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In the book of Genesis, chapter 1, we read that God created the heaven and earth, and all created within was "good." He created the waters and saw this was "good." He created the light – and it was "good." He created the grass and trees – and He saw that it was "good." He created the animals – this creation was also "good." The division of light from the darkness was "good."

Then in verse 27, we read that God created mankind in His own image. It can be assumed if mankind was created in His image, mankind was, initially, "good."

We know from Genesis 3 that man fell into sin by coercion of the devil, described here in the form of a serpent. By the time Noah was instructed to build an ark and spare the righteous from the coming flood and judgment over wickedness, man had long ago fallen and was at the point of "evil" in their hearts "continually" (Genesis 6:5).

Why did the flood come? Why are the floods coming in 2007? This is happening all over the globe, in spurts. In Noah's day, it was a worldwide flood that left no spot uncovered. Today, it is not only floods creating havoc upon all earth's inhabitants, but

also earthquakes, tsunamis, cyclones, hurricanes, mudslides and extreme heat. Where there are no floods, there is extreme drought.

As we look around today, we see there is evil continually in the hearts of mankind. Jesus said the days before His second coming would be preceded by a time “as the days of Noah were” (Matthew 24:37). People are busily living their lives, “eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage” (verse 38), basically paying no heed to the things of God. What we are experiencing are the “beginning of sorrows,” or the “birth pangs,” of the Tribulation, which is worldwide chaos and destruction leading up to Jesus’ second return. The doubters will say, “Oh, these events have always been.” But they have not – not in this frequency, intensity, nor on such a widespread scale (globally).

What is “good” – that is, God’s creation – cannot hold any longer that which is “evil,” the hearts of mankind housed in human clothing. What scientists call “global warming” is truly just the precipice of God’s global judgment, the birth pangs leading up to the all-out regurgitation of mankind from the earth and all its components, which God called good. As sin cannot stand in the presence of God, nor can our planet any longer tolerate evil residing over it.

Truly, even the heavenlies are rejecting us and the entire cosmos is upset. Sin cannot reproduce as it has for the past centuries without God’s perfect plan of order coming to disarray. There is a spiritual wiring in place that produces consequences based on our obedience or disobedience toward God and His laws. Obedience will beget blessing, and disobedience will beget chastisement and eventually judgment.

*Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;  
A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day:*

*And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known. (Deuteronomy 11:26-28)*

In Leviticus 18, we read the offenses that will in turn cause the land to spew us out (verse 28). There is a lengthy list, but the three that stand out are adultery, abortion (child sacrifice to the “god” of Molech), and homosexuality. Are we not guilty of these three in our society? Is the world not guilty of these three? Is the *Church* not guilty of these three? Others mentioned are incest and bestiality, which are sins we do not hear of as often, not because they do not take place, but because the general population agrees that these are wrong. The general population does not agree that adultery, abortion and homosexuality are wrong. These are all called “abominable customs” in Leviticus 18:30.

As it states in Deuteronomy 11:28, we will reap a curse for going after “other gods,” of which Allah and Buddha are most certainly included, as well as the god of self, material possessions, sports, entertainment and other ungodly habits. And in Leviticus 18:28, we are warned not to be guilty of incest, adultery, abortion, homosexuality and bestiality, so that “the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you.”

In short, this is a warning that if we do not obey the laws of God, which are good and perfect – if we let sin instead of faith and righteousness reign – we will be *vomited* out by the earth.

Global warming activists are right to an extent. Human activity that causes pollutants in the air, with excess carbon dioxide being the main ingredient, does appear

to be the cause of much earthly tumult when the facts are presented. Glaciers and sea ice are melting at an unprecedented rate, storms are increasing in intensity, resulting in increased flooding, and droughts in some areas are becoming more severe and widespread – and these droughts in turn lead to more wildfires. These occurrences are all around us, but they are symptoms of a much greater problem.

If mankind had sought God more often throughout history, we would most likely not have made certain inventions. What we have is acceptable, but what God would have given would have been better. Remember, all He created, and obviously has a hand in our creating, is GOOD. God would have given us another way. We could have had cars that do not damage the atmosphere by increasing carbon dioxide, for example. We could have had non-CO2-emitting air conditioners long ago. “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” (Matthew 7:7)

Science can explain anything except a spiritual root. Ultimately, the earth is on course to vomit (spew) its inhabitants based on the sin of its inhabitants. Human activity is helping it along, and the explanation fits in perfectly with the overall liberal political agenda. Liberals are now able to capitalize on the worldwide sin problem by ranting about “global warming.” It’s the conservatives, they say, who don’t care about the well-being of the planet, while *they*, of course, would be willing to throw their bodies on top of a glacier in effort to save it from breaking apart and melting into the ocean.

