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FEAST SITES AGAIN AT SQUAW VALLEY AND JEKYLL ISLAND

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Some thousands of our people will be joyously elated to know that this fall we shall be using again, in all probability, both Squaw Valley and Jekyll Island feast sites.

Already I had announced that we are repairing the big tabernacle at Mt. Pocono and will be using it again. About a third of the Mt. Pocono tabernacle was ruined by the heavy snow cave-in three years ago. As repaired it will only seat some 8,000, but the Registration Building is still intact, and we can again accept two-thirds or more of the number who formerly attended there.

Squaw Valley is not 100% sure yet, but the management does want us back, and will make certain necessary repairs. I have OK'd it, and I'm sure we will be able to use it, though perhaps not quite as large a number of members can be accepted there as formerly. It will replace Fresno this year.

In a sense we still have Niagara Falls. It will be used primarily by the Canadian churches, but United States members who especially want to attend at Niagra Falls may be able to transfer there, upon request.

Because of new construction in the area in St. Petersburg, there will be parking space for only about 8,500 there, whereas we have formerly accommodated there up to 12,000. So, this year we are again going back to Jekyll Island where 3,500 can be accommodated. A new auditorium facility has been added there that will accommodate up to 3,500. Thus Jekyll and St. Petersburg will together accommodate the same 12,000 combined that formerly went to St. Petersburg alone.

We shall expect a larger attendance of 8,500 at Tucson, Arizona, whereas we had about 5,000 last fall.

I have asked the Festival Office to reduce the number of feast sites this year, with larger attendance at several. I felt we were going too far on the number of sites, reducing the number of brethren at each site. I could see it leading to a situation where either each local church would almost stay home and have its own feast--or, two or three churches in a close area would combine and virtually stay home for the Feast.

God revealed to me, even before or at the time of conversion, that the seven annual holy days or annual Sabbaths were observed by the New Testament Church and by Christ, and ordained FOREVER! For seven years my wife and I kept them alone by ourselves. When I explained them and their continuous binding by God to the brethren of the Sardis era in the Willamette

Valley of Oregon, they "laughed me to scorn"--(read II Chronicles 30:5-10). But when the fledgling parent of the present era, Worldwide Church of God, was first raised up, after seven years in 1933, they, mostly converted through my preaching, all began keeping the annual Sabbaths with us.

It was twelve years later, 1945, when God showed me the PURPOSE of the Feast of Tabernacles, and that we should leave our homes in this world for eight days and enjoy a foretaste of the thousand-year reign with Christ in WORLD PEACE, with Satan gone, as well as the Great White Throne Judgment for perhaps the next hundred years following. We went that year to the very beautiful little site of Belknap Springs--but 100 attendance over-crowded it. We held the Feast there for seven years. Then, 1952, the one and only site was Siegler Springs northeast of San Francisco. Beginning 1953 it was held at Big Sandy, Texas. In the early 60's, we added Squaw Valley, then Jekyll Island, then Mt. Pocono--and the number of sites has been growing ever since.

But just to remain home at our own local church does not seem to fulfill God's PURPOSE for the Festival. In old times the people left home and travelled to Jerusalem for the Feast.

Following is a list of revised sites being prepared for the 1981 Feast of Tabernacles:

<u>Assigned Sites</u>	<u>Projected Attendance</u>
Big Sandy, Texas	9,000
Cape Cod, Massachusetts	6,000
Dayton, Ohio	8,500
Jekyll Island, Georgia	3,500
Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri	8,000
Mt. Pocono, Pennsylvania	6,000
Norfolk, Virginia	8,500
Rapid City, South Dakota	3,500
Spokane, Washington	6,000
Squaw Valley (or Fresno), California	5,000
St. Petersburg, Florida	8,500
Tucson, Arizona	8,500
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin	5,500

Transfer Sites

Hawaii

Jerusalem

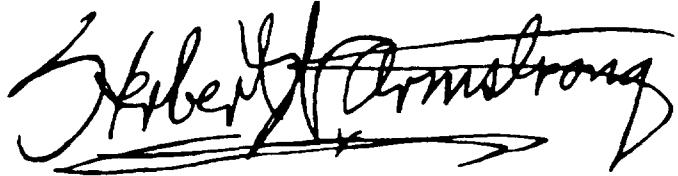
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Alaska (operated through the Canadian Office)

