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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.



Applying the Blood

The Passover

“Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth” 1 Cor. 5: 7, 8.



The First Passover

The Passover ceremonies, the first institution of the Law and manifestation of Divine blessing for the nation of Israel, prefigured the first institution of Divine favor inaugurated by our Lord Jesus Christ in the Last Supper, and Holy Communion. As the Apostle indicated in our text, the Jewish Passover was a foreshadowing, or typifying, of the better things, the real Passover, with which we Christians have to do. We are not wholly dependent upon the Jewish type for our information, however; for we have clear statements by our Lord and His Apostles respecting the relationship between Christ

and His Church and respecting the special salvation for the Elect. Nevertheless, we find in the Passover type many details which assist us greatly in the understanding of the antitype.

First of all, we should notice that the Passover directly affected only the first-borns of Israel, although it indirectly affected all the people of Israel. That is to say, the last plague upon Egypt was the death of all their first-borns; and the Passover celebrates the fact that the first-borns of Israel were spared, or passed over, by the destroying angel in that night. As the younger children of the Egyptians were not endangered, neither were the younger children of the Israelites. Hence the latter were not passed over. Yet they were certainly interested in the passing over, or sparing, of the first-borns, not merely because of their relationship, but because, in the Lord's providence, those first-borns became leaders and deliverers of the people on the next day, as they went forth from Egypt (Num. 8: 17, 18).

Furthermore, those first-borns of Israel, were exchanged by Divine direction for the entire tribe of Levi and were thereafter represented in them; and they, as the sacrificing priests and the teaching Levites, became the ministers of the Law Covenant for that nation. The antitype of this was distinctly pointed out by the Apostle Paul; namely, that the elect Church of the Gospel Age is “the Church of the First-borns, which are written in Heaven.” These are to be the “able ministers of the New Covenant” (Heb. 12: 23; 2 Cor. 3: 6).

The First-borns, alone, were dealt with during the Gospel Age, or “night.” These, alone, were in danger of a death penalty. As the Apostle declares, if we sin wilfully after we have received the knowledge of the Truth, there remains no more sacrifice for our sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour us as the adversaries of God and of righteousness (Heb. 10: 26, 27). Nevertheless, the whole human race is certainly interested in this Church of the First-borns, in its success in being passed over and its attainment of everlasting life; for these are the Royal Priesthood and will be the instructors of the New Covenant, which is



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yet to be sealed, and by the terms of which all the families of the earth are to be blessed. All humans will receive the blessing of reconciliation to God through the knowledge of the Truth and through the blessings of the Millennial Kingdom, associated with the New Covenant (Jer. 31: 31-34).

JESUS, THE PASSOVER LAMB

We should discern clearly also the Passover lamb, through whose blood the passing over of the first-borns was effected. The lamb is a peculiarly innocent animal, wholly unprepared for defense or resistance, and thus a suitable picture, or type, of our Lord, who was non-resistant and who fully and freely surrendered His rights and His earthly interests on the Church's behalf—on behalf of the First-borns. It is true, others than the First-borns will ultimately profit by Jesus' sacrifice, but these especially and markedly so. Thus far, God's only dealings during the Gospel Age have been with this class. These alone have an Advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ the Righteous (1 John 2: 1, 2). These alone, thus far, are reconciled to God.

All of God's blessings to the unbelievers must come in the future, under the New Covenant; for only believers can be justified by faith and receive the blessings of the Faith Covenant—the Abrahamic Covenant. "The Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world," He first saves the Church of the First-borns, and later in the Millennium will bless all who become Abraham's seed.

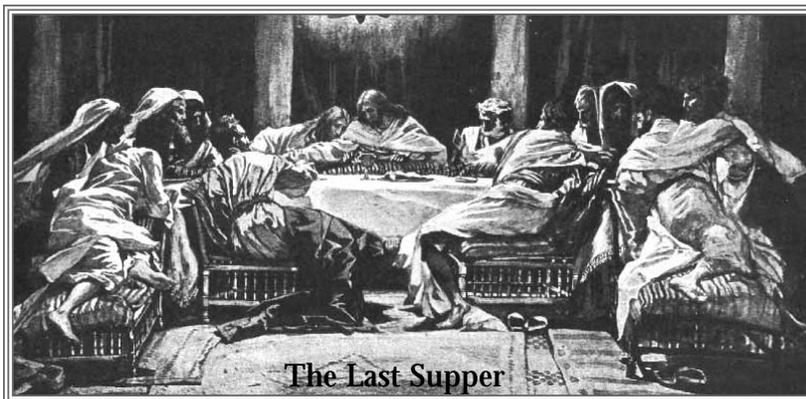
There are Biblical portrayals of the Church which represent her as participating with the Lord in His sacrifice; but this Passover type is not one of these. The Passover lamb represented our Lord Jesus Christ as "the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world" (John 1: 29). But the sin of the world has not yet been taken away. Our Lord has not yet applied His merit for unbelievers, but only and expressly for the Household of Faith. In another sacrifice, which represents our Lord and the Church jointly sacrificing, as Head and members, the body of the animal was cut into various pieces and laid with the head upon the altar, thereby typifying Christ Jesus as the Head and the Church as His Body members (Exod. 29: 15-18). However, provision was made that the Passover

sacrifice was not to be divided. It was to be eaten whole—not a bone was to be broken. It represented, not Christ and the Church, but Christ alone in His sacrifice (Exod. 12: 46; John 19: 36).

"IN THAT NIGHT"

Be it remembered that the passing over took place in the night of Nisan 14, not in the daylight. It was the following night, on the 15th of Nisan that the Israelites went forth out of the land of Egypt to liberty, to freedom from bondage. These two nights of the type represented the night time of the Gospel Age.

This same thought is given by our Lord when He says, "Let your light so shine before men"; again, "Nor do they light a lamp, and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house" (Matt. 5: 15, 16). The Apostle Peter expresses the same thought, saying, "We have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts" (2 Peter 1: 19). Again, the Prophet, speaking of the Church, says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my



The Last Supper

path" (Psa. 119: 105).

Numerous other passages refer to the new Millennial Dispensation as the Morning in which the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His beams, and in which the shadows of superstition and works of darkness shall all be driven away. The appropriateness of this figure must be evident to every reasonable mind. God's people are children of the Day in the sense that their hopes and sentiments belong, not to the darkness of sin, not to the night time, but to the Day, to the Reign of Righteousness, for which they are praying, "Your Kingdom come; Your will be done on earth, as it is done in Heaven."