This melting of glaciers, by the way, is one way the earth could have its say. When the oceans rise, and land disappears, mankind is expected to be drowned off the planet – if man does not first drown in the rampant flooding by storms of unprecedented intensity. I believe Jesus will return before every last glacier melts, but we should be aware of what is happening, because all recent weather events are signs.

I recently watched Al Gore’s eco-awareness documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*. It may as well have been titled *The Inconvenience of Being Al Gore* for all the self-righteous drama he intermittently injected at the expense of conservatives, and specifically, the current Administration.

If you can take his continuous political digs towards his ex-presidential opponent and obvious self-exaltation in matters of his valiant efforts in petitioning our government to save the planet, some of the facts and information provided in the film regarding recent natural disasters is very interesting. It documents the exponential speed of melting glaciers and overall increase in droughts in some lands, as well as high-impact storms, etc. It is most interesting in light of Bible prophecy.

The irony: We can thank the liberals for – albeit unintentionally – making more of us aware that the Bible warnings of Matthew 24 and Luke 21 and a multitude of others are now coming to pass!

The information provided in the film can be found on various websites now throughout the internet, so in lieu of viewing the film, you may just “Google” phrases like “global warming” and “natural disasters” and “melting glaciers,” “sea ice,” and the like. It is the news of the day, even in the secular media. It is a topic that can no longer be avoided, considering the changing atmospheric global conditions we are experiencing.

The many shots, during Mr. Gore’s film, of his waving to applauding crowds at numerous functions are meant to hail him as a hero, and yet have nothing to do with global warming or the condition of the earth. There are also plenty of shots of him at his laptop, diligently working, lest we not realize what a modern icon he is. Of the 96 minutes the film runs, there is about 30 minutes of good, solid evidence.

If you rent the DVD, you also get a “bonus feature” of lesbian singer Melissa Etheridge performing a song called “I Need To Wake Up.”

Well, we all need to wake up, Melissa. But not to the god of the earth. We as humans need to rethink our ways, repent of the sins we are guilty of (lesbianism included), and turn to God before it is too late!

This nation, and especially the Church within the nation, needs to learn how to read the signs of the times. If we look throughout the Bible, we see times of God's judgment often come after times of great prosperity. When people are able to live their lives, accumulate material wealth and sin to their heart's content, without giving thought to the God of creation – and in fact mocking Him, as they serve other gods – we can be sure judgment is not far off.

All that is "good" in God's creation simply cannot tolerate what has become wickedness. It is cause and effect, once again. God does not necessarily have to zap us in an instant. The spiritual world, the earth and all of nature, is pre-wired to spew out what is sinful and wicked, in the form of natural disasters and strange signs in the heavens, or what we might even call "natural phenomena." God Himself pre-wired our entire spiritual system where obedience begets blessing and peace, and disobedience begets judgment and turmoil in one form or another.

Economic collapse in societies is another natural result of greed on the parts of its citizens and governments. This effect is apparent, although its cause is usually argued over in political circles: Republicans blame Democrats, and Democrats blame Republicans. But no – it is all mankind's responsibility to live as good stewards, for God requires this of us.

The present "mortgage crunch," for example, is a result of irresponsible creditors going after the "quick buck" and preying on irresponsible borrowers who couldn't wait an extra year or so until they might have properly afforded a home with good lending terms. They had to have it NOW. The mad dash of the last decade to pull money out of homes by way of refinances to pay for other luxuries has come to a screeching halt. The greed and/or impatience of the average American in this way, which initially came as over-inflated house values, is now causing a correction in these values that may seriously and negatively affect every homeowner, and thus, the country as a whole.

Again, the simple pre-wired rule is this: obedience begets blessing and peace, and disobedience begets judgment and turmoil in one form or another.

Abortion in our land is perhaps our greatest sin. If these "pro-choicers" wielding their right-to-kill signs had any spiritual receptors at all tuned into our holy God, they would turn from their wicked ways and start petitioning our government to disallow abortion. The hardness of their hearts is at the hand of God at this point, because they have heard the truth and chose to ignore it. Just as God hardened Pharaoh's heart when He saw his inherent determination against God, He hardens the hearts of those who refuse Him today. This is a curse upon a person as an individual who rejects Him, and this curse in turn affects a nation. God, who is all about LIFE, who sent His Son who IS LIFE to earth for our sins, cannot tolerate our love of DEATH much longer.

