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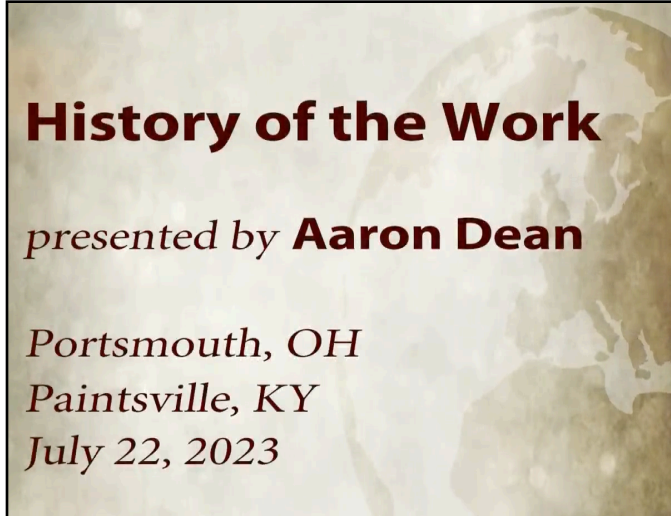
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Good afternoon, everyone. Good to be here with you. I just enjoy coming out here and seeing old friends and new friends and young friends.

I brought my Bible up today. My sermon today is going to be out of Acts 80. Those of you who know, there's not that many chapters in the Book of Acts. I don't know exactly how many there's going to be when Christ returns, but I think there's a lot of history between the first century A.D. and now that will be in the book.

And today, Mr. Call asked me if I could do some of the history in the Church. I never thought I'd be old enough to be a relic in the Church, but I think I'm getting

there. And so what I did is I brought a PowerPoint, so you'll probably be looking at the pictures up there on the screen, to give a bit of history.

At ABC, I realized when I started teaching there that most of the kids who were there weren't even alive when Mr. Armstrong died. And United and all the splinter groups out there that came from the knowledge that God gave him.

And so to understand what's out there and to understand why we thought that we did, and some of the questions that I get from young people especially is, why did we think the world was going to end back in the 70s or 80s? And also, why did Mr. Armstrong fly around the world and meet world leaders? Why did the Church do what it did?

And looking at it from the people that are old enough and you have to be at least 40 years old to remember that now and have been in the Church. But I always go to Haggai with the kids and read in Haggai 2:3 where it says, 'Who's left among you that saw the house in her first glory? And how do you see it now? Is it not in your eyes in comparison? It's nothing.' But ... and that's how a lot of the older people see it. Because at the time I grew up in the Church from the age of two on and so I watched it happen. And I was always at one of the headquarters ... I mean I went to Imperial Schools, which was the Church's grade and high school at the time ... I did 12 years of that ... and then I went to Ambassador College on two different campuses and I've been to all three of them. And I watched that grow, watched the auditoriums being built, watched the buildings being built, watched the income grow. And so I saw everything and it was huge. We owned our own camps then. You know, we had all sorts of things.

In fact, the income of the Work when Mr. Armstrong died was about \$150 million or more. It would have been equivalent of a billion dollars today. And so we had a lot of things and a lot of people. We had, you know, 1,500 ministers in the U.S. and regional offices around the world. And we had an airplane, the G3, that cost as much as our annual income today. And people asked, well, why did you have that? What was the purpose? And et cetera.

But again, we see it like, wow, we had all these things. We had three campuses. We had a campus in England, a campus in Texas, a campus in Pasadena. And we won the most beautiful campus award every year because it was beautiful. But part of the problem with that is we started looking at things more than people. And I think that's what God didn't intend for us in some way because when people came, we'd say, you know, what are you about? Well, look at these beautiful campuses. Look at these young people. Look at these things. And really, it's not about things. It's about us. You know, what do you do?

Now you've got ... somebody says, what are you about? Well, look at me. Look at the way I live. Look at what I do. That's really, and that's what Christ said. Look at me. Follow me. So we should follow Christ and let people follow us in the same way.

And so I get a lot of these questions. Also, I get questions because out on the Internet there's all sorts of garbage. And part of the reason a lot of times people are kind of afraid to talk about Mr. Armstrong is because you look on the Internet and you find all these things that are said that he never answered, most of which are totally untrue. Some have an element of truth. Others don't. And so I've answered all those questions.

So my first part is going to be this PowerPoint talking about why we thought that we did. And when I come back up, if you have any questions that you want to ask, you can ask them verbally or you can write them down and send them up. I never criticize anybody to ask questions. I find a lot of people want closure on things that they've heard. And so ... and I've done that for people ... and I've had a lot of people come to me and ask me questions. Well, I don't really join the Church. I just want to know, you know, were they in it for the money? Did we do this? Was this true? And I explain it to them why, and the good and the bad. I tell them exactly what happened.

And it's funny what I find is three or four years later someone will come to me at the Feast and say, I'm back in the Church to because you. Why? Well, you answered my questions because a lot of people ... there's a lot of garbage out there that people don't understand. So that, and why we did what we did.

And so since I was there, and again, college on graduation day, I was supposed to go out in the field as a trainee to Salt Lake City, Utah. And on Friday of graduation we'd have a formal brunch. And Mr. Armstrong ... the phone rang and they paged me, which they never paged anybody during formal meetings. And I went up and, 'Hello, Do you know who this is?'

I said, 'Well, yes, sir.' I said, 'Well, what do you want?'

He said, 'Well, what are your plans?'

I said, 'I'm going to Salt Lake City on Sunday.'

He said, 'Well, I want you to fly on my airplane.'

And I said, 'I'm supposed to leave Sunday.'

He says, 'They'll understand.' And on Monday morning, 8 a.m., I took off on a three-week trip with Mr. Armstrong. I actually served King Leopold on the second leg of that journey. I served Crown Prince Hussain in Jordan on that leg. We went over to ... saw Juan Carlos of Spain. I mean, it was a three-week trip, supposedly. Almost all our trips were scheduled for three weeks and they always last six to eight.

Six weeks later, I was in Paris, and I went to Australia. I was supposed to get married this weekend. And so I flew from Paris to New Jersey to get married. So ... and that's how close I came to not being married ... I mean.

But so I was in the plane. I heard and saw everything that happened. I flew with him for 12 years. The first seven, I flew alone. My wife didn't fly. I was a steward and crew member. I did set up, I did embassy work, and I did all sorts of things. But my title was actually Steward and Chef. And everything on the plane was cooked from scratch. All the meals and things served on China. So I went on because in college I learned how to cook because I liked eating better than line food.

And we had 15 men's clubs and 15 women's clubs, and we had a ladies' night and a men's night every formal ... every semester ... so you had 30 formal dinners a semester. I would, I was cooked Chateaubriand and Crêpe Suzette and flaming cherries jubilee and all these things. And the teachers in Texas, the two chefs there came from the School of Culinary Arts. So I just went and asked them, can I learn? Because again at Imperial I had all the Bible classes that had all these things, and so I didn't really have to study.

And so at night I'd go into the kitchen and cook all these dinners. And like I said, I lived on Chateaubriand and flaming briand and whatever they had left over. And made a lot of Caesar salad, made it from scratch. So I learned that, but then that's why I ended up on the plane.

They asked Mr. Armstrong, the steward that was on before was quitting. Interesting, he didn't want to ... they were at a Church visit, and he didn't feel right flying on the Sabbath. Mr. Armstrong didn't challenge him. He said, if you feel that way, that's fine, and let him go. But when he asked for someone that could do it, that ... I was there, he asked me about that too.

I said, 'Mr. Armstrong, we can fly to New York, you can speak to a church, you can fly home, and you actually get home before ministers have finished their church service. So to me it's Levitical, I don't have a problem with that.'

And so he said, 'Well that's true, it is,' ... but if you did, he never tried to judge anyone for conscious sake, so I appreciated that.

So I ended up on the plane, that's how I ended up getting the job. And when I was on the plane I ended up doing a lot of set up and meetings, I mean all sorts of things that as a 21-year-old who had no knowledge of any of it, I had no idea what I was doing most of the time. But God does, and thankfully He does, otherwise we'd all be in trouble. And so this PowerPoint is kind of a bit of that.

For the first seven years I flew, and we were gone a lot, in fact in 1975 ... I went through the airplane log ... we were out of the country 312 days. And if my wife

had been in Paris, she had seen more of me. But you didn't know that at the start of the year.

The last five years she flew with me, and when I became his aide and vice president then she flew with us, and she was a stewardess and secretary, you can see pictures of her there in the TV monitor on the plane. And that's what I did and that's what she did.

In the 1920's Herbert Armstrong was called to the truth through his wife Loma. From 2 people the church grew to nearly 140,000 by the time he died. Then apostasy set in. This is an eye witness story of events, and why UCG came to be.



And again, in the 1920s, that slide, you can read it, Mr. Armstrong was called, challenged on the Sabbath, tried to prove his wife was wrong, and realize he was making in the 1920s ... he was making \$18,000 a year, which at that time was what would be a million dollars today. And when his wife challenged him, he saw that that was going to ... he had to give up that because a lot of things happened on the Sabbath, and he said that the Bible teaches Sunday and not Sabbath. And so she said, does it. And so he set out a three-year study to prove she was wrong, ended up living on from \$18,000 a year to \$3 a week with the Church, the Church of God Seventh Day, and then before he started, then he went through 14 years of

really abject poverty and then 14 years of relative poverty before the Church really took off and grew. And so the background of what he did and why he did it ... and he didn't start this to make money because he was making a lot of money in advertising and gave that up for the Church.

And so again, since I spent 12 years with him, I spent a lot of time talking with him and all the things that he went through. A lot of it you can read in the *Autobiography*, but there's other things that aren't.

So anyway, he started flying, and that was kind of unusual how he did it until he realized God was doing a work.

And so you can read the screens there. I can't read them from here. It's too far away from me, but I can just talk through them.

So why did UCG come to be? What happened? Why did it splinter apart? What happened in 1995 where United had to start and another group split away? Why did the Church apostatize and why did the doctrines change? So all those history pieces are there, and again, a lot of it was because of what people thought that the world was going to end, and it didn't end when they thought it was going to end. So a lot of people left.

So I guess the button up here. I can change the slides here. I didn't expect anybody else to do that. If I hit the right button, it'll keep going if I hit the wrong button. And just a couple things there.



This is a look at the modern roots of UCG to help understanding how we got here.



Again, he started meeting all these people. Up on the top right is President Marcos of the Philippines. Of course, a lot of you recognize Nancy Reagan in the middle. That's Prince Makassa, the Emperor's brother at the time, now it's the current Emperor's uncle who was there. And we met all these people and did all these things. And why? What was the purpose of it?

A lot of people say he was out autograph hunting. He never asked for an autograph except one time, and that was when we were visiting with Prime Minister Nakasone in Japan, and we always gave a *Plain Truth* to all the people we met and things. And he handed the *Plain Truth* to him, and before he gave it to me, he ripped it back and he looks at Nakasone who was on the cover. And he says, well, you're on the cover of this. So actually, that's the one time he signed the cover of the *Plain Truth*. That's the only autograph he ever asked for. But that was an interesting fact. I have the copy of that at my house, so if you come visit, I'll show it to you.

But so all these people, why did we do that, though? And it wasn't because he wanted to travel. It wasn't because he wanted to do all these things. It's just that he felt the Church needed that. And why?

## Getting Excited About the Return of Jesus Christ!

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Okay. Matthew 24:14. ‘This gospel will be preached to the world as a witness, and then shall the end come.’ That, to him, was a commission. Because, obviously, we were waiting for the end, we're waiting for Christ to return, and the Gospel is preaching to the world as a witness.

And, you know, but how could we think this was going to end 35-some years ago? You know we have gone on.

How could we think the world was going to end with Christ's return some 35+ years ago.

Were we just stupid, superstitious or were there a number of factors that could easily be mis-interpreted?

If so...What were they? And Why?

Were we stupid and superstitious, or were there a lot of factors that could easily be misinterpreted? And if so, what were they and why? So that's what I'm doing in this thing here so you can see what it is.

## Finishing "The Work": Past Thoughts

- ▶ The prior church generation often referred to the church then as the Philadelphian era of the church of God. Rev 3:7-8
- ▶ 7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things says he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that opens, and no man shuts; and shuts, and no man opens;
- ▶ 8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Again, finishing the work. And this is, like I said, you can read that up there. I can't read it from here. I guess I could open my Bible and turn to them.

But basically, we have the churches of Revelation, and we have the Sardis Era ahead of us, which we termed the Church of God Seventh Day. They don't like hearing that. In fact I was at their convention this last week ... they had it, and the president of the Church of God Seventh Day asked me to come so I was over there and met and had dinner with him in the meeting, and he asked me a lot of questions about these things and what happened. In fact, he told me at the end, he said, you should write a book about all this stuff. Well, I probably should, but I was hoping Christ would come first. But I'm getting old enough now that I better do it before I die.

So, again, and then the Church of Laodicea is hot and cold, and it doesn't do a whole lot. It's lukewarm. And then, of course, in the middle, we have the Philadelphia Church of God. And the Philadelphia Church has the doors open to it. And so he thought that he should do it.

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Matthew 17:10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? <sup>11</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and **restore all things**.

- ▶ HWA was challenged on the Sabbath.
- ▶ He kept the Feast and Holy Days without understanding why till the plan of God was revealed to him through the Feasts.
- ▶ He saw that God was a family reproducing himself. He first thought this was heresy that we could be part of God – but scriptures were clear.
- ▶ Many things were restored or revealed through HWA...so it became an "Elijah Work" in his and many peoples minds.

So, again, he was challenged on the Sabbath. He went for years without anything, and then God started showing him that God was a family. He didn't believe that at first. He thought that that was blasphemy to think we could be part of the God family, that we must be angels, but he knew we weren't angels, and he knew that the Scriptures all said, Christ is our older brother, we'll be as He is, et cetera, and he saw the Bible is pretty clear that we are a part of His family. And so that was it.

And then, again, it said the many things to be restored in the Church. You know, with Christ, Elijah will come and restore all things. And so since God showed him the Feast days, which he kept by himself with his wife for several years before he figured out why, just the Bible said to do it. And he started keeping that, and the Work started growing.

## Revelation 3:1,14-15,17 "Eras of the church"

- ▶ 1"And to the angel of the church in Sardis write,
- ▶ 'These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.
  
- ▶ 14"And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write,
- ▶ 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

And, again, the eras of the Church, as I mentioned already, I'll jump that slide there, Philadelphia.

## Between these was "Philadelphia"

- ▶ 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":
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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, and to know that I have loved you.
- ▶ 10 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.
- ▶ 11 Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.
- ▶ 12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

But Philadelphia, between that is, the doors are open, no man can shut it, they can't be closed, and all these doors are opening for him later in life. And since you realize that those things have to be done before Christ returns, and if you believe you're going to be there when Christ returns, then that means you've got to do it. And so that's what he started doing.



Matt 24:4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.  
5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.  
6 And you will hear of **wars** and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.  
7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be **famines, pestilences, and earthquakes** in various places.  
8 All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

And, again, in Matthew 24, again, 'Many will come in my name, saying, I'm the Christ, and shall deceive many.' And that happened. 'There will be wars, rumors of wars, pestilence, famine.' You know, you're well aware of sermons on those things. And all those things seemed to be happening at the time. And they're happening worse now, obviously. They've gotten a lot better.

In 1984, I was in his house and some Levites, they were priests, actually, that came to the door and knocked on the door. There were four of them. They had the curls and the black hats and black garb, and it was pretty easy to know who they were. And they wanted to see Mr. Armstrong.

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),

- ▶ In 1984 four Levite priests in formal wear and tassels came to HWA's door to talk.
- ▶ They already had all the temple accoutrements listed in the Pentateuch.
- ▶ They already had the garments.
- ▶ They already had the red heifer.
- ▶ They were raising money for the temple

And so I asked Mr. Armstrong, do you want to see them? And he said, sure. So they came in, they talked to him. And they said they wanted him, actually, to help fund a temple they wanted to build. They already had all the temple accoutrements, the horns, the silver things. I mean, you can read all the things that they had. They had the red heifer, the garments. You know, they were raising money to build that temple. And, of course, the temple sacrifice will be stopped. The end time ... tying those things together via the Scriptures that we have is something that you couldn't deny. I mean, those things were going on .. and so ...

## Were these things happening? Were we close to tribulation? Was 6,000 years about up?

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



Again, were these things happening? Were we close to the Tribulation? You know, it's 6,000 years. We know that it's 7,000 years, the Millennium is the seventh thousand years. And we know that we were pretty close to 6,000 years through history. And so it must be happening. And so, again, the Great Tribulation and all those things. And unless those days are shortened, no flesh will be saved.

So if you shorten 6,000 years and you're already, obviously, if you do the 'begat' chapters, and as a kid in Imperial we always said Adam was sole, begat Seth, begat Enos, and we did it in 6,000 years. If you do the math, the 6,000 years actually came to 2012. But Christ didn't return in 2012, so obviously there's some things about the math that are wrong.

But the key is, what I find in doing it and having done it so many times, when you talk about when they were born, were they born at the start of the year or the end of the year? Did they both get a year for it?

There are certain times we know. Solomon said it was 430 years to the Exodus from his time. We know that. We know Abraham to the Exodus because of the promises there. But we don't know the days before the flood. We know the ages.

And we also, some of the kings, you had the king reign so long and he begat this person. Well, did they both get the same number of years? So there's room for about 30 years or so, you know, one way or the other. And if God's trying to hide something, He can make every, you know, if you're flipping a coin, He can make it have heads all the time.

So, and no one knows the day or the hour, so mathematically you're not going to be able to know exactly what it is. But at that time, adding up the math in 2012 and God cuts the day short, therefore He could be coming any time. So we interpret His scriptures the way we want to see them. Nobody I know doesn't want the kingdom to come. And so because of that, we see everything in the light of, hey, come on, let's get this job done.

And there was an urgency in the Church back then too because we thought the end was coming right away. And if the end's coming right away, then, hey, get ready for it. And so the Church was exciting. And they were building buildings, we were seeing all these things, we were growing, and so all this was happening.

Again, 1960's and 70's, if you look at prophecy, we had the Six-Day War in Israel. And you read in the Bible about armies around Jerusalem and war and things like that.

## 1960's and 1970's – a look at prophecy.

- ▶ The 60's brought chaos, immorality, famine and wars—that was prophesied for the end time
- ▶ We lost the Vietnam war. The pride of our power was prophesied to be broken.
- ▶ The economy was in major recession. Prophecy said the power of the descendants of Israel would go down.
- ▶ The sea gates possessed by Ephraim and Manasseh were being lost as prophesied.
- ▶ The British empire was crumbling. Ephraim losing dominance.
- ▶ The European union was forming. The prophesied 10 kings?



We had the Vietnam War, which we lost, so the pride of our power was broken, which is spoken of by the prophets, that that would happen. The economy was in a major recession at that time ... back in Jimmy Carter's era, and we were going downhill.

The sea gates that was prophesied for the descendants of Israel to have, Britain, the pride of its empire, the sun never set on the British empire, and the sun was setting rapidly on the empire at the time. They were losing the sea gates to other countries and things. That was happening. And so, again, European Union. At that time, they didn't have the European Union per se, but they had the common market, so it looked like Europe was coming together.

All the things that we saw in prophecy, which people have thought all along, in some ways, you know, if you were in Europe during the Black Plague, when the death was there, you thought, wow, the end's here. And it was locally, pretty much, but never before had it been around the world at the time.

And we also knew the two witnesses would come, and the whole world would see them. And at that time in the 70's, you'd see these satellite dishes, and Mr.

Armstrong ... those were old enough then ... we actually broadcast live around the world on the Feast of Tabernacles via satellite. And we thought, wow, the world can see things as they happen. And I visited some African villages and grass huts, nothing there but the satellite dish and a TV. So even they could see it out in the middle of nowhere.

And, of course, today we have cell phones, and everybody can see everything anytime all around. So it's even more so now than it was then, but there was enough happening then to make us think that the end time was right there with us. And so that was some of the things that were happening, and it seemed like, wow, plus Mr. Armstrong's getting older.

We also had the 144,000 in Revelation 14:1, and the number of them are 144,000. They're the first fruits of the Earth, and the Church is the first fruits.

## Rev 14:1 144,000

- ▶ **14** And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.
- ▶ **2** And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:
- ▶ **3** And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but **the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.**
- ▶ **4** These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, **being the firstfruit unto God** and to the Lamb.



And because the Church got so large, we thought, you know, even though the interpretation of the 144,000 in the early years of the Church when Mr. Armstrong went in the 30s and 40s in his writings, there's Revelation 7, you're familiar with

that. There's 144,000 there, 12,000 from Reuben, 12,000 from Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, et cetera, all the tribes, and then the innumerable multitude. Well, early years, that was Israel's countries, the nations going into Millennium, and the innumerable multitude was the other nations.

When the Church got big, it kind of got melded into the fact that the 144,000 was the Church, and because the Church was getting large. And so now the Church, by the 80s, it was 100, 110, 120, 130,000 or so, and it looked like, wow, we're almost there. It's time to go. So all these things are happening, and we're excited about it. And people that went to the Feast then, I mean, you know, our Feast sites today were the size of our churches back then, and it was interesting.

You know, we didn't even start a church until there was about 300 people, and now we have very few churches with that many people ... people scattered. Our Feast sites are bigger than Joel Osteen's mega churches, and we had them all over the country for people who were there, you know. And so that was what was happening, so Christ must be coming really soon.

Growth – FOT: 21 people in 1933. About 1,000 at the new feast building built in Big Sandy TX 1959. 136,000 in 1986.



This was the feast in 1933, 21 people. This is the Big Sandy, metal building that was built, and I was in second grade when that was, or first grade finishing. I actually attended second grade in that building before we moved to Pasadena in the middle of the year. And at that time, there were 1,000 people maybe that were there at that time, 1960. And in 1986, 136,000 people keeping the Feast.

So we're getting close to 144,000, and we all want the Kingdom to come. We want Christ to return. So it's easy when you want something real bad to, you know, if you've been young and you think about getting married, it's, oh, I want it, you know. And then you get it finally, and it's not the millennium, but it's wonderful.



# Growth of the Church

Okay, so the growth of the Church, and you can't read those, so I can't read them either right there.

Growth  
of the  
church.

