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"Prophecy is like a lamp shining in a dark place." - II Peter 1:19

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Prophets**
Elijah killing
the prophets of Baal





Observations by the Editor

Random Thoughts

Many hours of research went into the preparation of the theme articles in this month's issue. In the process, my colleague, Dennis Pollock, and I came up with a lot more material than we could squeeze into the magazine.

So, next month we will publish additional articles about false prophets. One will be about Joseph Smith, the founder of the Mormon Church. Another will focus on the Watchtower Society which serves as the mouthpiece of the Jehovah's Witnesses. As we will demonstrate, this organization is the world champion of false prophecy. A third false prophet we hope to spotlight in a future edition is L. Ron Hubbard, the founder of Scientology.

An Appeal

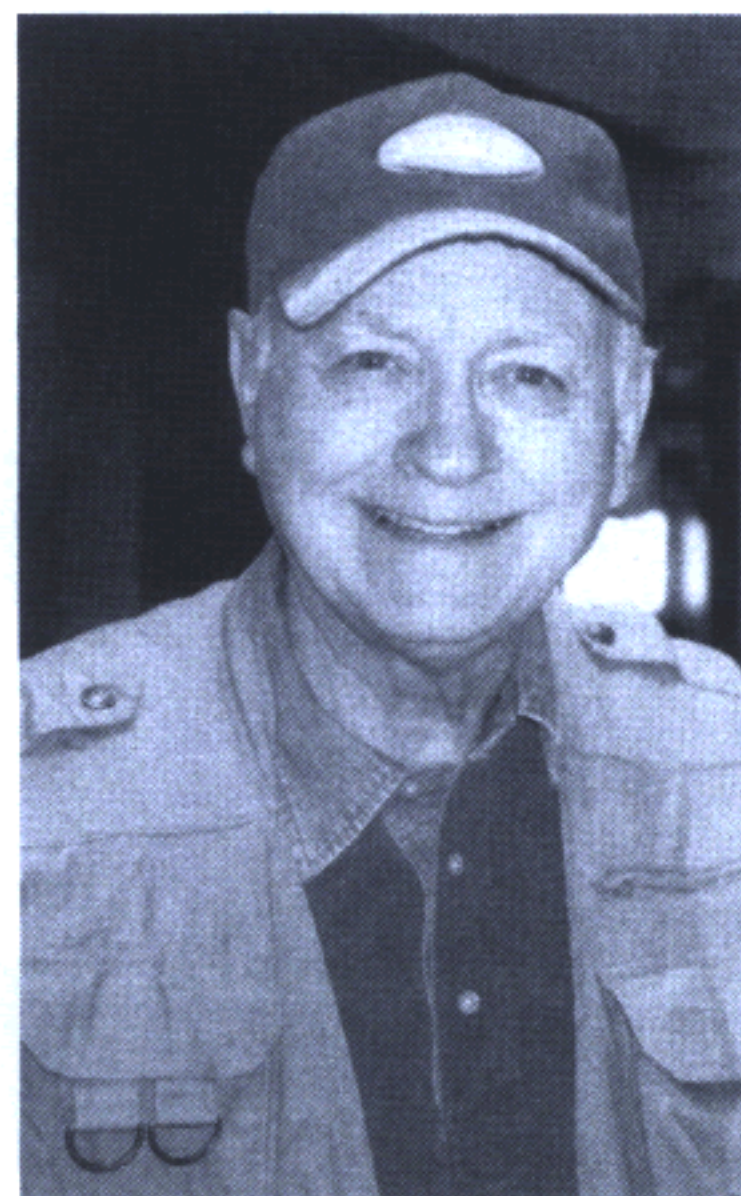
Do you enjoy *The Lamplighter*? We know that many people do because we receive many testimonials about the magazine (like the ones printed on page 19 in this issue).

If the magazine is a blessing to you, please consider making a special donation to the ministry to help us with our production and mailing costs. It costs us about \$20 a year to print and mail the magazine to each person on our mailing list. The magazine is free of charge, and it is sent to many people who could not afford to receive the magazine if it were distributed on a subscription basis. If you can help, we would appreciate it. Designate your donation for "The Lamplighter." Thank you!

New Videos

If you have not already done so, I hope you will seriously consider purchasing copies of the exciting new videos that are advertised on the back cover of this magazine. All three are creatively edited and all three are full of biblical insights about the end times. They are appropriate for individual study and for showing to Bible study groups and entire congregations.

The Lord has richly blessed us with a wonderful media staff. They are not only highly imaginative and creative, but they are thoroughly steeped in the Scriptures.



Dr. David Reagan

Our media director, Don Gordoni, is a graduate of Southern Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. His assistant, Larry Watts, is a graduate of Talbot Theological Seminary in La Mirada, California.

So, they are not only experts in all aspects of video production, they are also highly knowledgeable in the Scriptures. They can therefore give me valuable advice with regard to the content of our programs.

The Cover

This month's cover photo shows a statue of the Hebrew prophet Elijah which stands on Mt. Carmel in Israel at the traditional site where the prophet had his confrontation with the false prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:19ff). The statue is on the grounds of a Carmelite monastery that was built in 1868.

The site fits the description in the biblical text. From the roof of the monastery you can see the Mediterranean Sea (1 Kings 18:43). You can also see the site of a spring below the crest of the mountain (1 Kings 18:33). The Kishon Brook is at the bottom of the mountain (1 Kings 18:40), and the site overlooks the Jezreel Valley (1 Kings 18:45-46).

