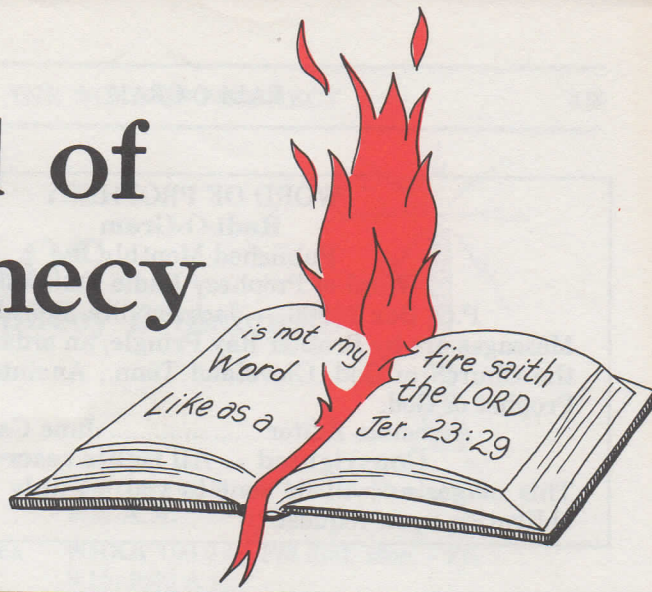


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The Cover: The Gathering Storm of famine and terrorism creeps ever closer, making "our" world a very troubled world for every citizen. While statesmen, economists, and scientists express alarm over the ominous signs of a swiftly arising "Gathering Storm" of unprecedented problems made acutely painful because of a rapidly expanding population explosion, preachers and professing Christians in general remain asleep or blind to the deadly perils our nation and church will encounter and enter into within five years. **THE COUNTDOWN IS HERE!**

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Almost every serious-minded, concerned person in our Sick Society of this end-time generation ponders this agonizing question: "How much time do we have left before Armageddon — just how far along are we in the climatic fulfillment of Bible prophecy? And how can we find out?" We are living in an exciting age, but we are also vividly aware that a cloud of uncertainty hangs like a dark spectre over every young person's future — over every home, business, factory, and farm in America and in all other nations. We're like the generation to which God's Prophet Jeremiah prophesied: "**We look for peace, and no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!**" Jeremiah 8:15.

To what source shall we now turn for the answers to our probing and pleading questions? There is no other source — not astrology, not palm readers, not sorcerers, not false prophets, not theology books! **Only the Bible!** We don't even need self-appointed Greek scholars of the Bible to re-interpret and give us so-called better renderings of the original! We have a source book, and when rightly divided (II Timothy 2:15) without specious logic, or a

twisting of the scriptures (II Peter 3:16), light and understanding will prevail. Here it is: "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, drawn from the breasts. For precept (i.e., scripture) must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line; line upon line; here a little (i.e., here a scripture) and there a little (i.e., there a scripture) . . . (Then this warning; note it carefully) But the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line; line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, **and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken** (i.e.,; into the devil's trap and captivity)." Isaiah 28:9-13. The King James Bible is the true English translation out of the original languages, and we don't need to go to the Greek (or Hebrew) for clarity — we don't speak or understand Greek — God's saints must cling to this English version of God's Word as an infallible guidepost and beacon. Remember the Holy Ghost warning: "They that are unlearned and unstable wrest (i.e.; twist) as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction!" II Peter 3:16; Isa. 29:9-14. Trust the true Bible prophecy always, for "we have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place (i.e.; the darkness of future events), until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation (i.e.; just one scripture standing alone) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." II Peter 1:19-21. Let me inject this: And prophecies of the scriptures are only truly understood and their revelation made clear to God's saints by Holy men of God today. **"Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."** Amos 3:7. Also, "Which in other ages was not made known (i.e., God's mystery) unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit." Ephesians 3:5. **God has set prophets in the church.** I Corinthians 12:28.

GOD'S PATIENCE

Contrary to the heresy among Charismatics and Calvinists in today's Laodicean Church Society, **God is not tolerant** — but, he is patient! Longsuffering! "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise (i.e., to judge sinners and the ungodly), as some men count slackness (or tolerance); but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Peter 3:9. While we look on the drunkenness, crime, violence, immorality, filthy talk, murder, idolatry, and

rebellion that is mass produced in every flavor, we wonder — when will God stop all this sin and unrighteousness — when will Jesus come and put down evil, giving God's holy saints the rule over the nations? "The ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom." Daniel 7:22. Praise God! Also, Jesus said prophetically of a day we're fast approaching: "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works to the end, to him will I give power over the nations (this is to God's true, holy, faithful saints only): **And he shall** (i.e.; a true saint) rule them with a rod of iron." Revelation 2:26-27! Hallelujah! How long before we'll arrive, ye saints of the Lord? Just a little season! Romans 9:28.

OUR LAST GENERATION!

"Little children, it is the last time (i.e., end-time): and as ye have heard **that antichrist shall come**, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time." I John 2:18. Signs of the coming false prophet and antichrist are everywhere — and, we are the end-time generation of about 40 years in length. This generation had its beginning in the days of the atomic destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan (1945), and Israel's rebirth (1948) — the beginning of the end! We will enter the last decade of this last, end-time generation during the next 4-5 years! This is from a Holy Ghost revelation, but the more sure Word of Prophecy are these Biblical, prophetic signs — conclusive proof that we're living in the end-time generation:

- 1) Restoration of Israel — Psalms 102:16; Isaiah 35:1-2; Ezekiel 36:8-24! (May 14, 1948)!
- (2) Sceptre (monarchy) of Egypt overthrown. Zechariah 10:11 (1952)
- (3) "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel 12:4.
- (4) A famine for hearing the true Word of God. Amos 8:11-13.
- (5) Wars, revolution, and violence — worldwide! Matthew 24:6-7; Luke 21:25-26.
- (6) An increasing rise of earthquakes, disease, famine — with other natural disasters. Matthew 24:6-7; Mark 13:8.
- (7) An alarming increase of false prophets, who will deceive many. Matthew 24:11, 24; II Peter 2:1-3.
- (8) The rise of a World Church or World Religious System that will systematically persecute and martyr God's true saints. Matthew 24:9-10; Revelation 17:5-7; 13:7-15.
- (9) The rise of a world government beginning with ten nations in Europe (or) of the old Roman Empire. Daniel 7:23-25. "And power was given him (i.e., the antichrist) over all

kindreds, and tongues, and nations." Revelation 13:7; also verses 1-8.