Eighteen centuries ago our Lord said that He had come as a Light into the world, but that men loved darkness rather than light (John 8: 12; 3: 19-21). Only a few yet recognize Him as "the true Light." For He "was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world" (John 1: 9). Indeed, His Church, during their sojourn on earth were invited to become associated with Him as lamp-bearers; and if faithful in permitting their light to shine then, they

are now parts of that great Sun of Righteousness which shall heal the world with its beams in due time. Our Lord pointed this out in the parable of the Wheat and the Tares. He declared that, in the end of this Age, He would gather the wheat (the Church) into the barn (spiritual Kingdom); that then should “the righteous shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their Father” (Matt. 13: 43). Alas, that so few have “an ear to hear” and accept the wonderful teachings of the Divine Plan!

BLOOD ON THE DOORPOSTS

The Israelites were instructed that the blood of the lamb must be applied on the doorposts and the lintels of their houses that night. This indicated that all who would belong to the Household of Faith must believe in the precious blood of Christ, and thus be “justified by faith” irrespective of denomination. To believe, would make them members of the Household of Faith; but it would not determine whether or not they would be of the First-borns. The Very Elect, the Saints, the Royal Priesthood, had this place of seniority in the Household of Faith—not by reason of natural years, but by reason of spiritual development. They were priests, elders, in the sense of their primacy of development in the character-likeness of their Redeemer, which also indicates their faith and obedience.

We cannot emphasize too strongly the fact that this is the Scriptural teaching. We are not merely to believe that Jesus lived and that Jesus died. We are especially to believe that He died SACRIFICIALLY, “the Just for the unjust,” and are to accept our share of the redemption which He secured by His precious blood. The sprinkling of the blood upon the doorposts in the type implied public confession of the precious blood of the Lamb of God, in His death and in its efficacy for us, which is thus signified (Heb. 11: 28).

It will be remembered that the Israelites were directed not to go out of the house during the night; because the Lord would pass through to smite the Egyptians. He would see the blood upon lintels and doorposts, and would not suffer the destroying angel to come into their houses (Exod. 12: 1-13). The injunction that those under the door sprinkled with blood should not go out from under it during that night had special application and force with respect to the first-borns. Antotypically it signifies that if any of the First-borns should go out from under the blood, in the sense of denying the merit, the efficacy of the blood of Jesus, the penalty of such a course would be death—the Second Death—hopeless extinction (Heb. 6: 4-6; 10: 26-31).

EATING THE LAMB

As the blood of the lamb marked the household of faith, not merely the first-borns of that household, so the eating of the lamb was not merely for the first-borns, but for all the household. So our Lord said, “My flesh is meat indeed”; and again, “This is the Bread which came down from Heaven; he that eats of this Bread shall live forever” (John 6: 55, 58). In other words, not only was it necessary that Jesus should die, a meritorious Sacrifice, but it is also necessary that all who would have profit through His Sacrifice must feed upon Him—must appropriate the merit of His Sacrifice.

The eating of the lamb pictured, or typified, the appropriation by the Household of Faith, of those earthly rights and interests which were forfeited by Adam’s disobedience and redeemed by Jesus’ death. In other words, it signifies our appropriating justification from sin. We eat by faith, and therefore are said to be “Justified by faith.” By faith we are permitted to count ourselves as fully reinstated in God’s favor through the merit of Christ’s Sacrifice, even as we were debarred from Divine favor through the demerit of Adam’s sin. The eating of the lamb signifies the appreciation of these things and the appropriation of them to the household of faith. The more we eat, the greater is our feeling of satisfaction in respect to our freedom from condemnation and our reinstatement in Divine favor through the merit of our Passover Lamb.

THE BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT

Year by year, for more than sixteen centuries, the Jews kept the Passover by Divine decree—not merely the sacrifice of the lamb and the eating of it on the same night, after the doorposts had been sprinkled with blood, but additionally a feast of seven days following. That Passover feast represented the joys and rejoicings, the blessings and favors of relationship with God, based upon the merit of the Passover lamb—its sacrifice and the eating thereof. Yet the Jews understood not the meaning of what they did. It was not necessary that they should understand. When God’s due time for the fulfillment had come, the explanation was granted.

That due time came on the night in which our Lord was betrayed—the night of the fourteenth day of the first month, the very night of the typical killing of the Passover lamb. The Master gathered about Him His twelve Apostles. They had their usual Passover supper of roast lamb; and afterwards our Lord introduced what we familiarly term “The Lord’s Supper”—a new symbolization of the antitypical Passover.

The Last Supper that our Lord introduced was to take the place of the Jewish Passover ceremony, with His followers, to carry out the same thought, but on a higher plane, as representing a clearer, better understanding of the matter. Instead of the lamb would be the unleavened bread, representing our Lord's flesh. This He distributed to His Apostles, saying, "This is My body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22: 19). The eating of that unleavened bread represented their appropriating to themselves the merit of Christ's sacrifice for their justification by faith.

Then our Lord added a new feature — "the cup." For while all believers might partake of the bread, might realize justification through the merit of His sacrifice, yet only a certain class of believers were invited to partake of the juice of the grape that represented the blood. The cup represented death. Ordinarily, under the Jewish Law, the partaking of blood would represent blood-guiltiness, or responsibility for the death (Lev. 17: 10-14). But our Lord gave His disciples fruit of the vine as symbolic of His blood; and He urged upon them its appropriation, saying, "This cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you," and "for many." "Drink you all of it." (Luke 22: 20; Matt. 26: 27, 28).

This invitation to drink of His blood signifies a participation with Christ as His members in a sacrifice of earthly life, earthly interests, hopes, aims,

ambitions—everything. All who accepted this invitation to drink of His blood thereby pledge their lives in the same service for which He gave His life. This thought is entirely additional to anything in the Jewish Passover type. There is no intimation that any of the household were to partake of the blood of the slain lamb. Nevertheless all who accepted our Lord's proposition to share in His blood and lay down their lives with Him in defense of the Truth, thereby were marked as elder brothers in the Household of Faith, members of the First-borns with our Lord, our Redeemer, and as prospective members of the Royal Priesthood.

Therefore, during the call of the Church, whoever intelligently partook of the Memorial Supper, thereby indicated two things: (1) Their faith in Jesus as the Passover Lamb, and their appreciation and participation in the secondary part of the sin-offering (the Lord's goat) with Jesus—His justification by faith; and (2) Their potential membership in the Body of Christ, all the members of which agreed to be broken—membership in that "little flock" whose faithfulness was manifested by their drinking of the Master's cup—sharing with Him in His sacrifice, suffering with Him in order to reign with Him (1 Cor. 10: 16, 17; 2 Tim. 2: 11, 12). All of this special class have now faithfully overcome in their journey to the heavenly Kingdom and are with their Lord on the throne of glory (Rev. 3: 21).

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Bro. E. B. Akpan, of the Lagos class in Nigeria died on December 5, 2007 at the age of 68. He has been associated with the L.H.M.M. since 1979. Bro. Akpan was a humble diligent follower of the Lord.