Niagara Falls, New York (operated through the Canadian Office)

Other international sites (to be listed later)

It is planned that full information on the festival sites will be included in an April issue of The WORLDWIDE NEWS. All of the housing information and other details will be included in this special issue. The Church pastors should announce to their congregations that no further housing arrangements should be made by Church members until the April issue of The WORLDWIDE NEWS is released. However, this does not affect housing that has already been reserved by members. In the April issue of The WORLDWIDE NEWS we will have all housing establishments and the best rates verified at that time for the benefit of the Church members.



FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

Reminder About Dress for Sabbath Services

As pastors, we need to be continually mindful of how important it is for members of our congregations to glorify and honor God in the way they dress for Sabbath services. As Mr. Armstrong states in the May 21, 1979 WORLDWIDE NEWS, "It does make a difference to God how you come dressed to Church services."

Several pastors have sked about women wearing pantsuits to Church services, or skirts or dresses with high slits. Others have asked about men wearing sport shirts, or no tie or jacket.

As Mr. Armstrong puts it, "When you come to Church services, you are coming into the very presence of God!" Surely the answer to those questions is obvious. Mr. Armstrong has always taught us that we do not need to go out and buy new clothes. But we should dress up in the best we have, because God will be watching!

Reprinted here is Mr. Armstrong's article from the May 21, 1979 WORLDWIDE NEWS. Please read it to your congregations in teaching and reminding them about this important part of glorifying God on the Sabbath.

HOW YOU DRESS FOR CHURCH--

Could it keep you out of the KINGDOM?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

(Worldwide News, May 21, 1979)

ARE SOME OF our members going to be kept out of the Kingdom of God, because of the way you dress for church services?

THIS IS SERIOUS!

In some of our churches members never think of dressing up, but come in slovenly attire, overalls, blue jeans, tennis shoes, any kind of slouchy sport clothes.

In the state of Israel people do not dress up much. Men wear sport shirts with open collar and no necktie.

In Dec. 1, 1968, we were having a meeting with the president to announce our decision to go ahead in full cooperation with Hebrew University and the Israel Archaeological Society on the large-scale archaeological project at the temple mount adjoining the eastern temple wall.

With Professor Binyamin Mazar, Mr. Stanley Rader and I had first stopped in for a short chat with Dr. Yosef Aviram, who was going with us to the presidential palace. We had left Dr. Aviram's office, when he stopped midway down the corridor, saying: "Wait a minute. We're going into the presence of the president of Israel. I must wear a jacket."

He had started with us with only a sport shirt, unbuttoned at the neck. But, going into the presence of the head of state, he knew he must have on a jacket.

One time several years ago, I preached a sermonette, prior to the main sermon--I believe it was by Mr. Charles Hunting. We were at Big Sandy, Tex. Graduation day was coming up, and I had noted that people came to church services in any old kind of sloppy, unkempt clothes.

I wanted those people to at least be moderately well dressed at the graduation ceremony. I had noticed that brethren were coming to church services very sloppily dressed. I knew they all had better clothes--I did not mean they should purchase new and finer clothes.

Christ Not Indifferent to Dress

Jesus spoke of the Kingdom, when the dead in Christ shall rise first, and we who are then alive shall be caught up to meet the returning GLORIFIED CHRIST in the air. Then, descending to the Mount of Olives, will follow the GREAT WEDDING between Christ and the Church. Jesus' parable spoke of this.

Jesus pictured His Father as a great King calling many people to the wedding with Christ. But many or most of those called made light of it, gave excuses, rejected their calling and salvation. The King then sent His armies to bring in others. "And when the king came in...he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

"And he said unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness" (Matthew 22:11-13).

Of course, in the parable, Jesus was using garments we wear as symbols of righteousness or of unrighteousness. The lack of a wedding garment symbolized unrighteousness. Nevertheless, Jesus would not have used this symbolism if He was indifferent to how we come dressed into HIS PRESENCE! When you come to church services, YOU ARE COMING INTO THE VERY PRESENCE OF GOD!

