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--Joe Tkach

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MOTION FOR CONTEMPT FRUSTRATED

The Church won an important victory in court April 2. In the seemingly endless series of pretrial maneuvers, the Attorney General went to L.A. Superior Court in a vain effort to have Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Rader and others held in contempt of court, or have other sanctions imposed. This was because of their refusal to divulge Constitutionally protected Church information unless the U.S. Supreme Court should someday say they must.

Judge Robert I. Weil (pronounced "while") said that as long as they were exercising their right to seek the review of the higher courts, he saw no wilful disobedience to any court order that would support any charge of contempt. Widely-recognized Constitutional lawyer Lawrence Tribe of Harvard Law School was present in behalf of the Church and no doubt his presence was instrumental in bringing about a favorable outcome.

Legal details such as these must be grappled with almost on a daily basis, but most are behind the scenes and seldom noted or publicized by the media unless they smell "blood." It is natural, therefore, for these court

matters to seem remote and unrelated to our personal lives and the day-to-day continuance of the Church's Great Commission. But if the state had its way in every instance we would quickly realize how sweeping and pervasive their actions against the Work of the Living God would be! Therefore, we must continue to urge the brethren toward vigilance in prayer on behalf of the Church in this struggle to remain free to finish God's Work.

FROM THE LEGAL OFFICE

I was extremely interested to hear recently that some of the ministers commenced receiving certain "junk mail" and solicitation from magazines shortly after the receiver commandeered the confidential ministerial list. (As you will recall the receiver wrote to ministers around the world demanding that all the people send their tithes to him. Inasmuch as it was quickly determined that he was neither God nor God's representative, his demands went unheeded.)

The correlation between the unsolicited mail being received and the commandeering of the list makes me suspicious as to whether or not the list may have been sold to some commercial venture or the confidentiality of the list breached by distribution to third parties.

Therefore, if you recall receiving an unusual amount of unsolicited mail sometime after January 1979 would you please so advise me. Also I would be interested to know, if you recall, the source of the mailings so that we might be able to do some tracing in the matter.

Your cooperation in this regard would be truly appreciated.

--Ralph K. Helge

MR. ARMSTRONG'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY TO BE REPRINTED

It has been many years now since we printed Mr. Herbert Armstrong's Autobiography. In fact, Volumes I and II are at the moment out of print, which means that they are not available to any new readers. After discussion, it has now been decided to republish Volumes I and II through Everest House.

The plan is to produce two versions. Both versions will be 6" x 9" in a new style, but one version will be softback and be offered free of charge like our regular church publications. The other version will be hardback and distributed through the book trade for the book-buying public.

We feel it is worth repeating that Mr. Armstrong's books are not being published commercially to make a profit for the Work; they are being published to get broader, wider readership which is, in fact, now happening judging by the press coverage we are receiving. We are, at present, planning for publication of both versions in the Autumn of this year.

--Publishing Services

LETTER COMMENTS

This week's comments feature the blessings God's people receive from faithfully keeping the third tithe, and the concerns and anxieties that our readers and listeners have expressed over alarming world trends and an uncertain future.

--Mail Processing Center

Blessings of Third Tithe Year Told

I completed my third tithe year at the last Feast and already have received more blessings than I ever thought possible! My firstborn was baptized last month--WHAT A JOY! I also just found out I was promoted on my job; a promotion I thought I'd never get without leaving my particular job, which I love. One can never, ever, out-give God and I thank you for showing us His way!

--Mrs. Sharlyne Wheeler (Duluth, MN)

Enclosed are our third tithes for 1979 as well as an offering for the Building Fund. Putting [the] money [aspect] aside we have been blessed spiritually, which is by far the greater blessing!! We were becoming lukewarm and were drifting away from our first love. We want to thank you personally for your prayers and hard work to get the Church collectively and individually back on course to prepare for Christ's return.

--Mr. & Mrs. Paul Peffly (El Dorado, KS)

The blessings are certainly pouring in for us to help us make our way with paying our third tithe. Sometimes it seems like you aren't going to be able to do some things that need to be done, but God always allows you to get it done.

--Mr. & Mrs. Harold Willis (Fort Smith, AR)

Half of the amount enclosed is my first tithe and the other half is my third tithe. Being a student I was told that I did not have to pay third tithe for the poor of God's Church, but in the book of Malachi God gives a challenge to pay our tithes and offerings to see if He will bless us. During my third tithe year I have been blessed greatly. God promises blessings for obedience and He has certainly fulfilled that promise.

--Warren R. Magee (Pasadena, CA)

After this year's Feast we began our third tithe year in God's Church and we were both apprehensive. With one income instead of two, hospital bills for the birth of a new son, and the economy putting the squeeze on my business...we were convinced that there wasn't enough for paying three tithes and all the bills, too.

But we determined to put God first and so began by figuring the three tithes. As we progressed it soon became evident that not only was there enough money to pay everything, but that there would be some left over to add to the savings account.

My wife kept saying again and again, "There must be a mistake-- there must be a mistake." So we checked and rechecked our figures only to realize that the Living God has kept His promise recorded in Malachi 3:10.

--Mr. & Mrs. David Whitney (Mount Vernon, NH)

Concerned By End-time Events

My heart is heavy about the things going on in the world. I look around me and see it on T.V.--the pain, heartache and sorrow. I'm afraid of what will happen to us if we don't stop this unhappiness. The men of this decade act like little boys playing with our lives. Why are they putting innocent people's lives on the line? They are not God and they don't have that right. When you look at T.V. all you can see is different men saying different things. I don't believe they want peace, only power.

--Mrs. Alfredia Kemp (Waycross, GA)

We just don't have much time left to do the Work God has given us to do. When I think of all that has happened in the world just the past couple months, I sometimes wonder if we are going to make it through the first year of this new decade. It sure doesn't look good for the U.S.A. But as was brought out in the Sabbath services today, when we [the U.S.] no longer have God's protection and blessing what can we expect? One bright note though, we can't be far from that wonderful world of tomorrow, can we?

--Therell Hoblet (Covington, OH)

I was walking down the street the other day. As I was walking and listening to what people were saying, I thought of this neighborhood and this city, Jacksonville, and this world in the light of God's Church, God's laws and God's ways. I realized something in a much deeper way than ever before. With all of the crosscurrents of society that are affecting people now, very soon people will be coming loose from their traditional moorings completely. All it would take would be a short period of chaos and instability for this to happen. Normal "good Christian" people would forget their upbringings and values and try to fend for themselves, no matter who they had to step on or hurt.

--Paul Kurtz (Jacksonville, FL)

It is the TRUTH! People take sin so lightly. I was beginning to think something was the matter with me. People would try to push me into situations. I do not have a boyfriend because I am not for free sex. I am not loose. I don't smoke dope and rarely drink--never to excess. I am glad to hear someone takes sin seriously!

--M. M. (Erie, PA)