- (10) An apostasy — i.e., a rejection of God's true Word universally. I Timothy 4:1-2; II Timothy 4:1-4.
- (11) The masses of humanity "ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." II Timothy 3:7; Matthew 24:12.
- (12) Noah's Days are evident, being characterized by intemperate eating and drinking, buying and selling, building and planting, marrying and divorcing. Matthew 24: 37-39; Luke 17:26-30.
- (13) Our end-time society sick on the love of pleasure (more than with God's love) — without natural affection, without self-control, unholy, disobedient to parents. II Timothy 2:1-4.
- (14) Lukewarm churches everywhere with a form of godliness but denying the power thereof (i.e., the true gospel of repentance). II Timothy 3:5; Revelation 3:14-17.
- (15) All these signs shall be fulfilled in one end-time generation, said Jesus, with an accompanying distress of all nations and their leaders in government. Luke 21:25-32.
- (16) Phony Christians everywhere! Jude 17-19; Matt. 7:22-23!

OUR LOST GENERATION!

We are all members of the last generation upon this planet Earth before the return of Jesus Christ — and, this generation shall witness His return! We are now living in the last dying moments of this age of man, and we'll all be eyewitnesses to the greatest dramas of history if we live ten years longer. **This is the last generation — and it is a lost generation!** The church of today (I'm speaking of Christ's true church), will be virtually extinct within ten years without severe, divine intervention. America is an off-shoot of the British Empire, and our spiritual roots are from England — but alas, England has become almost totally pagan, to wit: Only 2% of the British attend church service on any given Lord's Day! America is apostacizing with even more terrifying swiftness!

One generation of youth has been lost since World War II, and we're in the process of repeating this tragedy. The prophet has epitomized today's lukewarm, lethargic, fun-loving church: "Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ensigns for signs (i.e., not the true prophetic signs) . . . **We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet: neither is there among us any that knoweth how long!**" Psalms 74:5, 9. Why

this malaise and spiritual vertigo? "Your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion," (Jeremiah 2:30), and, "Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them shall slay and persecute." Luke 11:49. God has set prophets in the church (I Corinthians 12:28; also Ephesians 4:11), but the church persecutes, rejects, and maligns a true prophet of God. **"They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly."** Micah 5:10. When I do not bear the fruit of a true prophet of God (ye shall know them by their fruits, Matthew 7:16), I'll quit! But, if I live holy and bear the fruit of a true prophet, all these messages which are truly from the Holy Ghost, God will requite them of the church and God's elect of this generation! Amen!

I have looked in God's prophetic picture window again and again — I have not seen beautiful dreams of Utopian escapism for the church of our Lord Jesus Christ in the next ten years or so — I've seen nightmarish scenes of the church in great persecution and sorrows! All these revelations corroborate fully with God's prophetic Word — precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little, there a little! Isa. 28:13.

Beloved, we must teach and preach the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth to this lost, judgment-bound sick society, and lukewarm church. The whole truth! We're not built on the foundation of Jesus Christ's Word alone, but "are built upon the foundation of the apostles (i.e., the words of Paul, Peter, James, John) and prophets (i.e., the words of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Amos, Micah, etc.), Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone." Ephesians 2:20. We must teach God's people to perfect holiness in the fear of God, the judgments of God, and true repentance. **God's saints are taking their eyes off Jesus as their example** — they're looking at this Charismatic mess of mimickers — entertainers, politicians, musicians, and singers — who are leading God's people into living worldly and ungodly, adopting the life-style of these "idols" and not of Christ. I hear the rumbling, thundering judgments of God arising on the horizon in the not-too-distant future, and these idolatrous and pagan customs of the heathen will be purged from Christ's true church by the rising persecution in the descending Gathering Storm. Matthew 28:8-10; Revelation 7:9-13; 13:7; 15:1-4; Daniel 7:21-25; 12:9-10. We are very near this rendezvous with these troubles and sorrows.

A REVIVAL OR A HOOTENNANNY?

We do not hear the sounds of real Holy Ghost revival but a hootennanny and medicine show in our churches, even the full gospel! As Moses told Joshua when they heard the revelling in the

camp of Israel as they worshipped around their Golden Calf: "It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery (i.e., victory), neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome: **but the noise of them that sing do I hear!**" Exodus 32:18. The charismatics have taken over most full gospel churches, installing revelling and hootennanies as substitutes for the real work of the Holy Ghost. This is idolatry! And while the churches and many of God's people revel, the false prophet and world church are swiftly arising which will bring barbaric persecution to the true saints of God to purge them of this pagan idolatry.

While today's blind and spiritually insensitive church revels, the devil's powerful pincer movement is rushing swiftly to close the breaches in the ecumenical encirclement of God's true saints. Of the two most recent Catholic Popes, John Paul I took the first step to bring the Roman Catholic Church into the World Council of Churches. Pope John Paul II, a Communist-oriented pope, will take the next steps — to not only unite the Catholics with the World Council, but he will bring the World Council Church bodies into the Roman Catholic system. This new pope will implement a deadly detente with Communism as his dialogue with Communist leaders continues to forge a political disaster!

The new pope of Rome, John Paul II, is just the needed catalyst to unify the elements of world ecumenity that seek peace through spiritual detente! These religious factions war and plot the destruction of each other in Lebanon and the Middle East. In Northern Ireland, Christians and Roman Catholics have been fighting and killing each other for over a decade. These two troubled spots command the attention of all nation's political and spiritual leaders. Crises in Africa and Iran between Communists, Moslems, and Christians demand solutions. At President Carter's Camp David peace parley very recently, news releases pictured him (a "Christian") seated with President Sadat of Egypt (a Moslem) and Prime Minister Begin of Israel (a Jew) — the World's Three major religions in representation! Political and military solutions to our world's unrest, wars, and violence will be renounced very shortly by the United Nations and world statesmen — and, there will be a universal call, and obviously, an harmonious call for a religious solution with Pope Paul II in a powerful leadership role! Wow! The true church of Jesus Christ is being outflanked swiftly, and our encirclement will follow quickly. The False Prophet is arising and guess who he is? I just answered it!

Sleep on Church! Keep following blind preachers, people of God — you're greatly responsible for this nightmare arising! We're sounding off as God's prophet, with the saints of this prophetic

ministry, doing as God has commanded: "Warn my people of my judgments coming on them — show them their sins — show them the true prophetic signs — put the eyesalve of the Spirit upon My blind saints' eyes so they can see again!" Revelation 3:15-17; Isaiah 58:1. God has warned through the prophetic scriptures that preachers in the end-time church would be blind to these prophetic truths: "Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. And the vision of all (i.e., all the preachers) is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed (i.e., the Bible), which men deliver to one that is learned (i.e., with a doctor's degree), saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot, for it is sealed: And the book (i.e., the Bible) is delivered to him that is not learned (i.e., a preacher who hasn't been to a seminary), saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned." Isaiah 29:9-12. My, what a revelation! But Praise God: "The Lord hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he awakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned!" Isaiah 50:4. "I believed, therefore have I spoken." Psalms 116:10.

