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Promoting a Christian Agenda for the End Times

## **Editorial: Contrived Versus True Unity**

Satan is the ultimate pervert. Unity, the very strength of the Church and the earnest prayer of the Lord for Her, is now being perverted in the name of Interfaithism – the satanic efforts to forge an alliance between Christ and Belial. This no doubt, is the greatest challenge ever for the Church in Her 2000 year existence. No doubts, Satan has reserved this most lethal of his weapons for the very end times. With good reasons, the information contained in this edition of CA! should be of serious concern to any Christian. Yet, we have nothing to fear, since our Lord is ever as usual in firm and total control of events. We only need to brace up, broaden our perspectives, and yield ourselves fully to Him.

At CALM, we have been blessed to enjoy the benefits of true Holy Spirit-inspired unity within the Body of Christ. The spontaneous support of the people of God in helping with the distribution of our newsletter has been very encouraging and overwhelming. As much as we would have loved to cite a few instances, space will not permit such at this time. Yet we are excited to appreciate the brotherly love from brother Craig of the Church at the Paradise, Milwaukee who has most generously agreed to host our website on his Internet domain for free. With technical support from him and other brethren at Ile-Ife, the website is currently under construction. A few of our articles are already posted; and all past editions and other interesting articles space will not allow us to publish in CA! (including resources stocked in our Library) will be available on the website. Remember, the Internet is open 24 hours each day and is available worldwide. Please don't delay in giving your friends abroad our web address: [[http:// www.ozcweb.com/churcharise/](http://www.ozcweb.com/churcharise/)] after you yourself have visited the site.

This is another 'history-flavoured' edition as well as our last issue before the much-talked about Y2K. These are appropriately reflected inside. The regulars are also featured as space will allow. Please, continue to pray for us. And for the Church.

**“Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons” 1 Tim 4:1**

## **NEWS**

### **Sharia Laws launched in some Nigerian States!**

Not minding the clear designation of Nigeria as a secular state by the Constitution (Section 10), Sokoto and Zamfara states have decided on the introduction of Sharia laws into their books. There are two aspects to Sharia law: the Islamic Law of Personal status and the Islamic Criminal Law. In Nigeria, the former, which governs marriages, succession, commerce, etc came with the advent of Islam and is otherwise known as Islamic Customary law. It is binding only on people who are moslems or who voluntarily agree to be bound by it. However, what the two states (and others are threatening to follow suit) have introduced is the Islamic Criminal Law, thus automatically turning their states to Islamic states. Even the so-called Northern Elders Forum, with ex-President Shehu Shagari as spokesman, has condemned the clearly unconstitutional move, which the Christian Association of Nigeria has alleged is being masterminded by people seeking to throw Nigeria into chaos.

This allegation has proved not to be unfounded. Even before the official take-off date of Oct 27 in Zamfara state, five churches have been destroyed since the Sharia declaration. A man has also died from complications resulting from his hands being amputated. Little wonder Christians are reportedly already leaving the state in drove! (Tribune, 14<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Oct) Bauchi State Deputy Speaker, Hon. Mohammed Kundak gave an insight as to why the states are taking such blantly illegal steps. Giving indication that he would soon move a motion for the adoption of Sharia Criminal Laws in Bauchi state despite the counsel from the Islamic “Northern Elders”, he said **“I have an obligation to Allah, and nobody can stop me from moving the motion... It is a religious obligation that I have vowed to fulfil in my lifetime”** (Punch 23/10/99, pg 35).

### **Holy Ghost Festival in Lagos**

Last year, the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) held what was till then the biggest meeting ever of human beings, when a congregation of 7 million people (according to CNN) gathered at Lekki beach to praise God and intercede for Nigeria. Now, plans are at the advanced stages for what Pastor Adeboye, the General Overseer of the RCCG, calls “The Big Brother of Lekki 98”. Up to 20 million people are being expected for the three-day Holy Ghost Festival, “**Victory at Last**”, billed for the Redemption Camp ground, from Dec 16 – 19 this year. This meeting will easily eclipse anything the Interfaith people (see Topical Issue) can ever hope to muster. That alone is sufficient reason for all of us to be prayerful and vigilant.