Our blatant determination to kill babies who never have a chance at life has shown up in the overall disrespect and outright hatred some parents now have for their children, and the children of others. We are now reading stories of babies and children being stabbed to death by their parents, stepparents, etc. We read of babies and children put in microwaves, drowned in bathtubs, beaten, raped, used for child pornography. One story this year of two foster parents said they wrapped the three-year-old trusted in their care in blankets and stuffed the child in a closet, left to suffocate to death. Another story of 2007 was that a man stabbed his two-year-old in the head and threw him out of a moving car. The child survived – at what cost? What will his life be like with the demons of this tragedy haunting him for the rest of his life? *Nothing* but

the hand of Jesus by His healing, calming Spirit will give this child a chance at a normal existence. What are the odds this child will be given that opportunity by those now entrusted with his care?

Children are forgotten in cars on oppressively hot days, left to die. Children are victims of maniacs who shoot them on school grounds. This kind of thing shows no discrimination – it happens on playgrounds, in elementary schools, high schools and universities. In cities, children are taken into gangs and taught how to hate and to kill. This “Me first” generation has taken its toll on the young like we have never before seen. Young people are treated as nuisances, as things that need to be done away with. If anyone says our acceptance of abortion is not to blame, they are blinded and need repentance. The United States is not the only country that loves its abortions. Governments of China and Russia *mandate* them.

Now concerning occurrences in nature, we are presently experiencing the unprecedented effects of our human disobedience to God globally. Although floods, earthquakes, mudslides, tornadoes, etc., have been quite prevalent over the past decade, it seems as if some kind of Big Bang has occurred in nature in 2007, and the scripture that comes to mind as I read these news stories of catastrophic woe is from Luke 21:26, “Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth...” Mankind, globally, in every country, at this time in history, finds itself *stupefied*.

If we would only read the prophets, read the words of Jesus, read the book of Revelation, we would see what is truly happening, and realize that this is merely a foreshadowing of what is to come. We are being vomited out of the very earth, as was warned in Leviticus 18. We are cursed for our individual sins, and for the sins of our forefathers, our governments, our states and countries.

Briefly, if we wanted to take a look at what goes on in the Middle East, we would see how decisions affecting Jerusalem and the giving away of land in Israel affects global events as well. Scripture tells us Jerusalem is not to be divided again, now that it is in the hands of Israel once again after the 1967 war. Being that 2007 makes 40 years (one generation) since Israel’s recapture of Jerusalem, and Prime Minister Olmert is presently negotiating giving East Jerusalem, as well as other land, over to the Palestinians “in exchange for peace,” I am not surprised that 2007 is on track to be probably the most tumultuous year ever for storm activity.

So back to the issue of global warming... Again, the facts and information provided in *An Inconvenient Truth* prove the Bible right, in light of God’s character and how He deals with the sin of mankind. Sin cannot stand in His view. Sin cannot wreck what is “good” without that “good” somehow spiritually having a say. Human sin disrupts the very ways of the cosmos!

Al Gore remarked that it is a “moral imperative to make changes.” This “truth” of global warming he presents is called “inconvenient,” in his opinion, because those on the right prefer to leave it be. The insinuation is, change is too much of an *inconvenience* for the powers that be to make restrictive laws to our way of life so that we will not release as much carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. We should recycle more, drive electric or alternatively fueled cars, etc.

I am not a global warming doubter, and I do not believe we should sit back when we *can* recycle and do our part. The temperature of the earth is rising. I don’t see how anyone can read the latest headlines and not see that something is brewing. “Our part,” however, requires the wisdom of God in our lives, not a sure-to-fail attempt of man to put a band-aid on a global sin problem. Without God’s divine intervention, we will see all the potential dangers presented in Mr. Gore’s film come to fruition.

The one natural event there was no information provided for in this film was earthquakes. There is a theory, however, that increased seismic and volcanic activity is caused by something called “Chandler’s Wobble.” Michael Wells Mandeville writes, “The exact location of the North and South Poles of the Earth’s spin axis are constantly changing while the Earth’s crust wobbles slightly around and over the poles in the 14 month and 6.5 year cycles of Chandler’s Wobble.” He states that it is “highly likely” that this “wobble” of the earth causes increase in volcanic activity, which thus produces what we call global warming.

In Al Gore’s camp, although this was not stated, perhaps the general assumption is that “human activity” does not cause earthquakes, and so therefore we cannot prevent them. I would disagree, as sin is really *the* human activity that does cause the earth to grumble, as do other spiritual events. In Matthew 27, we read that after Jesus “gave up the ghost” and as the saints rose from sleep to be with Him, there was an earthquake. What takes place in the spirit, and in the heart of man (the crucifixion of Jesus was truly the blackest sin) affects our natural world.

