this is Satan's world, members are not required to keep any more laws than necessary to stay out of the courts. Members are not responsible for telling the truth to "Gentiles." They are in no way to seek to improve Satan's world. Members cannot vote, serve in the armed services, or hold public office. They cannot join the PTA.
15. Persecution complex: The Worldwide Church systematically creates the illusion that they are a persecuted church.
16. Date-setting: According to Armstrong, "three nineteen-year time cycles" was to have ended the Work of God on earth, with the millennium ushered in in 1975. Final destruction of the US and Great Britain by the Beast Revived Roman Empire (European Common Market) was first slated for 1938, then 1969-1972, then 1979 or 1980. In 1975, members were instructed to burn all copies of the booklet "1975 in Prophecy."
17. "The Wonderful world Tomorrow": Armstrong promises a future heaven-on-earth in which faithful WWCG will, in their glorified bodies, reign over a world of mortals. That latter will be gradually molded into a society obedient to the laws of God. Armstrong and Jesus will rule from Jerusalem. Under Christ, Abraham will head a team made up of himself, Isaac, and Jacob--a ruling council. Under the council Moses will be in charge of government and Elijah of religion. Down the line of authority, David and the Apostles will rule Israel (Anglo-Saxons). The subservient Gentile nations will be under Daniel and Paul. Internationally, Noah will be resurrected and charged with resegregating the races. Joseph will be over the economy, industry, agriculture, commerce, and technology. Job, by virtue of his experience in building the Great Pyramid, will run the program of urban renewal--rebuilding the world after Armageddon. WWCG members are now in training for future governorships.
18. Salvation
 - a. Calvinistic--deterministic (vs. evangelistic)
 - b. The blood of Christ cleanses from past sins; future justification depends on law-keeping.
 - c. Sabbatarianism a key to salvation.
19. The Holy Spirit--an impersonal force.

1975

in Prophecy

FANTASTIC push-button world by 1975? It is being planned by modern science and industry. But *now* you're going to take a peek into the *surprising* future, exactly as it *will happen!* Not what men **PLAN**—but what **GOD SAYS!** Here, in understandable language, is a quick **SUMMARY** of *all* prophecy—the neglected one-third of your Bible—made **PLAIN**. It's truly startling!

BY HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

YOUR own future is laid bare, *now*, in prophecy! The curtain of the future is drawn back.

Prophecies that were closed and sealed tight now stand **REVEALED**. This mystifying, neglected third of the Bible now becomes plain. Mysteries of God, never before understood, now become crystal-clear. God's own time for this revealing has come. The **KEYS** that locked the future have been found.

But what is actually *going* to happen *is not what the world expects!*

Today this world is changing—fast! Unprecedented events are shaking the world already. Yet what we have seen is mild compared to the catastrophic happenings that will rock this world in the near future!

You'll have to live into these tremendous times. This is **YOUR** life! You live here, in this erupting world! It behooves you to know what the Creator-RULER of the Universe now makes known!

PUSH-BUTTON LEISURE?

First, take a quick look at the world **MAN** envisions!

Feverishly, science, technology and industry are working to produce a fantastic, push-button world of leisure by 1975. The emphasis today is on "saving steps." Everything is to be done for us, by machines. Just push the magic button, and your work will be done automatically.

Already automobiles are equipped with push-buttons to shift the gears, raise or lower windows, move the seat forward, backward, up or down.

In the dream-world **MAN** is devising for tomorrow, it will no longer be necessary to cook food on stoves. Food is to be cooked by heat waves in packages. You'll no longer bother taking a bath in a tub or shower. You'll take an effortless and quicker *waterless* bath by using supersonic waves! When you pick up your telephone, you'll *see* the party at the other end! The new automobiles, the new homes, the new schools are to be truly fantastic. The stores, hotels, and railroad trains will take your breath!

And air travel? Well, already leading air lines have placed multi-million dollar orders for still larger jet planes

Tomorrow's World Personal from

T. L. Hoeh

Robert J. Armstrong

The 19-Year Time Cycles — What HAPPENED January 7 — What My Commission IS!

1934 + 19 = 1953

1953 + 19 = 1972

SIGNIFICANT THINGS DID happen on January 7th!
In this Personal I want to tell you what happened — but also to make PLAIN and CLEAR:

1) What our Commission IS, and what it is

NOT!

2) What are the criteria for determining through whom God is carrying out that Commission which is His WORK on earth today.

Thousands know that I, personally, have been called and chosen for a very definite commission in God's service. But I have definitely NOT been called to be a PROPHET — except as that word, Biblically used, does sometimes refer to a minister or speaker — one who proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Emphatically I am NOT a prophet, in the sense of one to whom God speaks specially and directly, revealing personally a future event to happen or new truth, or new and special instruction direct from God — separate from, and apart from what is contained in the Bible. And I never have claimed to be.

There is no such human prophet living today!

The Bible is the written Word of God — and, for our time now, it is COMPLETE! Never have I believed or claimed that God reveals to me new truths not contained in the Bible — in addition to, or apart from the Bible.

In a special group festival held at Belknap Springs, in Oregon, in the autumn of 1951, I was shocked — and so were those there — to hear Herman L. Hoeh, then recently graduated from Ambassador

College, say with conviction, as if with authority, "Mr. Armstrong IS NOT A PROPHET — but a man called to the same kind of commission as the original evangelists and apostles of the first century Church of God — to proclaim the Message — the Announcement — the Good News of the Kingdom of God — the Message that Christ brought from God and taught His disciples."

I shook my head in astonishment that he would make that statement. I *knew well* I was not a prophet. I simply knew I had been called to proclaim Christ's Gospel of the Kingdom of God — to get a job done — but I had no illusions about being an evangelist, or an apostle, or anything more than my own part in proclaiming and publishing this Great NEWS, as a witness, to as many as I could reach. I had no vision then of a worldwide ministry.

Let's take a look at the Church of God of the first century, as we find it revealed in the Book of Acts, beginning from the day of Pentecost, 31 A.D. The Bible was not fully written — only the Old Testament — in 31 A.D. God then was still communicating new truth, instruction and knowledge directly and personally to prophets. As the Church progressed, it was the function of a prophet to communicate to the apostles special messages which God had personally revealed to them. Others were inspired in the writing of the books of the New Testament.