**In the meantime**, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife on November 19 will be the first Institution of Higher Learning to host the Special Holy Ghost services Pastor Adeboye will be holding around several Institutions of Higher Learning in the Country. The meetings are mainly directed at uprooting cultism from these Institutions in Nigeria. Pray and plan to attend these events.

### **Catholic Bishops plan Jubilee year in Nigeria**

Issues relating to the unity, security, welfare of the citizen and ecumenism formed the kernel of the second plenary meeting of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria (CBCN), which opened on 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. The meeting was also expected to have discussed the report of the commission of CBCN on the celebration of the great jubilee year, under most Rev. Anthony Obinna, the Archbishop of Owerri province of the church. (We reported in Vol 1 No 5 that at last year's Conference in Ibadan, Islamic leaders were invited to the plenary session. Our caution then on Interfaithism is even more urgent today.

### **Earthquakes in Diverse Places**

Deadly earthquakes continue to intensify in number and intensity in diverse places. In Turkey over 40,000 human beings were estimated to have died in the 7.4 magnitude earthquake of Aug 17. Days later other massive quakes rocked Costa Rica (Aug 20) and Greece. In Taiwan the Sept 21 earthquake centred around Nantou resulted in 2,000 dead and 8,000 injured.

### **TURKEY: Christianity Advances amidst persecution**

Associated Press (Sept 14) reported: "Police arrested 40 members of an evangelical church during Sunday prayers for allegedly holding a religious service without prior authorization." All were released however next day "for lack of any evidence", police said. Meanwhile, ALIVE (Oct 27) reported that over 4,000 Christians, co-ordinated by Peter Wagner took part in a 4-hour service in the ruins of a giant Roman amphitheater in Ephesus, Turkey. Organizers see the gathering as the breaking of the power of a major global spiritual stronghold, in particular the “Queen of Heaven” whose altar used to be located at the amphitheater. (Acts 19:35)

### **Another Shooting Spree in Church in the USA**

USA Today (Sept 16) reported: "A man dressed in black" walked into a church service for teenagers in Fort Worth on the night of Sept 15, pulled a gun and opened fire, killing six (3 adults and 3 teenagers) before fatally shooting himself in a church pew. An eighth person died later of shooting injuries. Authorities claim they know no motive for the action of the unidentified man in his 30s. Satanically inspired assassination of youths on fire for the Lord may be becoming prevalent in the United States.

**MIDDLE EAST: Final Status Talks on Course** - Ehud Barak continues to seek a comprehensive Middle East treaty at lightning speed when he embarked on a secret night meeting with Yasser Arafat on Sept 13. The so-called Final Status talks were launched at the Erez crossing point, on the border with the Palestinian-ruled Gaza Strip, by the Israeli foreign minister, David Levy, and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's deputy, Abu Mazen. Barak wants the treaty to be ready in less than 12 months.

**Correction:** In our last edition, referring to Israel's Prime Minister and alluding to the speed at which Middle East Peace is being pursued, we stated that *Ehud* means 'lightning'. We were wrong. Actually it is *Barak* that means 'lightning'. Ehud by the way means 'union'

**Preparing for Service in the Third Temple:** Israeli radio Arutz 7 reported Sept 27 that a census of all Kohanim (Priests) and Levi'im (Levites) - the first of its kind in 2,000 years was initiated on that day in Jerusalem, in the context of the annual gathering of supporters of the building of the Third Temple. With the census, organizers are attempting to recreate the schedule of priestly and Levitical duties that existed during Temple time – in preparation for the Messiah. **The Aug 12 Solar Eclipse in the Middle East** was another event generally believed to be a sign of the times we are in.

