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- George Noel Gordon, Lord Byron, 1788-1824

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[Garner Ted Armstrong - The Early Years](#)

**Garner Ted Armstrong
*The Early Years***



Future Captivity of the United States - Part 1 and Part 2

Garner Ted Armstrong

Fall 1957, In California

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Message Highlights/Background:

- Mr. Armstrong was made a Minister in 1955. He took voice lessons at the church's college and you can fairly clearly hear him singing a hymn at the end of the message.
- The above picture was taken late 1957.

Summary of Book of Acts

Garner Ted Armstrong

November 8, 1957

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- Mr. Armstrong sings *Blessed Be the Tie (that Binds)* at the end of his message.

Points for Bible Study

Garner Ted Armstrong

October 7, 1955

Big Sandy, Texas - First Day of Feast of
Tabernacles

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- Mrs. Beverly Swisher sings *God So Loved the World* at the end of this message.

Two Factors to Cause USA's Downfall

Garner Ted Armstrong

Fall, 1957

Big Sandy, Texas

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If God So Clothed the Grass of the Field (Song)

Garner Ted Armstrong

October 6, 1958 - Last Great Day of Feast of Tabernacles

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- Mr. Ted Armstrong sings *If God So Clothed the Grass of the Field*, which is taken from Matthew 6:25-29 (Sermon on the Mount). It is preceded by a 3 ½ minute message from his father.
- This song was taken from the end of the reel it was recorded on. After this song, only the beginning of the song *Jerusalem, Jerusalem* was recorded on the tape. Although only the first minute of this song sung by Mr. Ted Armstrong exists, it was put at the end of his first song for historic purposes.

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Garner Ted Armstrong - Radio

Garner Ted Armstrong Radio Broadcasts



Personal Appearance Campaign - Portland, Oregon

Garner Ted Armstrong

Around 1974/75

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Message Highlights/Background:

- This was a campaign where the general public was invited to attend.
- Mr. Armstrong grew up in Portland. He lived there from his birth on Feb. 9th, 1930 to around October of the same year when his family moved to Salem, Oregon.

**Religion
Garner Ted Armstrong
1974 Radio Broadcast**

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**What IS the Gospel?
Garner Ted Armstrong
Around 1972
Radio Broadcast**

(Great sound quality!)

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Explanation of WCG Expulsion - Part 1 and Part 2

Garner Ted Armstrong

August 5, 1978

[Part 1 - MP3](#) | [Part 2 - MP3](#)

Message Highlights/Background:

- Mr. Armstrong was born Feb. 9th, 1930 in Portland, Oregon. His father, Herbert W. Armstrong, founded the *Radio Church of God* (changed to Worldwide Church of God (WCG) in 1968) in 1934. GTA was the primary voice of the WCG on radio/TV for many years up to 1978.
- Mr. Armstrong was expelled and disfellowshipped for several alleged reasons such as trying to divert church mail in attempt to steal funds for his personal use and giving the media misleading and distorted information about his father. This message is GTA's explanation of charges and events that led to his dismail. He is now founder of the [Intercontinental Church of God](#).

(Note: Please do not call or write to the contact information given in the above messages. Mr. Armstrong can

be reached at his Website at www.gtaea.org.

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Herbert W. Armstrong

Herbert W. Armstrong



Respect Authority/Church Government - Part 1 and Part 2

Herbert W. Armstrong

September 15, 1951

Pasadena, California

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Message Highlights/Background:

- This is a complete worship service. This message opens with the church singing a hymn then Raymond McNair gives the opening prayer. After Mr. Armstrong's message, the church sings *The Servant's Prayer* by Dwight Armstrong.
- In the first part of the message Mr. Armstrong discusses the purchase of several pieces of property for the church's college in Pasadena. After this brief discussion Mr. Armstrong introduces his daughter Beverly, who sings *Let the People Praise Thee*.
- Mr. Armstrong explains what he believes the Bible teaches about authority and church government. He states that government within God's church is from the "top-down," not from the "bottom-up." God exercises His power through the ministry to the brethren, he states. Additionally, because the ministry understands the truth of the Bible, their decisions they "bind" on earth will also be "bound" by God in heaven.