So we read, in Acts 11:28 and 21:10-11, of the prophet Agabus. But today we have the COMPLETE Word of God, for our time, in the Bible. There are no such prophets — except false ones.

Now a word about what my Commission is NOT. It is *not* to become an infallible expert on, or to preach, chronology.

I feel at present that the whole question of chronology is in confusion, and no one can be positively SURE of dates.

As of the present I, and a majority of our historians in Ambassador College, and researchers in the School of Theology, feel that it is utterly unsafe to try to SET DATES in regard to future prophesied events, especially the return of the living Christ in supreme Power and Glory to rule all nations of the earth.

But we are only human, and it is natural that we should have been curious to know, as far as possible, how much time we had to GET THE JOB DONE. (More about that later.)

That, however, in fact, is not our *main purpose, or Commission* — which is to proclaim Christ's Announcement of the advance good NEWS of the coming

What It Means To Be... EQUAL with GOD

Can human beings literally become equal with God? What exactly would that mean? Are these questions "childishly absurd"? Or even blasphemous? Many people think so. But not God. And it's His Plan and His universe—He should know!

by Robert L. Kuhn

THE BIBLE states that the purpose of human life — the ultimate goal for all human beings — is to eventually be born into the God Family, to eventually become equal with the Creator of the universe!

Equal with God!

Shocking? Undoubtedly. But this remarkable fact is surprisingly easy to prove. There is no difficult "exegesis" (scriptural analysis) involved. Symbolic logic is unnecessary. Complex philosophical arguments are not needed. And Hebrew can even be "Greek" to you — and you can still understand this simple, beautiful truth.

In one sense, all that is required is a four-step process:

- 1) The Creator of the universe is the One who became Jesus Christ (John 1:3, 10; Colossians 1:16; Ephesians 3:9; Hebrews 1:2).
- 2) Jesus Christ is equal with God (John 5:18; Philippians 2:6).
- 3) We are joint-heirs with Christ, and as a sure result, we will all be glorified together with Him (Romans 8:17).
- 4) Whatever glory God the Father had given Christ — the position of Creator — Christ will eventually give to us (John 17:11 and 22). In other words, every converted individual will eventually enjoy the same relationship to Christ — God the Creator — as Christ presently enjoys with God the Father.

In another sense, all that is required is a "childishly simple," word-by-word reading — without interpretation — of Genesis 1:26. Here God succinctly gives the purpose of human life: Whereas animals reproduce after the animal kind, man reproduces after the God kind! Or, more properly phrased, human beings are the instruments through which *God is reproducing Himself.*

Which means that you were born to literally become a *Son* in the God Family-Kingdom. Now that is not a dark saying. It is not the esoteric wisdom of a far country. And it is surely not cloaked in mystery. God's Plan is straightforward. It is explained and expounded in dozens of scriptures.

What the World Offers

You can scrutinously investigate all of the myriad denominations, synods, sects, cults, orders and offshoots that this world has to offer — and never find even a remote allusion to the fact that God is a Family, that God is reproducing Himself, and that man was created to literally become God.

Now there is certainly no dearth of ideas floating around. Any way you want it, you can find it — some religion is sure to feature it. This world's religious system offers every conceivable possibility for man's ultimate destiny: everything from angelic beings to eternally physical beings, everything from dis-

embodied souls to transmigrated bodies — *everything but the truth.*

Looking for a purpose in life? Check your newspapers, magazines, yellow pages, grocery store bulletin boards, college campuses. Find yourself a religion that suits you. You've got thousands to choose from. Surely at least *one* church or organization has been specifically tailored to your tastes. Get yourself an austere one — or one with all the weird variations, special nuances and distinctive frills that the human mind can concoct thrown in as part of the "package deal." Better yet, make up your own "package deal" — invent your own religion.

You can believe anything you want. *Anything but the truth.* Anything but the incredibly awesome fact that every human being was designed to grow up to join the God Family.

We repeat: No religion of this world even comes close to hinting that man's purpose in life is to be born as a Son into the Family of Almighty God.

Now that all by itself should seem rather odd. In all the wide spectrum of religious beliefs it would seem that at least *one* would have stumbled upon the obvious, literal word-by-word meaning of the Bible. But none has. Perhaps we will cover that very interesting point in a later issue of TOMORROW'S WORLD!

Now, it is true that a few religious fringers might possibly agree that "man is to become God." But their

THE WONDERFUL WORLD TOMORROW

What I Will Be Lik



IV. The Unification Church of Sun Myung Moon

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B. Cultic Authority

1. DP 16: "In this way he (Sun Myung Moon) came in contact with many saints in Paradise and with Jesus, and thus brought to light all the heavenly secrets through his communion with God."
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C. General History

1. 1920: Sun Myung Moon born in what is now North Korea; the fifth of eight children born to a Korean farmer.
2. 1930: Moon's family became members of the Presbyterian Church. Moon was ousted by the Presbyterians for Pentecostalism and other unacceptable practices.
3. 1936: Moon visited by Jesus in the Korean countryside; Jesus explains that Moon has been chosen to complete the task that Jesus had failed to complete--to establish the Kingdom of God on earth.
4. 1936-1945: Moon received revelations that have been incorporated into the DIVINE PRINCIPLE, the "Bible" of the Unification Church. Revelations continued after 1945. Moon: "Ever since that particular encounter (Easter, 1936), I have been in constant communication with the living God and the living saints in the spirit world, including Jesus, in my own search for truth."
5. 1946-1954: Moon preached his message at various places in Korea, gathering disciples. He endured several prison terms during these years as the communists pursued him. According to Moon, during his terrible years in prison "rather than seeking to be comforted, he sought to comfort God."
6. 1953: Moon moved to Seoul.
7. 1954: Organized the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity. Moon's wife of ten years left him.

- Moon's Church in Korea was a sex cult, i.e., he interpreted the Bible in sexual terms. Religious experience interrelated with sex. Moon is arrested for the sexual practices of his church.
8. 1960: Moon married an eighteen-year-old high school graduate named Hak Ja Han. This is called "The Marriage of the Lamb." Moon is called the "Father of the Universe."
 9. 1965: Moon began his worldwide campaign, traveling to 40 nations, including the U.S. Since that time the worldwide headquarters has been moved to New York City.
 10. In the last 20 years the Unification Church prospered in America. For years the Moon family lived in a 35 room mansion near Barrytown, N.Y. The sect owns various properties, including an \$1,000,000 training center in Tarrytown, N.Y., between 100-200 communal centers around the country (some of them palatial residences), and church-related businesses, such as a tea company, titanium production, pharmaceuticals, air rifles, retreat ranches, the New World Home Cleaning Service, and Fishing fleets.

