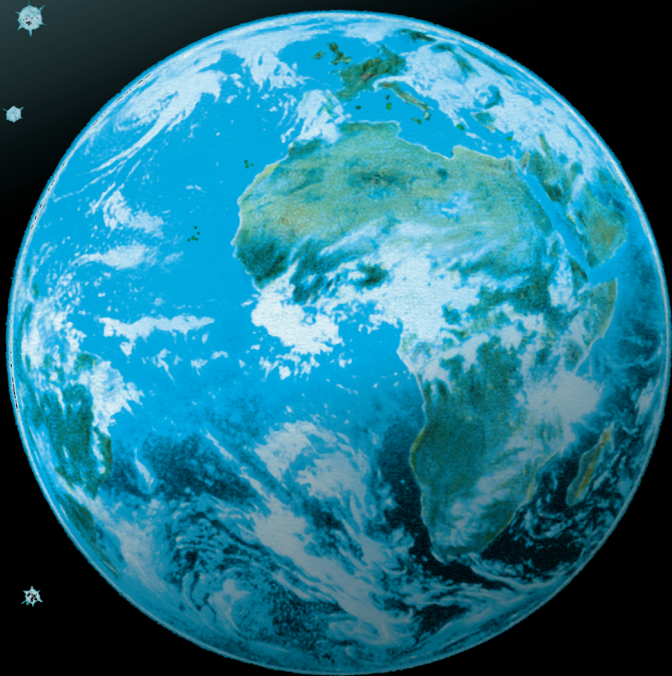


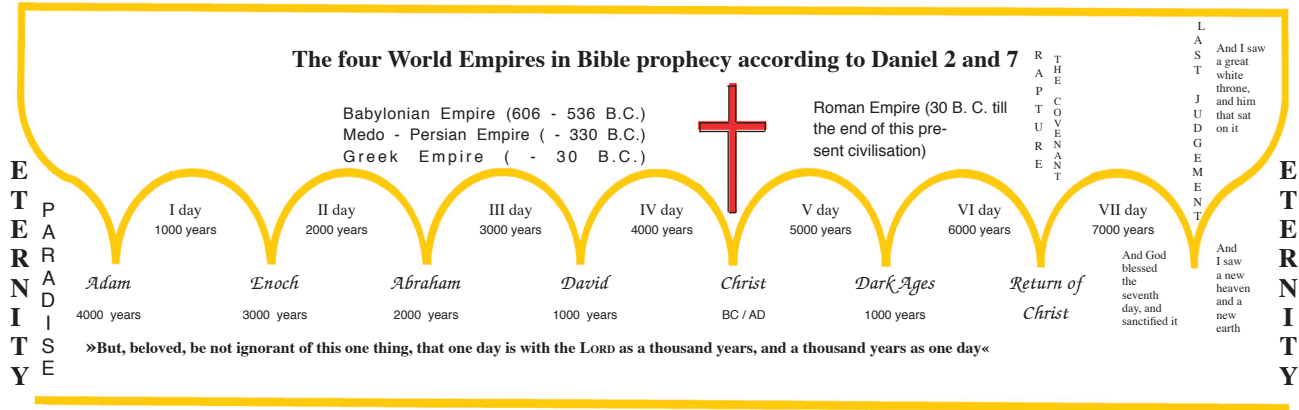
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.... even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God!“ (Ps. 90: 2).

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HAS THE FINAL SAY**

**PREDICTED EVENTS
BECOME REALITY**

**GOD'S WAY TO US
IS OUR WAY TO GOD**

By Missionary Ewald Frank

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

You need just a few minutes of your precious time to read this brief exposition. We certainly live in a very special and meaningful age. Every day we receive news about extraordinary events. What was reported from a century in times past, is something we are now faced with in the daily news. Natural catastrophes, famines, wars, tribal and “ethnic cleansing” and slaughtering, religiously motivated terrorism and criminal offences of every kind are being reported from all over the world. In the same country at the west coast there are hundreds of square miles of forest fires, while at the same time at the east coast flood waves leave tremendous damages behind. Nothing seems to be as it was before. Everyone makes that statement since the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington on September 11th, 2001. For all the political, economic and social problems we do not see any concrete solutions, whether on the national or the international level.

In this pamphlet we wish to touch briefly on what is taking place from the biblical point of view, as found in the »word of prophecy«. We are quickly coming to the end of the time of grace. About 6,000 years have passed since the first human beings saw the light of this world. Roughly estimated, there were 2,000 years from Adam to Abraham, and again from Abraham to Christ 2,000 years, and since the birth of Christ we have completed another 2,000–year period. Rightfully the question is now being asked, whether the change of not only a century but a millennium will bring about something extraordinary in the history of mankind.

The speculations about this have been increasing since the turn of the millennium. Experts openly admit that the prospects are gloomy, especially in regards to the Middle East. Well, there are even those who speak freely, as one of the U.S.-congressmen did, who said, “Perhaps we are the *first generation* that realises that we could be the *last one* of this present civilization.” There is much talk about »eschatology« and also about the »apocalyptic inferno« which is being expected to come upon the earth soon. Apparently the whole world suddenly awakened and is now worrying about what the immediate future might bring. Are we to ask those who foretell the future

about such important subjects? Should we go back to the statements of Nostradamus or other self-appointed prophets for counsel and try to explain their predictions? Should we consult fortune tellers or astrologers? Or can we find true and reliable answers for all these questions in the Holy Scriptures? Yes, we certainly can, because it is written, “... *We have also a more sure word of prophecy, unto which ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light, that shineth in a dark place ...*” (2 Pet. 1: 19).

A timely information from the Holy Scriptures is very essential and should be welcomed and appreciated by all who honestly desire to know what is going to take place. God, who is omniscient, could at the very beginning of time write history right up to the end. Human beings are able to write history only after the events have taken place, God however could record the entire history and the »plan of salvation« to be accomplished beforehand, right to the moment when time passes into eternity and the new heavens and the new earth will be. The events and their sequence are clearly set forth in the Holy Scriptures. They are irreversible and will take place.