It Makes a Difference

Brethren, IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO GOD HOW YOU COME DRESSED TO CHURCH SERVICES!

I know God expects me not only to inform you brethren, but so far as possible, to set you an example.

So let me ask you, HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ME COME TO A CHURCH SERVICE IMPROPERLY DRESSED? I don't believe you have.

When Dr. Aviram put on a jacket, he was merely following Israeli custom. They are a struggling nation, with a heavy percent of national income going for armed forces. They do not "dress up" for everyday occasions as much as other more prosperous nations.

But notice in I John 1:3 that when we come together in worship service, that "truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."

When we gather together for a church service, WE ARE COMING INTO THE PRESENCE OF THE GREAT MAJESTIC GOD, and to have fellowship also with the living JESUS CHRIST.

THINK OF IT!

For I know you have NOT thought about it! When you come into the very presence of ALMIGHTY GOD and of JESUS CHRIST, YOU MUST COME WITH EVERY DUE RESPECT FOR THEIR SUPREME MAJESTY.

I say to you brethren, I know you have not deliberately come to church services in a slouchy, unkempt appearance--rather, you just never thought about it this way before!

Now that I have REMINDED YOU, you will have NO EXCUSE, and you will be INSULTING, and MAKING LIGHT OF your Almighty Father and your Savior Jesus Christ.

God Does Notice

You do NOT need to go out and buy new clothes. But DRESS UP hereafter in the best you have! God will be watching you! Notice it in Psalm 33:13-15:

"The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of his habitation, he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth...he considereth all their works."

Actually--literally--God Himself does look upon you and notice how you come dressed in His presence in church services!

For years, I not only wore a freshly pressed suit, but even a white shirt and a befitting (not too "loud" or flashy or too somber, but of proper character) necktie. In the early years of this Church, when I had only one pair of shoes (with holey soles) and one suit of clothes, I shined my shoes and got out my wife's ironing board and pressed my own suit Friday afternoons before going to church services.

I have always tried to HONOR GOD in the matter of personal appearance at church.

If you were in England and were invited to visit the Queen at Buckingham Palace, would you go with dirty shoes and sloppy, unpresed clothes? I hardly think so. Then do you consider that GOD HIMSELF does not deserve even the respect you would show to the Queen of England?

Symbols of Righteousness

WHY did Jesus use the kind of garments we wear to represent righteousness or unrighteousness? He would not have done this unless it IS IMPORTANT to Him how you come dressed to church.

In Zechariah 3:1-7 the high priest Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and Satan standing beside him. Apparently Joshua (a type of one today) was in the grip of Satan, unable to wrest himself free from Satan. He was clothed with filthy garments, typical of SIN, under Satan's grip, unable to loose himself.

Then Christ came and rebuked Satan. Christ freed Joshua from Satan's grip on him. Then Christ gave order to remove the filthy garments on Joshua (picturing freeing him from satanic SIN, due to Satan's grip on him.)

Jesus said he caused Joshua's sin to be forgiven and ordered them to clothe Joshua with clean garments and set a miter on his head, saying to Joshua, "IF thou wilt walk in my ways, and IF thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts" (verse 7).

Angels usually appear in WHITE garments, as a symbol of purity and righteousness.

Yes, IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO GOD how you come dressed in His presence at church services! Surely, "'NUFF SAID!"

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Wayne Chapman Making Good Progress

You will recall that Wayne Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chapman, has been in a coma since his fall from a scaffold nearly three months ago. We are happy to report that Wayne is able to take nourishment orally now, albeit slowly, and this week he has also said a few words. These positive and very encouraging signs indicate that he is starting to come out of his coma. The Chapman's are deeply grateful for everyone's prayers and request that we continue to pray for Wayne's complete healing.

Appreciation for Ministerial Refreshing Program

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to experience the Ministerial Refreshing Program. The material and knowledge we received was helpful to be sure. Yet I believe to see and feel

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A Voice Cries Out: Problem of Survival- Will It Work Out?