Offertory Message--Status of "The Work"

Herbert W. Armstrong

October 1, 1955 (Saturday)

Big Sandy, Texas - First Day of Feast of Tabernacles

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Message Highlights/Background:

- HWA starts broadcasting on TV in the summer of 1955. He discusses the transition from radio to TV and the new program's ratings compared to others.

Refuting Arguments Against the Sabbath

Herbert W. Armstrong

April 10, 1955

Big Sandy, Texas - During Days of Unleavened Bread

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- From June 1954 to June 1955, it cost \$394,328.66 to operate the church's college and \$630,323 to operate the church.

Lipstick and Church Government
Herbert W. Armstrong
October 7, 1955
Big Sandy, Texas - During Feast of Tabernacles
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Message Highlights/Background:

- Mr. Armstrong states that the ministers have decided, with God's guidance, that women should *not* wear makeup (specifically, lipstick). It is stated that makeup (lipstick) is a test of whether the women will be submissive and obey God's government (the ministry in the church) or not. If anyone accuses the *government of God* (e.g. the ministry) of being the *government of men*, they come very close to committing the unpardonable sin.
- Mr. Armstrong also briefly discusses the difference between church government in the Radio Church of God and the Catholic Church.

The Plan of God
Herbert W. Armstrong
October 1957
Big Sandy, Texas - During Feast of Tabernacles
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Business Meeting for
Radio Church of God/Ambassador College
Herbert W. Armstrong
September 23, 1956
Big Sandy, Texas - During Feast of Tabernacles
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Message Highlights/Background:

- Mr. Armstrong discusses list of cities, ranked by number of members/co-workers, where a church can be raised up once an ordained minister is available to lead it.
- Mr. Armstrong states that members in cities without a Minister *should not* meet for church services. He *forbid* anyone to set up services because he felt the group would fall apart within a year. If someone were to begin meeting for services without a Minister, they would be considered *enemies* of God's church.
- The income and expenses for both the church and the college between June 1955 - June 1956 are delineated in great detail.

Explanation of the Book of Job
Herbert W. Armstrong
Air Date: March 19, 1984
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Why are we here? God's Purpose for Man
Herbert W. Armstrong

Meaning of Night to be Much Observed
Herbert W. Armstrong

April 6, 1955

Big Sandy, Texas - On day portion of Passover

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April 6, 1955

Big Sandy, Texas - On day portion of Passover

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Message Highlights/Background:

- Mr. Armstrong introduces Norman Smith and George Meeker Jr. to the crowd. They were made Ministers after January 1, 1955. Those made Ministers after the previous year's Feast of Tabernacles are Garner Ted Armstrong (ordained Spring, 1955), Burk McNair, C. Wayne Cole and Dean Blackwell (who was at the "rank" of Elder and was raised to Pastor "rank"). The first woman made Deaconess in the church, Annie Mann, is also mentioned.
- Mr. Armstrong implies that he is at the Apostle "rank." He states the only position in the church higher than the Evangelists he ordained (Roderick Meredith, Herman Hoeh, etc. were given this rank) is Apostle.

These folks didn't benefit when the Berlin Wall came down.

[*How can YOU help?*](#)

Richard David Armstrong

Richard David Armstrong



Picture taken in 1957



Last photograph - 1958

Richard David Armstrong died July 30, 1958 due to injuries sustained the week before in an automobile accident. He was almost 30 years old at his death.

Daniel's Prophecy
Richard David Armstrong
June 4, 1954 (Friday Night)
Pentecost Weekend
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Why Trials?
Richard David Armstrong
June 5, 1954 (Saturday)
Pentecost Weekend
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The Government of God and the Government of Man

Richard David Armstrong**January 4, 1958****San Diego, California**[Listen - MP3](#)

- The background voice heard at times in this message is likely from the transmission of a police radio/CB that the original recording picked up.