The IRS convicted Moon of tax evasion, for which he was sentenced to 18 months; reduced to 13 months for good behavior.

D. Distinctive Doctrines of the Unification Church

1. The Bible: DP, p. 9: "The Bible is not the truth itself, but a textbook teaching the truth...therefore we must not regard the textbook as absolute in every detail."
2. God: Moon adapted the Oriental concept of Yin and Yang (negative and positive aspects of nature) to show that God must exist in dual essentialities. God is spirit (positive/masculine) to be his feminine (negative) counterpart. Creation is God incarnate (pantheism). Satan is the evil counterpart of God--equal bargaining power with God. According to Moon, God becomes resentful, sorrowful, disillusioned, etc. as he views the power of Satan to thwart the divine plan throughout history. God has lost His sovereignty. God, therefore, depends upon men to overcome Satan. God is to be pitied. A "true son" can claim to be better than God and can control Him. God is controlled by numbers.
3. Moon:
 - a. The modern "John the Baptist" preparing for the coming of Christ, i.e., "The Third Adam."
 - b. Moon broadly suggests that he himself is the "Lord of the Advent." The Third Adam was to be born in Korea on Moon's birthday.
4. Salvation:
 - a. God created an imperfect world.
 - b. Adam and Eve were in a brother/sister relationship. Once they became perfect, they were to marry and produce a family perfectly centered on God.
Adam was God, Eve the Holy Spirit.
 - c. Satan, disguised as a serpent, had sexual relations with Eve, resulting in the spiritual fall of man.

d. Eve seduced Adam, hoping to be perfected by him. But since Adam was her imperfect brother, the result was the physical fall of man.

e. Four kinds of sin:

- (1) Original sin, derived from the spiritual fall of Adam and Eve.
- (2) Hereditary sin, transmitted physically.
- (3) Collective sin (such as the crucifixion of Jesus).
- (4) Individual sin

Moon: If man can rid himself of original sin, all the others would disappear as well.

f. God attempts to save man by raising up men who will perfect themselves, introduce (through sex and birth) this pure strain into the human race and thus wipe out original sin, and create the Kingdom of God on earth.

g. Man saves himself through indemnity, he must not only pay for his own sins, but for the sins of people who lived previously. If indemnity is not completed in this life, man goes to the spirit world to complete indemnification and pay for injustices. Forms of indemnity: prayer, recruiting, fund raising, Bible reading, studying Moon's teaching, etc.

h. Salvation is ultimately universal. All will eventually be in the Kingdom of Heaven, including Satan.

i. Marriage is essential for salvation because the coming Christ will marry and the union will typify the perfect family relationship. Unification members may divorce unbelieving mates. Unification couples have their marriages resolementized through a Unification rite.

j. The Third Adam (Moon?) will perfect himself by overcoming all evil and marry the new Eve (feminine/Holy Spirit) and introduce a perfect physical strain that will accomplish the physical salvation of mankind. Jesus accomplished only the physical salvation; the Jews killed him before he could marry and produce pure children.

5. Jesus: Was not deity, did not rise from the dead.

6. Eschatology: The Last Days began in 1917, shortly thereafter the Messiah born in Korea.

7. Spiritism: Communication with the dead is practiced. Moon has sat in several seances, including one in 1964 with Arthur Ford. Ford predicted great things for Moon.

8. Reincarnation: Men from former ages descend from the spirit world and indwell the living.

9. Sex: Must approve of all marriages; Moon submits a list of 5 names from which a member must choose his mate; couples being converted must live apart from 40 days to 7 years (usually about 6 months).

E. Methodology

1. Money-raising

a. Businesses owned by the cult

b. Street-corner hawking of flowers, peanuts, etc. Called "donations." Money-raisers do not try to recruit new members.

Money-raisers tell passersby that the money will be used for emotionally retarded kids, drug victims, wayward children, a "Christian youth group," none of which is true. *

2. Recruitment

- a. Pseudo-patriotic rallies, such as "Day of Hope" rallies. Moon says that the US is God's tool to turn back the communist/satanic threat.
- b. Young people are recruited by "Pioneer Witnesses."
- c. Steps in brainwashing:

(1) Create confusion: fatigue, distortion of time, physical shock--such as cold showers, alternate kindness and browbeating, isolation, "love bombing," chant-singing, blaring propaganda, loud music.

(2) Destruction of preexisting loyalties (creates psychological isolation); family, friends, country are identified as those who can't understand because they are under the control of Satan.

3. Control

- a. Fatigue
- b. Low-protein, high-starch diet
- c. Constant, intense, interrogation and exhortation
- d. Profile of a "Moonie": Glassy-eyed, frozen smile, earnest, sincere, committed, of high moral character, neat, pleasant, polite, beardless, well-barbered, innocent-appearing.
- e. Moon to his disciples: "I am a thinker, I am your brain." (NBC Press Release May 12, 1975).
- f. Devotees bow and pray before an enlarged portrait of Rev. Moon.

F. Influence:

The Moon cult is a political force. The Unification Church spends huge sums each year influencing members of the Congress. Several elected representatives have come under Moon's direct influence.

V. Christian Science

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B. Cultic Authority

1. MBE, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures.
2. MBE: "No human pen nor tongue taught me the Science contained in this book, Science and Health. . ."
3. Mary Baker Eddy claimed that her book was the only infallible interpretation of the Word of God.

C. General History

1. 1821: Mary Baker Eddy born in Bow, New Hampshire of strict Congregationalists parents. Her father was a high-tempered, dominating, narrow, hateful, divisive, man. The family had 3 sons and 3 daughters. Mary was the youngest; named for and spoiled by her grandmother. Mary was known for her hysterical fits (usually when they were most convenient for her).
2. 1831: Mary did poorly in school; was always "on stage." She continued to dominate the household by her tantrums. "Mesmerism" or "animal magnetism" (hypnotism) was the rage in the countryside. Mary was enamored of it.
3. 1843: Mary married George W. Glover, who died of yellow fever in S. Carolina 7 months later. By him Mary had a son, to whom she was never a mother. Others cared for the little boy. Mary lived with various family members and friends. She would never work and demanded constant attention. She developed the pathological desire for swinging. A large swing hung in her room. Her father built a giant cradle for her with a chair at one end for a person to sit in and rock the combination

chair/cradle.