The Jezreel Valley is also known as the Valley of Armageddon, and a magnificent view of this valley that can be obtained from the monastery's roof. ✚

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THE DANGER OF FALSE PROPHETS

Dr. David R. Reagan

Ellen G. White, spiritual founder of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, spoke as a prophet of God in declaring that anyone who had not accepted the Adventist message by October 22, 1844 had no hope of eternal life. (Robert D. Brinsmead, *Judged by the Gospel: A Review of Adventism*, 1980, pp. 130-133.)



Ellen G. White

Charles Taze Russell, founder of the Jehovah's Witnesses, prophesied that the end of the world would occur by the end of 1914. (Charles Taze Russell, *The Time is at Hand*, 1889, p.99.)

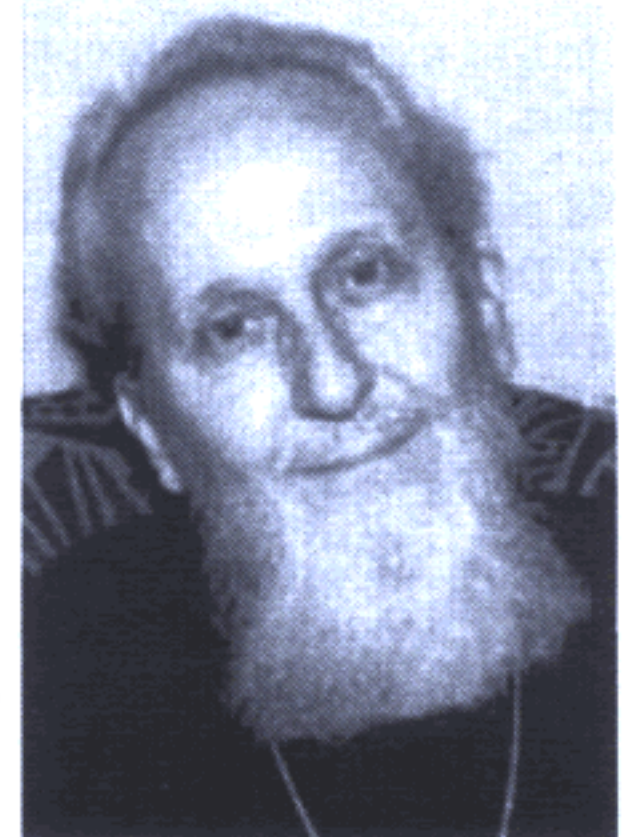
Florence Houteff, who succeeded her husband as head of the Branch Davidians, prophesied that David's Kingdom would be established on earth on April 22, 1959. (*The Watchman Expositor*, "A History of False Prophets," www.watchman.org, accessed on 9/11/2003.)



Herbert W. Armstrong

Herbert W. Armstrong, founder of the World Wide Church of God, prophesied that a great drought would strike the United States sometime before 1975, probably between 1965 and 1972, and that this would mark the beginning of the Great Tribulation which would result in the death of one-third of humanity. (Herbert W. Armstrong, *1975 in Prophecy*, published in 1956, pp.10,12.)

"Moses" David Berg, leader of The Children of God, prophesied that the United States would be destroyed in 1974 by the comet Kohoutek. (David Berg, "The Third Letter of Moses on the Comet," November 12, 1973.)



"Moses" David Berg

Jean Dixon, America's most famous psychic, claiming that God spoke through her, predicted that a woman would be elected President of the United States during the decade of the 1980's. (Ray Comfort, *The Secrets of Nostradamus Exposed*, Living Waters Publications, 1996, p.111.)

Edgar E. Whisenant, a Christian layman, predicted the Rapture of the Church would occur on September 12, 1988. His booklet, *88 Reasons Why Jesus Will Return in 1988*, sold over four million copies. He confidently asserted, "Only if the Bible is in error am I wrong." When the event failed to occur, he issued a new date of either September 1st or 30th, 1989. (*The Watchman Expositor*, "Failed Prophecy Hall of Fame," www.watchman.org, accessed 9/22/2003, p. 2.)

Harold Camping, president of the Family Radio Network, set the date for the Lord's return to be in the fall of 1994. His prediction was based on a complicated mathematical formula that tied the Rapture to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. (Harold Camping, *1994?*, published in 1992.)

False prophets are all over the landscape today, and they are a sign of the times pointing to the soon return of Jesus.

Jesus Himself warned of false prophets in the end times. His most detailed discourse on end time signs is recorded in Matthew 24. In that passage the very first sign He mentions is false prophets (Matthew 24:4-5), and it is the only sign He repeats (Matthew 24:11,24). His warning was blunt and plain spoken: "Many false prophets will arise, and will mislead many."

The Apostle Paul echoed the Lord's warning when he spoke to the elders of the church in Ephesus. Here's how he put it, as recorded in Acts 20:28-31—

Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock . . . [for] I know that after my departure, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, be on the alert.

Peter and John also warned against the danger of false prophets. Peter asserted that false prophets would "introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master" (2 Peter 2:1). John exhorted his brethren to "test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1).

John proceeded to provide a test that should be given to prophets. He said they are to be asked to confess that "Jesus Christ has come in the flesh" and that He is from God (1 John 4:2). He went on to assert that anyone who refuses to confess that Jesus is from God has the "spirit of antichrist" (1 John 4:3).

The Old Testament test of a prophet is spelled out in Deuteronomy 18:22 —

When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously . . .



This, of course, is an obvious test. But what if the prophecy is fulfilled? Does that guarantee that the prophet is speaking for God? Not necessarily. The reason is that a prophetic utterance might be fulfilled by coincidence or because of supernatural insight given to the prophet by Satan. So there must be other tests.