In »Vision 7000« the main objective is to draw our attention to what will definitely come to pass in the near future and also to show the way of escape, before the terrible judgements will set in, “*For like a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth ...*” (Lk. 21: 34-46). In reference to the current developments we can actually find a clear direction in the Holy Scriptures. Thereby we can recognise the foretold »signs of the time«. “*So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.*” (Mt. 24: 33). Even though for 2,000 years no world-moving event sent directly from heaven seems to have taken place and people find it hard to believe that God should interfere in the history — it certainly will happen, because it is predicted in God’s Word.

The extraordinary events and developments in recent years throughout the whole world, especially in Europe since the peaceful change in October/November 1989, are also connected with Bible prophecy. Before our very eyes the »United Europe« is taking on shape, as set forth in the »Roman Treaty« in the year 1957. Historical enemies have become friends. The East and West, who

were opposed to each other during the cold war, are now on good terms. The dividing line through Germany as well as through the European continent is no longer in existence. We see the »All-European House«, in which there is room for all, rising as the »United Europe«. Since January 1st, 2002, over 300 million people can pay with the same currency, the Euro, in twelve different countries. This completes the most important phase of an all-European unification. The »Roman Empire«, the last of the four world kingdoms the prophet Daniel saw in chapters 2 and 7, as described in the Old Testament, is rising again before our very eyes. It is the »power« spoken of in Revelation which comes out of the »European sea of peoples«, and the whole earth is wondering about it. The “United Europe” will become the highest world power, because of the three-fold merging of economic, political and religious might. We are not only dealing with the political and economic strength of this world-power, but mainly with the »religious rider« of this »power« who has the reins in his hands and dictates the agenda. This »spiritual authority«, represented by the Papacy, has to be acknowledged by all religious and political leaders.

Just as the whole world witnessed the fall of *one* of the *two* super-powers in 1989/90, so will the second super-power USA, which has been the driving force in the war against terrorism since September 11th, 2001, continue to lose its world-wide influence. The only remaining world-power, the »United Europe« will set the guidelines for the world trade and the globalisation. We can see the handwriting on the wall. The last, the “Roman Empire”, already in existence since the year 30 B.C., according to biblical prophecy has to take over the reign of this world once more at the end of time, for thus it is written: “... *the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.*” (Dan. 7: 23).

The current developments, even the peace process presently taking place, were predicted in the prophecies of the Old and the New Testament. The Apostle Paul saw the present situation on all the levels in a preview and wrote down almost 2,000 years ago what we are now witnessing with our own eyes, “*For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the LORD so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety, then*

sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape” (1 Th. 5:2-3). The key word is “peace”, in connection with “safety”. Just as he had done on October 27th, 1986, the Pope extended an invitation to representatives of the twelve most important world religions to join him on January 24th, 2002, for a peace conference in Assisi, Italy. The concession that religion had been responsible for wars in the past led to the declaration that all religions now vowed to fight against war and terrorism and for peace and justice on earth.

Since Mikhail Gorbachev came to power in 1985, the “Cold War” ended and one peace conference after another was arranged. In fact, the »summit meetings« made history and led to »détente« between East and West and made the unification of Germany possible and also the independence of all the countries which were under Soviet rule. Political leaders are most concerned with this predicted »peace and safety«. These same terminologies are now being used very frequently in connection with the developments in the Middle East. Israel is more and more becoming the focal point of world politics. Especially Jerusalem will be the »burdensome stone« for all the surrounding nations, as the Prophet Zechariah predicted (chapter 12).

When the news reports concerning bin Laden, Mullah Omar, Tora Bora, Afghanistan, and al Khaida have faded, the solution for the “main problem” will be the task at hand. As predicted in the prophetic Scriptures, there will be a peace proclaimed. Unfortunately, even when the small country of Israel sacrifices “land for peace”, although the Arabic states are 640 times larger, after many compromises and much haggling by politicians, it will only be the illusion of peace, with the blessings from the highest religious authority. As it is written, that will be the time when the sudden destruction will befall humanity. The time has drawn very near, that is why we need guidance from above.

SELF-MADE TRADITIONS

Everyone on earth is born into a certain faith or religion, and most of them remain therein to the end, without giving a thought to search whether what they believe and trust in is right or wrong. They do not know

the one and only valid guideline, the absolute of the word of God. Generally it is accepted that everyone remains with the inherited tradition. Also many who practise their religion do not wish to be bothered with Jesus Christ and biblical subjects. A growing number of people come to the conclusion that they are being deceived and lied to, in politics and in religion, be it with or without God. The reason for this attitude is found in the different religions themselves. Obviously most of the people are under the impression that their spiritual leaders will do everything for them and guide them right. From their birth to their death-bed, rituals and ceremonies are administered without ever having heard the salvation message, without the opportunity to personally experience the salvation and find peace with God.

The religious denominations with their organised structures are no exception. All of them have maintained an outward appearance of godliness, but now they must be given the »Word-test«, they have to be compared to the only valid and proven standard of the early apostolic Church. The moment of truth has arrived. It is not enough to refer to Christ, the apostles and the Bible. All churches, even the smallest fellowships, use Bible references, which they make fit into their own concepts. The entire process is then called »unity in plurality«. In fact, Christendom in its traditional form of today has nothing in common with the original Church of Jesus Christ. Also the Roman Catholic Church does not originate with Christ and Peter, as some think and teach, but came gradually into existence since the days of Constantine and the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. in the »Imperium Romanum«. Only over the course of time the so-called »state-church« became an organisation with its hierarchy. The first centuries passed without any pope or state church. In the year 380 the Roman Caesars Theodosius and Gratian put an end to the common religious freedom. One year later, at the Council of Constantinople, general »Christianity« was declared to be the »state religion«, which was obligatory for all citizens in the Roman Empire. This process was completed by the East Roman Caesar Justinian (527-565) who made the priests civil servants.