Jesus foretold in Matthew 24:7 that there would be earthquakes in “divers places” in the days leading up to His second coming. In Michael Wells Mandeville’s article, “Eight Charts Which Prove That Chandler’s Wobble Causes Earthquakes, Volcanism, El Nino, and Global Warming,” he presents a century’s worth of statistics that show that earthquakes are occurring at a rapid rate, daily, and with more intensity, around the globe. Two charts he presents on worldwide volcanic and seismic activity take us from 1973-1998. We see in looking at the graphs, in his words, “The increase in earthquake and volcanic activity easily seems to be at least fourfold.” That was a twenty-five-year period that ended a decade ago. In the past decade, if you do the research, you will find activity has increased yet more.

The facts presented in *An Inconvenient Truth* are just as disturbing. As described in the film, there is a “thin layer of atmosphere” being thickened by pollutants (here’s that human activity again – SUVs, A/Cs, etc.) which is, as a result, unable to allow as many infrared rays to pass back beyond itself and away from the earth. More outgoing infrared rays (heat radiation) are trapped, and temperatures rise. The more fossil fuels we burn, the more CO<sub>2</sub> we create, and the more heat from the sun that ends up being trapped. Polar ice melts, waters rise and due to the overall upset atmosphere, more storms brew, more rain falls, or less rain falls resulting in drought, depending on the area of the earth. The warming of the oceans cause bigger hurricanes and cyclones: the warmer the water, the larger the storm. Increased CO<sub>2</sub> is also what, according to Mr. Gore, “sucks moisture out of the soil,” causing drought conditions and lakes to dry up.

Some effects cited in the film are the ice on Mount Kilimanjaro all but having disappeared; glaciers melting in the Alps, Peru, Argentina, and Patagonia; 37 inches of rain in 24 hours falling in Mumbai, India, in June 2005; Lake Chad in Nigeria, once one of the largest lakes in the world, nearly drying up in the past few decades; glaciers of the Himalayas melting at a rapid rate (which could oddly enough cause a water shortage for the two billion people who get their drinking water by rivers fed by the glacier meltwaters); Arctic Sea Ice having depleted 40% and expected to disappear over the next 50 years (polar bears could become extinct); Antarctic ice shelves melting, with pools of water forming on top; the disappearing Greenland Ice Sheet, which, if it melts completely, would raise sea level 23 feet; coastal lands around the world disappearing under water as sea ice and glaciers melt; and other effects of globally rising temperatures, of which Mr. Gore remarked, “It’s like taking a nature hike through the book of Revelations.” Well, it’s actually *Revelation* (no “s”), and yet he is not too far

off. Some of these other effects are death, starvation and disease, all mentioned in Revelation.

The world Health Organization recently stated, “Infectious diseases are now spreading geographically much faster than at any time in history,” and that “40 diseases exist today which were unknown just over a generation ago.” TB, malaria, meningitis, respiratory tract infections, sexually transmitted infections, and others now exist in drug-resistant forms. And these are current disease statistics, which our ongoing planet changes will simply exacerbate over time. The World Health Organization said that “accidents involving toxic chemicals, nuclear power and other *environmental disasters* should... be communicated quickly and clearly to minimize public health threats.”

Another effect of climate change is that insects are living longer, as warmer temperatures are more favorable for them. Regarding the pine beetle, for example, it “is responsible for massive damage to lodgepole pine forests in Canada where a recent reduction in the severity of winters in British Columbia has allowed the population to explode,” according to online encyclopedia, Wikipedia. When the trees disappear, whether by insect infestation, wildfires, or other means, less oxygen is produced, creating a less habitable planet.

Also mentioned in Mr. Gore’s film is that 1995-2005 were the hottest years on record, with 2005 being the hottest of all. Anyone who has read of, or experienced, the record heat waves of 2007 should agree that when this current year’s readings are in, they will have surpassed the 2005 records. Think of this in light of Revelation 16:8, “And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.” The hotter and drier the conditions, the more wildfires we are seeing – and presently we are only seeing the preliminary events of the ultimate Tribulation to come. In 2006, over 9,000,000 acres were destroyed because of wildfires in the United States. In 2007, we are on track to speed past this number, and a greater number of wildfires are also happening globally. Some are set by arson or accident, but overly dry conditions are what spread them.

I ask that every reader does research when time permits – search on the internet for recent natural disaster and wildfire statistics, which are astounding in light of Bible prophecy.