Mary dabbled in trances, mesmerism, spiritism. She said she could locate Captain Kidd's treasure. She also tried her hand at writing--it was ornate and generally horrible.

4. 1851: Mary gave her son George to Mahala Sanborn.
5. 1853: Married Dr. Daniel M. Patterson (dentist). Her father tried to persuade Dr. Patterson to not marry his daughter. Mary made life miserable for her husband.
6. 1861: Mary is introduced to Dr. Quimby and his "mental science" or mental healing.
7. 1863: Quimby becomes an obsession with Mrs. Patterson. She became a secretary for him and carried his manuscripts about.
8. 1864: Patterson left his wife; she divorces him.
9. 1865: Mary's father dies; her sister throws her out of the house and she lives with different friends.
10. 1866: Quimby died. Later Mary was to name this as the time of her famous "fall on the ice" from which she was healed by "science."
11. 1867: Mary met Hiram Crafts and went to live with his family; tried to break up the Crafts' marriage. Here she had access to the Lieber manuscript. During this time Mary acknowledged her obligations to Quimby's writings. Mary continued to develop "Quimbyism."
12. 1869: Mary meets Richard Kennedy and teaches him Quimbyism.
13. 1870: Mary and Kennedy move to Lynn, Mass. She found that she was no good at actual healing, so she gave her efforts to teaching the system. Mary charged \$300 for a few weeks of lectures.
14. 1871: Mary is teaching Quimby's method for a living. Kennedy is successful at healing, and Mary becomes jealous.
15. 1872: Kennedy parts company with Mary, is later villified by her.
16. 1875: Daniel Spofford takes Kennedy's place. Mary publishes first edition of Science and Health.
17. 1877: Mary marries Asa Eddy. (On the marriage certificate she listed her age as 40; she was 56.) Eddy had a haphazard youth with a background in clairvoyance and other occult practices. Mary spends much time in court suing her former students for teaching her methods.
18. 1879: The Christian Science Church chartered in Boston.
19. 1881: Massachusetts Metaphysical College organized in Boston.
20. 1882: Mr. Eddy takes sick. Both he and Mary believe that his illness is caused by "adverse mental treatments" applied by former student Edward Arens. A regular doctor is sent for, who diagnosed the sickness as heart disease. When Mr. Eddy died, the physician (Noyes) was called in for an autopsy. Mary published a phony physician's report that Eddy died of "mental arsenic poisoning." The name on the report was Dr. J.C. Eastman; this led to an investigation by authorities,

which proved that he was not a doctor but merely the proprietor of an abortion mill. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

21. 1887: Mary disassociated herself from Quimby, claiming that he was nothing but a mesmerist. Mr. Calvin A. Frye became Mary's "man of all work."
22. 1888: Mary reduced her course to 3 lessons, yet continued to charge \$300. All sickness was attributed to mental malpractice. Mrs. Eddy pulls things together and sets out to amass a fortune.
In 1888 a Mrs. Corner treats her own daughter in childbirth by Mrs. Eddy's obstetric method. Both mother and baby died. The matter was brought into the courts, so Mrs. Eddy abandoned Mrs. Corner. This led to a division in the church.
Christian Science begins to prosper in the west. Mrs. Eddy adopts a son-Ebenezer Johnson Foster; age 41. (Mrs. Baker was 68.)
23. 1889: Mrs. Eddy's health fails. She allows the claim to be made on her behalf that she is the equal of and the chosen successor of Christ. She continues to publish updated editions of Science and Health. The book was ultimately to go through 70 editions, each of which had to be purchased by the faithful. Her personal fortune came to exceed \$3,000,000.
24. 1892: Mrs. Eddy dissolves, then reorganizes the church into a privately owned corporation.
25. 1895: Mother Church built in Boston. Mary built her Pleasant View estate at Concord, N.H. Mary lived in seclusion and continued to write literature. Legends began to grow up about her. She grew disenchanted with Foster, her adopted son, and cut him off. He went back to his home in Vermont. One of her disciples, Josephine Curtis Woodbury, gave birth to a boy she called the "Prince of Peace." She claimed that he was proof of Mrs. Eddy's promise of the possibility of "immaculate conception," i.e., a child conceived of union with Divine Mind. Mrs. Baker branded the child illegitimate. Mrs. Eddy adopted the title "Mother."
26. 1907: Total number of Christian Scientists, 50,000. 710 branch churches, 58 of these in foreign countries, 25 in Canada, 14 in Great Britain, 2 in Ireland, 4 in Australia, 1 in South Africa, 8 in Mexico, 2 in Germany, 1 in Holland, 1 in France.
27. 1910: Dec. 3, Mary Baker Eddy died.
28. Christian Science is in serious decline. Most of its members are middle-aged and elderly women in the more affluent areas of the U.S. Membership peaked at about 300,000 in the mid 1930's. Now it is less than 200,000. Branch churches and reading rooms are closed each year.

D. Distinctive Doctrines of Christian Science

1. The Christian Science church has no ministers, conducts no weddings or funerals. It is very secretive about its inner-business.
2. Members are required to spurn secular medicine, even

the taking of aspirin. The few exceptions include such things as immunization, the setting of broken bones and obstetrical care at childbirth, the last being permitted only in order to comply with state laws. Ailing members read selected passages from Science and Health and the Bible. A "practitioner," who rarely visits the sick person, stays home and thinks about the patient and prays for him. Practitioners charge from \$2 to \$15 a day to "think about the person and pray for his guidance." The Christian Science church has about 33 rest homes where the old and infirm can be made comfortable while treatment of prayer continues.