Additional Tests

1) Does the prophet speak in the name of a god other than the true God revealed in Scripture? If a prophet speaks in the name of Allah or Baal or Vishnu, you can be assured that he is a false prophet.

If a prophet . . . rises among you and gives you a sign or wonder, and the sign or wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, "Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known), and let us serve them," you shall not listen to the words of the prophet . . . for the Lord your God is testing you. (Deuteronomy 13:1-3)

2) Does the prophet's message pass the test of Scripture? If a prophet tells you that you can be saved by putting your faith in Mary, the mother of Jesus, you can be certain he is not a spokesman for God.

But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached, let him be accursed. (Galatians 1:8)

3) Does the prophet's life manifest a commitment to holiness? If a prophet lives a sinful life, his prophecies are to be doubted.

Among the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen a horrible thing; the committing of adultery and walking in falsehood . . . Therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts concerning the prophets, "Behold, I am going to feed them wormwood and make them drink poisonous water." (Jeremiah 23:14-15)

4) Does the prophet's teaching produce the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)? If the prophet's followers are motivated to

worldly living, the prophet does not speak for God.

Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits . . . a good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. (Matthew 7:15-16,18)

5) Does the prophet emphasize vain visions? If the prophet focuses on personal visions with sensational insights (visits to Heaven or Hell, for example), his words are to be distrusted.

Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by . . . taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind. (Colossians 2:18)

6) Does the prophet deliver only positive messages? If the prophet never issues a call for repentance, he is to be suspect.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you. They are leading you into futility; they speak a vision of their own imagination, not from the mouth of the Lord. They keep saying to those who despise Me, 'The Lord has said, "You will have peace . . ."' They say, 'Calamity will not come upon you.'" (Jeremiah 23:16-17)

7) Does the prophet appear to be greedy for monetary gain? If the prophet operates in a manner that makes it appear that his greatest interest is money, he is to be avoided.

From the least even to the greatest, everyone is greedy for gain; from the prophet even to the priest, everyone practices deceit. And they heal the brokenness of the daughter of My people superficially, saying, "Peace, peace." But there is no peace. (Jeremiah 8:10-11)

8) Does the prophet focus on the exaltation of Jesus? If a prophet tries to bring attention to himself or focuses on the Antichrist or the sensational, he is to be questioned.

The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. (Revelation 19:10)

Over and over, the Word of God commands us to test all messages lest we be deceived and led astray. Paul urged the people of Berea to test everything he taught them, and they did so by "examining the Scriptures daily" to see whether what he was teaching was scriptural (Acts 17:10-11). Paul was an apostle! How much more so should we test everything we hear taught by the standard of the Word of God.

The tragedy is that most professing Christians today are incapable of testing anything because they are biblically ignorant. There is a famine of the Word in most churches today (Amos 8:11) as people are fed a diet of pop psychology and positive thinking.

What about you? Are you in the Word on a daily basis? Are you capable of testing doctrine by Scripture? If not, then you are a sitting duck for deception. "Examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21). ✚

NOSTRADAMUS

Prophet or Charlatan?

Dr. David R. Reagan

Satan disguises himself as an angel of light, therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness (2 Corinthians 11:14-15)

The devil can cite Scripture to his own purpose . . . (Antonio in the Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare)

Just three days after the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., Amazon.com reported on its website that three of the top ten best-selling books concerned the prophecies of Nostradamus, a 16th Century seer whom many claim prophesied modern events. (1)

Within a week after 9/11, the Internet began to buzz with email messages about the attacks being the fulfillment of a prophecy by Nostradamus. The prophecy was quoted as follows:

In the City of God there will be a great thunder,
Two brothers torn apart by chaos.
While the fortress endures,
The great leader will succumb.
The third big war will begin when the city is burning.
— Nostradamus, 1654

The “two brothers” were, of course, the Twin Towers in New York, and “the fortress” was the Pentagon.

The first problem with this “prophecy” is that Nostradamus died in 1566, 88 years before these particular lines were supposedly written. Second, Nostradamus wrote in quatrains — that is, four line verses. This stanza contains five lines. Finally, no such lines can be found in any of the published works of Nostradamus.

Several months after these lines appeared, it was revealed that they came from an essay about Nostradamus that was posted on the Internet in 1997. The essay was written by a student at Brock University in Canada. He fabricated the first four lines of the stanza to illustrate how easily an important-sounding prophecy can be crafted through the use of abstract imagery. He pointed out how the terms he used were so deliberately vague that they could be interpreted to fit any number of cataclysmic events.

It now appears that someone took this illustrative example from this essay and then added the fifth line about a world war. A fabrication was thus further enhanced by another fabrication. In short, the “prophecy” was a complete hoax. (2)

But that wasn't the end of it. Someone quickly added another verse to the quotation:

On the 11th day of the 9th month,
Two metal birds will crash into two tall statues
In the new city,
And the world will end soon after.

At least it was a quatrain. But it was just as bogus as the original “prophecy.”

The collage features two magazine covers. The top cover is from 'Sun' magazine, with the headline 'NOSTRADAMUS END TIMES BOMBSHELL' and a quote: 'I have seen our future and I am filled with a terrible fear'. Below the headline is a portrait of Nostradamus. The bottom cover is from 'Sun's Psychic Sarah' with the headline 'HARNESS ESP FOR LOTTERY LUCK!' and a small photo of a woman.

The prophecies of Nostradamus are often featured in tabloid publications like the *Sun* and the *National Enquirer*. Many times the “prophecies” are simply manufactured.