Sr. Myrl Herzig, 77 of Lenox, Massachusetts died December 8, 2007. She was the daughter of Bro. Alfred and Sr. Esther Gleason, deceased. Sr. Myrl leaves behind her husband, Bro. Robert Herzig. She had eight children: Two sons, Allan T. Herzig and Phillip C. Herzig; six daughters, Elaine L. Markham, Nancy M. Whitman, Amy E. Long, Sarah J. Dallaire, Shirley A. Lafave and Emily F. Herzig. Sr. Myrl accompanied Bro. Robert as they served the New England classes and many conventions during their marriage of forty-eight years. Bro. Michael Dukette officiated at the funeral.

Sr. Dorothy Krasulak of Florida died September of 2007.

Bro. Harold Thomas Peters, 87, of Trinidad died December 3, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Modeste

and one child, Indra (Ramdass) Chong of Florida. Through his ups and downs he studied his Bible and continued the work of the Lord until the end.

Sr. Marilyn "Jo" Snedden, 77, of Athens, Ohio, died Sunday, February 3, 2008. Sr. Marilyn is survived by two sons, Donald (Cindy) and Dennis (Patty) Snedden. She was the natural sister of Sr. Udora Williams and Sr. Martha Richardson and a member of the Athens/Nelsonville, Ohio class. Brothers Robert Steenrod and Jon Hanning officiated at the funeral and graveside services.

Sr. Florence M Thomson of Bastrop, Texas, died on October 17, 2007

*O Death, where is thy bitter sting?
O Grave, where is thy victory?
The dead will soon awake and sing
Praise to the Lamb eternally.
Father, in Thy gracious keeping,
We now leave thy servants sleeping.*

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We are now face-to-face with another year, one hundred and thirty-four years since our Lord's invisible presence here on the earth. There have been momentous developments with various events as they are unfolding during this Great Time of Trouble. The tribulation of which Jesus prophesied has been with us now for ninety-four years. These proceedings have been in the secular field, taking in such areas as governmental, financial, environmental and health related issues. The signs of these times have also left their mark in the general degradation of the religious sphere throughout the world. Despite the troubling features that seem to take front stage in this panorama of events, and due to the fact that we are confronted by it, in the media, at the start, in between and at the close of each day, there are signs of a lighter nature pointing to the blessings of the coming Kingdom.

WATER INTO FUEL

This paragraph is an excerpt from Bro. R. G. Jolly's discourse delivered in Chicago at the October 26, 1974 convention, on the subject "The Heathen For An Inheritance."

"I was talking with a dear brother here at this convention and the matter of the earth's supply of oil came up. How long is the oil in the earth going to last mankind; forever? No! There is an end to it! Will there be any vehicles running around in Restitution a million years from now, a billion years from now, and ten billion years from now, and a billion times a billion years from now when eternity has just nicely started? What will the power be for transportation of the future? I told the brother something that I think we all know; that water is made up of two parts of hydrogen and one part of oxygen, H₂O; if you combine the gas hydrogen with the gas oxygen, in proper proportion, you produce a high explosive. Some of you who have been in college in the physics department have probably, by the process of electrolysis, separated the gas from the water; the hydrogen in one beaker, and the oxygen in another; and if you combine them, in proper proportion, you create a high explosive. **I would not be a bit surprised that the world will learn how to do all of their lighting and heating**

and motive power with water which never will give out. It goes back into vapor and makes water again. I do not know. I'm not a scientist, but I would not be surprised that mankind will have non-polluting motive power that they little dream of at the present time."

As an unrelated adjunct to Bro. Jolly's Bible talk is a news story from the Internet that states the following: (June 1, 2007). It seems that John Kanzius stumbled onto information that is rather remarkable. He is a retired television station owner and broadcast engineer. He was actually looking for a cure for cancer and he was experimenting with radio waves to kill cancer cells. He had made a make-shift radio frequency generator with his wife's pie pans and in his search for cancer, his machine could actually make saltwater burn. He found that he could release the oxygen and hydrogen from salt water and create an intensely hot flame. The APV Company Laboratory in Akron, Ohio evaluated Kanzius's invention and stated "That could be a car engine. Imagine saltwater as the ultimate clean fuel."

DISCIPLINE IN THE HOME

Spanking is a responsible discipline for unruly children according to Dr. Dobson, a nationally recognized family counselor. He states this in an answer to the question, "I have never spanked my 3-year-old because I am afraid it will teach her to hit others and be a violent person. Do you think I am wrong? The Doctor says that the idea of the questioner is the general opinion of the psychiatric establishment of fairly recent times. He takes exception to such evaluations, saying that there are times that a child needs a spanking as a necessary discipline by loving parents. However, he does not condone unjust discipline that is sometimes meted out by angry and vengeful parents. This has motivated authorities to disallow corporal punishment completely. The Doctor states that "just because the technique is used wrongly, however, is not reason to reject it altogether."

He further comments: "Not only does this response not create aggression in a boy or girl, it helps them control their impulses and to live in harmony with

various forms of benevolent authority throughout life. Many people disagree of course. I can only tell you that there is not a single well-designed scientific study that confirms the hypothesis that spanking by a loving parent breeds violence in children.”

The prophet Solomon provides wisdom in support of the above presentation as follows: “He who spares the rod hates his son, but he that loves him is careful to discipline him” (Prov. 13: 24). “The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself disgraces his mother” (Prov. 29: 15). Doctor Dobson also indicated that the reports of the demise of the close-knit family are not exaggerated. “It is now in an uncontained free fall. This God-designed and Bible supported human relationship has been in existence for more than 6,000 years and it is disintegrating right before our eyes.” From up-to-date records we learn the following: Households of unmarried partners grew by nearly 72% during the last ten years. Households headed by single mothers increased by more than 25%, and those led by single fathers grew by almost 62%. For the first time ever, close-knit families dropped below 25% of households. The percentage of unmarried women giving birth is 33% of all births. In 1940 the number was 3.8%. Other studies show that illicit cohabitation has increased by 1,000% since 1960. “We are also seeing a growing number of unmarried women in their 20s and 30s who are choosing to bear and raise children alone. Clearly, there is genuine cause for alarm where the welfare of the traditional family is in jeopardy.”

MAINLINE RELIGIONS

“BABYLON IS FALLEN, IS FALLEN, THAT GREAT CITY”
(Rev. 14: 8)

The Jesus Seminar, a group of liberal Scripture scholars, meeting in Grand Rapids, MI, declare that fewer than one in five of the sayings of Jesus Christ, in the Bible, actually happened. The former Baptist pastor, Robert Price, says “I tend to think that is wildly over-optimistic, virtually nothing reported in the Gospels happened. I think there’s real doubt as to whether Jesus existed or not.” Two Members of the Fountain Street Church, (one of the oldest churches in Grand Rapids), said they agreed with Mr. Price; one of them said “many of the stories in the Bible are ‘myths’ written after Jesus’ lifetime. **But even if Jesus did not exist**, that would not undercut my beliefs, my religion isn’t based on the resurrection or the virgin birth or things right-wing Christians would take as literal truths. **It’s the teachings of Jesus that you**

have to live by.” What absurdity! How does one live by the teachings of someone who has never existed? Truly that great religious system of error as exemplified in the mainline denominations of Christendom—Babylon, is indeed fallen.