This year alone, according to various news reports, we have seen the displacement of millions due to natural disasters. England received its “worst flooding in 60 years”; a drought in southern Greece flamed wildfires originally set by arson, after a season of 3,000 prior wildfires already, that created a countrywide state of emergency; North Korea had its “worst flooding in 40 years”; Queensland, Australia lost \$350 million in crops due to a cyclone; a plague of two billion rats and mice infiltrated central China after torrential rains drove them from their natural habitats; the worst floods perhaps this century has seen came to the U.S., including in Texas, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Missouri, Ohio, Iowa, South Dakota and Illinois; severe flooding drowned many parts of India, Nepal and Pakistan; North Korea’s “worst flooding in decades” resulted in the death of 600 and homelessness of 300,000; wave after wave of incidents hit Indonesia, including damaging earthquakes, floods and mudslides resulting in deaths, displacements and severe crop damage; an overactive typhoon season pummeled Asia; and as mentioned, a near record-breaking fire season still blazes, not only in the northwestern and other areas of the United States, where drought continues, but globally. Central and southeastern Europe went through a drastic heat wave affecting Italy, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Greece, Hungary and Romania by way of deaths, agricultural losses, water shortage and wildfires.

One question Al Gore posed was (paraphrased), shouldn't we be spending our dollars on something *other* than fighting terrorism, like saving the planet? (I wonder if Al Gore checks into a hotel room on a 100-degree day and does *not* put on the air conditioner?) This ignorance in thinking that self-righteous dollars are going to save us from God's global judgment will probably give way to a new 2009 Administration getting their chance to attack a spiritual problem by political means as well.

As a side note, that is actually not unconnected... The War on Terror is a necessary spiritual fight against evil (this form of evil being Islam). We, as men, must fight, and yet the reality is, we only can go so far. The problem is that President Bush believes we can fight and win, when this is actually a religious war and spiritual matter that only the return of Christ will root out. Muslims have been attempting to kill every Jew, Christian and those of any other religion for centuries. The feud actually originated in the days of Ishmael and of Esau. In short, the devil has tried since the beginning of time to take from God's people what God has intended for them.

Today, we witness what is most likely the last generation of this fight. It comes off in the Middle East as a fight for land, but it is truly a spiritual war. As Christians, we need to speak out against Islam. As men, we must combat it, but only as men with God on our side will we win. War itself is a curse upon us.

So here we tap into another facet of our spiritual problem: we go about, trying to win a war without God's instruction, and we are proving that (without God's instruction) we are not doing much good. Those in opposition to our current Administration have their ammunition against the war, however they are perhaps the most Godless lot of individuals themselves as has ever been in human history. Will God spare us for 100 – 50 – 25 – 5 righteous people? The voices of the righteous are heard here and there, and yet mostly, the voices we hear are those in the political camps arguing with one another instead of getting on their knees and seeking God.

*Should we even wonder why our spinning orb is in grave disarray?*

On an even more serious note than reporting on our spiritual negligence as humans, it is worth mentioning 1 Peter 4:17, "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" The Church in recent years has been guilty of gross spiritual negligence previously unseen. I write of our celebrity "Christian" leaders who preach another Jesus and other gospels. I don't fear the consequences of saying these people are not of God.

These "leaders" take to other countries their false gospel that the degree of one's financial wealth is indicative of their degree of holiness. They deceive those in Africa and other poor lands, infiltrating these countries that have been in spiritual darkness for centuries, with false gospels and leading millions astray. As 2 Timothy 3:13 states, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." We are also warned in Titus 1:10, 11:

*For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:*

*Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.*

Those of the so-called Word-Faith movement arrive in foreign lands on their private jets and in their fancy clothes, spread the gospels of devils, *collect money* for doing so, and return to their mansions back in the good old U.S. Compare what they do to what Jesus committed His disciples to do in Luke 9:3: "And he said unto them, Take

nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.”

I ask again, and this time I ask with the Church in mind: *Should we even wonder why our spinning orb is in grave disarray?*

Let's not think charlatans and wolves in sheep's clothing in God's house are making our global plight any rosier. They may spread "prophetic" lies of peace and say that God is going to pour out blessings on America and all we have to do is open our hands towards heaven to receive them. 1 Thessalonians 5:3, however, states, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."

Greed and wickedness in mankind is expected of those who do not know Christ. But when we see it infiltrating churches by way of circus clowns coming in the name of Jesus, we insult the God of creation in an even greater way.

In conclusion, we *are* partially experiencing cataclysmic weather patterns because of man's activities, but more so because of man's spiritual negligence. If we had sought God in creating inventions, such as automobiles, we'd have more "fuel friendly" versions. We'd have cleaner emissions, or no emissions, from factories. We'd have wisdom. But ultimately, as in the days of Noah, as in the days of Lot, as in the days Isaiah and Jeremiah, and the days all true prophets warned right before impending judgment came upon a land, we are seeing the effects of opposing God in every way.

