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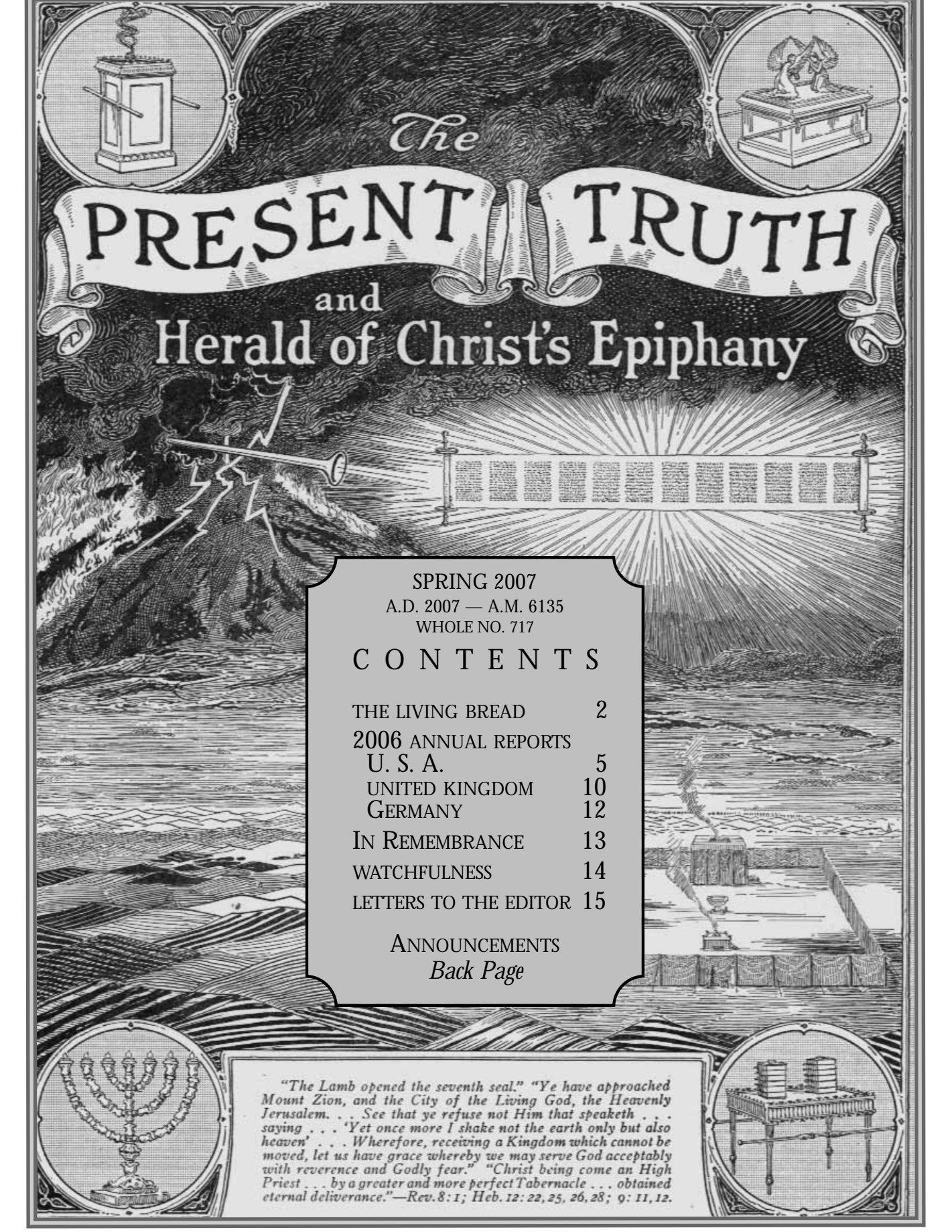
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"The Lamb opened the seventh seal." "Ye have approached Mount Zion, and the City of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem. . . See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh . . . saying . . . 'Yet once more I shake not the earth only but also heaven' . . . Wherefore, receiving a Kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and Godly fear." "Christ being come an High Priest . . . by a greater and more perfect Tabernacle . . . obtained eternal deliverance."—Rev. 8: 1; Heb. 12: 22, 25, 26, 28; 9: 11, 12.

THE LIVING BREAD

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world. Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, you have no life in you" (John 6: 51, 53).

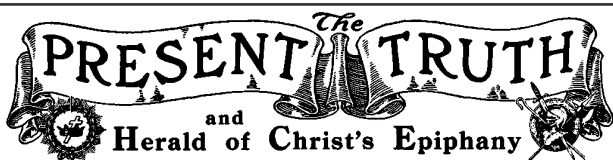
MANY today, even as at the time these words were spoken (John 6: 41, 42, 52, 60, 61, 66), either fail to understand or misunderstand their true meaning. Therefore, it is proper that we refresh our minds as to their true meaning at this Memorial season. When the Lord instituted the Passover Supper in remembrance of Himself as our Passover Lamb, He took unleavened bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "Take, eat: this is [represents] My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me" (1 Cor. 11: 23, 24). Looking from the symbolic bread eaten at the Memorial supper to the humanity of Jesus (the real bread), we realize that He was indeed the true bread from heaven. It was the Father who

sanctified Jesus (set Him apart from the other spirit beings in heaven) to become this bread, and sent Him into the world (John 10: 36). Therefore, Jesus testified: "I came down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him that sent Me" (John 6: 38). He came down from heaven in the sense that as a spirit being He originated, not by earthly generation, but had been created, given spirit life in heaven, and with that in mind that as a human being Jesus was not begotten of a human father, but that His life was a transferred existence.

He was reactivated to the human plane through the power of God's Holy Spirit. For we read "the Word [the Logos, the prehuman Jesus] was made (*became*) [literal translation] flesh [a human being]" (John 1: 14).

Jesus as a spirit being, did not seek to seize equality with God (A.R.V.; as Satan did—"I will be like the Most High" Is. 14: 13, 14), but rather emptied Himself (of His prehuman nature, office and honor), taking the form of a servant and becoming in the likeness of men (becoming of a lower nature, even human nature). From 2 Cor. 8: 9 we see that Jesus who was previously rich (in the possession of the spirit nature; the prime minister of Jehovah) for our benefit became poor. He became a recipient of the human nature in order to redeem the world. By doing this, He was despised and rejected of men, afflicted as an alleged blasphemer; excommunicated, and eventually crucified as an outlaw. He did this in order that we by His poverty might become rich (in the present blessings of justification by faith and of our calling along the lines of the truth, righteousness, love and power of Christian endeavor, and in the future blessings in the Kingdom).

Someone might ask why was it necessary for the Bread that came down from heaven to be broken—to be slain—for us. It was because we had no possibility of gaining life on our own. Death was and still is, working in and devouring the whole human race by 152,029 a day. It is a mistake to think that Adam alone was under sentence unto death. The Apostle spoke of the entire human race in Eph. 2: 3, when he said that we "were by nature [heredity] the children of wrath [under the death sentence, Rom. 1: 18, 32], even as others." He most clearly shows (Rom. 5: 12-19) that the whole race not only shares death, but also shares the death sentence with Adam. This becomes clear



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from the whole section, especially as we notice the run of thought between vs. 16 and 18. Verse 16 shows that the Adamic judgment was a condemnation not only on him personally but as v. 18 elaborates it was a sentence upon the entire human race through Adam: the result of the one man's offense was a condemnation upon all men. Hence, the whole race inherited not only death, but also the death sentence, from Adam.