The same Bible is being interpreted in hundreds of different ways, even today, in the tradition of the church

fathers. Instead of staying with the original words of revelation, which were the divine guideline of the original Christianity, they were constantly replaced with new, man-made doctrines, explanations, creeds, dogmas and so forth, which have altogether no actual foundation in the Holy Scriptures. Is it therefore not a fact, that all denominations have established their own kingdoms, proclaiming them to be the Kingdom of God? In spite of all this, it remains true that Jesus Christ builds His Church in the midst of the whole church world and will complete the same soon. God has a plan with humanity which He is bringing to pass. To understand it correctly, we must free ourselves from all inherited religious traditions and return to the original Word of God. Our LORD does not demand a blind faith. In fact, real faith has two sound spiritual eyes and two stable spiritual feet. The true foundation is the Old and the New Testament, wherein the plan of salvation for mankind is outlined from the beginning to the end.

THE RETURN OF CHRIST

God as the Creator has a plan with His creation and also as the Redeemer with His redeemed. Whoever believes in the existence of a personal God should be convinced that He does not leave anything to chance. Thus saith the LORD: “... *I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.*” (Isa. 46: 9-10). “*For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness; because a short work will the LORD make upon the earth.*” (Rom. 9: 28).

Those who know the Holy Scriptures well have the knowledge of all the predictions concerning the Redeemer in the Old Testament since the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3: 15). HE was the living hope of God’s people throughout the entire Old Testament. In that same way the redeemed cherish the living hope of the Return of Jesus Christ ever since the very beginning of the New Testament, since He was taken to Glory. For He said, “... *I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also.*” (Jn. 14: 3). This event is a part of the plan of salvation, it is of utmost significance and it is very close.

According to international press articles published at the turn of the millennium, millions of people on earth are expecting the Return of Christ. However, there are religious fanatics in this world as well, who always appear on the scene, they bring harm and reproach upon the true believers in God's Word. Still, there are also Bible-believing Christians who joyfully expect the Return of Christ and live a very normal life. They are sober, clear, and true in everything they do.

The promised Return of Jesus Christ and the predicted events which are to follow will come to pass, but God alone decides the day and hour when this is to be fulfilled. The signs of the time to which we should take heed, however, speak very clearly that this event is near. To set a time, as it has happened repeatedly even in the recent past, thank God, is neither possible nor necessary.

At the first coming of Christ more than one hundred prophecies from the Old Testament were fulfilled. All important details about Him — His divine conception, His birth in Bethlehem, His ministry, His suffering, His death, His resurrection and ascension to heaven — were foretold in the Old Testament prophecy. The same applies to the time before the second coming of Christ. It is overwhelming to read all the corresponding scriptures, which are now so timely and are currently being fulfilled.

The Apostle Peter had already seen in the Spirit that the Return of Christ would be especially scoffed at during the end time, as it is now being witnessed. The main critics are the unbelieving theologians who have no divine understanding regarding the time plan of God and the wording in the Holy Scriptures. They claim, for example, that the apostles were wrong in expecting the Return of Christ, and Jesus Himself, they say, did not keep his promise when He said, "*Surely I come quickly.*" The glorious fact is that the entire Bible is written in a way that it is applicable to all times. Every written Word of God can be preached and believed by all the people during the entire time of grace. Only when the time for the predicted events to take place has actually come will they be fulfilled.

The Apostle Peter comes right to the point with this subject and writes, "*Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own*

lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming?” Thereupon he replied, “The LORD is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Pet. 3: 3-9). All who are predestinated for eternal life will come to believe (Acts 13: 48). The scoffers do not have too much time left, as their laughing and scoffing will soon turn into weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth. *“Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”* According to the testimony of the Holy Scriptures, Christ will soon return, as He promised, and take His own into Glory (1 Th. 4), before the “wrath to come”, before the great tribulation commences (1 Th. 1: 10).

At His second coming those who died in Christ and have part in the »first resurrection« will rise first, and then those who live with Him shall be changed bodily and taken up to meet Him together in the air and be with Him for ever (1 Th. 4). They will see Him as He is and shall be changed into His likeness (1 Jn. 3). This will take place as certain as foretold and promised in God’s holy Word.

THE MAJESTIC CREATION

The actual purpose and plan of God started already at the very beginning. Certainly every one of us has admired His majestic creation. However, not everyone logically places the existence of a Creator before the creation. It is generally known that since the people have realised the seemingly impossible with extraordinary inventions, the existence of God is increasingly being questioned and the creation report is being considered as doubtful. Atheistic philosophers came up with controversial claims and convinced the people of their theories, especially during the past centuries, throwing humanity into unbelief. God is being denied, and man is celebrated. Also the assertion is made that all things came into existence by themselves. Whoever believes that could also claim having come into existence by himself through evolution, denying his own father and mother.

Who can imagine that the universe in its infinite state with uncountable stars and whatever there is in

perfect harmony should have come into existence by itself or through some “Big Bang”? Up till now nobody could suggest any improvements in the majestic creation. Just consider the innumerable creatures in the oceans and on land who have been perfectly equipped to live in their habitats, as well as the millions of kinds of beasts and birds on the different continents and how they are in perfect harmony with the climate surrounding them.

As the Creator in the beginning made all things by His almighty Word, so they are still in existence today. Since the creation of the earth, each year we are sowing and reaping, as God has said it would be: *“While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.”* (Gen. 8: 22). Only where man in his greed thoughtlessly interferes with nature, irregularities inevitably develop. Every day billions are being fed, and if all the available food would be divided up properly, nobody would need to hunger on earth. Each year God not only sustains us and the trillions of living creatures, but He also preaches a mighty sermon about life, death and resurrection unto us through nature itself. Each spring brings forth new life, new fruit, and the summer follows with a rich harvest. Then comes the autumn, leaves fall from the trees and nature dies. As a time of resting the winter follows, and most certainly in the same rhythm the awakening returns in the spring. *“Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shown it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead”* (Rom. 1: 19-20).

The fact that all living creatures bring forth after their kind remains unchanged for ever. Up till today we sow the same seed that came forth at the creation for the first time. The same trees grow with the same fruits and the same animals live on earth. Even man and woman, the crown of creation, are as they were in the days of Adam and Eve. They are also equipped with creative talents. That has been proven over this past century, especially in the last fifty years, overwhelmingly so. We have experienced the developments from the horse and wagon days to the airplanes and on to the space shuttle. Man is absolutely capable of doing whatever he thinks and plans

at all times, as the LORD has said, “... *and now nothing will be withheld from them, which they have imagined to do.*” (Gen. 11: 6). This I was especially made aware of when I had the privilege of personally meeting the U.S.-astronaut of Apollo 16, General ret. Charles Duke, on December 9th, 1995, who spoke in Berlin about his trip to the moon in April of 1972.