Will the threat of nuclear war
and human extinction just go away
if we don't think about it?

Appeared in The Wall Street Journal Feb. 9, 1981

WILL the old adage apply now? It said, "In the long run, all will work itself out." Or will it have to be *worked out* by someone?

Why do we seem afraid to think about it *or do anything about* this unprecedented danger? SALT, if it ever worked, would only limit expansion of nuclear weapons. But *existing* weapons of mass destruction could annihilate mankind from this planet 50 times over. And once would be quite enough!

One H-bomb would *wreak* as much destruction as all the bombs exploded by both sides in World War II!

Can we feel safe by thinking the threat is so terrifying no one would dare use it? A madman in one of the smaller nuclear nations might start the war that could spread to erase *humanity from the earth!* And with chemical warfare thrown in!

But two facts are *real!*

One is the *fact*—for the first time since humans inhabited the earth—there do exist such weapons and the realistic possibility.

What brought a fast-advancing civilization to the very brink of *such unbelievable—yet real* ultimate catastrophe? Why the paradox? If the threat is too awesome for most to contemplate, so is the advancement and progress in



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20th-century civilization awesome almost beyond belief!

What would a Lincoln, a Vanderbilt or an Emerson think, if he could be brought back to life today? Such a one would stand *aghast at the marvels of science and technology*, the power of business and industry, the modern Concorde carrying a hundred passengers from London and arriving in New York almost two hours *before they started!* Or astronauts flying to the moon and back unmanned spacecraft sending *back photographs from the Martian surface?* Yes, awesome!

But equally awesome would appear the trouble and evils of our world today—and the *reality* of the Frankenstein monster of nuclear warfare that threatens to destroy the civilization that produced it!

Human capability seems unlimited dealing with the physical and material. But our troubles and evils are spiritual in nature. Before them our best brains seem *helpless!*

I repeat there are the two ways of life—"GIVE" and "GET." "GIVE" is the spiritual way of outflowing love, cooperating, helping, serving, sharing. It's really an invisible spiritual law as inexorable and relentless as the law of gravity! Its transgression is the motive of *"GET"—self-centeredness, vanity, covetousness, envy, competition, strife, violence!* This world is still traveling the way of "GET" toward its destruction! And time is running out!

Above I stated *two facts are real!* One is the *fact* of the impending CRASH of human annihilation! The *other, also one most don't want to think about*—is the super-powerful unseen "Strong Hand from Someplace" that *will* intervene in this world's affairs just before that final crash and save humanity from itself! A new world government will rule all nations. Humans will be *compelled* to be *happy in peace and universal abundance* with eternal salvation offered all! The new WORLD TOMORROW will start living the way of "GIVE." And how gloriously it will pay off! Believe it or not, it's as certain as the rising of tomorrow's sun!

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Pastor General
Worldwide Church of God

firsthand the renewed and GENUINE spirit and attitude of love and helpfulness at Pasadena was encouraging and uplifting beyond words.

In the nearly ten years I have been serving in the ministry, I can genuinely say that I have never been as enthused and excited about the Work as a whole and the ministry in particular. Being a pastor is enjoyable and exciting again.

Renewing old friendships and building new ones was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the program. The entire three weeks I didn't hear a negative comment, either in class or privately, and that is a real change! Thanks again for everything. We love you and pray for you daily.

Roger and Donna Abels

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

We have just finished the seventh session of the Refreshing Program which contained many inspiring and helpful lectures that are being taught by men who are faithfully carrying out your instructions. It is good to see that progress is being made in the Work and we thank God for it.

While the program was in session we were able to hear a preview of your ad that was addressed to President Reagan before it appeared in The Wall Street Journal. We were moved by the message it contained. This ad, along with the others you have written, can't help but capture the attention of those who see them and stimulate the thinking of those who read them.

Our prayers are with you always as you continue to do the work God has given you to do.

Al and Joann Dennis

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

My wife and I wish to express our appreciation to you for the Ministerial Refreshing Program. We attended the seventh session. We especially enjoyed being able to have all of the Spanish-speaking ministers present at the same time.