POPE BENEDICT XVI

In hot water again! Speaking out of both sides of his mouth the head of the Roman Catholic Church declares his desire to be at heart ecumenical, seeking to amalgamate with other faiths and in particular the Protestant denominations and then speaks with unwarranted authority (a mouth speaking pompous words and blasphemies—Dan. 7: 8; Rev. 13: 5), that the Roman Church provides the only true path to salvation and that it is the only true church. He states that other Christian denominations are not true churches. He further states that Jesus established only one Church and this is true, but that the one true Church which Jesus formed, was not the Roman Catholic Church or any other denomination, but it was, rather, the assembly of true Christians from in and outside of all denominations, whose names are written in heaven (Luke 10: 20).

CATHOLIC BISHOP—“CALL GOD ALLAH”

Weldoet Koppenhol wrote to the Netherlands newspaper, “Sure let’s call God Allah, then let’s call a church a mosque and pray five times a day. Ramadan sounds like fun.” However, all do not agree. Ninety-two percent of more than 4,000 people polled disagreed with the bishop’s view. He was attempting to foster understanding and stroking of the one million Muslims in the area.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SHRINKS

Membership in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. declined again in 2006 by more than 46,000, the denomination says. Like other mainline Protestant denominations, the Presbyterians have seen membership rolls shrink over the past couple of decades. In 2004 and 2005 alone, the denomination lost 48,474 active members. The latest drop comes as fighting occurs over whether the Bible bars gay relationships.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH DIVIDED

The Fresno Episcopal diocese in California separated from its national headquarters concerning the position of homosexuals in the church. The diocese’s real-estate holdings are valued in the millions and there will no

doubt be skirmishes to acquire these assets. There are over fifty parishes that have separated from the mother church recently. Four main dioceses have now severed relations with the headquarters in the U.S. They are Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Quincy, Illinois; Fort Worth, Texas; and San Joaquin, California.

EDUCATION?

A school board in Maine has approved a measure, for its health center, to provide some forms of birth control to students in grades 6 to 8.

Pornography has invaded and obtained control of sinful worldly minds, worldwide. The unsavory elements of society, including some of the clergy and whole congregations of some denominations, are casting aside the warnings of the Scriptures and indulging in same-sex marriages, divorce, and various aberrations away from Biblically sanctioned marriage. The media and its various avenues of contact with the social order have become infected with these low forms of sexual degradation. So much is this the case that even high government officials are openly declaring their adherence to these evil practices.

It is reported that pornography accounts for 23% of retail sales on the internet; forty million people visit such displays and advertisements daily. Such debauchery depraves character to the lowest realms of sin. It is stated that the monetary take is larger than the combined revenues of all professional football, baseball and basketball franchises in this country. The financial gain amounts to 57 billion dollars annually worldwide. In the United States it is 12.5 billion and 30% of unsolicited e-mail contains pornographic material.

British Schools Promote Homosexuality: a new pilot project is using picture books, the arts, drama and other techniques to introduce homosexual themes to school children ages 4 to 11. The project called *No Outsiders*, is needed to combat the “absolutely massive” problem of bias against homosexuals among British school children, said Elizabeth Atkinson, the director. The plan has received nearly \$1.2 million in government money funneled through the Economic and Social Research Council, a non-governmental organization that makes its own decisions on how to spend the grants it receives.

Leaders from both the Muslim and Christian communities are in opposition to the project saying it is “morally unacceptable” and that it amounts to “the active promotion of homosexuality in schools.”

Miss Atkinson laughed at suggestions that the program promoted homosexuality. Instead, she argued, it reflects reality.

This venture, at present, involves 14 schools in England and the director hopes that it will soon be extended to many other schools in the country.

FINANCIAL RUIN

The U.S. economy is interconnected with the financial health of the world. From every aspect of the money position of both, it is not good. Billions have been lost by major banking and investment firms worldwide. The stock market is sending shivers to investors in every country. It is up to over 300 points one day and in a few days down the same amount or more and the following week it goes down again. These fluctuations do not impart any feeling of relaxation and security. This recent trend toward instability in the financial picture has been fueled by the inability of American homeowners, on a large scale, to meet their mortgage payments. Giant banking firms in America, Europe and Asia have poured billions into the system in an attempt to stave off a financial catastrophe, thereby putting on another band-aid and postponing the inevitable. More and more big name, high-end mortgage lenders, banks and investment firms are sinking under the waves of financial woe.

Those who are devoted to forecasting what the financial picture will be for 2008 are not optimistic for the immediate future. The experts are saying that recession is on the horizon and that there are definite signs that it may hit here this year. Some of the indications are: a negative growth pattern, rising foreclosures, falling home prices, surging energy costs and manufacturing slowdown to a five-year low.

In November the sale of new homes declined to a twelve-year low. The dollar's decline in value has put U.S. manufactured goods on sale in foreign markets. This however, may have a favorable impact by increasing demand for supplies. Multi-billion-dollar losses submitted by major banks and investment corporations have cast fear on lenders and investors alike and have tightened credit, just as the Federal Bank is attempting to alleviate the condition with interest rates.

Higher energy prices could limit the Fed's rate-cutting options if they begin to affect the cost of other goods and services and fire inflation further. The remedy for an increase of inflation has been in the past to raise—not lower—interest rates. This could force the Fed to choose between raising rates to contain

inflation and lowering them to promote growth in the economy. This choice is made more difficult by the political pressures of the race for the presidency.

FedEx, the package-delivery company seems to be giving signs that all is not well in its financial status; in the past it has often been considered a barometer for the U.S. economy. Its profit margins fell in all four business areas and operating expenses and fuel costs have had a detrimental effect.

WORLD'S POPULATION

Adding to earth's problems during this period of trouble and unrest is the increasing number of inhabitants who live within its domain. At the present time the number of people sharing space on the globe is estimated to be 6.7 billion. In less than fifty years it is expected to rise to over nine billion. Part of the increase is due to thirty million fewer deaths annually. This drop is because of improved drug treatment for the AIDS virus. The underprivileged countries are expected to provide the largest growth in numbers and they are the least able to withstand the great influx into their societies.

RUSSIA COMING TO THE FOREFRONT

Russian warplanes are making incursions into the air space of various nations in the West; bringing to memory similar episodes from the past, in the cold war. These occurrences have taken place within NATO air control with Norway, Finland and Britain. Russian planes have also been active in the Pacific close to the U.S. base at Guam.