There is only one thing man cannot do — that is to create life. Those who believe in evolution should tell us who brought the first cell into existence, and they should also let us know who had put life into that cell. The question could also be asked, who has put the ability to multiply into all living creatures? Why do the atheists not sow artificially made wheat? Because they know that it would not come up, as it does not bear the germ of life in it. The mighty, all-embracing, majestic creation should convince each and every realistically thinking man of the existence of the sovereign Almighty Creator. If human beings would not have separated themselves from God, they could believe Him and His Word, which comes to pass daily before their eyes and confirms the creation report. God and God’s Word remain for ever trustworthy and eternally true for everyone who has been given grace to believe!

ORDAINED TO BE IN FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

According to the will of God, man from the very beginning was destined to live in fellowship with Him. Therefore, regardless of religion or race, all have a longing in their souls to adore some higher being. All feel the unexplainable urge to worship, no matter how this is being done. If someone does not find any religious object to worship, then it can be the mammon, it can be many things: habits, sports, different hobbies, and even idols, etc. The deep longing in every human soul, whether rich or poor, in actuality can only be satisfied with a divine substance.

The believing Jews pray to God who personally revealed Himself to them at the time of Moses as the »God of Israel« with the name Elohim-Yahweh (Ex. 6).

A real Jew can only believe in the one true God, for He Himself said, **“Hear, o Israel: The Eternal, our God, the Eternal is ONE ...”** (Deut. 6). About 6,700 times we find the expression **“LORD God”** — »Elohim-Yahweh« in the singular form in the Old Testament.

The Muslims also pray to one god whom they call “Allah”. Until September 11th, 2001, we all believed, due to pure ignorance, that Allah could be compared to Elohim of the Bible. Now we have learned from an abundance of sources, especially from several different encyclopedias, that Allah was the ancient Babylonian moon god. At the time of Mohammed he was worshipped in Arabia as the god who gave the entire vegetation on earth its fertility. This is why the Islam has chosen the symbol of the half moon. Only after Mohammed conquered all the tribes that worshipped other gods on the Arabian peninsula, did he proclaim the god of his tribe to be the only Allah. He then attributed even the creation to Allah. Mohammed then proceeded to preach his own adaptation of monotheism – not according to the Holy Scriptures. Mohammed’s Allah is not the one true God of Abraham and Moses. He is absolutely not and will never be the God of the Bible. In all Islamic countries the word “Allah” for “God” is being used in the Bibles and song-books and “Allah” is worshipped as God by all the Christians there. What a deception and tragedy, being misled in ignorance! What will they do now, after the truth has finally come to light?

The Hindus believe in their main trinity, which is Brahma, the creator, Vishnu, the sustainer, and Shiva, the destroyer, and also in many other gods which outnumber the Hindus themselves. They place their hopes into the doctrine that man in future lives will return perhaps as an animal and continue in a purifying-process until he reaches the final goal. The Buddhists believe in a similar manner in the reincarnation, and they emphasise meditation. Their highest goal is the Nirvana – a state of bliss, the suspension from karma, attained by the extinction of their individuality, to “be” no more. As with Hinduism, so with Islam and other religions, also here one searches in vain to find the real divine message, salvation and hope for eternity. In these religions the victory over death and eternal life are not included. Is it not true then, that a religion without salvation and eter-

nal hope is only a hope-less and salvation-less religion? What really matters is the revealed and confirmed “Will of God”, to which man has to subordinate himself.

Taking into consideration that Christianity in general believes in the dogma of the “tri-unity”, meaning that three persons eternally co-exist in heaven, it actually is also not a monotheistic religion in the true sense of the word. The legitimate question is: “If there are three divine persons who are eternal and who are almighty, then it rules out the existence of ONE, eternal, almighty God.” When taking these convincing facts into consideration, then only the belief of the Jews truly fits the definition of “monotheism”. The one true God certainly has the ability to reveal and manifest Himself in many different ways, as the Holy Scripture Itself testifies to that effect. In the Old Testament the invisible God, Who is spirit, revealed Himself as Lord in visible form. In the New Testament the same God revealed Himself for our salvation as Father in heaven and in His only begotten Son, who is the Lord, on earth. In the Old Testament it happened in a spirit body, in the New Testament in a body of flesh, for the sake of our redemption and in order to re-instate us by divine adoption as children of God (Gal. 4: 4 a. o.).

There was a time period when the first human beings lived directly in fellowship with God in paradise. In this original state of innocence they knew nothing about sorrow, pain, sickness or death. As creatures of the Eternal One they were predestined to live eternally. God made them a free moral agency, so they were able to make their own decisions, which could mean life or death. They could choose between good and evil, obedience and disobedience, belief and unbelief. That is still the case with us, even until today. Right at the very beginning God required obedience. That is where at first Eve and then Adam did not stand the test. She listened to the arguments and the »lie« of Satan in the serpent, was beguiled, fell in sin and pulled Adam into it. The first human beings overstepped God’s commandment, came under the influence of the evil one and had to die. God our LORD followed through with His threat and drove them out of paradise. The fellowship with Him was broken, and suffering, sickness and death came upon all humanity.

No one could say, “I am not guilty, I wash my hands

in innocence. What do I have to do with it?" Every man and every woman, every girl and every boy would have acted and done as Adam and Eve did. In fact, they are still doing it today. We are all born into the original sin through fleshly conception and thereby destined for death. Therefore we all have to be begotten by the Spirit, like the Son of God was, and receive eternal life. God knows us all. HE knew that no one by himself would be able to obey His commandments. In His righteousness He gave the commandments, so that we might know our transgressions and realise our disobedience towards Him. If there was no divine law, we could never be convicted of our guilt and would never comprehend the necessity of forgiveness and redemption. We were born into this world as those separated from God, lost, without hope; therefore we do need redemption and reconciliation with Him. The conscience will speak to each and everyone, even to those who have never heard the divine message or have never read the Bible. Everyone knows when he is lying, when he is cheating, stealing or doing whatever is wrong and therefore prohibited. Our conscience bothers us immediately. All, rich or poor, good or bad, are guilty before God and are surely in need of salvation. No one should say, "I have not killed anybody, or otherwise committed any crime, so it cannot be all that bad." The righteous judgement of God has come upon all of us and therefore we all must die. Nothing in life is as certain as death. Thus it is written, "*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement.*" (Heb. 9: 27).