**Parents Beheaded Son for Cash rituals**

A cash-strapped couple in Lagos, desperate for quick money, has sacrificed their only son by beheading him before a shrine and burying his remains at the site of an uncompleted building in Ikotun, on the outskirts of the city. Homicide detectives of the Idimu police station were alerted of the murder following a tip-off occasioned by an argument between the couple whose relationship went sour 14 days after they killed the boy and the expected money did not follow. (Guardian, Aug 7)

**There is more News on the Notice Boards in our Secretariat. You are most welcome to visit!**

**CALM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**School of Christ:** The School of Christ (SOC) is a vision given to Pastor B.H. Clendennen to prepare serious-minded Christians for the work of end-time ministries. The vision is to provide rigorous, extensive and solid training for Christian workers in a short period of time and send them forth pregnant with the Life of God. Conventional training of Christian workers usually involves a few years of training at Theological Colleges. However in view of the urgency to send labourers to go into the field for the work of the Lord, the SOC is designed to provide intensive training in only 12 weeks. Trainees will spend the entire period in residence, praying, receiving lectures, and participating in other activities specially designed to set them on fire for the Lord. The School is patterned after the 'boot camp' of the US Marines during World War II where young men fresh out of school (like Pastor Clendennen then was) were transformed in 12 weeks into men of war.

Through the sacrificial giving of Pentecostal Churches in the United States and several other individuals, the SOC offers the programme entirely free of cost to the students. Accommodation, feeding, tuition and all materials are already paid for! The School will accept students sponsored by a local Church who either are currently pastoring or who have felt the call to the pastoral ministry. Students will return to their Churches and be subject to church authorities after the School period. A small percentage of evangelists will also be considered.

CALM has gone through the materials for the SOC and has witnessed firsthand some of the transformation and zeal the School impacts to its students. We call on local Churches who would wish to recommend students to this programme to please send us a small note indicating their interest. **Bro. John Challender, an ambassador for the SOC, will be visiting Nigeria between Dec 12-19 to discuss with such interested Pastors and plan the 1<sup>st</sup> School, scheduled for early next year.** Remember, the forces of hell are raging. This is your own call to team up with a proven Holy-Ghost backed-up programme for extending the Kingdom of God in these end times. Act right now!

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Apart from using our modest Library, readers and partners are invited to post relevant articles and other information at the large Notice Board provided at our Centre. Important information from articles posted on the board will be included in our newsletter and/or posted on our website on the Internet to share with a larger audience as may be necessary. The call to arouse the Church to the realities of our times is a joint task for every child of God. Play your part!

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**CALM OPEN DAY/RALLY Saturday, January 8, 2000**  
**Theme: The Time is Fulfilled ..... Mark 1:15a**  
The Lord willing, our schedule for the above programme is as below:  
10.00 – 12.00am **Annual General Meeting**  
(All members and partners are welcome to participate)  
1.00 – 3.30 pm **Video Show:** One World Religion  
(Joe Van Koevering and Gary Kah)  
4.00 – 6.00 pm **End Time Rally**  
(Ministering: Rev (Dr) Greg Erhabor, Spokesman Communication)  
All activities at **Oduduwa Hall Amphitheatre, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.** Please pray for this event and plan to participate. **Admission is free**

**SIGNS OF THE TIMES**

**Y2K Computer Meltdown: Countdown to the Inevitable**

The fear of computer systems crashing at the turn of the century, two months from now, is causing jitters in several countries in the technologically advanced world. Systems, heavily-dependent on computers - such as banks, communications, transportation, security, etc are susceptible to failure as non-Y2K compliant computer systems will make calculations using the year 1900 instead of the year 2000 with possible unpredictable consequences. To compound an existing terrible situation, most computer programmers surprisingly failed to recognize the year 2000 as one of the few leaps years that are divisible by 100 (being also divisible by 400). Hence February 29 is another hurdle waiting ahead!