ISRAEL IN TURMOIL

From a Hamas-controlled area in Gaza, Kassam rockets are fired into the Israeli settlements of Sderot or elsewhere in the Negev. Israeli children are kept home from school for fear of rocket assaults. Defense Minister Ehud Barak is not considering a major military offensive against Gaza but has shut off electricity to the Hamas-controlled area for periods of time. "For every rocket sent to the Israeli electric station in Ashkelon, we should cut off their electricity for two hours. If the missile is fired to the water pipe line we turn off the water." An IDF unit locates and destroys Kassam launchers and targets terrorist cells in Gaza.

Sderot was first shelled with mortars by Arab terrorists from Gaza in April 2001, and the first Kassam rocket hit the city less than a year later. Residents have thus been suffering for over six years. One woman recently told Arutz-7 that her daughter was one of the first victims, and recently suffered a

recurrence of symptoms in another attack just ten days ago. "Six years ago," the mother said, "my daughter, who was then 4, was one of the very first victims of the attacks on Sderot when a rocket landed near her. She was not physically hurt, but immediately afterwards, she contracted a severe case of psoriasis. After many treatments, mainly in the Dead Sea, we finally seemed to get rid of it – until two days ago. Right after our house was rocketed, the symptoms of her psoriasis returned." As this magazine goes to print a young boy lost his leg and his older brother was injured in another attack on the town of Sderot. Many other families have been undergoing psychological treatment for years because of incessant rocket dangers.

The IDF's Homefront Commander, Gen. Ya'ir Golan, told the Knesset Audit Committee that in 2007, Palestinian terrorists had fired 1,150 Kassam rockets at Israel's western Negev and areas south of Ashkelon.

It is reported that four Israeli-based warplanes crossed deep into Syria on September 6, because of Israel's suspicions of nuclear cooperation between Damascus and North Korea.

PALESTINIAN STATE

Amid major diplomatic pressure, the call persists for the establishment of a separate state for the Arabs of Judea and Samaria. Yoran Ettinger, an expert on U.S.-Israel relations, writes in opposition to this idea. He states that the internal conflict between Shiites and Sunnis, Persians and Arabs or between Arab nationalists and Arab Islamists has nothing to do with Israel. These factions within the Arab community are an ongoing disruption among themselves, they have not for centuries been able to coexist in peace with each other or with other peoples and to bring them lock, stock, and barrel within Israeli borders would add to the unsettled affairs presently caused by the Arabs seeking to force their way into the country.

Ettinger lists three misconceptions that are spurring on the pro-Palestinian state diplomats.

1.) "Israeli territorial concessions are the key to making progress for peace."

2.) "Israeli sovereignty over Judea and Samaria blocks agreement between them." The fact remains that most Palestinians do not recognize the Jewish people's right to exist as an independent nation.

3.) "It is felt that Arabs of Judea and Samaria can build a state that will live in peace alongside Israel." Past history proves that the Palestinian Authority has never worked toward improving their subjects' living

conditions. Today Palestinian unemployment and poverty are worse now than they were before Arafat and his associates assumed power.

Yoran Ettinger says that those who support the establishing of a Palestinian state “must demand that the Palestinians explain what they did with the \$7 billion in international aid they have received over the years. Why did Palestinian mobs destroy the Erez industrial zone, where Palestinians worked and ran businesses for decades, on the Gaza border? Why do they attack safe roads linking their Gaza and their West Bank? Why is the Palestinian economy in shambles?” Apparently the economic aid that they have received was used not to improve their economic status but for terrorist activity directed against Israel.

Yoran concludes his article with this advice for Western governments and their emissaries: “Instead of pressuring Israel, they must try to persuade the Palestinian leaders to commit to a long-term strategy premised on educational, political and economic reforms that would lead to the establishment of a civil society that cherishes life, not death; values human rights and freedom; and develops a middle class, not a corrupt, rich elite aristocracy.”

CONFERENCE FOR PALESTINIAN STATE

Seventy nations assembled in Paris, France 12/17/07. The goal was to raise hundreds of millions of dollars (\$5.6 billion), or more, on behalf of a Palestinian state adjoining, crowding and threatening—the State of Israel. Among the international representatives taking part in the conference were UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, and Israel’s Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni. Tony Blair, who recently stepped down as Britain’s Prime Minister, co-chaired the event.

Participating organizations included the European Commission, the Arab League, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and European and Arabian financial funds. All 27 members of the European Union were represented, as well as Middle Eastern countries.

This reminds us of the words of the prophet Isaiah concerning the assembly of the nations: “Be broken, you peoples, and be dismayed; give ear, all you far countries; gird yourselves and be dismayed. Take counsel together, but it will not stand, for God is with us” (Isa. 8: 9, 10).

If the Palestinian state becomes a reality and it is granted permanency within Israel’s territory it may introduce as prophesied “the time of Jacob’s Trouble,” which we have been expecting (Jer. 30: 7).

Herod’s Quarry found: Israeli archaeologists claim they have discovered a quarry that provided King Herod with the stones he used to renovate the Biblical Second Temple compound. The source of the boulders used 2,000 years ago to reconstruct the compound in Jerusalem’s Old City was found on the site of a proposed school in a Jerusalem suburb. The quarry is in the Ramat Shlomo neighborhood of Jerusalem. Today, the compound Herod renovated is located at the most explosive religious site in the Holy Land, known as the Temple Mount to Jews and the Noble Sanctuary to Muslims.

The quarry mined for the massive stones, each weighing more than 20 tons, eluded researchers until now, said Yuval Baruch, an archaeologist with the Israeli Antiquities Authority. Baruch said coins and pottery found in the quarry confirm the stone was used during the period of Herod’s expansion in 19 B.C. The strongest piece of evidence was found wedged in one piece of the huge cuts in the limestone – an iron stake used to split the stone. “The tool apparently was improperly used and got stuck. It stayed there for 2,000 years – because a worker didn’t know what to do with it,” said archaeologist Ehud Neshet.

Neshet said the large outlines of the stone cuts indicated the site was a huge public project worked by hundreds of slaves. “Nothing private could have done this,” Neshet said. “This is Herod’s.”

The second Temple was leveled by the Romans in 70 A.D. The Western Wall, the holiest prayer site for Jews, is the best known surviving remnant of the retaining wall for the mount where Jews believe the Temple stood, and where today stands the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the gold-capped Dome of the Rock.

WEATHER

The Earth’s land surface temperatures in 2007 were the warmest on record for January and April. The record-breaking flooding in Asia to heat waves in Europe and snow in South Africa are pointing toward brutal weather conditions for the future. There has been severe flooding in South Asia, northern Europe, China, Sudan, Mozambique and Uruguay; intense heat in southeastern Europe and Russia and unusual snowfall in South Africa and South America.