This is apparent also from 1 Cor. 15: 22: "As in Adam all die." This means that all in Adam actually come under the death sentence. The whole Plan of God, more particularly its central feature, the ransom, pivots upon the thought that the whole race is under the sentence of death in Adam. It is therefore dying, not only because of having inherited an imperfect life from him, and because it must spend its existence amid imperfect surroundings conducive to death, but, also, because there is resting upon it the sentence of Divine justice unto death (John 3: 36), which it has inherited from Adam. While this sentence came upon all in Adam, indirectly through him, is an actual involving of them in that sentence. To deny this proposition is logically to deny the ransom.

All of Adam's race are included in the death sentence upon him because of his procreative ability that he possessed when he sinned, and thus all of Adam's descendants came under condemnation unto death. It is therefore, easier for us to understand the Apostle's words in Rom. 5: 12: "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Though we were not yet born, we were in Adam potentially, and therefore were a part of him, when he sinned. All of Adam's race being under the same condemnation unto death, none could obtain life for himself, nor was there anyone who could by any means redeem his brother, or give to God a ransom for him (Ps. 49: 7)—all were condemned and dying. Therefore, man's extremity was God's opportunity: He provided the One who, because He was of the same human kind or nature, though not of the condemned Adamic stock (but from heaven), could give a ransom (a corresponding price) and be an acceptable Redeemer for Adam and the race in his loins. Because of Adam's sin, he and his race were cut off from the trees of life and hence could not sustain their lives (Gen. 3: 22-24). Jesus as the Ransom price was presented to Divine justice, the Bread of life, the gift from heaven, the acceptance of which will eventually restore the life and blessings lost.

THE LIVING BREAD

In our text, Jesus refers to Himself as "the living bread which came down from heaven." He came as symbolic

food to save the dying race from death, by giving Himself in His perfect humanity, His right to life and His life-rights that He earned at Calvary, as the real food, so that the human race might have an opportunity to live forever. On the other hand, if His father had been an imperfect human and His original existence was not from heaven, which was unaffected by the curse, He could not have become the living bread. This was because an imperfect father would have had need of the living bread himself and therefore, He could not have become the living bread for others. He was indeed "that bread which came down from heaven: . . . he that eats of this bread shall live forever" (John 6: 58).

Though Jesus was this bread of life, it was needful that He should be broken, sacrificed—die for us, before any of condemned humanity could make use of His merit. This was because God deemed that this was necessary. He, being a perfect man, gave Himself a corresponding price for Adam, to cancel the curse of death that came upon Adam and the unborn race in him at the time he sinned. Now each one blighted through Adam, as he is drawn by the Father (John 6: 44), may come and partake (eat) of those perfections and rights which Jesus secured for us by His sacrifice on our behalf. We eat or appropriate Jesus' body (merit) by faith. Therefore, by faith we realize that He was our ransom, and by faith we appropriate to ourselves those values that, as a perfect man, He possessed, and that He broke or sacrificed for us.

We appreciate the beauty of God's arrangement, that though the sacrifice is sufficient for all, none can receive life through it unless he acknowledges and accepts Jesus as his Life-giver, and thereby partakes of the living bread. This is true, not only during the Gospel Age as an acknowledgement of the ransom that is essential to life, but the same will be true also during the incoming Millennial Age. Forever it will be true for, "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, you have no life in you." The ransom is the foundation of all blessing—past present and future. No one can come unto the Father, can come into atonement with Him, except by the broken body and shed blood of "the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world," who "put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself" (John 1: 29; Heb. 9: 26).

SALVATION FROM ADAMIC CONDEMNATION IS UNCONDITIONAL

But some may wonder how it is that, according to v. 53 of our text, life is said to be dependent upon our eating Jesus' flesh and drinking His blood, whereas other texts, such as

Rom. 5: 18, indicate that by Jesus' righteousness the free gift comes to "all men." The matter will become clear if we keep in mind that our text, in fact the whole passage (John 6: 27-58), treats of everlasting life and how it is attained, while Rom. 5: 18 speaks of the removal of the Adamic sentence of death from all men. Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death "for every man" (Heb. 2: 9); therefore every man must receive the benefit of Jesus' death on his behalf. There will be universal salvation from the curse of Adamic death, for God "will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2: 4). But the Scriptures show that it will not be universal salvation unto eternal life, for "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, [appropriate the benefits of Jesus' sacrifice] you have no life in you." Many will not do this; hence will perish in "the second death."

The "free gift" of Rom. 5: 18 is universal for Adam and every member of his race, for it comes "upon all men." However, this free gift of God through Christ does not guarantee eternal life to any except upon specific conditions. Because of the coming application of Christ's sacrificial merit for all men, it will be just for God to awaken the world from death and give all *an opportunity* to attain justification to perfect life. We see, therefore, that the "free gift" in Rom. 5: 18 is not to be identified with the full "justification to life," which is dependent upon the eating of "the living bread" which was the experience of only those who had already become God's consecrated people. "The free gift [the forgiveness of Adamic sins on the basis of the ransom merit] came upon all men [for the purpose of enabling them to gain] unto justification of life." The next verse (v. 19) proves that the free gift is based on the ransom merit, which effects the cancellation of the Adamic sin and condemnation. It therefore gives the reason why this free gift shall come to all men: "for as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners [partakers of the Adamic sin], even so by the obedience of one [Christ Jesus] many shall be made righteous [be forgiven the Adamic sin]."

SALVATION TO LIFE IS CONDITIONAL

While many texts show that there is a universal salvation from the Adamic death sentence, which is unconditional, hence not dependent upon the exercise of faith, other texts speak of the salvation unto eternal life, which salvation is dependent upon the exercise of faith and obedience. The Gospel of John 3: 15, 16 shows that Jesus' ransom merit cancels the Adamic death sentence ("not perish") and gives the opportunity to gain salvation to eternal life ("everlasting life") through faith ("whosoever believeth in

Him"). Only those who believe on the Son will receive everlasting life; "and he that believeth not the Son shall not see [everlasting] life" (v. 36). We read Paul's words in Acts 3: 23 as follows, "And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that Prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people." And it shows that everlasting life for the Millennial human race depends on the obedience of each one of the Restitutionists.

Therefore, not only the Church, but also the world must eventually eat of the living bread if they are to have everlasting life. John 6: 27-58 shows that our Lord's perfect humanity, laid down in death, the bread broken for us, not only is efficacious for the cancellation of the Adamic sins of the Church but also of the world (1 John 2: 2). Jesus also bestows life everlasting on the one who appropriates that which He laid down, which was His humanity and His right to life and life-rights. In these verses, His flesh stands for His humanity and His blood for His human right to life and human life-rights. In John 6: 27 Jesus tells us to "labor not for the meat which perishes, but for that meat which endures unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you." The meat here spoken of is His flesh. In verse 33, He shows that this is His humanity and that it gives life to the world. Verse 50 shows that His humanity, if assimilated, will keep one from death, frees him from, and keeps him free from the sentence. John 6: 51 shows that His humanity is that which He will give for the life of the world; for the bestowing of everlasting life upon him who appropriates ("eats") it.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

This same thought is taught in the Lord's Supper. Our eating of the bread represents not only that we appropriate forgiveness, but also that we appropriate what He was—a perfect human being with His right to life and His life-rights—"This is [represents] My body, which is broken for you." Thus we are justified before God by faith, appropriating Jesus' ransom merit—not that we are actually justified or made perfect as human beings, but that we are reckoned perfect through Jesus' merit provided for us. In our justification God forgives us and the righteousness of Christ is reckoned to us as our righteousness (Rom. 3: 21, 22; 10: 4; 1 Cor. 1: 30; 2 Cor. 5: 21; Gal. 2: 16; 3: 22; Phil. 3: 9). Thus, Jesus' merit not only cancels the sentence, but also gives reckoned perfect humanity with the relevant rights to the Church and eventually, in Restitution, will be applied to the world.