Child Rearing**Richard David Armstrong****Oct. 13, 1957 (Sunday)****Big Sandy, Texas - During Feast of Tabernacles**[Listen - MP3](#)**Message Highlights/Background:**

- Richard had been recently married. The marriage occurred June 11, 1957.
- This was one of the last Holy Day messages given by Richard David. He died July 30, 1958 due to injuries sustained the week before in an automobile accident.

Correction and Reproof in church of God**Richard David Armstrong****September 27, 1956 (Thursday)****Last Day of Feast of Tabernacles**[Listen - MP3](#)**Message Highlights/Background:**

- Richard's brother, Garner Ted Armstrong, had the birth of his second son Matthew occur just four days before this message (Sept. 23, 1956).

Tired of pay, pray, stay and obey in your church? Have Internet access?*[Become an ACTIVE participant](#) in reaching the world with the Gospel!!***Dean Blackwell****Dean Blackwell****Health and Healing****Dean Blackwell****December 14, 1957****San Diego, California**[Listen - MP3](#)**WHERE can you get an explanation of the MP3 player on this CD...AND FREE software??****[You're only one mouse click away!!](#)****C. Wayne Cole**

C. Wayne Cole



Work out your own salvation
C. Wayne Cole
April 12, 1955 - Big Sandy, Texas
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Message Highlights/Background:

- The rumbling and noise sometimes heard in the background of this message was due to a severe thunderstorm in the area.

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Ronald Dart

Ronald Dart



Freshman year in college - 1959



Picture taken 1977

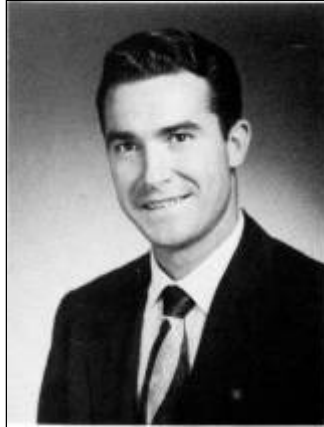
I am a Minister of Jesus Christ
Ronald Dart
September 23, 1978
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Message Highlights/Background:

- Mr. Dart held many responsibilities in the WCG before his departure, including chancellor of one of the church's campuses.
- Ron left the church voluntarily and joined Garner Ted Armstrong's then recently formed [Church of God, International](#). Ron now heads up a service organization he created called [Christian Educational Ministries](#).

Dale Hampton

Dale Hampton



Prayer

Dale Hampton

January, 1958

San Diego, California

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Message Highlights/Background:

- You may hear at times what seems like a police or civilian radio in the background of this message. Almost all the reel-to-reel recordings of sermons given in the San Diego area have this same interference.
- The introduction of Mr. Hampton is done by Richard David Armstrong.
- This is the very first message, a "sermonette," given by Mr. Hampton.

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Herman Hoeh

Herman Hoeh



Why Keep the Holy Days? - Part 1 and Part 2

Herman Hoeh

Oct. 1, 1955 (Saturday)

First Day of Feast of Tabernacles

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Times of the Gentiles - Part 1 and Part 2

Herman Hoeh

March 14, 1953

Pasadena, California

[Part 1 - MP3](#) | [Part 2 - MP3](#)

Message Highlights/Background:

- Mr. Hoeh explains the history of the seven churches of the book of Revelation and discusses the spiritual condition of each of them. He also expounds on those who, from the first century onward, held onto and spread the truth of God. The general history of the church of God from the early American settlers to the 1930's is also discussed.

Allen Manteufel

Allen Manteufel



What is Jesus really like?

Allen Manteufel

Fall 1957, In California

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Christian Women . . .

[Isn't it about time you got the respect you deserve?](#)

Ernest Martin

Ernest Martin



Are God's Laws done away with?

Ernest Martin

December 14, 1957

San Diego, California

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Hugh Mauck

Hugh Mauck



Our Need for God

Hugh Mauck

Fall 1957

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NOTE: This message has introduction by Garner Ted Armstrong.