An Intergovernmental agency on Climate Control composed of hundreds of experts, says there is an increasing trend for extreme weather events over the past 50 years and that they are likely to intensify.

SIGNS — AMONG TRUTH PEOPLE

According to the court docket of October 19, 2007 in Arkansas, a federal jury decided that AT&T Inc., must pay \$756,000 to two former technicians who were denied time off to attend a Jehovah's Witness meeting.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission sued AT&T last year, claiming the San Antonio based company denied Glenn Owen and Jose Gonzalez a "reasonable accommodation" of their religious beliefs when it fired them after they asked to attend a Jehovah's Witness convention in Little Rock, Arkansas. The two men had "sincerely held religious beliefs" and had attended the convention previously, according to the E.E.O.C. complaint. AT&T has filed an appeal.

CONDITIONS IN THE LHMM

The year 2007 saw many improvements to the work among the brethren in Brazil. The LHMM has now a Representative there, in the person of Bro. Mario Voitowicz, who is working to unite the classes in the area. The publishing work is progressing and the brethren are now producing the Bible Standard, bimonthly, in the Portuguese language. The first issue ever of the Present Truth in Portuguese has been printed. Several attractive tracts have been printed in color and in the native language and are ready for distribution as needed. The duplication of the magazine and their printing of the tracts are of professional quality. They now have some new brethren who are able to assist in the translating and publishing work and will apply themselves in this way. Others are working toward having a convention in the area in the future. Bro. Irineu Nelsen Trusz and his sister, Sr. Irene Trusz have been very faithful in holding the brethren together and supporting the Lord's work in Brazil for many years and are willing supporters of Bro. Voitowicz as he seeks to further the Lord's cause as it works through the LHMM.

Bro. Willie Ebong is the newly appointed Representative in Nigeria. His main objective is to take charge of the work there and to establish the arrangements for the calling of and setting up of conventions for the year 2008. For many years the brethren in Nigeria did not have a representative of the LHMM to help direct the work; even so they have persevered and remained faithful to the Truth and the spirit of the Truth. Since the appointment of a representative, the brethren and the work are having a revival as is evident from Bro. Ebong's annual report for 2007 to be published at a later date.

The brethren as a whole, including Europe, Africa, Australia, Latin and South America seem to be rejoicing

in the Parousia, Epiphany and Basilia Truth. Our two magazines are putting before the minds of all of its readers, including some of our brethren in other Truth groups, an awakening to important issues relative to the time that has elapsed in this Harvest and to what their present standing in the Lord's sight might be. We are approaching 134 years since our Lord's Return in 1874; 94 years since the closing of the door to High Calling privileges; 58 years since the final Little Flock member passed beyond the veil; 29 years have passed since the resurrection of the Great Company. Therefore, according to Scripture, reason and facts we came to the time when the Youthful Worthy call closed in 1954. This marked the opening of the call to be of the Consecrated Epiphany Campers class. The opportunity to be of this class will last until Restitution begins and the great awakening takes place (John 5: 28, 29). Therefore, we admonish all of the Lord's people, inside and outside of the LHMM, to wake up to conditions in the earth that point to the nearness of the earthly phase of the Kingdom and the "times of Restitution of all things." To take stock where we are relative to the callings of God and to enter into a closer relationship to Jehovah and work toward developing ourselves in the graces of character, that with the Lord's help, will fit us for a place in His Kingdom. May we rejoice together at the end of this Age in our Millennial home.

Those of us here at the Bible House pray for and thank each and all for your devotion to the spreading of the Gospel, by whatever means is available to you. There are various methods that we have at our disposal, whether it be by literature, word of mouth or financial. All of these ways, whether we take part in just one or all three, are acceptable to our wonderful Heavenly Father. It is certainly great to know that we are joined to the LORD'S cause and that His Kingdom will be an everlasting dominion, permanently established for the accomplishment of all that the Heavenly Father has prophesied. He will bring it to pass! God be praised! The prophet states it very forcefully in this way: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever" (Dan. 2: 44).

May the peace and love of God dwell in our hearts as we continue on toward the Kingdom striving to be clean as we bear the vessels of the, LORD ISA. 52: 11, (Motto Text for 2008).

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SUMMARY OF WORK IN UNITED STATES

JANUARY 1, 2007 — DECEMBER 31, 2007

PILGRIM AND EVANGELISTIC SERVICE

Pilgrims	2
Auxiliary Pilgrims	8
Evangelists	16
Public and semi-public meetings	184
Attendance	10,411
Parlor meetings	955
Attendance	7,997
Miles traveled	215,209

FINANCES

General Fund Receipts

1. Donations	\$ 135,995
2. Investments	\$ 48,596
3. Books & Sale of Literature	\$ 16,909
4. Total Income	\$201,500
5. Balance on hand Dec. 31, 2006	\$155,997
6. Total funds available	\$357,497

EXPENSES

7. Cost of goods sold	\$ 26,586
8. Convention expense	\$ 3,455
9. Administrative expenses	\$ 50,757
10. Ministerial—Pilgrims, Evangelists	\$ 73,326
11. Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 13,589
12. Equipment	\$ 8,652
13. Utilities	\$ 27,826
14. Taxes	\$ 24,256
15. Insurance	\$ 9,501
16. Advertising	\$ 2,257
17. Postage and Delivery	\$ 22,947
18. Web	\$ 1,455
19. Volunteer Mailing	\$ 18,153
20. Total Expenses	\$282,760
21. Net Income	-\$ 81,260
22. Balance in General Fund—Dec. 31, 2007	\$ 74,737

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters and postals received	11,152
Letters and postals dispatched (Includes e-mail).	3,047

LITERATURE CIRCULATED

Present Truth subscribed/ordered	3,978
Bible Standard subscribed/ordered	16,792
Bible Standards volunteered	22,382
Bound volumes (magazines)	14
Studies in the Scriptures	888
Epiphany Studies	446
BSCyclopedia CD	117
Photo-Drama of Creation	102
Photo-Drama Study Guide	156
Life-Death-Hereafter	93
Hymnals	186
Manna Books	118
Poem Books	64
Bound Watch Tower sets	3
Booklets (Hell, Spiritism, Tab. Shadows)	229
JHP, JW, RSV, AI, GT, HUD, PYR, SAT, BA, FOZ, RI, etc.	867
Indexes & Q. A. Books	48
Others' publications	449
Charts & Mats: Divine Plan, Tabernacle and Pyramid	234
Children's books	16
Bible cassettes, videotapes	9
Volunteer booklets	14,067
Leaflet tracts	112,585
Miscellaneous cards, restitution pins	1,193

WEB WORK (U.S.)