We also feel much more unified and inspired in order to continue to do God's Work in Latin America with all of our might. Thank you again.

Tom and Jody Turk, Mexico City

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Linnea and I want to express our appreciation for the Ministerial Refreshing Program and your leadership under Jesus Christ. We are happy and proud to help hold up your arms as you carry on in this end-time Work.

The Church is clearly being revitalized through an extensive pruning process (John 15:2). The body is healthier than it has been for the

last eight years or so. The Refreshing Program has contributed to this improvement. Thanks also to those who have assisted you in this program.

Nelson and Linnea Haas

P.S. A special thanks to Mr. Carlton Green for his labor of love and faith in providing outstanding meals for the College and ministry. Also to Roman Borek for the fine tour and commentary in the Auditorium.

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

My wife and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to you and the entire Refreshing Program staff for an invaluable experience. Every facet of the program beautifully exemplified the way of GIVE. The entire three weeks was a sumptuous spiritual banquet, brimful and running over. We are already looking forward to round two.

You referred to 1981 as a "new beginning" for the Work of God. The Refreshing Program is certainly playing a major role in this renaissance. Thanks again for such an inspiring and profitable program.

Jack and Betty Kost

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Thank you very much for the Refreshing Program, and for opening it up to elders not employed by the Work. I was able to use a week's vacation to participate in the first week of the sixth session.

The course was very encouraging and uplifting with everyone speaking the same thing and in a positive attitude reflecting real teamwork. The course was corrective as well, but not by anyone pointing a finger saying "you haven't been doing your job." The correction came from the high standards that have been set for all of us.

Thank you again Mr. Armstrong for giving us the guidance we all so very much need, and for doing it in such a positive and exciting manner. Good fruit will be produced from this for all of God's people.

John O. Reid

Dear Mr. Tkach and "The Team":

Just a few words of appreciation for the Refreshing Program. Since we were on sabbatical four years ago we can make some very personal comparisons. The most outstanding one is the basic attitude of the instructors: there is no question where everybody is coming from and where their loyalties are, and that is very refreshing and comforting for those of us in the field. We have left Pasadena this time totally positive and without any misgivings at how everything is being conducted, and without questions about the purpose and motives of those responsible for administering God's Work under Mr. Armstrong. Believe you me, that is beautiful!

At the same time, of course, I don't want to give the impression that everyone at the College four years ago was anything but the above as there are still many loyal people still plugging away. But unfortunately there were all too many who were going in the wrong direction and misdirecting both ministers and students. Anyway, thanks for the effort you put into making it a refreshing program.

Stay loyal, as we really love you for it.

Roy and Sheila Page

Dear Mr. Tkach:

I cannot wait any longer to communicate to you and through you to our beloved Pastor General, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, our appreciation (my wife's and mine) for allowing us to be part of the invigorating and inspiring seventh session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program.

To us in the Spanish area of God's Work, it was a dream come true. For years we kept wondering the best way, and if at all possible, to gradually have all of our Spanish-speaking ministers come to Pasadena and see with their own eyes the beautiful facilities God has provided to His Church, to enable it to go and do His Work. It took the unswerving loyalty to Jesus Christ of Mr. Armstrong and those under him, including you and your staff, as well as the leadership of the Head of the Church, to bring this about.

It was inspiring and uplifting to see and experience the harmony, unity and warm fellowship displayed throughout the three weeks of jampacked instruction and social activities, not only between all of us being refreshed in what we were taught and believed way back when we were first called (a pleasant reassurance that Jesus Christ is indeed "...the same yesterday, today, and forever."), but what was most appreciated, between you and all of your staff, whom so unselfishly and with great dedication refreshed and served us. We can only hope to implement in our own service to those entrusted to our care, the same manner of dedicated, unselfish and concerned service.

Once again, thank Mr. Armstrong for us, and thank you and your staff for everything.

Fernando and Acelia Barriga

Dear Mr. Tkach:

They've been recycling bottles, newsprint and aluminum cans for years. As a result, our natural resources have gone that much further. Perhaps it can be said that the Refreshing Program is a way to recycle ministers! No doubt the result will be very similar. The ministry will be able to do that much more--walking the "extra mile" more effectively!