Statistics  
1934 to  
1986

## Interoffice

To: Mr. Joseph V. Thack Date: October 2, 1986  
Factor General  
From: Richard Riza Mail Processing Center  
Subject: Offertory Information: GRWTH SINCE 1934

This is the 32nd year in the Philadelphia area of God's Work. From a modest seed sown, the harvest has become bountiful and overflowing, as the following statistics show.

- Since The PLAIN TRUTH was first printed on a mimeograph machine on February 1, 1934, a total of 722 million copies have been sent worldwide. Current circulation is 10,000 times bigger than what it was originally!
- The GOOD NEWS was first published in February 1939. Since then 22 million copies have been mailed around the world.
- The AMBASSADOR COLLEGE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE began in December 1964. Nearly 7.2 million students in the U.S. and internationally have since enrolled, and they have received a total of 32 million lessons.
- TOWNS 86 began just over five and a half years ago. In this short time it has grown at a rate of 37 percent per year! 6.2 million copies have been sent to subscribers worldwide.
- Sixty-eight million pieces of mail have been received by the Work in the United States over the past 53 years. Presently the Mail Processing Center receives more mail in 45 minutes than what was received in the entire year of 1934.
- The U.S. NATS phone system began 24 years ago. Starting from 4,481 calls in 1972, the number has grown at an average rate of 33 percent each year. A total of more than 7.3 million calls have now been received.



- In the United States more than 16.5 million names have been added to the Work's files since 1934. (These files include The PLAIN TRUTH, GOOD NEWS, YOUTH 86, Correspondence Course, etc.)
- Television responses in the U.S., including letters and phone calls, have been increasing at an average rate of 43 percent per year since 1967. 6.4 million responses have been received to date.
- The Work ceased airing The WORLD TOMORROW on radio in the United States in 1984 (except for KGGF in Coffeyville, Kansas). However, radio brought in 7.1 million responses in 50 years of broadcasting.
- Festival attendance began with 21 people keeping the fall Holy Days in 1933 at only one small site in Eugene, Oregon. Fifty-three years later approximately 136,000 people are attending God's Feast at 93 sites in 50 countries around the world!

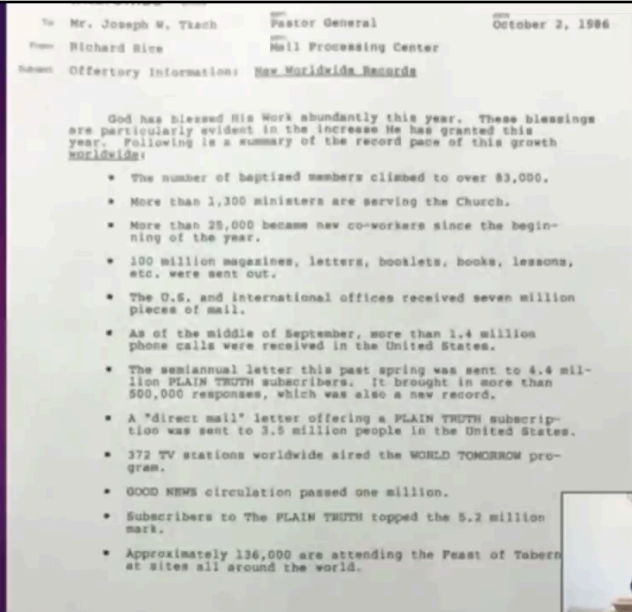


But I have the emails in 1986 of the statistics of the Church, the attendance, how much the income was, how many stations we were on ... 476 TV stations we bought time on. Plus cables, which covered all the cities around like that. We were the largest group out there. And of course Mr. Armstrong pioneered radio and TV in those things.

And so all these statistics that were there are fascinating, and you can get a copy of that back on your computer and you can read it yourself. There's no way I can read it from here on. I doubt you can read it from there either. If I have a big enough screen, you can read it pretty easily. But it talks about all the people ...

We had put out 500 million, or 50 million *US&BCs* we had put out up to that time. And that was just one booklet. We were putting out, in the last year of his life, we were doing almost 9 million *Plain Truths*, and we had 10 issues a month a year. So you're talking 90 million magazines being mailed out at that time.

Records in only 9 months of 1986. By the 1986 FOT attendance was close to 136,000. Were we getting close to 144,000???



And again, this was a record for nine months in 1986 of how much would happen, and the size of the Church and things listed there. And every year before the Feast, we get a list of all these things to read, how much a dollar could do. It would pay for two magazines and do this, do that. It's encouraging to see all those things, but exciting to see the work grow and what it was. And again, the Church was growing. We're almost at 144,000.

# Effectiveness of a single average Holy Day Offering in 1986

HISTORICAL

To: Mr. Joseph W. Teach      Pastor General      Date: October 2, 1986  
From: Richard Nize      Mail Processing Center


Subject: Offeratory Information: The Effectiveness of Holy Day Offerings

In 1986, Holy Day offerings made up 14 percent of the Church's total income. These vital offerings provided the means of reaching millions worldwide with the gospel.

Last year the average Holy Day offering in the United States was \$29.06 for every man, woman and child. Each of these offerings was able to do ONE of the following:

- 40 people could view the WORLD TELEVISION PROGRAM during a season.
- 435 could read PLAIN TRUTH in-home subscription ISSUES.
- 350 others were able to read PLAIN TRUTH newspaper copies.
- Many hundreds could see PLAIN TRUTH magazines displayed in WELLS, BOOKS and PUBLIC LIBRARIES.
- 115 students could study a lesson of the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course.
- 230 people could read one of the Church's many BOOKS.
- 70 individuals were able to read a BOOK, such as MYSTERY OF THE AGES or the UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN IN PROPHET.
- 320 new subscribers could be mailed a semiannual ISSUE.
- 350 could receive Bible truth and doctrine through the pages of the GOOD NEWS MAGAZINE.
- 230 teenagers and other family members were able to read YOUTH ISSUE.

Every increase in the size of a Holy Day offering allows the work of God to reach that many more people with the good news of God's soon coming kingdom!



Okay, this was another paper that was sent to us offering in the effect of a single average Holy Day offering in 1986, how much it would do, a list of the TV stations we could be on, the number of coworkers that were added to the list.

And I think we had, by that time, it had, I mean, 50, 60 million people had called in on the WATS lines. I mean, there was so much happening in a given year. We put out more in one year than the United has in its whole history. So it's a big difference. But today, it's not by might or our power, it's by God's Spirit, and so with the internet, we're doing a lot more. So we're doing less, a lot around the world through that that wasn't available back then.

# Ways the Gospel Reaches Millions


**Interoffice**

To: Mr. Joseph W. Tisch DATE: October 2, 1986  
FROM: Richard Nice TO: Pastor General  
Mail Processing Center

Subject: Offertory Info: Different Ways the Gospel Reaches Millions

The Gospel is being preached and published more extensively than ever. God is inspiring a multitude of ways to get His and His message to the world. Here are some of the major vehicles that God is using:

- Television and Radio  
Currently 372 television stations worldwide and radio programs in 20 countries and territories carry the WORLD TOMORROW program. Millions are being reached through these two doors.
- The PLAIN TRUTH  
The PLAIN TRUTH magazine is now printed in seven languages and goes into almost all countries around the world. One out of every 659 people on earth receives The PLAIN TRUTH.  
The PLAIN TRUTH is made available through several programs in addition to regular subscriptions. These include newsstands and waiting rooms. Card-holder displays, direct mail letters and advertising in magazines and newspapers are also used to offer free subscriptions.
- The GOOD NEWS  
The GOOD NEWS now has over one million subscribers and is printed in English, French, German, Dutch and Spanish.
- YOUTH 86  
YOUTH 86 is being sent to more than 155,000 young subscribers and is circulated in 44,000 U.S. libraries.



Again, 'Ways of the Gospel Reaches Millions' ... it lists all the TV stations and things there.

October 2, 1988

• Booklets and Books

Since 1988 nearly 70 million booklets and books have been mailed worldwide. In January through August 1988 the count was over five million. As our literature is often shown to friends and relatives, many additional thousands of people are exposed to God's truth.

• Correspondence Course Lessons

More than two million adults around the world have studied The AMBASSADOR COLLEGE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE. Nearly 30,000 youth are studying Y.E.S. lessons, which are made available in English, Dutch, German and French.

• Outside Magazine Advertisements

Hundreds of thousands of people over the years have responded to our literature ads in Reader's Digest, TV Guide, Parade, Family Weekly and other magazines around the world.

• Public Bible Lectures

Multiple hundreds of people attend the public Bible lectures each year which are conducted by God's ministers in cities throughout the United States.

• Personal Example of Members

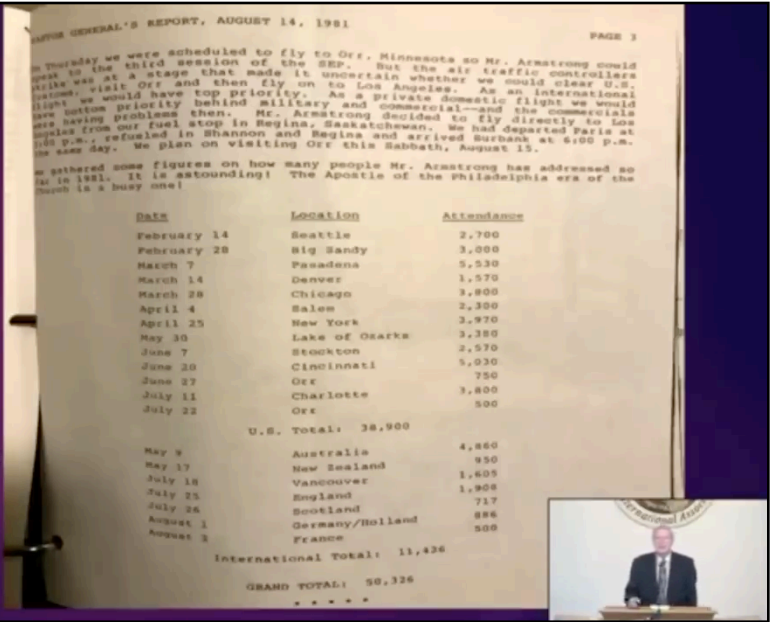
Many hundreds of prospective members are coming into the Church every year as a result of the example of converted members. Additional hundreds of others are baptized each year who are members of Church families.



And again, I have copies of all that, but I just put them on the slide so that people can see why we thought, wow, the Work is growing, the end's coming, and those of us who see today is so much smaller. And again, I can't read that, but they're all there.

Over 50,000 members met in regional church visits by August 1981.

BY 1986 the FOT attendance was close to 136,000. Were we getting close to 144,000?



Again, over 50,000 members met in regional churches. This is a listing of the churches. We came to Cincinnati for just a weekend when we started to speak, and there were 6,000 people there that weekend. And so those are your lists. We had 4,000 and 5,000 people. This was just a regular Sabbath church visit.

*Oop, you okay? Earthquake. Crisis coming.*

So, but again, that was August 1981. And we had larger visits later on because the Church was even growing. Again, by 1986, the Feast of Tabernacle Attendance of the U.S. was 136,000 people.

And again, these numbers and prophetic things that you kind of put in your mind, and you hear them, and I heard them from the time I was two years old, and I heard them in three- and four-hour sermons, so thankfully I won't go that long. And when your preacher can talk longer than the kid can sleep, that's too long. I know, I tried.

## Why Did Herbert Armstrong Meet with Foreign Leaders?

Okay, so why did Herbert Armstrong come with foreign leaders? Again, back to Matthew 24:14.

Why did Herbert W Armstrong meet with Foreign Leaders?

▶ Matthew 24:14

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.



‘This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come.’

He had had a vision, and you can read about that in his autobiography, and his wife, where an angel came down and wrapped their arms around them and said that, ‘You know, you're going to do a work,’ and he asked, ‘Is Christ coming?’ ... in the dream, he asked, ‘Is Christ coming?’ And the angel said, ‘Soon.’

And so soon to him, well, it must be going to happen in our lifetime and we've got to work to do, and especially as we get closer to the end, the Church was getting big and all these things were happening, and then all of us thought he would be here till the end.



I mean, Michelle and I never planned to have children because I'm flying. I didn't want to be an absentee father. I flew alone, and she got pregnant when we were flying, and that would be the end of that. And so we figured we'd never have kids. And so you're thinking those things and sacrificing for the millennium and for Christ's return and the kingdom to come, et cetera. But for him, being over the Church, that meant that that has to be fulfilled before He comes, and so therefore I have to do it.

Now, again, there's a lot of groups out there, some of the splinter groups that you have to believe he was the Elijah to come and things before you could be in their church, and I always ask people, I say, 'Well, how long do you have to be dead before you're no longer the end time witness?' And, you know, and so it's been 36 years, and so, and I have no problem, if that's what God had in mind, we interpreted the scriptures that way.

And frankly, I tell people, if you're in an eight-lap race, Mr. Armstrong is seven laps ahead of everybody else because we are putting out so many magazines, so many things, meeting so many leaders. If we interpreted it right, then he is way ahead of anybody else. But then again, there are the two witnesses that come, and the Gospel's going to be preached by them, and so there's other ways to interpret it.

It's just kind of like in Revelation when it says, 'When you see the army,' or Matthew, it says, 'you see the army surrounding Jerusalem, flee.' Well, I've always thought, man, there's a war going to be going on, that's it, and you gotta get out of there before it happens, and I look at it now, and I think, okay, what if the UN puts a peacekeeping force around Jerusalem? Would that fit the prophecy? It'd be an army surrounding Jerusalem.

Now if you're at war, and they're surrounding you and attacking you, and you leave the city, what happens? You get killed. If there's a peacekeeping force, you could get out. So, I mean, it's possible there's a war, or it's possible it's a peacekeeping force, or something else. So we look at it from our perspective and interpret it that way.

And so there's other ways. So he was interpreting that the same way that others would interpret in the past, and then he thought, I have to do this. And so he started doing that.

Was the gospel being preached to the world?

Were world conditions about to bring an end to the world?

Was food production keeping up with population?

Was the church approaching 144,000.

Were 6,000 years about up?



Again, was the Gospel preached to the world? Were world conditions about to bring an end to the world? Was food production keeping up with population? Was the Church approaching 144,000? Were 6,000 years about over? Those are the things that everybody's thinking excitedly that, wow, we're about to finish this thing. And if we had, then a lot of you wouldn't have been born. So you're glad we didn't. Okay.

## Time and other Magazines:

- ▶ The doomsday clock was moved to 1 minute before midnight – the cold war.
- ▶ The population was exploding – riots.
- ▶ Scientific charts showed food production could not keep up and starvation by masses was imminent.
- ▶ Large earthquakes were occurring around the world.



*Time* magazine and other magazines. The Doomsday Clock in the 60s has moved to one minute before midnight because we had the Cuban Missile Crisis, and they're going to bomb us all, and kids like me were crawling under the desk with these air raid drills and things, which really wouldn't help you when an atomic bomb went off, but made you feel good, I guess, to practice.

And so, again, we had the Cold War at that time. Population was exploding. There were riots. I lived on Bellevue right off Orange Grove Boulevard at the time of the Watts riots in the 60s, and they actually came along and torched our palm trees, and they went up like Roman candles with those dead prawns. That's why they started shaving them, because they caused fires. And there was all sorts of riots going on then. And, again, the war in Israel was happening.

Scientific charts, they were showing that food production was decreasing, and the population was increasing, so you got this cross in the thing. And *Time* magazine is saying that we'll be starving by the end of the 60s. Okay, well, what happened, though?

Well, some of the agricultural methods of fertilization produced more grain, and abortion shut down population growth quite a bit. But now we're back to the same point we were then, where right now, especially with the war in Ukraine, about 40 or 50% of the world's grain is grown there, and it's not going to get out because Russians are saying we'll blow up the ships. So we're close to the same situation now that we were then. But *Time* magazine is saying, hey, we're going to be starving. All these things that we read in Matthew 24 are happening, and so we better get ready.

And, again, there were some large earthquakes along the Ring of Fire and other places at the time. A couple of them in Pasadena, even in the California area where we were. And so, again, it was real easy to say, hey, these things are happening right now.

In 1967 Loma Armstrong died. She did not like to travel. HWA was now free to travel.

In 1968 King Leopold III of Belgium, after seeing an envoy of Ambassador College, asked to meet with the man who could create such an institution.

After meeting, The king asked Mr. Armstrong to go to Indonesia and Singapore. Was God leading him to witness as Matt 24 said?



And in 1967, Loma Armstrong died, and that was his pillar. The funny thing is, she did not like to travel. When they went to Europe, and they did a trip in Europe in the 50s, and they went on the *Queen Mary* and on buses and trains.

And so, again, in 1968, Mr. Armstrong met King Leopold of Belgium, and I actually brought with me the *Envoy* that someone gave him. And that started the travels abroad, really.

And Mr. Armstrong wasn't even thinking this direction when it all happened, but I'll tell you what happened with King Leopold ... he had a foundation for the conservation of nature, and he did a lot ... an avid photographer. Had some beautiful pictures of the archerfish and all these different things. If you had the *Plain Truth* back in the 60s, a lot of the paintings or the pictures that were in there were of King Leopold's.

Well, King Leopold had these pictures, and Mr. Schnee was over the German office with Mr. Henning, who did the photography developing things for the King. He happened to have those on his desk when Frank Schnee was there. He looked at these and said, wow, these would be great. The magazine has just gone full color. We're doing a series on evolution and creation, and we'd like to have some of these. And Henning said, well, you can't have those. Those are the King's. He won't let you have those.

Well, he happened to talk to King Leopold and mentioned it when he gave the photographs that some of them liked these for their magazine, and he said, well, who?

And Henning said, well, it's Ambassador College, and he asked what it was, and Schnee took and gave him an *Envoy*. And the King went through the *Envoy*, and he said, wow, a character-building institution. I want to meet the man who would start a character-building institution that everything's clean and they have rules and morals and values and things. Because, again, the 60s was the time when the hippies and morals were going out the roof. And so he asked to meet Mr. Armstrong.

And so Mr. Armstrong went to meet King Leopold in 1968 in Brussels in the palace, and they hit it off. He was about eight, nine years younger than Mr. Armstrong, but they really had a good discussion. The King was very much into trying to preserve nature and things, and so Leopold was about to go down to

Singapore and to Indonesia, which is where he was doing a lot of his photography work at the time. And so he asked Mr. Armstrong to come. And so they flew together in the G2 to Singapore, and he met with Prime Minister Lee of Singapore. And then he went to Indonesia and met with President Suharto, who ruled Indonesia for some 20-30 years.

And at that point, Mr. Armstrong thought, is this how God is going to send the Gospel to the world? Because he knew that Jonah was sent to Nineveh, and God sent prophets to them, and if you talk to the king, then the kingdom was warned, and so maybe that's how God wants this done. And so at that point, then he started meeting other people, and they opened up. Again, things all seemed to be poised toward the end. Everything was happening, you know.

## Things seemed poised for the end

- ▶ The early visions of the Armstrong's from his autobiography made them believe they would be here till Christ's return.
- ▶ If so, the things that were needed before the end time became a commission for him and the church.
- ▶ He was very old...how far off could Jesus Christ's return be?
- ▶ The church was getting large. Was the 144,000 about to be reached to go to the "place prepared for her" as interpreted at the time?
- ▶ Was the gospel being preached to all nations?



The Church, the world conditions, I mean, almost everything you can lay out there was coming at that time. And so all of us in the Church that had been reading these prophecies for decades and watching all this happen thought, hey, the end is near. And again, it was real easy to be excited and be ready for it, and the urgency that Mr. Armstrong always tried to instill in all of us to be spiritually

ready, because Christ is going to come, and He's going to come as a thief in the night. And so we are watching world conditions. We are seeing all these things happening. The Gospel is being preached around the world and all these places.

In the 70s, we had three nights in Kenya. The head of Kenya introduced Mr. Armstrong. We had, I think, 13,000 people one night, 15,000 another, and 17,000 the other night. And again, his gospel message was actually printed in about five or six different languages, and it even crossed borders, because the British borders for the countries were not where the tribal borders were. And all of it was translated and put in the paper.

So it was being spread around in the Philippines. We were there for two or three nights, and again, 10, 12, 13,000 people at those things. A lot of things were really happening and exciting.

## Then in 1977 – Why was Mr. Armstrong brought back to life if it wasn't for some special purpose?

1. HWA at 83, had to be revived from a heart attack.
2. The Doctors were sure he was going to die. He didn't.
3. Then the Doctors said he would never write again. He did.
4. Then they said he would never be able to travel. He did.

Meanwhile many tried to take position in the church.

1. The STP was not doctrinally what it was supposed to be.
2. Doctrines were being watered down and church growth and income had stagnated.
3. The college was going down morally.



And in 1977 Mr. Armstrong had a heart attack and he basically died. They resuscitated him. CPR brought him back to life. And he didn't, you know, he thought it was over. Everybody did think it was over. And so again, why was he brought back to life? What purpose was there in that?

And so I was going down to Tucson back and forth to see him. I actually flew with Ted Armstrong during that time for a bit before he left the Church. And so I saw the things that were happening, and Mr. Armstrong was there, and Mr. Armstrong, when he came back, he asked the doctor, 'Will I ever be able to write again? I need to be able to write,' because he wrote all the booklets for the Church and all the things in the early history.

And the doctor would tell him, 'You know,' be encouraging, 'Oh, yes, you'll be able to write.' And he'd turn around, look back at us, and say, 'He'll never write again. He's going to die.' And the people believed the doctor. Well then he started getting ... about three minutes later he was writing articles and typing.

And we're down there, and he asked the doctor, 'Will I ever be able to fly again and travel?' 'Oh, yes, Mr. Armstrong, you'll be able to travel.' 'He'll never travel again. He's going to die.'

And a lot of the department heads were going down, so I guess they believed he was going to die and they started making their little empires, because, hey, when he goes, you know, how are we going to divide this thing up? And the money was good and et cetera, et cetera, and what's going to happen to the Work and who's here and a lot of unconverted attitudes at the time.

But then in 1979, November, he takes a trip. We go to China and meet with Deng Xiaoping, the successor to Mao Zedong, and met with him. And so all these things are happening, but all these people made their positions known.