By a study of E Vol. 6, p. 690 and P '49, p. 39, col. 2, we learn that Matt. 26: 28 and Mark 14: 24, the

sin canceling blood, give us the faith-justification picture as symbolizing the reckoning to the Church of all needed blessings for their Christian walk. The operation of the New Covenant will provide similar things required by the world in the Millennium and in its Little Season. Hence, in these two passages, Jesus refers to the wine as symbolizing His blood of the New Covenant. If the blood of the New Covenant had been actually applied for the Church, their justification would have been actual; they would have been perfect while here on earth, not reckoned perfect and the whole of the merit would have been used for them, leaving none for the restitution of the world.

In 1 Cor. 10: 16, 17 the Apostle explains that the bread represents also the humanity of the Church and the cup the death of the Church with our Lord as a part, not of His ransom price, His corresponding price for the perfect man Adam, who forfeited his life through disobedience, but of His sin-offering. Our Lord gives this same thought in Luke 22: 20, according to its correct translation (E Vol. 6, pp. 690, 691).

As we approach the Memorial season let us rejoice more than ever in the justification which we have

through partaking of Jesus' flesh—by being justified by the sacrifice of His humanity—our appropriation of our share of human justification. Let us rejoice that eventually the whole world will eat of that flesh—and accept the grace of God in the cancellation of their human sins and weaknesses. They will then realize that all the blessings of restitution times, the blessings of the Millennium, will come to them because Christ died for their sins, because He also gave to them His flesh to eat. We are impressed with the thought that this is the opportunity now, in the Basileia period, for the Lord's consecrated people to commemorate our dear Lord's body and blood broken and shed on our behalf and for the benefit of the whole world (1 John 2: 2; 1 Tim. 4: 10). May our meditations draw us especially near to our dear Heavenly Father and our precious Lord and Savior!

This year the date for celebrating the Memorial is March 31 after 6:00 p.m. We recommend that the dear friends in various parts of the world neglect not the Lord's invitation to His consecrated people to "keep the feast." May it be done with joy of heart, but also with due appreciation of its solemnity, both as relates to our Lord's sacrifice for us and also as relates to our consecration vow to be dead to self and alive to God!

OUR 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

We have come to the close of another momentous and, in many respects, a wonderful year. The New Year is here and we have observed the signs of the times unfolding in the year just past, we have great expectation for the future. For some years now, the focus has been on the coming Kingdom in anticipation for what our Almighty God will have in store for the world's society in the near future. The clouds of trouble enshroud us on all sides as the attack goes on against Satan's evil empire here on the earth. Yet, there are important advances working toward improving the environment and society in general which are sandwiched in among this strife, and related items such as seeking to control violence in the schools and elsewhere. The latest attempt in this endeavor is progressing toward educating the pre-school, kindergarten and first-grade children in proper conduct which educators and police hope will avert problems later on in life. There is a great need for a similar effort for the adult population but that is what the next age will accomplish. There may be some future benefit

derived from the space program but due to its tremendous cost, one wonders if the increased financial burden it places on the economy is justified.

BATTLE AGAINST AGING

One of the greatest obstacles blocking the pathway toward Kingdom blessings is that of the curse put upon Adam and the human race at their expulsion from Eden. It remains with us to this day and is set forth in the Scriptures: "you shall surely die." Strides are now in process in the area of attempting to increase the longevity of human beings in various ways. According to the network connection of MSNBC.com, a Cambridge University researcher has been making news in recent years by claiming that humans could soon enjoy thousand-year lifetimes. According to the report, he has helped to establish the Methuselah Foundation and create the M-Prize, a 1.5 million dollar reward (now 3.5 million) which is available to any scientist who can slow or reverse the effects of aging in mice. About \$100,000 of the award is for a Longevity Prize that

focuses on extending total life span in humans; the hefty remainder of the award is reserved for a “Rejuvenation Prize,” which aims to reverse the effects of aging in the elderly.

Let us not be misunderstood here. We are not suggesting that man, solely by his own resourcefulness, is going to accomplish everlasting life for the fallen human race but rather that it is to be accomplished through the redemptive work of the Christ. However, It seems reasonable to expect that God, as in the past, may be pleased to use man to assist in this wonderful work. The M-Prize was modeled after the Ansari X Prize, a 10 million dollar award created to spur the creation of reusable manned spacecraft. The X Prize was won in October 2004 by Burt Rutan’s *SpaceShipOne* (please see Summer, 2005, PT. p. 24).

GOVERNMENTS—MAINLINE RELIGIONS CONTAMINATED

Is it any wonder that society throughout the world is in such straits of misbehavior, when we observe the downright wicked conduct of rulers, bishops and rabbis? The state legislatures are openly supporting homosexual practices and same-sex marriages in this country, as are many, so-called, Christian nations of the world. Even the leaders of the churches are advocating acceptance of gays to the ministry. The Jewish element, once free from this taint of sin, is now, in large measure, following the waywardness of prevailing behavior, contrary to the principles of righteous conduct laid down in their Law—the Prophets—and the Writings.

THE MIDDLE EAST—IN TURMOIL AGAIN

The United States is pursuing a hands-off policy with Iran and apparently hoping that—if they keep their heads in the sand, the problem will disappear. The Iranian President, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, claims that their nuclear preparation is in its final phase. Iran’s President speaking at a rally of thousands in support of the Palestinians in the capital of Tehran, says Israel’s regime, thanks to God, has lost the reason for its existence and will soon disappear. The American Defense Secretary, Robert Gates, indicates that the Iranian threat is clear and present but the U.S. is not standing up to protect Israel. He states that Iran is determined to achieve nuclear weapons, as a deterrent against countries surrounding them who have nuclear capability—Russia in the north, Israel in the west, Pakistan in the east, and United States in the Persian Gulf. Gates says that he would not advise a U.S. attack on Iran, except and only, if critical U.S. interests are threatened.

It appears from this that conditions are building up in this critical area of the world toward that condition that is Biblically revealed as Jacob’s Trouble. The Scriptures seem to indicate that this special and severe trial-time on the nation of Israel is yet some time in the future because Bible Students are looking for it to occur after the Revolution and Anarchy phases of the Time of Trouble. We have to remember that looking into the future for prophesied events to occur is somewhat of a shaky science. Please see a short paragraph in E. Vol. 17, *The Millennium* pp. 83, 84.

Here is an item of interest to anyone who loves Israel and is looking for the fulfillment of its prophesied prominence in the earthly phase of the Kingdom. There are now more Jews living in Israel than in any other country. Israel’s Central Bureau of Statistics reported a few days ago – shortly before the 58th birthday of the Jewish state – that Israel’s population increased 118,000 since last year, and that her Jewish population now stands at 76 percent of the total 7.3 million inhabitants.

