

THE WORLD TOMORROW

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WE NEED TO BE CONSCIOUS OF THE BABYLON OF RELIGIOUS CONFUSION THAT EXISTS IN THE WORLD TODAY. BESIDES MORE THAN 250 SECTS AND DENOMINATIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION, TODAY IN THE WORLD WE HAVE JUDAISM, BUDDHISM, CONFUCIANISM, ISLAM, SHINTOISM, TAOISM, AGNOSTICISM, ATHEISM, AND EVOLUTION, EVEN THE LATTER TWO ARE RELIGIONS AND RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.

HOW COULD THE WORLD EVER HAVE BECOME SO MIXED UP? ONE PERSON BELIEVES THIS, ANOTHER PERSON BELIEVES THAT. WHERE DID TRUTH GO? HOW DID IT ESCAPE? IT SEEMS THAT NO ONE KNOWS IT ANYMORE.

WHAT IS RELIGION? RELIGION IS DEFINED AS THE WORSHIP AND SERVICE OF GOD OR THE SUPERNATURAL. IT HAS TO DO WITH MAN'S RELATION TO HIS CREATOR. IT HAS TO DO WITH WHAT HAPPENS IN THE HERE-AFTER. THAT IS THE FUNCTION OF RELIGION, BUT NOT ONE KNOWS WHO AND WHAT GOD IS. HOW CAN YOU WORSHIP SOMETHING YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IT IS?

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE APOSTLE PAUL SAID IN THE 17TH CHAPTER OF THE BOOK OF ACTS WHEN HE CAME TO COURT OF AREOPAGUS? HE SAID TO THEM, WHOM YOU IGNORANTLY WORSHIP, HIM I DECLARE UNTO YOU, ON THE OUTSIDE OF ONE OF THEIR IDOLS THAT THEY WORSHIPPED WAS MARKED, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. THEY DID NOT KNOW WHOM THEY WERE WORSHIPPING.

NOT ONLY THAT, NOT ONE OF THESE CHURCHES OR RELIGIONS KNOWS WHAT AND WHY MANKIND IS. YOU KNOW, THIS IS ABSOLUTELY AMAZING. THIS IS ASTONISHING! THEY IDON'T KNOW THIS. ARE WE AN IMMORTAL SOUL? ARE WE JUST FLESH WHEN WE DIE? IS THAT THE END OF EVERYTHING? DO WE GO TO HEAVEN OR GO TO HELL WHEN WE DIE? OR IS THERE ANY SUCH THING?

NOT ONE KNOWS WHAT HAPPENS IN THE HEREAFTER EXCEPT THIS ONE PERSECUTED, BELEAGUERED CHURCH OF GOD. NOT ONE

KNOWS WHAT IS THE GOSPEL MESSAGE THAT GOD SENT TO THE WHOLE WORLD BY JESUS CHRIST — THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD. NOT ONE KNOWS WHAT THE KINGDOM IS, NOT ONE OF THEM KNOWS WHAT SALVATION IS, WHAT IS IT? GOING TO HEAVEN? IS IT GOING TO SOME PLACE? IS IT BEING CHANGED TO A CERTAIN CONDITION? WHAT? WHY ALL THIS IGNORANCE? NOT ONE KNOWS WHY HUMANS WERE PLACED ON THE EARTH, HOW DID WE COME TO BE HERE? I CAN PROVE TO YOU WE DIDN'T COME BY EVOLUTION. WE WERE PUT HERE FOR A PURPOSE.

WHEN I THINK OF THE HUMAN MIND AND THE WONDERS OF IT AND WHAT THE HUMAN MIND CAN PRODUCE... THE HUMAN MIND HAS BEEN ABLE TO SEND MEN TO THE MOON AND TO CAVORT ABOUT THE MOON AND WALK OVER IT AND COME SAFELY BACK TO EARTH.