Please convey to Mr. Armstrong our deep appreciation for making the Refreshing Program possible. It was an honor to be at the College for nearly three weeks of intensive training and instruction.

We were amazed at how quickly the seventh session whizzed by. But then time doesn't drag when there's so much to do and so many people to meet or get reacquainted with!

The entire Ministerial Services staff went all out to make our stay in Pasadena meaningful, purposeful and enjoyable. We are really looking forward to coming again when the second round of the Refreshing Program begins!

Tony and Linda Wasilkoff

Letters From Bermuda

The following two letters were forwarded to Mr. Armstrong by Mr. Roland Sampson. The second letter is from a lady who is not a member of the Church but has a great interest in the Work.

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

On behalf of the Bermuda Y.O.U., I would like to thank you for the film "Even In My Youth" that was based on young people and their growth in the Church. It showed the devotion and trust people place in God Almighty and what His love can do to help each and everyone of us. I, myself, found the film to be very interesting. I think more films of this nature should be encouraged for they would be helpful to young people in the Church. Films like these make us realize that you are not unaware of the situations we go through, which helps us to become more confident in the things we do. Thank you.

Todd Martin

Dear Brother Armstrong:

Oh how I love to hear you deliver your message every day here in Bermuda over radio station ZMB. You are a man of great faith, and you speak the truth. I know that for sure. It seems like the more I hear you and see you the more I want to hear of you. It doesn't matter what anyone thinks of you, you are not doing their work. You are called to do the work for your heavenly Father and are doing a wonderful job, and I am with you all the way, because you speak the truth and it hurts. We know that Jesus is coming very soon. He said when we see all these things look up, He is near at hand.

What is wrong with the human race? Why are they so blind? Just look what is taking place all over the nation--trouble on every hand. Never in history have we heard of so many earthquakes. I know within myself that Jesus cries when He looks down on His children that He made. It really hurts Him. I love what you stand for.

May God be with you in everything you do for Him. Please send me what you can.

Mrs. Sidney Bean

P.S. I will be sending a gift of \$5 a month starting from this month.

I love you because you are helping me to get through my struggles each day of my life; you are a wonderful man. That is gratitude by the true Spirit.

May the Almighty God help you in everything you do, in His holy name. That is my prayer from my inner being. Until I hear from you, Love as always.

Weekly Letter Comments

Letters from members express their excitement about the impact of The Wall Street Journal ads in helping to fulfill the Church's commission. Then several brethren describe their experiences of being miraculously healed through God's intervention. Also, comments from around the world show how highly the Work's literature is valued by our readers.

Brethren Excited About Impact of Ads

I've heard very positive comments about your ads in The Wall Street Journal lately and wanted to let you know about them. For example, last week the employer of a member's husband read the article about Japanese productivity. He was so impressed that he had all his workers read it. He also said something to the effect that it was the best thing he'd seen in the Journal in a long time.

I'm so thankful and awed that God has inspired you to launch such an effective program! Through these ads in The Wall Street Journal, many who never would have picked up a PLAIN TRUTH or who would have turned away from a religious program on radio or TV, now have the chance to read parts of Christ's Gospel.

Armin Reese (San Jose, CA)

Those ads in The Wall Street Journal really are fantastic. The one you had in the Journal last Monday ("Why?") was very innovative! God's Holy Spirit is sure working through you! Please keep up the good work because you are the only true messenger in a world which abounds with false prophets and self-proclaimed religious leaders.

Robert Metheny (Greenville, RI)

Reading these powerful messages you have been putting out lately makes cold chills run through me. It makes me wonder--am I ready for God's Kingdom to come? If not, it won't be because I haven't heard the Word preached, as you are really getting the message out to us.

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Coward (Kingsport, TN)

The ads in The Wall Street Journal really make me happy. I had been watching and wondering how we would start approaching the elite in the United States. Now I have the answer. I am so thankful to be a part of this.