ISRAEL COZYING UP TO THE VATICAN

The Prime Minister of Israel has met with Pope Benedict to discuss who will control the status of church property on Mt. Zion. It makes one wonder what has brought about this policy change but it is reported that both the American Catholic Church and prominent persons in the U.S. Government, the State Department, Congress and the White House have put pressure on Israel to be sure to meet its international obligations relative to the Papacy and the Catholic Church. This announcement comes not without opposition from Jewish quarters. Rabbi Shabtai, director of the Diaspora Yeshiva founded from the 1967 war, warns of catastrophic consequences for Israel if the pact is actuated. He says this is a tremendous issue that is being pushed through without any public debate.

This is where the kings of Judea, David and Solomon, are supposed to be buried. It is one of the holiest spots in the Land of Israel. Rabbi Herman said, “we have already given away the Temple Mount and the Machpelah Cave and now they are working to give Mt. Zion away also. For thousands of years, this area was almost always totally closed off to Jews. God gave it back to us in 1948.” The minister of Tourism, Benny Elon, explains, “This issue was raised several years ago and I made it clear to the Pope’s representative that we would allow them to use one room with a side entrance that would not bother the yeshiva. But under no circumstances would we allow the transfer of ownership. The church on the other hand, wants ownership for the

Pope, seeing this place as number two on the priority list next to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. We must be very strong and not submit to the Vatican on this.”

**THE GLACIAL PERIOD
AND GLOBAL WARMING**

Following the world-wide deluge of Noah’s day, climatic changes occurred as a result of the great amounts of water, due to the collapse of the watery canopy surrounding the planet. This water fell to earth causing, among other things, the earth to tilt on its axis, which in turn brought great and sudden sub-zero temperatures at the Arctic and the Antarctic regions and tropical heat at the equator. This effect developed tremendous sheets of ice on the polar areas—called glaciers. In the past 150 years there has been a general but slight warming process bringing about a moderating influence to the general temperatures of earth. (Please see Photo-Drama of Creation, The Rainbow Pledge p. 19 or 28.)

However, in recent years there has been what many researchers claim to be a dramatic, almost catastrophic warming trend in the polar regions. It is affecting the lifestyles of many of the mammals of the North, whereby polar bears are not finding supportive ice in order to find food, seals are having to bear their young on islands—now of earth, where previously—they were covered with ice and snow. Salmon are in these Northern waters where they have not ventured before. Eskimos have difficulties in their fishing attempts because of their lack of solid ice to support their ventures. The people living in Russia, Alaska, Greenland and Canada see the change everywhere. One hunter pulled his fishing shack onto the ice of Cumberland Sound where he had moored it for years and felt safe to be there for some months, found it sinking in a few days with all of his expensive equipment. Another hunter drove his snowmobile to a solid ice pack as he had done for many seasons only to escape with just his rifle when his vehicle sank.

A climatologist from Austria reports that the Alpine region of Europe is experiencing its warmest climate in 1,300 years. There were warming trends during the 10th and 12th centuries but the temperatures then were cooler than what we have been experiencing in the past 20 years.

South America is not exempt from the warming trend with the Upsala Glacier in Argentina. Described as massive in 1928, it has largely disappeared as of 2004. This has marked the history of glaciers worldwide. (Isa. 35: 1). There is much concern over the melting of these massive ice flows with the increased amount of ocean water

resulting, fearing that it will encroach upon the land surfaces that tend to be low in elevation.

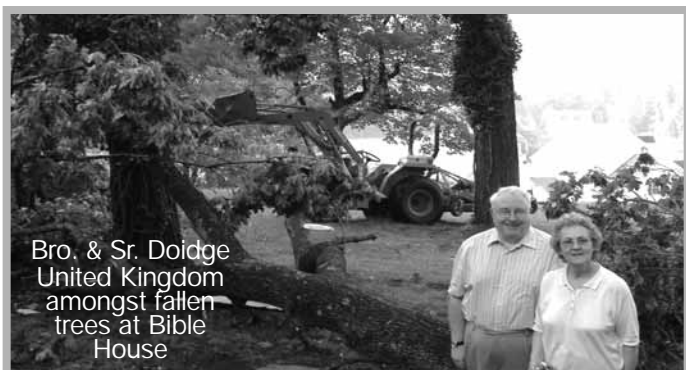
These climatic changes are a “sign of the times,” that our great Creator is bringing about in the gradual change of the earth, through much climactic upheaval, more and more toward perfection. In the Millennial Kingdom the earth will be improved, so that it will be able to support the many millions of humanity that will be coming forth in the Great Awakening from the tomb of death, as prophesied in the Scriptures (John 5: 28, 29 R.V.).

BIBLE HOUSE

The number of personnel at the headquarters is somewhat less than it was a year ago. We now have six brethren working full time and part time. The year 2006 has seen many necessary repairs to the interior and exterior of the building. We have had most of the leaking problems in the roof of the main house fixed, although there may be one or two that still need treatment. The in-ground fuel oil tank was excavated, unusable oil pumped out and transported to a waste area—the tank is now cleaned, filled and inspected. The tank had not leaked so the expense of a major excavation and the trucking out of contaminated ground and bringing in new fill did not take place. We have described various expenses that we have had through the year at the conventions’ business meetings.

BIBLE HOUSE EXPENSES		MILLER ROAD EXPENSES	
New Boiler & Hot Water Storage Tank	\$ 8,800	Painting: Living & Dining Rooms and Kitchen	\$ 1,500
Slate Roof Repair	\$ 2,140	Electric Box for Second Apartment	\$ 2,200
Cold Water Storage Tank in Basement	\$ 1,141	New Fuel Oil Tank	\$ 1,900
New Telephone System (11 Phones)	\$ 2,218		
Trees Removed	\$ 1,800	WAREHOUSE	
In-Ground Fuel Tank Excavation	\$ 2,218	Burst Water Pipe Repair—Plumbing, Telephone and Replace Carpet	\$ 1,103

We experienced a major windstorm, a downburst type of wind, in July and it occurred three days before the Convention at Chester Springs. It brought trees and many large limbs down in the area of the Bible House driveway making the drive impassible. However, it seemed to work out providentially, for some brethren remained up to four days, working from dawn to dusk, to clean up the large amount of debris with tractor, chain saws and associated equipment. This brings us to the point of acknowledging the many services



performed by visiting workers throughout the year. Not only, the outdoor work but in the warehouse, sorting and copying Present Truth and Bible Standard magazines, making them ready for binding. We have many of these up-to-date, bound volumes now in stock. This is a good time to complete your home library, for the cost has not increased at this time. There have also been various necessary repair projects performed in the Bible House itself and at Miller road.

The special mailing of thirty-thousand copies of the Bible Standard Extra 101 magazine is a done deal and it was a first from many standpoints. First, it was unique in that it was specially prepared for this occasion and additionally, within its pages at about the center point, a return envelope is provided with many of our publications advertised on an attached sheet. Each class secretary received a copy of this Bible Standard and many of the brethren have commented that they thought it well done. We did not expect to receive a tremendous reaction but the response was most gratifying. It has increased our Bible Standard subscription list somewhat and a number of Scripture Studies and various books were sold. I want to thank everyone who had a part in this project. We will probably do it again in 2007. There is another point to mention, which is the new cover page to the Bible Standard that is a little lighter in color than the previous one and some of the brethren have written in to say that they liked the change.