George Meeker, Jr.

George Meeker, Jr.



Should Christians wear jewelry?

George Meeker, Jr.

November 8, 1957

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**Want to share your musical talents with other Christians?
Tired of waiting for church leaders to encourage your honest desires for service?
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Roderick Meredith

Roderick Meredith



What is the Kingdom of God?

Roderick C. Meredith

July 25, 1953

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Message Highlights/Background:

- Mr. Meredith was made a Minister in 1952. Near the beginning of the message he talks about his experiences during a recent baptizing tour.
- Mr. Meredith mentions that he spoke in a St. Louis congregation which had a radio broadcast called *The World Ahead*. This is the same name given to the magazine started some forty years later by Mr. Meredith when he formed a new church organization.

**God's purpose for Christians/World found in Last
Great Day**

Roderick C. Meredith

September 27, 1956

**Last Great Day of Feast of Tabernacles - Big Sandy,
Texas**

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Message Highlights/Background:

- At the end of this message, Herbert Armstrong announces the amount of the Holy Day offering. Also, miscellaneous feast announcements and Mr. Armstrong making comments about his afternoon message are also included.

Difference Between True & Processing Christians

Roderick C. Meredith

September/October 1957

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How GREAT is our calling?

Roderick C. Meredith

December 21, 1957

San Diego, California

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Message Highlights/Background:

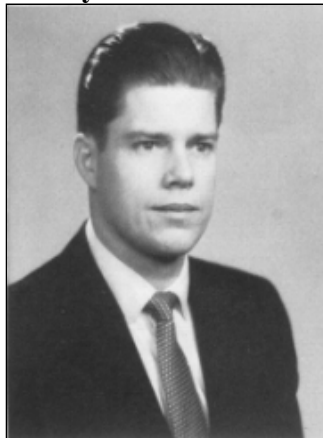
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- At the beginning of the message Mr. Meredith discuss the church's weekly mail report. He also reads a sample of comments found in letters sent to the church.
- Mr. Meredith mentions that almost five years ago (1952) to the day the Radio Church of God ordained five men to the "rank" of Evangelist. These men were Mr. Meredith, Richard David Armstrong, Raymond Cole, Herman Hoeh and Dr. C. Paul Meredith.

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Raymond McNair

Raymond McNair



Why Sin? What IS God's plan?

Raymond McNair

April 12, 1955

During Days of Unleavened Bread

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Benjamin Rea

Benjamin Rea



Review of South American Trip to bring Gospel to Continent

Benjamin Rea

September/October, 1957

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Message Highlights/Background:

- Garner Ted Armstrong accompanied Mr. Rea on this trip of ten countries in South America. The trip was taken during the summer of 1957. The trip was taken to visit radio stations that possibly might carry the World Tomorrow program, gather books for Ambassador College's Spanish department, and pave way for church to have a presence on the continent.
- At the end of the message Roderick Meredith gives church announcements. You can also hear him singing the closing hymn of church services.

Norman Smith

Norman Smith



Why do we have to become perfect?

Norman Smith

April 10, 1955

During Days of Unleavened Bread

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Our detective skills are sharp, but not perfect. We succeeded in finding the name of *most* of the speakers on the reel-to-reel messages that ended up on this CD. However, there were a few sermons and studies where we were clueless as to the speaker's name. If you recognize any of the below speakers, write or email us and clear up the mystery!

Self-Centeredness*First Message By ????*

Given October 7, 1955

Big Sandy, Texas - During Feast of Tabernacles

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NOTE: The first message is followed by an announcement by Herbert Armstrong that the building later called *Terrace Villa* was purchased. After his announcements Mr. Armstrong introduces the director of the Ambassador Chorale, Mr. Leon Ettinger. Although Mr. Eddinger introduces the chorale, the music was not copied to tape and therefore is not on this message.

Fundamental Doctrines Church Should be**Teaching from 2nd Timothy***Message By ????*

Given April 12, 1955

Big Sandy, Texas

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