The Nature of the Man

Who is this Nostradamus that people are so anxious to quote and others are so willing to believe? Was he a true prophet? If so, what is the proof? And why would people rush to his writings in search of enlightenment instead of the prophecies contained in the Bible?

As we consider these and other questions, let's begin by examining the identity of this mysterious seer from the Middle Ages.

Michel de Nostradamus (1503-1566) was born into a family of Christianized Jews in the town of St. Rémy in France. His father was a prosperous grain trader. (3) His grandfathers served as the personal physicians of King René. Both of them shaped the mind and life of their grandson by seeing to it that he was instructed in the classics, history, medicine, astrology, and herbal folk lore. He was also introduced to the secret arts of the Kabbalah and alchemy. (4)

In his mid-teens, Nostradamus began studying philosophy, grammar, and rhetoric under the supervision of Catholic priests in Avignon. In 1525 he graduated from the University of Montpellier, and in 1529 he became a physician. (5)

His first wife and their two children died of the plague in 1537. After this tragedy, his prophetic gifts began to manifest. He married a rich widow in 1544 and settled in Salon, France, where he lived the rest of his life. (6)

The Nature of His Writings

In 1555 he published a book of prophecies entitled *Centuries*. The book was a collection of 100 quatrains (rhyming verses with



four lines each) containing predictions dating from his time to the end of the world. His total output over the next eleven years consisted of ten volumes containing nearly one thousand prophecies.

According to the preface of the first volume, the verses were intended to be mystifying. Nostradamus said he was afraid he would be persecuted and his work would be destroyed if authorities in his lifetime fully understood his predictions. He insisted that his cryptic prophecies would be better understood by enlightened people in the future.

(7)

Keys to His Success

Much of his success as a “prophet” can be attributed to the ambiguity of his writing style. He wrote in French, Latin, Greek, and Italian, and he filled his verses with anagrams, obscure images, and even words that he apparently invented. Most of his quatrains read like nonsensical gobbledygook: (8)

There will go forth from Mont
Gaulfier and the Aventine one
Who through a whole will give
Information to the army.

Another key to Nostradamus’ longevity is that his quatrains are so ambiguous that they can be translated in many different ways. In all languages, context determines the meaning of many words. If the context is not understandable, the words can be translated in a great variety of ways, often depending upon the result desired by the translator. In other words, a creative translation often makes one of his prophecies seem relevant to a current event.

Take, for example, one of Nostradamus’ most famous prophecies. It is contained in *Century 2*, Quatrain 24:

Beasts ferocious with hunger will cross the rivers.
The greater part of the battlefield will be against Hister.
Into a cage of iron will the great one be drawn
When the child of Germany observes nothing.

Advocates of Nostradamus usually translate the second line of this stanza to read: “The greater part of the battlefield will be against Hitler.” They argue that “Hister” was just a code name for Hitler! The fact of the matter is that Hister was a geographical term for the Lower Danube River. In contrast, when a true prophet of God, Isaiah, prophesied that the children of Israel would be released from Babylonian captivity by a man named Cyrus — he meant Cyrus (Isaiah 44:28). And that prophecy was given 150 years before Cyrus came to power!

Another reason Nostradamus has received so much attention is because a number of his prophecies were very biblical in nature. He warned that in the future there would be signs in the heavens and earthquakes. He warned of a coming world dictator called the Antichrist. He spoke of the resurrection of the dead. He even prophesied that the Jews would go back to Israel and

that the Middle East would be the focal point of end time events.

His prophecies are, in fact, full of words and expressions taken from the Bible. All of which prove that Nostradamus secretly read the Scriptures, something forbidden by the Roman Catholic Church of his day. As one author has put it, in some of his prophecies, Nostradamus “merely hung his own clothes on the body of Holy Scripture, and when the body came alive, he claimed to be the Creator.” (9)

His Initial Fame

Nostradamus was catapulted to fame in 1557, two years after the publication of volume one of his prophecies. It all had to do with the accidental death of France’s king, Henry II, who was wounded in a jousting contest and died ten days later. (10) This event was proclaimed to be a fulfillment of a prophecy contained in *Century 1*, Quatrain 35:

The young lion will overcome the old one
On the battlefield in a single fight.
He will put out his eyes in a cage of gold.
Two wounds in one, then he dies a cruel death.

The first problem with the “fulfillment” of this prophecy is that there was only seven years difference in the ages of the king and the younger man who was his opponent in the tournament. It was not a contest between a young man and an old one. Second, the accident occurred during a friendly sporting event, not on a battlefield. Third, there is no evidence that King Henry II was wearing a gold helmet. Finally, the king’s eyes were not damaged. Rather, a splinter from his opponent’s lance pierced his skull and tore through his brain. (11)



The Source of His Prophecies

Nostradamus always claimed that God was the source of his prophecies. He described his inspiration in the following terms:

Although for a long time I have been making predictions of events which have come to pass, naming the particular locality, I wish to acknowledge that all have been accomplished through Divine power and inspiration. (12)

He repeated this assertion in letters to his son and to the King of France. Keep in mind that in his day and age, people were burned at the stake for sorcery, so Nostradamus did everything he could to convince people he was a spokesman for God. His letter to the King stated: “. . . I confess truly that all comes from God, for which I give Him thanks, honor, and praise, without having mixed anything of the divination . . .” (13)



But Nostradamus was either deceived or purposefully lying. In *Century 1*, Quatrain 1, he revealed the method he used to obtain his prophecies:

I sit at night alone in secret study
Resting upon a brass tripod.
A thin flame comes forth from the solitude
Making successful that which should not be
believed in vain.