What God created, He can take away. As God's creation that turned from Him, we have marched ourselves into a thicket, and now even the earth grumbles.

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## **ABRAHAM LINCOLN PLEADS FOR REPENTANCE MARCH 30, 1863**

Inasmuch as we know that by His divine Law nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people?

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in number, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God.

We have forgotten the gracious Hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God who made us. It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do by this my proclamation designate and set apart Thursday, the thirtieth day of April, 1863, as a day of national humiliation, to abstain on that day from their ordinary secular pursuits and to unite in their several places of public worship and devote to the humble discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion.

All this being done in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope authorized by the divine teachings, that the united cry of the nation will be heard on high and answered with blessings no less than the pardon of our national sins and the restoration of our divided and suffering country to its former happy condition of unity and peace.

Editor's note: Should this not be our resolution today? I think of 150 years ago as being the moral America. If we were unrepentant then, what must God think of us now, in 2007?

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**THE PROSPERITY MESSAGE:  
FALSE DOCTRINE IN THE CHURCH  
by Dan Corner**

Many of the same kinds of doctrinal problems that existed in first-century Christianity exist in our present day. A very serious one centers around the relationship of godliness to material prosperity for the Christian and his faith.

Popular teachers are saying that since we are Christians we should not be denied material prosperity, since it is part of our redemptive rights. Such teachers advocate the pursuit of the material and even gauge our faith level by our material possessions. (The world gauges success by our material possessions as well.) In other words, these "word" teachers say that one's "Volkswagen faith" is not as developed or pleasing to God as another's "Cadillac faith." (I personally heard this taught over the radio!)

Nearly 1930 years ago, Paul wrote pastor-teacher Timothy with regard to this very subject - the Christian and material possessions. He spoke of those "who think that godliness is a means to financial gain. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness." (1 Tim. 6:5-11)

This is a clear refutation to the popular, ear-tickling "Prosperity Message," and therefore, a very important passage for our day, as it was in Timothy's. Please note the following three observations from that passage:

We (Christians) are to be "content" with our material possessions. This is the opposite of being "eager" for money, which is equated with "the love of money." The word "eager" (verse 10) means: "reach out after, covet after, desire." This speaks of greed, another name for idolatry (Col. 3:5; Eph. 5:5). Remember, ALL idolaters will end up in the fiery lake of burning sulfur (Rev. 21:8)! Therefore, a very real DANGER - namely the fiery lake of burning sulfur - exists through any message, including this one, that would generate the love of money! Furthermore, some (Christians) do wander from the Christian faith because of such a teaching and have been plunged into ruin and destruction (verses 9 and 10). The same Greek word as found here in verse 9 is also used in Matt. 7:13 and rendered "destruction" which clearly refers to Hell: "... For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it."

As a safeguard against this, Paul advises the people of God to flee the desire to get rich and instead pursue much more important things like righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Consequently, the real issue here evolves around Christian goals, ambitions and priorities. They are to be spiritual and eternal, not material and temporal; yet we are to provide for our relatives and family (1 Tim. 5:8).

Paul identifies those who teach a message that generates a love for money as people who “have been robbed of the truth” (verse 5). This is a blanket statement regardless of any signs and wonders such may be able to perform or alleged visits from Jesus Christ Himself they claim.

Nowhere in the Holy Scriptures is the temporal and material elevated in importance. Instead, souls are to be our goal. As “soldiers” in God’s army, we should be willing to suffer lack, be persecuted and even die for this cause, as Stephen did (Acts 7:59, 60). Paul said, “Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory” (2 Tim. 2:10). “I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some” (1 Cor. 9:22b). “For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.” (1 Cor. 10:33b) This was the goal and purpose of the man God used to write half of the New Testament books. Shouldn’t this also be our goal and purpose in this life? Certainly, there is a major difference between the prosperity teachers of our day and Paul who taught, “If we have food and clothing we (Christians) will be content with that.” (I’ve never heard the prosperity teachers preach a sermon from that verse.)

Remember, real heroes of the faith “were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute [extremely poor], persecuted and mistreated -- the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. These were all commended for their faith...” (Heb. 11:37-39). Please note: The Greek meaning of this word translated “destitute” is “lack, suffer need, (be in) want” (Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance -- Greek Dictionary, p.75, no. 5302). (See also Heb. 13:5; Col. 3:1,2 and Prov. 30:7-9).