THE COMING OF CHRIST

Jesus said in a prophetic warning about His return: "Therefore be ye also ready: **for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.**" Matthew 24:44. The Apostle Peter gave us this frank advisory about Christ's second advent: "And he (i.e., God the Father) shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive **until** the times of restitution (i.e., restoration) of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." Acts 3:20-21. Jesus Christ will not be sent back to this world **until** the church is purged from all spots and worldly blemishes — and, restored to its former power, holiness, love, faith, and the fear of God as was the early church recorded in the Book of Acts: "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all." Acts 4:32-33. The whole truth about the church of Jesus Christ in today's sick society, lolling in the lap of luxury is — the whole head is sick and the whole heart is faint (Isaiah 1:5); it is lukewarm, rich, increased with goods, boasts that it has need of nothing — but it is really miserable, poor,

naked, and blind (Revelation 3:17) — and, it must repent and turn back to its first love for Christ to accept it! Revelation 2:4-5.

This challenging statement is from the Holy Ghost as a warning: If the people who are whooping and yelling about their professed expectation in the sudden catching away of the church before it goes into great tribulation, really, really believed what they profess, they would live like it — but they are not, says the Lord who searches the reins and hearts! Revelation 2:23; 16:15. Like the dead church of Sardis, so Christ reprimands today's world-conforming, pleasure-loving church: "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments: and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy." Revelation 3:4.

A HOLY REMNANT

The church of this last and lost generation is just a few months away from entering into the Gathering Storm of spiritual darkness, excessive moral corruption, terrorism, amid natural disasters — with fierce persecution from the swiftly arising antichrist system and world church. This will be as in Noah's day: "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually . . . The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence." Genesis 6:5, 11. But, "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord . . . Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God." verses 8-9. Also, "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear (i.e., fear of God), prepared an ark to the saving of his house." Hebrews 11:7. Noah had the vision of the Gathering Storm — God held him responsible to warn his generation, which he did (II Peter 2:5), but only a holy remnant was spared from the destruction of the storm — eight souls! I Peter 3:20. God's people who did not believe Noah's warning, with their children, perished in the storm of God's judgments but they were not eternally lost. Proof? "(Christ) went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient (i.e., only partially obeyed God), when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few (i.e., a holy remnant), that is, eight souls were saved by water." I Peter 3:19-20.

God has ordered me as he did his great holy prophet of the Bible: "**Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.** For the vision (i.e., of violence and terrorism) is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak and not lie." Habakkuk 2:3-4.

In the fast-approaching 7 years of trouble and tribulation, the last seven years of this end-time generation, there are two distinct

divisions of 3½ years each. This following analysis is from a Holy Ghost revelation fully in harmony with God's prophetic holy scriptures:

- 1 — 3½ years of the Devil's wrath (First), then follows
- 2 — 3½ years in which God's wrath will be poured out.

Beloved, God's saints and the whole church will go through the time of Satan's wrath, perpetrated through the antichrist, the False Prophet, and the whore (World Church) of Revelation 17. "And the dragon (i.e., Satan) gave him (i.e., the antichrist) his power, and his seat (i.e., his throne), and great authority." Revelation 13:2. The Great Dragon (Satan) will be cast out of heaven with his angels near the beginning of the tribulation period (Revelation 12:3-9) and the woman (i.e., the church) flees into the wilderness for 3½ years from the wrath of the dragon (devil). Revelation 12:6, 14. "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him (1) by the blood of the Lamb, (2) and by the word of their testimony; (3) **and they loved not their lives unto the death.** Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! **For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath,** because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Revelation 12:10-12. We are now nearing this prophetic rendezvous — a barbaric persecution of saints and world-wide terrorism, which will bring in the antichrist's world government upon which the World Church will ride to world-wide acceptance and power. Revelation 13:11-15; 17:5-8.

God's wrath will follow soon after Christ's Church has been **purged by fire!** "And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, Seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. And I saw as it were a sea of glass **mingled with fire:** and them (i.e., God's saints, the church) that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name." Revelation 15:1-2. God's wrath is restrained until the fulfillment of Revelation 16: "And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth." Vs. 1. Then all of God's wrath breaks loose upon those who have worshipped the antichrist and received his mark. Revelation 16:2-21! Remember — Revelation is not written chronologically!

At this point of prophetic fulfillment, we have God's assurance: **"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain**

salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him." I Thessalonians 5:9-10. Have you looked carefully and discerningly through God's prophetic window by the light of this message and revelation? There is a true prophet of God with God's message, and we do know how long!

We will very shortly witness the rise of violence in America and the western nations as terrorists unleash merciless blitzkreigs — attacking our crowded cities, utilities, crowded airliners, schools, public buildings, stadiums, churches, etc., with sophisticated missiles! God has shown me by a vision of this terror, that unless his people listen to him, live holy, heed these prophetic warnings, and listen carefully to the Holy Ghost's personal warnings with great sensitivity, they and their children will suffer greatly and many even perish in these calamities of the swiftly-descending Gathering Storm.

In this Holy Ghost revelation and vision, the Spirit concluded it by warning me through the prophetic scriptures: "My people come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee (i.e., many of them) as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: **for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness (i.e., selfishness) . . .** And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come) then shall they know that a (true) prophet hath been among them." Ezekiel 33:30-33. Amen!

The End.

QUOTATIONS

The church of today desperately needs Holy men of God, prophets with God's message who are a true voice — not just an echo. — Ray Pringle.

Sympathy is not compassion. — Ray Pringle.

Conviction is not conversion. — Ray Pringle.

Feeling is not Healing. — Ray Pringle.

A disciple is a disciplined one — and that by the whole Word of God. — Ray Pringle.

The Bride of Christ, saints who live holy, sanctified, Spirit-filled lives are going when Jesus comes — not a puny, world-conforming church. — Ray Pringle.

STUMBLINGBLOCKS!

"He that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain; And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the **stumblingblock** out of the way of my people." Isaiah 57:13-14.

"Let us not therefore judge one another any more; but judge this rather, that no man put a **stumblingblock** or an **occasion to fall** in his brother's way." Romans 14:13.

On the subject of stumblingblocks or offences, Jesus also warned His disciples: "It is impossible but that **offences** (i.e., causes to stumble) will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come! It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should **offend** (i.e., **cause to stumble**) one of these little ones (i.e., Christ's disciple)." Luke 17:1-2.

WHO RULES THIS WORLD?

A young convert to Jesus Christ must learn the following truth in a hurry to be a victorious Christian: "**This is not God's world in which we're living**, that is, this world's system of government and social order." I know the real estate belongs to God (Psalms 24:1), but **Satan is the god of this world** (II Cor. 4:4), and a real saint of God is living in a hostile environment. Jesus said, "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me." (John 14:30), speaking of the Devil or Satan. Again the scriptures reveal: "Wherein in time past ye (i.e., a Christian) walked according to the course of this world, according to **the prince** of the power of the air, **the spirit** that now worketh in the children of disobedience." Ephesians 2:2. This spirit is Satan!