To fix the problem, not only will it be necessary to correct millions of lines of computer codes, most of them written in computer languages that are obsolete and unmastered by most of today's computer science graduates; the approximately 20 billion microchips embedded in innumerable devices ranging from Christmas cards and cameras to vital components in for example the oil industry and nuclear warheads will have to be evaluated, latest 31<sup>st</sup> December. Virtually, all computer experts and it would appear, most governments (e.g. Paraguay – International Herald Tribune, Oct 11) and organizations in the industrialised world have conceded that this is plain Mission Impossible. The estimated cost for fixing the millennial bug worldwide is in excess of \$1 trillion – greater than the total expenditure of ALL nations during world war II (adjusted to today's dollar)! (For once, Nigeria and other technologically under-developed countries might be tempted to want to rejoice in their 'backwardness'-but in a global, inter-related economy, no country can really escape ripples – positively or negative? - from other economies).

The meltdown may even occur before January 1, unrelated to computer failures, however. The polls indicate that the masses in the advanced countries are expecting problems and are trying to prepare for it. For instance as much as 25% of people in a recent poll in the US indicated they will withdraw extra cash in case of problems at the bank. Such a large withdrawal itself is sufficient to adversely perturb a delicate, near-cashless, economy where only 3% of the total currency of funds are produced on paper currency. Since the problem will occur during the deep cold winter, the inevitable crash of electricity supply is another tragedy looming on its own right. Even robbers are reportedly preparing for this day of booty when communication and security systems might just fail to work as expected!

All these are not mere conjectures. The Ottawa Citizen of July 26 reported the disruption of over 9000 PrimeLine customers telephone lines in Ontario, as Bell Canada performed a Y2K program test to ascertain its readiness for the year 2000. Last year, the National Pharmaceutical Association in the UK reported that two major pharmaceutical corporations inadvertently wiped out their entire corporate records in their Y2K compliance tests! Meanwhile, several countries are establishing Y2K Command Centres, at considerable costs, to co-ordinate expected problems on the issue. Apart from the International Y2K Cooperation Centre set up by the United Nations and the World Bank, Japan and the United States are two nations with their own Centres. In the US, legislation protecting computer makers from possible lawsuits have also been enacted. Some people are sounding the alarm that the unprecedented but on-going training of the US army in urban warfare patterned after US cities might be aimed at using the army to quell some riots expected soon. Might this be connected to the Y2K palaver? The Mother of all Y2K problems however might have to do with the Internet which is definitely non-Y2K compliant.

But why did national governments leave the problem too late? To educate yourself on issues pertaining to the Y2K crisis, the incredible complicity of the World Government and Cashless society advocates in the crisis, and how you may prepare yourself for this inevitable event barely two months away, endeavour to read the book 'The Millennium Meltdown' by highly respected author, Grant Jeffrey on the subject. (Available at our Library). Very many useful references and websites are cited.

**US fears for Nigeria's lack of Y2K preparedness**

Nigeria was one of the 5 oil producing nations cited in a report by a special US Senate panel whose non-readiness for Y2K might have a major negative impact on the US economy. (Reuters Sept 23) One thing is sure though, most Nigerians are not losing sleep over the threats of electricity cuts, failure of major utilities such as water supply, prolonged closure of banks, lack of petroleum products, etc – we've seen it all before!. See the irony of globalization.

**"TAKE HEED, WATCH AND PRAY; FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE TIME IS" Mk 13:33**

### **Global Monetary Offers Cash for Microchipping**

We reported in our last edition that the company Global Monetary, claiming to be a \$5 billion establishment is offering an inducement of \$250 to anyone (subject for now to demographic factors and having a qualified computer) who would agree to receive the Idchip implant in his/her right hand. We will still have to refer interested readers to the website of Global Monetary ([www.idchip.com](http://www.idchip.com)) for the details. But we point out here that a Rothschild (noted globalists) is listed among the Corporate Executives, that the Organization freely claims to have a strong affiliation to the UN, claims to be heavily involved in satellite tracking (eg of militia forces in Africa), etc. Even though very rapid progress is being made in the field of microchipping (Britain declared a National Microchipping Day on April 24. for pets) and several companies are vigorously promoting one human implantable device or the other (see for example [www.electronicidinc.com/](http://www.electronicidinc.com/)); obviously promoters of mass human microchipping think the progress is not rapid enough! Why must you NOT join this 'irresistible' new technology? Here is a short list:

1. Though Global Monetary claims the device is absolutely safe in your body and will never need to be removed, Bible says the "mark of the beast" will cause physical troubles later on for the bearers (Rev 16:2)
2. Details about the capabilities of the microchip have not been published in scientific journals for all to assess. It is quite likely that it will be possible to cause mass hypnotism in people who are fitted with the microchip. This is highly likely judging by the attitudes of the people behind this development, and the Bible's categorically stating that those who take the mark are lost to the devil without remedy. Of course this is no science fiction. As early as the 1950s Jose Delgado of Yale has been carrying out research to modify behaviour of animals (ferocious bulls) via radio-controlled electrodes implanted deep within their brain. See the book *Mind Control* by Peter Schrag (in our Library) for details.

**PC COMPUTING Magazine columnist predicts the inevitability of implantable Microchips in humans:** Opinion columnist Paul Somerson's article "Inside Job" in the October issue of PC Computing magazine reiterates the litany of examples of the uses and potential uses for bio-implantable microchips in humans. He concludes by saying, "How will they convince people to implant these chips? First, they'll hype the convenience of leaving your keys, credit cards, and money at home. Then they'll automate everything from cash registers to tollbooths so if you're chipped you can zip through in a digital carpool lane. **Me, I'll wait**" (*From World News by Mike Gayda*) Sounds like Church Arise!?

Meanwhile, in Nigeria, the chip-embedded ValuCard continues to receive massive promotion in National Dailies.

### **Anti-Virus Company Website Cracked by Hackers.**

Leading anti-virus and security software maker, Symantec was one major site cracked by Hackers in recent times. The long and embarrassing list of other sites cracked include US NASA and the American Stock Exchange, Nadsaq-AMEX. From last year, around 30 international banks in London have admitted serious security attacks on their networks and over 5 million pounds were reportedly paid to ransom stolen data which hackers threatened to make available to the public. Cyberterrorism (hoaxes and real) is expected to be a major complication to the coming Y2K computer problem.

**For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning". 2 Peter 2:20**

**Forthcoming Issue: Evolution Theory** Almost every Nigerian believes it is possible for some humans to change their forms into cats, snakes, vultures, etc. One such story from a Nigeria Newspaper was actually posted on the Internet recently. Our interest in the story at this time is, what does all these make of the **theory** of evolution? We will focus on this issue, by God's grace, in our next edition. The fact is that believers in evolution do so mainly to deny the existence of a Creator God, to whom we are all accountable. We shall show by quoting notable believers in evolution, that to believe in evolution, all rationality has to be thrown into the wind and one proceeds solely by faith, an incredible baseless faith!

### **Topical Issue continued**

While the human New Agers hope to be able to "enlighten" Christians and convert them, their demonic partners (often referred to as Spirit Guides and treated as "highly evolved human beings") do not seem to have such patience. According to one of these demons, Asher,

individuals with "lower vibratory rates" will be removed in the 2-decade period between 1986 and 2006. When the New Ager John Price queried this his demonic spirit guide on this plan to wipe out over 2 billion people off the face of the earth, the demon Asher replied:

"who are we to say that these people did not volunteer to be a part of the destruction and regeneration – for the purpose of soul growth?" It was precisely this kind of reasoning that led Hitler to exterminate over 50 million people in his attempt to promote a superior human breed.

Another demon, writing through another New Ager, Hubbard puts it more clearly: "we the elders, have been patiently waiting until the very last moment before the quantum transformation, to take action to cut out this corrupted and corrupting element in the body of humanity. It is like watching a cancer grow; something must be done before the whole body is destroyed... the self-centred members must be destroyed...."

