Barrack Obama – Messiah to some, Antichrist to others

They danced in the streets, they chanted, they cried, they embraced – their messiah had arrived, on the most powerful position in the world – the American Presidency.

The much hoped for era of peace, progress and emancipation had finally arrived: for blacks, for homosexuals, for illegal migrants, even for the terrorists in the Guantanamo Bay prison.

Barrack Obama was their man; he would fix all their problems, and quickly.

In his second day in office, Barack Obama signed a decree to close down Guantanamo Bay. That was the most pressing problem that had to be solved quickly – a typical half baked idea that would become the hallmark of his Administration. He put the proverbial cart before the horse – close down the prison before knowing what to do with the inmates.

Like all American Presidents since the advent of the nuclear age, Barak Obama is accompanied everywhere he goes by a nuclear trigger box. Let us hope he shows better judgment and foresight in pressing the button of that deadly accountrement than he has shown so far.

An accomplished public speaker, he has an army of admirers both inside and outside the country. In the beginning, we too looked upon him as a breath of fresh air after the stiltedness of recent American presidencies. Until, that is, we took a closer look at his record and potential in the light of biblical prophecies. Americans would be shocked if they knew what lies ahead.

Barack Obama had hardly settled in the White House when he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace. It surprised us, it surprised him, and it surprised everyone who looked objectively at his record. There wasn't much of a record to look at, but, as it turned out, he was awarded it not for what he had done, but for what he might do, for his intentions. He spoke of a world without nuclear weapons, and signed a treaty with Russia about that. And that was good enough for the Nobel Committee.

Obama's Peace Prize gave us great hope too, for we do not know of anyone who has had better intentions for this word than us. For two decades, we have cried aloud to world leaders that humanity was heading in the wrong direction, a path of self-destruction, and offered the way out of it – return to the Creator God, or perish. The fact that world leaders have not listened to us, and the world has been sinking ever deeper into the mire, is neither here nor there. What matters are intentions, and in that we cannot be faulted. This is why we have packed our suitcases, ready to travel to Oslo, or Stockholm, or wherever, for the next Nobel Prize for Peace.

Mind you, that would put us in the company of wealthy people, and we do not know whether we could cope with that. We have been poor for so long, it might prove to be too much of a shock to our system. I think we better stick to our current status, and the way we have been doing thinks so far. Even the Bible tells us not to raise our hopes too high, for this world honors its own, and we are destined to be "clothed in sackcloth" to the very end. It has been God's pleasure to have poor people do His work, and we could not be more grateful to Him for having chosen us. What did Jesus Christ say? Here is the very first of the so-called beatitudes.

Mat 5:3 "Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

We have been poor not just in the spirit, but literally poor from the very beginning, and made poor not by chance, but by the very people that claimed to be ministers of Jesus Christ.

As for the wealthy of this world, this is what He had to say.

Mar 10:25 It is easier *for* a camel to go through the eye of a needle than *for* a rich one to enter into the kingdom of God.

Sour grapes, someone may say. Perhaps, but the fact remains that the wealthy of this world cannot have the proverbial cake and eat it too. They cannot indulge themselves in the pleasures of this world and attain the Kingdom of God too. So said Jesus Christ, and so it shall be!

In saying this I think I blew any chance of getting the Nobel Prize for Peace. Well, I cannot win them all, can I?

And you know who else is a wealthy man? During his election campaign, it was reported that Barack Obama had amassed a fortune of more than half a billion dollars in donations, far more than any other candidate in history. Whoever gave him that money, must surely expect a lot of things from him. It is interesting to note that although American law requires that all donations be made public, Barak Obama has never fully complied with that law. Yet, such is the lobby that supports him that no one dares ask any questions about it; or about the fact that he refuses to prove his entitlement to the American Presidency by revealing his birth certificate. Apparently, he was not born in the USA.

When thousands of Americans filed a Court case demanding that proof, the overseeing judge threw the case out of Court. He was not going to handle such a hot potato. A typical American democracy at work! And I have been complaining for years that Romanian democracy is faulty for refusing to investigate the rape and murder of my mother by people associated with that country's secret services — Ceausescu's murderous Securitate, which still pulls the strings behind that country's veil of democracy, and which never gets tired of sending me murder threats if I do not keep quiet about it. One day God will grant them that pleasure, and how pained I am until that is accomplished.

Everywhere in this world, justice serves the purpose of the wealthy and of those in power. Can you see now why the Bible has such strong words for wealthy people? Here is more.

- Jas 5:1 Come now, rich ones, weep and howl for your hardships coming on.
- Jas 5:2 Your riches have rotted, and your clothes have become moth-eaten.
- Jas 5:3 Your gold and silver have corroded, and their poison will be a witness against you, and will eat your flesh as fire. You heaped treasure in the last days.
- Jas 5:4 Behold, the hire of the laborers reaping your fields cry out, being kept back by you. And the cries of those who have reaped have entered into the ears of *the* Lord of hosts.
- Jas 5:5 You have lived luxuriously on the earth, and lived wantonly. You have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.
- Jas 5:6 You have condemned and murdered the just; he does not resist you.
- Jas 5:7 Therefore be patient, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth and has long patience for it, until he receives *the* early and the latter rain.
- Jas 5:8 You also be patient, establish your hearts, for the coming of your Lord draws near.
- Jas 5:9 Do not grudge against one another, brothers, lest you be condemned. Behold, *the* Judge stands before the door.

I wonder whether this refers to wealthy political and religious leaders too. It couldn't, for have the Catholic leaders, for example, "lived luxuriously on the earth" and "condemned and murdered the just"? Aside from reportedly a few million victims during the Inquisition, we do not know of too many other people that have died at their hands. But what is that in the overall scheme of things – a mere drop in the ocean. Would God care more about those unfortunate few than about the billions that call themselves "Christians"? Of course not! But then again, do you know which biblical statement the Catholic Church fears the most?

- Mat 7:13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.
- Mat 7:14 Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.
- Mat 7:15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.
- Mat 7:16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles?

But we are digressing. This is what other people have said about Obama's Peace Prize.

"Why I am standing with Hamas and the Taliban"

"When it comes to awarding US President Barack Obama with the Nobel Peace Prize, I'm with the Taliban! The terrorists think it stinks (Hamas does, too) and I believe he shouldn't have come within cooee of the prize.

The Nobel for Medicine is awarded on results, not to a recent medical graduate who aspires to find a cancer cure. Nor is the prize for Literature handed to someone who has written the first paragraph of what they think will be a masterpiece. That is how it should be, but the Nobel Prize Committee, doesn't live in the real world. Look at previous winners such as Yasser Arafat in 1994. The father of modern Middle Eastern terrorism was at least engaged in peace talk (he signed the Oslo Accords) though 15 years on nothing has really changed. Or the 2001 award to former UN boss Kofi Annan, on whose watch possibly 800,000 Rwandans were slaughtered.

North Vietnam's Lee Duc Tho had the grace to refuse to share the 1973 award with Henry Kissinger, becoming the only nominee to reject the glittering prize. His scruples were genuine – the communist North were planning their major invasion.

Obama on the other hand, is still dithering whether to send more troops to Afghanistan (he should), but he took the prize without a blink. In office for less than nine months, Obama could have just moved into the White House after his January 20 inauguration, mere days before the Nobel nominations closed last February 1. What has he done, then, to deserve anything?

The chairman of the prize committee, former Norwegian PM (coincidentally the only male on board) Thorbjorn Jagland said: "We have on many occasions given it to try and enhance what personalities were trying to do." When asked whether it was premature, he said: "It could be too late to respond three years from now. It is now that we have the opportunity to respond, all of us, I hope it will help him."

Sounds like Norway runs on the basis of handing out elephant stamps for encouragement rather than marketing people on their performance. Even the AP White House Correspondent Jennifer Lowen, not known for her critical view on the Obama presidency, noted that it has actually barely began.

"He won! For what?" she wrote. Work on the President's ambitious agenda, both at home and abroad, is barely under way, much less finished. He has no standout moment of victory that seem to warrant a verdict as sweeping as that issued by the Nobel committee."

As for peace, she noted that he is currently running two wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and cannot get a climate change bill through his own Congress. If he was being graded, his scorecard would read: "Incomplete." The award illustrates a number of serious problems that currently exist – not only in the Peace Prize process – but globally. The principal flaw is the readiness to accept spin over substance.

Obama has promised the world but has not delivered anything significant. His list of "incomplete" projects includes the pledge to close the prison at Guantanamo Bay, already slipping behind and unlikely to meet his own January, 2010 deadline. Then there are his others: the failure to bring home US troops from Iraq; his failure to deal with the real threat of developing nuclear weapons; his failure to even lay the groundwork for a new peace initiative between the Israelis and Palestinians. As for a nuclear-free world, see Iran.

Then there is climate change, which he sees as a "priority", unlike our Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, who sees the issue of man-made carbon dioxide as the biggest moral issue facing the world. It seems highly unlikely that Obama will have anything to present to his fans on this issue in Copenhagen come December. (...) The Nobel Committee seems to be sending a politically correct affirmative action love note to the Left in the US and elsewhere, applauding voters for electing a black man, albeit, one who has kindled divisions in his own country to such an extent that his opponents are starting to protest against his policies with a vehemence which may one day equal that of Obama's own more extremist supporters." (Piers Akerman, *The Sunday Telegraph*, October 11, 2009).

Barack Obama had shown great concern for the fate of 220 prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, but has said nothing about the countless more victims of violent crimes in his own home town. In one month alone, September 21, 2009 to October 21 2009, there were no less than 31,504 violent crimes in Chicago. EveryBlock.com, from where we took this figure, says that this is an incomplete data too.

"Most of the public information we publish comes from government data that is far from perfect. Data can change after it's originally published — often after we have the ability to know whether it changed. In fact, many agencies note that they don't ensure the accuracy or completeness of their information, and use words such as "snapshot" to describe what they display at any given time.

Also, the figures published on EveryBlock might not include all data provided by public agencies. Say you're trying to learn about all the crimes in Washington's Georgetown neighborhood in June 2009. If we at EveryBlock can't decipher an address listed with a crime report that occurred in Georgetown — e.g., the police didn't note whether a crime in the 3100 block of Q Street occurred in the *northwest* quadrant of the city or the *southeast* quadrant (both of which have 3100 blocks of Q Street) — we can't map it, and it won't show up with the rest of the crimes reported in Georgetown. Such a report, and other pieces of data that we can't map, would instead fall under the <u>Unknown</u> category.

Finally, we at EveryBlock occasionally have technical issues that prevent us from publishing every record. We do our very best to avoid this problem, but it happens every now and then — and even if it happens once, it means the data isn't complete."

The Washington Times also said this about what is happening in Chicago.

"Chicago - busy putting on its best face to garner a 2016 Olympics bid and basking in the afterglow of President Obama's election - has become the nation's most violent city for youths.

With three weeks left before summer break, a record 36 Chicago Public Schools students have been killed this school year, marking the third straight year that youth homicides have climbed into double digits. Chicago has surpassed New York City and Los Angeles for having the highest youth homicide rate in the nation.

"I think people in Chicago have almost gotten numb to the statistics," said Dexter Voisin, a researcher at the University of Chicago who studies the impact of violence on adolescents.

"The homicide rate is just the tip of the iceberg," Mr. Voisin said. "Those with nonfatal injuries are almost 100 times that of our homicide rates. You think for about every one kid who is murdered, 100 kids witness the murder or are victims of nonfatal injuries, of robberies, muggings and gang-related incidents. A lot of times, this exposure goes undocumented or unreported." Black youths, he said, are two times more likely than white youths to fail or drop out of school, and at the same time they are also eight to 10 times more likely to be victims of homicide than whites.