NOW I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER SOMETHING. HOW COULD ANYONE COME TO KNOW THESE TRUTHS WHICH ARE THE TRUTHS ABOUT WHO AND WHAT IS GOD, WHAT AND WHY IS MANKIND, WHY WERE WE EVER PUT ON THE EARTH, WHAT IS THE PURPOSE, WHAT IS A MAN, WHAT IS THE GOSPEL, WHAT IS SALVATION — ALL OF THESE THINGS — HOW COULD ANYONE COME TO KNOW THOSE THINGS? HOW COULD SOMEONE IN THAILAND COME TO KNOW THE TRUTH THAT THE BUDDHIST RELIGION DOESN'T HAVE AND DOESN'T TEACH? WHY DOES A BUDDHIST BELIEVE WHAT HE DOES? BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN TAUGHT IT FROM THE TIME HE WAS A CHILD. AS THEY GREW UP, ALL OF THE PEOPLE THEY ASSOCIATED WITH WERE BUDDHIST. HOW ARE THEY EVER GOING TO COME OUT OF IT AND KNOW THE TRUTH? THEY ASSUME IT, THEY TAKE IT FOR GRANTED, THEY GO ALONG WITH IT, AND THEY'RE NOT DISTURBED ABOUT IT. AND THEY'RE NOT CONSIDERING ANYTHING ELSE.

I TELL YOU ONE MAN WHO KNEW A GREAT DEAL. HE WROTE MORE OF THE BIBLE THAN ANY OTHER MAN, AND THAT WAS MOSES. MOSES DID NOT SEEK GOD. HE WASN'T TRYING TO FIND GOD. MOSES WASN'T SEEKING FOR THESE TRUTHS THAT I'VE BEEN TELLING YOU

ABOUT, MOSES DIDN'T KNOW ANY OF THESE THINGS I'VE BEEN MENTIONING. HE WASN'T HUNGRY TO KNOW AND SEEKING TO KNOW — NOT ANYTHING OF THE KIND.

BUT HE WAS COMING BACK FROM HIS FATHER-IN-LAW'S PLACE (JETHRO) AND THERE WAS THAT BURNING BUSH. HE WONDERED, WHY DOESN'T IT BURN UP? YOU KNOW, THAT'S INTERESTING. I WOULD LIKE TO FIND SOMETHING THAT BURNS AND BURNS AND BURNS AND NEVER BURNS UP. IF YOU COULD GIVE ME SOMETHING LIKE THAT I COULD MAKE TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS BECAUSE WE WOULD HAVE OUR ENERGY AND OUR HEAT PROBLEMS SOLVED IN A HURRY. ANYTHING THAT BURNS, BURNS UP. DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK OF THAT? IF YOU KNOW A LITTLE BIT OF CHEMISTRY, YOU'D KNOW THAT IT ISN'T POSSIBLE, THIS HELL FIRE TEACHING.

SO MOSES TURNED BACK TO SEE WHAT KEPT IT BURNING. THE BIBLE SAYS GOD WAS IN THAT BUSH AND SPOKE TO HIM — AT LEAST THE VOICE OF GOD. HE SAID, MOSES, YOU WILL DO WHAT I SAY. AND MOSES DID.

SO THIS KNOWLEDGE WAS REVEALED TO MOSES. HOW DID MOSES KNOW WHAT'S IN THESE FIRST FIVE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE? MOSES DIDN'T DREAM IT UP. IT WAS REVEALED TO HIM BY GOD. AND GOD TALKED DIRECTLY TO MOSES, THAT'S THE ONLY WAY, OTHERWISE HE NEVER WOULD HAVE FOUND OUT.

NOW TAKE THE APOSTLE PAUL, WHO WROTE THE NEXT LARGEST PORTION OF THE BIBLE — A GREAT MANY BOOKS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. PAUL WASN'T SEEKING GOD NECESSARILY, HE CERTAINLY WASN'T SEEKING CHRIST OR CHRISTIANITY. HE WAS OUT SEEKING CHRISTIANS TO HAUL THEM IN TO BE PERSECUTED AND EVEN PUT TO DEATH! BUT GOD CAUSED HIM TO FALL DOWN TEMPORARILY BLINDED. GOD SPOKE IN A VOICE THAT HE HEARD AND THE PEOPLE WITH HIM DIDN'T HEAR IT. AND PAUL SAID, WELL, WHO ARE YOU?

HE SAID, I AM JESUS, THAT YOU WERE PERSECUTING. WHY DO YOU PERSECUTE ME?