### **Coming: A Legal Framework for persecution**

Arising from the 1993 Parliament of World Religions was the convening of an inner circle of Interfaith religions "authorities" called the Assembly of Religious and Spiritual leaders. This group is currently developing an Interfaith document titled "Towards a Global Ethic". They hope the document, which will represent "an irrevocable, unconditional norm for all areas of life, for families and communities, for races, nations and religions", will provide a consensus for "how people should behave". There is no doubt that the document will be strongly influenced by demonic 'spirit guides' such as Asher. A useful analogy may be drawn from a similar document laying out the strategy for the future of global education and which was boldly declared to have been co-authored with a spirit guide, called Djwhal Khul. (This document for global education, known as the World Core Curriculum, has been approved by the United Nations and is currently being implemented principally under the aegis of the Robert Muller Schools – with very generous funding available for whoever would wish to implement it!). Participation in the new 'ethic' (religion) is NOT to be optional. There will therefore be a legal basis to punish recalcitrant 'separatists' (mainly born-again Christians) very soon!

In the next few months, issues briefly mentioned here will be coming home in very practical terms to everyone of us. Throughout the millennial year (next year), a series of ecumenical events are being planned, allegedly to celebrate the 2000th birthday of the Lord Jesus (a quite noble objective). However, a close look at the main organizers will reveal they are not all Christians. Before participating in such celebrations, check out whether other religions will be participating to "celebrate with you". Watch out particularly for Robert Muller's main link to the evangelical community, Jay Gary [Not Gary Kah, note!]. Jay Gary's plans for the upcoming celebration is unfolded in his book "The Star of 2000". His endeavour to "insure that the year 2000 is celebrated as a **planetary jubilee by the whole human family**" (emphasis added) is being co-ordinated by an organization he has founded for that purpose, Celebration 2000.

The days of 'Casual Christianity' are gone forever. The satanic movement to install the UR is a return to "mystery Babylon" religion and is promoting a massive interaction between demons and humankind much like it was in the days of Noah (Gen 6:1-2, Gen 11:1-4). This movement cannot be stopped, and Christians will not be around to witness its final institution. However while UR backers hoe to have 'dealt' with Christians, exterminating them, the Bible promises rapture. In the meantime, the true Church continues to hinder the full manifestation of this evil system and snatch out of the jaws of hell such as the Lord has ordained for eternal life. (2 Thess. 2:6-7). The only thing to fear is compromise! (Mat. 5:13-14, Mat. 16:18).

[All the facts referred to in this article are to be found, carefully documented beyond any controversy in Gary Kah's new book: "The New World Religion" To order the book or its accompanying Video, write Hope for the World, P.O. Box 899, Noblesville IN 46061-0899, USA].

### **EN ROUTE TO GLOBALIZATION**

Swissair announced in the Sept issue of its in-flight magazine, *Gazelle* (pg 78) a chip-based card, the Fast Track Card which will ensure automatic identification of passengers and would in future make it **unnecessary for them to carry passports or national ID cards**. In the meantime, confirming the decisions of world leaders at the UN General Assembly on Sept 20, UN Secretary General Kofi Anan has declared that **traditional considerations of national sovereignty will no longer be taken into account, to derail legitimate intervention by the UN** in places such as Rwanda and Kosovo. Who can argue against such a proposition? In a related issue, Religion News Today (Sept 29) reported that the world's foremost secular humanists are now openly calling for a world government. Signed by more than 100 academics and intellectuals including **9 nobel laureates, the International Academy of Humanism's Humanist Manifesto 2000 calls for the formation of a World Parliament with more power than the United Nations**, to oversee and regulate worldwide environmental conditions, transnational taxation to distribute more money to poorer nations, and population control. In Africa, leaders meeting in Libya announced on 9/9/99 a reportedly unanimous decision to set up an African Union, with a parliament by 2000.