And so Mr. Armstrong told me, he said, 'I don't need to travel.' He says, 'I don't enjoy life anymore.' And he was right. He says 'Food doesn't taste the same.' I always told people that were cooking for him, you'll never be as good as the last person because he couldn't taste it unless he would dump a lot of salt on it ... he couldn't taste it. And his taste buds were gone. He was legally blind. He got tax credits for being legally blind. He couldn't hear very well, so he got hearing aids, finally. And so he's doing the Work, you know, under all sorts of handicaps, and he said, 'I'm only here because God has something for me to do.' So, again, that made us all think, wow, you know, it's the end, and besides, at that time, he's, you



know, 80-some years old. And so, therefore, the world's got to end pretty soon. And so here are the excitement again going on. And so he put the Church back on track.

## Back on Track

### Back on track - The return to Pasadena, Persecution and remarkable growth.

- ▶ Persecution - In 1979 the State of California took over the church in a massive lawsuit – started by prior church members.
- ▶ The Bricket Wood, England campus sale closed on the day of the lawsuit, with a receiver getting the money.
- ▶ The members stand up for the church and the lawsuit ends
- ▶ HWA returns to Pasadena, closes the college, then reopens it with a smaller class and correct teaching.
- ▶ He resumes his mission and travel by going to Mainland China, meeting Chairman Mao's successor, Chairman Deng Xiaoping.
- ▶ He set up his Council of Elders, Removes the treasurer who had tried to take over, and the church began incredible growth once again.



In 79, the very things that happened in the 90s were happening in the 70s at the college.

I came home from a trip. My wife said, ‘Hey, did you realize somebody in the Church said that Christ really wasn't in the grave three days and three nights?’

I said, ‘Oh, Michelle, you heard it wrong,’ because Michelle had no background. She came to college expecting to go home for Christmas, so she didn't know anything. And so I thought she just got it wrong, but it turned out, no, people were saying stuff like that.


And so Mr. Armstrong was brought back and put the Church back on track. He got rid of the heresies that were coming and all this stuff like that. It was kind of a prep thing for the rest of us to get ready for what's going to happen, you know, in another 10 years. And so he puts everything back on track. He starts traveling again. He starts meeting world leaders. Everything's growing again. The income is growing 10 and 12% a year. You know, when you have a \$100 million income,

you're growing 12% a year that's \$12 million. And it was growing rapidly when he came back. And again, the excitement everybody had at the Feast.

And again, he broadcast around the world on the Holy Days for everybody to see at that time. So the Gospel, everything's rejuvenated again. It was kind of a letdown when he had a heart attack, but he didn't die, and he comes back. Wow, time to go on. So here we are.

Open Doors - Globally Preaching the Gospel  
with more power than ever before.

- ▶ HWA held campaigns, preaching all around the world. Sometimes introduced by government officials to audiences that were as many as 15,000 people.
- ▶ The Plain truth was printed in 7 languages with readers in every country of the world.
- ▶ Television time bought was \$27 million per year.
- ▶ Certainly the Gospel was being preached via Print, TV, or personal visits.
- ▶ All done by a man who by all measurements shouldn't have been able to keep up this pace.



Again, doors are open globally, all the things preaching the gospel more than ever before.

When he came back at 79, the budget for the TV was about \$3 million. The first year back it went up to \$21 million, then \$24 million, and it was \$27 million the last three years before he died. And so we're really powerfully doing that.

We're going meeting countries. In the 80s ... we saw more countries in the 80s in any given year than we did in the whole decade of the 70s. And so all these things are happening, and the Church is excited.

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More than 100,000

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**1982 FEAST SITES** - Planned sites for the 1982 United States and  
Canadian Feast of Tabernacles also approved by Pastor General  
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Here's a bunch of the magazines that are there. 1980-some Feast there. Biggest one on Earth.

Feb 15, 1982



Again, HWA is meeting world leaders. I usually read them off the slides, but I can't read off the slides today, but they're there.

So again, he meets officials in Europe in the Middle East. That was one. This is only from 1982 on. I didn't even go back before that, and he started traveling in the late 60s, early 70s.

Mar 2, 1982

# Pastor general preaches Gospel in Far East and Southeast Asia

The following account is based on an interview of Pastor General W. F. Anderson's trip to Asia and Southeast Asia and his return home from that journey.

**PASADENA** — Pastor General W. F. Anderson returned here Feb. 11 after a 20-day trip to Hong Kong, Thailand, the Philippines and Japan. The pastor general was with King Bhumibol of Thailand, Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and Prime Minister Manuel Lopez.

The pastor general flew to Manila.

See pages 6 and 7 for additional photo coverage.



**PHILIPPINE ADDRESS** — Pastor General W. F. Anderson speaks to an audience of a 400 at the Philippine Evangelical Conference Center.

Manila, Philippines, Jan. 31 from Thailand where he met King Bhumibol and had a Bible study. He flew through London (MS, Feb. 17). Landing in the World's 110-2, Mr. Anderson will be greeted in the Manila airport by a police contingent. He will then go to the home of Mrs. Antonio Marasin, the 60-year-old mother of President Marcos, in a house at P.O. Box 2080, Manila. Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Marasin "had been a close friend for many years."

## Work secures media time after HWA's Orient trip

## 'High degree of interest in God's truth' Evangelist speaks in Caribbean

**PASADENA** — Evangelist Dr. James M. Beckett returned here Feb. 14 following a "successful" Caribbean tour. He said that he had a "high degree of interest in God's truth" from the Caribbean people.

Dr. Beckett's tour included a visit to the Caribbean Islands, including Jamaica, Barbados, and Trinidad. He reported that the people were very receptive to the Gospel.



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## Pastor general, evangelists speak at Holy Day services worldwide

By Michael S. Marder  
JAN-LEONARD, Pastor General of the Worldwide Church of God, and evangelists from 12 countries spoke at Holy Day services in the United States, Britain, Europe and elsewhere during the Days of Unhindered Blessing.

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MIDDLE EAST TRIP — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong meets Jordan's Crown Prince Hussein Bin Talal in Amman, Jordan, March 26. Photo coverage of Mr. Armstrong's Middle East and European trip appears on pages 6 and 7. (Photo by Walter Watson)

## Response 'much higher than expected' Youth 82 subscriptions top goal

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## Work gears up to help

And then Mr. Armstrong, again, speaks over in Europe, talks there. Here's his meeting with Crown Prince Hussain of Jordan, and he met with King Hussein a number of times. He tried to do a lot of things in the Middle East over there. Of course, we had the dig for the students from the 60s through 84 and 5.

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**PARLIAMENT MEMBER** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong meets Sir Bernard Braine, a member of Britain's Parliament, in London May 25. The two discussed British and American genealogy, with the pastor general tracing both peoples back to ancient Israel. (Photo by Aaron Dean)

In his sermon, which was translated into German by ministers John Karlson and Paul Kieffer, and transmitted over wireless earphones, Mr. Armstrong discussed the tremendous power of the Holy Spirit and how it is Church mem-

ber can't remember it anymore.)" He studied German when he was 17. The brethren applauded when they heard him speak their language. The German brethren spent Saturday night in Eltville, creating a mini-Feast-of-Tabernacles atmo-



That's Bernard Brain, a member of British Parliament that he was at.

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## Mr. Armstrong visits England, Germany, meets Prince of Wales

**By Aaron Dean**  
PARADISE — During an 11-day trip to England and West Germany, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong presented a performance given by pastor Vladimir Horowitz and Charles, Prince of Wales, intensively arranged a midsummer meeting with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, extensive arrangements for a July meeting with Israel's President, Committee of World Government, and officials of the Royal Opera House in Brussels, conducted Sabbath services in Berlin, West Germany, and presented services in London, England.

Aaron Dean, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's personal aide, announced with Mr. Armstrong in England and West Germany May 28 in Frankfurt, Germany, and Frankfort, Germany, regional director of God's Work in Europe. Since 1964, Armstrong-traveling areas, including, Germany, England, and France.

For the occasion and his wife, Kayley, Pastor Frank Brown, editor (and H. H. Haysberg, and son with Michelle) and Mr. Armstrong visited the May 20 on-water house. The 11-day visit in London, Paris, and England in U.S. on British Summer Time. After visiting a few hours, Mr. Armstrong met with evangelist Frank Brown, regional director of God's Work in Great Britain, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East. They discussed the work in England.

Saturday, May 22, Mr. Armstrong and his group left the DeLuxe Hotel in London for guest Vladimir Horowitz's performance at the Royal Festival Hall.

The performance, given before a capacity audience of about 1,000, was a benefit to help support the Royal Opera House. Frank Clarke, who managed the performance, a portion of the proceeds benefited the children of the Royal Opera House.

The occasion was celebrated and later will strengthen the United States on the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). The broadcast will be funded by grants from the Archbishop Foundation and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. After the concert, Mr. Brown and the pastor general remarked that Mr. Horowitz is "undoubtedly the best pianist alive today."

### Meeting royalty

A private reception followed the concert in the top floor of the Festival Hall. About 150 people waited for Prince Charles, who was expected to make a brief appearance if he admitted himself. The prince had given his consent to congratulate Mr. Horowitz.

At 6:55 p.m., the prince, dressed in a blue uniform, got to a dinner engagement at 7 p.m. He stayed the night in a hotel near the Royal Opera House.

Mr. Clarke expressed great joy at the prince's arrival and expected that the prince would be a great asset to the church.



**MEETING ROYALTY** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong (left) and wife Kayley (center) greet Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, May 22 following a concert by pianist Vladimir Horowitz at the Royal Opera House in London. (Photo © Chuck Eberly's camera)



Speakers from Pasadena give Pentecost sermons



There he's meeting with Prince Charles in England. We met with Prince Charles, now King Charles, half a dozen times.

We actually spent a whole day with Prince Charles and Princess Diana at the Rothschild estate with the Rothschild brothers. And a fascinating story, another story I'll tell another time, but interesting to be there with that.



This is the planting the tree to start the university in Kenya.

When Kenyatta was alive, and it's interesting, Yomo Kenyatta, who was the first president of Kenya, Haile Selassie, the emperor of Ethiopia who traced his lineage back to Queen of Sheba, supposedly, and Mr. Armstrong were all born in 1892, same year, so they're all good friends.

Mr. Armstrong donated \$20,000, and Kenyatta gave 500 acres to start a school of agriculture similar to what we did in Thailand. We were going to build little portable buildings, have people come in, teach them how to grow plants and do

things. And we did that very successfully in Thailand, and they wanted it in Kenya, so the two of them started that.

Well what happened was the Japanese government, and Mr. Armstrong had about 10 Diet members who considered themselves his Japanese sons ... they weren't in the Church, but they really liked him ... and they went in, and after they did that, they thought it was a good project, a good cause, and so they put in \$29 million and built the Yomo Kenyatta College of Agriculture and Technology.

When the buildings were done, they came back in and put \$20 million, stocked the library, stocked all the tractors and equipment, and scholarshipped anyone who had 500 acres more than one of their children or a foreman could go for four years to the school.

And the Japanese, when I went there about seven years, eight years ago, I went to Kenya with John Elliott and Monty Knutson ... he wanted me to go to talk to the Church ... I also had to check our properties there because a lot of them were stolen by {Cago?} and we wanted to check and make sure we had good title because Kenya at that time was the only African country other than South Africa that had fully laid out all the surveys of the land.

And so I'm there, and the first day they gave me to rest, and I said, I don't need to rest ... I'm going to go see the Minister of Interior. So I went and saw him, and up on the wall was a picture of the president, which they always have in the offices, and I didn't know who the president was. It had been 30-some years since I'd been there. And it was Uhuru Kenyatta ... it was Kenyatta's son, who was about my age.

And they had cornered Michelle when we were at their estate after Mr. Armstrong was there, Mrs. Kenyatta asked us all to be there and the whole family, all 80-some members of the family, were there and they cornered Michelle to ask her questions because they figured I knew the answers. and they wanted to see if she did. And after about 10 minutes, I saw her trapped in the corner I went and rescued her.

But the thing is, is he was president. And so the Minister of Interior said, I said, 'I know Uhuru ... I said, we're friends.' And he said, 'Oh, really?' He said, 'Well, do you want to see him again?' I said, 'Well, I don't have time on this trip.' He said, 'Well, if you come back, I'll put you in contact ... you can go meet him again,' which I didn't necessarily need to, but if it was needed, I could do it.

Well then we went to the school that Mr. Armstrong started, and 10 years after it started it became a university. And so now it's the University, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture Technology. And that year that I was there with Monty they were having their 25th anniversary of the school, and the president was on the stage, and 40,000 people.

Well I'm a week after this, I'm there at the college, and they said, 'Why do you want to see it?' And I said, 'Well, I was here when I was founded.' And they said, 'What do you mean?'

I said, 'Well, Mr. Armstrong and Kenyatta, when they started this thing, I was on the plane, and I was there.' And I actually took the *Ambassador for World Peace* book that we had and had pictures of him. Those pictures were in the booklet. So they knew I wasn't lying about the thing.

And they asked me, they said, 'On the wall there's a plaque about the university. On the right side, all these Japanese Diet members. On the left side, there's shadow of places where photos were.' Those were photos of Mr. Armstrong doing it. Tkach, when he went there had him take down all the photos of Mr. Armstrong. Did the same in Jordan and the same in other places in the world.

And so the school was asking me, 'Well, what were the other pictures, and why did they give all this money to Kenya?' And so I explained to them how Mr. Armstrong started with Kenyatta, and the Japanese Diet members liked him, and they wanted to help. And anything Mr. Armstrong did that they felt was really good, they'd take back to the Diet and try to expand it. And they did. We raised a lot of millions of dollars from the Japanese for some of these things that people didn't know because they respected him so much.

And so I explained to them, Mr. Armstrong believed in character and things, and we wouldn't do projects that promoted war, but we would help people to grow food. We'd help people to dig wells. We'd do all these things that we did. And so I did that, and they said, 'You should have been here last week. You'd have been on stage with the president telling us our history.' And they said, 'If you come back, we'll pull the student body together and have you tell them how the school started.' So, I mean, things that happened 30-40 years ago are still remembered, and people wonder about those things. And so that was the university starting there in Kenya.

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**HWA meets Margaret Thatcher, Prince of Wales, King Hussein**

**By Karen Dean**

PASADENA — The World's G-II jet touched down at the Burbank, Calif. airport July 31 at 3:08 p.m. on Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), carrying Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong to the last leg of an international trip that included meetings with Jordan's King Hussein, Charles, Prince of Wales, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Nigerian Singh, a judge of the International Court of Justice at The Hague, Netherlands.

The trip began three weeks previously with Mr. Armstrong, the G-II pilot, and Fred Stevens, manager of the World's Accounting Department, departing the Burbank airport July 3 at 10:30 a.m. PDT for Orr, Miss.

We arrived at the Orr airport at 11:30 a.m. Central Daylight Time, and were driven to the Summer Educational Program (SEP) campus outside Orr for a 3:30 p.m. Church service.

There, Mr. Armstrong delivered a powerful and encouraging address to a mixed group of 700 international and Church members. WCC's Second SEP Group Hours Program

The G-II landed at Luton airport in England at 30 minutes past midnight, local time, July 5. Twelve hours later Mr. Armstrong met with evangelist Frank Brown, regional director for God's Work in Great Britain, the Middle East and East and West Africa. They discussed Mr. Armstrong's planned office visit to the World's regional office in Bournemouth, England, scheduled after his return from London.

Tommy Mr. Locke met Andrew Wilson, a local child serving in England. Mr. Wilson is transferring to Pasadena later this fall to teach at Imperial Schools here.

Karen Dean, a local video series as Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's personal aide. Evangelist John Agnew, regional director of the Park in French-speaking areas. Marlene Kneller, wife of Paul Kneller, pastor, East Kneller, and Fred Stevens, manager of the World's Accounting Department.

if the Princess Margaret Conservatory College for Women, and Mrs. Karsh. We discussed how the foundation could best help the cause.

After the meeting the women escorted Mr. Locke to a taxi of the airport which was to return them. Mr. Locke said he was impressed with the facilities.

Friday we had a two-day, as the Islamic faith observes a Friday Sabbath. Mr. Armstrong worked on some articles at his residence at his suite at the Astoria Marina Hotel, while the rest of an accompanied crew members from the World's Media Services Department in Istanbul, the site of an ancient Greek and Roman city. The ancient architecture there, we observed, is well preserved in this and other cities.

**Evening 'breakfast'**

After observing the Sabbath with Church members on the G-II staff and television crew, Mr. Armstrong went to an evening game in a Bournemouth arena local for which the name is British, as the names

**LONDON VISIT** — Charles, Prince of Wales (left), brother of the Royal Opera House and Pastor General Herbert W. (right) converse at the July 19 opening of the Royal Opera House. (Photo by Ray Wilson)

The evening breakfast featured traditional Arab dishes, including humus, pita bread and mixed vegetables, followed by coffee of an

press accounts looked here.

Shortly after his 11:00 a.m. flight from London, Mr. Armstrong in a private jet landed at a local

Here's Mr. Armstrong again with Prince Charles at that time, again, and he met with King Hussein on that trip. Again, I just run through these month at a time with the covers. This is what the Church was seeing every month when the *Worldwide News* would come out.

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And here he is with King Hussein and Judge Singh of the World Court and Prime Minister Ladassa of Cyprus in that. Again, I'm just going off memory now because I can't read those things like I normally do on the big screen. But that's okay. It's there.

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## Herbert W. Armstrong meets supreme patriarch of Thailand

PASADENA — In what was described as a "warm and friendly meeting," the 18th Supreme Patriarch of the Buddhist religion of Thailand, Anandapajitkijvana, 87, called on Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong Oct. 14 "in a special honor of the Worldwide Church of God and founder of Ashlandville College," reported Herman L. Haack, evangelist and Press Director.

The meeting, the first between the supreme patriarch and the pastor general, took place in Mr. Armstrong's executive office on the fourth floor of the campus Hall of Administration.

Through translator Sawadi Yungrood, who served as Thai instructor on the Pasadena Ashlandville College faculty from 1972 to 1976, Mr. Armstrong and the supreme patriarch discussed the outline of a new Department of Thailand.

...people relationships among people and nations," Dr. Haack said. Following the discussion the supreme patriarch presented Mr. Armstrong with three of his books written in the Thai language and a lecture medal in appreciation of the college's contribution to the Thai religious people.

Mr. Armstrong thanked the visiting patriarch and presented him with a copy of his autobiography and his book, *The Incredible Human Potential*.

Before his meeting with the pastor general, the supreme patriarch met with the students who had participated in the Ashlandville College Educational Project in Thailand (ACCEPT). He addressed the students "in the manner of a grandfather" in the Student Hall of the Louis D. Armstrong Academic Center here.

"After this last meeting with Mr. Armstrong, he bestowed a letter of appreciation on the students who had given a year of their lives to the work of introducing the supreme patriarch to his academic world in Thailand."

"He is a very warm and loving man, and he presented the chief grandfather would present to his greatest grandchildren."

The supreme patriarch will be in Los Angeles, Calif., area to do the Los Angeles W of The Temple, and Dr. Haack will host Dec. 17 after his visit to Armstrong.

"In our conversations, the supreme patriarch made a personal observation. He said the greatest promise that has

THE PATRIARCH SPEAKS

FIRST MEETING — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong (left) shakes hands with Anandapajitkijvana, the 18th Supreme Patriarch of Thailand (right), in Mr. Armstrong's Hall of Administration (left), at Pasadena, Warren Watson.

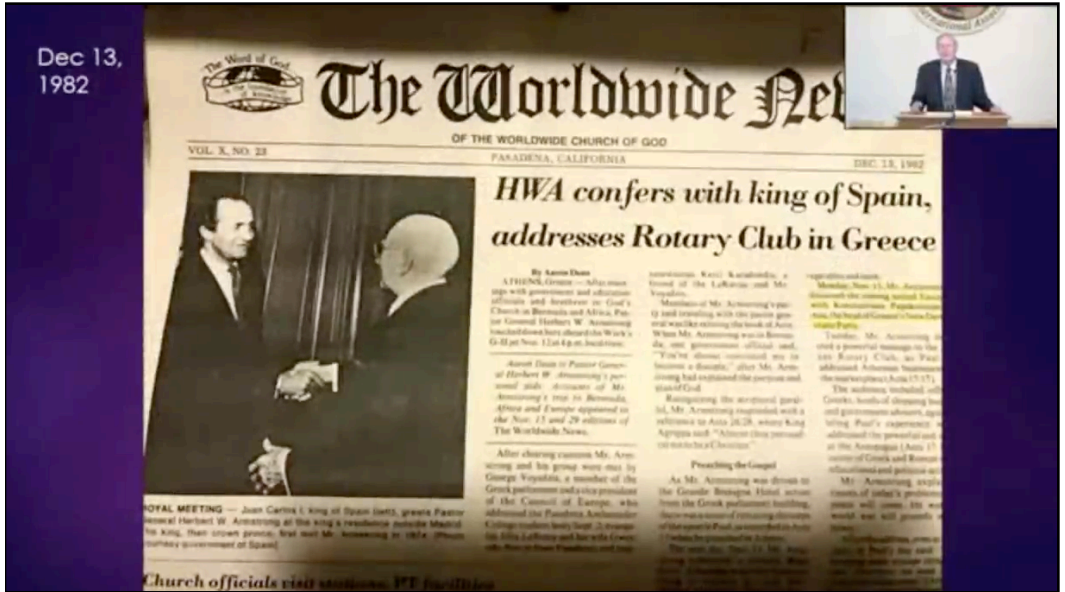
Brethren recount experiences

There he's again meeting with the supreme patriarch of Buddhism. The supreme patriarch had a ... it was interesting what he said to Mr. Armstrong at one time. He was talking to other people like that, and he said, 'If only people do what Mr. Armstrong said we'd have world peace. Mr. Armstrong is for the world what Buddhism is for Thailand.' And he recognized, but he said, 'If you could only teach it.'

And our projects were designed for people to see our students and realize that you can teach this and you can do it. So that's what that was there.



There we're meeting overseas again. I can't tell that one exactly what that one is. I think it's Mr. Armstrong meeting Constantine Papadonakis from Greece, I believe.



That's King Juan Carlos of Spain he met with.



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# Worldwide News

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## Pastor general returns to Asia, receives royal Thai decoration

By Anne Dean  
BANGKOK, Thailand — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong received the royal Thai decoration of Commander of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand Feb. 7 from Maj. Gen. Pongpano Adcharin, one of Thailand's top government officials.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong received the royal Thai decoration of Commander of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand Feb. 7 from Maj. Gen. Pongpano Adcharin, one of Thailand's top government officials.