As a passing note there was nearly a 30% increase in attendance of the July, 2006 Chester Springs and September, Tulsa conventions over their counterparts in 2004.

FOREIGN REPORTS

Two brothers from Poland, traveling at their own expense, spent about a two-week instructional period in Brazil serving the Brethren with discourses, various meetings wherein explanations and demonstrations were provided on how to conduct Berean Studies. The Lord's people in Brazil were grateful for the committed

service received from Poland and were encouraged in the Truth and it's Spirit.

The brethren in Nigeria have sent us reports of the progress made in various areas where five conventions are held. There have been blessings afforded and activities engaged in whereby the brethren are progressing in their study of the Truth in the magazines and in the volumes. A brother from Ogun State informs us: "Most of those embracing the Truth are of the Lord's poor who can hardly afford three square meals, but notwithstanding God has been merciful to us even as He provides for us in turn to cater for His flock."

SIGNS OF THE TIMES AMONG TRUTH PEOPLE

It is indeed gratifying to read in the Bible Students Newsletter of their loyal acknowledgement of Pastor Russell as "that faithful and wise servant" and the Lord's Presence in 1874 ushering in the Millennial Age, the looked for establishment of the New Covenant with natural Israel and the world, after the glorification of the Church. This is in marked contrast to some Bible Students who, when asked if they believe that Pastor Russell was "that servant," reply with an emphatic No! Neither do they recognize that our Lord is present since 1874. However, they all agree with Mainline Christianity that, "the door to the High Calling is still open." They take this stand despite the fact that 90 years have passed since Bro. Russell passed beyond the veil. He then believed the ending of spirit begettal was imminent. Notice what he writes concerning the progression of Truth in Volume 1 p. 21 top: "Patriarchs, prophets, apostles and saints of the past and present have walked in its increasing light; and the light will continue to increase beyond the present—'unto the perfect day.' It is one continuous path, and the one continuous and increasing light is the Divine Record, illuminating as it becomes due" (Prov. 4: 18). Is it not strange that some brethren are stuck back in 1916 and fail to recognize that the Truth concerning the Church class may have progressed beyond Pastor Russell's day and that the door to the High Calling privileges is now closed? They see that the prophetic time schedule for Israel has increased remarkably since 1914 and the World War, to the point where they are now a nation since 1948. Nevertheless, they do not recognize any progress in how the Lord has advanced the Truth respecting His Bride. Eventually, these brethren are going to determine, whether in this life or the next, that they, along with many of us, are not of the Church class and that they need to wake up enough to look around

and see to which elect class they belong. Nevertheless, they are the Lord's people and will eventually find, under the Lord's direction, their position in the Kingdom.

Dear brethren, we continue to look to the Lord for his leading and guidance as His plan continues to unfold before our eyes in the current events of the day, in the world, for the elect and for humanity in general.

The signs of the times are more and more in evidence that the Great Time of Trouble is working toward the mellowing of the world's belligerents in preparation for Christ's Kingdom here on the earth (Matt. 16: 2, 3; Luke 21: 25, 28).

May we as the Lord's consecrated, remain faithful to our calling in Christ Jesus.

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SUMMARY OF WORK IN UNITED STATES

JANUARY 1, 2006 — DECEMBER 31, 2006

PILGRIM AND EVANGELISTIC SERVICE	
Pilgrims	2
Auxiliary Pilgrims	11
Evangelists	14
Public and semi-public meetings	106
Attendance	6,311
Parlor meetings	950
Attendance	8,667
Miles traveled	185,521

FINANCES

General Fund Receipts

1. Donations	\$ 162,826
2. Subscriptions	\$ 9,059
3. Books & Sale of Literature	\$ 11,252
4. Miscellaneous Income	\$ 19,901
5. Total Income	\$203,038
6. Balance on hand Dec. 31, 2004	\$258,801
7. Total funds available	\$461,839

EXPENSES

8. Administrative expenses	\$ 60,266
9. Ministerial—Pilgrims, Evangelists	\$ 76,243
10. Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 37,813
11. Equipment	\$ 5,412
12. Utilities	\$ 25,912
13. Moving Expense & Furnishings	\$ 4,794
14. Taxes	\$ 19,172
15. Insurance	\$ 8,879
16. Magazine Publishing	\$ 17,800
(a.) Postage and Delivery	\$ 11,618
17. Web	\$ 896
18. Book Printing	\$ 4,354
19. Binding—BS & PT Volumes	\$ 3,899
20. Volunteer Mailing	\$ 12,640
21. Special Mailing	\$ 19,824
Postage Donations for Special Mailing	—\$ 5,078
22. Advertising	\$ 1,398
23. Total Expenses	\$305,842
24. Net Income	—\$102,804
25. Balance in General Fund—Dec. 31, 2006	\$155,997

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters and postals received	9,588
Letters and postals dispatched	3,681
(Includes first, second, third class, and e-mail).	

LITERATURE CIRCULATED

Present Truth subscribed/ordered	3,776
Bible Standard subscribed/ordered	14,169
Bible Standards volunteered	50,000
Bound volumes (magazines)	46
Studies in the Scriptures	644
Epiphany Studies	339
BSCyclopedia CD	76
Photo-Drama of Creation	88
Photo-Drama Study Guide	206
Life-Death-Hereafter	67
Hymnals	80
Manna Books	120
Poem Books	62
Bound Watch Tower sets	20
Booklets (Hell, Spiritism, Tab. Shadows)	106
JHP, JW, RSV, AI, GT, HUD, PYR, SAT, BA, FOZ, RI, etc.	311
Indexes	12
Others' publications	548
Charts & Mats: Divine Plan, Tabernacle and Pyramid	110
Children's books	12
Bible cassettes, videotapes	9
Volunteer booklets	19,969
Leaflet tracts	89,739
Bereaved and Good News letters and etc.	433
Miscellaneous cards, restitution pins	1,297

WEB WORK (U.S.)

(January-December, 2006)

Visitors (people paying some attention to content)	43,300
Visitors per day (average)	130
Page Views (pages opened and looked at)	73,409
"Hits" (number of times the site is "clicked" on)	219,000

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United Kingdom (2006) Report

Dear Brother Herzig:

Grace and Peace to you in Jesus' name!

The past year has been a difficult and sad one for the brethren. In the addendum of last year's report, the demise of our dear Brother Bill Roberts on February the 9th was reported. He is much missed by the brethren, who valued his leadership in these difficult times. It was our brother's wish that his death would in no way disrupt the Ministry which he had for half a century laboured in. So in deference to his memory and that of our dear Brother Armstrong we continue as before. It has been the privilege of the undersigned to forward and administer the Ministry in Great Britain over the last year.

THE SECULAR WORLD

Three issues continue to dominate the public affairs of Great Britain. Firstly, the issues of public morality—both in the highest echelons of the land as well as the lowest. In the former, the concept of working for the “common good” appears to have been all but abandoned. It seems that everyone in authority is now seeking to “feather his own nest”. The public press resounds with “stories” of scandal in the so called “corridors of power.” Among the general populace, a culture of total intemperance has rapidly developed: unlimited drinking hours and “declassified” drugs are fuelling an incipient lawless orgy of anarchy in our cities.