WELL LORD, HE SAID, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO? SO GOD HAD ARRANGED FOR A MAN BY THE NAME OF ANANIAS TO SHOW HIM WHAT HE WAS TO DO. AND PAUL DID.

NOW THEN, PAUL HAD THREE YEARS THAT ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR DOWN IN ARABIA. BUT LATER PAUL SAID, HAVE I NOT SEEN CHRIST? HAVE I NOT BEEN WITH CHRIST? HOW DID THE APOSTLE PAUL GET THE KNOWLEDGE THAT HE WROTE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT? HE GOT IT DIRECTLY FROM CHRIST. HOW DID THE ORIGINAL APOSTLES GET WHAT THEY DID? THEY GOT IT DIRECTLY FROM CHRIST.

NOW CHRIST IN PERSON, IS THE PERSONAL WORD OF GOD. HE IS THE SPOKESMAN OF GOD, HE'S THE LOGOS IN THE GREEK LANGUAGE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT WHO WAS WITH GOD — THE ONE WHO DOES THE SPEAKING OF THE GODHEAD. BUT THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD IN WRITING — THE WORD OF GOD IN PRINT. HOW COULD ANYONE TODAY COME TO KNOW THE TRUTH IN ALL THIS RELIGIOUS BABYLON AND THIS CONFUSION OF SO MANY RELIGIONS? I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT.

I WANT TO GET TO ANOTHER POINT RIGHT NOW, AND I WONDER IF YOU EVER REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS. IF YOU WERE TO ASK ME WHAT IS THE MOST PREVALENT MISBELIEF OR DISBELIEF THAT IS EXTANT IN THE WORLD TODAY I WOULD SAY IT IS THE BELIEF THAT GOD IS TRYING TO CALL EVERYONE TO SALVATION TODAY. THAT IS NOT TRUE. AND ALL CHURCHES SEEM TO BELIEVE THAT. THEY BELIEVE GOD IS TRYING TO GET EVERYBODY SAVED.

IF YOU WILL TURN TO JOHN 6:44, JESUS SAID, "NO MAN CAN COME TO ME [HE JUST CAN'T DO IT] ...NO MAN CAN COME TO ME EXCEPT THE FATHER [WHICH SENT ME] DRAW HIM." IF GOD DOESN'T DRAW YOU, IF GOD DOESN'T CALL YOU, YOU CAN'T COME, IF GOD HAD NOT CALLED YOU, NONE OF YOU COULD HAVE COME TO HIM. GOD IS NOT TRYING TO SAVE THE WORLD NOW.

LET ME GO JUST A LITTLE BIT FURTHER. ROMANS 3:11 SAYS, "THERE IS NONE THAT UNDERSTANDETH. THERE IS NONE THAT SEEKETH AFTER GOD." PEOPLE ARE NOT SEEKING AFTER GOD REALLY, AND THEY HAVE NOT BEEN SEEKING AFTER GOD. ABRAHAM DID NOT SEEK FOR GOD. GOD JUST CALLED ABRAHAM.

NOW ABRAHAM IS A LITTLE BIT DIFFER-

ENT FROM MOST OTHER MEN. WHEN GOD CALLED HIM, HE DIDN'T SAY, OH, I DON'T KNOW, GOD, JUST COUNT ME OUT! WHEN GOD WAS CALLING ME, I DIDN'T WANT TO COME, EITHER, WAS JUST LIKE THESE OTHER FELLOWS, I WANTED TO BE IN THE ADVERTISING BUSINESS. THAT'S WHAT I CHOSE. PETER WANTED TO BE A FISHERMAN, MOST PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO SOMETHING ELSE.

AS I SAID, I DIDN'T SEEK GOD. HE CALLED AND CHOSE ME. AND I TRIED TO RUN THE OTHER WAY. IF YOU CHOSE HIM, YOU DON'T REALLY BELONG HERE. GOD MUST CALL YOU, NO MAN CAN COME TO JESUS CHRIST EXCEPT GOD THE FATHER CALLS HIM, SO I WOULD ASSUME THAT GOD HAS CALLED ALL OF YOU.

I KNOW HOW I WAS CALLED. AS GOD STRUCK THE APOSTLE PAUL DOWN AND BLINDED TEMPORARILY (ALTHOUGH IT WAS RESTORED AFTER HE WOKE UP AND DECIDED HE WOULD SERVE JESUS CHRIST), GOD STRUCK ME DOWN IN A DIFFERENT WAY ALTOGETHER.