"It's difficult for young people to focus in school if they are traumatized by the stress in these communities," Mr. Voisin said. The death toll exasperates those offering hope to troubled neighborhood children in Chicago - an increasingly tall task in impoverished areas where gangs, drugs and guns are right outside their doors.

"I don't even know where to begin," said Diane Latiker, who runs a program for at-risk youths out of her home in the city's Roseland neighborhood. "There aren't any words for what I feel for what is going on for our youth." (Andrea Billups, *The Washington Times*, May 13, 2009)

More than 31,000 victims of crime on one month, and 36 Public School kids killed in less than six months! What is this, the new killing fields of the world?

And what has Barack Obama said about that? Nothing! Nothing because he is terribly concerned with the fate of 220 foreign terrorists imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay than with the

mayhem that is taking place in his own backyard. The difference is that one is in the media all the time while the other is not, and Barak Obama knows where his priorities lay.

The media has been overly concerned with the casualties that America has been incurring in the Iraqi and Afghan wars than about the fact that more people are murdered in anyone of America's major cities than in the two wars combined in the same period of time.

America's Public Broadcasting Station (PBS), which sends its signals to Australia too, ends up its daily programs with a parade of fallen victims in the two wars. Our question is, why are the lives of Americans who die in foreign lands more valuable than the lives of innocent Americans that die violent deaths in America's cities.

During his election campaign, Obama made a great deal of the fact that of all the presidential candidates he alone voted against the Iraqi war. The American people took that as a virtue, forgetting that in the context of the time, that was a vote for America's enemy. The Secret Services of all the major powers believed that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction, Saddam himself doing everything in his power to reinforce that impression.

After the fall of the tyrant, more than three hundred mass graves were discovered all over the country, an event that would have caused any decent man to blush and apologize for supporting him. Not so Barrack Obama.

And you know who else was very much against the Iraqi war? The Catholic Church! That Church had nothing to say about supporting a mass murderer to the very end either.

Some people may well ask, why would the Catholic Church do that? For one simple reason: America is the centre of evangelism, a movement that is very much against the Catholic counterpart of ecumenism. Therefore, anything that weakens America is fine by that Church.

Few people know that ecumenism is well on its way, exactly as the Bible says we should expect at this particular junction in world history. The Bible says that as the ecumenical forces, which oppose the return of Jesus Christ, will gather strength, those that welcome Him will be greatly diminished.

One cannot make sense of biblical prophecies, and of what is happening in the world at present, without understanding who is behind the current word developments.

Eph 2:1 And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once Eph 2:2 walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

Eph 2:3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

And who is this "prince of the power of the air, who now works in the sons of disobedience"?

2Co 4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

2Co 4:4 **whose minds the god of this age has blinded**, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against **the wiles of**

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Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, **against powers**, **against the rulers of the darkness of this age**, **against spiritual** *hosts* **of wickedness in the heavenly** *places*.

Deadly epidemic that is destroying the western world

From the very beginning, the Devil has been working in many different ways to weaken and destroy God's creation. One of the ways in which he does it these days is through food and drinks. America and much of the western world suffer from an obesity epidemic that threatens to destroy the fabric of their society from within. Here is a report from Internal Medicine Au.

"Obesity has become an epidemic on a global scale and poses one of the greatest threats to human health and well being as the 21st century approaches. The World Health Organisation has declared that obesity is a disease of pandemic significance, which threatens the developing world as well as developed countries.

Obesity has now been changed from a minor to a major risk factor for coronary heart disease by the American Heart Association. The other major risk factors are smoking, high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol and a sedentary lifestyle.

In 1980 one in 14 Australians were obese. By 1989 the figure had jumped to one in seven, in 1995 it was one in five and based on current trends, by 2025 it could be one in three. In most of Western Europe, obesity levels range between 10% to 25%, while in large parts of the American continent they are between 20% to 25%. Levels are particularly high amongst ethnic groups such as American Indians, Hispanic Americans, Australian Aboriginals and Pacific Islanders. The highest obesity levels in the world are found among the urban populations of Western Samoa, affecting 60% of men and 80% of women.

Childhood obesity is of particular concern because the evidence shows that one in three obese children will become obese adults, increasing their vulnerability to a range of weight related diseases. The majority of obese teenagers will remain obese as adults. Obesity affects about one in 10 children in industrialised countries.

Obesity is still ignored as a disease. Health and medical professions concentrate on treating its results - heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, gallstones, sleep apnoea, bowel cancer, etc. It is a preventable disease through changes in diet and by becoming more physically active. Even modest weight loss can bring significant improvements in health and a reduction in level of risk.

The main causes of obesity are sedentary lifestyles and high fat, energy dense diets. The impact of changes in traditional lifestyles is being felt in the developing world and some countries are facing the double burden of over-nutrition and under-nutrition among sections of their communities.

Tackling the problem is an enormous challenge that goes far beyond giving out healthy lifestyle messages. Such strategies have failed in recent times. There needs to be an approach that acknowledges that obesity is a normal response to an abnormal environment rather than vice versa. Understanding, measuring and altering the "obesogenic" environment is critical to success.

The individual interacts with a number of micro-environmental settings (e.g. home, work, supermarket, local community). These micro-environments are in turn influenced by one or more macro-environment sectors (e.g. food industry, local government, transportation system). The physical environment refers to what is available such as expertise, technology, exercise facilities, low-fat food options. The economic environment, which includes the cost of goods and services, is a powerful determinant in a capitalist society. Lower fat foods are often more expensive. The political environment refers to rules in the form of legislation and regulation (e.g. food labelling), rules (e.g. school rules) or policy (e.g. nutrition policies for manufacturers). The socio-cultural environment refers to norms in society for behaviour, beliefs, attitudes, knowledge, customs and traditions.2

Any program aimed at having an impact on the obesity problem needs to take into account the whole environment and to ascertain what aspects of that environment can be influenced by intervention. In our own environment we have a major crisis in the health of our Aboriginal population with obesity and its complications becoming more prevalent. There is an urgent need to address this problem. (Andrew Binns, Internal Medicine Au, reporting on a paper "An

ecological approach to the obesity pandemic" presented by Garry Egger, to the 8th International Congress on Obesity, 29 Aug – 3 Sept 1998).

This article is more than a decade old, yet in that time not only have governments done nothing about it, but this pandemic is far worse now. The author said that, "In 1980 one in 14 Australians were obese. By 1989 the figure had jumped to one in seven, in 1995 it was one in five and based on current trends, by 2025 it could be one in three."

Well, the figure of one in three has already been reached and surpassed in both Australia and the USA, and most likely in other countries too. This pandemic is gripping the world, the western one in particular, much faster than people have hitherto realized.

Not many people know that the Roman Empire did not fall because it faced much more powerful enemies, but because its population lost its fiber and appetite for fight after being slowly poisoned by lead from its water pipes.

The western world is being poisoned a lot quicker by an avalanche of chemicals in its food and drinks in the form of preservatives, colorants, flavors, stabilizers, etc.

Most people have forgotten what natural food tastes like. Even vegetables do not taste the way they used to. They are imbibed with chemicals or are genetically modified to look good and stay long on the shelves, without taste or any consideration of what these may do to the human body. America is leading the world in this process of bastardization of food and drinks.

Diseases that until recently were a rarity, are now ravaging the western world in epidemic proportions – cancers, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, depression, irritability, ADHD, tuberculosis, AIDS, swine flu, bird flu, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, glaucoma, etc. – and no one seems to know why. They might want to have a closer look at their food and drink concoctions; and of course at their life style.

People live in highly unnatural environments in which personal effort is shunned upon and comfort is praised and encouraged. So they keep on piling calories without any way of burning them out. Hence the epidemic of obesity and life style diseases.

America and her allies have difficulty recruiting soldiers because of obesity, health problems, and low levels of literacy. No power on earth can bring them to their knees. No power needs to try to, for they do it to themselves.

Western allies have forgotten how to fight a war too. Before they go to war, they tell their enemies not to worry about the "collateral damage", because after the war they are going to inject billions of dollars to reconstruct their country. And how do the enemies respond to that? They do everything in their power to prolong the war and destroy as much of their ramshackle economy and decrepit infrastructure as possible, knowing that in the end they will end up with something better. Sacrificing a few civilians along the way is worth the trouble, especially if it could be blamed on the "infidels".

As Christians, we do not advocate going to war, but rather turning the other cheek, knowing that if we obey our God He fights our wars for us.

Deu 3:22 You must not fear [your enemies], for the LORD your God Himself fights for you.' Exo 14:14 The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

But if one must go to war, he may as well learn from the lessons of the Bible. When God send Israel to war against pagan enemies, He told them not to mess around with them, but destroy them altogether.

Num 33:50 Now the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, *across from* Jericho, saying,

Num 33:51 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you have crossed the Jordan into the land of Canaan,

Num 33:52 then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, destroy all their engraved stones, destroy all their molded images, and demolish all their high

Num 33:53 places; you shall dispossess *the inhabitants of* the land and dwell in it, for I have given you the land to possess.

Num 33:55 But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain *shall be* irritants in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall harass you in the land where you dwell.

Num 33:56 Moreover it shall be that I will do to you as I thought to do to them.'"

Israel disobeyed God and decided to engage in a humane war against their enemies and save some of them. They learned a painful lesson for which they pay to this day. For God did exactly what He said He would — He turned against them and caused them to perish from the land instead of their enemies.

If God thought that the Canaanites could be reformed, He would not have told Israel to wipe them out from the face of the earth, but to convert them to their own religion. Present day Canaanites are sacrificing their children to the god of death no less than their ancestors did in ancient times. They have changed their religion in the meantime, yet that horrible practice is still with them to this day.

"Hamas Launches Website Encouraging Children to be Martyrs"

"The Palestinian Authority's ruling Hamas terror group has launched a web site for children, preaching the moral desirability of being a suicide terrorist through cartoons and children's stories. The Hamas-run Al-Fateh.net glorifies shahada, martyrdom, and presents the deaths of terrorists attacking Israelis as a time of celebration, according to Palestinian Media Watch.

"One of the stories on the site quotes a mother saying that when she heard her son had become a shahid, a martyr, she bought dates, candies and coffee to give out. An entire section of the site is called "Stories of the Shahids" and the most recently posted story honors Hamas terrorist Naseem Ja'abari, who murdered 16 people when he blew himself up on a bus in Be'er Sheva on August 31, 2004.

"The homepage encourages martyrdom with a prominently featured drawing of a religiously garbed girl participating in violent attacks on both the homepage and on a second page with a poem glorifying Jihad, Islamic conquest, and Shahada.

Will we hear an uproar from "Children's Rights Activists" and "Child Abuse" Advocates over this??? We should!" (*The Lekarev Report*, March 08, 2006).

Barack Obama made it his priority to bring peace to the Middle East. Had he taken notice of what God says, and the developments that are to take place in that land shortly, he would put his efforts to better use. There will be no peace in the Middle East. Unmistakable prophecies tell us to expect not peace but war, and one of such magnitude – a worldwide catastrophe – the likes of which this world has never seen, one which will threaten the very survival of life on earth.

The **only way** out of this predicament is a wholehearted return to our Creator God.

Mat 24:11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

Mat 24:12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

Mat 24:13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Mat 24:15 "Therefore when you see the 'ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),

Mat 24:16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

Mat 24:17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.

Mat 24:18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

Mat 24:19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

Mat 24:20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

Mat 24:21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Mat 24:22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

This passage makes it abundantly clear what is wrong with our world.

Are there any false prophets in the world at present? In every Church, though no one seems to know who they are or how they do their work.

Does lawlessness abound in the world? The world wallows in it.