3. The Christian Science Monitor is an excellent publication. It has won 5 Pulitzer Prizes. Circulation: 180,000.
4. Christian Science is basic metaphysical dualism.
5. The Bible: Christian Science affirms that the Bible contains errors, while Science and Health is inerrant and divine. E.g. MBE denied that God created a material world and material man.
6. Neither Satan nor sin exist.
7. Jesus: The "Christ" aspect of Jesus was his perfect Christian Science.
8. Pantheism: Every human being is just as much a part of God as Messiah. Even Jesus made mistakes.
9. Atonement = the realization that sin does not exist.
10. Since Jesus did not really die, He did not really rise from the dead.

E. Source of Science and Health: This book was created when Mary Baker Eddy copied from such sources as P.P. Quimby, Murray's Reader, and the manuscripts of Dr. Francis Lieber. Then the book was almost completely edited and rewritten by a retired Unitarian minister, J. H. Wiggin. Because of this extensive plagiarism, Science and Health is comparatively well-written, while the personal writings of Mrs. Eddy are clumsy and awkward

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1. Ellen G. White in Testimonies for the Church (III:257, 260): "It is God and not an erring mortal who has spoken. (V:64): "When I send you a testimony of warning and reproof, many of you declare it to be merely the opinion of Sister White. You have thereby insulted the Spirit of God."
2. Major works by Ellen G. White
 - a. The Life of William Miller
 - b. The Ministry of Healing
 - c. The Great Controversy between Christ and Satan
 - d. Patriarchs and Prophets
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4. The international radio ministry of the SDA church is "The Voice of Prophecy."

C. General History

1. 1844: William Miller predicts Christ's return by March 21. Many await the Advent. ("going forth to meet the Bridegroom"--Matt. 25). No Advent. ("bridegroom tarries"). August--Samuel Snow determines there was a seventh-month error; he predicts the Advent for Oct. 22, 1844. ("the midnight cry") With the Advent would come the "shut door" ending the opportunity for salvation for the world. Oct. 22--no Advent ("Great Disappointment"). The Adventists abandoned their interpretation of the "shut door." Dec. 1844--Ellen G. White's first vision, which she interprets as confirming the "shut door" idea. The Adventists, she says, erred in abandoning it. Later (1883), EGW claims she held the "shut door" idea only UNTIL her first vision, which corrected that error.
2. Hiram Edson, a leading Millerite, also reported a vision, in which he saw that on Oct. 22 Jesus entered the "sanctuary" in order to cleanse it.

D. Distinctive Doctrines of Seventh Day Adventism

1. Ellen G. White and the "spirit of prophecy"
 - a. The earlier claims by EGW (see above).
 - b. The modern claim: The EGW was inspired only in the way that the "nonwriting prophets" were inspired, and that her prophecies are special messages to the SDA church only.
 - c. The SDA church has always used the writings of EGW as if they were equal with Scripture. The theological edifice of Adventism rests heavily upon the teachings of its prophetess.
2. Sabbath/Law keeping
 - a. All Sunday-keeping churches are "Babylon." Sunday-keeping is the "Mark of the Beast."
 - b. "Ceremonial vs. Moral Law"
 - c. Argument: "The Pope changed the Sabbath."
3. Salvation
 - a. When Adventists declared that, on Oct. 22, 1844, Christ entered the "sanctuary" of Heaven, it became necessary to explain what He was doing there. In order to explain this, Adventists made a distinction between the FORGIVENESS of sins and the BLOTTING OUT of sins. Up to 1844, Christ was only FORGIVING sins through his daily intercession; in 1844 He entered the heavenly Holy of Holies and began the BLOTTING-OUT process. This is called the INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT. (Judgment Day has been in process since 1844.)
 - b. Investigative Judgment: When a person becomes a Christian, his sins are FORGIVEN, but are not BLOTTED OUT of the Book. When Christ examines the believer's book, and finds that NO FURTHER COMPLICATIONS have developed, he then blots out the sins and declares the believer worthy of eternal life. Examples of complications: apostasy, later effects of sins (a person is responsible for and guilty of the future effects of his sins, even those that occur after he is dead. Thus a believer can have his salvation cancelled if the Investigative Judgment turns up complications.
 - c. Salvation is based on law-keeping, i.e., Sabbath-keeping is the supreme test and requirement for salvation
 - d. Some out-of-mainstream Adventists have tried unsuccessfully to bring the SDA church to a biblical position on grace. See Paxton's Shaking of Adventism.
4. Soul-sleep after death.
5. Annihilation of the wicked.
6. "Religious Liberty" Review and Herald publishes a magazine called "Liberty." As early as 1847, EGW predicted that, just before Jesus returns, "a decree must go forth to kill the saints". From that day Adventists have predicted that the SDA church would be outlawed and they would be persecuted. They predicted that world-wide power would pass a Sunday-law with the death penalty for disobedience. Ever since the early days, Adventism has cultivated for itself the image of a persecuted church, and has courted

persecution

E. Further Comments

1. Adventism is in the process of making itself respectable. Walter Martin and Donald Gray Barnhouse met with SDA officials in the mid 1950's and were convinced that Adventism is evangelical, although misled on certain points. Martin's study, The Truth About Seventh Day Adventism (1960) is used by the SDA's to establish their evangelical respectability. This has not been the consensus of evangelical scholars studying Adventism.
2. Adventism focuses on the health/medicine industry. Its hospitals offer excellent diet, alcoholism, and drug abuse programs.
3. Adventist scholar Walter Rea (1980) spent two years researching EGW's writings. He studied the books in her library and those to which she had ready access. His conclusion: "She was a plagiarist." When SDA officials could not refute his evidence, they dismissed the charge with the observation that the Holy Spirit operated in the selection process. (This was not what EGW claimed for herself.)

VII. Transcendental Meditation and the Hinduistic/Mystical Cults

A. The major groups

1. Transcendental Meditation
2. Hare Krishna
3. Yoga
4. Self Realization Fellowship (SRF)
5. The Vedanta Society
6. The Divine Light Mission of Geru Maharaj Ji
7. Eckankar

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C. Transcendental Meditation

1. Founder: Maharishi Mahesh Yogi
2. Character: Hinduism
3. Doctrine: Science of Creative Intelligence (SCI); only through the practice of TM can one achieve the unity of his soul with the essence of being.
 - a. Based on the Vedas, the Hindu scriptures.
 - b. Traces its interpretation of the Veda through Hindu teachers.
 - c. Requires a secret initiation and hymn of obedience.
 - d. Uses mantras as do traditional Hindu groups based on the Veda.