The second quatrain in that same volume reveals even more about the methods he used:

The divining wand in hand is placed in the middle
of the tripod's brass legs.
With water he anoints the hem of his robe and foot.
Fear! A voice is heard. He trembles in his robes.
Divine splendor. The divine one sits nearby.

Occultic Techniques

What Nostradamus is describing here is a method of trafficking in spirits that was practiced by Branchus, an occultic Greek prophetess. A man named Iamblichus of Chalcis described her techniques in his writings in the 4th Century:

The prophetess of Branchus either sits upon a pillar, or holds in her hand a rod bestowed by some deity, or moistens her feet or hem of her garment with water . . . and by these means . . . she prophesies. (14)

Likewise, Nostradamus would sit on a brass tripod with his spine erect to keep him alert and supposedly to create a force field which would sharpen his psychic powers. Another tripod was placed at his feet. It held a cauldron filled to the brim with steaming water and stimulating oils. In this atmosphere he would then do incantations. Here's how he described what would happen:

I emptied my soul, brain and heart of all care and attained a state of tranquility and stillness of

mind which are prerequisites to predicting by means of the brass tripod . . . Human understanding, being intellectually created, cannot see hidden things unless aided by a voice coming from limbo by help of a thin flame . . . (15)

It is obvious that Nostradamus was up to his ears in the occult. The "divine one" who sat nearby him was none other than Satan, the father of lies (John 8:44). The man was demon possessed, and Satan continues to work through him today to divert people from the truly inspired prophecies of God that are contained in the Bible.

The fact that so many people prefer to search the cryptic writings of Nostradamus rather than study God's Word is proof of the innate depravity of Mankind. A true prophet of God, Isaiah, spoke of the same tendency in his day and time 2,700 years ago (Isaiah 8:19):

And when they say to you, "Consult the mediums and the spiritists who whisper and mutter," should not a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living?

The only one who knows the future for certain is the Creator of this universe, and what He wants us to know, He has revealed in his Holy Word, the Bible. When we go searching for the future elsewhere, we open ourselves to demonic deception. ✚

- 1) Barbara Mikelson, "False Prophecy," Urban Legends reference pages, www.sriopes2.com, accessed 10/14/02. See also at the same site, David Emery's article entitled, "Rumor Watch: Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. — Did Nostradamus Predict the Tragedy?"
- 2) Gary Vaterlaus, "The Authority of Bible Prophecy," *Sola Scriptura* magazine, Autumn 2002, pp. 15-19, 23-34.
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- 12) Comfort, page 23.
- 13) Ibid., pages 30-31.
- 14) Francis X. King, *Nostradamus*, (St. Martin's Press, 1997), pages 138-139.
- 15) Comfort, pages 24-25.

EDGAR CAYCE

The Sleeping Prophet

Dennis Pollock

As I laid on my bed my mind raced wildly. How incredible it was that I had found the secrets of life before I even turned twenty! I knew that in my hands was a book that provided answers to theological and philosophical questions that no one, including my parents, had been able to explain.

I had been reading the classic new age book, *There is a River*, which tells the life story and religious philosophy of America's most prominent psychic, Edgar Cayce. The teachings of Cayce incorporated Christianity, eastern religion, evolution, and reincarnation in a most attractive package, and even spoke glowingly of Jesus, the Master and Pattern for humankind. My agnosticism melted into belief and I knew I had somehow discovered a vein of truth that explained all my previous questions and doubts, and made sense of a universe that had before seemed inexplicable. I was elated!

Six years later I would drop my large collection of Cayce books in a fifty-five gallon drum and set them ablaze.

Possible Explanations

As we look into Cayce's unusual life it is necessary to deal with some of the bizarre and unlikely experiences that made him the man he was. Of these experiences we are faced with four different perspectives:

- 1) Cayce was deluded, hallucinatory, and the entire phenomenon sprang from a psychologically unbalanced individual.
- 2) Cayce was a fraud who lied about his past and gave his "prophecies" out of his own imagination for his own gain.
- 3) Cayce was a genuinely gifted psychic, who tapped into the great unconscious mind (or Mind) for the benefit of mankind.
- 4) Cayce was a vessel for malicious demonic spirits, who used him to foist the same insidious lie upon humanity that their master had first used: "You shall not surely die."

Regarding the first alternative, Cayce's record at providing healing remedies was so good, I doubt that this was a mere psychological phenomena.

Having read most of Cayce's writings, I have concluded that Cayce was no fraud. I don't think he was cunning enough, and I think he exhibited a degree of sincerity incompatible with a deliberate fraud. Furthermore, he had come from such a fundamental Christian heritage it is doubtful that he would have subconsciously manufactured the philosophical teachings which so exactly corresponded with eastern religion.

As an evangelical Christian I cannot accept the notion that Cayce was somehow tapping into a "universal consciousness." He certainly was not in touch with the mind of God, for his teachings are diametrically opposed to the cardinal Christian doctrines of justification by faith, the deity of Christ, heaven, hell, and the reality that "it is given unto man once to die, and after

that the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

This leaves me with the last perspective. I am convinced that Cayce was indeed a vehicle through whom lying demonic spirits spoke, a simple man deceived by the father of lies, who led tens of thousands of gullible people down the garden path. For this reason I do not doubt some of his incredible experiences and the apparent miracles that accompanied his life. The phenomenon, to my mind, is not suspect; the origins most definitely are.