AT AGE 34, GOD BROUGHT TWO DUAL CHALLENGES TO ME, ONE THROUGH MY WIFE, SHE BECAME A RELIGIOUS FANATIC, I THOUGHT. SHE HAD TAKEN UP WITH THE JEWISH SABBATH — SEVENTH DAY SATURDAY FOR THE SABBATH. OH BOY, HOW TERRIBLE THAT WAS! AND HERE I HAD KNOWN THE PRESIDENTS OF MOST OF THE BIG MANUFACTURING CORPORATIONS IN THE MIDDLE WEST AND THE CHICAGO AREA (HAD AN OFFICE IN CHICAGO FOR SEVEN YEARS, IN CHICAGO IS LOOP AT 123 WEST MADISON STREET), AND I BEGAN TO THINK, WHAT WILL ALL MY FORMER BUSINESS ASSOCIATES THINK?

ABOUT THE SAME TIME, A SISTER-IN-LAW, JUST FRESH OUT OF COLLEGE, SAID TO ME, VERY INSULTINGLY, HERBERT ARMSTRONG, YOU ARE JUST IGNORANT!

WELL, I WAS PRETTY PROUD IN THOSE DAYS. HAD TO LOSE THAT, BUT I WAS PROUD THEN, AND FULL OF VANITY, THOUGHT I WAS PRETTY GOOD. HAD BEEN QUITE SUCCESSFUL. WHEN I WAS STILL IN MY 20'S I WAS MAKING THE EQUIVALENT OF WHAT ON TODAY'S DOLLAR VALUE WOULD BE \$150,000 A YEAR. SO I WAS PROUD IN THOSE DAYS. HAD TO GET RID OF IT.

BUT NEVERTHELESS, SHE SAID, ANYONE WHO HAS ANY EDUCATION AT ALL KNOWS EVOLUTION IS TRUE. WELL NOW, I THOUGHT I HAD LOOKED INTO EVOLUTION, BUT I'D NEVER MADE AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF IT. I SAID, BERTHA, I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU EAT THOSE WORDS BECAUSE, I DON'T THINK YOU'RE RIGHT.

SO I STARTED MY STUDY OF EVOLUTION FIRST BECAUSE I HAD TO PROVE WHETHER THERE WAS A GOD OR NOT. READING ALL OF THE WORKS ON EVOLUTION MADE MY HEAD SWIM FOR AWHILE. I SAID, WELL, NEVER PROVED THAT THERE IS A GOD, I'VE BEEN BROUGHT UP TO BELIEVE THERE'S A GOD, LIKE EVERYBODY. NOW, I SAID, I'VE GOT TO PROVE IT.

I HAD AN IN-DEPTH STUDY FOR SIX MONTHS. AND I WENT INTO AN INTENSIVE STUDY AS IF MY LIFE DEPENDED ON IT, AND I PROVED THAT EVOLUTION WAS FALSE, AND I PROVED IT TO SOME ATHEISTS AND OTHERS, AND MADE THEM ADMIT IT BACK IN THOSE DAYS — THAT'S 52 YEARS AGO NOW.

WELL, THE NEXT THING I HAD TO DO WAS TO PROVE WHETHER THE BIBLE WAS THE WORD OF GOD. I PROVED THAT ABSOLUTELY. NOW THAT I HAD, I DIDN'T HAVE TO GO ANY FURTHER. I HAD INTENDED TO GO INTO THE KORAN, TO GO INTO WHAT WERE THE MAJOR SPIRITUAL BOOKS OF ALL OF THESE ORIENTAL RELIGIONS, AND ALL RELIGIONS, TO SEE IF ANY OF THEM HAD THE TRUTH. WHEN I FOUND THE BIBLE WAS THE EXACT WORD OF GOD AND THERE'S JUST ONE GOD, I DIDN'T HAVE TO GO ANY FURTHER. THIS WAS IT!