Who creates the stumblingblocks that cross squarely the paths of God's saints, to deter them, to distract them, to beguile them into disobedience and rebellion against God and His Word? Satan masterminds the creation or construction of them all.

What are the most deadly and subtle stumblingblocks cast into the paths of God's elect in this end-time, perverted Sick Society? (1) False Prophets; (2) Counterfeit Bibles; (3) Phony Christians! Beware! Satan is the creator of these perils that cause many to stumble and even fall in the midst of spiritual blindness that rejection of God's true Word has brought about in our own day. **To stumble** is the committing of a wrong act or to commit a blunder; **a stumblingblock** is an obstacle that hinders, or causes a person to stumble.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE TO US!

It is not what those around us do for us that counts; it is what they are to us! Man cannot escape for one moment from this radiation of his true character, this constant weakening or strengthening of others — especially a professing disciple of Jesus Christ! Into the hands of every individual is given a marvelous power for good or for evil — the often silent, unconscious, unseen influence of his life. The Holy Ghost orders every true Christian, "Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." I Timothy 4:12. This constitutes the true life-style of our Lord Jesus Christ. Also Titus 2:1-6. Jesus warns every person: Don't be a stumblingblock to one of my little ones!

No person can evade this responsibility by saying it is an unconscious influence. A true Christian can, by God's help and grace, select the qualities that he will permit to be radiated through his life-style. Ephesians 5:9-11. He can cultivate sweetness, calmness, trust, generosity, truth, loyalty, nobility, and patience — make these vitually active in his very nature and character — and by these qualities he will constantly affect the world for good, and by his very presence, be an example, a light, and a tower of strength to hungering souls about him.

A CURSE

And speaking of "**the pleasure of smoking**," well-known judges and prison officials have these few well-chosen words to say:

Judge Torrence, former superintendent, Illinois State Reformatory: "I am sure cigarettes are ruining and making criminals of mor boys and girls than liquor!"

Judge B. S. Shaw of Hart, Michigan: "In every instance of juvenile delinquency in this court I have found that the boys were cigarette users."

Judge Allen of Lisbon, North Dakota: "Every juvenile delinquent brought before me for the past 17 years has been a cigarette smoker!"

Dr. Hutchinson of the Kansas State Reformatory: "Cigarettes are the causes of the downfall of more boys in this institution than all other vicious habits combined!"

Miss Winters, principal of one of the largest schools for delinquent girls in America: "Out of eleven hundred inmates, only 20 were non-smokers!"

There are Christians and ministers whose very presence seems to radiate sunshine, cheer, real love, and real faith in God. These have "Another" nature, warm, helpful, genial, peaceful — who are like the Gulf Stream, following a divinely chartered course, flowing undaunted and undismayed in the ocean of colder waters.

A true Christian should refuse to live in an atmosphere or environment that keeps him from doing his best for the Lord. II Corinthians 6:17-18; I Timothy 6:5. If the weakness be in us, we should master it. If it be the personal influence of others — a pastor or his wife, another Christian, a boss, a teacher, a parent, etc., that, like a noxious vapor kills our best impulses, **we should remove from that influence if we can possibly do so without forsaking duties.** If it be wrong to move, then we must seek God's added grace to counteract the poison of that influence. Let me repeat, "It is not what those around us do for us that counts, it is what they are to us — their influence on us!" Most people, preachers, teachers, parents, and other Christians can be used by the devil to be stumblingblocks to God's true blue, holy saints and to each other as the Apostle Peter was on occasion to Jesus. Matthew 16:23.

BLINDNESS!

Stumblingblocks to God's true saints are not in short supply! Jesus said that it must needs be that stumblingblocks arise and jeopardize the pilgrim's progress on his way to eternal life. Luke 17:1-2! But the Prophet Isaiah cried out to other true servants of God to prepare a right way for God's people — **"to take the stumblingblocks out of the way of my (i.e. God's) people."** Isaiah 57:13-14. These dangers must be marked vividly, and the warning raised to God's true saints whose path is filled with these deadly perils — False Prophets, Counterfeit Bibles — and, the Phony Christians that these produce in this blind and perverted society of which Satan is the prince and power. Eph. 2:1-2. "Take these stumblingblocks out of the way of **my people,**" cried the prophet of the Lord.

"The god of this world (Satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them," so declares the Holy Scripture. II Corinthians 4:4. When a person, especially a Christian, rejects any Truth of God's Word, spiritual blindness is always the inevitable result. Like the Laodicean, lukewarm church, which is the characterization of today's church society, Jesus rebukes: "Thou knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, **and blind,** and naked." Revelation 3:17.

A spiritually blind and impoverished church of today, full of malaise and vertigo, are insensitive to these dangers — the stumblingblocks of Satan — False Prophets; Counterfeit Bibles, and Phony Christians! Please read Galatians 1:6-7; II Corinthians 11:4; Matthew 7:15-16; Matthew 24:11, 14; II Peter 2:1-18; Jude 17-19; Titus 1:16; II Timothy 3:7. These scriptures fully corroborate that these perils will be dangers encountered along every true Pilgrim's pathway.

Jesus called stumblingblocks by another name in one of his gravest warnings — **tares!** These plants of Satan among true Christians look exactly like wheat (the true Christian) until fruit-bearing time! Matthew 13:37-40. These tares are phony Christians that False Prophets and their Counterfeit Bible teaching produce. And the tragedy is that — blind preachers, and blind Christians don't know the difference! These hate for a true man of God to judge (i.e., to spiritually discern) the phonies. I Cor. 2:15. Jesus said these can grow in the world together, but not in the church together! Matthew 13:30, 38. "Let both (tares and wheat) grow together until the harvest . . . The field is the world," not the church, said Jesus! Also I Cor. 5:9-13. Read this carefully!

This is a prophetic ministry with an enlightening prophetic message to God's true elect, "**To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.**" Isaiah 42:7, 16. The tempo of God's rebuke to blind saints follows sharply: "Hear, ye deaf, and look, ye **blind** that ye may see. **Who is blind, but my servant?** or deaf as my messenger (i.e., the preacher) that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the Lord's servant? **Seeing many things, but thou observest not;** opening the ears, but he heareth not." Isaiah 42:18-20. This condition is not the exception among God's people today — it's the rule!

This wretchedness and spiritual poverty evoked this cry from the Lord: "**Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears!**" Isaiah 43:8. And again: "All ye beasts of the field come to devour, yea, all ye beasts (i.e., false prophets, II Pet. 2:1-12) in the forests. **His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant,** they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough; and they are shepherds (i.e., preachers) **that cannot understand:** they all look to their own way (not to God's sheep), every one for his gain, from his quarter." Isaiah 56:9-11.