## EXHORTATION: The Choice is Yours

We are now witnessing the final stages of Satan's lawless endeavor. Having lost his high position in Heaven, this fallen angel has remained determined to enslave humanity and receive its worship. At stake is his ego – and our souls. Who will be Satan's chosen vessel to rule the world? How, and when, will he come to power? And what will happen to those who question his authority?

It is possible that once the new civilization is in place, the earthly instruments used to build it will be supplanted by one more powerful. If so, could the "lawless one" be a satanic entity posing as an extraterrestrial being? Could this be why he is referred to as the "beast" in Revelation?

There are many possible scenarios of how the Antichrist and his hierarchy will come to power. With terrorism on the increase, Middle East tensions mounting, and international financial markets in chaos, it is not difficult to imagine how one or more of these situations could be manipulated to usher in the new world order. The year 2000 computer crisis (Y2K) will only contribute to global instability.

**If the world is thought to be on the brink of disaster, humanity could be convinced to embrace a new set of ideals to replace the old. Given the right circumstances, people might be willing to surrender some or all of their freedoms in exchange for a system promising peace and security. Terrorized and fearful of the future, they might be prepared to accept an international government and a new world religion.**

Whether the "global civilization" is actually birthed in the year 2000 – as many occultists would like – remains to be seen. But if current world trends continue, major changes can be expected in the months and years ahead. Regardless of what takes place, one thing is certain: Nothing will happen until God allows it. Ultimately God is in control, and He is still working through knowledgeable, obedient Christians to oppose Satan's efforts. Since true Christians will not, and cannot, embrace the pagan teachings presented by the New Age, there can be no "complete" acceptance of the new world religion and its system of global government as long as Christians are alive and refuse to compromise.

New Agers understand this very well. While they are heralding the prospect of "global peace," the worldwide persecution of Christians is on the increase and will continue to grow as the new occult order approaches. Jesus said, "A time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you" (John 16:2b-4a, NIV).

In the days ahead, God's people should expect to pay a price for their loyalty to Christ. Some, as Jesus said, will be put to death. Even now, more than a quarter of a million Christians are martyred annually. But there is hope. Even though Christians may endure difficulties in this world and experience persecution for a time, those who remain faithful will receive a great reward. Being in the Lord's presence forever will far outweigh any of this life's pain.

For those who choose to conform, the new world order will seem attractive – at first. The promise of global peace and prosperity will be most alluring. However, once individuals have embraced this seductive world system, they will be in Satan's grasp. The door to spiritual freedom will close, and there will be no escape. They will have to suffer the consequences of their decision forever.

Urging us to make the right choice, Jesus said: *Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it* (Matthew 7:13,14, NIV).

God's perfect will is for all to enter through the narrow gate. But the ultimate choice regarding your spiritual destiny remains in your hands. You must decide whether or not you will follow Jesus Christ as your Lord.

**Gary H. Kah** - in his new book, *the New world Religion*.

**Topical Issue Continued:** as a creature separate from the all-powerful Creator to whom we are accountable. This is diametrically opposed to, and absolutely irreconcilable with the falsehood of pantheism, which holds that all is God and all roads therefore lead to one's expressing his/her godhood or "christ-consciousness". This situation has very serious practical implications. As every true Christian as well as every practicing satanist well knows, Christian beliefs and activities such as prayers are seriously inimical to occultic practices. Many a magician/occultist have been known to move shops complaining of "interferences" from Christian prayers. → **continued on page 3**

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## TOPICAL ISSUE: INTERFAITHISM AT THE DOORS!