(January-December, 2007)

Visitors (people paying some attention to content)	46,770
Visitors per day (average)	138
Page Views (pages opened and looked at)	79,050
"Hits" (number of times the site is "clicked" on)	231,000

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

Since the death of Brother Hedman we have noticed that not all has been well “among ourselves” but because of our isolated position and our unwillingness to surmise evil it remained a perplexing question at least until the arrival of the Autumn and Winter 2007 issues of the P.T., which seem to make the matter quite clear. Our experience with usurpers, power graspers, self-appointed leaders

etc., strengthens our, until then, partial or unconfirmed belief. It does not come as a surprise though, since all of us are of the special targets of the Adversary and his dupes, which makes those two issues, in particular, very timely.

We have had a letter from a sister up north which came as a bit of a surprise. Her subject was “How God uses Islam to punish spiritual Israel.” We replied to that letter in order to find out how she arrived at that conclusion and in subsequent correspondence we mailed the two Bible Standard magazines dealing with the subject of the Muslims and of Islam. Contrary to expectations the Sister and others with her liked it so much that they wanted

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ANNUAL REPORT FROM GERMANY



Dear Brother Ralph Herzig, Loving greetings in our dear Redeemer's name!

Through another year the Lord's mighty hand has guided our feet (Psa. 121:3) on the way to His promised kingdom. We rejoice that by His grace and by His power He strengthened our faith and His precious promises encourage us to be faithful in these troublesome times. We are thankful for His truth as due by which we are able to see error and by His providential care are still on the Lord's side.

As each year we would like to make a short summary of our two general conventions in our country. On our spring convention, May 26-28, was held in Velbert near Wuppertal. Our guest speaker was our beloved Bro. Piotr Woznicki (Polish representative). The attendance was about 130 each day. Our second Convention was held October 12-14, in Altleiningen, with guest speaker Henryk Olekszy (Aux. Pilgrim) from Poland who was visiting us, with his family. The attendance was about 90 on each day. The convention in Altleiningen was transmitted via Internet and there were 38 computers at the different locations monitoring the discourses and question meeting.

We will try to reorganize our publication work here in Germany this year. The difficulties which we have in this area are the same as it was in Jesus' day, the work is plenteous, but the labourers are few (Matt. 9: 37). We hope that by the Lord's grace we will be able to change something to improve things on that field.

Dear Brother Ralph below I would like to attach the letter from Wuppertal Class which was sent to me. Wuppertal 13 January 2008

Dear brother Janusz Puzdrowski,

I'm sending you a short report of the evangelism work that was guided by our class in 2007, which I would like to start with a quote from the last Present Truth (Autumn 2007, page 37): "We think that joining in the effort of evangelism is very important. We were too long inactive in our publishing of this legation and God will contest us a higher position in the Kingdom, if we do not use the possibility to take a part of it."

You know that we temporarily stopped the duty of public speaking, because of our trying experiences fixed with them, which ended with the declining of our assembly hall. However, as far as we have opportunity, our evangelism work goes on.



GLASS DISPLAY CASE

Mainly this work happens in our glass display case in the tunnel that connects the railway station with the center of Wuppertal.

The main theme, which remains unchanged, is "The Divine Plan of the Ages" with the general chart and more specific charts, as well as Brother Russel's comments from the first Study. Inside this case, aside from the Holy Bible, there is also this Study in three languages (German, English and Polish). In these languages we offer a phone number for those interested in more information. Also, there is information about the websites, and the Russian site. In addition to this there were other themes in 2007: (1) "Where are the dead?" This topic was explained by the leaflets "Hell—What Is It?; Do You Know?," in which the text was enlarged in order to explain this thoroughly. (2) "God's name –What does it mean?" This theme is explained in seven points. All of these meanings are supported by verses from the Scriptures.

The information in this glass display case is read; the proofs are the e-mails and calls from the interested ones.

Evangelical work on All-Saints' day; on November 1, 2007, in the various states, a large number of Catholics celebrate All-Saints' day. During this day people visit the graves of their deceased. Every year, our Ecclesia leads evangelism work in various cities in our particular state. This year, a group of about dozen, consisting partly of youth, went to the capital of our state, Düsseldorf (40 km from Wuppertal, with a population of about 586 thousand). At the entrances of the cemeteries, they handed out pamphlets personally as well as underneath window wipers of cars, which is not an uncommon way of giving out advertisements. Also, pamphlets were placed in the mail boxes of houses adjacent the cemeteries. A different group, consisting of even the youngest willing, gave out these pamphlets in the city of Schwelm. Generally what was handed out: "What is hell?" 96; "Restitution" 115; Informational pamphlets with two themes: "For This Cause," 3,200; "Birth – Life – Death," 3,411. Both booklets contain questions regarding All Saints' Day. They are encouraged to search for the true answers of Death, Life, and God. Each booklet includes contact numbers and the Epiphany website. We can see the results of our actions by the visitors to the website. The counter informs us that the number of visitors has doubled.

Our desire is not only to continue the Evangelism work for our Lord, but to find other possibilities of improving our service and broaden it. "Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!" 1 Cor 9:16

With Christian Love
the Ecclesia of Wuppertal

In closing, we assure you of our warm love and of our daily prayers for you, the Bible House family and all dear brethren throughout the world.

Your brother by the Lord's grace.
Pilgrim Janusz Puzdrowski
German Representative



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to keep the magazines, which leaves us without them. We believe they were the July/August and September/October issues of the Bible Standard. Could you please replace them? The March-April issue also seems to have gone missing; it never arrived so far, all are 2007 issues.

SUMMARY OF THE WORK IN GERMANY

Jan. 1, 2007—Dec. 31, 2007

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters and postals received204
Letters and postals sent 223

LITERATURE CIRCULATED

Die Gegenwärtige Wahrheit [the Present Truth] 37
Manna Books 4
BSCyclopedia CD4

WEB WORK (Germany)

Visitors (people paying some attention to content) 2,365
Visitors per day (average) 6.5
Page Views (pages opened and looked at) 3,258
"Hits" (number of times the site is "clicked" on) 64,030

PILGRIMS AND EVANGELISTS

Pilgrims 1
Auxiliary Pilgrims 3
Evangelists 7
Semi-public Meetings 26
Attendance 4,911
Parlor Meetings 309
Attendance 4,485
Kilometers travelled 33,829

FINANCES

Receipts

Balance from previous year€1,046.00
Subscriptions€ 409.00
Miscellaneous Income €2,534.24
Total €3,989.69

Expenses

Postage€ 236.17
Printing, Internet, Computer, Equipment etc. €2,018.02
Aux. Pilgrim and Evangelist expenses € 556.25
Total €2,810.44
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 200 €1,179.25
(Approximatly— \$1,718.05 in US dollars)

2008—GERMANY CONVENTIONS

Velbert, May 10-12

Wandlitz, October 3, 4, 5

We enclose a Bank Draft as a donation, except for the cost of two Motto Texts and the extra magazines.