Sounds like a deadly game, doesn't it? — that is, this religious act — and, the devil loves religion but hates holiness, godliness, righteousness, and the fear of God — thus phony Christians and false prophets are deadly perils, stumblingblocks, to God's people. My, but these should know Jesus' warning: "It would be better for a millstone to be hanged about their necks and they cast into the sea than to offend (i.e., cause to stumble) one of my little ones." Luke 17: 1-2.

IDOLATRY

Professing Christians follow false prophets today like rats following the Pied Piper of Hamelin into the Sea of Destruction. These phonies usually ignore the Bible or pervert it — presenting no preaching of the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth! And, ladies and gentlemen, we're in the midst of a famine of severity for hearing the true Word of God, universally, as foretold by God's prophet. Amos 8:11-13. Oh, I know you can hear singing, and endure a hootenanny, hear testimonies dime a dozen, or sweet stories, and a performance of sorcery (phony miracles), but the **real thing is missing!** What is it?

'T WAS A SHEEP

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that strayed away
 In the parable Jesus told:
 A grown-up sheep that had gone astray
 From the ninety and nine in the fold.
 Out in the meadows, out in the cold,
 'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd sought.
 Back to the folk, and into the fold,
 'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd brought.
 Why, for the sheep, should we earnestly long
 And so earnestly hope and pray,
 Because there is danger, if they go wrong,
 They will lead the young lambs astray.
 For the lambs follow the sheep, you know,
 Wherever the sheep may stray;
 If the sheep go wrong, it will not be long
 Till the lambs are as wrong as they.
 So, with the sheep, we earnestly plead
 For the safety of the lambs
 If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost
 Some sheep may have to pay.

—Minnie Lee Bovender

Charismatic-style meetings feature sweet-talking preachers, gospel singers, big-shot business men and women, and politicians who profess to be born-again Christians, which take the eyes of God's people off Jesus to themselves. These stumblingblocks lead Christians to world-conformity, **to their dress and life style — not Christ's of the Bible.** This is idolatry, and it is an abomination to God! "Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry." I Cor. 10:14.

These mimickers of God's saints perform to the chagrin of a true saint — and they take glory that belongs only to Christ. **"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."** Gal. 6:14. The influence of these "Hollywood Christians" are like a noxious, poisonous vapor to a real saint of God, and the saint must remove from the influence of these phony Christians and false prophets, or stumble and fall! "I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another." Isaiah 42:8.

What is missing in the so-called Charismatic revival we're witnessing that is as phony as a three dollar bill? Where is the hunger for God's true Word in all this blindness and spiritual malaise? There is no hunger for the whole Truth of God's Word among the Charismatics, but rebellion! Here's what's missing, thus producing "tares" and not "wheat" among God's true saints:

- (1) True repentance (Proverbs 38:13; II Peter 3:9);
- (2) True Holiness (Ephesians 4:24);
- (3) What Sin Is (I John 3:4-8);
- (4) The Fear of God (Proverbs 8:13; Acts 9:31; II Cor. 7:1);
- (5) God's judgment for sin in a Christian's life (Hebrews 6:4-6; 10:26-30);
- (6) Real faith and trust in God (Rev. 12:10-12; Luke 9:23-24);
- (7) About a phony Jesus being taught (II Cor. 11:1-4; Phil. 1:15-16);
- (8) Real fasting and prayer (Matthew 17:19-21);
- (9) The Real Love of God (John 14:21; I John 5:3);
- (10) About false prophets (Matthew 7:15-23; 24:11, 24; II Pet. 2:1-20);
- (11) About counterfeit bibles (Gal. 1:6-12; Rev. 22:18-19);
- (12) About Hell (Matt. 5:29-30; Isaiah 5:13-14; Rev. 20:11-15);
- (13) About the rising Gathering Storm of God's judgments and tribulation upon the church of this end-time (Rev. 6:9-11; 7:9-14; 13:7);
- (14) The cost of true discipleship to Christ (Luke 14:25-27, 33; I John 2:1-6).

TWO HOLY GHOST REVELATIONS

The church society of today is described by the prophet — a church world full of idolatry: **"From the sole of the foot even unto the head** there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment." Isaiah 1:6. This ministry has the mollifying message to heal the wounds, bruises, and putrifying sores. **Professing Christians today, in general, are not praying — they are playing.** This is idolatry! "And the people (of God) sat down to eat and to drink, **and rose up to play.**" Exodus 32:6. This was God's church in the wilderness! To Christ's church the Holy Ghost warns: **"Neither be ye idolaters,** as were some of them: as it is written, **The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.**" I Cor. 10:7. Idolatry! The church and professing Christianity is epitomized by this stumbling around, led into pleasure and revelling by sophisticates and dramatists who are stumblingblocks to God's saints.

How can this horrible "mixed multitude" so cunningly co-exist as tares right among God's people? God answers this: "A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; **and my people love to have it so:** and what will ye do in the end thereof?" Jeremiah 5:30-31. You should ponder this warning soberly!

The Holy Ghost spoke to me recently with the following warnings to preachers and Christians:

(1) "Warn My people that where True Holiness, old-fashioned Repentance, the Fear of God, What Sin Is, and the Judgments of God are not preached with Bible authority, that demons of lust and seducing spirits will overcome that church or individual Christian who listens to compromising messages. The results will be world-conformity — immodest dress and nudity, adultery, drinking, smoking, dope addiction, and exotic pleasure — and, rebellion against God's holiness and godly living." I Tim. 4:1-2.

(2) "The only means that remains at my disposal to break the rebellious hearts of My people in this Sick Society is the preaching of My Word that is like a fire and like a hammer that will break their stony hearts in pieces amid the soon arising, fiery persecution upon my people." (Jeremiah 23:27-29).

THE GODLY MAN CEASES!

What happened to the God-fearing mother and father, and preacher, in our idolatrous church society? The prophet saw many years ago what our bewildering eyes behold now: "Help, Lord; **for**

the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men. They speak vanity everyone with his neighbor: with flattering lips and a double heart do they speak." Psalms 12:1-2. False prophets and phony Christians — stumblingblocks — are everywhere! As God's Watchman foretold us many centuries ago: "We grope for the wall **like the blind**, and we grope as if we had no eyes: **we stumble at noonday** as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men." Isaiah 59:10. Why? "**They have rejected the word of the Lord:** and what wisdom (i.e., light) is in them?" Jer. 8:9. Blind Christians stumble over the tares, that is, counterfeit preachers and phony Christians into error and tragedy.

God rebukes and warns of the ministers "who **did** turn many away from iniquity (rebellion)" but have become stumblingblocks to God's people: "But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to **stumble** at the law (i.e., God's commandments)." Malachi 2:6, 8.