Secondly, the Common Market remains a “bone of contention” among Britons: it would seem, that there is no end to the interference of bureaucrats in the lives of ordinary people; with petty regulations governing every aspect of our lives. It would seem moreover, that the European Union is unable to govern its borders or the large numbers that are coming into Britain, not only from former “colonies”, but also from the “enlarged” European Union. There is much very real fear being engendered and we may anticipate some very violent reactions developing in the very near future. The ideal of “Pax Britannia” is now a dream of former years.

Thirdly, the world of Islam continues to enmesh Britain in its net of intrigue. An unprecedented terrorist attack on the London

underground perpetrated by a gang of Muslim terrorists came as an overdue “wake up call” that has begun to arouse the political leaders from their long sleep. Numerous deep and painful “fissures” are now appearing in the “political correctness” of British society. The focus of attention at this time is on the “burka” (a veil used by some Muslim women). An assassin of a policewoman was able to escape abroad by using one. This is but a symptom of the universal anarchy now enveloping Europe and elsewhere.

THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

The Catholic Church is being “epiphanized” as an organization in which horrible and vile perversions with children are tolerated. Also in the news comes a report that the Papacy is contemplating abolishing its doctrine on “limbo” — the alleged eternal conscious resting place for un-baptised babies; for whom there is no hope of salvation, as for any who die outside the “walls” of the Catholic Church. The Ancient Worthies are said to be there, since they died before Jesus Christ began His first advent. This cool “first circle of Hell” was contrived by a section of the medieval Church; that was unable to accept the horrors of Augustinian theology which taught the predestined eternal torment of un-baptised babies who had been borne by mothers who had “sinned” in conceiving them. The new pope, Benedict the sixteenth, has 'pronounced' on the history of the attempted Muslim conquest of Europe in a way that seems to foreshadow a probable attempt to massacre all Christians both in Europe and North America; not by the sword this time but by nuclear weapons. The “hushed up” genocide in 1915 of one million Armenian Christians by Muslims gives us an idea how the “Time of Trouble” may well end.

The Anglican community continues to diminish in size and influence. The main divisions are over women in the priesthood and the acceptance of sodomites for leadership in the Anglican Communion. The bishops still continue to sit in their privileged seats in the House of Lords and often in full regalia address the House on such matters as religious

education in schools. They both look and sound as if they are from a different age and totally anachronistic.

The BBC continues to broadcast Christian religious services; yet at the same time allows programs that lampoon the Queen, who is the titular head of the Anglican Church. Clearly, this cannot continue for much longer; it can only be a short time before there is an end to the present fiasco. Rowan Williams, the present incumbent of the See of Canterbury, has made it abundantly clear that he totally rejects the Holy Bible as God's Word. Church attendance figures continue to drop dramatically. The non-conformist Churches in Britain continue, at least superficially, to accept the holy scriptures as the Word of God. However, in practice, these churches are in a state of rebellion against God's authority. The ordination of women to lead services is one example of their anti-Biblical practices. Many of these churches are actively promoting "speaking in tongues" and "faith healing", which are quite incorrect practices for the present era of the Church. More and more the leaders of the non-conformists are taking the side of the "anti-semitic faction" who deny that Israel's return is fulfilling prophecy. Indeed, they eschew the teaching that there are any prophecies to be fulfilled towards the Jews or that Jehovah has any dealings with Israel, which "promises" they either spiritualize, or, act arrogantly like such sects as the "Jehovah's Witnesses"; who seize and claim for themselves presumptuously the promises that Jehovah has given to the Jews of the future.

THE PRESENT TRUTH IN BRITAIN

The spiritual blindness of the vast majority of Christians is a source of continual amazement. We have the most wonderfully truthful and spiritual message from the very word of God; yet so few believe it. Our Lord in His second advent is not getting many "customers" to purchase His spiritual "eye salve" that they may 'anoint' their "eyes" and "see!" Rev. 3:18. ASV. Hence they are not rejecting us but rather they reject the truthful message that our Lord has commissioned us to proclaim at this "due time." It is important that we understand this spiritual fact so that we do not become weary of proclaiming the Word of God; nor should we become discouraged. It should also be remembered that our Lord refused many the Truth in His earthly sojourn, for; "...Jesus did not trust Himself unto them, for that He knew all men. Because He needed not that anyone should bear witness concerning man; for He Himself knew what was in man" John 2; 24, 25.

Therefore we should not become spiritually despondent but rather draw upon all of the Word of God and His holy spirit to zealously proclaim the Truth. We are aware that we are winning brethren for the Truth and work toward that objective in Britain. We continue working hard in spite of a general lack of response; it is our characters that are being developed by these experiences. The British Office at Hazel Grove has worked very hard on furnishing an Internet service of a high and professional standard for the proclamation of the Truth. It has been a year of progress and the joy of accomplishment for all the brethren concerned. Enquiries to our Office phone are increasing from members of the public. The work of providing suitable discs of discourses for edifying the brethren and interesting members of the public has continued; many brethren are helping to bring into existence a system of quality control and classification; so that the right sort of discs go to the right people. Further tracts have been printed to replace depleted stocks and we have had to replace a large number of bound volumes and other works.

Without doubt the spiritual highlights of the year were our conventions. We are blessed with a competent set of fine speakers, who cover a wide range of subjects and give the Present Truth as full coverage as the limited time allows. We are glad to have seen the appointment of two additional auxiliary pilgrims and three evangelists for the British field. In order to improve the quality of our speakers' talks we are having printed the useful notes of Brothers Armstrong and Roberts.

We were blessed by the presence of our dear Bro. Dan and Sis. Sue Herzig at our Summer convention; they are good ambassadors for the American brethren; also Sister Marjorie and I had the privilege of visiting the Bible House and getting to know first hand our dear brethren in America.

May the Lord's rich blessing attend your ministry and prosper the work of all at the Bible House.

Your brother by the grace of God,
R. D. Doidge
Pilgrim and
United Kingdom Representative

GERMANY ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Brother Ralph Herzig,
May God's Grace, Peace and Joy fill your heart abundantly! (Ps. 5: 11, 12)

Another year has passed in the Lord's blessed service, a year of joyful and sad experiences in the School of Christ. Thanks be to God that His grace has preserved us, that we are still by the Lord standing fast by the Truth as due. This is indeed great grace and mercy of Him. (Ps. 89: 1)

This year our two General Conventions were the times of blessings, the subjects used refreshed the minds, strengthened our hearts and the fellowship between the meetings warmed up the spiritual atmosphere at these conventions.

At our Spring General Convention (in Velbert) served Bro. Jan Ozimek (Aux. Pilgrim -Poland) and our local brothers. At the meetings there were present on the first day 113 brethren, on second day 114 and on last day 113 brethren.

Our Autumn Convention (October 20-22) in Altleiningen was also very blessed one. Bro. Piotr Woznicki our Polish representative and his wife Sr. Teresa visited us once more here in Germany. We are very thankful for God's great and rich providences, by which our dear Bro. Piotr Woznicki was able to come and to serve us as an example of a faithful servant of God, His truth as due and its arrangements. On the meetings there were present on each day about 81 brethren. On the second day of the Convention one of our dear brethren symbolized his consecration by water immersion.