Is the Gospel of the Kingdom being preached in all the world? Most Churches do not even know what that Gospel is let alone restore it. Our readers however would know both the Gospel and who is doing that work.

Does the world know who the "abomination of desolation" is, and the place where it ought not to stand? It has been told (see *TCH* 3).

Does the Christian world keep the Sabbath so that it will pray not to be forced to flee on that day from the Great Tribulation? How could it know it when it keeps and worships God on the Day of the Sun (Sunday)?

Are you among the elect of God for whose sake He will cut those days short before all life is wiped out? Remember, the elect keep the sign that identifies them as God's people. Do you know which is that sign? Here it is.

Exo 31:12 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Exo 31:13 "Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: 'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it *is* a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that *you* may know that I *am* the LORD who sanctifies you.

Exo 31:14 You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for *it is* holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does *any* work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people.

Exo 31:15 Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh *is* the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does *any* work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.

Exo 31:16 Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations *as* a perpetual covenant.

Exo 31:17 **It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever**; for *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.'"

I am continuously being told that this command applied to the people of Israel in Old Testament times, and not to the Christians of the New Testament. I can only reply to that with what the Scriptures say. First, Jesus Christ told us that salvation is of the Jews.

Joh 4:22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.

Second, Jesus Christ did not call His followers Christians but Jews.

Rev 3:7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "HE WHO HAS THE KEY OF DAVID, HE WHO OPENS AND NO ONE SHUTS, AND SHUTS AND NO ONE OPENS":

Rev 3:8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

Rev 3:9 Indeed I will make *those* of the synagogue of Satan, **who say they are Jews and are not**, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet,

Rev 3:10 and to know that I have loved you. Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

Here He addressed one of the seven Churches that are mentioned in the book of Revelation. Jesus Christ expected all members of His Churches to be Jews, but some were not.

Finally, Apostle Paul made this statement in regard to the people who are saved.

- Gal 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
- Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
- Gal 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

The Jews according to the flesh expect Abraham's promise to be fulfilled in this world -a State in that much fought over piece of parched land in the Middle East.

The Jews according to the Spirit, however, look forward to Abraham's promise – eternal life – in a new world altogether.

Can you see now why the sign that identified God's people in Old Testament times identifies them in the New Testament too?

God never promised the people of Israel eternal life, but blessings and prosperity in this world. On the other hand, God never promised the Jews of the New Testament (the Christians), blessings and prosperity in this world, but eternal life in the next world, and not after death, but after resurrection. Not only that, but Christians were told that, of necessity, in order to purify and create in them a new heart and a new character, they will be subjected to much trial, chastisement, and even tribulations in this world.

- Heb 12:5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons, "My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when you are rebuked by Him; for
- Heb 12:6 whom the Lord loves He chastens, and He scourges every son whom He receives."
- Heb 12:7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons, for what son is he whom the father does not chasten?
- Heb 12:8 But if you are without chastisement, of which all are partakers, then you are bastards and not sons.
- Heb 12:9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh who corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence. Shall we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?
- Heb 12:10 For truly they chastened *us* for a few days according to their own pleasure, but He for our profit, that *we* might be partakers of His holiness.
- Act 14:21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch,
- Act 14:22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to continue in the faith, and *saying*, "**We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."**

This is why Jesus Christ told His followers to love their enemies – those who are causing them the tribulations. It does them good, even though the perpetrators do not know it and will pay in the end for their evil deeds.

To damn or to bless America

Obama's spiritual master, a certain Reverend Jeremiah Wright, said that the United States brought on the 9/11 attacks with its own "terrorism."

"The government gives them the drugs, builds bigger prisons, passes a three-strike law and then wants us to sing 'God Bless America.' No, no, no, God damn America, that's in the Bible for killing innocent people," he said in a 2003 sermon. "God damn America for treating our citizens as less than human. God damn America for as long as she acts like she is God and she is supreme." "In addition to damning America, he told his congregation on the Sunday after Sept. 11, 2001 that the United States had brought on al Qaeda's attacks because of its own terrorism.

"We bombed Hiroshima, we bombed Nagasaki, and we nuked far more than the thousands in New York and the Pentagon, and we never batted an eye," Rev. Wright said on Sept. 16, 2001.

"We have supported state terrorism against the Palestinians and black South Africans, and now we are indignant because the stuff we have done overseas is now brought right back to our own front yards. America's chickens are coming home to roost," he told his congregation.

"He has impacted the life of Barack Obama so much so that he wants to portray that feeling he got from Rev. Wright onto the country because we all need something positive," said a member of the congregation. Obama has praised at least one aspect of Rev. Wright's approach, referring to his "social gospel" and his focus on Africa, "and I agree with him on that."

Sen. Obama declined to comment on Rev. Wright's denunciations of the United States". (Brian Ross and Rehab El-Buri, ABC News, March 13, 2008).

Another commentator wrote:

"Obama as an adult chose to become a congregant in a very specific church, and chose that church's leader as his personal "spiritual advisor." He chose Rev. Wright to perform his wedding ceremony and to baptize his children, and credits Rev. Wright with devising the title of Obama's book "The Audacity of Hope." This was not just simple membership in one of the world's great religions. It was Obama's decision to very closely associate himself with this congregation and its pastor." "Were the shoe on a Republican foot, would the MSM not have long-ago driven him from the race?

"Now we know where Michelle Obama's resentment of America comes from: her profanity-spewing pastor", said <u>Michelle Malkin</u>." (Mark Finkelstein, NewsBusters, March 13, 2008).

We should not be the ones to answer the claims of this biblical illiterate "Reverend", but since no American preacher has done it we are happy to do it for them.

He denounced the United States for its treatment of blacks. He forgets that blacks form the United States as much as whites, Hispanics, Asians, Jews, and others. Now which of these treat the blacks badly?

He ignores the fact that America of the 21st century is not the slave owning country of the past. All honest hard working Americans have the opportunity to make something of their lives if they put their minds and effort into it, Barrack Obama himself being the very proof of it.

This "Reverend" said that, "The government gives them the drugs" and "builds bigger prisons". Has he seen members of the Government or of the Congress selling drugs on dark alleys to the blacks of his city? I think if he took the time to look he will find that blacks are selling drugs to blacks more than any other people. The reason the percentage of black prisoners keeps growing alarmingly is because false prophets preach to them false gospels.

What the Ku Klux Clan did to some blacks in the past is inexcusable. But do you condemn the whole country for that? People forget that America went to war, an extremely bloody civil war, in order to free its blacks from slavery. But those who look for negatives only in order to condemn the country never mention this fact.

Barrack Obama said that he agrees with his spiritual master because he preaches a "social gospel". No Sir, that is not a "social gospel", it is an anti-social one. If a pastor tells his youths to damn America, they are not going to grow up into law abiding citizens, but into malcontents that take up arms and do just that, damn America. And by all accounts, they are doing a pretty good job at it too.

The "Reverend" decried the fact that America bombed Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He should thank God that America did not lose that war, for if it had, he and his fellow Americans would know what real slavery is all about. He should ask the Australian prisoners of war that survived Japanese labor camps, or the Jews that survived NAZI concentration camps. America has never treated its blacks that way.

If he knew the Bible, he would know that God had a good purpose in bringing the Africans to America, albeit as slaves. Has he ever stopped to think about the meaning of these Scriptures?

Rev 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

Rev 5:10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

In the Kingdom of God there will be kings and priests of every color, tribe, tongue, people and nation, ruling over people of every color, tribe, tongue and nation. If America's blacks had remained in Africa that would not have been possible!

So, instead of berating the whites for bringing them to America, they should turn adversity into victory and thank God for giving them the chance to eternal life in His eternal Kingdom.

For God, there is no difference between races; they are all equal in His sight.

Act 10:34 Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation

Act 10:35 whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.

- Col 3:11 [As far as the Gospel of Jesus Christ is concerned] there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all
- Col 3:12 Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;
- Col 3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.

In God's eyes, the color of human beings is like the color of flowers: they are all beautiful in their own way. This is what those who claim to serve of God and be ministers of Jesus Christ ought to preach. They should remember that the fate of the people of God has never been an easy one. Trials and tribulations have always been part of their life from the very beginning.

Rejoice when you partake of Christ's sufferings

Apostle Paul was inspired by the Holy Spirit to pass on this message to God's Churches.

- 1Co 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.
- 1Co 15:20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- 1Co 15:21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.
- 1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.
- 1Co 15:23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming.
- 1Co 15:24 Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.
- 1Co 15:25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.
- 1Co 15:26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

Christians have never had an easy life in this world, yet that has not prevented them from attaining the purpose of their life, even when unspeakable atrocities were committed against them. Hebrew chapter eleven says a lot about that. Here is part of that chapter.

- Heb 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*, of whom it was said,
- Heb 11:18 "IN ISAAC YOUR SEED SHALL BE CALLED," concluding that God was able to raise him
- Heb 11:19 up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.
- Heb 11:20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.
- Heb 11:21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped,
- Heb 11:22 *leaning* on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.
- Heb 11:23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw *he was* a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.
- Heb 11:24 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,
- Heb 11:25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing
- Heb 11:26 pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.
- Heb 11:27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king;
- Heb 11:28 for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.
- Heb 11:29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry *land, whereas* the Egyptians, attempting *to do* so, were drowned.
- Heb 11:30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.
- Heb 11:31 By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had
- Heb 11:32 received the spies with peace. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also *of* David and Samuel and the prophets:
- Heb 11:33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped
- Heb 11:34 the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.
- Heb 11:35 Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.
- Heb 11:36 Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.
- Heb 11:37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— of whom the
- Heb 11:38 world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the
- Heb 11:39 earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the
- Heb 11:40 promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Apostle Peter encouraged Christians to rejoice when they come under severe trials.

Pe 4:12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some 1Pe 4:13 strange thing happened to you; but **rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings,** that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

1Pe 4:14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is

1Pe 4:15 glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer,

1Pe 4:16 or as a busybody in other people's matters. Yet if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

1Pe 4:17 For the time *has come* for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

1Pe 4:18 Now "IF THE RIGHTEOUS ONE IS SCARCELY SAVED, WHERE WILL THE UNGODLY AND THE SINNER APPEAR?"

1Pe 4:19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls *to Him* in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

And the writer of Hebrews (Apostle Paul in most likelihood), wrote this.

Heb 12:1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus,

Heb 12:2 the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Heb 12:3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

Heb 12:4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

Heb 12:5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "MY SON, DO NOT DESPISE THE CHASTENING OF THE LORD. NOR BE DISCOURAGED WHEN YOU ARE

Heb 12:6 REBUKED BY HIM; FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE CHASTENS, AND SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."

Heb 12:7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom Heb 12:8 a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

Heb 12:9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected *us*, and we paid *them* respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?

Heb 12:10 For they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed *best* to them, but He for *our* profit, that *we* may be partakers of His holiness.

Heb 12:11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Heb 12:12 Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight

Heb 12:13 paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

Heb 12:14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

Heb 12:15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

Mr. Obama, this is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, a true "social gospel". You would be well advised to embrace it.

You should get on your knees before the Almighty and be grateful to Him for placing you at the head of this great nation. Give up on your homosexual and abortionist agenda, for if you don't, He will not be with you in the trying times ahead!

Amen!

The coming of the Antichrist that wasn't, and yet is

The notion of an Antichrist is as old as Christianity itself. At no time, however, has there been so much debate and flurry of publications on this topic as there have been in recent times. A Google search reveals that there are more than seven and a half million publications about Antichrist. Even if one were to do nothing but read for the rest of his life he would still only cover a fraction of it all.