The preachers who confronted Jesus continually, their spirits bristling with blind resistance to His message, were greatly offended when he denounced their hypocrisy saying: "Ye hypocrites, Well did Esaias (Isaiah) prophesy of you." Then he continued to warn His disciples: "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: **they be blind leaders of the blind.** And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch (i.e., stumble)." Matthew 15: 7, 13-14.

When a "professing" Christian causes a true saint to take his or her eyes off Jesus, and the Word of God, onto his or her lifestyle that is idolatrous and world-conforming — this is provocative idolatry that God hates and will judge severely. The church society of today, "charismatic" in character, is libertine, perverted, and full of rebels to God's holiness — led by seducing spirits (demons) into becoming stumblingblocks to God's true saints!

A HOLY GHOST WARNING

Churches of today's Laodicean age, staggering and groping in spiritual blindness and moral bankruptcy, are full of mimickers — tares, or phony christians that Real Christians are affected by. It's not what you do for a Christian that counts — it's what you are **to them!** These phonies, preachers, laymen and laywomen, teach God's people all sorts of idolatry and abominations by their libertine and rebellious lifestyles in dress and pleasures (lusts) of the flesh. These ungodly pretenders of being born-again, bring in among God's people those old hellish, devilish, ungodly unisex styles — pants and pants suits for women, jewelry, painted eyes

and faces, short hair like men, scanty dresses and swimsuits, while the Holy Scriptures cry out against these pagan customs which God hates. Read Deut. 22:5; Ezek. 23:40; I Timothy 2:9-10; I. Peter 3:1-4; I John 2:15-17; II Cor. 7:1. Pantywaist preachers and lust-filled men and husbands concur with these heathen and adulterous outrages against a Holy God. These idolatrous customs ever lead to lawlessness — free love, adultery, cocktail and beer sipping, beach parties, etc., while the demons of lust howl with delight.

GOD'S JUDGMENT

These vices of the flesh have an end — in the fiery crucible of God's judgments! God implores with His people about their involvement or consent to these abominations: "And what will ye do in the end thereof?" Jer. 5:31. God warns of His severe judgments to these perverters of His Holiness: **"I will consume the stumblingblocks with the wicked."** Zephaniah 1:3.

While soothsaying preachers and teachers are whispering "sweet nothings" into the ears of God's blind and world-conforming elect, God commands us to lift up our voice like a trumpet and warn His people of these "stumblingblocks" who are leading them into error and into the ditch. Isaiah 58:1. While teachers "having itching ears" turn thousands away from the truth to fables, we are rebuking, reproofing, and exhorting God's people unto Repentance, Holiness, and the Fear of God. II Timothy 4:1-4. **"Beloved . . . work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."** Phil. 2:12.

Beloved, don't reject the meat of God's Word which we exhort, teach, and preach to you in God's Spirit and Love — and then resort only to the "skimmed milk" which will result in spiritual malnutrition or death. Hebrews 5:12-14; I Cor. 3:1-3. "They (i.e., God's people) hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly." Amos 5:10. Jesus, also a prophet said, "They hated me without a cause."

Further beloved, **don't stumble** at God's Word as the Holy Ghost warns by being rebellious and disobedient: "Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone (i.e., Jesus) which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, **And a stone of stumbling**, and a rock of offence, **even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient:** whereunto also they were appointed." I Peter 2:7-8. Christian "stumblingblocks" love the praise of men more than the praise of God. John 12:43.

WATCH OUT FOR THESE!

I know of no greater nor more severe censure from Jesus than His threat of judgment upon those who play into the hands of God's crafty archenemy, Satan, to become a stumblingblock to one of His little ones (i.e., a true Christian). Many are going to be stumblingblocks, Jesus warned, but woe to that person so used — "it were better that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." Remember, if you as a professing Christian lead another weaker or less knowledgeable Christian into error, or to stumble into sin or rebellion against God's holiness and purity of lifestyle, you are a stumblingblock, and your judgment will come upon you suddenly and sure. "He that being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." Proverbs 29:1.

Watch out for stumblingblocks, true children of God! If possible remove yourself from their influence over you; if it's not possible, keep an eye on them and pray much for grace to overcome them (or it). Your stumblingblock could be the worldly and ungodly influence of TV! Jesus warned with gravity: "And if thy right eye offend thee (i.e., causes you to err or stumble), pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee . . ." Matthew 5:29-30. Stumblingblocks can cause you to go to hell! God's people need their eyes opened to these grave dangers!

God's saints need not let a wife or husband, son or daughter, mother or father be a fatal stumblingblock. Don't let this be! But how? Answer: Just recognize and mark the stumblingblocks well, walk in the light of God's Word daily, and you'll not stumble over them. God's Word is a light unto your path and a lamp unto your feet. Psalms 119:105; Prov. 8:34.

God has spoken as in days of old: "Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house (i.e., the church), which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a rebellious house." Ezekiel 12:2. As a matter of love the Holy Ghost exhorts God's real saints: "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended (i.e., stumbles and falls), or is made weak." Romans 14:21.

To worldly Christians I exhort, not I but our Lord Jesus Christ: "And when thou art converted (i.e., turned back to Christ's holiness) strengthen thy brethren." Luke 22:32.

This ministry with its prophetic end-time messages is ordained of God to cast up the right and safe way for God's people (Jer. 6:16),

and to take the stumblingblocks out of the way that's in their paths. Beloved, it's a matter of love for God, our family, and our neighbor that we heed this warning. For thus saith the wisdom of God: "Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way (i.e., made to stumble); but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Hebrews 12:12-14. This Holy Ghost message has the power "to anoint your eyes with eyesalve that thou mayest see." Revelation 3:18.

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches." Rev. 3:22.

The End.

NEW TESTAMENT

"Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, so that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." Acts 14:22.

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: II Tim. 2:12.

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. II Tim. 3:12.

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. I Peter 4:12-13.

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: I Peter 1:7-8.

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. I John 2:18.

And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Matthew 25:6.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION — 1979!

"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness." Psalm 65:11. Praise the Lord! New Year's resolutions are usually made rashly and filled with vanity. My resolution is to — by God's grace — be obedient to the Lord, and faithful in his service.

I offer a challenge to pastors, prayer groups, families, and individuals who are acquainted with this prophetic, end-time ministry and fellowship to make a New Year's resolution to help support this Radio and Literature Outreach in 1979 on a monthly basis. God's true saints and elect are going to be held responsible before the Judge of all the earth for warning our generation of God's swiftly arising judgments — and, to warn a lukewarm church that they **must** repent and return to God's True Holiness. We must rebuke, reprove, and exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. II Timothy 4:1-4! God's people must be warned of False Prophets, Counterfeit Bibles, and Phony "Christians" that these produce by the thousands. The Whole Truth must be preached without compromise, appeasement, or the fear of men. Men must Fear God and Keep His Commandments, or perish.