Edgar Cayce

The Makings of a Psychic

Edgar Cayce was born in Hopkinsville, Kentucky in 1877 into a solid Methodist family. The one feature that made the Cayce's a little different was that both his father and grandfather exhibited certain psychic tendencies. His grandfather was known as a "water witch" who used a forked branch to divine for water. His dad seemed to possess a remarkable attractiveness to snakes that would be drawn to him or even to his hats. If he put his hat down in a field, he would often find a snake curled around the brim.

Although attending a perfectly respectable Methodist church, young Edgar seemed destined to be different, almost from the start. As a child he would see "the little people" who would dance about him freely, but disappear when others came around. He met an angelic female creature in the woods one day who asked him what he would most like to do. After telling her that he would like to help children and others, she promised that he would, one day. Up to that point Cayce had been an indifferent student, but he found afterwards that he could sleep on a book and would instantly know everything in the book, even to being able to quote exact paragraphs and page numbers.

As a young man Cayce developed a sore throat that worsened to the point where he could hardly speak. After months of this, Al Layne, a local osteopath and hypnotist convinced Cayce to allow him to try to help. During hypnosis, Layne asked Cayce to look into his own body and tell him what the problem was. Cayce replied that the throat muscles were paralyzed, but went on to recommend a cure: he stated that an increase of blood to the area would do the trick. Layne gave the hypnotic command, and soon Cayce's throat turned bright red. After about fifteen minutes like this, the throat turned back to its normal color, Cayce woke up out of hypnosis, and was completely cured.

Thus began Cayce's strange ministry to the sick. Before long he was diagnosing and curing others as he had himself. As time went by his fame spread and people came from near and far in hope of a cure. And indeed, many were cured. Cayce would often prescribe unorthodox remedies, and unheard of combinations of medicines and herbs, but the results were amazingly good. At times Cayce would not only tell the inquirers what medicine to

take, but would tell them where they could find such a medicine, even describing the store, the particular shelf, and the specific spot on the shelf!

Today such an individual would not last a week, as the medical authorities would shut him down in a New York minute, but in those simpler times, and with his excellent record, Cayce was able to operate pretty much without restraint. His method never varied. He would have a light snack, lay down and will himself to sleep while someone conducting the “reading” would give him the name and address of the person needing assistance. After a brief time, he would announce, “We have the entity,” and he would begin to describe their physical condition, along with the cause and cure of their particular malady. Sometimes the person would be in the room with him, at other times the individual might be hundreds of miles away. Even at long distances Cayce would somehow locate them, evaluate their condition, and prescribe a cure while they went about their business.

From Healer to Mystic

For a little over twenty years, from 1901 to 1922, Cayce’s readings were limited to the realm of physical healing and general moral advice. Little he said would have been at variance with the Bible. Only his strange method, and his previous occultic experiences might have given one pause. On the surface Cayce was a fine Christian man. He read the Bible through every year, taught Sunday School, lived a respectable life, and stayed true to his wife.

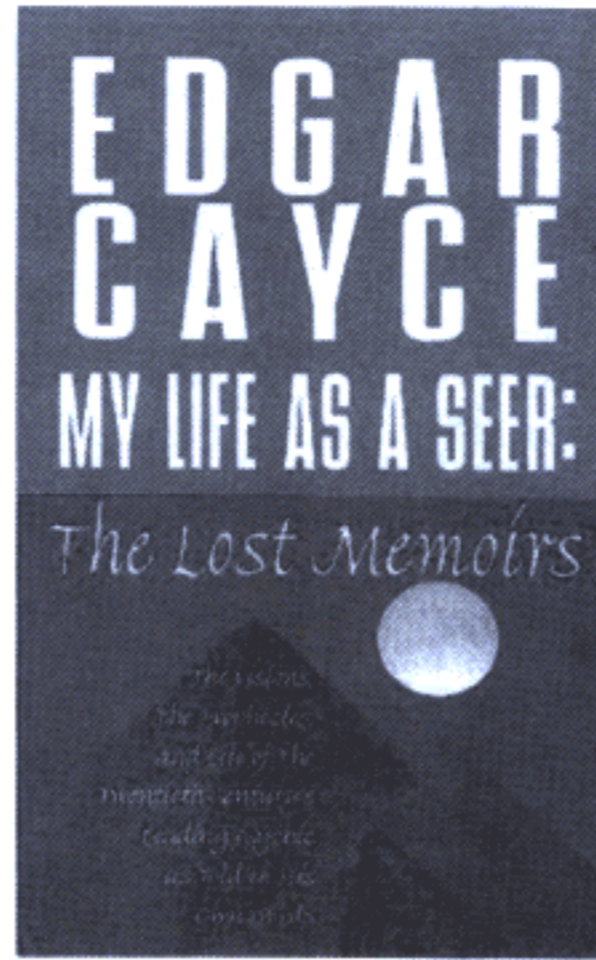
Things changed dramatically in 1923. At one of his readings a man named Arthur Lammers wanted to know more than just health matters. Lammers had an interest in philosophy and eastern religion, and posed questions to the sleeping Cayce about astrology, reincarnation, theosophy, and all sorts of mystical themes. The sleeping prophet gave answers that were totally at odds with orthodox Christian beliefs, stating the reality of reincarnation and affirming many other occult practices and beliefs.

When Cayce woke from his sleep, he was shocked. The answers he had given were foreign to everything he had believed since boyhood. To his credit he began to wonder if he were not being used by a malicious spirit to disseminate falsehoods. He told Lammers:

But what you’ve been telling me today, and what the readings have been saying, is foreign to all I’ve believed and been taught, and all I’ve taught others, all of my life. If ever the devil was going to play a trick on me, this would be it.