The decoration was presented to Mr. Armstrong on behalf of Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej, in recognition of the pastor general's pioneering efforts toward world peace.

Mr. Armstrong was in Thailand as part of an American tour through the Phi-

lipines, the Prince's Republic of China, Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand and Malaya.

During the ceremony Feb. 7, the deputy prime minister presented a letter to Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong gave the letter of appreciation to the Thai prime minister and the Thai ambassador to Pasadena, California.

In a letter, Mr. Armstrong expressed his appreciation to King Bhumibol Adulyadej for his long and fruitful relationship with the worldwide church. "We shall begin work with you in the future and we shall be glad to do so," he wrote.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Prince Mitrabhorn Piboonlert presented Mr. Armstrong

Mr. Armstrong later met with King Bhumibol at Chitralada Palace to discuss the Ambassador's Foundation's business plan projects in Thailand and around the globe.

"Because we are a private foundation and small, our contributions can be as large as many government organizations," the pastor general told the king. "How do we do that best?"

The king replied, "We can see that you have a very good plan. The Ambassador's Foundation has presented an excellent plan to me. I am sure that you will be successful in your work."

Mr. Armstrong also discussed his plans to visit the Philippines, a college professor of English and a woman pastor to be ordained in Thailand.

Since the pastor general began his tour of the Pacific, he will visit the U.S. Armed Forces, a G-11 jet with two crew members, and the U.S. Navy. The U.S. Navy is the largest of the U.S. Navy's fleet. Mr. Armstrong's tour in Asia will visit Mr. Dore's Ministry and the U.S. Navy.

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Mr. Armstrong and his group left at the airport by Honolulu, Hawaii, pastor David Fraser on Feb. 7. They also visited Mr. Armstrong for dinner that evening. Although Feb. 7 was originally scheduled as a time of rest for the group, Mr. Armstrong made the day a busy one.

The G-11 left Hawaii at 10:30 p.m. on Feb. 7, stopping at Wake Island, California, and the Philippines.

A sign on the side of the aircraft read, "We have America ready to begin."

After another day of rest, the group of 11 left for the Philippines on Feb. 8.

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And then this is some of the medals and things he was given from Thailand. Down at the bottom is Primadasa of Sri Lanka. Again, just a lot of people, all these different people were meeting on the thing.

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## Australian as fires in

By John Curry  
BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — What were described as "worst ever" bush fires in Australia took the lives of 70 people, destroyed more than 2,000 homes and burned thousands of miles of farmland and unirrigated bush during the last weeks of the year.

John Curry, a former worldwide News staff writer, serves as an assistant to the pastor, Morton, regional director of God's Work in Australia and Southeast Asia.

A large number of Church members live in the fire-afflicted areas and several had dramatic escapes as the fires raced through homes. Thanks to the intervention of God, no lives were lost and most property was saved.

**JAPANESE VISIT** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong presents a copy of the *March Plain Truth* to Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone (right) Feb. 15. (More photo coverage of Mr. Armstrong's Asian trip appears on pages 6 and 7.) [Photo by Warren Watson]



He met with the Rotary. He was asked to speak at the Rotary in Athens. And the Athens Rotary, that's, yeah, Nakasone there. But the Athens Rotary, the one he spoke to there was the billionaire Rotary at the time. That's where Onassis was. All the magnets of Europe were on that Rotary. And so they asked Mr. Armstrong to come speak to it.

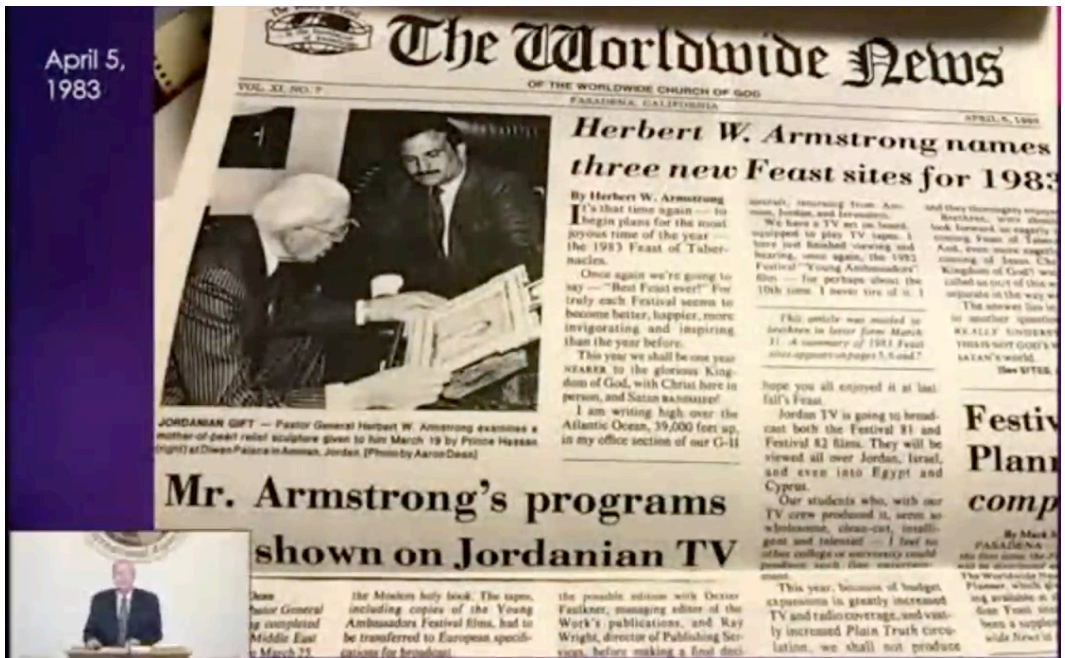
And about a half an hour before we're there to speak, the president of the Rotary calls me up and says, 'Oh, I need to tell you, by the way, we have a rule on our Rotary. We do not talk religion. Religion has caused lots of problems over here, so we do not talk religion. What is Mr. Armstrong going to talk about?' And I thought for a second, and I said, 'World peace.' Pageant answer.

So he goes there, and he gives one of the most powerful religious speeches he'd given. He talked about the Pope and the beast ... some of the things I've seen there go great.

And the president, as soon as he was done, the president comes running up to me. I thought, man, he's going to cut my head off. And he says, 'Wow, that was interesting. We need to change our rules.' I'm still alive. And that happened in a number of places.

You never knew what he was going to do. If it was going to be a real soft gospel message or a hard-on bit of what it was going to be. God kind of moved him in different ways to do whatever it was that he did.

Again, this is Prime Minister Nakasone. That's actually Mr. Armstrong giving that *Plain Truth* that he signed in the meeting. And I took a picture of that.



Again, Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan. And also we were going on Jordanian TV. Dr. Kamal was the head of the Broadcasting Association. Mr. Armstrong said he made some special programs for Jordan to air. So now we're sending out programs to the Arab world as well. Again, this gospel he preached to the world is a witness. We go from there.

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## Pastor general meets royalty during visit to United Kingdom

**By Anna Dean**  
PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong received here May 17, completing a 19-day trip to the United Kingdom where he met with Prince Charles, Prince of Wales; Lord Spencer, the father of Princess Diana, Edmond and Elizabeth de Rothschild; and numerous local church officials.

—Anna Dean is lead editor of Pastor General's Herald. She is also a columnist and personal aide.

The trip began at 8:45 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) May

17 when the World's G-11 jet left the Burbank, Calif., airport. Alarmed with Mr. Armstrong being away, the Ella La Roca, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, and his wife Gwen, Warren Warren, director of the World's Photography Department, and Anna Dean, Mr. Armstrong's personal aide, and his wife Michelle.

Home leave, later, after flying through eight time zones, the G-11 touched down at the Uxbridge, England, airport at 7 a.m. local time.

That afternoon Mr. Armstrong met with Margaret Frank Brown,

regional district secretary in the Church's office in Birmingham, England. Mr. Brown gave the pastor general a preliminary briefing about a scheduled trip to Oxford, England, home of Oxford University.

### Trip to Oxford

At 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 18, Mr. Armstrong and his party were joined by Mr. Brown and his wife Marlene for the trip to Oxford, where they arrived at noon.

Oxford University encompasses 44 colleges with more than 7,000 students. The Armstrong party visited St. Antony College, a graduate school specializing in theology, history, economics and international affairs.

The Ambassador Foundation sponsors the Mainland China Fellowship, led by Pastor General, an organization of 184 People's Republic of China.

Mr. Armstrong was given of honor at a reception where he was met by Warden Raymond Cary, Warden in a title equivalent of a college president in the United States. The college meeting commemorated the anniversary of the reception which was attended by 40 university officials. There Mr. Armstrong met Professor Zhao.

Mr. Armstrong delivered a brief but vigorous message about the paradox of mankind's physical achievements and appalling spiritual problems.

Some had inquiries as to what an



ENGLISH VISIT — During a visit to England, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong met Lord Spencer, father of Princess Diana, at a tea in Athens, May 17. (Photo by Warren Watson)

## Ambassador men serve ministerial trainees

PASADENA — Six graduates and four juniors from Pasadena Ambassador College will serve ministerial trainees, sponsored through P. McNair, deputy chairman of Pasadena Ambassador College college from April 28.

graduates are Michael Ben-

son and southeast German and Swiss.

Phil Hayward, 31, will receive in Vancouver, B.C., where he served last summer under ministerial trainee, Pastor M. F. Ferguson II originally from Laramie, Australia.

Roy Guernsey, who according to the Registrar's Office, is one of only four active-duty Filipinos to graduate from Ambassador College, will return to the Philippines to work in the Church Office there. Mr. Guernsey was born and raised in Manila. He came to the United States after

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## HWA meets Otto von Habsburg, flies east to speak in three cities

**By Anne Dean**  
PASADENA — Otto von Habsburg, European Parliament member and a descendant of the European emperors, arrived here July 19 for three days of meetings with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, and brothers and sisters here in the Los Angeles, Calif., area.

After three or four talks, Anne Dean, a local writer, wrote an "Editorial" for HWA on Armstrong's personal visit.

Mr. Armstrong and Dr. Habsburg flew to Washington, D.C., July 15 aboard the Work's 0-12 jet for the overnight visit with government officials. Mr. Armstrong commended a telephone call to Pittsburgh, Pa., July 15 which he addressed broadcast on Sabbath morning, in Big Sandy July 17 to address Summer Educational Program (SEP) participants in Ott. Aron. July 18 he addressed in SS Pastors and faculty here. Dr. Habsburg flew to Munich, West Germany, July 17.

Dr. Habsburg, born in the 1911, emerald roof House of Habsburg and the son of the late Austrian Emperor Francis, arrived at the Los Angeles International Airport here on Saturday, June 19, 1983, at 10:30 a.m. He was met by Pastor General La Riva, who accom-

panied him and most quickly then to himself and accompanied. The past is present and especially that a world future is being seen and that the world will be united in this age world peace.

This evening Mr. Armstrong was in a formal dinner for Dr. Habsburg in the historic Social Center. In attendance were Herman Hertz, magazine and Photo Truck editor, and his wife, Queen; Gene H. Hays, and his wife Barbara; and Mr. Stone and his wife Martha.

Before dinner Mr. Armstrong presented Dr. Habsburg with a photo album. The photographs came from a visit from Berlin, regional Director of the Work in German-speaking areas, and Denmark Fulmer, who attended Big Sandy Seminary College from 1961 to 1962, made in Orléans, West Germany, one of a 100,000-mile-long airship regular European service leaving each year.

Mr. Fulmer photographed Dr. Habsburg during a European youth rally 1961, when Dr. Habsburg addressed a youth rally titled "Europe (After the Time Has Changed)" ("Europe: Once the gate to Christ"). The photos were brought to Pasadena and distributed as ordered by Executive Secretary and presented by Mr. Armstrong to Dr. Habs-

burg in a letter to complete Dr. Habsburg. Information from the interview appears in Mr. Habsburg's "Worldwide" interview page 2.

After the evening interview, Dr. Habsburg made an extensive walk through of the Church's headquarters facilities including Audiovisual Center and the Edmond, Radio, Mail Processing, Television, Accounting and Data Processing departments. He was impressed with the scope of the Work's multi-national program.

He said Mr. La Riva, he will definitely impressed with both the material and the technological capacity of the facilities, and also of the history and commitment of the Church's employees.

This evening Dr. Habsburg was in the guest of honor and main speaker at the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, meeting in the Beverly Hilton ballroom. The executive director of the council, acknowledged at the podium Mr. Armstrong and the Ambassador from Bonn, spent in bringing such a distinguished speaker to Los Angeles.

Dr. Habsburg's address was well received and he thanked his audience for their



**CAMPUS VISIT** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and Otto von Habsburg (left) are pictured en route to a luncheon at the Pasadena Ambassador College facility being given after Dr. Habsburg's address at the Ambassador ballroom July 11. (Photo by Winwood W. Kamm)

of knowledge given in a question-and-answer session after the speech.

Dr. Habsburg resided in the Washington, and since Mr. Armstrong also had business there, he received Dr. Habsburg in person here and they stayed in the Work's 0-12 jet.

Dr. Habsburg arrived and 9:30 a.m. July 11. He past left with Mr. and Mrs. La Riva, West Ballantyne, Director of performing arts for the Ambassador Foundation, and his wife Kathy and Mr. and Mrs. Stone.

Photo provided by Winwood W. Kamm.

## 197 teens attend Big Sandy SEP

Otto Von Habsburg is there. He met with him in Europe and Brussels in Belgium. His two sons are real big in putting Europe together. He's the heir to the Emperor, the Austro-Hungarian Empire. He's the heir to that. He renounced it, his children didn't so his sons could still take that throne. There was a lot of speculation at the time.

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## HWA meets queen of Jordan, parliament leaders during trip

**By Anne Dean**  
PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong returned to his headquarters here Oct. 28, carrying a 20-day trip to England, Belgium, Denmark, Israel and Jordan.

*Anne Dean covers as Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's personal aide.*

**London** — Oct. 6, Mr. Armstrong boarded the Church's 40-11 jet at the Burbank, Calif., airport. With him were Gene Hagberg, Plant Track world news editor, and his wife Barbara, Robert Smith, the Church's executive director, Anne Dean, Mr. Armstrong's personal aide, and his wife, Madeline.

With the European Committee an approval over scheduled deployment of the Flying Saucer (space) rocket, Lebanon trust by civil war and other possibly prophetic signs, Mr. Armstrong felt that Mr. Hagberg should be closer to the scene of these momentous events. Van der Meer of Mr. Hagberg's staff, Mr. Hagberg's secretary, began to plan

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**KNESSET MEETING** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and Olof von Hellding (right), speaker of the Israeli Knesset (parliament), discuss international issues at Mr. Hellding's Jerusalem office Oct. 28. (Photo: Warren Wolfson)

## Nine-day conference in Pasadena Regional directors hear HWA

**By Anne Dean**  
PASADENA — "I don't going to be a keynote for their meeting."

Here again, that's one of the British Parliamentarians, I think. I believe. There's also the Danish House.

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# UPDATE

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through the new, way that of Brussels. His Queen Adelaide's 18th birthday party. For the day was said to be the longest in 1873, and the longest in 1973.

Also attending the conference was the international mail section of the Mail Processing Center in Pasadena, during his trip. Mr. Ullrich also reported to Justice.

"We've experienced rapid growth in Jamaica as a result of the television and radio broadcasts, which have caused a tremendous response in mail," said Mr. Ullrich, who met with the deputy government general director in the island to discuss plans for mailing

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**MEETING ROYALTY** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong talks with King Birendra of Nepal (left) at a Dec. 15 meeting at the Los Angeles (Calif.) World Affairs Council. (See "Update," this page.)

the area Nov. 15, he invited to Hong Kong and met these people for the first time.

While there he had a Bible study attended by six people and baptized one woman. There are three members in Hong Kong. Plant Track evangelism there has been in 1983.

**INTERNATIONAL DESK**  
BY ROD MATTHEWS

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That's the King Varendra of Nepal. He had met with King Mahendra, his father, much earlier on. King Mahendra was there and Queen Aishwarya, we met with them. They actually had our project in there.

For our young people, it's interesting, we started the project there because they were friends of the King and Queen of Thailand. And the King and Queen had told them about what Mr. Armstrong had done to stop the opium growing in Thailand and all the things that we had done over there. And they wanted Mr. Armstrong to do the same thing in Nepal. And so we were asked to come into Nepal and we started a project there and sent three or four students to start the project. And they had walled in several acres of land, but you had to go through the one gate in our project and they had to go through our project to get to all the other things.

And after the first year, they were so impressed with our students that when I went and saw the Queen the following year, she asked me, said, can your students run \$91 million, our foreign aid budget, from the other countries?

There are Daniels still around today. And that's why I tell young people, don't think that you can't do it when you're young. We got asked to do a lot of things around the world that were just shocking. I mean, \$91 million, you got these 20, 21-year-olds being asked to do this? That's a special gift.

And you understand how Daniel worked in Babylon and Mordecai and other people. You know, God's going to do something. He does it. And so don't think because you're young that there aren't things that can happen that you can do. God does all sorts of things with that.

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That's meeting with the King and Queen of Thailand. They have four palaces. I've been to three of them to see them, and that was the one. Actually, in that meeting, we actually met the Prince Virilongkarm, who is now the king as well. He's the same age as I am.

It was funny, when I'm traveling with Queen Nour, or Queen Sirikit in Pasadena, we're traveling around, and her son was having a lot of problems at that time. This was, of course, you know, 30 years before. And she asked me when we were traveling around, how do I make my son be a good king? It wasn't rhetorical either. She was asking, and I told her, I said, you need to raise your son the way you were raised.

And again, her history, I can tell you that, too, a lot of history between her and the king were not supposed to be the king and queen. He's the younger son. He's not the older brother. And his older brother was murdered because he was trying to clean up {?}, and he became king. So anyway, long story for that. But the funny



thing, she asked me how to raise her son, and her son's a month older than I am. But so, unique thing.

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**Pastor general meets royalty, state officials in last leg of trip**

**By Michael A. Sueda**

**SRI LANKA, Ceylon** — "Nothing like a royal welcome," said Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong as he arrived in the capital here, Sri Lanka, today, completing his five-week tour of the Orient and Asia.

Armstrong's 11-day visit was the first since he returned to Pasadena in 1978. He is expected to remain in Sri Lanka for 10 days, according to the newspaper.

During the last 11 days of his trip, he met with the President, Prime Minister, and other officials. He also met with the Mayor of Los Angeles and a senator from California at that time.

**Explains cause of disputes between people**  
**HWA addresses legal officials**

**By Michael A. Sueda**

PASADENA — "But why..."



We met a lot of the prime ministers. This is in Pasadena there. That's the mayor of Los Angeles and one of the, I think, senators from California at that time.

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This is Mr. Armstrong meeting with, in, I think it's Thailand.

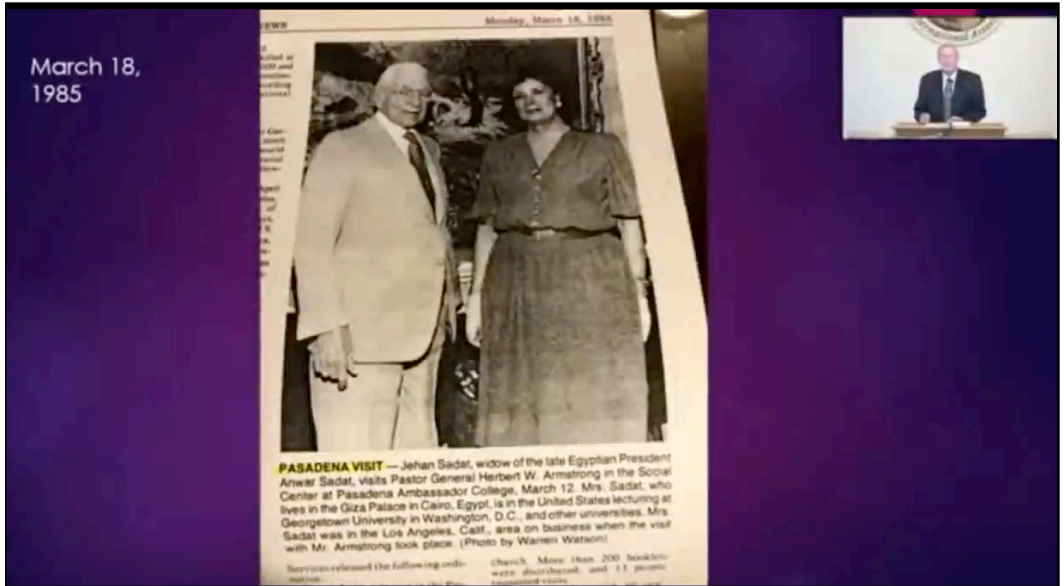
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7 Laws of Success in Japanese



And again, this was Yamaguchi, not the ... there was a congressman Yamaguchi, this is the businessman Yamaguchi. He had 10,000 or more employees, and he

asked Mr. Armstrong if he could print the *Seven Laws of Success* in Japanese. That's what that booklet is, to pass out to all of his employees that he gave them.



And that was Mr. Armstrong with Jehan Sadat, wife of Sadat, who tried to make peace in Israel, was assassinated for it. Mr. Armstrong told her, 'If you ever come to California, to come and you can stay with me.' And she showed up and called him from Los Angeles, said, 'I'm here.' So he invites her over. And that night was the Night To Be Much Observed.

And so Michelle and I are having 16 people to our house to have at home for once with our families and some friends. And at 6 o'clock, Mr. Armstrong called and said, 'Hey, I don't know what to do. Jehan Sadat is here, you and your wife need to come over.' So I left the key on the mat and a note on the door, and all our friends came and had Night To Be Much Observed and we went and had it with him. So I'm a great host. I may not be there when you're there, but that's what happens.

So we spent the evening, and it's funny, we spent the evening talking about Moses, the Exodus, the Egyptians. You're talking to the Queen of Egypt there with

it. And she was, of course, familiar with the story. It was kind of an interesting Night To Be Much Observed ... probably my list of highlights of odd things that happen. But that was one of them.



There at the Queen Sirikit, when she came to visit Pasadena, one of the major guests, and when she came, the State Department had to come and approve the campus for her visit. And after that, we were an approved facility. That's why Nancy Reagan and other people were able to come to the campus later on because she broke the ice for us by coming there, and the State Department wouldn't let her do it until they approved all of the buildings and all the things that she was going to be at. And that thing.