It seems that every respectable (and not so respectable) theologian has had something to say on this topic. The question is how would one select the right reading out of this mountain of publications, for when much is published much of it is useless too if not downright dangerous.

Theological writings are like a two edged sword. It is rare to find a theologian, a biblical scholar, a Church devotee, that is totally dispassionate when writing on religious topics. Self-interest often runs amuck in such publications, clouding their reasoning, especially so since the Bible does not yield its mysteries to those who use it for aggrandizing or commercial purposes.

One must never forget that behind the Bible there is a living Power who guides or confuses people, depending on the purpose of their study.

Isa 28:9 "Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those *just* weaned from milk? Those *just* drawn from the breasts?

Isa 28:10 For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little."

Isa 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people,

Isa 28:12 To whom He said, "This *is* the rest *with which* You may cause the weary to rest," And, "This *is* the refreshing"; Yet they would not hear.

Isa 28:13 But the word of the LORD was to them, "Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little," That they might go and fall backward, and be broken And snared and caught.

Isa 28:14 Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scornful men, . . . "

Yes, many people who have just been weaned from milk, and not been up to the task, have ended up being "broken and snared and caught" in trying to use the Bible for their own purpose.

Unfortunately, they do not go down to perdition alone, but take many unwary people with them. As Jesus Christ said:

Mat 7:13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

Mat 7:14 Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Consider the multitude of Churches and their doctrines. They are as varied and contradictory as they could be, and yet, they all claim to have the Bible as their inspiration.

It is not for nothing that Jesus Christ and His Apostles warned the disciples to beware of self-interested people who claim to be ministers of Christ but who in fact are deceivers.

"Take heed that no one deceives you" for "many false prophets will rise up and deceive many". They "will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect", said Jesus Christ in His famous prophecy about the end time (Mat. 24).

Apostle Pail had even stronger words about such people.

- Act 20:28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.
- Act 20:29 For I know this, that after my departure **savage wolves** will come in among you, not sparing the flock.
- Act 20:30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.
- Rom 16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.
- Rom 16:18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

The reason we have had so many publications about Antichrist recently is because we live at a time when he is supposed to make his appearance into the world. People need protection against him, and they could only get that in a church, their Church. We will prove to you, from the Scriptures that this is one of the greatest deceptions this world has ever seen.

Not long after Barrack Obama was elected to the White House office, we received this.

"BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA IS THE ANTICHRIST"

"Coming out of Africa, through the European Illuminati, a subject of the Queen of England, backed by the Vatican, empowered through the Israeli Mossad, Communist/Marxist groomed!

WAKE UP, OH YOU PEOPLE! THE HOUR OF GREAT JUDGEMENT IS UPON THIS NATION; AND UPON THE WHOLE WORLD! EXTREMELY IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. FIRST MESSAGE FROM OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. (Emphasis here and elsewhere in this quote in the original).

November 15, 2008

My Blessed Child, I am your Father Yahweh, yea Jehovah, Most High God! My Little One, hearken unto Me! Listen and write as I say, that all may be the wiser! For, a time of great trouble is upon the whole world! A time when nation shall rise up against nation, families against families, a time wherein one's greatest enemies may be in his own household! A time of great want, of famine, of global wars, pestilences, and diseases as never seen before! A time when very powerful families of great evil shall stand up against one another, with one out to destroy the other! A time when Satan does, indeed devour his own tail, that his head may be crowned! Oh, yes, you have seen such a thing, such an artwork with Satan devouring his own tail, and at the same time that he devours his own tail, a crown is put upon his head.

Now, My Little One, take note! Look through these glasses and through these new lenses, which I now put on your eyes; and tell Me what you see!

"My Father, I see black boots, like those of Hitler, shiny and new, but large, long and wide! And, for now, I only see the boots."

"But, look upward, My Child, what do you see?"

"My Father, I see that the boots belong to Barack Hussein Obama! And, also, my Father, I see that he is dressed as a Nazi! He is wearing a Nazi uniform and over his heart and on his left pocket is a Nazi emblem! He wears a green beret and on the left side of this beret, but near the middle of his forehead is another Nazi emblem. He carries a baton; and emblazoned on the end of it is also a Nazi emblem. Oh, my Father, this is not good!" "Yes, my Child, through his calm demeanor, through his use of clever words, he has deceived the whole world! But, do not be deceived, My Little One! Now, when I change the lenses in these glasses, what do you see?" "My Father, I see a bright candle! It is indeed very bright; and I can neither see past it or around it."

"FROM THE MOUNTAIN PROPHECIES BOOK TWELVE CHAPTER FOURTY-EIGHT" ($\underline{\text{www.prophecies.org}}$).

We hope it is as obvious to you as it is to us that this person has not yet been weaned from milk, even though he, or more likely she, speaks from a position of an elder.

We do not normally give out other people's addresses for the simple reason that we want to protect our readers from unnecessary exposure to potentially dangerous ideas. This material however is so bad we decided to give out its authorship, both to prove that it is not our invention, and to warn people of the kind of hallucinations they are dealing with in this subject.

If anyone gets taken in by this kind of trash, he deserves his fate. We do not think this would be the case with our readers, for we consider them to be the best informed in the world on such matters.

We assure our readers that Barack Obama IS NOT the Antichrist or whoever this person makes him to be. He may be a deceived politician, but Antichrist he isn't. And there is a very good reason for that. The Bible does not speak of a coming Antichrist. Let us repeat that: there is no prophecy in the Bible that speaks of a coming Antichrist.

I am sure many a people's blood is boiling by now, jumping up and down, thinking that they got me this time. The fact is that the notion of a coming Antichrist is pure fantasy, a misreading of the Scriptures by the same people that have filled this world with false gospels. Here are the four Scriptures that speak of Antichrist or antichrists. Take particular note of their tense.

- 1Jn 2:18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.
- 1Jn 2:22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.
- 1Jn 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.
- 1Jn 4:2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,
- 1Jn 4:3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.
- 2Jn 1:7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

Can you see where the problem lay? It is worth repeating that extremely important verse.

"this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world."

Now, if someone is already in the world, how is he supposed to come into the future? Has he gone out of the world in order to come back again? Hardly! "The Antichrist" is none other than the Devil, or a person that personifies the Devil; "antichrists" however, are people who deny that Jesus Christ is coming in the flesh, in other words, they are little devils or demons. Now we know that when Jesus Christ overcame the world, He cast that creature out of heaven.

- Joh 12:27 "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.
- Joh 12:28 Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, *saying*, "I have both glorified *it* and will glorify *it* again."
- Joh 12:29 Therefore the people who stood by and heard *it* said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."
- Joh 12:30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake.
- Joh 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out."

And where did the Devil, the Antichrist, go when he was cast out of heaven? Back to the earth to his natural habitat, because this world had been given to him from the very beginning:

Luk 4:4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD OF GOD.' "

Luk 4:5 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

Luk 4:6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

Luk 4:7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."

Luk 4:8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND HIM ONLY YOU SHALL SERVE.' "

What is important about this passage, aside from the fact that one must worship the Lord and no none else beside Him, is that Jesus Christ did not deny Satan's claim that this world has been delivered to him and he gives it to whomever he wishes. It is difficult for people to accept that this world has been deliberately given to Satan, but this is an important stage in the process of salvation. Consider the following clarification from Apostle Paul.

Rom 7:14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin.

Rom 7:15 For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.

Rom 7:16 If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good.

Rom 7:17 But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

Rom 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find.

Rom 7:19 For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice.

Rom 7:20 Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

Rom 7:21 I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good.

Rom 7:22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man.

Rom 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Rom 7:25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

Rom 8:8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Is that clear? Flesh, by its nature, belongs to the Devil, while the Spirit belongs to God, and the two shall never merge. Antichrist, therefore, is none other than the Devil personified. Not only that, but the Bible tells us that he has a throne in this world.

Rev 2:12 "And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, 'These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword:

Rev 2:13 "I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne *is*. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas *was* My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

Rev 2:14 But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.

Rev 2:15 Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I Rev 2:16 hate. Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

Pergamos was a small town which is hardly on the map anymore. And yet, the Scriptures tell us that it is an important landmark – the place of Satan's throne. Since this world belongs to Satan, could he place his throne in a place of such little significance? Certainly not! That throne is set in the most famous building in the world. Pergamos is nothing but a pseudonym for . . .

There are enough clues in the Bible to leave us in no doubt where the Devil's throne is. Who, for example are the Nicolaitans who belong to the Church of Pergamos? The word comes from Nicolas, Saint Nicolas, Santa Claus. Those who celebrate the coming of Santa Claus every year are the ones that practice the doctrine of the Nicolaitans. And who are these people? Well, the whole of the Christian world, except those who belong to the true Church of God.

Christmas is not a biblical Holy Day; it has never been sanctioned by God, and never will be. Christmas was an ancient pagan holy day long before the advent of Christianity, celebrating the birth of Mithra, a mythological pagan figure, not the birth of Christ. God hates it: "you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate."

Christmas is a holy day of the Devil, proceeding from the throne of the Devil.

And who is Antipas, God's "faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells."

Well, what great biblical figure was killed where Satan's throne is? The only Christian person of renown mentioned in the Bible that was killed outside Jerusalem, whose place of death we know, is Apostle Paul. And where was he killed? In Rome of course!

Is it not obvious that "Pergamos" is a pseudonym for Rome and the Vatican?

That institution had been in the world long before Christianity. That is why Apostle John said that Antichrist was already in the world. In John chapter 2:18 he said:

1Jn 2:18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

By chapter 4, however, we no longer have any ambiguity: the Antichrist was not coming, but was already in the world.

The Antichrist already in the world

When the Apostles wrote their epistles, Christianity had not yet come under the influence and patronage of the Romans. But by the fourth century, after the Roman Councils, there was a new reality. The true Church of God had been completely eclipsed, and forced underground, and a new form of Christianity was being imposed upon the Empire. This is why Apostle John said first that the Antichrist was coming, and then that he was already in the world. He did not live to see that change in his time, but he was speaking in prophetic terms there.

By the time of the end, this new form of Christianity would be so removed from the Bible that it would be unrecognizable by the standards of Jesus Christ and His Apostles.

For millennia, the Catholic Church forbade the people in its territory from owning or reading the Bible. Those who disobeyed were severely punished, often with death.

Do you understand now why? Its hierarchy knew who they were, and that they were practicing a false religion, and were determined to keep that secret under wraps. The end, when the truth would be revealed, was too far away to worry about. They were not going to let that spoil their party, the good life they were having in this world.

The Christianity of the Catholic Church, and of all the Churches that proceeded from it, is not the Christianity of the Apostles of Jesus Christ: not in doctrines, not in Holy Days, not in Commandments, and not in practices. This is why *The Christian Herald* has been preaching a return to the original faith, a return to the Christianity of the early Churches and the true Gospel of salvation.

During their day, Jesus Christ and His Apostles spoke of a historical figure that represented danger for them and their followers. They did not mention him by name, but left no doubt about whom they had in mind.

"Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven." (Mat 23:9). Now why would Jesus Christ say that when the Jews were not calling anyone on earth (spiritual) Father? Whom did He have in mind? A nation that had a "Padre Patriae", a "Father of the Nation", a "Holy Father" – a nation that was having dominion over Palestine and Judea at that time! He and His Apostles went out of their way to avoid an open conflict with the Romans, and that is why they never mentioned their spiritual leader by name.

Apostle Paul said this to the Church in Thessalonica.

Th 2:1 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together 2Th 2:2 to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.

2Th 2:3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

2Th 2:4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

2Th 2:5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

2Th 2:6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time.

2Th 2:7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way.