There have always been several doctrinal leanings in the Catholic Church which most Bible-believing Christians both within and outside that Church are very uncomfortable with. Yet many were surprised when **the Pope** announced mid August that hell does not really exist as a place but merely a concept in the mind of people. When **Archbishop Carey**, head of the 70 million strong Anglican communion worldwide, announced few days later that "we cannot really be sure that Jesus rose from the dead"(!), the surprise turned to a stunned amazement. As we reported in our last edition, even the so-called Pentecostals are not left out of the doctrinal somersault going on in these last days as highly respected leader of the 'New Wave' Movement, **Rick Joyner** not only took a Knighthood from an ancient Catholic Order, but made mockery of the concept of the coming antiChrist and also assaulted the hope of the Church being raptured. This he labeled as theology of escapism. All the above are mere few examples of the serious on-going efforts to promote interfaithism – the bringing together of all religions under a unifying umbrella. For this effort to succeed, Christianity in particular, must have to re-define her major doctrines to make it compatible with the other religions. In the 3 examples cited, concept of judgement of sin, the power of resurrection and new life in Christ, and the hope of His return, major pillars of Christianity are hacked down by Christian leaders in daring confrontation with Scriptures, clearly and forcefully stated. For example, contrast the statements credited to the above 3 leaders with Scriptures in Mathew 5:29, 1 Cor 15:14,17; and 1 Jhn 2:18, 1 Thess. 4:17, respectively.

**Historical Background:** Interfaithism has its roots in the ecumenical movement. While ecumenicism seeks to unite Christians of all sorts of expression, Interfaithism takes the giant satanic step of further seeking to unite all religious expressions. Today, both movements are fast becoming synonymous. The main foundation for Interfaithism was laid at the Parliament of World Religions held in Chicago in 1893. The centennial anniversary of that convention was marked Aug 28-Sept 5 in the same city in 1993 to launch the final moves to institutionize Interfaithism on a global scale. The antecedents to the 1993 convention included the founding of the pro-United Nations World Council of Churches (WCC) in Amsterdam in 1948. The WCC seeks mainly to bring liberal Protestant denominations together. Later, on Oct 11 1962, the famous 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council opened. This Council openly canvassed for Interfaithism as it urged "all Christians .. to act positively to preserve and even promote all that is good in other religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, and other world religions". The current Pope acted upon these recommendations when he convened an Interfaith Summit in Assisi, Italy in October 1986. There he invited over 100 leaders from non-Christian religions to join him in fasting and praying for peace. Attendees included Buddhists, Hindus, Zoroastrians, Native Americans, African animists, and snake worshippers. Earlier (obviously working together), the United Nations (UN) had declared the year 1986 as the International Year of Peace with various groups launching different programmes in support of this declaration. One of the major initiatives launched that year was the now annual World Healing Day (every 31<sup>st</sup> December) where New Agers try to meditate on world peace to facilitate the coming of a personality who clearly is the anti-Christ. Endorsees of this initiative in 1986 included Lucis Trust (formerly Lucifer Publishing Company), the Dalai Lama, Bishop Desmond Tutu, the WCC, among others.

**Clearly defined goals being ruthlessly pursued:** The ultimate spiritual goal of the Interfaith movement is to synthesize a "new" world religion from all the existing religions in the erroneous belief that all religions lead to God. In New Age terms, global religious harmony is required to facilitate the evolution of humankind into 'superbeings' or gods. This so-called 'quantum leap' into the 'Omega point of human evolution' is expected to be ushered in together with the Aquarian Age expected to commence anytime from the year 2000.

The proponents of Interfaithism plan to found a global religious body, the United Religions UR, whose charter they hope to complete and have signed in the year 2000 by 60 million people of the world. Christians should therefore watch out for this document next year, if the Lord tarries. The UR is officially scheduled to begin functioning as an organization on June 26, 2000. It is to be to religion what the United Nations is to politics and the same personalities and interest groups are behind both organizations. Clearly, if the UN will help prepare the way for the anti-Christ, the UR will be helping to prepare the way for the counterpart false prophet (Rev. 16:13-14,19:20).

It shouldn't require great gift of discernment for a Christian to recognize what these developments portend for him/her! New agers consider we Christians to be selfish, self-centred people bent on retarding the progress of humankind. Not only do we believe the Lord Jesus' statement that He is the ONLY way to God (Jhn 14:6) and that all are born sinners (Rom 3:23), we also further believe that each person began his or her existence in time at the moment of conception → **continued under Exhortation Column**