Due to the fall the fellowship with God was broken. Nevertheless, He thought of us and made a way to Himself through the One Who could say, "*I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*" (Jn. 14: 6). The LORD in His infinite love and mercy came to us, that we might be able come to Him.

Since we sinned in this earthly body and became guilty, He had to come into a body of flesh and blood, and therein could vicariously as the innocent one take all our guilt and die for us and reconcile us with God. This happened in Jesus Christ, our LORD, Who cries out even today, "*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*" (Mt. 11: 28). The people who have come to Him in this way can, when their last hour arrives, commit their spirit into His hands and

are assured that He will always give the same answer, "*Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.*" (Lk. 23: 43). Of course, whosoever purposely lives without Him will certainly die without Him. Only those who live and die in Christ will be saved (Rom. 14: 7; Rev. 14: 13).

GOD ACTS SUPERNATURALLY

The coming of our Redeemer into a natural body came to pass by a supernatural act of God. Mary was born into this world naturally, as everyone else and also in need of redemption. She was the chosen vessel wherein the divine seed was placed, so that *the Word might become flesh*. She also had to experience salvation as all others, and therefore was with the 120 who were gathered in the »upper room« in Jerusalem, anticipating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. This experience is necessary to complete our salvation (Acts 1: 14; Acts 2). She was sanctified according to the testimony of the Scripture, because she believed the promise that was given to her. The Bible never once speaks about canonisation or declaring people for holy or entering them into sainthood after their death. It only declares sanctification and holiness of the living who believe God's promises and experience their fulfilments.

God only saves in one way, namely always in connection with the faith in the Word of promise, as was the case with Abraham. Mary believed the divine message, which the Angel Gabriel brought to her, and said, "*Behold the handmaid of the LORD; be it unto me according to thy word.*" Thus the Word was made flesh and the Son of God was born. In the same way all men and women have to listen to and believe the divine message, be open before God and experience the fulfilment of the Word of promise. Only in this way can spiritual, divine life come into our souls through the new birth. After the supernatural inauguration of the New Testament Church through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, Mary was never mentioned again, right to the end of the Bible. Neither Peter, John or James, nor Paul or any of the others did ever refer to her again. She had accomplished her task. We are concerned with Jesus Christ, the only Saviour, Mediator and Advocate. »Mariology«

is unknown to the Scriptures and in reality stands in opposition to Jesus Christ, therefore it is an anti-christ theory. The calling upon and the worshipping of saints goes directly against God, Who alone is holy and worthy of worship (Jn. 4: 23-24) and Who will not give His glory to another (Isa. 42, 8).

Jesus Christ is the LORD, who came in the flesh and became human. HE was absolutely holy and without sin, therefore He could take all our guilt upon Him and die in our place. Through His blood, in which was divine life, we have received reconciliation and forgiveness. Everyone who believes this will have the experience of the total redemption of the soul, spirit and body. By His resurrection on the third day the work of redemption was divinely crowned, and death, hell and Satan were conquered. The Resurrected One is the true Victor of Calvary. HE appeared to His disciples for forty days after His resurrection and spoke to them concerning the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God (Acts 1). After those days they saw Him as He was taken up into heaven (Lk. 24). All who believe in the biblical way can find the true anchor for their souls in these divine facts. By His resurrection our resurrection is guaranteed. In His ascension to heaven we have the assurance that we shall also be taken up and be with Him for ever.

God Almighty planned an eternal Kingdom for His sons and daughters. The failure of man cannot cross or void God's plan. There is merely an interruption, limited in time, which God has permitted. Humanity, which decided wilfully against God, had to submit to the rulership of Satan, then was bought back by the LORD Himself to be His Own again. Self-redemption is not possible. Salvation is a historical fact and a divine act according to God's plan. Through the preaching of the Gospel the salvation message brings deliverance. It reveals what God has to offer to humanity by His grace. Through the redemption, by God's power the children of man, who from their birth are children of death, are born again, receive eternal life and become sons and daughters of God, when they believe and accept what was done for them.

Since the Kingdom of God is eternal, all who wish to live therein must have eternal life. Therefore it is necessary, as our LORD emphasised, that everyone must

be born again (Jn. 3). The seed for this new birth from above is God's Word (Lk. 8:11). It has the divine germ of life within itself. The Holy Spirit comes upon all who receive the Word by faith, and so we are divinely begotten and become children of God (Mt. 13: 38a). Through the natural conception we have become earthly, mortal creatures, children of man. Through the supernatural begetting by the Spirit, we become the children of God, *"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."* (1 Pet. 1: 23). Whosoever believes in the LORD as his Saviour in this biblical manner can have this personal experience. The incomparable offer of salvation by God's grace is available to all who wish to receive it, as long as the Day of salvation still lasts. No one can imagine how terrible it will be for those who reject salvation and go into eternity separated from God! In the hour of death those who do not believe that there is life after death will also be confronted with the reality thereof.

BIBLE PROPHECY HAS THE LAST WORD

Before our very eyes the prophetic statements are being fulfilled as predicted in the Holy Scriptures. The return of the people of Israel into the »Promised Land« is the most important sign. They were to be scattered among all the nations, as it was already predicted in Deuteronomy, chapter 4 and also in chapter 29. At the *end of time* they would be gathered again and planted anew in their native soil (Isa 14: 1; Jer. 31: 10; Ezek. 36: 24, a. o.). This was confirmed by our LORD Himself in the parable of the »fig tree« as a direct symbol of Israel (Hos. 9: 10) in this final generation (Mt. 24: 32-41; Lk. 21: 24-33 a. o.).