2Th 2:8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

There was a man of sin, a lawless one, who sat as God ("Holy Father") in the temple of God, whom he could not name: "Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?" Now, no one was sitting as God in the Jerusalem temple, therefore Apostle Paul could not have been referring to Jerusalem. And if not Jerusalem, where else was one sitting as "Holy Father" in the temple of God? Obviously in Rome, the place of Satan's throne!

The Scriptures say that the identity of the man of sin would be revealed in the end time, at the return of Jesus Christ, not that he would come in the end time. That is a huge difference, which seems to have escaped those who have written about Antichrist.

The return of Jesus Christ is preceded by the kind of trials that we see in the world at present. These culminate in a Great Tribulation that will threaten the very life of this planet.

Those who speak of a coming Antichrist in this context, when this creature is, and has been, in the world ever since the time of the Apostles, are doing nothing but deceiving their readers! In trying to pin this tag on someone else, they are obscuring the identity of the real Antichrist.

Are they aware that they are doing the work of the Antichrist? Their spirit certainly is!

Those who do not know who the Antichrist is by now, will never know it and will be caught unprepared by the return of Jesus Christ. That would mean losing their salvation forever.

One cannot introduce concepts into the Bible that are not there, for that would put him in conflict with Jesus Christ. No one should ever think of doing that.

Rev 22:18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone

Rev 22:19 takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

Rev 22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Rev 22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Amen indeed!

Lessons the world should never have forgotten

It is a well known proverb that those who forget the past are bound to repeat it. There are certain lessons of history, however, that one must never forget or repeat.

Consider what the Apostles of Jesus Christ told their disciples.

1Co 10:1 And, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea.

1Co 10:2 And all were baptized to Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

1Co 10:3 and all ate the same spiritual food,

1Co 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank of the spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

1Co 10:5 But with many of them God was not well pleased, for they were scattered in the wilderness.

1Co 10:6 And these things were our examples, that we should not be lusters after evil, as they also lusted.

1Co 10:7 Nor should we be idolaters, even as some of them, as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play."

1Co 10:8 Nor let us commit fornication, as some of them fornicated, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day.

1Co 10:9 Nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted Him and were destroyed by serpents.

1Co 10:10 Nor murmur as some of them also murmured and were destroyed by the destroyer.

1Co 10:11 And all these things happened to them as examples; and it is written for our warning on whom the ends of the world have come.

He used the word 'examples' twice in this short passage. And what were the examples of the past that one should never forget? Rebellion, idolatry, fornication . . .

Like other Apostles, Paul believed that the end of the world would come upon his generation. Jesus Christ, however, withheld the book of Revelation from him and from the other Apostles, except the youngest, who received it, so they did not know that 'the end of the world' was a long way off – some two thousand years in the future.

Jesus Christ and His Apostles believed that from their time on until the end things will get progressively worse until the whole world would come under the influence of the Devil and his false preachers.

Mat 24:11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

Mat 24:12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

Mat 24:13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

To make sure that He was not misunderstood, He repeated that warning.

Mat 24:20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

Mat 24:21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Mat 24:22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

Mat 24:23 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here *is* the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe Mat 24:24 *it*. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

Mat 24:25 See, I have told you beforehand.

In other words, if they say, 'Look, you find Christ in this Church, or in that Church', do not believe it; for they will show great signs to deceive, **if possible**, even the elect.

And what signs was He thinking of? Well, who has not heard of Fatima, Majugorge, and their like, or of stigmata and of 'miracles' and healings by the dead?

The Bible tells us that the dead know nothing anymore and have no further share in what is happening in this world.

Ecc 9:5 For the living know that they will die; But the dead know nothing, And they have no more reward, For the memory of them is forgotten.

Ecc 9:6 Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished; Nevermore will they have a share In anything done under the sun.

And yet, according to certain Churches (Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, etc.) the dead not only know what is happening in this world but still have a big share in it, even to the point of encouraging the living to prostrate before them and worship them.

Now, if the Spirit of the Bible, the Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit, is not involved in such 'miracles' what spirit is? Well, what spirit has his throne in the Vatican, the centre of such 'miracles'?

The world may be deceived by the spirit of the dead, but, as Jesus Christ said, the elect of God will never be; not that that would prevent false preachers from trying it.

There is, however, another powerful deception by which the spirit of falsehood, the Antichrist, has deceived the world, even the 'enlightened' one – the notion of a godless world, one which created itself through evolution.

"Evolution answers all there is to know about life", said the high priest of evolution, Cambridge Professor Richard Dawkins, in one of the evolutionary documentaries that have mushroomed on our screens lately.

All there is to know about life? Does evolution tell us who set up the laws that have led to the appearance of the Universe and have governed it ever since? And does it explain consciousness, love, beauty, reason, even life itself? A mechanical universe could never create or explain such abstract virtues and qualities of life, which an omnipotent, omniscient, eternal and external Power had imbued the universe with.

During a televised debate between Richard Dawkins and an equally famous Physicist, Paul Davies, Dawkins became visibly shaken when Davies pointed out that evolution does not explain the laws that govern the Universe. Dawkins simply answered: "Of course those laws were there to begin with; they do not need to be explained".

The physicist is an evolutionist too, except that, like Einstein, he is prepared to acknowledge a greater Power in the Universe. As the Scriptures say:

Rom 11:32 For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on Rom 11:33 all. Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

Rom 11:34 "FOR WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD? OR WHO HAS BECOME HIS COUNSELOR?"

Rom 11:35 "OR WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM AND IT SHALL BE REPAID TO HIM?" Rom 11:36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

"Of Him and through and to Him are all things", and "God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all". Well, will He have mercy on those who blaspheme the Holy Spirit and deny the power of God? Jesus Christ said, no!

Mat 12:30 He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

- Mat 12:31 "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy *against* the Spirit will not be forgiven men.
- Mat 12:32 Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the *age* to come.

Fundamentalist evolutionists are comfortable with the notion that the laws that govern the Universe have always been there, but are ferociously opposed to any notion that a conscious God was always there too.

In denying God, they deny their own share of God's consciousness, and a chance to eternal life. Pride, the sin that transformed the leading angel, Lucifer, into Satan the destroyer and deceiver, prevents the 'enlightened' of this world from acknowledging a power greater and wiser than themselves! But what does God say about that?

- 1Co 1:19 "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND BRING TO NOTHING THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRUDENT."
- 1Co 1:20 Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?
- 1Co 1:21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.
- 1Co 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

The wise of this world are not only those who belong to academia; long before the world became 'enlightened', the 'wise' resided in, and led, the Churches of this world. The Devil knew that by creating confusion in the religious world, no one would be sure of what the truth of God was anymore.

Never in the history of the world has there been so much confusion in the religious world as there is these days. Here is a typical example. A recent acquaintance showed interest in *The Christian Herald*. As usual, I gave her a few numbers and left it at that, hoping that after reading them she would come back and asked to be baptized in the original religion of Jesus Christ. Instead, she came back determined to argue with me. Two points irked her. One: that I believe in the divinity of Christ. She assured me that He was a human and nothing more. Immediately this Scripture came to my mind:

2Jn 1:10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

2Jn 1:11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

I thought to myself, do I end my discussion right here and leave this woman with her highly blasphemous beliefs, or do I try to reason with her. I know, from experience, and the Scriptures, that when someone's mind has been taken over by the Devil, any attempt to reason with them is fruitless. However, for the sake of the following Scriptures, which tell us to use our judgment in dealing with such people, I decided to counter her arguments, lest she thinks she is wise in her own eyes.

Pro 26:4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly, Lest you also be like him.

Pro 26:5 Answer a fool according to his folly, Lest he be wise in his own eyes.

So I gave her *The Christian Herald No 5* in which I have explained at large how Jesus Christ was both divine and human, hoping that she might read it carefully, compare it with the Bible, and reconsidered her position, but it wasn't to be. Her pastor assured her that their church is right and anyone who is not ordained in their church cannot have the truth.

People fail to understand what a powerful grip Satan has on those who let him take hold of their minds and hearts. Denying the divinity of Christ is as blasphemous as denying that God created this world.

Here are just a few Scriptures that attest to the divinity of Christ:

Mat 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ was conceived not by a man, but by God, by the Holy Spirit. Therefore He had a Spiritual element in Him from the very beginning, unlike any other human being. The following Scriptures point out unambiguously not only that He was born of God but that He was God Himself, the very Creator of the world.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 He was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was

Joh 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Joh 1:5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Joh 1:9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

Joh 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

Joh 1:11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

Joh 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Joh 1:13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Consider also the following statement from Apostle Paul?

Php 2:4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

Php 2:6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

Php 2:7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.

Php 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

Furthermore, Jesus Christ Himself assured us that He and the Father were One while He was still in this world living the life of a human being.

Joh 14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

Joh 14:11 Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

Joh 14:12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Joh 14:13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Joh 14:14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

Joh 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

Joh 14:17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

Joh 14:18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

Joh 14:19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.

Joh 14:20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

Joh 14:21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

Joh 17:11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We *are*.

One can hardly think of a greater blasphemy than that a *'Church of Christ'* would deny the divinity of its Savior. But such is the nature of our world that every imaginable doctrine and falsehood is being preached under the cover of Churches.

Educators deny God with their theory of evolution, while religionists deny Christ with their false doctrines. The theory of evolution and the denial of Christ have set this world on a sure course to perdition. One should never forget what God said about the end time.

Mal 4:4 "Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, *With the* statutes and judgments.

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

Mal 4:6 And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

For two decades, we have called on the world to keep the Commandments that God gave to Moses at Mount Horeb, and return to Him in heartfelt repentance and worship if it is to be saved from "a curse" ('utter destruction' a more correct translation).

We saw that the world was heading in the wrong direction, and since no one was doing anything about it, we stood up and proclaim the importance of God's Commandments and the need to for a reconciliation with our Creator God, hoping that along the way other people would join us in this work of love for the world, but that was not to be. We did not know then what we know now, that the Devil has developed such a grip on the world that the world has become immune to the truth of God.

When Israel departed from the laws, statutes and commandments of God, it lost its status as the "chosen people", lost its identity, lost God's protection, and lost the land that He gave them, and they became lost among the nations. If it weren't for the unconditional promises that God made to the Patriarchs, Israel would have vanished from the face of the earth, but for their sake, and for the purpose of end time prophetic fulfillments, He brought some of them back to their ancestral land in the Middle East.

There is, however, another sin, besides the wholesale departure from God and His laws that is now threatening the survival of the human race. The fate of Sodom and Gomorrah is well known for their rampant homosexuality. Not many people know however that one of Israel's tribes also came close to vanishing from the face of the earth because of this sin. Given the importance and immediacy that this sin represents for the world at present, we are giving you the entire biblical passages that deal with it.