There is no other ministry or evangelistic group that is preaching these truths, and warning God's people across our nation. Please resolve for 1979 as an individual, as a prayer group, as a family unit, or as a whole church to support this vital work **monthly**. We must get on more radio stations daily, prepare more cassette-taped messages, and circulate more thousands of the Word of Prophecy magazines, monthly.

Beloved, be a committee of one to be faithful in this grave matter. Stir yourself — then stir others in your family to help you send an offering monthly — stir your church, pastor, for you have the power for good which God has given you to help that others don't possess. Jesus said, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required." Luke 12:48.

Make this resolution and write me. Take this responsibility upon you to receive or raise an offering monthly, and mail it to this ministry. God will greatly bless you and the group that participates — **now**, and especially **in the darkness of the future!**

We will be faithful to you and Jesus Christ to get His message and the Holy Ghost's warnings out until He comes!

The end.

GEMS FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

GOD PROMISED

God could have kept Daniel out of the lion's den. But He didn't. He could have kept the 3 Hebrew Children out of the fiery furnace, or He could have kept Paul and Silas from being beaten unmercifully, bound in chains, and thrown in prison — But He didn't. God could keep us from enduring tribulation and from going into the Great Tribulation — but, He won't. He never promised to deliver us from enduring fiery trials and hard experiences — but, He promised to go with us all the way even to the end, giving us overcoming victory!

DEMON POSSESSION

Are demon possession and being mentally controlled by demons one and the same thing? If so, why didn't Jesus cast the demons out of the scribes and Pharisees?

"Being mentally controlled by demons" is a rather nebulous phrase not used in the New Testament.

Demon possession was especially prevalent during the time Jesus was here in the flesh. It is described in terms which indicate that startling personality changes occur in this state. The person so afflicted may actually struggle against the demonic forces acting through him.

While in a very loose sense all evil action may in part be due to demonic suggestion, there is no indication that the scribes and Pharisees were either demon-possessed or "mentally controlled by demons." What they did, they did on their own.

An article in "Personal Christianity," by C. S. Lovett, argued that "Christians" may actually be controlled by demons.

The proof he cites was a young mother who was "truly saved," yet tried to kill her baby, and went from man to man inventing stories to cover her escapades. She, he says, is a "Christian" who is controlled by demons. His difficulty here is his doctrine of unconditional eternal security.

I do not deny the demon control. I deny that a woman who tries to kill her baby, who lives in adultery and lies, is in any New Testament sense of the word a Christian. John describes this woman's situation in unmistakable terms: "He that committeth sin is of the devil" (I John 3:8-10).

Christians may be tormented by Satanic powers, tempted, accused, and assaulted by demons, but never controlled by demons. The house that was swept and garnished, if left empty, may be repossessed by demons (Matthew 12:43-45; Luke 11:24-26). But it does not in any way picture a Christian personality.

I have no doubt that demon possession occurs today. It will probably become more prevalent as the second coming of Christ draws nearer, just as it became more prevalent in connection with the first coming of Christ. The use of hallucinogenic drugs can be an open door to demonic possession.

But no Christian, born of, led by, and filled with the Spirit of God, need fear either demon possession or being "mentally controlled by demons."

—Convention Herald

AGE AND DECREPITNESS NOT NECESSARILY SYNONYMOUS

Michelangelo painted the ceiling of Sistine Chapel on his back on a scaffold at near 90. George Santayana said at 82, "I have never been happier in my life than right now." Daniel Auber wrote his "Dream of love" in his 80's, and said, "I'm not 80: I am four times 20."

Paderewski at 79 played the piano superbly.

At 88 John Wesley preached every day.

Tennyson published "Crossing the Bar" at 83.

Booth Tarkington wrote sixteen novels after 60 — some of them when he was almost totally blind.

Of Benjamin Franklin, Walter B. Pitkin said: "Men have forgotten the first half of his life. The world will never forget the second." Franklin went to France in the service of his country at 78, and wrote his autobiography at over 80. Add to these the more illustrious and notable Moses whose eye was not dim, and whose strength was not abated at 120 (Deut. 34:7), and Joshua who, well in excess of 80, "drove thence the three sons of Anak" (Josh. 15:14) as Israel came into possession of the promised land.

It seems to me that the elderly of our land need to be encouraged to be industrious and God-glorifying in their mature years, even though there is much to discourage it all around them.

—Selected and abridged

A PRAYERLESS LIFE IS AN UNHOLY LIFE

by John Wesley



Watch and pray continually against pride. If God casts it out, see that it enter no more. It is fully as dangerous as desire. And you may slide back into it unawares.

If you think you are so taught of God as no longer to need man's teaching, pride lieth at the door. Yes, you have need to be taught by one another, by the weakest preacher, yea, by all men. For God sendeth whom He will.

Always remember, much grace does not imply much light. Not observing this has led some into many mistakes, and into the appearance at least of pride. Let there be in you that lowly mind that was in Christ Jesus. And "be ye likewise clothed with humility" (I Peter 5:5).

Let it not only full but cover you all over. Let modesty and self-diffidence appear in all your words and actions. As one instance of this, be always ready to own any fault you have been in. Do not seek to evade or disguise it, and you will thereby not hinder but adorn the Gospel!

Give no place to a heated imagination. Do not hastily ascribe dreams, voices, impressions, visions, or revelations to be from God. They may be from Him. They may be from nature. They may be from the devil. Try all things by the written Word of God!

Beware of fanaticism, or running after some unscriptural fad. To retain the experience, the divinely appointed means of grace must be constantly used. The Bible can not be neglected, as it reveals His will and unfolds His mind.

It is the daily chart of the child of God. It directs the walk. Use your Bible continually.

Also there must be continual prayer. One of the special laws of the Kingdom is to ASK in order to receive. To fail in asking is to fail in receiving. A prayerless life is an unholy life!

—Herald of His Coming

A PREACHER WITHOUT A BIBLE

Vance Havner

I started out back in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. I did not know much. I have not learned a lot since, but I knew precious little in those days. However, I believed the Bible.

I just took it and read it as it came. I started in Genesis and was having a great time, taking promises right and left, just like a boy picking apples off a tree in an orchard.

One day I was met by one of these Bible scholars and was told that those promises were not for me, that they were for the Jew. Well, that discouraged me a little bit, but I said, "I believe I will give it another try."

So I moved over into the New Testament and started down through Matthew, claiming promises right and left. Again I was interrupted and duly notified that those promises were all for the Kingdom Age, not for me. I had never heard of the Kingdom Age before, but since those things were not for me, I did not want to take them.