Over the next few days Cayce was torn between a desire to help others and a fear that he might be an instrument in the hands of Satan. One night he stood alone on a bridge and contemplated his dilemma. The thought of how much good he had done and how many people he had helped finally persuaded him. He decided that this gift he had must be from God or it wouldn’t have been so helpful to so many. He determined to carry on with his readings.

Over the next 22 years Cayce became more known for his mystical “life readings” and prophecies than for his health



readings. This simple Kentucky photographer grew in stature to become America’s foremost psychic of his day. He often attributed people’s problems to issues that had arisen in a previous life, and wove reincarnation into nearly everything he told people. He spoke freely about God, but framed God in New Age terms as being “the collective mind,” making Him an impersonal sum of all things, a great energy force to be tapped into, rather than a personal God to be loved and cherished.

Cayce redefined Christ’s atonement as the “at-one-ment” by which he meant that Jesus came to teach us how to attune ourselves to the higher power. Jesus’ sacrificial death on the cross was thrown out; Jesus simply became our pattern — a highly evolved soul who came to show us how to tap into “the great universal mind.” The new birth became meaningless. Why would you need to be born again when you have hundreds if not thousands of lives to get it right?

His Legacy

Cayce’s legacy is a sad one indeed. Coming from Christian roots Cayce at times worried over the origin of his gift and the effect his philosophy might have on others. He once said:

The power was given to me without explanation... It was just an odd trait that was useful in medicine . . . That’s what I always thought, and against this I put the idea that the devil might be tempting me to do his work by operating through me when I was conceited enough to think God had given me special power . . .

His waking mind was that of a simple, decent man who had never heard of the New Age or studied the religions of the east. But in a trance he became transformed, describing people he had never met, prescribing medicines he had no knowledge of, and espousing philosophies utterly alien to his experience. As the years went by, the waking Cayce began to conform more and more to the sleeping one. By the time he died, he had left his Christian roots far behind, and had become, unwittingly, a forerunner for the New Age gurus that started infecting our nation in the Sixties.

My Deliverance

On a personal note, I found my way out of Cayce’s deceptive philosophy through the simple reading of the Bible. Cayce had couched much of his mystical views in Christian terms, attempting to prove his points by stretching and twisting Bible verses. As I read Cayce, I decided to read the Bible for myself to see what it had to say.

As I read through the Scriptures I fell in love with the Person of Jesus Christ. The more I read, the more impressed I was with Jesus. For a season I tried to hold Cayce’s views and Jesus’ and Paul’s together. But the more I read the more I realized that there was an enormous chasm that no rationalizing could bridge between Cayce’s “universal mind” and Jesus’ Heavenly Father.

Thus the fifty-five gallon drum. Decades later I have no doubt that I made the right choice. ✚

WILLIAM MILLER

The Sincerely Deceived Prophet

Dr. David R. Reagan

Sometimes false prophets are orthodox Christians who sincerely believe that God has given them a special insight that no one else has been given. They become self-deceived, and despite their sincerity, they end up leading many fellow Christians astray.

William Miller (1782-1849) was such a man. As one historian has summed him up: "He was no bug-eyed fanatic." Rather, he was a "square-jawed, honest, church-going farmer." (1) But he became a "prophet of doom" whose false prophecies ruined the lives of many people and caused tens of thousands to become disillusioned with their faith.

Miller was born and raised in upstate New York. In 1803 he married and moved to Vermont where he became a farmer and served as sheriff and justice of the peace.

This area of the nation was awash at the time with millennial dreams. When Miller was converted from Deism in 1816, he became caught up in the millennial fever.

His Prophetic Discovery

As Miller later explained, he began to search the Scriptures diligently to discover truth. Within two years of his conversion, he became convinced that a very special truth had been revealed to him. It concerned the meaning of Daniel 8:11-14. (2) This passage states that a time will come when "the sanctuary" will be trampled and that the sanctuary will not be restored "for 2,300 evenings and mornings."

This is a prophecy about a prophetic type of the Antichrist, a Greek tyrant by the name of Antiochus Epiphanes, who stopped the sacrifices in the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem in 168 BC. Many scholars believe the reference to 2,300 evenings and mornings refers to 1,150 days (composed of 1,150 mornings and 1,150 evenings). If so, then the time period would constitute the three years and 55 days from Tishri 168 BC, when the sacrifices ceased, to Chislev 165 BC (December 25th), when the Temple was cleansed and the sacrifices were resumed.

But Miller ignored the context of the passage and jumped to the conclusion that the "2,300 evenings and mornings" stood for 2,300 days, which, in turn, were symbolic of 2,300 years. Then, assuming the date of the prophecy was 457 BC, Miller added 2,300 years and concluded that the Lord would return in 1843.

There were a number of problems with Miller's conclusion:

- 1) The prophecy is one that applies to Antiochus, not to the end times.
- 2) There is nothing in the text to indicate that the days are years.
- 3) The prophecy is clearly about the sanctuary of the Temple, but Miller argued that "the cleansing of the sanctuary" was a reference to the purging of the earth by fire! So, he applied the prophecy to the end of the world.



William Miller

Fertile Ground for Deception

Anyone knowledgeable of Bible prophecy could have quickly corrected Miller's erroneous teaching. But Bible prophecy had been sorely ignored by both Catholics and non-Catholics for 1,400 years, ever since Augustine had spiritualized all of God's Prophetic Word in 400 AD, arguing that the Church is the fulfillment of prophecies concerning the Millennium.