- Jdg 19:1 And it came to pass in those days, when *there was* no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite staying in the remote mountains of Ephraim. He took for himself a concubine from Bethlehem in Judah.
- Jdg 19:2 But his concubine played the harlot against him, and went away from him to her father's house at Bethlehem in Judah, and was there four whole months.
- Jdg 19:3 Then her husband arose and went after her, to speak kindly to her *and* bring her back, having his servant and a couple of donkeys with him. So she brought him into her father's house; and when the father of the young woman saw him, he was glad to meet him.
- Jdg 19:4 Now his father-in-law, the young woman's father, detained him; and he stayed with him three days. So they ate and drank and lodged there.
- Jdg 19:5 Then it came to pass on the fourth day that they arose early in the morning, and he stood to depart; but the young woman's father said to his son-in-law, "Refresh your heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way."
- Jdg 19:6 So they sat down, and the two of them ate and drank together. Then the young woman's father said to the man, "Please be content to stay all night, and let your heart be merry."
- Jdg 19:7 And when the man stood to depart, his father-in-law urged him; so he lodged there again.
- Jdg 19:8 Then he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart, but the young woman's father said, "Please refresh your heart." So they delayed until afternoon; and both of them ate.
- Jdg 19:9 And when the man stood to depart—he and his concubine and his servant—his father-in-law, the young woman's father, said to him, "Look, the day is now drawing toward evening; please spend the night. See, the day is coming to an end; lodge here, that your heart may be merry. Tomorrow go your way early, so that you may get home."
- Jdg 19:10 However, the man was not willing to spend that night; so he rose and departed, and came opposite Jebus (that *is*, Jerusalem). With him were the two saddled donkeys; his concubine *was* also with him.
- Jdg 19:11 They were near Jebus, and the day was far spent; and the servant said to his master, "Come, please, and let us turn aside into this city of the Jebusites and lodge in it."
- Jdg 19:12 But his master said to him, "We will not turn aside here into a city of foreigners, who *are* not of the children of Israel; we will go on to Gibeah."
- Jdg 19:13 So he said to his servant, "Come, let us draw near to one of these places, and spend the night in Gibeah or in Ramah."
- Jdg 19:14 And they passed by and went their way; and the sun went down on them near Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin.
- Jdg 19:15 They turned aside there to go in to lodge in Gibeah. And when he went in, he sat down in the open square of the city, for no one would take them into *his* house to spend the night.
- Jdg 19:16 Just then an old man came in from his work in the field at evening, who also *was* from the mountains of Ephraim; he was staying in Gibeah, whereas the men of the place *were* Benjamites.
- Jdg 19:17 And when he raised his eyes, he saw the traveler in the open square of the city; and the old man said, "Where are you going, and where do you come from?"
- Jdg 19:18 So he said to him, "We *are* passing from Bethlehem in Judah toward the remote mountains of Ephraim; I *am* from there. I went to Bethlehem in Judah; *now* I am going to the house of the LORD. But there *is* no one who will take me into his house,
- Jdg 19:19 although we have both straw and fodder for our donkeys, and bread and wine for myself, for your female servant, and for the young man *who is* with your servant; *there is* no lack of anything."

- Jdg 19:20 And the old man said, "Peace *be* with you! However, *let* all your needs *be* my responsibility; only do not spend the night in the open square."
- Jdg 19:21 So he brought him into his house, and gave fodder to the donkeys. And they washed their feet, and ate and drank.
- Jdg 19:22 As they were enjoying themselves, suddenly certain men of the city, perverted men, surrounded the house *and* beat on the door. They spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, "Bring out the man who came to your house, that we may know him *carnally!*"
- Jdg 19:23 But the man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, "No, my brethren! I beg you, do not act *so* wickedly! Seeing this man has come into my house, do not commit this outrage.
- Jdg 19:24 Look, *here is* my virgin daughter and *the man's* concubine; let me bring them out now. Humble them, and do with them as you please; but to this man do not do such a vile thing!"
- Jdg 19:25 But the men would not heed him. So the man took his concubine and brought *her* out to them. And they knew her and abused her all night until morning; and when the day began to break, they let her go.
- Jdg 19:26 Then the woman came as the day was dawning, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her master *was*, till it was light.
- Jdg 19:27 When her master arose in the morning, and opened the doors of the house and went out to go his way, there was his concubine, fallen *at* the door of the house with her hands on the threshold.
- Jdg 19:28 And he said to her, "Get up and let us be going." But there was no answer. So the man lifted her onto the donkey; and the man got up and went to his place.
- Jdg 19:29 When he entered his house he took a knife, laid hold of his concubine, and divided her into twelve pieces, limb by limb, and sent her throughout all the territory of Israel.
- Jdg 19:30 And so it was that all who saw it said, "No such deed has been done or seen from the day that the children of Israel came up from the land of Egypt until this day. Consider it, confer, and speak up!"
- Jdg 20:1 So all the children of Israel came out, from Dan to Beersheba, as well as from the land of Gilead, and the congregation gathered together as one man before the LORD at Mizpah.
- Jdg 20:2 And the leaders of all the people, all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand foot soldiers who drew the sword.
- Jdg 20:3 (Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel had gone up to Mizpah.) Then the children of Israel said, "Tell *us*, how did this wicked deed happen?"
- Jdg 20:4 So the Levite, the husband of the woman who was murdered, answered and said, "My concubine and I went into Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin, to spend the night.
- Jdg 20:5 And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and surrounded the house at night because of me. They intended to kill me, but instead they ravished my concubine so that she died.
- Jdg 20:6 So I took hold of my concubine, cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the territory of the inheritance of Israel, because they committed lewdness and outrage in Israel.
- Jdg 20:7 Look! All of you *are* children of Israel; give your advice and counsel here and now!" Jdg 20:8 So all the people arose as one man, saying, "None *of us* will go to his tent, nor will any turn back to his house;
- Jdg 20:9 but now this *is* the thing which we will do to Gibeah: *We will go up* against it by lot. Jdg 20:10 We will take ten men out of *every* hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, a hundred out of *every* thousand, and a thousand out of *every* ten thousand, to make provisions for the people, that when they come to Gibeah in Benjamin, they may repay all the vileness that they have done in Israel."

- Jdg 20:11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, united together as one man.
- Jdg 20:12 Then the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, "What is this wickedness that has occurred among you?
- Jdg 20:13 Now therefore, deliver up the men, the perverted men who *are* in Gibeah, that we may put them to death and remove the evil from Israel!" But the children of Benjamin would not listen to the voice of their brethren, the children of Israel.
- Jdg 20:14 Instead, the children of Benjamin gathered together from their cities to Gibeah, to go to battle against the children of Israel.
- Jdg 20:15 And from their cities at that time the children of Benjamin numbered twenty-six thousand men who drew the sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah, who numbered seven hundred select men.
- Jdg 20:16 Among all this people *were* seven hundred select men *who were* left-handed; every one could sling a stone at a hair's *breadth* and not miss.
- Jdg 20:17 Now besides Benjamin, the men of Israel numbered four hundred thousand men who drew the sword; all of these *were* men of war.
- Jdg 20:18 Then the children of Israel arose and went up to the house of God to inquire of God. They said, "Which of us shall go up first to battle against the children of Benjamin?" The LORD said, "Judah first!"
- Jdg 20:19 So the children of Israel rose in the morning and encamped against Gibeah.
- Jdg 20:20 And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin, and the men of Israel put themselves in battle array to fight against them at Gibeah.
- Jdg 20:21 Then the children of Benjamin came out of Gibeah, and on that day cut down to the ground twenty-two thousand men of the Israelites.
- Jdg 20:22 And the people, that is, the men of Israel, encouraged themselves and again formed the battle line at the place where they had put themselves in array on the first day.
- Jdg 20:23 Then the children of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until evening, and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, "Shall I again draw near for battle against the children of my brother Benjamin?" And the LORD said, "Go up against him."
- Jdg 20:24 So the children of Israel approached the children of Benjamin on the second day.
- Jdg 20:25 And Benjamin went out against them from Gibeah on the second day, and cut down to the ground eighteen thousand more of the children of Israel; all these drew the sword.
- Jdg 20:26 Then all the children of Israel, that is, all the people, went up and came to the house of God and wept. They sat there before the LORD and fasted that day until evening; and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.
- Jdg 20:27 So the children of Israel inquired of the LORD (the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days,
- Jdg 20:28 and Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days), saying, "Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of my brother Benjamin, or shall I cease?" And the LORD said, "Go up, for tomorrow I will deliver them into your
- Jdg 20:29 hand." Then Israel set men in ambush all around Gibeah.
- Jdg 20:30 And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in battle array against Gibeah as at the other times.
- Jdg 20:31 So the children of Benjamin went out against the people, *and* were drawn away from the city. They began to strike down *and* kill some of the people, as at the other times, in the highways (one of which goes up to Bethel and the other to Gibeah) and in the field, about thirty men of Israel.
- Jdg 20:32 And the children of Benjamin said, "They *are* defeated before us, as at first." But the children of Israel said, "Let us flee and draw them away from the city to the highways."
- Jdg 20:33 So all the men of Israel rose from their place and put themselves in battle array at Baal Tamar. Then Israel's men in ambush burst forth from their position in the plain of Geba.

- Jdg 20:34 And ten thousand select men from all Israel came against Gibeah, and the battle was fierce. But *the Benjamites* did not know that disaster *was* upon them.
- Jdg 20:35 The LORD defeated Benjamin before Israel. And the children of Israel destroyed that day twenty-five thousand one hundred Benjamites; all these drew the sword.
- Jdg 20:36 So the children of Benjamin saw that they were defeated. The men of Israel had given ground to the Benjamites, because they relied on the men in ambush whom they had set against Gibeah.
- Jdg 20:37 And the men in ambush quickly rushed upon Gibeah; the men in ambush spread out and struck the whole city with the edge of the sword.
- Jdg 20:38 Now the appointed signal between the men of Israel and the men in ambush was that they would make a great cloud of smoke rise up from the city,
- Jdg 20:39 whereupon the men of Israel would turn in battle. Now Benjamin had begun to strike *and* kill about thirty of the men of Israel. For they said, "Surely they are defeated before us, as *in* the first battle."
- Jdg 20:40 But when the cloud began to rise from the city in a column of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them, and there was the whole city going up *in smoke* to heaven.
- Jdg 20:41 And when the men of Israel turned back, the men of Benjamin panicked, for they saw that disaster had come upon them.
- Jdg 20:42 Therefore they turned *their backs* before the men of Israel in the direction of the wilderness; but the battle overtook them, and whoever *came* out of the cities they destroyed in their midst.
- Jdg 20:43 They surrounded the Benjamites, chased them, *and* easily trampled them down as far as the front of Gibeah toward the east.
- Jdg 20:44 And eighteen thousand men of Benjamin fell; all these were men of valor.
- Jdg 20:45 Then they turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon; and they cut down five thousand of them on the highways. Then they pursued them relentlessly up to Gidom, and killed two thousand of them.
- Jdg 20:46 So all who fell of Benjamin that day were twenty-five thousand men who drew the sword; all these *were* men of valor.
- Jdg 20:47 But six hundred men turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon, and they stayed at the rock of Rimmon for four months.
- Jdg 20:48 And the men of Israel turned back against the children of Benjamin, and struck them down with the edge of the sword—from *every* city, men and beasts, all who were found. They also set fire to all the cities they came to.
- Jdg 21:1 Now the men of Israel had sworn an oath at Mizpah, saying, "None of us shall give his daughter to Benjamin as a wife."
- Jdg 21:2 Then the people came to the house of God, and remained there before God till evening. They lifted up their voices and wept bitterly,
- Jdg 21:3 and said, "O LORD God of Israel, why has this come to pass in Israel, that today there should be one tribe *missing* in Israel?"

So abominable is homosexuality in the eyes of God that He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, and nearly wiped out one of the tribes of His 'chosen people'.

Now have our leaders learned that lesson? Consider this: the United Nations, the European Union, and just about every western Government, have enacted legislation that safeguards homosexuality. The nations that have not done so are under great pressure to do it as soon as possible.

Is it a mere coincidence that as the world has turned its back on God, He has turned His back on it, and humanity finds itself on the edge of the abyss?

"Rushing towards a doomsday scenario"

"The world is spinning toward a catastrophic climate change scenario, with temperatures now far more likely to rise by 6C by the end of the century, a leading international team of scientists has warned.

An increase of 6C would have irreversible consequences, rendering large parts of the globe uninhabitable and destroying much of life on earth.