Certainly, the “gospel of greed” has distorted who the real heroes of the Christian faith are, not to mention, even more seriously, promoting the spiritually deadly sin of GREED. Reader, please know: If you are greedy, you need to repent and get saved (1 Cor. 6:9,10; Eph. 5:5,6; Col. 3:5 cf. Rev. 21:8).

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### **LETTER FROM TEWODROS LEMMA OF ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

*The following is an email excerpt from a friend, Tewodros Lemma. These are some of his thoughts after he began reading The Jeremiah Connection.*

When I look over all the essence of your writing, church is becoming an organization rather than walking incarnation of spiritual energy. Wordiness is an accepted part of our way of life. Our religious mood is social instead of spiritual. We have lost the art of worship so that we are not producing saints.

Christ calls us to carry a cross, but as one preacher said, we “call them to have fun in His name. We call them to enjoy all the bourgeois comforts modern civilization offers.”

It is true, darkness and light can never bring together something that is not negotiable.

I tell you honestly, for a number of years my heart has been troubled over the doctrine of faith as it is received and taught. My fear is that the modern conception of faith is not a biblical one. True faith rests upon the character of God and asks no further proof than the moral perfection of the One who cannot lie. Faith and morals are two sides of the same coin; indeed the very essence of faith is moral.

Your illustration shows how sin may alter its appearance without changing its nature. It is true, this is Satan’s most successful way of getting into the church to cause weakness, backsliding and division. So as members of the Christian family, each day we have to give time to prayer for our church leaders. I do believe our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep has not left His flock to the mercy of the wolves. He has given us scriptures, the Holy Spirit and natural power of observation to “prove all things, hold fast that which is good.” (1 Thes.5:21)

“Beloved, believe not every spirit.”

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## LANCE LAMBERT PROPHECY

*This prophecy was given in 1986 in a Prophetic Conference in Jerusalem. 153 prophets from 30 to 40 nations had gathered to wait upon and to hear from the Lord. The highlights of this prophecy to the entire body of Christ are as follows:*

“It will not be long before there will come upon the world a time of unparalleled upheaval and turmoil. Do not fear for it is I the Lord who am shaking all things. I began this shaking with the first world war and I greatly increased it through the second world war. Since 1973 I have given it an even greater impetus. In the last stage, I plan to complete it with the shaking of the universe itself, with signs in sun and moon and stars. But before that point is reached, I will judge the nations and the time is near. It will not only be by war and civil war, by anarchy and terrorism, and by monetary collapses that I will judge the nations, but also by natural disasters: by earthquakes, by shortages and famines and by old and new plague diseases. I will also judge them by giving them over to their own ways, the lawlessness, to loveless selfishness, to delusion and to believing a lie; to false religion and an apostate church, even to a Christianity without me. Do not fear when these things begin to happen, for I disclose these things to you before they commence in order that you might be prepared, and that in the day of trouble and of evil you may stand firm and overcome. For I purpose that you may become the means of encouraging and strengthening many who love me but who are weak. I desire that through you many may become strong in me, and that multitudes of others might find my salvation through you.

“And hear this! Do not fear the power of the Kremlin, nor the power of the Islamic Revolution, for I plan to break both of them through Israel. I will bring down their pride and their arrogance, and shatter them because they have blasphemed my name. In that day I will avenge the blood of all the martyrs and of the innocent ones whom they have slaughtered. I will surely do this thing for they have thought that there was no one to

judge them. But I have seen their ways and I have heard the cries of the oppressed and of the persecuted and I will break their power and make an end of them. Be ye therefore prepared for when all this comes to pass, to you will be given the great opportunity to preach the Gospel freely to all nations. In the midst of all the turmoil and shaking, and at the heart of everything, is My Church. In the heavenlies. She is joined to Me in one Spirit and I have destined Her for the throne. You who are My beloved, whom I have redeemed and anointed - you are Mine. I will equip and empower you and you will rise up and do great things in My Name, even in the midst of darkness and evil. For I will reveal My power, and My grace and glory through you. Do not hold back nor question My ways with you for in all My dealings with you I have always in mind that you should be part of My Bride and reign with Me. Do not forget that this requires discipline and training. So yield to Me that I might do a work in you in the time which is left for I plan even during all this shaking the Bride will make Herself ready.

“For in the midst of these judgments multitudes upon multitudes will be saved from the nations. You will hardly know how to bring the harvest in, but my Spirit will equip you for the task. And to Israel, will I also turn in that day, and I will melt the hardening which has befallen her. I will turn their blindness into clear sight, and tear away the veil on their heart. Then shall they be redeemed with heart bursting joy, and it will become a fountain of new and resurrection life to the whole company of the redeemed.