God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh day (Gen. 2: 1-3). When we are dealing with a »prophetic age«, then one day with God is like a thousand years with us. Thus it is written, *"But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the LORD as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."* (2 Pet. 3: 8). In Acts 2: 17 the Apostle Peter makes refer-

ence to the »last days« spoken of by the Prophet Joel, in which the Holy Spirit would be poured out. Without any doubt he was referring to the 2,000-year period of the time of grace allotted to the New Testament Church. *“In these last days God spoke to us by his son ...”* (Heb. 1:1-3) As sure as we are now ending the 6,000 years since the beginning of mankind, it is certain that the »Day of the LORD«, the seventh day with God, the seventh millennium could commence at any moment God decides. The LORD God does not go by our calendar, but we can expect the »last day« to be at any time. According to Rev. 20 it will be the one-thousand-year reign with Christ upon the earth. The following text testifies about it. *“Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.”* (v. 6). After the cleansing process, during which the worldly works will be consumed by fire (2. Pet. 3: 1, a. o.), there will be a renewal, and the earth will be placed back into a state like it was in paradise, where »true peace« exists and even the lamb and the wolf will dwell together (Isa. 11: 6-9; Isa. 65: 25, a. o.). With reference to the biblical »Vision of the seventh millennium«, which concerns the most significant turn in the history of mankind, we can find very enlightening descriptions in God’s Word.

What concerns the course of humanity, we also have the divine time calculation in regards to the people of Israel, spoken of as »prophetic days«. It is very convincing, what the Prophet Hosea predicted, which is now becoming obvious before our very eyes, *“Come, and let us return unto the LORD for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. **After two days** will he revive us; **in the third day** he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.”* (Hos. 6: 1-2).

The »**two** prophetic **days**« mentioned are certainly pointing to the past two thousand years, when the children of Israel were scattered all over the world from the year 70 A.D. After such a long time, since 1948 we once again have the state, the Nation of Israel. From all the countries they have returned to their homeland. That is a proven fulfilment of Bible prophecy. The »**third day**« refers to the millennium that can start at any moment, when Israel will recognise Christ as their Messiah and

receive their spiritual life from God. The Apostle Paul made reference to Israel, their past and their future, in the following text, *“For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, **but life from the dead?** ... blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved; as it is written”* (Rom. 11: 15 + 25-26; Isa. 59: 20, a. o.).

As soon as the »Day of salvation« we are currently living in is over (Isa. 49: 8; 2 Cor. 6: 2), the world will have to endure terrible sufferings and plagues in the transition period, before the »Day of the LORD«, the seventh millennium, starts. In Mt. 24 and other scripture passages, the LORD Jesus made reference to various events, which would accompany the end-time developments. HE spoke about wars and rumours of wars, about earthquakes, famines and all the catastrophes that would come upon the earth. Then He made the statement, *“this is but the **beginning of the time of sorrow**”*. Earthquakes and other natural catastrophes of every kind will multiply, right until the long overdue earthquake in California at the West Coast of the U.S.A., along St. Andrews Fault, which is expected by scientists to happen at any moment and far surpass any previous quake. Usually the pains of travail come before the birth. In Rom. 8: 19-22 we are told that the whole creation is groaning and is in travail, longing for a rebirth. In connection to this travail the LORD Jesus made the announcement, *“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”* (Mt. 24: 21).

In Lk. 21 and other scripture passages we are told about the great tribulation. *“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.”* (vv. 25-26).

We cannot go into detail concerning these terrible catastrophes which are predicted in the Holy Scriptures and are known as the »apocalyptic judgements«. They certainly will happen after the »Bride Church« of Jesus Christ will have been taken into Glory. In the beginning, God commanded the human beings to rule over the earth,

but to do it in fellowship with Him. Separated from Him man ruins himself and also the earth wherein he lives. Experts speak with much concern about the air, water, and land pollution, about the threat of the hole in the ozone layer, about the »hothouse effect«, and also about the climatic catastrophe which will be triggered off as the ozone layer diminishes, wherein the sun in its final state will be **seven times stronger** than it is now. So we are informed in the Holy Scriptures, *“Moreover, the light of the moon shall be like the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be **sevenfold**, like the light of seven days ...”* (Isa. 30: 26).

The seer John on the isle of Patmos saw this taking place in the following vision, *“And the fourth angel poured out his bowl upon **the sun**, and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, who hath power over these plagues; and they repented not to give him glory.”* (Rev. 16: 8-9). At that moment the time of grace, the »Day of salvation« will be over, and therefore it will no longer be possible to convert to God. For many people it will be a terrible awakening, it will be for ever too late.

After the sun has scorched the earth’s surface, it will turn into darkness, as the Scripture says, *“The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come”* (Joel 2: 31; Acts 2: 20). *“... and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind ... And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every slave, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the **great day of his wrath** is come, and who shall be able to stand?”* (Rev. 6: 12-17).

God in His love and mercy has always provided humanity with a way of escape, even in the times of Noah through the ark, because the catastrophe of the flood was unavoidable. So the Word of God warns us now,

that we may escape by finding salvation and security in Jesus Christ, our ark of safety, before the catastrophes come. Those who believe the message of His Gospel and are made ready will receive the power to escape all the things which will strike the earth and be taken into Glory before it happens (Lk. 21: 34-36). In this connection our LORD said, *“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth near.”* (Lk. 21: 28).

A doomsday attitude is certainly uncalled for, it offers no solution. The command right now is not to panic, but to consider, reflect and turn to the LORD. The message of this hour is: *“Escape for thy life” — “For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”* The time of grace is coming to an end. The countdown is on. The last call goes forth like a sound of a trumpet. Whoever desires to turn to the LORD must do it right now. It is indeed very urgent, as we should consider the following Bible text:

“But the day of the LORD will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat; the earth also, and the works that are in it, shall be burned up. Seeing, then, that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, in which the heavens, being on fire, shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, in which dwelleth righteousness.” (2 Pet. 3: 10-13).