The study by Professor Corinne Le Quere, from the British Antarctic Survey and East Anglia University, is the most comprehensible so far of how economic changes and shifts in the way people used land over the past 50 years have affected CO2 concentration in the atmosphere. It also claims the Earth's natural ability to absorb CO2 into soil, forests and oceans is declining.

The nightmarish possibility of a 6C temperature rise was made public by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in 2007, when it was then only a worst-case scenario. But according to Professor Le Quere it is now all but inevitable.

"We're at the top of the IPCC scenario," she told Nature Geo-science, a respected science journal, which published the study yesterday.

Her research – backed by 31 top researchers from seven countries including Australians involved in the Global Carbon Project – found there had been a 29 percent rise in global CO2 emissions from fossil fuels between 2000 and 2008. [A phenomenal increase in such a short period of time].

The annual average CO2 increase of 3.4 per cent since 2000 compared with increases of only 1 per cent the previous eight years. She said there was no doubt carbon dioxide emissions from transport and industry and deforestation were squarely to blame. Governments around the world are trying to find agreements to limit the rise to 2C, the level believed required to avoid extremely dangerous climate change. Professor Le Quere said next month's UN climate conference in Copenhagen had to come out with a clear and decisive global policy.

"If the agreement is weak or the commitments not respected, it is not 2,5C or 3C we will get, it's 5C or 6C, that is the path we are on," she said. An Earth 6C hotter than today's temperatures would be a nightmarish place, according to most predictions.

All ice on both poles would have melted, pushing sea levels at least 6m higher. Temperate bushland and even rainforests would become deserts, while methane fireballs could erupt from oceans where marine life had died because of a lack of oxygen.

Australian pressure group The Climate Institute said on current emission trends, unmitigated climate change is likely to have catastrophic global impacts.

Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Penny Wong, yesterday said Australia must act now to reduce the country's carbon pollution and that a global deal at Copenhagen was difficult but vital."

This is what a rise of 6C would mean for the world.

- **Desertification**. Australia's bushland, and even its rainforests, have been reduced to deserts. Powerful bushfires. Most crops destroyed. Livestock starves.
- Dead oceans. Warmer water means less oxygen can dissolve, and oceans become stagnant. All the higher forms of life, from plankton to sharks, which filter oxygen from water, face suffocation.

- **Superstorms**. Warmer air and sea temperatures turbo-charge storms. Super cyclones would destroy coastal cities. Massive flash floods destroy inland cities.
- **Life on land**. Firestorms and poisoned atmosphere, desertification and starvation wipe out most forms of terrestrial life left on earth. Only fungi, feasting on dead plants, survive.
- **Rising ocean.** With the poles melted, ocean heights will have risen by at least six metres. But expanded water from a warmer ocean could see even larger rises.
- **Hydrogen sulphate poisoned air**. A warm and stagnant ocean would release vast amounts of hydrogen sulphide. The silent killer would suffocate life left on the coast, then be pushed inland by winds.
- **Methane hydrate fireballs**. Air-methane concentrations as low as 5 per cent could ignite from lightning, sending fireballs with the power of atom bombs across the sky. At the fringes victims suffer many serious internal injuries. Scientists calculate that they could destroy terrestrial life almost entirely.
 - 1. Warming ocean waters release pent-up methane hydrate gas from the sea bed.
 - 2. A gas-saturated plume of water surges towards the surface, reaching explosive force.
 - 3. Water shoots hundreds of meters into the air as the released gas blasts into the atmosphere. Shockwaves spread in all directions, triggering more eruptions nearby. (Charles Miranda and Malcolm Holland, *The Daily Telegraph*, Nov. 20, 2009).

This is nothing short of apocalypse. And what does the Bible say about that?

Rev 6:9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.

Rev 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

Rev 6:11 Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both *the number of* their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they *were*, was completed.

Rev 6:12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

Rev 6:13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is Rev 6:14 shaken by a mighty wind. Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

Rev 6:15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the

Rev 6:16 mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

Rev 6:17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

This prophecy had a fulfillment before the Flood of Noah, but, like most of God's prophecies, a second fulfillment is to occur before this world comes to an end. Here is proof.

Rev 16:12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.

Rev 16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

Rev 16:14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, *which* go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God

Rev 16:15 Almighty. "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed *is* he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

Rev 16:16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

Rev 16:17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

Rev 16:18 And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.

Rev 16:19 Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

Rev 16:20 Then **every island fled away, and the mountains were not found**. Rev 16:21 And great hail from heaven fell upon men, *each hailstone* about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

Those who think that they are going to reverse global warming and climate change, should remember verse 20: "every island fled away, and the mountains were not found".

Scientists deal with empirical data; we deal with God's prophecies. The catastrophes scientists say would grip the world by the end of the century will become visible in this generation. The world is on the edge of the abyss now not a hundred years from now.

The Copenhagen summit about climate change will achieve nothing significant as far as the future of the world is concerned, because there are no indications that they are going to include God in their deliberations.

There is nothing human beings can do now to stop, let alone reverse, global warming and climate change, short of turning to God and obeying His Commandments.

'The ETS (Emission Trading Scheme) can make absolutely no difference to any climate change outcome. Today, tomorrow, over the next century, over the next millennium. Never, forever." Terry McCrann, *The Daily Telegraph*, Sept. 17, 2009).

This author did not go into details why this is so, but the reason is clear. The glasshouse effect over the earth has not been caused by carbon emissions of the last few years, or of the last few decades, but of the last two centuries, ever since the beginning of the industrial revolution. Even if there are no more emissions of this gas at all, what is already in the atmosphere will continue to affect the earth for a long time.

Here now is the transcript of a television interview from Australia's influential ABC Lateline program with a leading climate change scientist. It is a lengthy one, but given the importance of the topic, we decided to present it unedited in its entirety.

TONY JONES, PRESENTER: Dr James Hansen heads NASA's Goddard Institute of Space Science. The institute has been publishing global temperature data since 1987 and is now one of the key sources of data for climate scientists.

Hansen's own testimony to the US Congress in 1988 brought world attention to global warming. His latest book Storms of my Grandchildren carries the subtitle, "The truth about the coming climate catastrophe and our last chance to save humanity". He joins us from New York. Professor James Hansen, thanks for joining us.

JAMES HANSEN, CLIMATE SCIENTIST, NASA: Sure, glad to be with you. TONY JONES: Now you're accusing governments of lying through their teeth even as they sign up to large emission reduction targets for Copenhagen. Why so pessimistic?

JAMES HANSEN: Well it's very easy to show that they are either lying or kidding themselves because all you have to do is look at the geophysical data. You know, the governments all around the world now agree that we're going to have to stabilise atmospheric composition, carbon dioxide in particular, at a relatively low level.

And if you look at how much carbon there is in oil, gas and coal, what you quickly realise is that oil and gas is already going to be enough to get us up to approximately the dangerous level. The only way we can solve the problem is by phasing out coal emissions and prohibiting unconventional fossil fuels like tar sands and oil shale. But in fact, if you look at what's happening, the United States just signed an agreement with Canada to make a pipeline to carry oil from tar sands to the United States, and Australia is expanding its port facilities to export more coal. And coal fired power plants are built all around the world. Oil is even being squeezed out of coal. So there's absolutely no way that the world can meet the kind of targets that they're talking about for future decades. So they're just putting out numbers, you know, goals which absolutely cannot be met. If you're going to use that coal, then you would have to tell Russia to leave its gas in the ground and tell Saudi Arabia to leave its oil in the ground but nobody's proposing that and you know they wouldn't do it anyhow.

TONY JONES: You've also described the whole Copenhagen approach as fraudulent because of its, quote, "ineffectual cap and trade mechanism". Now why do you say global emissions trading won't work?

JAMES HANSEN: Well we can prove very easily that cap and trade with offsets is not going to work. We tried that with Kyoto and the global emissions actually accelerated, even the rate of growth increased after the Kyoto Protocol. A few countries cut their emissions a bit but as long as the price of fossil fuels is the cheapest energy, then they're going to be used by somebody. So this cap in trade and offsets, that's, basically what this is, it's like the indulgences of the Middle Ages, when the Catholic Church would sell forgiveness for sins. This was great for the bishops, they collected a lot of moolah, and it was great for the sinners, because they got forgiven and they could still go to heaven or at least they thought they could. That's what's happening in Copenhagen. Developed countries are coming and they're looking for these offsets so they can continue business as usual, they can continue their sinning, but developing countries, well they're happy to go along with that if the developed countries give them some money, you know, for climate adaptation or for the offset mechanisms if that will result in some money going to developing countries. So that's what's happening. You've got both parties making this kind of a deal, and who's getting the short end of the stick? Our children and grandchildren, because the emissions are not going to decline. In fact, they'll continue to increase. That's as plain as you can see that very easily.

TONY JONES: There's been a huge debate in Australia over emissions trading. Are you saying that even with the best will in the world an emissions trading scheme in Australia will be ineffectual.

JAMES HANSEN: Absolutely. These cap and trade trading schemes are a terrible idea. You can see what they do. They are a way to continue business as usual because they include these offsets, for example. They're not attacking the fundamental problem. Who they're good for is the big banks. In the United States it's going to be Goldman Sachs, and Bank of America, the trading companies. They have trading groups within their bank who

are very skilled and they're going to make money, and where does the money come from? It comes from the public. There will be increased energy prices, big banks will make money, but the problem will not be solved. There will be little reduction in emissions. Unless you attack the fundamental problem, you cannot solve the problem. And the fundamental issue is that fossil fuels are the cheapest energy. You must put a price on carbon emissions. And the way to do that, and to make it acceptable to the public and actually very beneficial to the public, is to return the money that's collected from a carbon tax, and that tax needs to be applied at the source, at the mine or the port of entry. You then distribute that money to the public, so that they will have the money to invest in more efficient vehicles, in insulating their homes, and that would encourage innovations, innovators would develop carbon free or low carbon energy sources. That's the way that you can drive the system to slowly phase out fossil fuels, but the cap and trade doesn't do that at all, and it's impossible. As long as fossil fuels are the cheapest energy, you're not going to phase them out.

TONY JONES: Now you've proposed what you call a uniform rising price on carbon; effectively a global carbon tax. Now it's a simple approach but it would require carbon tariffs to be levied against those who refuse to put a price on carbon. But isn't that a serious problem? Won't it lead to trade wars?

JAMES HANSEN: No, in fact it is far simpler. As we saw in the Kyoto Protocol, you cannot get all the countries to agree, you have to bribe them one by one to try to get them to sign up to the Kyoto Protocol or a Copenhagen follow up. But, in the case of a carbon price, which is simple and honest, it's a much easier task. All you need to do is get the major players to agree to put a carbon price on. And then if any countries don't want to do it, well then you put a tariff on the products that you import from those countries that are made with fossil fuels. In effect, most countries would then decide, well, we would rather have our internal carbon tax because then we get to collect the money rather than the other country. That is much simpler than cap and trade.

TONY JONES: Can we talk about the science of global warming and climate change now, because as we've gotten closer to Copenhagen, the sceptics have become much louder. There's been a fierce backlash against the science. What do you think is going on here?

JAMES HANSEN: Well, the science, as you know, has become very clear. The evidence for climate change around the world is widespread. The Arctic Sea ice melting, glaciers receding all around the world, climate zones are shifting, the subtropics are expanding, and that's affecting Australia, by the way, as well as the south-west United States and the Mediterranean region, and that's a reason why we have more extremes, including heatwaves and fires. But also, when we have rain, it is heavier, because warmer atmosphere holds more water vapour. We see the climate change all over the planet, there's no question about that.

TONY JONES: But why do you think there's been a revival of scepticism against the science? You must have been disturbed yourself recently by the leaked email exchanges between your fellow scientists at Britain's climate research unit. Now sceptics are using these emails to support their case that scientists are trying to hoodwink us, that scientists are falsifying data or hiding away evidence that disproves their arguments.