- e. Gives a special, sacred status to its current master and teacher.
 - f. Teaches the traditional Hindu view of reality and man based on the Veda.
 - g. Involves the person in the worship of Brahma, Visnu, and Shiva.
 - h. Requires the devotee to bow down to an image representing deity in the form of a man, Guru Dev.
 - i. Teaches that man can achieve his own divinity through meditation.
 - j. The "mantra" is a word that incorporates the name of a Hindu god.
4. Growth and influence
- a. Maharishi came to the U.S. in 1959 and began the Spiritual Regeneration Movement in Los Angeles.
 - b. TM promoted as a scientific way to personal-wellbeing; TM has been used in public schools; in 1977 a federal judge in New Jersey ruled that it is a religion and therefore prohibited in public schools.
 - c. Organizations that promote TM:
 - 1. Students International Meditation Society
 - 2. Maharishi International University (Los Angeles)
 - 3. World Plan Executive Council
 - 4. World Plan centers.
 - d. Consumer fraud charges against TM have been filed with attorney generals in at least 4 states. TM is charged with misrepresenting their program as something other than a religion.
 - e. In the face of declining numbers and income, in 1977 Maharishi introduced a new product: supernatural powers of being able to walk through walls and fly about in a room. (4 months; \$5,000)

D. Hare Krishna

- 1. Founder: Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, a Bengalese Brahmin, born in 1486.
- 2. Character: An outgrowth of Vishnuism a sect of Hinduism.
- 3. Doctrine:
 - a. Vishnu was an incarnation of the god Krishna (not the other way around, as in traditional Vishnuism). Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva, the Hindu "Trinity" are considered to be expansions of Krishna, who is the Supreme Personality, the Lord, the complete whole, and is designated as the Absolute Truth.
 - b. Krishna consciousness is incomprehensible to the intellect, and is the only way to become a part of God.
 - c. The tenets of its philosophy are to be lived/experienced, not analyzed or examined.
 - d. All experiences are interpreted in the light of Krishnaite theology and cosmology.
 - e. Primary goals of the Hare Krishna movement:
 - 1. The devotee should surrender himself completely to Krishna, the highest personality in the godhead. Krishna consciousness developes love for God and man.

2. The devotee should spread this knowledge to all who are willing to learn it. Life is completely sacralized; all waking hours given to no other purpose than to serve Krishna.
- f. As one's Krishna Consciousness deepens, he will experience an increasing transcendental spiritual pleasure surpassing any found in the false world of materiality.
- g. Reincarnation
- h. Spiritual practice
 1. Chanting is one of the most important rituals of ISKON liturgy. It is the aspect of Hare Krishna best known to the outside world. The "mantra" consists of the Sanskrit words:

Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna,
 Krishna, Krishna,
 Hare Hare,
 Hare Rama, Hare Rama,
 Rama Rama,
 Hare Hare.

This formula is sung to the musical accompaniment of drums and harmonium. Each devotee is expected to Chant at least sixteen "rounds" each day; a round consists of singing the mantra once on each of 108 prayer beads.

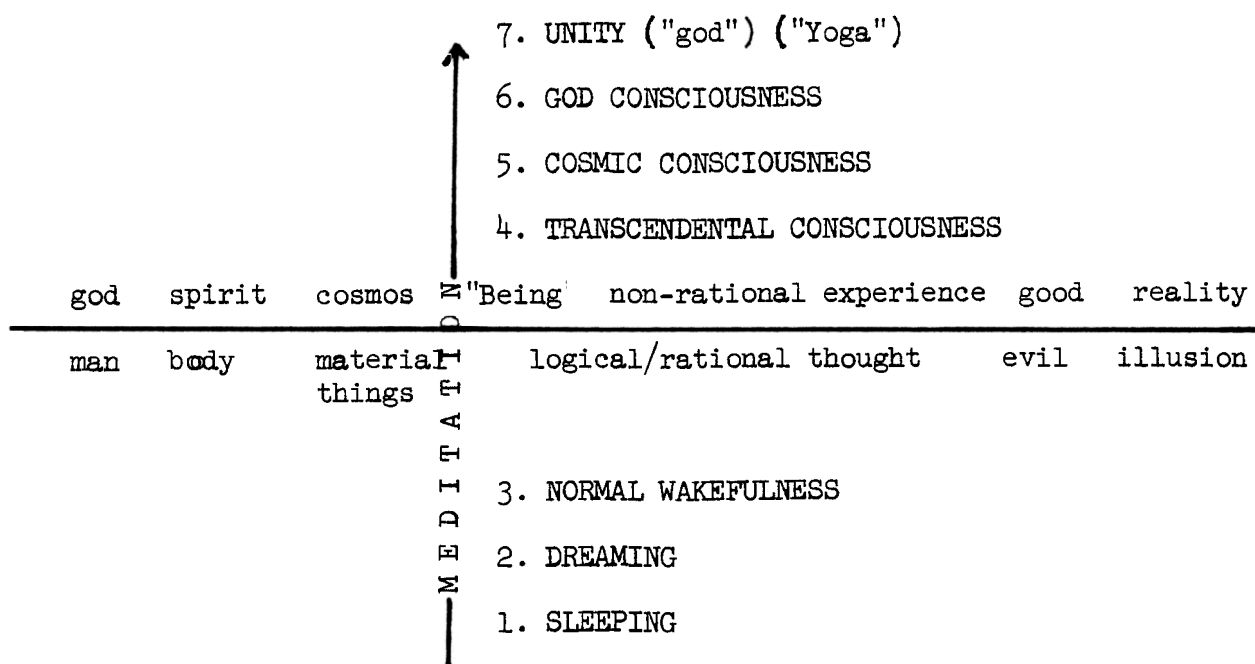
2. The chanting invokes Hindu deities and is a kind of psychological conditioning.
3. Regular temple ceremonies, in which the "needs" of deity-statues are met. Idols are presented with gifts of food, incense, flowers, a fan, a handkerchief and an offering of flames. Deities are symbolically dressed and bathed, and at night they are "put to bed."
4. Growth and Influence
 - a. In 1965 the Krishna movement was introduced in the US.
 - b. The man responsible: Abhay Charan De Bhaktivendanta Swami Prabhupada, born with his first three names in 1896 in Calcutta. He studied philosophy, English, and economics at the University of Calcutta. In his thirties, Prabhupada met a Vishnuite holy man, Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati, who initiated him into the Gaudiya Vaishnava Society, heirs of Chaitanya's sect of Vishnuite Hinduism. Shortly before the guru died in 1936, Bhaktisiddhanta ordered Prabhupada to preach the message of Chaitanya in English to the West. Prabhupada receives honor due to God, because the Guru is the via media or representative of God and is distributing unalloyed love of God. Some say he is himself God. ". . . a world genius, greater than Jesus."