Many scriptures could be referred to concerning this very complex matter. What has been written for a long time will soon become history. In spite of this we must remain sober and steady in all things, live a completely normal life and plan for the future, because nobody knows the day or the hour. We should be concerned, of course, to be right with God and to be ready at any time to meet the LORD. This final age we are living in our LORD Jesus Christ compared with the days of Noah and with the days of Sodom and Gomorra (Lk. 17: 26-30, a. o). No one would deny that things are much worse right now world-wide. Humanity that has turned away from God

is just about to receive the judgement. God offers both, grace for those who seek shelter in Him and accept the salvation of their souls, and judgement to those who reject Jesus Christ.

THE LAST CALL

Before the Return of Jesus Christ the divine message must finally be heard world-wide. *“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.”* (Mt. 24: 14). At no time were there such possibilities as right now through the mass media to fulfil His commission accordingly. In the Book of Revelation, the seer John symbolically witnessed this fact in the following vision: *“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the **everlasting gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people”* (Rev. 14: 6).

Most everyone knows that since the time of Reformation there have been various spiritual revivals, leading deeper into the Word and closer to God. Whoever is informed in this regard knows that at the turn of the last century a mighty world-wide moving of the Holy Spirit began, and especially after World War II there was a breakthrough to the true apostolic teaching and ministry.

The spiritual revival and healing movement that began in 1946, which I personally witnessed since 1949, later also spread to the big traditional churches and Christian denominations. Hundreds of evangelists, even the most renowned ones, were inspired and started their own ministries. Since then worldwide interdenominational gatherings, evangelisation, »the chapters« of the »Full Gospel Businessmen« as well as all sorts of different charismatic meetings took their course. Now »prayer for the sick« and the »use of spiritual gifts« are no longer placed with and ascribed to some dissociated groups, but are practised in almost every Christian denomination and are even being acknowledged by the mass media. In spite of all this, the evangelists and churches have remained in their unscriptural teachings and traditions, without being aware of it.

Most believers have heard about the aforementioned revival and healing movement, which began after World War II. However, only very few people today know how, when and through whom God started this movement. It was Rev. Gordon Lindsay from Dallas, Texas, USA, who published the book »WILLIAM M. BRANHAM – A MAN SENT FROM GOD« in 1950. In this book he reported that on May 7th, 1946, William M. Branham had received a supernatural heavenly calling, just like Paul. Thus a direct divine commission of great significance in the plan of salvation was given by the LORD Himself. Gordon Lindsay writes how this man, who had found grace in the eyes of God, was used and confirmed by Him in an extraordinary way, according to the apostolic pattern. People assembled in great masses, as never seen before. Towards the end of the 1940ties the other evangelists also began with their revival and healing meetings. The difference between William Branham and those who appeared later is that the man of God placed his emphasis on the biblical teachings in his sermons, from the beginning of his ministry until he went home to be with the LORD in 1965.

In the »second revival wave« evangelists already had their own agendas. What is happening now in the so-called »third revival wave« throughout the world is truly scandalous, when viewed from the point of the Holy Scriptures. Evangelists preach a »prosperity-gospel« and speak much about miracles and signs; they spend more time with collecting the monetary offering than on the actual sermon. Many of them have managed to become multi-millionaires. Their alleged »demonstration of power« has the characteristic of an entertainment show, supported by the fitting music. However, after taking a closer look, there is no divine substance of the preached Word to be found. The for ever valid gospel is no longer being proclaimed. It has become a self-made gospel-message, passed on according to everyone's own special emphasis. If God confirms His Word with the audience and healings are taking place, that does not endorse the teaching or the evangelist or the miracle worker to be right. Every year millions of people go on pilgrimages to special places, hoping to experience a miracle. When an evangelist promises the suffering people an instant healing miracle by God, then they gather in great multitudes. However, healings only prove that God is faithful, answering the prayers of those who believe what He has

promised. The spiritual blessings come upon all who desire after them, as it is written: “... *for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*” (Mt. 5: 45).

According to the statements of our LORD, right and wrong co-exist side by side. In fact, the false is so close and similar to the right that the statements are being made, “Christ is here. Christ is there.” Our LORD warned us of these developments with the following words, “*For false Christs (anointed ones) and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.*” (Mk. 13: 22). In reality God is only present where His Word, Spirit, teaching and practice truly compare and coincide with the Holy Scriptures.

The words of our LORD give the necessary clarification also in regard to this point, “*Ye shall know them by their fruits.*” (Mt. 7: 16). Not by the spiritual gifts, which can be imitated, but by the fruit of the Spirit, which reveals the nature of Christ and cannot be imitated, we are known (Gal. 5: 22-23). The fruit must grow and testifies what kind of “tree” it actually is. Not the spiritual rain, but the type of seed in the heart, upon which the rain falls, is the most important factor, for every seed brings forth after its own kind. Both seeds, the right and the wrong, are on the same soil in this world. The LORD said, “*Let both grow together until the harvest ...*” (Mt. 13: 30). At the harvest time the tares will be bundled up and burned, but the wheat will be taken into the heavenly garner. It also must be fulfilled what our LORD said about the false anointed ones, “*Many will say to me in that day, LORD, LORD, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out demons? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*” (Mt. 7: 22-23).

It seems the majority of those who seek the LORD are satisfied with the atmosphere created in the meetings, which are sometimes no more than religious entertainment. They remain in the man-made traditions, instead of honestly seeking the counsel of God and taking His Word into consideration. However, when the truly sincere ones search in the Word of God for guidance and then follow it, that is when God allows them to find their way

back to the original New Testament Church. Only who honestly seeks will find, who actually knocks will be allowed to enter, and who holds out until the end will be victorious.

The true Bible-believing Christians will try their utmost to line up with the Holy Scriptures. They believe the *apostolic teachings* about Godhead, water baptism, the LORD's Supper etc. and finally *practise the very apostolic pattern* of the beginning, which must last and continue right to the end. All who belong to the Church of Jesus Christ take their stand on this biblical foundation and now experience the last move of God and also their completion unto the Day of Jesus Christ, which is very near (Phil. 1: 6).

