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Dear Brother White:

You refer in your recent letter to me, to the statement I made in my tract "The Christological Controversy," about the people I mentioned who did not believe in the pre-existence of Christ. Those were the German Gemeine Gottes, (Church of God) people among whom I grew up. I think the present generation of them all now believe in the Messiah's pre-existence.

There have been some among the Church of God (7th Day), that have not believed in the pre-existence all during my life, and a few still don't. Among these are the General Council of the Churches of God with headquarters at Meridian, Idaho. Some of my close friends among independent Sabbathkeepers still do not believe in the pre-existence. He became the only begotten Son of God when He was born of the virgin Mary.

When Herbert Armstrong and I worked together a lot from 1935 - 1945, his beliefs concerning the Godhead were generally the same as ours. I do not now remember the year when Herbert first began to teach that the YHVH of the Old Testament was the Jesus of the New Testament. When I first learned of it I said he is setting a trap for himself. That is exactly the Jesus Only doctrine. Before his death he wrote in the Plain Truth that the God of the Old Testament is the God of the New Testament.

Where Armstrong got the idea of the New Birth occurring at the Resurrection, I don't know. I think we had three or four of the old-timers of the Church of God (7th Day) who taught this back in the 1920s and 1930s.

I think G.G. Rupert's movement finally died out. We met at least one of those families in Kansas back some time in the early 1930s.

Will be pleased to receive a copy of "Dodanim and Tarshish" gratis, as you mentioned in your letter. Thanks.

Sincerely as always,

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Dear Brother White:

I was thankful to hear from you once more, after having sent you some photocopies of Rawlinson's "Origin of Nations." I will be looking forward to getting a copy of your "Lost Races of the Ancient World," after you get it published. It should be an interesting book.

Yes, I know quite a little about Herbert Armstrong's history. For ten years, 1935 to 1945, we were closely associated. But I don't know that much about what all has transpired within his organization since he dropped me in 1945. I am enclosing a carbon copy of what I compiled, that gives a history that I was personally conversant with. You may keep this.

I do not understand what you mean by them dropping the Ezekiel Message," unless you mean that he taught that Ezekiel's message is for our day instead for the time Ezekiel lived. I did not know that he dropped that but I read very lately again that Ezekiel's message is for now.

Garner Ted Armstrong has not changed his doctrines from that or his father as much as it appears on the surface. Most of what he learned when he was growing up was what his father taught, and became a part of Garner. He has changed considerably, however, in policies in general.

If any of the Remnants of G. G. Rupert's Church of God people merged with the Radio Church of God, I am not aware of it. I don't believe that happened. I should have known it because I was close with Herbert from 1935 to 1945. Some time back in the 1920s G. G. Rupert associated with the Church of God, at Stanberry, Missouri, and some of his writings were published in the Bible Advocate, I believe. Armstrong may have known of Rupert.

Yes, I have been acquainted with the two walkers, (Kenneth C. and Frank) for many years.

Sorry I cannot tell you of the many changes, and when, that were made by Armstrong's group from time to time, since I have not been closely connected with them since 1945. But I do get some information every now and then from former members.

I suppose you know that Herbert married a divorced woman, after having ^{taught} so many years against such a thing; and that then recently he divorced this second wife of his. How can anyone have any confidence in the man anymore?

Do you get the Ambassador Review from Pasadena, published by Trenchuk?
May I hear from you soon again?

Sincerely as always,

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