JAMES HANSEN: Yeah, these are very desperate efforts by the contrarians and those who are supporting the business community that wants to continue business as usual. But, you know, the data that is used to determine the temperature change over the last century or so, that data is available to everybody.

If there was anything wrong with the analyses that showed the magnitude of this warming, don't you think that these contrarians would quickly show, do their own analysis and show that there really wasn't any warming? Of course not because they know very well. You know, they've tried to examine our data and they did find one flaw, which turned out to be 3/100ths of a degree and was an easily explained mistake, but that's the kind of thing, they're looking for nitpicking. They try to find small things and then they question the integrity of the scientists. But in fact,

there's the evidence for climate change, and the analysis is very strong. It's true that in some of these email exchanges that some of the scientists did some things which I think they probably regret. For example, we should always make our input data available to the community, to anybody, so that they can check our analysis. But, in fact, we've been doing that for many years, and as I say, nobody can find anything that disproves our analysis.

TONY JONES: Okay well one of the published emails we're talking about goes to the key part of the sceptics argument that since 1998, the hottest year on record, carbon dioxide in the atmosphere kept going up, but the temperature didn't keep going up with it. Now you've been bombarded, I understand, with scores of messages along those lines from people who want you to repent and admit that global warming is a hoax. So how do you respond to them?

JAMES HANSEN: You know, if you look at this global temperature curve and smooth it over a few years you'll see that it's continued to increase over the last decade. And in fact, it's not true that 1998 was the warmest year. 2005 was the warmest year. The British analysis shows 1998 as the warmest year because they exclude polar regions, because there are no weather stations there or very few. But there are other ways to estimate the temperature in the polar regions and in fact, because of the decreased sea ice in the Arctic it has been warmer and warmer in the Arctic. And when you include these polar regions, it turns out that 2005 was the warmest year. And when you average over a few years you'll find that the temperature curve has continued up. And besides, you don't expect the temperature to go up every year. There's a lot of natural variability in the system primarily due to the tropical El Nino/La Nina cycle. And now we are moving into the El Nino phase, so it's a pretty good bet that, first of all, this year is going to be one of the warmest years, 2009, and 2010 will probably be the warmest year on the record.

TONY JONES: Is there already evidence for that? I mean are you seeing early data from your global temperature recordings?

JAMES HANSEN: Yeah, we see the data up to now, and we know that the global temperature tends to lag a few months behind the tropical temperature. So it's because the El Nino started a few months ago, it's likely to have its greatest effect on 2010, but it's already having an effect this year making this year some place between the second and the fifth warmest, it depends on the November and December data, which we don't have yet.

TONY JONES: Okay, can you tell us how the Goddard Institute takes and adjusts these global temperatures because sceptics claim that urban heat centres make a huge difference; that they distort global temperatures and they make it appear hotter than it really is. So do you adjust, in your figures, for the urban heat zone effects?

JAMES HANSEN: We get data from three different sources and we now, in order to avoid criticisms from contrarians, we no longer make an adjustment. Even if we see there are eight stations in Alaska and seven of them have temperatures in the minus 30s and one of them says plus 35, which is pretty obvious what happens, someone didn't put the minus sign there, we just, we don't correct that. Instead we send an email or letter or a letter to the organisation that produces the data and say, you'd better check the Alaska temperatures, because we don't want to be blamed for changing anything. But as far as adjusting for urban effects, we have a very simple procedure. We exclude urban locations, use rural locations to establish a trend, and that does eliminate - though urban stations do have more warming than the rural stations, and so we eliminate that effect simply by eliminating those stations, but it's very clear that the warming that we see is not urban, it's largest in Siberia, and in the Arctic and the Antarctic, and there aren't any cities there, and there's warming over the oceans, there are no cities there. So it's not urban warming that's just nonsense.

TONY JONES: Well if I understand you correctly your biggest fear now is that these built in temperature rises will trigger what you call feedback mechanisms. Can you explaining how they work, and what are the implications of them?

JAMES HANSEN: Yeah, well that's what makes climate a really dangerous situation, because of the inertia of the system. It takes the ocean a long time to warm up, it's four kilometres deep, and it takes icesheets a long time to get started to move, they're very thick and have a lot of

inertia. The problem is that as these changes begin to occur, and they are beginning to occur - Greenland is losing ice faster and faster and Antarctica is beginning to lose ice at a rate of about 150 cubic kilometres per year - as you get to a certain point, you can get to a point where the dynamics of the system begins to take over. If the icesheets begin to collapse, by that time it's too late. You've passed the tipping point and the icesheet is going to end up in the ocean. So, that's one of the tipping points. Another one is methane hydrates. We're beginning to see methane bubble out of the tundra as it's melting. There's a lot more methane hydrates on continental shelves. As the ocean warms that methane hydrate can also begin to release methane, which is a very strong greenhouse gas and can cause amplifying feedback which makes the global warming much larger. And this is not idle speculation, because we can look at the history of the earth. And in past global warming events we have seen those kind of amplifying feedbacks which then make the change extremely large.

TONY JONES: Okay, well you're talking about what you find from the examination of ice core data. Is there a comparable period in history, the history of the planet that is, where warming accelerates due to these feedback mechanisms, and do you get much more rapid sea level rises during that period?

JAMES HANSEN: Yeah, well, in the relatively recent paleoclimate, coming from the last ice age to the present interglacial period that we've been living in for 10,000 years, when that icesheet, the big icesheet on North America began to disintegrate, sea level went up five metres per century. That's one meter every 20 years for several centuries. So once an icesheet begins to melt and begins to disintegrate, things can move very rapidly.

TONY JONES: Okay let's go quickly through a couple of the other key arguments put forward by the sceptics. Why worry about carbon dioxide when water vapour is a stronger greenhouse gas and actually occurs naturally?

JAMES HANSEN: Yeah, that's the screwiest argument which keeps being made again and again and again. The amount of water vapour in the atmosphere is determined by the atmosphere's temperature, everyone should know that. Look at the difference between winter and summer. As you go to a warmer climate the atmosphere holds more water vapour because at the places where the humidity reaches 100 per cent the water vapour falls out as water or snow. And therefore, as the planet becomes warmer, the atmosphere holds more water vapour.

That's why we get heavier rain falls as the planet gets warmer. So this water vapour is an amplifying feedback. It makes the greenhouse effect much stronger. But it's not something that just changes on its own accord; it changes in response to the temperature changes.

TONY JONES: Okay, if I understand it correctly your argument is that climate change is not only about droughts, but that effect you're talking about will cause much more frequent and much more severe storms; is that correct?

JAMES HANSEN: Yeah, the, both extremes of the hydrologic cycle must increase, become more intense as the planet becomes warmer. At the times and places where it's dry, the increased heating of the surface makes it hotter and drier. On the other hand, the oceans, the places where you have water, the increased heating evaporates more water, so the atmosphere holds more water vapour and at the times when you get rainfall you will get heavier rainfall and greater floods, so the extremes of the climate increase, the extremes of the hydrologic cycle. Now as far as storms are concerned, the storms that are driven by latent heat - that means thunderstorms, tornados, tropical storms - the strongest ones will get stronger because there's more fuel. The water vapour provides the fuel for those types of storms. Not all of them will be stronger, but the strongest ones will be stronger than the strongest ones now. But in addition to that, and one thing I talk about in my book, Storms of my Grandchildren, I'm talking about the mid-latitude storms, the fact that as the icesheets on Greenland and Antarctica begin to melt more rapidly than they are now, they will discharge ice fast enough that it will cool the surface of the ocean, nearby ocean, in the North Atlantic and in the circum Antarctic Ocean. That will cause the temperature gradient between low latitudes and high latitudes to increase, so the storms that are driven by horizontal temperature gradients will become stronger, and these can be very damaging storms, this is like

the storms that hit the Netherlands and England in the 1950. They can do enormous damage. So, yes, it's true that all the storms that we can think of will become stronger as the climate becomes warmer.

TONY JONES: James Hansen, one final question: what's your estimate; how long do we have before the planet reaches one of those tipping points that you're talking about and global warming is irreversible? And if that happens, what are the consequences?

JAMES HANSEN: Well, you know, we are probably, we're already into the dangerous level of carbon dioxide and it's going to increase more. If we would phase out the coal emissions over the next 20 years, then CO2 would peak at something like 425ppm. Doesn't look like we're starting to phase out coal though, so it may go higher than that. We're going to go well into the dangerous zone, and some things are going to happen out of our control. But that doesn't mean we should give up, because whether we get a sea level rise of one metre, or 25 metres makes a huge difference. What we will need to do once people really see what's happening, is we're going to need to restore the planet's energy balance, or make it negative, and you do that by reducing the amount of these greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, and so the planet begins to cool off a bit. And then, even though we're going to get some icesheet disintegration anyhow and we're going to lose some species because we're already pushing some of them, we're putting a lot of stress on many species, but we don't, that doesn't mean we should give up and decide we're willing to give up all of them.

TONY JONES: James Hansen, we're going to have to leave it there. We thank you very much for coming to join us right on the eve of the Copenhagen conference.

JAMES HANSEN: Thank you for listening. Thanks. (ABC, Lateline, December 7, 2009)

It is clear that with all the talk of alternative sources of energy – solar, wind, geothermal, etc. – the fact remains that these can barely cover a fraction of the current world needs let alone the demands of an increasing world population. Coal and oil will continue to fuel electricity and transport for as long as this world will be standing, which, on current trends, cannot be long; we see no indications that human beings are going to turn to God soon.

World leaders fail to understand that there is a direct relationship between their departure from the ways of God and the current world tribulations.

Mal 4:4 "**Remember the Law of Moses**, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, *With the* statutes and judgments.

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

Mal 4:6 And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, **Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.**

'Remember the Law of Moses. . . Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse [utter destruction would be a better translation], says the LORD.

The problem is that telling this world, which has abandoned itself to sins and perversions of all sorts, to keep God's Laws is like crying aloud in the wilderness.

This is why the world is in greater danger than our leaders and luminaries realize it.

We have given them Your word, O LORD, but the purveyors of false philosophies and false religions have greater influence upon this world.

Please send Your Holy Spirit to soften their hearts and open their minds to Your truth, for the world is quickly heading the way of self-annihilation.

THE CHRISTIAN HOLY DAYS FOR THE YEARS 2010 - 2012

	2010	2011	2012
The Passover (Pesah — Nissan 14) Unlike the Jews, who used to kill the Passover lamb "at the twilight" of Nissan 14 (meaning in the evening towards Nissan 15), we, Christians, observe the Passover when our "Lamb" — Jesus Christ — was sacrificed. That happened on the afternoon of Nissan 14, before the twilight of Nissan 14, meaning that we keep it a little earlier than the Jews. We commemorate His death, not His supper, which occurred the previous evening, as some churches do. The time when His body was broken, not when He broke the symbolic bread.	29 March	18 April	6 April
Days of Unleavened Bread (Nissan 15 – 21) On the first and seventh days there shall be holy convocations. No customary work shall be done on these days.	30 March – 5 April	19 April – 25 April	7 April – 13 April
Pentecost (Shavuot – Sivan 6)	19 May	8 June	27 May
Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah – Tishri 1)	9 Sept.	29 Sept.	17 Sept.
Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur – Tishri 10)	18 Sept.	8 Oct.	26 Sept.
Feast of Tabernacles (Succoth – Tishri 15 – 22) On the first and the eighth days there shall be holy convocations. No customary work shall be done on these days.	23 Sept. – 30 Sept.	13 Oct. – 20 Oct.	1 Oct. – 8 Oct.