“Do not fear for these days, for I have purposed that you shall stand with Me and serve Me in them. Fear not, for I love you and I will protect you and equip you. I, the Lord, will anoint you with a new anointing and you will work My works and fulfill My counsel. You shall stand before Me, the Lord of the whole earth and serve Me with understanding and with power and you shall reign with Me during these days. Above all, I call you to be intercessors.”

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**ASK PASTOR M.:**  
**ANSWERS TO YOUR BIBLE QUESTIONS**  
**by Pastor Jackson Morro**

The questions in this issue were posed by a 7-year-old boy, Richard from Rome, NY; hence the answers are written plainly for a very young person to understand.

Question: How could Adam and Eve be the first two people on earth when cavemen were around when dinosaurs were?

Answer: We see in Genesis 3:20 that Adam named his wife “Eve” which means “the mother of all the living.” So, the answer to this question is simple - “cavemen” were the children (or grandchildren) of Adam and Eve.

God originally created man and put him in a beautiful garden, the Garden of Eden. Everything on earth worked perfectly. When Adam sinned, the perfection was spoiled and things started to go downhill. The “cavemen” seem to be ignorant and primitive. That’s because they lost the perfection that their ancestors Adam and Eve had because of sin.

Adam and Eve’s oldest child, Cain, killed his brother Abel (Genesis 4:8). As time went on, Cain had a great grandson named Lamech who was proud of the fact that he was 77 times more cruel and murdering than his grandfather Cain. Lamech also took

two wives for himself instead of one, the way God had originally intended. As you read in Genesis, you see that the whole line of descendants of Cain and Lamech went “downhill” and lived violent and grubby lives. So, the cavemen were actually descendants of Adam and Eve and lived such primitive lives because their life was ruled by sin. By Genesis chapter 6, we see that there were some very gross human beings called the Nephilim. Eventually these people were destroyed by the Great Flood.

Dinosaurs, of course, were created before man. In Genesis chapter 1, we read that God created plants first (third day), then He created the fish and the birds (fifth day), then the animals and man (sixth day). So dinosaurs would have been around when Adam and Eve were on earth. In fact, in Genesis 2:19-20, we see that God let Adam name all the animals. So that would include dinosaurs.

Again, the important thing is that Eve was the mother of all human beings.

Question: How could Jesus be both the Lamb of God and our Shepherd too? How could a lamb be a shepherd?

Answer: Dear Richard: Thank you for your questions. It has been a lot of fun for me answering them and they are very good questions. I hope the answers I have sent for your other questions have helped. This is the last question you sent me.

Let’s look at the question in a new way. Can somebody (Jesus) be two different things (shepherd and lamb) at the same time?

If we think about it, yes, somebody can be two different things at once. Your dad is a father, but he is also a son. As your father, he is supposed to watch over you, protect you, make sure you have food and clothes and make sure you do the right things. Your dad is kind of like your shepherd, because a shepherd watches over and protects his sheep.

But your dad is also a son. He has a father (your grandpa), and when your dad was young, your grandpa watched over him, protected him and made sure your dad had food and clothes. If your grandpa is still alive here on earth, then your dad still respects and obeys him. Your grandpa was your dad’s shepherd and your dad was his lamb. Right now, you are like your dad’s lamb (his son) and he is like your shepherd.

Your dad is both a father and a son. Someday when you get older, you may marry and have a son and then you will be both a father and son.

That’s kind of the way it is with Jesus. Remember, Jesus is not just any lamb, but He’s the Lamb of God. God in a special way is Jesus’ Father who watched over and protected Jesus when He was on earth. Like a good son, Jesus always obeyed His Father, and like a good Lamb, He did what He was supposed to do by going to the cross so our sins could be forgiven. Then God took special care of His special Lamb, Jesus, by raising Him from the dead on Resurrection Sunday morning. So Jesus could now become our shepherd and watch over us and take care of us, and make sure we do the right thing as good little lambs.

Remember, when we say Jesus is the Lamb of God, that doesn’t mean He has wool and four legs and goes “baa.” It means He acted like a lamb that trusts, and loves, and is not mean, and always wants to do what is right. Also, lambs were sacrificed to pay for sins in the Old Testament. Jesus was willing to give up His life on earth for us so our sins could be forgiven once and for all. After Jesus died on the cross for us, no other lambs ever again had to be sacrificed for sins.

Finally, Jesus can be two things at the same time because He is both God and man. Jesus was always with God in Heaven as God’s Son forever in the past. On the first Christmas, Jesus was born as a baby boy, so He was not just God anymore, but He

was a man now also. The part of Him that is God, makes Him our perfect Shepherd; the part of Him that is man makes Him the perfect Lamb of God.

God bless you, Richard.

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