In this year we had the privilege to attend the General Convention in Poznan (Poland), which took place from April 29 to May the 1, 2006. We got the invitation from our dear Bro. Piotr Woznicki to serve three times at the beautiful convention. It was for us a joyful experience to share together with our beloved brethren the Truth. The subject of my discourses was Gen. 26. At each meeting there were present about 940 to 980 brethren.

It was a well organized convention; very moving and deep in content was a symposium on Faith, Hope and Love in which Bro. Henryk Mintura, Bro. Caryl Pakula and Bro. Piotr Woznicki took part. Forty-nine

years ago those brothers held a symposium in the same order (or composition) and on the same subjects. It was an example of good warriors of the faith and endurance in the Master's service; a beautiful example for all brethren.

In this year we bought a folding machine for our PT magazines. We are now completely independent by printing our literature in our country.

We have been started with our new web site www.bibelstandarte.de, which we will develop so far as possible. By the help of the internet more and more people contact us asking Bible questions and questions about God's arrangements concerning the Christian living.

Dear Bro. Ralph, we would like to express our appreciation and are very thankful for the good articles in the Present Truth and Bible Standard magazines, which encourage us in this Time of Trouble, bringing us joy and blessing, helping us to remember who we are and what we have to do to overcome the snares of the adversary, the world and especially our greatest enemy, our flesh and his selfish ambitions. We want to thank the Bible House family and all your co-workers for their help and support to you and appreciate so much their and your service toward all of us.

Dear brother, concluding this report, I would like to assure you of our constant brotherly love and our daily prayers (Eph. 6:18) for you, the Bible House family, as well as for all your co-workers and the brethren throughout the world.

Your brother by His grace.

Janusz Puzdrowski

Pilgrim and

German Representative

SUMMARY OF THE WORK IN GERMANY

Jan. 1, 2006 thru Dec. 31, 2006

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters and e-mail received	270
Letters and e-mail sent	342

LITERATURE CIRCULATED

Die Gegenwartige Wahrheit (the Present Truth)	125
Manna Books	10
Leaflets tracts and booklets	127
Books Vol. 1	55

PILGRIM AND EVANGELIST SERVICE

Auxiliary Pilgrims	4
Evangelists	6
Semi-public Meetings	26
Attendance	4,928
Parlor Meetings	253

(German Report continued)

FINANCES

Receipts:

Balance from previous year	€3,234
Gifts for literature and others	€1,860
Travel	€1,791
Total	€6,885

EXPENSES

Printing, mailing, computer, equipment	€3,212
Aux. Pilgrim and Evangelist expenses	€2,626
Total	€5,838
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 2006	€1,046

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sr. Dolores Procaro of Belleair Bluffs, Florida died at the age of 85 on December 27, 2006. She was the wife of Evangelest Earl Procaro, mother of Ruth (Peter) Matthiessen, sister of the late Bro. Leon Jordan and grandmother of Stephanie Matthiessen.

Sr. Dolores and Bro. Earl were married by Bro. P.S.L. Johnson in 1941.

Her daughter, Ruth said, "Mother was a devout Bible student and loved the Lord and the Truth very much. It was due to her love and guidance as well as my dad's, that I received the Truth." We look forward to seeing our dear sister when our Lord calls forth all from their graves.

Sr. Leocadia Leger of Curtiba, Brazil died at the age of 83. The funeral was held in Araucaria, Brazil on January 9, 2007.

Sr. Leger was active in the Truth work in Brazil for many years and she will be missed. In years past Sr. Leocadia translated the Bible Standard from English to Portuguese. She sometimes served as a translator for the English speaking brethren who served in Brazil. The brethren who have served in Brazil have fond memories of our dear sister.

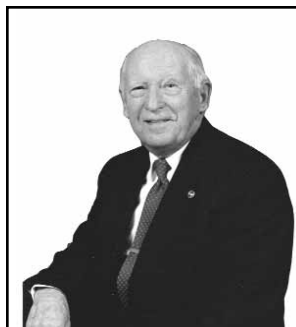
Bro. Godwin Abandy of Nigeria died at the age of 78. He was buried on December 19, 2006.

Sr. Ruth Kowalski of Grand Rapids, Michigan died at the age of 77, on December 31, 2006.

"Wonder not at this; Because an Hour comes in which all those in the tombs will hear His voice and will come forth; Those having done good things, to a Resurrection of Life; and those having done evil things, to a Resurrection of Judgment."

John 5: 28, 29—Diaglott

AUX-PILGRIM GERALD HERZIG



of Keystone Heights, Florida, age 96, died December 10, 2006. He is survived by his wife, May Herzig; his brothers, Elmer, Robert, Lester, and Ralph; his daughter Barbara Hoague; son, Daniel; three stepdaughters, Cathy Kirkpatrick, Sharon Kraft, Brenda McGlothlin; two step-sons, Bill Gibbs, Bruce Gibbs; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Bro. Gerald was preceded in death by Beatrice Herzig, his wife of 58 years, his sons Gerald Jr. and Richard.

Brother Gerald was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts on November 11, 1910. He was raised in the Truth, along with his four brothers.

Brother Gerald's family received the Truth in 1913 at the I.B.S.A. (International Bible Students Association) Convention in Springfield, Massachusetts. It was advertised as "The Biggest Religious Convention Ever Held in Western New England." (2,000 Bible Students attended.) His mother went to hear Bro. Russell speak. His topic was "The LORD'S JEWELS." She learned of "God's Plan of Salvation" at that convention and decided that it made so much sense that she was going to raise her family studying God's Word, the Bible, and His wonderful provision for the salvation for all of God's children.

In 1955 Gerald was appointed an Evangelist for the Laymen's Home Missionary Movement. He served brethren for many years in the States and after his appointment as an Auxiliary Pilgrim in 1989, his field of service was widened to include service in England, Denmark, France, Germany, Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad.

Brother Gerald lived a long life, doing what he loved—Serving the Lord! He was a good story teller and would include a story or two in his discourses which the brethren enjoyed.

One of the brethren said, "We have lost another great warrior for the Lord! While our hearts break at the loss, we are thankful that his suffering time is over, that he is now at rest, asleep in Jesus waiting for the promised resurrection morning."

His favorite Scripture was ". . . And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" Micah 6: 8.

Bro. Gerald was laid to rest December 15, 2006. Bro. Donald Lewis of Minnesota officiated at the funeral and grave-side services.

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WATCHFULNESS

“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation” (Mark 14: 38)

IT SEEMS PECULIAR that there should be greater liability of falling into sin at one season of the year than at another; however, we have noticed for many years, and have before called the attention of others to the peculiar force of temptations at the time of the Passover, every Spring. Year after year at this season, we have noticed special liability of many to stumble, or “be offended.” Let us, therefore, take earnest heed to our Lord’s words, and earnestly watch and pray for others and for ourselves; and let each one be on his guard not to cast a stumbling-block before his brother (Rom. 14: 13; Heb. 2: 1). It was at the Passover season that our Lord said, “I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” Then many of His friends and followers said, “This is a hard saying; who can hear it? And walked no more with Him. Then said Jesus unto the Twelve, Will you also go away?” (John 6: 4, 51, 60, 66, 67). It was at the Passover season that Judas bargained for the betrayal of our Lord, and a little later on accomplished it. It was at the Passover season that our Lord said, “My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death” (Matt. 26: 38). “I have a [death] baptism to be baptized with, and I am hard-pressed till it be accomplished” (Luke 12: 50)!