- c. At first, Prabhupada published his views in an English Magazine, BACK TO GODHEAD (1944). At age 58 he renounced his wife and five children, abandoned his prosperous pharmaceutical business, and assumed the saffron robes of a Hindu monk. At this time he had bestowed on him his last name/title: Swami.
- d. In 1965 he came to America, established a temple, and the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKON) was set up.
- e. The numbers of converts to ISKON have been small.
- f. The society is supported by sales of incense and books, and by begging. Individuals support ISKON directly (including ex-Beatle George Harrison).

E. Basic Concepts of the Mystical Cults

- 1. The external, objective, world--the one we perceive with our senses--is an inferior and counterfeit reality. MAYA-illusion. Only Brahman (spirit) is real.
- 2. New Consciousness, i.e., the only way to experience ultimate reality is apart from the senses and the rational mind. (A campus poster advertising an Eastern cult: "You go in and in and in, and then you go in and in and in, and after that you go in and in and in and in.") The idea is that somewhere within the self exists the secret door to true reality.
- 3. The encounter with true reality is the ultimate mystical experience; one does not see, feel, or know, he experiences. The world becomes transparent, the soul melts into the universe, time and space are transcended. Colors are heard and sounds are seen.

TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION



VIII. Scientology

Intro.

- a. In the late 1940's, pulp writer L. Ron Hubbard declared, "Writing for a penny a word is ridiculous. If man really wants to make a million dollars, the best way would be to start his own religion."
- b. Today the Church of "Scientology" grosses over 100 million dollars a year. Hubbard get @ 10%. He has stashed away money in Switzerland and other places; the church has accounts in Luxembourg.
- c. Operatives have engaged in burglary, espionage, kidnapping and smear campaigns. US Attorney Raymond Banoun directed a massive investigation that resulted in conspiracy or theft convictions of 9 top Scientology officials in Washington, D.C. in October 1979.

A. General History

1. In 1950 L. Ron Hubbard (39) published: Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health.
2. In 1954 Hubbard founded the First Church of Scientology in Washington, D.C.
3. Although they claim large numbers, actually less than 50,000 members in the U.S.
4. For a long time he lived in England on a 57-acre estate. His retinue includes young women ("messengers") who light his cigarettes and catch the ashes. Record every word he says, including obscene outbursts. Help him out of bed in the morning, run his shower, dress him. They scrub his office daily with a white-glove inspection and wash his laundry in 13 fresh waters. He flies into a rage if he smells soap on his clothes.
5. His story: Pictures himself as the supreme leader of a chosen elite. He was a nuclear physicist severely wounded while in the Navy in WW II. "Taken cripple and blinded to a navy hospital." Claims to have worked his way back to fitness and full perception in less than 2 years. In the process he developed the "research" that led him to discover "Dianetics" and Scientology, the answer to most of mankind's problems.
6. The truth: Not a nuclear physicist. Not wounded in combat--never saw combat. Discharged on a 40% disability because of an ulcer, arthritis, and other ailments. History of mental illness. Arrested for petty theft for bad checks.
7. Dianetics expanded into a 25--million word collection of books, tapes, articles etc. Hubbard claims to have traced human existence back 74 trillion years, suggesting it began on Venus. Today's earthlings are manifestations of eternal spirits who are reincarnated time and time again over the eons. Our earthly troubles often result from ghostly mental images which he calls "engrams"--painful experiences either in this life or in former incarnations.

- B. The E-Meter: A battery-powered galvanometer with a needle dial wired to 2 empty tin cans. For \$150 + an hour a Scientology "minister" audits subjects by having him grip the tin cans and answer detailed questions about his present or past lives. The needle detects the engrams, causing the subject to confront the engrams; by this process he clears his memory bin." This raises both body and mind to a superhuman state of "total freedom." (Supposed to increase IQ.)
- The Scientology auditor carefully records any intimate revelations; sexual or criminal activities, family troubles, etc. These records are used for blackmail against any member who becomes troublesome.
 - Those who advance in Scientology feel among the elite who will go with Hubbard to the next planet.
 - Training routines: The recruit "raw meat" sits for hours, eyes closed, knee-to-knee with a "coach" and is emotionally assaulted. Gradually create disorientation, zombie-like trance--fantasy world; "robot-like state."
- C. the "Rehabilitation Project Force"--the church's punishment unit. They guard prisoners, who are never left alone, not allowed to speak to outsiders without permission, eat leftovers, sleep on the floor, fill their days with strenuous labor and classroom study. Under grueling auditing for "crimes against Ron." Subjects become psychotic and hysterical. Then they are locked in isolation. Suicides occur.
- D. Levels of belief.
- The "clearing course" originally priced at \$3,812.00
 - To the highest level, the converts shells out \$14,295.00
 - Hubbard to staff: MAKE MONEY: MAKE MORE MONEY: MAKE OTHER PEOPLE PRODUCE SO AS TO MAKE MONEY. When numbers or recruits or receipts fall off, staff members are put on a diet of rice and beans.
- E. In 1974 the church spent 1.1 million dollars for an old Jesuit novitiate in Oregon. In 1976 the IRS turned up 2.86 million in cash aboard Hubbard's 320 foot flagship Apollo. Moving secretly, the church paid 8 million for a hotel and other properties in Clearwater. The Clearwater organization was grossing as high as 1 million a week. The California church was deprived of tax privileges by the IRS.
- F. Dirty Tricks: In 1966 Hubbard created his own intelligence organization, the Guardian Office (GO). He accused a "central agency"---the World Federation of Mental Health of working through the FBI and CIA and various newspapers to destroy the church. His third wife Mary Sue directed the attack. THE GO instruction program:
- How to make anonymous death threats to a journalist.
 - How to smear an antagonistic clergyman.
 - How to forge phony newspaper clips.
 - How to plan and execute burglaries.
 - How to lie to the press "to outflow false data effectively"

They made anonymous charges to the IRS concerning their enemies, causing them to be continuously audited.: Forbes Magazine, the AMA, Better Business Bureau, and the American Psychiatric Association.