Again, that's her visit. We had all these functions in the auditorium. All those people are invited.

There are people out there that say Mr. Armstrong bought his meetings and things. And I'll say Stan Rader, who was a lawyer at the time traveling with him, did pay for some meetings. I know because someone came up to me and asked for the money that he hadn't paid them. I said, 'We don't do that.' And so, in fact, Mr. Armstrong was really upset because he didn't know any of that was happening. And he made me promise I'd never pay for a meeting, and I never did for any of the ones I had set up before or afterwards. But he learned a lot of things that happened that he didn't know about that I had to tell him when I was his aide. And that's what got me fired a few times. But he'd rehire me because he couldn't do anything since he was blind and deaf, and he needed me. So that was one of the things. But her visit was really special.

And, again, Mr. Armstrong couldn't walk around with her, so I had to take her all over the place during the time she was there. But, again, a special time.



That's Michelle. Michelle's dressed up in the Royal Thai garb. We thought to honor her, she had some dresses made out of the Thai silks she'd been given by them. And so, when she came, the Queen was late. Well Michelle shows up, and they heard the Queen was young and beautiful, so all the journalists were taking pictures of my wife. Because they thought she was the Queen. And then the Queen showed up ten minutes later, and they all moved. So my wife almost made the newspapers. But one of those things that happens.

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## HWA meets Chinese officials, reviews goals of cultural center

By David H. Ewert  
PASADENA — Five representatives from the Young China Ling Foundation (SCL) and the Chinese People's Association for Promoting World Foreign Cooperation arrived here Monday 13 to meet with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and other officials of the Ambassador Foundation.

David H. Ewert is an associate evangelist. Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.



Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong reviews documentation with Gu Zhai (center) of the Chinese People's Association, and Liu Daxun of the Young China Ling Foundation (right) in meeting a hall of Administration office March 16. The men came to Pasadena to discuss the construction of a concert hall and cultural center in China. (Photo by Nathan Faulkner)

Members of the Promoting Association and SCL Foundation signed a memorandum with the Ambassador Foundation Nov. 15, 1984, to plan the development of a concert hall and cultural center in China. According to evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, the delegation came to Pasadena to discuss the auditorium project.

The center, called the Golden Bridge Cultural Exchange Center, will be built in Beijing, China. It is a Nov. 7, 1984, meeting with Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping (see "China's Appetite in the Orient," 3/7, News). Mr. Armstrong recognized that the People's Republic of China moved from a high socialist to a free market economy.

involved in the project. Deng Xiaoping, ambassadorial negotiator, and Xiao Jinguang, official negotiator. During their 10-day visit, the delegation met with Mr. Armstrong, founder and chairman of the Ambassador Foundation, Aaron Dine, personal aide to Mr. Armstrong and a vice president of the foundation, Mr. La Ravia, and Church and Foundation officials involved in the construction and operation of the Ambassador Auditorium.

Richard Liu, who helps the Ambassador Foundation establish cultural and humanitarian projects in China, was also present for the meetings.

Mr. Armstrong met with the delegation March 18 to discuss the goals of the cultural exchange center. Mr. La Ravia, who is managing director of the Auditorium, identified songs and meetings with Auditorium and Foundation personnel.

During their stay the delegation met with Robert Hertz, Auditorium business manager; Kevin Gardner, Auditorium stage manager; John Proff, Auditorium support supervisor; William Starr, Auditorium College secretary; Paul Trinka, press engineer for the college; Robert Smith, costume design coordinator; and James Duggan, Auditorium maintenance coordinator. Each man conducted a tour to explain his responsibilities and offer details about the Auditorium.

Mr. Starr and Mr. Trinka are the group's Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall, the architectural design firm for Ambassador Auditorium.

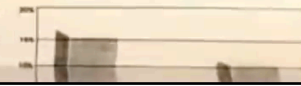
According to Mr. La Ravia, Chinese visitors told Mr. Armstrong at the end of their visit of the lasting impressions they gained in the visit.

The delegation flew to San Francisco, Calif., March 23 before returning to Pasadena, California, March 28.

## Program gains exposure Plain Truth magazine

By Robert F. Taylor

## 1985 First Quarter Income



Again, Mr. Armstrong meeting, I can't tell you that one. The Chinese officials in China, we met a whole bunch of people in China. We had so many people there. One of the dinners we held, there were 76 ambassadors and 400 people from their government at the dinner. And, unfortunately, he had to pay in cash. So I had to go to the bank and cash, get money, because they charge Western rates. When they did a banquet, they charged their rates, you know, ten cents a person. When we were there, they were charging, you know, \$20 or whatever. So I had to go to the bank, and the biggest bill they have is about \$3. So I had a suitcase ... I feel like a drug dealer. But I'm carrying to pay for this banquet. But we met with a lot of Mr. Armstrong. Again, there were several TV broadcasts he did out of those meetings that were on the air on TV that he did.

And one of the visits happened at that time, too, to say, like, how some of the visits came about. I was sitting at a table, and all of us were hosting tables. We had a slug of tables, and I had to host two tables, actually. There weren't enough of us to go around. And they were all doing Gambe with Mutai, which is really strong. It's like white lightning. But I had the Zambian Ambassador at my table. And he's sitting there telling me how he was raised by missionaries, and the missionaries weren't that good. They were out playing with women. They were

doing a lot of bad stuff. And so he was chewing us out ... Mr. Armstrong was over a church, isn't he? And I'm getting his third degree.

Well, finally, the dinner came, thankfully, and we ate. And then Mr. Armstrong got to speak, and he speaks and gave a really strong message. And the Zambian ambassador, as soon as he was done, he kind of leans on the table, and he looks at that man. 'That's what my country needs. Would you invite him?' I'm going, sure. So, again, and there were things that happened that he didn't know how they were going to happen or what or why. But the people out there that think things were done differently than they actually were weren't there and didn't see it.



That picture there, I can't believe where that was. It was for the South America. I think it's Europe. It might be Queen Nour {?}. Not here. Where is that?



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## HWA travels to Syria, Jordan; meets royalty, officials, students

By Aaron K. Dean  
**AMMAN, Jordan** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong returned home May 17 aboard the Church's G-III jet, announcing his European and Middle Eastern tour. The pastor general had flown to Amman from Damascus, Syria. Arriving in Damascus May 6.

From Minister Abdul-Karim al-Kassab's office for a drive to Syria's National Museum.

Three Mr. Armstrong was given a private tour of artifacts and relics from the time of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (early second millennium, B.C.). One artifact Mr. Armstrong viewed with interest was a coin tablet depicting the Quraysh alphabet.

He also saw a 12th-century gold and silver jewelry, clay tablets with palm-leaf different kings, and other to pagan gods of the period.

Mr. Armstrong made some additions to his book *Mysteries of the Ages* to show how ancient cultures viewed deities.

From the museum the group drove to the office of Taji Al-Attar, the Syrian minister of culture, who was Mr. Armstrong's official host for the visit. With Dr. Attar was Adil Bahmani, director general for antiquities in Syria, and William Eagleton, U.S. ambassador to Syria.

Dr. Attar thanked Mr. Armstrong for his support of the Toraj Foundation in Los Angeles.

Specialist Paul van Amstel, through whom God remained his vision.

The group drove the length of the city, including before turning left into the palace.

Mr. Armstrong recalled that he visited the same palace 29 years ago during a tour with his wife, Linn, and eldest son, evangelist Richard Armstrong.

He said the palace had not changed much in 29 years, although the city is much larger.

After visiting the palace the group drove to the residence of Ambassador Eagleton and his wife, Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. Eagleton invited a number of top U.S. Embassy personnel, Dr. and Mrs. Bahmani, and the mayor of Meysadin, a town near the city, page 3.

**VISIT WITH STUDENTS** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong (right) shares a light moment in his Amman, Jordan, home with Ammanite College students during an Ambassador's home visit in Jordan. (Photo by Aaron Dean)

**1985 may be 'watershed year'**  
**Europe: media doors open**

This is Syria and Jordan. Mr. Armstrong, when we went to Syria, he's the only private citizen up to that time, and I don't know if they've done it since, that had a dinner given to him by a cabinet position in their cabinet for that, which is really unusual and not easily done.

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## Pastor general completes tour of Europe and the Middle East

By Aaron K. Dean  
**AMMAN, Jordan** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong returned home June 19 aboard the Church's G-III jet, announcing his European and Middle Eastern tour. The pastor general had flown to Amman from Damascus, Syria. Arriving in Damascus May 6.

From Minister Abdul-Karim al-Kassab's office for a drive to Syria's National Museum.

Three Mr. Armstrong was given a private tour of artifacts and relics from the time of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (early second millennium, B.C.). One artifact Mr. Armstrong viewed with interest was a coin tablet depicting the Quraysh alphabet.

He also saw a 12th-century gold and silver jewelry, clay tablets with palm-leaf different kings, and other to pagan gods of the period.

Mr. Armstrong made some additions to his book *Mysteries of the Ages* to show how ancient cultures viewed deities.

From the museum the group drove to the office of Taji Al-Attar, the Syrian minister of culture, who was Mr. Armstrong's official host for the visit. With Dr. Attar was Adil Bahmani, director general for antiquities in Syria, and William Eagleton, U.S. ambassador to Syria.

Dr. Attar thanked Mr. Armstrong for his support of the Toraj Foundation in Los Angeles.

Specialist Paul van Amstel, through whom God remained his vision.

The group drove the length of the city, including before turning left into the palace.

Mr. Armstrong recalled that he visited the same palace 29 years ago during a tour with his wife, Linn, and eldest son, evangelist Richard Armstrong.

He said the palace had not changed much in 29 years, although the city is much larger.

After visiting the palace the group drove to the residence of Ambassador Eagleton and his wife, Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. Eagleton invited a number of top U.S. Embassy personnel, Dr. and Mrs. Bahmani, and the mayor of Meysadin, a town near the city, page 3.

**VISIT WITH STUDENTS** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong (right) shares a light moment in his Amman, Jordan, home with Ammanite College students during an Ambassador's home visit in Jordan. (Photo by Aaron Dean)

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## HWA attends UN conference, travels east to address brethren

By Anne K. Dean

**PARADISE, CA**—The Worldwide Church of God's HWA (Worldwide Homecoming Workers Association) returned from July 1 after a trip to New York City to participate in the 50th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter.

Mr. Armstrong also flew to the Midwest, being 10 days later in that continent's 20th anniversary, and traveled to the Midwest through several Project UCCF in Ohio, Miss.

James K. Dean, a prominent member of the Worldwide Church of God, was Armstrong's personal aide.

In New Francisco Mr. Armstrong was hosted by the United Nations, and several other UN ambassadors and non-aligned officials.

The trip began Tuesday, June 25, with Mr. Armstrong leaving the Paradise, Calif. airport aboard the TWA flight to New York City.

Mr. Armstrong was accompanied by James K. Dean, Project UCCF and the Worldwide Church of God's Executive Director, and his wife, Michelle, and Mr. Armstrong's own, Elizabeth.

Mr. Armstrong, an active member of the United Nations since the signing of the Charter, presented the

World's 50th anniversary and 50th anniversary meeting Monday, June 24. Present speakers included UN secretary-general Javier Perez de Cuellar, UN Under-Secretary-General for Human Resources Development, and other prominent representatives from the United Kingdom, and other prominent representatives from the United States, Canada, and the Soviet Union.

Mr. Armstrong, as one of the presenters at the original conference, was seated at the head table. At the dinner function he met and talked with many of the 117 delegates representing 99 countries.

Many UN officials said the message presented that they had seen here in the world forum in the World Forum program. This shows the importance of the system being the program in New York, N.Y., in the 50th anniversary of the UN.

Various representatives of the United Nations conducted panel sessions, each making a statement on the 50th anniversary of the United Nations. Panel topics included disarmament, human rights, economic development, and the environment.

Panel 1 (1977) The discussion was conducted to explore the participation of the United Nations in the 50th anniversary of the UN. All agreed that the United Nations has failed to accomplish its high goals that were originally set for the organization.

The principal UN goal to be achieved by the "League of Nations" was to prevent the "League of Nations" from being a failure. The UN has been a failure since 1945. The UN has been a failure since 1945.

Throughout the conference, which will be announced, the news program was well represented. Mr. Armstrong, who also worked with Carlisle Brown of the Philippines, was invited to participate in the UN's 50th anniversary of the UN's formation. He had been invited to the United States and Carter's State of Affairs, and signed papers, were in the House as well.

Wednesday morning, June 26, the official anniversary ceremonies took place. Mr. Armstrong and his group arrived at 10 a.m. in the Harbor Theatre, where a declaration was signed.

The stage was draped with the flag from the original 50 nations (the original charter in 1945). A large presentation of materials from the 1940s that covered the signing by the United States of the UN Charter was displayed. The materials included letters from the United States to the United States, and other prominent representatives from the United States, Canada, and the Soviet Union.

After an address by Mayor Feinstein regarding the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, Mr. Armstrong presented a statement on the 50th anniversary of the United Nations. He stated that the United Nations has failed to accomplish its high goals that were originally set for the organization.

After the anniversary ended at 11 a.m., the group returned to the Paradise Hotel, where the news was held to a conference. The news was held to a conference. The news was held to a conference.

There Mr. Armstrong met and talked with several UN ambassadors and officials. He stated that the United Nations has failed to accomplish its high goals that were originally set for the organization.



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And that is Mr. Armstrong, again, let me see if I can figure out where that one is on the listing here. Kind of got ahead of myself with some of the people. Again, just so many different leaders.

# List of World Leaders

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 Ato Getachew Abate  
 Georges Fillet  
 Michel Ravel  
 Max Friedlander  
 Richard P. Vitek  
 Zhang Wen Jin  
 Ibrahim Igizovic  
 Meli Romero  
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 Japanese Chief of Protocol  
 U.S. Ambassador to South Vietnam  
 Algerian Ambassador to India  
 Ethiopian Ambassador to India  
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 U.S. Consul General to Bermuda  
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 Chinese Ambassador to the U.S.  
 Yugoslav Ambassador to the U.S.  
 Israeli Ambassador to the U.S.  
 Swedish Ambassador to the U.S.  
 British Ambassador to the U.S.  
 Bangladesh Ambassador to the U.S.  
 Japanese Ambassador to the U.S.  
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 Ambassador of Israel to Japan  
 Ambassador of Nepal to Japan  
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 Teddy Kollek  
 Dr. J. Grossmetsch  
 Mayor Yasa  
 Dr. Pietsch  
 Mayor Wang

Mayor of Manila, Philippines  
 Mayor of Jerusalem, Israel  
 Mayor of Pretoria, South Africa  
 Mayor of Windhoek, Namibia  
 Mayor of Vienna, Austria  
 Shanghai, China

*Mayor Cordley*  
*Mayor Franklin*

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King Leopold III  
King Mubarek  
King Bhumibol  
King Bhumibol  
King Hassan  
King Solomon II  
Emperor Hirohito  
Emperor Haile Selassie  
King Juan Carlos

Belgium  
Egypt  
Thailand  
Thailand  
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Princess Lilibet and Princess Louise

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And again, this is a list here, and again, you can't read it from there. This is a list of the dignitaries we met. It lists the kings. It lists the prime ministers. It lists some of the senators and things. It lists a lot of the mayors and governors. It lists, you know, just who they are and where we met them and what their positions were. Again, we made a copy. I got three three-inch, three-ring binders with all this stuff in it. And that's why I copied all this stuff. I stole it out of Pasadena when I left because I knew they were going to destroy everything, which they did. So I have more archives in my home than most people have in their places.

So those are all things that happened. And again, I quit showing some of the lower-level officials because the list got so long. So I basically stuck with just ambassadors and world leaders and kings that he met. But again, interesting list of people.

## Mr. Armstrong's Final Overseas Trip



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THEN HE DIED, JANUARY 16, 1986  
WITHIN A FEW YEARS, HERESY CAME.

And again, on HWA's final overseas trip, we visited nine countries in 24 days. Ninety-two years old, legally blind, barely hear. And we finished his last book, *Mystery of the Ages*, in May of 1985.

Again, was the end about here? He's got to be coming pretty soon. He can't hear, he can't see, we are meeting all these people and things and then he dies. And a lot of people in the Church thought, oh, we must have been wrong. This whole thing must be wrong. So a lot of people left when he died.

Then Mr. Tkach came along and he changed the doctrines and a bunch more people died. Then the heresy came in, the apostasy. And it was sad. And look at that.

# The Gun Lap!



- ▶ All these things led us to believe we were in the Gun Lap, ready to meet Christ. It gave an incredible energy to the church.
- ▶ When he died many felt let down.
- ▶ Many went with apostasy thinking prophecy had failed or were perhaps never converted.
- ▶ People accused HWA of simply autograph hunting or a lavish lifestyle with these trips
- ▶ Even with those who still held the truth, complacency set in.

We were always in the gun lap. All those things led us to be in the gun lap. And we were all let down because we were looking at a man and things and not God. And so that's what God wanted.

And plus God, when He is talking to Abraham, what did He say at the end? Now I know. Hey, he'd already left for the Chaldees. He'd already waited 25 years for a kid. He'd already messed up with Hagar and every time you tried doing something on your own, you're producing Ishmael. And then finally he's about to kill Isaac and God's like, okay, now I know.

And so God wanted to know with each of us in the Church where we were. Mr. Armstrong ... he held my hand ... he says, 'Promise me you'll help prepare the bride.' I said, 'How do I do that? Go back to four-hour church services and twice a day at the Feast?' And even in Texas in Big Sandy we had Unleavened Bread two services a day in the late 50s, early 60s.

And he said, 'I don't know.' But he said, 'In a few short years the Church will quit keeping the Sabbath.' I said, 'How do they quit keeping the Sabbath?' Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5, remember the Sabbath ... keep it holy ... it doesn't change.

He said it's going to happen. And he said the Church will exist, but he said the Foundation will close, the College will close.

And I said, 'Well, how's that? It doesn't say that in Scripture.' He says, 'Yeah, prophecy, it's going to happen.' All that happened. And the thing is, it had to come from the pulpit.

When Mr. Tkach took over and said, you don't have to keep the Sabbath. Oh, all the people who believe what they believe because of this book, because of Jesus Christ, stayed with it. People who did it because they're following a man, it was wonderful ... all these classes, clubs, we had the youth programs, we had the camps, we had the college, we had all this stuff. They said, 'Oh, it's over. I don't do this anymore.'

And so from the pulpit, you were offered, quit going to Church, follow the heresy, start your own church, follow somebody else, anything you want. God knows whether you chose Christ as your king or not. And I think that was the whole purpose of what God did at that time was to prepare the bride. And I think that's what's been going on ever since he died.

God has been shaking the Church and showing whether people believe that Christ is the head of the Church or whether they're the head of the Church or somebody else or whether you have to go to church or is it even real. And again, when you look at man versus God and His Truth, that's what happens to you. And it's sad.

But the unfortunate thing is because it wasn't exciting anymore complacency sets in. The sense of urgency isn't near what it was back when I was younger. And I try to get people to have that sense of urgency and to remember what happened.

## When Jesus died...



- ▶ John 21:1 After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed *Himself*.
- ▶ 2 Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the *sons* of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together.
- ▶ 3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.
- ▶ 4 But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

When Jesus died, what did they say? That's John 21 up there. And I paraphrase it there. It said this saying went out that John would be alive to the end, but Christ didn't say John would be alive to the end.

All he says is 'If I tarry, you know, if you tarry till I come, what is that to you?' But they thought that ... the Church thought that the apostles would be alive ... Christ is going to return because the Spirit was sent.

And what does Joel 2 says? The Spirit's going to come and after that the end. Well, there's a lot of time between those two verses there. But they thought it was coming. And so they weren't there. They're staying in Jerusalem, staying there together because we're waiting for Christ to come. So persecution set in and they got scattered because they had to go off to the world.

And so John wasn't alive till Christ returned. I always thought how could they be 2,000 years off? At least we're only 35 years off so far.

## Does God let People think Wrong? John 21:20-24



- ▶ 20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrays you? 21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what *shall* this man *do*?
- ▶ 22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.
- ▶ 23 Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to you?
- ▶ 24 This is the disciple which testifies of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.

And then you also had the Apostle Paul. You know? Were we wrong? Apostle Paul. You know, Peter, that's the same scripture there. But Paul's writing. Again, that's the limit.



### ▶ Paul says this:

- ▶ I Thessalonians 4:15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.
- ▶ 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.
- ▶ 17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

‘Those of us who are alive and remain will rise to meet him in the air.’ Well, he wasn't one of the us's. He's one of those who dead in Christ rise first.

And so they thought, and for some reason it seems like God gives us that ability when He picks leaders to think they'll be here till Christ returns to be stimulated, to have a sense of urgency. And so that's what was happening with the Church at that time.

## Were we right or wrong?



- ▶ The prophecies will happen!
- ▶ The end time will come!
- ▶ We cannot assume to know the exact dates?
- ▶ We must be prepared, as it will come as a "thief in the Night".
- ▶ We must never get complacent.

Again, were we right or wrong? Well, the prophecies are still going to happen. The scripture's right. And whether that happens or not ... my dad, my stepfather gave me some good advice when I went on the plane ... he says, you're going to see and hear a lot of things. A lot of things won't be right necessarily. And he says, separate salvation from people.

He said if you were there when Abraham lied about his wife, I don't want any of that. If you were there when David was killing Uriah and sleeping with Bathsheba, I don't want any of that. If you're there when Peter denied Christ, I don't want any of that. But it's not about people. People make mistakes. Christ is the only one that didn't. And so don't let that happen.

And so, yeah, Christ is going to come. All the things that we said are going to happen. It's just they weren't happening then. We thought they were. And because

we want the kingdom to go. We want them then ... we want these things to happen.

But now we're 35 years down the road. How much more time is there? I don't know.

When you look at what's happening in the world right now, the governments, the plagues, the volcanoes erupting, the currency, the Bitcoin, there's going to be a ... the currency is going to be something that the world will control. No man can buy and sell. You can turn it off in a minute. You can {keep?} people. I was watching some of the ... one of the off channels. I was watching the things where they were talking to Kennedy, Robert Kennedy running. All the things he was saying about censorship and not one of it was on the news.