I BEGAN TO BELIEVE WHAT GOD SAID. ADAM AND EVE DIDN'T. THE PEOPLE DIDN'T BELIEVE CHRIST, ALMOST NO ONE BELIEVES WHAT GOD SAYS TODAY — THEY DON'T BELIEVE THIS WORD. THE WORD SAYS THAT THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, THEY DON'T BELIEVE THAT, I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT. THOUGHT LIKE THE WORLD DOES, THAT THE WAGES OF SIN IS ETERNAL LIFE BURNING UP IN HELL FIRE, BUT NEVER GETTING BURNED UP.

THEN THE LAST PART OF THAT SAME SENTENCE SAYS, "BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD." WELL, I SAID, I'M AN IMMORTAL SOUL. I DON'T NEED TO GAIN ETERNAL LIFE AS A GIFT.

BUT IT DIDN'T BEGIN TO MAKE SENSE. THEN I LEARNED HOW JESUS HAD SAID, NO MAN HAS ASCENDED UP TO HEAVEN, BUT THAT HE HIMSELF HAD COME DOWN FROM THERE. NO ONE HAS EVER GONE TO HEAVEN. THEN I LEARNED WHERE THE APOSTLE PETER SAID ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST, WHEN THE DAY THE CHURCH WAS FOUNDED — THE DAY THIS CHURCH WAS FOUNDED — THAT DAVID, A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART, HAS NOT ASCENDED UP TO HEAVEN. BUT HE'S DEAD AND BURIED, AND HIS SEPULCHRE IS STILL HERE WITH US TO THIS TO THIS DAY, I BEGAN TO SEE THAT EVERYTHING I'D BELIEVED WAS WRONG. THE THING IS, MY MIND WAS SWEEPED CLEAR OF WHAT I HAD BELIEVED, I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT GOD CONQUERED ME. I KNEW I HAD TAKEN A BEATING. I KNEW THAT WHAT I'D BELIEVED BEFORE WAS NOT TRUE. AND I FOUND HERE WHAT IS TRUE, AND I DECIDED I WOULD BELIEVE WHAT GOD SAYS! I HAVE PROVED THAT THE BIBLE IS THE EXACT AUTHORITATIVE WORD OF GOD. I HAVE PROVED IT, AND I BELIEVE IT, AND I KNOW IT. I NOT ONLY BELIEVE IT, I KNOW IT. I DON'T VERY OFTEN SAY, WELL, I THINK OR I BELIEVE OR MY OPINION IS — YOU HAVEN'T HEARD ME SAY THAT! I DON'T SPEAK THAT WAY. IF I DON'T KNOW, I KEEP SILENT. IF I DO KNOW, I SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY.

ADAM AND EVE DID NOT BELIEVE GOD. THEY DID NOT BELIEVE WHAT HE SAID. SATAN GOT TO ADAM THROUGH HIS WIFE EVE. OF COURSE, IT ISN'T VERY POPULAR TO MENTION THAT THERE IS A SATAN THE DEVIL TODAY. THAT IS NOT POPULAR IN POLITE SOCIETY. BUT THE BIBLE IS FULL OF IT. ADAM AND EVE DISOBEYED GOD. GOD SAID IF THEY TOOK OF THAT WRONG TREE THAT THEY WOULD SURELY DIE, WHAT WAS THAT TREE? IT WAS THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL.

NOW, ONLY GOD KNOWS WHAT IS GOOD AND WHAT IS EVIL. YOU KNOW, WHAT ONE MAN THINKS IS RIGHT, ANOTHER MAN THINKS IS WRONG. HUMAN BEINGS DON'T KNOW RIGHT FROM WRONG. THEY THINK THEY DO. I'VE HEARD EVER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE BOY THAT THE TEST OF WHETHER YOU'RE SANE OR NOT (THE TEST OF SANITY) IS WHETHER YOU KNOW RIGHT FROM WRONG. YOU DON'T!

THERE ARE PROBABLY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY THAT BELIEVE CIGA-

RETTE SMOKING IS WRONG. BUT THERE ARE OTHER MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE CIGARETTE SMOKING IS ALL RIGHT, AND THEY GO RIGHT ON DOING IT.