Conveying Christian love to you and those with you in Christ.

Your Brethren,
E & N. L.
Australia

ANONYMOUS POST-CARD CAMPAIGN

Many of the brethren associated with the LHMM have been receiving letters and documents from some, who have separated themselves from the Lord and the Movement. These persons have now entered into a campaign of sending out unsigned postcards from different cities in the country. Despite their distribution tactics it is evident that their cards have been made at the same computer on which previous missives were composed. Apparently, they do not want the brethren to know who they are, for adding a name, labels them as sifters. Additionally, it may be that they are using this form of deception to give the idea that they are a larger number than they actually are. It is interesting to note that Bro. Jolly condemns such a practice. Sifters usually think somewhat alike and as in this case, they are misled by the Adversary to use identical methods to deceive.

The following is quoted from (PT '62 p. 74) "Soon after we instituted legal proceedings, a widespread Krewson-sanctioned anonymous postal-card and letter campaign was begun; most of the missives evidently were produced by mimeograph (comp. P '62, p. 46, col. 2, top), and they were mailed from many different localities. Apparently J.K. realizes that most of the Epiphany-enlightened brethren are so well aware by now of his unsoundness and unfitness as a Bible expounder that they will very likely pay little or no attention to anything he sends out with his name and address on it, and so he has had to resort to this disorderly anonymous card and letter campaign (a practice never sanctioned or used by Bro. Johnson) to try to get their attention, evidently thinking that thereby he can deceive some and perhaps arouse them against us. These anonymous postal cards have been

mailed even to brethren not connected with the Epiphany Truth."

Having noticed how the present Post Card writers have emphasized in their communications only those references that they feel support their erroneous stand, and omitting those that favor another view, it may be interesting for us, as Bible Students, to reflect on another wrong method of sifters in past years, as follows: (E. 3, p. 80).

"(21) One of the objectionable things in the writings of J.F. Rutherford and F.H. McGee is that they quote from some places in Brother Russell's writings what they think favors their view, and omit quoting from other places what gives another thought, and thus fail to do justice to "that Servant." Our method in dealing with the various expressions of "that Servant" when they appear contradictory is to seek to harmonize them whenever possible, as we would apparent Scriptural contradictions; and whenever such a harmonization is impossible, we seek to follow that expression of his opinion that seems most reasonable and most in harmony with the fulfilled facts. Let us not forget that Brother Russell repeatedly corrected his own interpretations, when fulfilled events proved that he did not clearly understand and teach them before they were fulfilled. For following Brother Russell's example and principles in this, the writer repeatedly has been falsely accused of repudiating Brother Russell's teachings. Both J.F. Rutherford and F.H. McGee. and their associates have been guilty of this, some of them doing so even in their discourses. We are thoroughly loyal to "that Servant."

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How swift they are to go
Whom God has never sent!
How careful, hesitant and slow
His chosen instrument!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2008 LHMM CONVENTIONS

United States:

Jacksonville Beach, Florida, March 7, 8, 9

Muskegon, Michigan, May 16, 17, 18

NOTE CORRECTED DATES FOR MUSKEGON, MI

Lionville, Pennsylvania, July 10, 11, 12, 13

Tulsa, Oklahoma, September 19, 20, 21

France: All conventions in Barlin: *Spring, March 22, 23; Summer, August 1, 2, 3; Autumn, November 1, 2*

Germany: *Velbert, May 10-12*

Wandlitz, October 3, 4, 5

Jamaica: *Bartons, March 21, 22, 23, 24*

Lithuania: *Kowno, June 20, 21, 22*

Nigeria: *Agbado, Ogun State, March 21-23*

Ikot Okpudo in Nsit Ubiom, L.G.A., April 4-6

Benue State Convention, Makurdi, June 27-29

National Convention, Akwa Ibom State, November 28-30

Poland: *Poznan, May 1-3; Bydgoszcz, July 9, 10, 11;*

Lodz, July 12, 13, 14; Gliwice, July 15, 16, 17;

Susiec, July 18, 19, 20; Krakow, August 22, 23, 24

Ukraine: *Orlowka, June 27, 28, 29;*

Lwow, August 15, 16, 17

United Kingdom: *Hyde, August 1-3;*

Sheffield/Barlborough, October 25, 26

MEMORIAL DATE FOR 2008

Thursday, March 20, after 6:00 p.m.

The Memorial date this year comes on March 20 after 6:00 p.m. The newing of the moon nearest the vernal equinox, at Jerusalem, occurs at 7:36 p.m. March 7. Accordingly Nisan 1 begins at 6:00 p.m. March 7 and Nisan 14 begins at 6:00 p.m. thirteen days later, or at 6:00 p.m. on March 20. 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)!

REQUEST SERVICE OF VISITING MINISTERS

Congregations, Classes and individuals please send in your requests for Pilgrim and Evangelistic service for 2008. Indicate what days of the week are preferable and the services you desire; Bible Talks, Studies or Testimony meetings. Funeral and wedding services also available. Write to: Bible Standard Ministries — LHMM, 1156 St. Matthews Road, Chester Springs, PA 19425-2700

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1952-59	1960-67	1968-75	1976-84
1984-91	1992-99		

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MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN CONVENTION

May 16, 17, 18 (Friday-Sunday)

Site: Comfort Inn Muskegon, U.S. Route 31 at Sherman Boulevard, Muskegon, MI 49444. Telephone: (231) 739-9092. *Rates:* \$54.00 + 11% room tax; children 18 and under stay free with parents; Continental breakfast included (served in motel lobby). Reservations must be made directly to the hotel by April 26, 2006. **Request the discount rate for the LHMM, and for a confirmation number.** Each room must be guaranteed as early as possible by credit card or check: you may cancel with 48 hours notice. For further information contact C. Olson, (Class Secretary), 1503 Carleton Street, Whitehall, MI 49461-1903. Telephone: (231) 894-4131

JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA CONVENTION

Friday—Sunday, March 7, 8 and 9

SITE: Oceanfront Comfort Inn, 1515 N. First St., Jacksonville Beach, FL, 32250. Telephone: (904) 241-2311. *Rates and Reservations:* \$95.00, for 1-4 guests, includes breakfast and tax. State that you are attending the Laymen's Home Missionary Movement Convention to secure the special rate. Inquiries can be made to Sr. Cathy Kirkpatrick, telephone (904)-771-7180. Limo Service is available from the following businesses: Bob's Limo (904) 241-1013, \$50 for up to 3 people, each additional person \$5.00 (10 max); Coastal Cab (904) 246-9999, \$44 up to 4 people, \$11 each additional person (10 max); Runways Shuttle 800-578-6929 \$24/person, ½ price for the others. Rental cars are available at the airport.

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GOING TO BE MOVING? PLEASE
SUPPLY YOUR NEW ADDRESS
AND/OR RENEW

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