Mrs. Floyd Martin (Bellville, OH)

We've read with interest the ads you've been placing in The Wall Street Journal. We think these ads will prove to be a very effective means of getting the Gospel message to those who run or own a part of the major companies in the U.S.

Mr. & Mrs. Randy Gregory (Austin, TX)

How surprised I was when, on my window washing route, I saw your latest ad from The Wall Street Journal photocopied on the desk of the head of the advertising department for a mail order company.

I find it very exciting to think that God is using your ability to write ads to spread the Gospel so effectively. How nice it will be when advertisers stop long enough before they copy your ads to read the message and have the information sink in!

The Glovers (Jerico, VT)

God's People Being Healed

Shortly after the Feast of Tabernacles in 1979, I noticed a rather large lump in my breast. It grew rapidly and within a few months the pain was almost constant. I was anointed last January by our minister, Mr. Billingsley, but the growth did not seem to slow.

Several times when the pain was severe, God intervened after Mr. Billingsley prayed for me. The encouraging articles on faith and healing saw me through some very difficult times.

My husband and I, and our two little children, never doubted that God would heal me. Although I was told by the doctor that this was probably cancer, I am happy to say that the lump, once as large as a tennis ball, has completely disappeared.

We have no doubt that God can and does heal today.

Beverly Butler (Fresno, CA)

My sister Liz had a very serious life or death accident. Her very broken and wounded body was a big shock to her family. We immediately called Mr. Stoner, our minister, who came, prayed and sat with us.

The doctor told us, "Don't expect any miracles," but we did expect miracles! Well, they came more than we could count. Liz's recovery had everyone in the hospital surprised.

We can count on God!! My sister is living proof.

Anne Nouhan (Holland, MI)

I am 81 years old. I too was brought back to life just as you were (Mr. Armstrong). One Sabbath in Church I passed out and quit breathing. The minister came down from the pulpit--so I was told--and anointed me and prayed. When the congregation saw what was happening they all bowed in silent prayer. I didn't know anything, only what I was told.

They called an ambulance and took me to the hospital. The doctor seemed puzzled, as tests showed I had quit breathing. But he said I could come home if someone would stay with me.

I have been healed other times before this.

Mrs. Myrtle Stuart (Hickory, NC)

In 1965 I was anointed for glaucoma, but my sight deteriorated till I was functionally blind in 1967. Still, I trusted God, and my sight began improving till in 1969 it was 20/20!

A blind member for whom I was a reader in those days, was stricken with acute appendicitis. He was anointed by God's minister, and seven days later was completely healed!

As long as we obey and trust Him, God never fails to heal immediately, slowly, or certainly in the first resurrection!

Mr. & Mrs. Crawford Lindsay (Chicago, IL)

God saved my life, or I should say, prevented me from dying recently. I was admitted into the hospital for diabetes mellitus. If God hadn't intervened and had me fired as a Basic Leadership Instructor I would have gone into a diabetic coma sometimes that night or early next morning.

My blood pressure and my sugar count were both very high when I entered the hospital. The doctors and nurses that examined me said that medically there was no way that I should have been walking.

God gave me enough strength to reach the hospital and then increased that strength so that I would yet live awhile longer.

R.M. (Apo, NY)

I just had to tell you how our great and merciful, loving God again intervened and healed me. After having an annoying, unnatural bowel condition for almost three weeks, I called for an anointed cloth, believing in faith that God would heal. Two days after the anointing was my first normal day.

M.S. (Denver, CO)

What Overseas Readers Say About Our Literature

I am an old woman of seventy-five, entirely alone, having outlived my loved ones and old friends. I derive great pleasure and comfort from The PLAIN TRUTH which I have been reading avidly, as well as your other books. I have always ready my Bible, but have never been able to really understand it. I think I am more enlightened now. I enjoy Mr. Armstrong the most. The last three years have been a great trial for me, almost as bad as Job's experiences. Your books have helped me come through the nightmare.

I.C. (Staffs, United Kingdom)

I am requesting some additional literature if it can be spared. My literature gets passed on to and around my friends who are too shy to write and request it for themselves. Most of them belong to the Church of England, and I can assure you they are asking their minister some very hard-to-answer questions. Poor fellow.