Individuals targeted: e.g., In 1971 Paulette Cooper a New York free lance writer published a book The Scandal of Scientology. The church fought back with an elaborate campaign of litigation, theft, defamation, and malicious prosecution. She got death-threatening phone calls. Miss Cooper and her publishers were sued in several US cities and foreign countries. Her publisher agreed to withdraw the book. "It just wasn't worth the legal expenses." A Scientology agent stole some of her stationary and faked bomb-threat letters. She was indicted by a federal grand jury. After 2 years of torment she volunteered to take a Sodium Pentothal "truth" test. Then the gov't dropped the charges. Her defense cost her \$28,000.

In 1976 the FBI discovered 2 Scientology agents, using forged credentials, rummaging through a Justice Department office at night, and thereby uncovered the tip of a widespread espionage operation in Washington. It was revealed that they broke into IRS photographic identification rooms and forged credentials that they used to enter various government building, steal copies of keys, pick locks, etc. and steal and copy government files.

The FBI obtained search warrants and on July 8, 1977 raided Scientology headquarters in Washington and Los Angeles. Seized 23,000 documents in LA that had been stolen from the government. Burglar tools, surveillance equipment. The scope of the espionage operation was staggering. In a Justice Dept. agency, a Scientology employee-plant actually worked in a vault containing top-secret CIA and defense documents.

On Oct. 26, 1979 nine high officials of Scientology were found guilty before a federal judge of theft and conspiracy against the government. Heading the list was Mary Sue Hubbard. Hubbard himself and 24 other Scientologists were named as unindicted co-conspirators.

Since the convictions many former Scientologists have come forward to tell stories they had been afraid to reveal before.

In 1976 Scientology agents staged a phony hit-and-run accident involving then mayor of Clearwater Gabriel Cazares. In Washington D.C. the mayor was passenger in a car driven by a female Scientology agent. She "hit" another agent, then sped off, urging Cazares not to report the "accident."

Sc. tried to discredit a Clearwater reporter by forging a rough draft of a story under his byline and slipped it to state legislators whom the reporter was covering. It supposedly linked Florida politicians to the Mafia.

G. Doctrines

Dianetics

1. Dichotomy of mind and body
2. Mind is divided into analytic and reactive.
3. The reactive mind interferes with the programming of the analytic mind.
4. The engrams are cleansed from the reactive, freeing the analytic mind.

THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY CREED

We of the Church believe:

- That all men of whatever race, color or creed were created with equal rights.
- That all men have inalienable rights to their own religious practices and their performance.
- That all men have inalienable rights to their own lives.
- That all men have inalienable rights to their sanity.
- That all men have inalienable rights to their own defence.
- That all men have inalienable rights to conceive, choose, assist and support their own organizations, churches and governments
- That all men have inalienable rights to think freely, to talk freely, to write freely their own opinions and to counter or utter or write upon the opinions of others.
- That all men have inalienable rights to the creation of their own kind.
- That the souls of men have the rights of men.
- That the study of the mind and the healing of mentally caused ills should not be alienated from religion or condoned in non-religious fields.
- And that no agency less than God has the power to suspend or set aside these rights, overtly or covertly.

And we of the Church believe:

- That man is basically good.
- That he is seeking to survive.
- That his survival depends upon himself and upon his fellows, and his attainment of brotherhood with the Universe.

And we of the Church believe that the laws of God forbid Man:

- To destroy his own kind
- To destroy the sanity of another
- To destroy or enslave another's soul
- To destroy or reduce the survival of one's companions or one's group

And we of the Church believe:

- That the spirit can be saved and
- That the spirit alone may save or heal the body.

IX. The Way

A. Cultic Authority: Victor Weirwille

"I was praying . . . and that's when he spoke to me audibly, just like I'm talking to you now. He said he would teach me the Word as it had not been known since the first century."

B. Headquarters: The Way International, New Knoxville, Ohio

C. General History

1. Weirwille, a Princeton Seminary Graduate went charismatic; he then resigned his Van Wert, Ohio pulpit and launched an independent ministry.
2. W. picked up many "left-overs" from the Jesus People movement of the 60's.

D. Distinctive Doctrines

1. Arian; Book by Weirwille--JESUS CHRIST IS NOT GOD
2. Biblical literalism
3. Calvinistic
4. Neo-pentecostal
5. A aberrant form of premillennialism
6. Sexually permissive (dualistic)
7. Alcohol permitted.

E. Organizational structure

1. An ordained clergy, including women
2. Observes no special days of worship
3. Saturday night headquarters chapel each week
4. Meets in homes or rented halls
5. Lord's Supper observed

F. Methodology

1. The Way College, Emporia, Kansas, administered by Weirwille's son.
2. Magazine: THE WAY
3. Video-taped course called PFAL (Power for Abundant Living)
4. Commissioned workers
5. Music festivals (patterned after the 60's)

X. Children of God

A. Cultic Authority: David "Moses" Berg

B. General History

1. A vestige of the Jesus People Movement of the 60's and 70's
2. Berg, a Christian Missionary Alliance preacher, began a ministry in 1968 in Huntington Beach, CA It has grown into several "colonies," later called "homes".
3. About 15% of the membership of COG is in the U.S.
4. Since 1970 Berg has "retired" to Europe; he communicates through "Mo" letters--God's Word for today.

C. Distinctive Doctrines

1. David Berg is the prophet of God for today, the fulfillment of the King David prophecies of the O.T.
2. Theoretical theology: Accepts Jesus, rejects epistles.
3. Emotionalism
4. Obsession with sex; mate-sharing; religious prostitution "Flirty Fish"; Berg has degenerated into pornography.
5. Spiritism
6. Astrology
7. Revolutionary: vulgar, violent, radically immoral

D. Methodology

1. Brainwashing
2. Administration through Mo letters
 - a. GP - general public
 - b. DFO - disciples and friends only
 - c. DO - disciples only
 - d. LTO - leadership training only
 - e. LO - leaders only
 - f. RFO - royal family only
3. Disciples beg in the streets, sell literature or records for "donations."