The Passover season was present and our Lord instructed the disciples and began to explain to them that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of the chief priests and scribes and be crucified and put to death (Matt. 16: 21). Hence it was then that Peter was tested, forgetting his place that he was the disciple, and took the Lord aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “far be it from You, Lord. This shall not happen to You.” Therefore, he tempted our Lord to repudiate His sacrifice, and brought upon himself the rebuke—“Get behind Me, Satan: you are an offense to Me: for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men” (Matt. 16: 22, 23). It was, while assembled to eat the Passover that the Twelve got into a dispute as to which of them should be greatest in the Kingdom. They thus brought upon themselves our Lord’s just rebuke, and induced the illustration of humility on His part by the washing of their feet. When they had sung an hymn and gone out from the Passover our Lord directed to them the words at the head of this article, “Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation.” This occurred while He Himself was undergoing an agonizing testing for the experiences that

were yet before Him, and with bloody sweat submitting His will to the will of God, and, praying earnestly, He was strengthened (Luke 22: 39-46).

It was but a little later that the emissaries of the high priest came upon them and the Eleven all forsook the Lord and fled (Mark 14: 50): the trial, the fear they could not overcome. It was but a little later that Peter and John, bolder than the others, went with the crowd into the high priest’s house and its court to see what would befall the Master; and Peter, being recognized as one of Christ’s disciples, was tested to deny the Lord (Mark 14: 68, 70, 71). It was at this time that our Lord was on trial before Pilate, but victoriously “witnessed a good confession” (1 Tim. 6: 13). Other testings of our Lord followed rapidly. When His foes spat upon Him, and crowned Him with thorns, and reviled Him, saying, “Let Him save Himself, if He be Christ, the chosen of God,” He could have smitten them with disease or death; but, as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth. He overcame, and prayed for those who despitefully used and persecuted Him (Is. 53: 7; Luke 23: 33-37). He might even have concluded that He would not be the Redeemer of such thankless beings; but, while realizing that He could even then ask of the Father, and receive the assistance of twelve legions of angels, and overcome His enemies, He resisted the temptation. He gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. The death of our Lord was a great trial of faith to all the disciples, who straightway went to their old fishing business, and neglected the fishing for men (John 21: 3-17). Paul and the other Apostles subsequently had special trials at this special season also. See Acts 12: 1-23; 20: 16; 21: 10, 11, 27-36.

In view of all this in the past, as well as in view of our brethren’s experiences, since the present Harvest began in 1874, we feel especially solicitous for the Lord’s sheep every Spring; and this Spring is no exception. What may be the character of the temptations, we may not clearly discern until they are upon us; for if we knew all about them in advance, they would be but slight temptations. Let us watch, therefore, and pray always; for the only safe way is to be prepared; because our adversary, the devil, is seeking whom he may devour. He knows our weak points, and is ready to take advantage of them. We will each need the graces of the Spirit in our hearts, as well as the Lord’s “grace to help in time of need,” if we would overcome. “Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation!”



Dear Brother,

I would like to remark that your article on the Youthful Worth Call (P.T. No. 714) clearly harmonized all references concerning those consecrated from 1878 to 1881! Until now nobody in Poland has told me about some difficulties to understand it. I think it appeared just on time.

I am glad that our brothers Kucharz and Kucharski are in lasting relations with brothers in Brazil and booking on October 19 to arrive to Curitiba on October 20 of this year. They will return to Poland November 8.

May God bless you, dear brother, in your wonderful work in the Lord's field. We are glad that both magazines appear regularly and are so comforting and encouraging to all faithful spiritual readers. We pray for you everyday, every occasion in conventions and each meetings.

Your brother servant in the precious Truth,
Piotr Woznicki
Polish Representative

Dear Brother Herzig,
Greetings in Jesus' name.

We thank you very much for the answers to our questions while regretting to have used much of your time. When verifying your references, we noticed that corrections were already done in our Present Truth and Bible Standard. We have a good team for translations and particularly for correction with brethren who should have a knowledge of Parousia and Epiphany Truth, and what is important.

The Youthful Worthy Call
[For information]

During a long discourse on Ruth, delivered for two meetings in Montceau-sur Sambre (Belgium) on the 8th of August 1933, Br. Johnson clearly stated:

- "...We can divide the Youthful Worthies in 3 groups:*
—*The first: from 1878 to 1881*
—*The second: 1881 to 1914, when there were much more consecrated than crowns.*
—*The third: finally, those who consecrated after 1914.*

All those who consecrated from 1878 to 1881 were *Youthful Worthies because no crowns fell from 1878 to 1881. The Surplus of consecrated from 1881 to 1914 became also Youthful Worthies, and now, all those who consecrated from*

1914 until now (1933 editor's note) were also Youthful Worthies...."

Then Br. Johnson explains this matter in all details, along the lines you recall in your article.

With Assurance of our daily prayers,
Yours in the Lord's service

Br. G. Hermetz
French Representative

Dear Bro. Ralph Herzig, Christian Greetings!

I would like to give you a short report from our Autumn Convention (October 20-22) in Altleiningen. The topics of the discourses were: "Psalms 141: 5"; "The book of Esther, Chapter 1"; "Consecration"; "James 5: 17, 18." Symposium: "Four Elect Classes"; Testimonies and Bible Questions.

Between the meetings and in the evening I spoke with Bro. Woznicki about different things and also about his coming to the Spring Convention next year in Velbert (May 26-28, 2007) if this is agreeable with you.

My thought is to give a chance to our dear brethren to have as much as possible of fellowship with the older brethren in order to see their faithfulness in service to God, our dear Lord and the Truth; to show by their lives an example of faith, love and consecration.

Bro. Woznicki and I talked about the P.T. magazines and we both are very happy to see, that the Lord is blessing you in your service to His people, with the Truth writings. I am very happy to see many articles, which are very important in our times. I appreciate most the article of the "The Youthful Worthy Call," where you very correctly explained the differing views on it. I agree with these dates, which you have so plainly explained to us (Bro. Johnson from different standpoints shows this also). In talking with Bro. Woznicki about this article, we both appreciate it and your good and faithful service toward all of us. Thank you!

In closing I would like to send you, the Bible House Family and all dear ones everywhere, the Christian love and greetings from all dear brethren, who were present at the Altleiningen Convention.

May our dear Lord and Redeemer strengthen you in your service toward Him and His, we remember you and your co-workers in our daily prayers.

Your brother and fellow servant by God's grace,
Bro. Janusz Puzdrowski, German Representative

We appreciate the many letters and telephone calls of support from the brethren and wish that there was room to publish all correspondence but that is not possible.

The Editor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL DATE FOR 2007

Saturday, March 31, after 6:00 p.m.

The Memorial date this year comes on March 31 after 6:00 p.m. The newing of the moon nearest the vernal equinox, at Jerusalem, occurs at 5:05 a.m. March 19. Accordingly Nisan 1 begins at 6:00 p.m. March 18 and Nisan 14 begins at 6:00 p.m. thirteen days later, or at 6:00 p.m. on March 31. May the Lord bless His consecrated people as we properly prepare ourselves to commemorate Him and His great sacrifice for us (1 Cor. 5: 7, 8)!

HYMNS FOR 2007

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