W.J.W. (Hurstville South, Australia)

I would like to say that I have been receiving LA PURA VERDAD and other literature from your organization for a long time. We have a saying here in Guatemala that goes something like this: "Nobody

would give a worthless gift;" on the other hand, I feel that to give away freely all the reading material you send us is giving a bit too much.

Oscar E. Polanco L.
(Guatemala City, Guatemala)

I cannot thank you enough for the really wonderful collection of booklets. I have already read quite a lot of what you sent. It makes the most interesting, and above all the most important, reading I have ever done. I know that you give these publications, and also The PLAIN TRUTH, absolutely free of charge. I admire all your contributors and subscribers greatly for making such absolutely vital and important knowledge available just for the asking. I know that of all the subjects in the world that one may learn about in books, your subjects are indeed the most important and contain the knowledge that all thinking people should know about. I wish that everyone in the world could read your publications.

J.L. (York, United Kingdom)

Since I started receiving your valuable messages regarding the World Tomorrow through The PLAIN TRUTH and other booklets, there is no other way to thank you people in your untiring effort but to pray to the Almighty to bless you. Thanks very much for transmitting these unique messages to all of us in the Pacific region.

J.N. (Lautoka, Fiji)

--JOE TKACH, MINISTERIAL SERVICES

FROM FLEET ADMINISTRATION

With winter fully set in, now is a good time to remember your tires. Please be sure to check tire balance, alignment, and especially pressure as temperatures change and driving conditions worsen.

Recently, one of our fleet drivers reported that he had never needed to replace a set of original equipment tires on his car until now. The present replacement of tires is necessary since his car passed the 60,000 mile mark.

We are all concerned about the rising cost of fuel, but no fuel-saving devices should be installed on any fleet vehicle without prior authorization from the Fleet Office. There are many of these devices on the market, and installing one can cause severe engine damage and will usually void any warranty coverage.

Please be careful to keep blankets and any other necessities in your car for cold weather running. This winter seems to be especially severe in some of our north and northeastern states.

ON THE WORLD SCENE

A COMMENTARY ON "COMMENTARY" This week I'd just like to draw your attention to two excellent articles in COMMENTARY magazine, a monthly journal I always take special note of in my remarks to the ministers in on the Refreshing Program.

In the January 1981 issue, the new U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Jeanne Kirkpatrick, presents an excellent analysis of the reasons why U.S. interests are plummeting in the Western Hemisphere. Her article is entitled "U.S. Security and Latin America." Ambassador Kirkpatrick graphically shows how U.S. policy helped usher in the Marxist Sandanista regime in Nicaragua, and is leading to instability of governments elsewhere in the region.

The second article is in the February issue, entitled "Joining the Jackals: The U.S. at the U.N., 1977-1980," written by former U.N. Ambassador Daniel Patrick Moynihan. It is a devastating analysis of recent U.S. failures in the United Nations as a result of trying to curry the favor of nations who hate America.

According to Senator Moynihan, there was during the four years of the Carter administration "a fateful avoidance of reality...a denial that there is genuine hostility toward the United States in the world.... Those who now take office must deal with the aftermath of this massive failure of policy [highlighted by the disastrous U.S. vote against Israel in the Security Council--later clumsily repudiated--in March 1980]. The new administration will have to deal also with the whole question of the Third World. It should be clearer now that hostility toward the West, toward the United States, is abiding and, it may be burgeoning."

These articles in COMMENTARY are certainly worth reading. Good libraries should have copies; the February issue should still be on the newstand. COMMENTARY is perhaps the most influential magazine on current events today among the powers that be. Earlier articles published in COMMENTARY by both Mr. Moynihan and Mrs. Kirkpatrick were the springboards to obtaining their diplomatic assignments (curiously to the same post). President Reagan said that Mrs. Kirkpatrick's December 1979 article, "Dictatorship and Double Standards," was the best piece he had read on the subject of U.S. foreign policy.

Excerpts of that article were quoted in the January 1980 PLAIN TRUTH. Reference to the two current articles probably will be made also.

--Gene H. Hogberg, News Bureau