A WAKE-UP CALL

The urgency to give this last invitation and warning seems self-evident due to the current events. No one can continue to ignore the fulfilment of the numerous prophetic predictions. All the remaining unfulfilled biblical prophecies are in the process of coming to pass. The Prophet Daniel was told, "... *shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.*" (Dan. 12: 4). Only when the time comes for Bible prophecy to be fulfilled are we given the understanding for it.

Every reader herewith is given something to think about, to seriously consider this issue. After all, this concerns you personally. God has a plan for humanity which is very clear and right before our eyes. Signs and wonders alone are not the decisive biblical criteria. Also the atmosphere, which can be created, does not count before God. With Him *all* things must be right. Now the same proclamation of God's Word and the same practice of the apostles must be found together with the scriptural faith in God's Word, based and anchored in Jesus Christ, our LORD.

With true respect, all who have the fear of God and belong to the Church of Jesus Christ will believe the »message of the hour«, receive the promises for this last

period of time, and expect and experience their fulfilment. Before the return of Christ everything must be brought back to its rightful order according to the Bible and be restored to its original state, as spoken of in Acts 3: 21 in view of the Return of Christ, "*Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.*"

Eternal life and salvation are not given automatically by some religious act or institution. Everyone must have a personal salvation experience with God through faith in Jesus Christ, who was crucified and rose victoriously. This is accomplished by the faith that comes from hearing the Word of God — the full gospel, by the faith in the redemption and forgiveness; it becomes the power of God within us (1. Cor. 1: 18).

Each one of us must have these personal experiences to regain the relationship with God. A biblical conversion to Him, a new birth by the Spirit (Jn. 3: 6), the attainment of the assurance of salvation (Rom. 8: 16), and the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2: 4, a. o.) are the required experiences. We will receive the seal of the Holy Spirit only after the acceptance of the Word of Truth (Eph. 1: 13). God reconciled humanity, including you, with Himself in Jesus Christ, our LORD (2 Cor. 5: 19). Thus true faith is connected to the true message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. "*Let yourselves be reconciled with God!*"

In conclusion, may this be said: There are people who believe that God is found in every religion, and they regard Jesus Christ as one of the many religious founders. That truly hurts. Our LORD and Saviour is as distant from the rest of the religious founders as heaven is from the earth. Faith in Him is faith in God Himself, which gives eternal hope and salvation. It is an insult to our LORD to compare Him with any self-appointed prophet. They all died and were buried with their ideas, and not one of them rose from the dead. They were human beings like we are and could help neither themselves nor save others. Those who followed them will end up where they are. For ever there is only One Who could say, "*I AM the way, the truth and the life*"! Those who follow the LORD will be where He is. In Jesus Christ God personally met

with us, only in Him can we meet God personally. There was only One in all the history of mankind through Whom the heavenly Father has manifested Himself on earth. That is in His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. In Him He made us sons and daughters of God, “... having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will” (Eph. 1: 5).

Right towards the end, before the Return of Christ, there will be fellowships of believers under Christ the Head, not an organisation but rather a living organism — the Body of Christ. The mighty spiritual breakthrough to the uncompromising, original Word proclamation and practice according to the pattern of the apostles within the Bride-Church of the LORD is close at hand, thus will the “Completion of the Reformation” be realised. As it was at the beginning during the apostolic days, so will it be now at the end. The Book of Acts is still the only valid pattern before God for the New Testament Church. Bible days are here again! Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.

Dear Reader,

I hope these plain words will not cause you to be upset, but rather help you to see a guiding light leading towards heaven, showing the right way of escape. The faith which brings salvation is not found in a dead religion, but rather in the living LORD who rose from the dead, was taken into Glory and will come again. There truly is only this one way, that all those who want to be saved have to walk. Whoever desires to reach the eternal goal has to let go of everything which is not of divine origin, leave all religious traditions and turn to the LORD.

Belonging to a religion has nothing to do with the salvation of the soul, which comes from God alone. There is no sacrament, no religious act that can offer salvation. The Saviour only can save, and redemption is only found in the Redeemer. For it is written: “*He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*” (Jn. 3: 36). The sincere faith in the one true God, Who revealed Himself in Jesus Christ, is required from each individual person (Jn. 17: 3).

Those who pledge to do the right things, having good intentions, will find out that they do not work out or lead them closer to God. Our justification before God comes through the faith in Jesus Christ. It is a free offer of grace that is being presented to humanity. You can make your decision for eternity right now. The Gospel of Jesus Christ, our LORD and Saviour, shall truly become a redeeming message for you personally.

Come to believe right now in the LORD Jesus Christ, Who took all your sins away and is merciful unto you. You may call upon His Name, as many have done in the times past. Salvation has been experienced by all true children of God throughout all the ages. No one needs to be misguided any longer or perhaps be misled by the statement that things will be alright anyway. They can only be right in eternity after death, if they are made right during life before death. Everyone can personally experience the salvation of God and receive the assurance that they have been pardoned and accepted by the LORD.

Please try now, as we are ending this exposition, to talk with your Saviour in prayer. Just speak to Him in faith and believe that the following scriptures and all of God's Word are still applicable and valid today for everyone personally. Therefore also you can pray, "... *Who forgiveth all my iniquities, who healeth all my diseases ...*" (Ps. 103). You should be assured that the LORD, our Saviour, calls you right now with the same words as He did then, "*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*" (Mt. 11: 28). Also the next verse is still in force, "... *him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out*" (Jn. 6: 37).

"*Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*" (Jn. 3: 3). Only someone who has experienced the new birth can truly submit himself to the Will of God and will be allowed to enter the Kingdom of God.

"*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on his name; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*" (Jn. 1: 12-13).

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins ... “ (Col. 1: 14).

For it is written:

“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.” (1 Jn. 5: 11-12).

May the following scripture become true with all readers who call upon the Name of the LORD, *“I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I helped thee; behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Cor. 6: 2).*

This day can be the most meaningful and important one in your life!

In this pamphlet we could only touch briefly on a few points. For all those who were spoken to by the Spirit of God and desire to know more about Him and His plan of salvation we have literature available which is based only on the Holy Scriptures. It certainly was no accident but ordained by God that this simple brochure fell into your hands.

With all my heart I wish you the blessings of the Almighty God.

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