They basically, even in the meetings there are some that they can shut us up. They can censor us. It says there will be a famine of the Word. There will be a great falling away. Is that the Church? There's been a lot of falling away from the Church over the years. I don't know. But those things are happening and will happen and God knows ... He is in control of when those things happen. But I don't think it's very long.



Do people get discouraged and fall away?

▶ Thessalonians 2:3 <sup>3</sup>Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;



Again, ‘Let no man deceive you by any means for that day shall not come except to come a great falling away. The man of sin is revealed.’ It's not a petition. Is that a falling away? How can you fall away unless you have the truth?

We've had thousands of people leave the Church. Again, what does God mean by that? Different ways to interpret it. Scripture is true. How we interpret it may not be.

I always talk to people and they have a different point of view and I say, well, you can be right. I can be right. We both can be wrong. We can't both be right. And so you keep studying it. That's where we go with that. Those things are happening.



There's the Council of Elders, 1982. You can see them there. All of them are dead except myself and Mr. Helge and my wife, his wife. Half of them went apostatized. These are evangelists in the Church, people that have been trained in Ambassador College and things. And they gave it up. You can't fall away. You can lose out on what God offers in that.

I was 25 years younger than the next one up and Mr. Armstrong. But like I said, to be in the meetings, to be in the room, to know exactly what happened and to see the men and why God appointed Mr. Tkach because He wanted us to go through these things. He knows what's happening.

I'm sure in the temple in Jerusalem, when we have the temple, they're not going to take Jerusalem and then destroy it and burn it down. So if things are not it, even if it's God's temple. Again, if you believe the scriptures, what you're told.

If you believed  
the scriptures  
and proved  
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believe, you  
could no  
longer be a  
minister in  
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[425] From: Don [Church Office] Hears at TEXAD 3/7/96 3:12PM (1601 bytes: 28 in)  
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I have spoken at some length with Aaron in order to determine whether he is able to agree with the doctrinal positions now believed and taught by the Worldwide Church of God, and is able to continue to function usefully as a minister of the Worldwide Church of God.

He continues to be convinced that the Church is in error in concluding that observance of the Sabbath is no longer required of Christians.

He is not attending Church services. He feels it better to stay away; if he attends he believes people with questions about the Church's position will seek him out to find out where he stands; if they do he will feel conscience-bound to tell them; and he prefers not to take the risk of thus becoming perceived to be a cause of disaffection.

Aaron is open to dialogue. I hope to continue to discuss the issues with him, and I hope the discussions will be mutually beneficial.

However I believe it is best to revoke Aaron's ministerial status since his strong reservations about the church's theology make it impossible or unlikely for him to be used to fulfill any of the functions of a minister, e.g. for purposes of preaching or counselling.

Please take the necessary steps to change his status from that of minister to that of member.

Best regards,

Don Hears



This is the one where they defrock me. And they said you can no longer be an elder because I told them I couldn't go to Church because I might actually say something I believed, which would be very different than what they were teaching. I was causing division. So all the people that weren't allowed to go to the other churches came to my house. We had church in my house for a while the last couple of years.

They could not fire me at the college because Mr. Tkach, when Mr. Armstrong died, I got removed from the council, removed from being his aide, removed from the vice presidency and ended up at the College, which is where I wanted to be, to have a family. I did have my two kids and moved to Texas with the College. And so I was there, but I did a business degree. And because of the accreditation, they couldn't fire me for my religion. All the other theology faculty were kicked out if they believed the truth. So I was there as a business faculty, so religion was my opinion, business was my degree, and so therefore they could not fire me. So I had all the students in my house, and I told them all the things that were going on with the Church.

I had all the pictures on the wall. I got a museum room in my house that has all the pictures and things of people we met, various things. So I could explain to the students what it was, and all the students who hung onto the truth, you know, I could help them.

And so I didn't join United when it started in 95 because I got asked to, but I said, 'Hey, I'm the only one that can help the students here at the College.' And a lot of parents called me saying, 'Hey, please don't leave. We need to have somebody.' In fact, Dr. Hoeh called me and said, 'We need at least one converted person in the College.' And I thought that was kind of cute. But it was an interesting time, to say the least. But they said I could no longer serve there, which I was there to. I had a three-hour conference with him, which meant I chewed him out the whole time, told him he was wrong. And he got mad at me and finally said, well, you can say this, Mr. Tkach is dead, Mr. Armstrong is dead. And I said, well, do you want me to show the police records?

Because some of the people, there are things that happened with people in the Church that left us that really, I think, were probably never converted, that were wrong. And I never used any of the things I knew to hurt anybody. They used everything they knew about people to try to blackmail them or whatever. That's not Christianity. And they were supposed to be the new Christians who were better than the old Christians. That's old covenant Christians, which were not old covenant. That's not true at all.

But the thing is ... is these people, they had ... Mr. Tkach came to a meeting there, a faculty meeting. Somebody said, 'Why are you letting your staff make all these changes?' And he said, 'No, I'm not. I didn't believe this in the 70s.' And I was there keeping my promise to tell Mr. Tkach when he's wrong, which Mr. Armstrong made me do.

And I ... 'Mr. Tkach, you told Mr. Armstrong you believed all the doctrines and now you're saying you didn't in the 70s. Are you lying today or were you lying to him?' Meeting over. Because, yeah, Mr. Armstrong made me promise that to him. He says, 'Promise me you'll tell him when he's wrong.' He made me Pastor General. I was Pastor General for half an hour to an hour. And I was smart

because I talked him out of it. But, no, the thing is ... he came downstairs and he says, 'Aaron, you're the Pastor General.'

I said, 'Did God tell you that?' He said, no.

I said, 'Why are you trying to kill me?' And he says, 'What do you mean?'

I told him, I said, 'Look at the people of the Bible, you know. You don't want this unless God wants it. If God told you, I'd do it.' God would help me, but He didn't.

I could have talked about Josiah and Joash and David and Christ. I was 33 at the time. But I knew if God doesn't want you to have it, you don't want it. And if He does want you, if you wanted me, I could have never talked him out of it. That's when he decided to appoint Mr. Tkach. And that's when he made a promise, tell Mr. Tkach when he's wrong.

I said, 'You're asking me to tell my boss when he's wrong?'

He says, 'You did me.' Which is probably the best compliment he ever gave me because I was very honest with him because for seven years I'd seen the things that had gone wrong. And I always said I'd tell him everything. And I did. And a lot of it he didn't want to hear. But like I said ... when he made me his aide again, I promised him some promises. I turned the job down three times, and he finally said, I'm not asking you. I'm telling you you're my aide. So I ended up being that.

And I told him, I said, 'I'm handicapped.' He pulls his eye up and was looking at me.

I said, 'No, Mr. Armstrong, I don't want to control the money, don't want to control the time, and I will not lie to you.' And he started laughing because he knew what I meant because people before had told him lies. They had told him partial truths. And all the decisions I saw him make wrong were because people gave him wrong information. And if you have bad information, you make bad decisions. And so I wanted to make sure. In fact, Captain Black told me, 'Aaron, you're his aide now. You give him the right information, he'll make the right decision.'

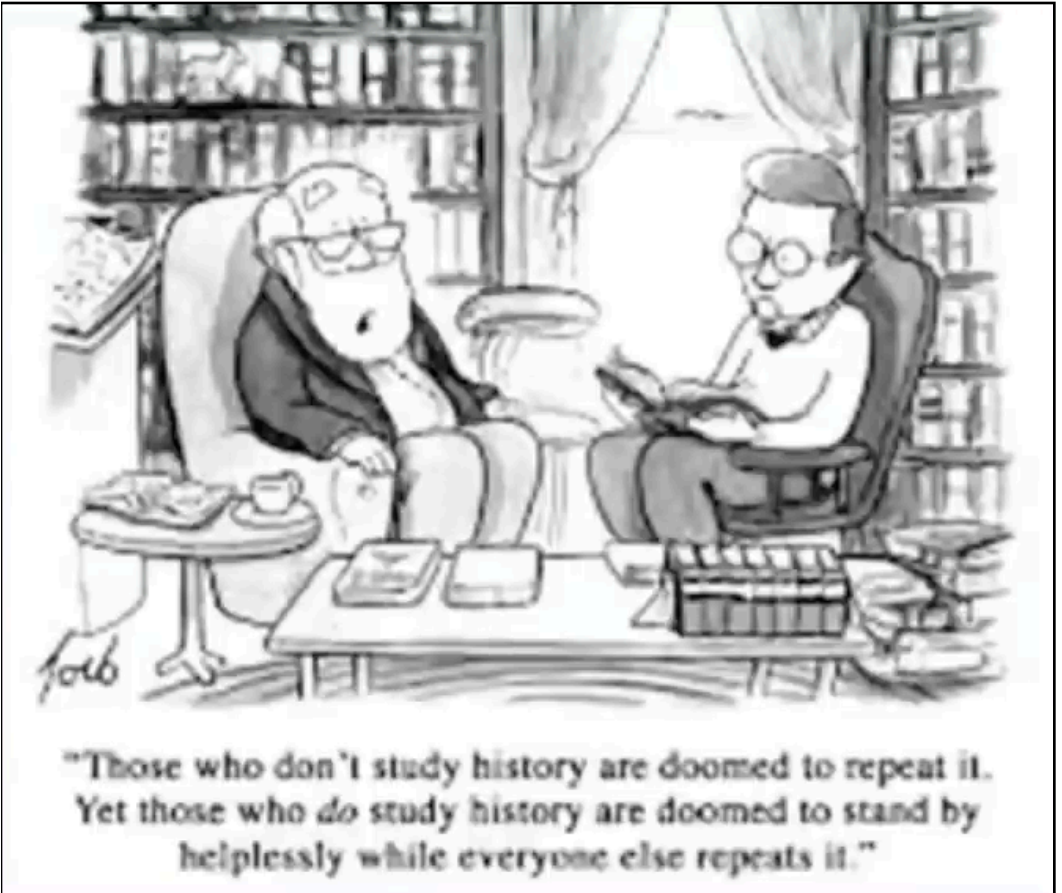
I said, 'No, Captain, if I give him the right information, he'll make my decision. If I give him all the information, he'll make the right decision.' And so that's what I played. I told him everything straight up, whether it was good or bad. And I had to tell him a lot of things he didn't want to hear. But that was my job. And that's what we all need to do. Because we've got to be honest enough to know it.



This is a thing I used in a sermon once where the world is gone now. This is something written by a man outside.

He says, 'First we overlook evil, then we permit evil, then we legalize evil, then we promote evil, then we celebrate evil, then we persecute those who still call it evil.' That's where we are. We are there now.

How far is the end of the way? Only God knows. But we're in the exponential part of the curve for the world going downhill. And it's all coming together.



This is a comic I have there. Again, this is the guy talking to him and saying those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it. He says those who remember the past are doomed to have to live through those who overlook the past. So, another thing we're at too. People don't realize where we're at.

Slides Forum

Bernard Braine of British Parliament (Photo AD)

King Hussein, 10 Downing St. Judge Sing court of International Justice at the Hague

Arlowongsiagatayana 18<sup>th</sup> Supreme Patriarch Thai Budism at HWA's office

Arla Won Sagaytay Ana

Stan Bass Bermuda meeting with US Consul General Max Friedendorf and the governor general of Bermuda

Jaun Carlos Spain and Greece's Constantinos Papakonstan head of Greek New Democratic Party, Athen Rotary and tour of Aereopogus, (Mars Hill) Also met with George Vayodis of the greek parliament and VP of Council of Europe

Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanda Thailand Medal "Commander of our most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand

PM Nakasone (flew in Australia Q)

Gift from crown Prince Hassan,...TV in Jordan.

Lora Spenser of Allthorpe (Father of Princes Dianna)

Queen Noor,...also speaker of the house Danish who asked HWA to meet with Queen Margarate of Denmark. Flew to Hague to meet with Otto von Hapsburg, .... (page) Then Jordan queen Noor Prince Raad and Princes Majda, then Israel - Parliament Israel Knesset Menachin Savidor

King Brenda Queen Ashwarya Nepal (Father King Mahendra)

Mayor Bradley, John Van de Kamp - Dlsanyaka, Premchandra, Festus Perera Sri Lanka - then flew to Dacca Bangladesh to meet the Prime minister

Takayashi Yamaguaci of Japan Life, HWA office, Helicopter

7 Laws of Success In Japanese (Announces Mystery of the Ages to be given at FOT)


Chinese: Soong Ching Ling Foundation and Gi Zixin center (to build auditorium in China) Note 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Income 15%.

Shimon Perez PM Israel

Adnan Abu Odeh Jordan at HWA house

Vernon Walters US ambassador to UN at 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN Met with 2 of 4 living original signers, Gen Romulo - philpines, Charles Malik Lebanon, Harold Stasson for the US. HWA talked with delegates to UN

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And that's a listing of some of the people I have on some of the slides.

Anyway, I thought I would share that with you to show you why we thought what we did then. It was a magnificent thing. But it's not things and it's not people. It's God's Work and it's God's Spirit and His might and His power that do that for us. And how God looks at down the road all these things we did, He knows what they're doing. He knew what the apostles did. He let them think they'd be alive. They worked hard and they got killed and they died. And the same thing's happened for 2,000 years. And the end is near. There's no question in my mind it's near. How near? God only knows. But we are destroying ourselves rapidly.

And the thing I would say of anything is, you know, get your spiritual life in order. Make sure you're ready. Because it's going to come as a thief in the night. Overnight, they can change your money. There's a discussion now of our national debt.

In Greece, when they had the problem with their money, overnight, your money, they dropped it so that if you had \$100,000, you had \$43,000 the next day. They just took it. That can happen here, especially if they change to a digital currency,



which they're talking about ... they've already done trial runs with it. And it could change any time in the next few months to a digital currency. At which point in time, they can say, they're already doing it in China, if you have the wrong beliefs, they're going to turn off your bank account. You can't buy anything, can't sell anything.

What does Revelation say? No man can buy and sell. I mean, those things are right here in technology. It can happen any time. So, again, get your spiritual lives in order. Have the sense of urgency. Make sure you're ready, because Christ is coming.

With that, I'll give up for the announcements. And do you have any questions or things you want to ask about or any stories or any things that I'm sure a lot of things that I threw up there would bring on different questions. Again, if you want closure on some things, I have no problem with any question anybody wants to ask. I've mentioned them all in public forums before. Because, again, hearing what happened versus going on the Internet and reading stuff that is so off the wall in some cases and why, you know, it's out there. Satan wants it out there, obviously.

But, again, Mr. Armstrong was a friend. I don't worship the man. I know his faults better than anyone. But at the same time, he is a piece of history. I like Moses, too. He is a piece of history. And all of them applauded ... Mr. Armstrong chewed out the Church once ... they applauded when he got up. 'I'm not here to entertain you.'

And the people would say, well, I think. And Mr. Armstrong said, 'I don't want to know what you think. What does God think?' And that's where he was. And that's what he would want all of us to be in that same boat.

So, with that, I will get down and then come back if you want to hear some more things.

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## Q&A

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Well, depending on how hungry you are, this could be the shortest Q&A we've had. Looking at my watch. Has anybody written any questions? You all have all the answers. I tried to answer as many as I could in the show to make it a little easier. And, yes?

*[Audience] I will start it. Back in the early days, you had one of the darker times in the Church. I figured it was the receivership thing.*

Yes.

*[Audience] Will you talk about that?*

Yes, the receivership. It was interesting because, of course, Ted Armstrong had been put out of the Church for some moral issues and things. And one of his people filed a suit because they were hoping to get Ted Armstrong back into the Church and various things.

There were three groups in that. There was the people outside that wanted to come back in. There was the State of California that wanted to take over churches. And then there were some people in the Church that wanted to get rid of Stan Rader, who was a lawyer at the time. The old-timers would know that. He was someone who tried to take over the Church at one point, too. And they were going to get rid of him.

They thought, well, Jonestown, the old people remember Jonestown is where the people went down to Guyana and then drank the Kool-Aid and died and all that stuff. So California was using that as leverage to try to take over churches.

And so they filed a suit on the Church based on the fact that we were selling the Big Sandy Campus for way less than it was worth, and we're going to pocket the money and run off to the Caribbean or something or whatever. And there was no

truth or substance to it because we were selling the Big Sandy campus at the time ... it was up for sale ... we ended up not selling it at that time because of that. But it was interesting.

Someone who made an offer on the thing of \$10 million. Our appraisal for the property was this thick. Every building, everything that was in it. And basically it said a distressed sale would bring \$4 to \$6 million, an average sale \$6 to \$8 million, and a sale, if someone wanted it as it was, \$8 to \$10 million. We had an offer at \$10 million.

And yet in this newspaper article, the guy that made the offer and put down, I don't know, \$50-100,000 earnest money, he was trying to resell it to Liberty Baptist Church and other churches.

So he was going around, and in the newspaper it said, we have this property worth \$50 million, and they're selling it for \$10 million, trying to sell it. And it was a newspaper clip, and that long is what they had.

The other thing they had in the lawsuit was that the Church had bought a dozen golf balls for King Leopold to play golf in Singapore. And therefore we were mispending money. Oh, man, if that's mispending money, then you can put all the senators and congressmen in jail. But it was just that, and they were saying all these things.

And because they had people already set up ... interesting that the lawyer that they had, when they filed this, they had already gone to a judge, which is illegal, and already had a verdict to get an ex-parte. Ex-parte means you come in without notice. Normally with legal things you have to give them notice, you have to read your rights, all these things, for criminals, all these things, the statutes. They already had their two judges in Superior Court of California for conservatorship.

And the receivership probably thinks bankruptcy back when the newspaper headlined your receivership, probably thought that we were going bankrupt. But that wasn't what it was. It was receivership because they were trying to take over the Church itself.

And so there's one line, and when you're in line, it's next, you go to that judge, and it's next to this judge. And then if that judge is free first, then you go to that judge. Well, when they got to the front of the line to file the suit, they had the wrong judge. They had to let the person behind them go in front of them to do it. So they knew, and Stan Rader knew this ... that's what was funny to me, because one of the things that this lawyer did, he wanted to stay with the Church like that. At the same time, he wasn't part of the Church. He became part of the Church, quote, unquote.

But there were two or three times he had written a letter to Mr. Armstrong offering to resign. And every time it happened, there was always something that came up that would make him not resign, that he needed to be there. And in fact, that's how he got baptized, to go to the story. He actually wrote a letter to Mr. Armstrong because people were attacking him at that time. And again, there's a good reason for some of the attacks.

But he wrote a letter to Mr. Armstrong. 'Mr. Armstrong, the world tomorrow is going to be so wonderful. The millennium is wonderful, and the Kingdom of God and the Feast days.' And of course he traveled to Mr. Armstrong and heard him talk so many times he knew what to write. So what he wrote, basically, is about six pages of flattery with all these wonderful things that the Church is so great and the Kingdom of God and Christ returning, all this like that. And the last paragraph was, but I can't see myself joining a church that has your son with his issues, and he listed the evangelists and their sins because he knew what they were. And so to me, it was flattery, flattery, flattery, legal clause, I can't join. He was real proud of himself for this letter.

And Mr. Armstrong reads it. He looks at him, and he says, is this true? What are you going to say, I'm lying to you?

Yes.

He says these people have nothing to do with your salvation. If you believe this, you're ready for baptism. Well, do you say I'm lying and kill the goose that lays a golden egg and get fired, or do you get baptized, so he got baptized?

Now I actually supported him for a while because at baptism he changed. Before that he ate pork, he did different things, even though he's Jewish. Also, I was a crew member, it was a caste system. Mr. Armstrong didn't know this, but I knew it. And if I was in a restaurant and I just started my salad, I had to leave. I signed the bill and leave because I was a lowly crew member and they were pastors. And then all of a sudden he gets baptized, and all of a sudden I'm invited to dinner. And again, the rules changed. It's kind of like you're playing soccer, and you're not allowed to touch the ball, and now you're playing American football, and oh, you get to touch the ball. So the rules changed. So he did a lot of things that made it look like, wow, like a Pauline experience.

Well when the receivership came he used that to call himself back. He actually sent a resignation letter to Mr. Armstrong three days before the receivership hit. And the reason I know what happened in line because he had somebody there to do it, so I knew he knew about it. So he knew when he sent his resignation letter to Mr. Armstrong that this lawsuit was coming.

Now Stan Rader was the number one student in USC in his year. He was the editor of the *Law Review* and the whole thing. And he was also a CPA. So the minute the receivership hit he called Mr. Armstrong, 'I understand the State of California is trying to take over your Church. You know, I was the number one law student. You know, I resigned. I'm willing to step back and not take money and all that, et cetera. But if you need me, I'll be there.' So naturally he got invited back in. And so there were people trying to get rid of him at the time and all those things happening.

But the receivership, I was there in the receivership. And again the whole thing tied into Mr. Tkach as well because Mr. Tkach was assigned by Dr. Merritt to be with the Whittles because they had an ongoing feud. And so he told Mr. Tkach he wouldn't amount to anything. And when the receivership and the sit-ins happened, they were at a ministers' conference in Tucson. And Dr. Merritt told Mr. Tkach, well you stay here and take care of things here. All the rest of us, you're not that important, so the rest of us are going to Tucson. Well, that's when the sit-ins happened.

And in Mr. Rader's book, *Against the Gates of Hell*, it talks about him joining Church service in the hall, which he did, but all the stuff going on was up top.

I said at that time in the Church no one who was a local elder, termed at that time, would call people and say, hey, come stand up against the State of California. I was calling people and setting them up to come in, and I was doing that because the lawyers were upset because the Church wasn't reacting. Well, we're subject to government. You know, Romans said, be subject to government. And so they said, 'Look, if you're making it look like to the state, like, hey, everybody doesn't care, get rid of these people.'

The deputy receiver told me the first day they came in, he says, 'We're here, and we're taking over your church, and next year you'll be keeping Christmas. We're gonna change your religion and make it more mainstream.' And I'm going, whoa, this is the United States, separation of church and state, how can you do that? But that's what he was doing.

They fired Mr. Armstrong, and then Michelle was at the door. She kept him out. That's in the book, too ... a little Mickey Dean at five foot two kept the State of California out of the first floor offices, and they threatened her with jail, and she said, 'Well, that's okay, I'm not letting you in.' But you don't go to jail until they prove you're wrong, so she was okay.