I DON'T HAVE TO GO ANY FURTHER. YOU CAN THINK OF A HUNDRED DIFFERENT CASES THAT PEOPLE DON'T KNOW RIGHT FROM WRONG. THAT IS THE PREROGATIVE OF GOD. AND TRUTH COMES FROM GOD, AND TRUTH IS REVEALED BY GOD. GOD IS NOT ONLY CREATOR, BUT GOD IS ALSO THE REVEALER OF TRUTH. HE IS THE SOURCE OF BASIC KNOWLEDGE, BUT THE WORLD WILL NOT GET ITS KNOWLEDGE FROM GOD.

ADAM AND EVE TOOK TO THEMSELVES THE KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG. SATAN CAME ALONG AND HE DIDN'T SAY, OBEY ME INSTEAD OF GOD. FIRST HE SAID, LOOK, WAS GOD FAIR? DID HE GIVE YOU ALL OF THE FRUIT OR DIDN'T HE KEEP BACK ONE TREE FOR HIMSELF? WELL, EVE SAID, YES, HE KEPT BACK THAT ONE TREE. HE SAID THAT IF WE TAKE OF IT WE'LL SURELY DIE. HE SAID, WELL NOW, HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU WILL SURELY DIE? YOU'VE ONLY GOT GOD'S WORD FOR IT. GOD KNOWS BETTER THAN THAT. YOU WILL NOT SURELY DIE, THE DEVIL SAID. WELL, AFTER ALL, EVE BEGAN TO BELIEVE, I'VE ONLY GOT GOD'S WORD FOR IT. HOW CAN I BE SURE, IF I DON'T PUT IT TO THE TEST AND MAKE AN EXPERIMENT AND FIND OUT? THEN SHE LOOKED AT IT AND IT WAS FOOD, AND IT WAS DESIRED TO MAKE ONE WISE. AND THAT BEGAN TO APPEAL TO INTELLECTUAL VANITY. SATAN SAID, YOU'VE GOT A MIND LIKE GOD; YOU'LL BE LIKE GOD. THAT SOUNDED PRETTY GOOD!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT ARE THE REAL TOOLS OF MODERN SCIENCE TO THIS DAY? FIRST IS THE REJECTION OF INSPIRATION AS A SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY REJECT GOD AS THE BASIC SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE. THAT IS THE FIRST PREMISE OF SCIENCE. SECONDLY, IT IS BASED ON OBSERVATION; AND THIRDLY, ON EXPERIMENTATION; AND THEN FINALLY ON REASON — HUMAN REASON.

NOW HERE WAS EVE. THE FIRST THING SHE DID WAS TO REJECT GOD AS THE SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE. THE SECOND THING SHE DID WAS USE OBSERVATION — IT WAS DESIRED, IT WAS BEAUTIFUL, AND IT WAS, GOOD TO EAT.

THEN SHE USED HUMAN REASON, FINALLY SHE DECIDED TO MAKE AN EXPERIMENT. SO SHE TOOK OF THE FRUIT. AND HER HUSBAND JUST WENT RIGHT ALONG. HE DELIBERATELY DID IT! HE DELIBERATELY DISOBEYED GOD. THE RESULT OF THAT EXPERIMENT IS THEY BOTH DIED. GOD WAS RIGHT AFTER ALL.

NOW THEN YOU TURN BACK HERE IN GENESIS THE THIRD CHAPTER, AND IT SAYS HERE, "AND THE ETERNAL GOD SAID, BEHOLD, THE MAN IS BECOME AS ONE OF US TO KNOW GOOD AND EVIL: AND NOW, LEST HE PUT FORTH HIS HAND, AND TAKE ALSO OF THE TREE OF LIFE, AND EAT, AND LIVE FOR EVER [LEST HE GAIN SALVATION, LEST HE GAIN THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD THAT WILL IMPART GOD-LIFE — ETERNAL LIFE — TO HIM]: THEREFORE THE LORD GOD SENT HIM FORTH FROM THE GARDEN OF EDEN, TO TILL THE GROUND FROM WHENCE HE HAD BEEN TAKEN. SO HE DROVE THE MAN OUT: AND HE PLACED AT THE EAST OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN CHERUBIM, WITH A FLAMING SWORD WHICH TURNED EVERY WAY, TO KEEP THE WAY OF THE TREE OF LIFE [LEST ANYBODY COULD GET BACK AND GET IT]."