So I moved over into the Acts of the Apostles and was daring to claim some, not all the blessings that flowed from Pentecost. Once

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Investors see signs of gathering storm

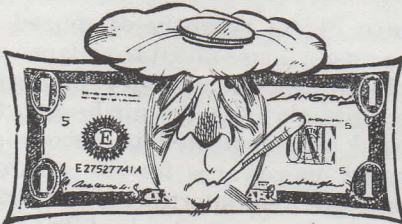
By ALAN MORTON

Prospects of a sputtering economy, worsening inflation, tighter money, a sagging dollar — these were the main ingredients of reports confronting investors in the past week.

President Carter sought to stiffen resistance to inflation, formally announcing his Administration's policy in a televised broadcast. The world responded with two cheers — or less.

The stock market sank deeper into gloom. The Dow Jones industrial average fopped lower, bringing its record to nine down sessions out of the past 10. It closed Friday at 106.05, down 31.96 points from 838.01 a week earlier and down 91.04 points from 897.09 the week before that.

Some of the latest dismal reports came from the government on Friday. It forecast growth in the national economy next year at only 3 to 3.5 per cent. That



August, 7.2 per cent; July, 6 per cent. The rate, in fact, appeared headed back for the 10 per cent annual pace seen in June.

President Carter's anti-inflation policy speech contained few surprises. Its major components — voluntary wage and price guidelines aimed at, respectively, 7 per cent and 5 per cent ceilings on increases — had been indi-

cated beforehand by the Administration.

The one novel twist to the policy was a "real wage insurance" provision, calling for a tax rebate to workers if inflation topped 7 per cent, so long as their pay increases met the policy guidelines.

Alfred Kahn was named to handle the new policy as chairman of the Council on Wage and Price Stability,

moving from the chairmanship of the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Especially sharp concern over inflation and rising interest rates was expressed at the American Bankers Assn. convention in Honolulu. J. Dewey Daane, a former member of the Federal Reserve Board, told the bankers that, with continuing inflation, the U.S. next year could be in the "early stages of a recession as severe or more severe than the recession of 1973-75." And Henry Kaufman, partner in the Salomon Brothers investment banking firm, forecast a "further sharp rise in interest rates."

Interest rates, in fact, surged late in the week. The rate on large bank certificates of deposit jumped on Thursday to the area of 10.5 per cent for six-month certificates, from 10.05 per

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again I was interrupted and told that that was a transistional period, that we were not to press those promises too literally.

Well, that left me, by and by, with nothing but the Epistles and Revelation, and most of the Revelation was for the future.

By the time I had made allowances between groups and marginal references, and tried to look at the Bible through the spectacles of a dozen disagreeing expositors, bless your heart, I was afraid to put down my foot on any verse for fear some scholar would come along like a policeman and order me off private property, and tell me, "This verse is not for you. Get going, Brother, somewhere else."

Finally, I said, 'Lord, I have heard of a man without a country. If this thing keeps up, I am going to be a preacher without a Bible. If you will give a verse I can stand on, I will have to have it in a hurry, because they are just about to take it away from me.'

I got down to that one, "Let God be true, but every man a liar" (Rom. 3:3-4), and I have been standing on that one ever since! Brother, I tell you, I believe it is all for me, and I enjoy it.

We need just that child-like enjoyment of the Word of God. Today we have gotten to the place where people are taking the Bible apart and then are trying to put it back together, analyzing it, dissecting it — not enjoying it. There needs to be a child-like enjoyment of God's Word and a sweetheart love for Jesus.

— *Convention Herald*

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Britain's Prince Philip recently compared conditions in his country to those in an old house about to collapse. He said, "In an old house, you never know just when the dry rot starts until eventually the place becomes uninhabitable. Britain became too concerned with the underprivileged and neglected to encourage the producers. Britain concentrated on rewards for the unsuccessful until now everyone is unsuccessful and unfortunate and Britain is no longer a major power." Coming close on the heels of Prince Philip's statement was an article in the London Daily Times which said, "President Carter's tax reform proposal would substitute tax credits for tax exemptions which means taxes will go up for the more productive workers and down for the less productive ones. Mr. Carter's notion of tax reform is to make the United States tax system more nearly like that one which has helped make Great Britain what it is today."

—The Voice in the Wilderness

WHICH DISTURBS YOU MOST?

A soul lost in hell . . . or a scratch on your new car?

Your missing the worship service . . . or missing a day's work?

A sermon 10 minutes too long . . . or lunch half hour late?

A church now growing . . . or your garden not growing?

Your Bible unopened . . . or your newspaper unread?

The church work being neglected . . . or housework neglected?

Missing a good Bible study . . . or your favorite TV program?

The millions who do not know Christ . . . or your inability to keep up with the neighbors?

The cry of the multitude for bread . . . or your desire for another piece of German chocolate cake?

Your tithes decreasing . . . or your income decreasing?

Your children late for Sunday School and Church . . . or late for public school?

Which really disturbs you most?

—Author Unknown

HOW JESUS' FOLLOWERS DIED

"They that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

Matthew was killed by the sword in Ethiopia.

Mark was dragged to death in Alexandria, Egypt.

Luke was hanged on an olive tree in Greece.

James the Greater was beheaded at Jerusalem.

James the Less was thrown from the pinnacle of the Temple and then beaten to death.

Andrew was bound to a cross, but preached until he died.

Thomas was run through with a lance in India.

Jude was shot to death with arrows.

Simon Zelotes was crucified in Persia.

Matthias was first stoned and then beheaded.

Peter was crucified with his head downward.

Paul was beheaded in Rome.

(Thanks to A. Fearn, Agincourt, Ont.)

—Railroad Evangelist

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Satan trembles when he sees
The weakest saint upon his knees.

THE CHURCH OF SATAN

As a nation we have now about 10,000 practicing witches. Witchcraft is the IN thing in our schools. Thousands of public schools (not allowed to have prayer or the Bible) are teaching courses in witchcraft.

\$200,000,000 is spent in a year on astrology alone. A computer network provides horoscopes 24 hours a day on 2,000 campuses of the nation.

2,000,000 Ouija boards now sold annually. Most popular parlor game now! In Cleveland, Ohio, you can "rent a witch" from one agency for parties, who will do anything from fortune-telling to conducting seances.

Occult book sales doubled in the last four years. More than 800 different titles. Doubleday's new book club of occult titles zoomed to 100,000 membership in 2 years.

"The Church of Satan" is fast spreading worldwide and has many thousands of members. —Pulpit Helps

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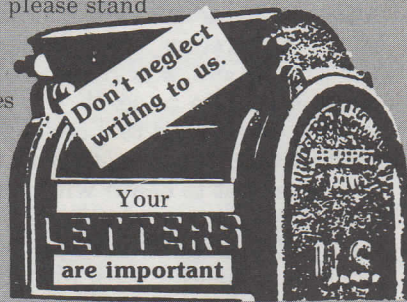
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