But the receivership was to take over the Church and they wanted to, and a couple of the board members, a couple of people from the inside that the State thought could help weren't board members. Wayne Cole was one of it, and I think Wayne Cole's a good guy. I've talked to him since a number of times, but he wanted to get the Church right and do it. Several people tried to do this, but they all wanted to do it like David slaying Goliath. 'I can be the important person doing this thing.' And if your motives are wrong, your actions are wrong. Even if you're doing the right thing for the wrong reason, it is still wrong. And so that was happening.

Well they came in and took money. They claimed that Mr. Armstrong was overpaid, and they paid themselves more than he was making. They paid him, the deputy receiver. The deputy receiver had a daughter who was a lawyer that they

were using, and we didn't have enough lawyers in L.A., so she had to fly from her home in San Francisco down here and back every weekend, and we had to pay for hotels and everything. I mean, talk about corruption. It was there, so we had to get them out.

And the most interesting thing for me with God, here's a miracle from God. We had been trying to sell the Brickwood Campus in England since 1974 when it closed. Here it is 1979. It never sold, it finally sold a couple months, and it was closing ... it was due to close the day of the receivership and the money was going to be transferred in. Stan Rader and the gang of lawyers that we had were desperately trying to stop the money from coming in. Their strategy was to stop the money coming in, the receiver goes bankrupt, and then they won't stay there. If you can't get money, why stay? And so that was their strategy.

But that strategy would have been bad for the Church because for the Church to go bankrupt, and that's what a lot of people thought we were going to bankrupt anyway, headline "Receivership Over the Church."

And in fact, the performers at the Ambassador Auditorium that came, Pavarotti and all those guys, they thought we were in bankruptcy. They would not perform unless they were paid in cash. So again, I'm the drug lord again. We had to go down and get cash, you know, \$30,000, \$40,000 in cash to pay these people. And once you'd pay them, before they counted, they'd go on stage and perform. That was kind of the deal. Like I said, it's crazy because it wasn't a bankruptcy.

But it was interesting because the cash, we couldn't stop it. It came to the receiver. The receiver, instead of putting the money in the bank and saving it, we had a bunch of buildings we had loans on. And the money we had loans on for the buildings was almost the exact amount of the money coming from England. So what he did is he assumed that the tithes were account receivable and the money would keep coming in, so he took the money and paid off all of our buildings. So instead of having all this cash, we had our buildings free and clear.

And now, Mr. Armstrong wrote a letter saying, send your tithes to Tucson to a post office box there. And now the receiver's desperate because he has no cash to

do anything. And we weren't bankrupt, and so everything, so the Church never went bankrupt. So it really looked good for the Church to not have a bankruptcy and all these things in the receivership. And so God let it happen and moved the receiver to do what he did.

And in three months, we had the sit-ins where we sat in the buildings. And my next-door neighbor was a policeman in Pasadena, and I'd go home at night and he'd tell me, 'Oh, you won't believe what they told us today. We're going to go down and smash the windows in and do this stuff.' And all the cops said, 'No, we're not doing that. People are good people. We're not doing that.' So I was hearing what was going on from each side. But the receivership, that was what it was designed for. And that actually brought to light a lot of things that were going on. And again Mr. Armstrong was able to use that to help straighten out the Church and make things work right.

And it also, again, a lot of the people that were involved with that that tried to get rid of the Church, Mr. Armstrong disfellowshipped them because, I mean, you don't call Mr. Armstrong and say, 'Hey, you should let the receiver come in. All they want to do is check our books.' That's what, you know, we're pretty ignorant, most of us Church members, about what the law is. They just want to check our books and make sure we're running things right. And we don't do anything wrong. Well, if you know anything about the government and them you don't let them in. President Trump found that out.

But, I mean, they had all sorts of things in the lawsuit. And we stopped them at the door and did not let them in. And finally, they got in an hour later. And it was interesting, in the court transcript, and you can read the transcripts, it says, we were met at the door by some young people. It was a stall tactic because they took all the gold and they hid it in the air conditioning ducts in the thing. And by the time we got up there, they had moved it out. Well, how do you prove something that was never there got taken out? I mean, they had some really crazy stuff written in this thing.

When the judge finally saw the complaint, saw our things, everything we'd done, went through the stuff, the edict, and you can read this, too, he just said this case



was wrong. It should never have been filed in the first place. It was done wrong up front, et cetera. And then they were out at that point. It cost us some money. But at the same time, it straightened out the Church and put us back on a keel. So that was what the receivership did.

And like I said, the thing from Bricketwood and the sale and paying off the building. So when the receiver was out, here we had all the debts paid for free and clear. We had a straight cash basis at that point. We didn't need to borrow money or anything. And why from '74 until it happened that very day? I mean, a lot of things are coincidence.

Another thing that's sad for me, because Mr. Tkach was a friend, although I didn't like what he did. When he announced from the pulpit that the Sabbath is done away, you don't have to keep it. And if I'm wrong, God can take me. He died 40 weeks to the day on the Sabbath of saying that.

And one of the nurses for Mr. Armstrong was also a nurse for Mr. Tkach ... he had three nurses ... and they tried to sell his death as a peaceful, happy death that God gave him a merciful death because he had changed all these wonderful doctrines and took us away from the law, the burden of keeping the Sabbath and things. The truth is the nurses were asked to write that in a book. They told them, he wants you to write he died peacefully asleep, surrounded by his loving family. None of the three nurses would write it. All they would write is he died in his sleep. All they would write is he died with his family around him. That's all they would write. They took the books away from them so that they could advertise what they wanted to say about him.

The truth of the matter was, the one nurse told me, in 18 years of nursing, she had never seen a more hideous death than Mr. Tkach's. He had cancer in every bone in his body. He could not even roll over in bed without swearing and screaming. And she said he did not have cancer before that sermon. And this was like, you know, you read that in the Bible, what happened to Herod and some of the people there. And again, 40 is the number of judgment. And it's scary. I don't want that on my tombstone.

And I saw Mr. Tkach in August before he died in September, and I could see in his eye, I said, 'Mr. Tkach, you're dying.' I said, 'You need to go back and listen to Mr. Armstrong's tapes. You said these things, and they're not true.' And he said, 'Well, Mike and Joe wouldn't lie to him.'

I said, 'Wait a minute, did they tell you this?'

'Yes ...'

'... that was a lie ... did they tell you this? That was a lie.' I went through a half dozen things that they'd lied about.

And part of the things he did is they would tell him the whole Church is agreeing with this, and he'd say up in the pulpit and then find out everybody's riding him and say, 'Hey, this was wrong,' and he would never change back.

In August, before he died, he admitted to me he could not prove a single change he allowed in the Church. And I said, 'You do not have the right to change something unless you can prove it.' But again, God was testing us.

And when you see those things happen and how God works it, and one of the things when he ... all the promises ... he made a ton of promises to Mr. Armstrong in that last week, you know, before he died.

And they kept saying that, in fact, if you look on the web, they have a thing from Grace Communion now, which is the old Worldwide, that their thing on how it all happened and how God brought them to this new truth and all this stuff and how we had one apostle who said, keep the Sabbath and all these laws, and we had another apostle that was appointed that said, you don't have to do this. And we had to look in the Bible and see what was right.

And I wrote this, because that was said in one of the college blogs from previous graduates, not a church thing.

They said that, and they said, you all know what happened to read *Transformed by Truth* and that. And I wrote on there, I said, ‘No. The book should have been *Transformed By Lies*. They lied about everything.’

I said, show the document, because the document Mr. Armstrong signed that the legal office wrote up is fairly long, and it said, ‘I am hereby appointing Mr. Tkach, he's going to be president, chairman, all my titles.’ Mr. Armstrong would not sign it. I had to put a little mark in there and above it write, ‘except that of apostle.’ He said, ‘I cannot give the spiritual title. God has not told me. If you keep the Sabbath, if you keep the holidays, if you hold fast the truth, God will give it to you. I can't.’

I said, ‘Show the document.’ He was never made an apostle. He didn't keep the truth. He didn't hold fast. And I said, ‘Everything you said was lies.’ And I went through all the different ... I said, ‘I'm not going to do the ‘he said, she said’’. I'll tell you the things that actually happened. Show the documents. This is what they are. I know what they said because I read them and wrote them, some of them.

And he said, ‘Mr. Armstrong wanted to apologize to Dr. Stavrinides,’ who is Greek, who did the thing on the Trinity for them, the hypostasis and all that. I said, ‘Mr. Tkach, in the intro to his film, which was sent to all the ministers ... these tapes of that ... and he said Mr. Armstrong wanted me to apologize to him for terminating him and that people came and did him in.’ And I called Mr. Tkach and I said, ‘He was not done in.’ I said, ‘... and you know that. This is a lie.’

I said ‘Dr. Stavrinides has several people’ ... a lot of people left the Church because of him because he was teaching things in his Greek class and stuff that said the Bible really wasn't true and it wasn't three days and a lot of things. And Mr. Armstrong, and he had a different thing on Born Again, et cetera. But I said, ‘Mr. Armstrong did not do him in.’

What happened is one of the students taped his classes. He brought the tapes, Mr. McNair was over at the college, brought it up, started to talk to Mr. Armstrong. Mr. McNair, don't talk.

I said, we took the tapes, put them in the tape recorder, we played them to Mr. Armstrong. He listened to about two or three hours ... it was fast. He said, 'That man does not have God's Spirit, he'll teach over my dead body.' And he was removed from the College. And you're saying that Mr. Armstrong apologized to him.

I said, 'OK, go up to the house and ask the people that worked at Mr. Armstrong's house because his heart doctor came out one day and says, who's the 'Stradivarius' guy?' That was Mr. Armstrong ... he was joking about that. And I said, 'Stavriniades'. And he ordered the staff, don't mention his name in this house. When you do, that man has a heart attack. And this is a month before he dies. And you're there, you heard that, and now you're saying that you just remember something else that Mr. Armstrong told you, that you're supposed to apologize to him.

I said, 'If you're being done in by playing your tapes, tape me and play it back and do me in. Nobody came, nobody did him in. That was wrong. You're trying to support your position on the Sabbath.'

Another thing in Texas, he said, 'Mr. Armstrong, I should tell you about these formal dinners Mr. Armstrong had.' Every Friday night, he had a formal dinner for the students.

I said, 'Mr. Tkach ... [Mr. Armstrong] never had a formal dinner on a Friday night because that was the Sabbath.' And I said, 'Even if I wanted to lie for you,' I said, 'you have hundreds of students, none of them ever went on a Friday night.' The people who made the dinner list were the student body officers and the class presidents, and they were told you can only do it Sunday through Thursday. So you have hundreds of people ... you have a dozen people who actually made the list, and you have hundreds of people who went who never went on the Sabbath, and yet you tell the whole forum that Mr. Armstrong had these dinners on Friday night. That was a lie. And I mean, every time he did one, I did it. And these are things, black and white, you can prove. It wasn't the 'he said, she said' stuff where you can't prove.

And I put that all on that forum, and what was funny to me is how many of the people that don't go to Church anymore that agreed with me. In fact, a couple of them had been ministers and quit Church altogether. And they wrote and said they were treated by the Tkach's worse than anybody's ever treated them in their lives, which I thought was kind of funny. They wrote me privately some of them, and one of the people on the inside that left, Mr. Tkach, wrote me and said, yeah, exactly what you said was exactly what happened, the whole thing. So they wouldn't ... Mike and Joe are on that forum, and they wouldn't say anything, obviously, because they know what I'm saying is the truth, and they admit it.

So again, those things happen, but again, go read about the Kings in Chronicles, read about Queen Atholiah who kills all the king's children, tries to be in charge, and Simon Magus, who offers money so I can give the Spirit. 'I want to get in front of this parade. I want to heal people and have 5,000 people come and follow me.' So that's always been the case of people, and the people aren't necessarily bad people. I don't think a lot of them just probably never had the Spirit of God to start with, and they crept in unawares.

And so that happened, and everybody asked them, so why did he appoint Mr. Tkach then? Somebody else wouldn't have changed the doctrines. But again, how would we have all been tested if he hadn't done that?

And so all these little pieces along the way ... I look at the receivership and the fact that Tkach was left there because he was so low, it's what brought him into the picture to be put over Ministerial Services to be in a position to be put in charge of the Church, but only the physical positions. Mr. Tkach asked to be ordained to the job at least a dozen times. Every time, Mr. Armstrong was, 'No, I cannot. God can do it if you hold fast, if you do it.'

He took the title of apostle within two months of Mr. Armstrong's death. I challenged him on that because the *Pastor General Report* came out that said the man who Mr. Tkach appointed in his old job turns around and says, 'Oh, he's an apostle.' And I said, 'You want to be an apostle because the man who you put in your old job scratches your back, and now he says you're an apostle? You know what Mr. Armstrong said.' And he says 'I have to be over these men.' He started

yelling at me, and the veins were coming out. And I finally said, ‘Wait a minute, wasn't Peter one of 12 apostles? There wasn't a super apostle.’ So he called Dr. Hoeh ... Dr. Hoeh agreed with me.

It was interesting, though, because the next day I was up on the executive office floor, which is the top floor, fourth floor of the Hall of Administration. And I walk in there, and the PGR had come out, and Dr. Meredith and Raymond McNair were reading it, the two evangelists, and they said that article's not in there. I said, ‘Well, yeah, I know that.’ I said, ‘Did you agree with the article?’ ‘No, absolutely not.’

I said, ‘Did you say anything?’ ‘Oh, no, we didn't say anything.’ I said, ‘I did.’ They started laughing. I said, ‘What are you laughing at?’ ‘Well now we know why you were removed from the Council of Elders this morning.’

Yes, question, Randy.

*[Audience] {?}*

Ok, go for it.

*[Audience] Mr. Rader's book, "Against the Gates of Hell" ...*

Yes ... yeah ...

*[Audience] ... would you say it is pretty much heresy and lies?*

The appendix with all the transcripts are perfect. Michelle's part was true. Tkach's part was kind of true. He did lead the services downstairs because we needed a minister to do that while we were upstairs doing the phone calls. I called all the people I had come to the thing, and they all asked me, ‘Does Mr. Armstrong know about this?’

Again, nobody at the, you know, nobody in the back of the room could say, ‘Hey, come stand up against the government.’ Nobody would do it. It had to be from the pulpit. And the thing is they knew I worked for Mr. Armstrong, and so I would tell them he will, because the lawyer said it has to be grassroots. You know, {?}, the

people just rose up on their own. Why? Because Mr. Armstrong said, 'Get over there and do this.' I mean, that's not grassroots.

So what happened at 10 o'clock, I called Mr. Armstrong, said, 'Mr. Armstrong, I got 5,000 people coming to take the buildings tomorrow. If I'm wrong, I'll call them back and have them stay home.' And he said, 'Well, it's God's property. Let him protect it.' So that's what happened.

Yes, ready.

*[Audience] During the time of the 1920's {1620's?} and when the pilgrims came over ...*

Yes ...

*... as far as Church history goes, was there, you know, the Sabbath keepers were from Sunday keepers ...*

Yes ...

*... was that a {period?} of time when the Church of England was in trouble?*

Yeah, the Church of England was forcing people out, and most people went to Holland then, and then they left from Holland to come over here. And there were a lot of Sabbath-keeping Baptists as such. And some of those, you know, we look at a group, we kind of pull them together. We have Peter Waldo back in the, you know, 1500s, 1600s, and we think that, and I believe in church eras ... I really do ... because Revelation starts with ... these are the things so you'll know what will come to pass. Now, yes, there were the seven churches on the mail route, but I also, there's enough history to me to show that those things did happen.

You know, the third one where it says that you'll have, you know, the hour of trial in 10 days of tribulation, there was one, about that time, there was 10 years of tribulation that were really bad. And there's things you can trace. The first three eras, it says, it doesn't say endure to the end. The last four, it says endure till I come.

Personally, my speculation is that the people over in Carpathia in that area, the Ukrainian Sabbath-keepers that do it, I think that's part of the Thyatira of the Church. And I think that what we call the Sardis era, the Church of God Seventh Day ... they have the Sabbath and stuff, and I had a lot of talks with the president ...

*[1h4]m problem with recording]*

... about the church keeps 75% of their income, the local church. You can have some really good potlucks with 75% of your income. And 15% goes to the region that they're in, and only 10% comes to the *Bible Advocate* and some of those things. So they never really had the funds to do a work, per se, in that sense. Plus, they're very regionally independent.

They're trying to put a structure, but I asked him, I said, 'What's gonna happen to the people that have total independence, a lot of money, when they decide they don't agree with you? Is it gonna cause division and stuff?' And he said, 'Well, we're concerned about it. We're not sure what's gonna happen. And we'll let you know if we'll get it put together.'

So that thing, but the Sabbath-keepers, I think that's where the Church of God Seventh Day ... Sardis, what we'd call Sardis was starting at that time, and the Ellen G. White, and then the split there, and then the various things.

And then Mr. Armstrong comes in contact with them, and they have the Sabbath. They're good people as such, but then the Holy Days. Although right now, four of their elders do keep the Holy Days. And they ... 10 years ago ... they wrote a document saying you're allowed to keep them if you want to, but you don't have to, and you can't teach it. So those elders and some of their members actually go to our Feast sites. They like us.

And so the reason I went to the conference, Rick Shaby told me, go ahead and go and do this, and I went with Vic Kubik, and Vic had talked to him in 95, 96 and things. We were talking to him about the Sabbath back when they changed it as such. And so there were some things in common we had with that, and the Sabbath is good, and the Holy Days, you know, they just never did that. But if



some of their people now start seeing it, and they're asking, and I'm meeting in France in September, I'm meeting some of those people. And so we're not trying to poach people from them, but if people want to come to the Feast, they're welcome to come to our site. And how God looks at those people that are keeping the Feast and keeping the Sabbath, even though it's not with us, and if they come and keep it, that's fine. But God's the one that knows who the spiritual body is, not us.

But it's fascinating to me to see how those things come about. And it was interesting, I met a guy who was 98, going to be 99 this week, but he's already 99 now. He was back in the Church up in Eugene. He was a young man. He had joined the military as a medic. He wouldn't carry a gun, kind of like the Hacksaw Ridge thing. And Mr. Armstrong wrote him a letter every month to encourage him. And so he wanted to meet me, so I worked for Mr. Armstrong. It's kind of interesting to meet a guy 99 years old that got letters from Mr. Armstrong when he was in the service to encourage him.

But like I said, things like that that happen, you know, it's like I said, God works these things out and makes them out.

Mr. Armstrong asked me, is everything set up? And I'd say yes, and I had no idea. I was just going on faith, basically. I just said, if God wants you to see him, you see him. If you don't, you don't. And like I said, his last trip, nine countries in 24 days, wow. At 92 years old, when you can't see, can't hear. I mean ... only God ...

In Nepal ... Nepal's altitude there's 4,500-5,000 feet and he had problems with oxygen at that time. I think it was about 84. And the man who was hosting us, General Rana, his wife asked Mr. Armstrong to lunch, and he went. Usually he doesn't. He went there. We had lunch. And during lunch he started to have some heart pains, took nitro and oxygen and stuff like that. And Mrs. Rana's saying, 'Hey, he can't speak tonight to the Parliament. We need to call and cancel.'

I said, 'No, no, don't cancel.'

'Oh, no, we have to cancel. He's not strong enough for this.'

And I said, 'No, don't.'

So we leave the lunch. We go back to the hotel. He rest ... like that. On the way down there, he's walking down the hall. He takes the oxygen to the hallway, and some of the people in the room could see down the hallway, stops and takes the oxygen for a little bit, comes back in. And he goes and sits with that deal. I sit with General Rana and his wife. She looks at it. 'You're killing him. You can't do this to him.'

I said, 'Just hold on.'

So he kind of plays with his food a little bit for the dinner, and he gets the mic put in front of him. He gets in front of the mic, starts pounding away. 'The Kingdom of God's' ... I mean, he just laid out. And ten minutes into it, Mrs. Rana says, 'That's not him talking, that's God talking. That man's not that strong.' And things like that would happen. And God just gave him the strength when he needed it in these things.

And the reason we changed to the G3, some people thought, well, I'd get a new car, I'd do this and that. No, he didn't care about that. The problem was the G2 was the best jet of its time. And when he went and flew and met with leaders and carried them, it was wonderful. But the problem was the cabin was 8,500 feet. That's the lowest you could get it when you're flying at 42,000 feet altitude. Well, it was fine, but with his heart attack and the blood count was low, he had to take oxygen when you're flying.

So the G3, when we went to that, the cabin pressure, you keep it at 4,000 feet. There's a lot more air at 4,000 feet than there was at 8,500 feet in the cabin. And so that's why he updated the plane so we could do that. I mean, it added four hours to our range, too, so we could cross oceans and things a lot easier. But it wasn't about the things as such.

Even everything in his house, he said, 'If the Church ever needs money, we'll sell this.' The only two houses he ever owned, he sold and gave the money to the Church. He didn't own anything. He left everything in his will to the Church.

And so there isn't, you know, like I said, those things that happen, but all those events that I witnessed, like I said, for me to go against this stuff, I'm going against God because I saw too many miracles that happened and too many visits.

I had the State Department ask, 'How do you do this?' And they said, 'Well, how far ahead do you plan your meetings? We plan a year and a half ahead.' I said, 'Well, we plan a month ahead.' I said, 'I plan some of our visits while we're on the trip.'

And we flew over Syria one day. The day before they forced a private jet down because it had a permit. We got our permit while we were in the air flying over Syria, and thankfully they didn't shoot us down. And we flew ... we were the only plane to fly from Jerusalem to Cairo, and Cairo to Jerusalem. We actually flew down ... we had to file ... you weren't allowed because of South African apartheid to fly to South Africa, so we always filed to one of the other countries and then change our flight in the air.

We flew between ... after the ... when Israel owned the Sinai after the war and then gave it back to Egypt ... but during that time we flew down the Red Sea with MiGs on one side and the Phantoms on the other side. The Israeli jets and the Egyptian jets. It's kind of fun. You can look out and wave at them on both sides. But you're sitting there thinking, okay, I never worried about it. I've figured there are angels on the wings. It's not a problem.

But so, you know, just amazing, the visits we had, the things that came up. And, you know, and like I said, some of the meetings, I had to do some things that were kind of funny because in Thailand, see, Stan Rader paid for a couple of meetings there. The funny thing I found is that when they met Mr. Armstrong, they realized he didn't know some of the things Stan Rader had done. And they liked him and so he got to come back.