THAT IS WHERE GOD CUT MANKIND OFF FROM HIM. AND MANKIND WAS CUT OFF FROM GOD, ALL EXCEPT THOSE THAT GOD HIMSELF WOULD CHOOSE AND CALL. THAT IS THE GREATEST THING THAT IS MISUNDERSTOOD BY MORE PROFESSING RELIGIONISTS AND CHURCHES THAN ANYTHING. I DON'T SAY IT IS THE WORST THING; I SAY IT IS THE MOST PREVALENT. THEY ALL BELIEVE THAT NOW THIS IS GOD'S WORLD, GOD IS TRYING TO GET EVERYONE SAVED.

THIS IS NOT GOD'S WORLD. GOD SAYS THIS IS SATAN'S WORLD, AND GOD HAS CUT HUMANITY OFF FROM HIM. AND THE NATIONS HAVE NOT KNOWN ABOUT GOD.

BUT NOW LOOK WHAT GOD DID DO. GOD TOOK MOSES AND THE INCIDENT OF THE BURNING BUSH, AND HE REVEALED HIMSELF TO HIM. BUT BACK BEFORE THAT, THERE WAS NOAH, AND GOD TALKED TO NOAH BECAUSE NOAH HAD BEEN A RIGHTEOUS MAN. I DON'T KNOW THAT HE WAS ESPECIALLY SEEKING GOD OR THAT HE REALLY KNEW GOD, BUT HE WAS A PURE GENERATION AS TO HIS BIRTH AND HE ALSO WAS A RIGHTEOUS MAN IN A WORLD THAT

WAS ENTIRELY CORRUPT. AND GOD TOLD HIM TO BUILD THE ARK TO SAVE HIM AND HIS FAMILY ALIVE — TO PROTECT, TO PRESERVE HUMANITY ON THE EARTH. AND ALL BUT EIGHT SOULS — EIGHT PEOPLE — WERE DROWNED IN THAT GREAT FLOOD.

NOW GOD CAME TO ABRAM (AS HIS NAME FIRST WAS, THEN ABRAHAM), AND RESPONDED IMMEDIATELY. HE IS ONE MAN WHO DIDN'T MAKE THE EXCUSE, OH GOD, GET SOMEONE ELSE, THAT'S WHY HE'S THE FATHER OF THE FAITHFUL. THAT'S WHY ALL OF THE PROMISES OF THE ETERNITY FOR YOU AND ME ARE THE PROMISES THAT WERE MADE TO ABRAHAM. IN THE ONE SENSE SPIRITUALLY WE BECOME THE HUMAN CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM THROUGH CHRIST IF WE HAVE GOD'S SALVATION.

THEN CAME AFTER THAT MOSES. NOW MOSES SAID, OH GOD, COUNT ME OUT! BUT GOD MADE HIM DO IT ANYWAY.

THEN AFTER THAT WE COME TO SAMUEL. SAMUEL'S MOTHER HAD MADE A COVENANT WITH GOD AND PROMISED THAT SHE WOULD GIVE THE SON TO GOD. SO SHE TOOK HIM OVER TO THE PROPHET ELI. GOD CALLED HIM AND FINALLY ELI SHOWED HIM THAT IT WAS GOD CALLING HIM, HE LEARNED ABOUT GOD FROM THE BEGINNING. SO HE WAS MADE GOD'S RULER OVER ISRAEL.

I THINK YOU MAY HAVE SEEN PICTURES MANY TIMES OF THE "THINKER." THERE HE SITS, YOU SEE, WITH HIS ELBOWS ON HIS KNEES HOLDING UP HIS HEAD AND JUST THINKING, THINKING, THINKING. THERE YOU ARE OUT WITH NO ONE TO REVEAL ANYTHING TO YOU. JUST THINK, HOW COULD YOU EVER THINK UP TRUTH? YOU WOULD HAVE NO BASIS TO THINK UPON, NO BASIS TO THINK BY, AS A MATTER OF FACT, I THINK SOME OF THE RELIGIONS WERE CREATED JUST BY THINKERS OF THAT TYPE. THAT'S WHY THEY ARE NOT TRUE.

TRUTH IS REVEALED. AND IT'S REVEALED BY GOD ALMIGHTY. IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT MANKIND BEGINS TO UNDERSTAND AND BELIEVE THAT!

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