And Mr. Armstrong thought that Stan Rader had set the meetings up so well that's why he got to go. And actually it was him protecting and helping himself in that sense. And that's what I told Mr. Armstrong. I saw all these things that happened because he was really upset.

And when I got to Thailand some people asked for money. I said, 'We don't do that.' Mr. Armstrong didn't know about it. Stan Rader did that. Go ask him for money because he was already out at that time. And so I said, 'I won't pay for meetings.'

But I asked God, 'God, how do I set up some of these meetings now?' And you know it was funny because the Pratap, which is like a cardinal in the Catholic Church, the Pratap for Thailand, he was sent to Van Nuys, which is the largest Thai community outside of Thailand and they had a big Buddhist temple there. And some of our students had gone over and helped do some work that had gone to Thailand for projects. And he liked us so much he wanted to meet Mr. Armstrong.

So he meets Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Armstrong tells him that, 'Well, you know, I had a message from Princess Lillian to give to Queen Sirikit, and I haven't been able to see her all these visits.' I've gone like that. And he says, 'I'm the Queen's favorite Pratap ... I'll set up the meeting for you.' So I got this orange-headed bald-headed monk offering to set up a trip. And I got all sorts of flak from that.

And I said, 'Look, you know, hey, if a Protestant or a Catholic does it, they're pagan, too. So what's the difference between a Buddhist who shaved pagan and another pagan?' I said, 'If God sends – I'm not going to shoot Baalam's ass either. You know, if God talks to the donkey, I'm going to use it.' And so I got a lot of flak for this. But the thing is, he was great. He got us there. He got us the presidential suite in the Montaigne Hotel. It's \$1,000 a night. We get it for \$300 a night. And he met the Queen for the first time, thereafter having been to Thailand so many times, meeting the King.

And Mr. Armstrong, I just wonder why he never – he always asks the King, where's the Queen? And the King always kind of backs off. Well protocol there is that you only meet heads of state of royalty, king to king, king to president. If there's a king and queen, then president, first lady, et cetera. I mean, too, since Mr. Armstrong was alone, not married at the time, he never met the Queen and she was never there. And so I finally learned that protocol.

So this time he asked to meet the Queen. Well, the Queen met and the King came along. And then the crown prince came. He's the king now. And they violated protocol to let him meet all of them at one time, which is fascinating to me. And it's funny because the crown prince asked me to – he was in the Air Force. He asked me, ‘Hey, do you want to fly around the country in an F-16?’ I'd love to, but I didn't get to. But anyway, so I got to know him a bit. But, again, we're the same age, obviously, so it's a lot in common.

But, again, there's so many things like that just opened up and happened that were differences in the protocol. And, in fact, the Seventh-Day guy said, ‘Well, how did Mr. Armstrong meet all these leaders?’

And I said, well, God set it up like that. And I said, the State Department asked me that. And they said, we plan our trips a year and a half in advance, and if anything, we cut them short and come home. And I said, well, ours will always get extended when we go. All my three-week trips end up being six, except when I set them up, I didn't do that because I want to get the crew back.

But I said, yeah, Rex Humbard asked us in Jordan, ‘How do you get to meet the King?’ And I said, ‘Well, you got to work for the right God.’ He laughed. I said, well, Rex Humbard didn't laugh. But anyway, yeah.

*[Audience] Since President in the 2019 {??} come up with {??} Bangladesh {??}*

Well, the people in Bangladesh, there's a couple members came in kind of by themselves and got a hold of David Schreiber, who was over India and Sri Lanka then. And to come to the church, you had to have a church registered, you have to have a property and a place to meet. Well, we had a place we could rent like that. This man was willing to give his little garden plot to be a church property like that.

But there was another thing you had. If you die, you have to be buried in a cemetery and you have to own a cemetery. So the cemetery came for sale out there at the same time. It was about \$6,000 or \$8,000. So that happened. He

managed to go down there and get registered in one day. The whole thing was just a series of miracles. They still happen in places.

It's not kind of like Africa. Cameroon, we've been trying to get registered there for about 24 years. And about 20 years ago, we paid them \$5,000 to rush the process. And we still haven't gotten registered. But if the president dies, 'let's start over.' I mean, you never really know what's going to happen. But we're able to meet there and do things, so it's not a major problem. Where it would have been in Bangladesh, a little more difficult. So God knows what, where, when, and how.

Yes?

*[Audience] I had one more question ...*

Sure.

*[Audience] What was Mr. Armstrong's general demeanor, or his thought {?} when he knew he was going to die? Did he feel like there was like a dark cloud looming?*

Well he knew those were going to be falling away and knew things were going to happen that way. But he wasn't, I mean, God's in charge of the Church. He knew that. But at the same time, he told me, he said, 'God's timing is different. I thought I'd be able to end. Obviously, I'm not now.'

*[Audience] {?} Did he have a sense that things really going to start to come unravelled? {?}*

He knew they were, he didn't know how. He just said, 'I know prophecy says it's going to happen.' How it's going to happen, he didn't know. And he wasn't worried, although the last letter that he wrote, which he didn't write, I wrote it ... but I wrote it in his style because I'd written so many things with him. I wrote his book with him and stuff. In fact, I brought it ... the one he autographed for me. And because he said, 'Well, the work's finished. The purification of the bride's next.'

And I said, Mr. Armstrong, {why are?} you supposed to write a letter? ‘Good luck, everybody. You know, I finished my work. Good luck to you.’ I said that’s not really not what they need to hear.

So I wrote the letter for him. And I told, Mr. Tkach was there too, I said, this wasn’t going to go out unless I know he understands it, because he was so weak. He could only say a few words. And he sat in his chair and kind of hunched over. And I sat on the floor, looked up in his eyes, and I said, Mr. Armstrong, you’d fire people for writing for you. I know that. But I said, this has to go out and needs to be from you. And if you don’t understand it and can’t signal that you do, then I won’t let it go out. So I read it to him.

In one spot in the thing when I talked about this present world, he said, ‘This present *evil* world.’ And then he squeezed my hand. So I knew he understood the whole thing. And so that got sent out. But I wrote the whole letter for him. But he knew that was coming. And he didn’t know how or what. But he knew God was going to do something. And like I said, it was just an unusual ... none of us knew what was going on. And like I said, we all thought that Christ was going to come. And we still thought that. But then all of a sudden, everything started changing ... complacency sets in ... and they sold all the properties ... God just took it all away from them. They disintegrated in no time at all.

But you know what? It’s hard to really know ... none of us, I mean, there’s always God’s way of doing things, which is out of left field sometimes. And we can speculate all we want. And it says ‘No man will know the day or the hour.’ Well, if you did a lottery and everybody took a day, there’s 8 million people somebody would know. But it’d just be by guessing, not because they knew anything. So we don’t.

But at the same time, he does say watch the clouds. He says, ‘Yeah, you see the east and you know it’s going to rain. You see this and you see that. And he says, watch and pray.’ And why?

Plus it says, ‘No man knows the day or the hour.’ What’s fascinating to me is Christ returns on Trumpets. The only Feast you don’t know the day or the hour is

Trumpets. All the rest of them are full moons. Trumpets is a new moon. And a new moon, you don't know until you get that little piece of a moon.

And it's interesting, all the people that are against the calendar who say postponements are wrong, about four or five years ago, those people all had a postponement because the new moon appeared before sunset. And how do you backtrack holy time? So they had to postpone it until the next day. Only choice you could have to have a 24-hour holy day.

And so, but it's interesting, it says 'No man knows the day or the hour.' Does that mean maybe we won't figure out for the year it's coming?

And obviously when the tribulation starts, the two witnesses, you know you've got three and a half years. So we will know at that point what's going on.

So anyway, curiously how some of these prophecies that we tend to try to interpret through the lenses we want to see through. But we're getting close. And you don't stop doing what it is. And the Work will go on as long as any of us have breath to be doing the Work. And that's the key.

I said, 'Mr. Armstrong, where in the Bible it says that the Work ends because you die?' I said, 'We've got to have something more than that to encourage us to go on.' And we have gone on, I mean, 35, 36 years now we've gone since then. And he'd be the first to admit that the prophecies are right; the way we had it numbered were wrong. And that's something that you understand ... that all of us, again, I have no problem with speculation, but I don't stand up here and say it's going to happen this way and this is exactly what this means. And I can read the scripture and say that's exactly what's going to happen. Now here's how I think it might happen. That's speculation. And God has other ways to do it.

I would have never purified the Church by putting an apostate person in charge. I would have never purified by having the State of California come in and take over the Church. I would never, you know, ... the apostles didn't ... the disciples didn't think Christ was really going to get crucified. And they, you know, were going to go fishing afterwards. And He comes back ... and all these things that God does



for each of us, and I think He works in your life individually a lot more than we think He does.

And I can't prove things aren't time and chance, but when all the dominoes line up in the same direction, you can kind of think, okay, that kind of, you know, so Mr. Tkach died 40 weeks of the day. Yeah, can that be coincidence? Yeah, but to not have cancer and to get cancer all through your whole body and die at that time, that's scary. And those type of things that only God can control, and what He has left to do, and who the two witnesses are, and when they show up.

And people say that we have the wrong government, that we have God's government, these other groups. And I say, I believe God's government's hierarchical, with God and Christ, et cetera, because Christ didn't tell the two sons, the brothers that about the right, and they say, can I be on your right and left? He didn't say there is no right and left. He said, 'I can't do that. My father tells us who that is.'

But I said, if you want to say that you can only be right if you have God's form of government, and there is government in the Church, but we've got a hundred splinters out there. They're all hierarchy. Which one of them is God's government? Well, Satan has God's government too. Why don't you follow him? You know, it's only God's government if God puts the people there. And that's the key.

And so I said, if God makes it very clear ... Mr. Armstrong, the willingness to give up all the money and give up all the things, go through poverty, do all this stuff, to be revealed all the knowledge that all those splinter groups have with the Holy Days and all those things, had to come from God. And so we all recognize that.

And he's [Mr. Armstrong] the one that gets attacked all the time out there, get accused of all sorts of foul things. And I worked for him 12 years, never heard any things like that. I mean, there's things about incest, there's things about all sorts of stuff. And I've answered all those questions. I had young people ask me those questions, because that's one of the fears. You look up on the internet, you'll see these things. Which is funny, because one kid who read all the trash said, man, this guy's getting trashed, he's been dead for 20-some years. And he said, 'What

did he write?' So he read his books and came into the Church. So, I mean, God can even use trash to bring people in.

But the thing is, I sit there and I say, you know, I flew with him 12 years. This one man who supposedly at Mount Pocono, at the Feast site, did a half an hour walk, Mr. Armstrong told him all this stuff, and he writes it up in this book. And I worked for him 12 years, never heard a thing.

I was in the house, and his daughter was asking for money, and the one that supposedly it happened with, and they didn't know I was in the house. She was screaming at him, and she never said, 'You know what' ... I was in a situation where it could have come up and never did. So do I believe it? No, but if it happened, hey, you can repent of sin anyway.

But the funny thing is, is all these things out there that people say, Mr. Armstrong did like Prince Charles. I was talking to Prince Charles once, and they had one of the rags was there saying a bunch of stuff about, because he was meeting Mr. Armstrong and stuff. And I said, yeah, we ought to sue him for that. I could see the prince kind of bristle.

And I said, 'Yeah, of course you don't, because all you do ...' because I knew what their policy was. Their policy is if anything happens, you ignore it. Because if you answer it, well, he said this, what is your rebuttal, and what's your rebuttal? Oh, and this, and it never ends. So the policy is just they say it once, it's there, it's a headline, and you never talk about it. Because then there's nothing to go back and ask, this is how they responded, so this is how, how do you respond? How do you respond? So that was his policy.

Mr. Armstrong, he told me, he says, 'Don't ever answer those things. It's just a waste of time. They're going to believe what they're going to believe, and leave it alone.' And so there's things out there that, like I said, I'm not afraid to answer the questions that people have. And because it's irrelevant, that's the case, like I said, David shouldn't be in the kingdom either, you know, if something did happen. But to me, the 12 years I flew with him, I never saw any of that.

And Ron Dart, when he talked to me after he started his own work and had me come down and talk to him, and he said, ‘Mr. Armstrong lied about things.’

I said, ‘Well, I can point to the articles that he said I approved this, and later on I never approved it.’ And the reason was what he approved was not the product they gave him. He should have said, ‘I approved something, but it's not what they gave me.’ It would have been more accurate. But he said, ‘I never approved that STP.’ And yet there's writings that he had where he had approved the STP, which was a Systematic Theology Project. And they were supposed to take all of his writings and put them in subject matter, baptism, doctrines, and whatever. And what they gave him was everybody else's stuff. And he got mad and said, I never approved this. So it looks like a lie, but it wasn't.

And a lot of things like that happened to him where he was, if you give him information, he'd write things.

In fact, Stan Rader told him he was hosting one of the events in England with the Queen. The Queen doesn't host with anybody. Thankfully, Frank Brown knew that was not true, took it out of the letter. But everybody in America got to it, and it was wrong. But that's what he was told. And he believed people, and that was one of his biggest weaknesses. He believed people that lied to him. And so there were things like that.

And I said, ‘Ron Dart said, and he wanted to spend all that money. ‘And I said, ‘It wasn't him.’ ‘Oh, yes, it was.’ I said, ‘No.’ I said, ‘You left in 76.’ I said, ‘I took over all the budgets in late 80 or early 81.’ I said, ‘The travel days at that time were \$15,000 to \$20,000 for travel day. When I took it over in the 80s, it was \$3,000 to \$5,000 for travel day.’

Now if a lawyer-CPA couldn't tell him, ‘You can't spend this money,’ and he wouldn't listen to him, how did a theology kid at 27 years old say, you can't do this, and he did it? Who's lying?

And the thing is, I just took away the waste, and Mr. Armstrong, when I did projects, he said, ‘Well, if you can find the money,’ and I always found the money

in his budget. Because I'd always ... I started asking the government to give us cars. Before we'd always rent cars, limos, whatever. I said, 'Look, we're here to help your country. Can you give us cars?' And most of them would, so I had free cars.

Hotel, I'd take the magazine, the articles, like some of these, in the newspaper for Mr. Armstrong's here meeting you know, King Bhumibol or King whoever it was, and he's staying at the Hilton Hotel or whatever hotel it was. I'd say, 'This is free advertising for you. I'm not paying full price for the presidential suite. We'll move to another hotel.' I get presidential suites for half price and stuff, and that's how I got the money to start the Sri Lanka project and all these other projects ... is out of his budget. But the thing is, these things, God helps you do things. But again, you use the talent you have as well at the same time.

And the thing about it is, when he had his heart attack, I actually did law and accounting classes at that time, which I didn't want to do, but I was told Mr. Armstrong wanted me to, which later I found out he didn't know anything about it, and I got fired for it. But actually, I used all that stuff anyway, and so it's one of those things where God knows what's coming and what you need.

Anyway, I could go on forever. I don't want to. You're getting hungry. Question, go ahead.

*[Audience] What was his favorite scripture?*

His favorite scripture? Oh, he had so many. His mother's favorite one was the Psalms' *Brethren Dwelling Together in Unity*. He never talked about a favorite scripture, per se. I mean, he'd read them all so much, he'd quote a lot of them, but I couldn't say a favorite scripture. I mean, the whole thing was one of his favorite sayings ... I've read to the end of the book, and the end is we win, which is a good thing. That's true. But before we win, you get beat up a lot. I can tell you that. But now I'm trying to think of a favorite scripture. I'm not sure he had a favorite scripture, per se.

But it was fun to be with. I always teased him. One thing is, everybody looked on the figurehead, and he didn't like that. He liked to be with people. Two things he told me. I loved reading the Bible ... I can't because I can't see ... I love meeting people, and I can't because I'm too weak.

So I set up a Feast site in 83 in Big Sandy. I asked for a printout. How many people are there that have been in the Church for 20 years, 25, 30? I figured he could handle about 200 to 300 people. So I set it up, and it was supposed to be an hour of tea. He stayed there for over four hours talking to those people. He loved it. But he said, I just can't shake hands with a thousand people.

And in reading the Bible, one of the things he did to me at the end when we were in the house the last six months when he couldn't go out at all, he asked me, 'I need to know, Christ said something to somebody about something.'

I said, 'Could you be a little more specific?'

'Well, I'm not sure.' He said, 'I'll tell you, just start reading the Gospels. We'll see. I'll know it when I hear it.' So I read all of Matthew, all of Mark, all of Luke, all of John.

'Maybe it was the Apostle Paul.'

So I read the whole New Testament to him. And I think he just wanted to hear the whole Bible read. But he didn't want to ask me to do it. But he was fun to be with. And I would tease him.

You know the circus, the dog with the leash with no dog that they have on there? I brought one on the plane once, and I went up there and rubbed his leg. And he kind of looked, and he takes his good eye and looks down there and looks at me. I hope your dog's well behaved.

I mean, I would do things with him. Because to me it was a person. We were friends as such. And he'd always say, your wife, she's like my granddaughter, but you and I are colleagues. Of course, he was 60 years older than I was. And I told

him when he turned 80, I said, hey, he's turning 90 ... I was turning 30 that year ... I said, 'I'm catching up with you.'

He said, 'What do you mean?'

I said, 'Well, 10 years ago I was 20. You were 80. I was a quarter of your age. You're 90. I'm 30. I'm a third of your age. I'm gaining. Well, by the resurrection I may have caught up.'

But I treated him like a person, and that's what he needed. He needed real people around him. And he'd like that.

He had a minister meeting once where he asked for a glass of wine.

I said, 'No, Mr. Armstrong, you can't have it.' All the ministers ... [expression of shock]. And he looks at me. He looks back at me. 'He's a real taskmaster.' But he had his heart problem then, and he wasn't supposed to have it. So I told him. But I mean, I was very real with him. And that's what he needed. He was a very real person. But so many people put him on the pedestal that it was real hard for him to do some things. But like I said, he was a class person in a sense. He wanted to make sure even the meetings.

Now, who should be there? Just me and him?

I said, 'Mr. Armstrong,' he can't hear stuff. And we learned little games ... in Thailand with the King ... to show honor to old people, you talk low. Well, old people can't hear, which doesn't make any sense.

But we're meeting with the King, and the King asks a question. I realized Mr. Armstrong didn't hear him. And so I just stopped and looked at the King and said, 'Your Majesty, Mr. Armstrong,' ... and basically what I did was I kind of repeated the question in my answer, short answer. And then I looked at Mr. Armstrong, and he said, 'Yeah.' And then Mr. Armstrong just started going on.

And we started playing that password type game a lot. Because he could hear me and understand me, but he couldn't understand them at times. But we'd do that.

And I didn't think anything of it. But the King and Queen of Thailand, especially others did too, noticed it. Because I got some letters from them.

In fact, I got one. She talked to me. She said, 'I wish you could come teach our staff. We noticed when you were there that you always made him look good. That when it came time to get up to a door, instead of just waiting until he got there, oh, let me help you, Mr. Armstrong, with the door. You'd get far enough ahead to open it like an honor guard, opening the door for someone important. And when he didn't understand something, you would say something, but you'd always back away.' And they noticed that. Which I guess if you're royalty, you've been around that your whole life, you do notice things like that. But people that play up or do things.

But my job is to make him look good. All of our job is to make each other look good. And not only look good, but be good. And that's the one thing I tried to do for him was to make him the most effective as it could be. And like I said, most of those pictures that are printed, I'm not in almost any of them, except a couple with a Queen.

For one, I was taking pictures, but Mr. Armstrong asked me once, how come you're not in these pictures?

And I said, 'Mr. Armstrong,' I showed him the booklet, and I said, 'see the picture between you and Judge Singh of the World Court? I said, that's Stan Rader.' He looked, and he's not there. I said, 'Yeah, we airbrushed him out. It cost \$500 to airbrush somebody out of the picture.' I said, 'I'm not going to spend a widow's money airbrushing me out of a picture.' I said, 'I'm in some of these pictures. See this picture here? I'm here. See this picture here? I'm here.'

And photography and TV loved me. They said, 'Wow, you're great to work with.' I always knew where the cameras were. I always knew where it was. I always kept my elbows and knees in so you didn't have these hanging things.

Before me, the people that flew that wanted a position, they had to get between them, you know? And Larry Masters over TV said, it's like they'd kind of be

wearing the same shirt because they wanted to be in the picture. And so all these pictures, they airbrushed people out of. And I said, 'Mr. Armstrong, if something goes wrong with me, I don't want to have to be airbrushed out.' And plus I said, 'I can get so much more done when people don't know who I am. I can walk through a crowd and nobody knows who I am. I can walk through it. If they know who you are, everybody stops you. And so ... plus all the things that they're talking about, they tell you because they don't know who you are. And they feel real guilty afterwards.'

But I got stopped by a deacon in Tucson once ... 'You can't go in there. Mr. Armstrong's in there.' I said, 'Well, I need to see Mr. Armstrong.' 'No, you can't go in there.' And he said, 'Who are you?' I said, 'I'm an Aaron Dean.' 'Oh, I'm sorry.' I said, 'No, you're doing your job. That's what you're supposed to do.'

In fact, I spoke at that Feast and a lady came in late and sat down next to me with her couple of kids. She said, 'Oh, I want to hear Aaron Dean speak.' And she didn't know I was Aaron Dean. When they announced me, I got up. She almost fainted. But that was good for me. I could do things. You know, you don't have to be important.

You know, it's better to be ... Mr. Armstrong said, it's better under the table. When the mud's flying, you don't get hit. So that was it. But again, that's our job is to try to help everybody get in the Kingdom.

And again, you have a late potluck here. So no more questions. You can talk and ask questions any time you want. I get emails. I answer emails. I do a lot of stuff.

But I think it's interesting to know we're all people. We're all trying to do the same thing. The apostles were all people. You know, the prophets were all people. Moses was the prophet. I mean, all these people were people. And they were wonderful people. And they all made mistakes. And so mistakes don't keep you out of the Kingdom. A lack of repentance keeps you out of the Kingdom.

So again, I enjoyed being with you. I hope you understand a little more of the history of the work there. And if anything ever comes up that you want to have a



question about, you know, I get a lot of interest. I've told them, if you have people ask questions about different groups and things in the past, send them to me. I'll answer them. Because they can't. They weren't there in the room. I was. And so that's the big difference.

So anyway, with that, I guess we'll have a closing hymn or however. How do you want to end this thing? Yes, that's the way we're going to end it. Good. So that's your sermon for today. Thank you.