In short, the Church at large was wallowing in ignorance of Bible prophecy, and that made the average person in the pew a sitting-duck for an end-time date-setter.

The Beginning of a Movement

At first, Miller was reluctant to reveal his discovery. But in 1828 he felt an "inward call" to tell the world what he had found. "I tried to excuse myself," he later wrote. "I told the Lord that I was not used to speaking . . . that I was slow of speech and slow of tongue. But I could get no relief." (3)

In 1831 Miller finally found the courage to share his secret insight with family and friends. He started receiving invitations to speak at local churches, and in 1833 he was licensed to be a Baptist preacher (although he was never formally ordained).

Two events combined to give him a larger audience. In 1838 a book containing his revelation was published. It was entitled, *Evidence from Scripture and History of the Second Coming of Christ, About the Year 1843*. The book led to a speaking tour in New England where Miller met Joshua V. Hines, pastor of a Baptist church in Boston. Hines immediately sensed the potential of Miller's message, and he eagerly decided to become Miller's manager and publicity agent.

Hines proved to be an inspired promoter. He provided Miller with a large chart showing his millennial calculations, he purchased Miller the biggest tent in the country, and he sent Miller on an extended speaking tour. Hines also launched two journals, one based in New York called "Midnight Cry," and the other in Boston, named "Signs of the Times." (4)

The result was that William Miller was transformed into a phenomenon which came to be known as the Millerite Movement. Historians estimate that he had 50,000 hard-core followers by 1843. But it is certain that millions of others were captivated with curiosity about Miller's confident expectation that the Lord would return in 1843.

Pressure for a Specific Date

As the year of Miller's prediction approached, his followers began to demand a more specific date. To his credit, Miller was reluctant to set an exact date. However, in January 1843 he gave in to the pressure and announced that the Lord's return would most likely occur during the Hebrew spiritual year which stretched from March 21, 1843 to March 21, 1844. But in doing this, he showed signs of nervousness. He emphasized that if his prediction should prove to be "slightly inaccurate," his followers should keep their faith that the Lord would return soon. (5)

A month after Miller narrowed down his date, in February 1843, a large, unexpected comet appeared in the skies. This "sign in the heavens" greatly heightened the expectations of his followers and attracted additional attention to the Movement. (6)

At long last, the final day in Miller's time span arrived — March 21, 1844. When nothing happened, Miller confessed his disappointment. It might have ended there, but one of his followers pointed out to him that Habakkuk 2:3 and Leviticus 25:9 indicate that there must be a "tarrying time" of seven months and ten days. (7)

Revision of the Prophecy

Habakkuk 2:3 says: "The vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal, and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it." Leviticus 25:9 reads: "You should then sound a ram's horn abroad on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the day of atonement you shall sound a horn all through your land."

Based on this patching together of these two totally unrelated scripture passages, Miller decided to add seven months and ten days to his prophecy, setting a new date for October 22, 1844. The rallying cry of the movement became, "The Tenth Day of the Seventh Month!" Expectations were revived, and tens of thousands put their hope in the new date.

When the second date came and passed without incident, most of Miller's followers became totally disillusioned. The whole experience was dubbed "The Great Disappointment." Miller died in disgrace four years later in 1849.

The Unfortunate Legacy

An unfortunate but understandable legacy of the Millerite Movement was the creation of an atmosphere of skepticism toward Bible prophecy. Many Christians decided to wash their hands of prophecy, concluding that it was nothing more than a playground for fanatics. That attitude prevails to this day among many Christians.

Another legacy of Miller was the foundation of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. One small group of Miller's followers in New England decided that he had not been wrong after all. They concluded that Jesus did purge the sanctuary on October 22, 1844 — but the sanctuary He cleansed was in Heaven and not on earth. They further argued that the reason He had failed to return

The original "1843 is the end" chart used by William Miller www.bible.co



This is the confusing chart that William Miller used to impress his audiences.

to earth on the specified date was because of the Church's failure to observe the Jewish Sabbath! (8)

The Emergence of a Classic False Prophet

The leaders of this group were James White and his wife, Ellen Gould White. Although Ellen White never held any official title as head of the church, she rapidly emerged as its spiritual leader. She claimed to have the "gift of prophecy," and she claimed that her messages came directly from God. Her writings are considered by some Adventists today to be equal in authority with Scripture. (9)

In one of her most revered works, Ellen White declared that Sabbath observance would be the "line of distinction" in the "final test" that will separate God's end time people who "receive the seal of God" and are saved. Those who reject Sabbath observance are the ones who will receive "the mark of the beast." (10) In short, she denied that salvation is by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8).

She also blasphemed the work of Jesus on the Cross by arguing that His atoning ministry did not end there but was resumed in 1844 when His "investigative judgment" began in Heaven. Since that time, she argued, the works of every person who has ever lived are being judged to determine those who have kept the commandments of God and are therefore qualified for Heaven. (11)

The whole concept of "the investigative judgment" is foreign to the Bible. Jesus entered the Holy of Holies in Heaven imme-



Ellen Gould White

diately after His Ascension (Hebrews 1:3; 6:19-20; 8:1; 9:6-12, 24; and 12:2), and not in 1844. His atoning work is not continuing in Heaven. It was finished on the Cross (John 19:30 and Romans 3:24-26). Jesus is currently serving as our High Priest before the Father's throne (Hebrews 8:1-2).

Yet, despite the manner in which this concept perverts the true Gospel, Ellen White declared that a person must believe it in order to be saved. (12)

Concluding Thoughts

William Miller was a sincere Christian who yearned for the Lord's return in his lifetime. Although he was called a prophet by his followers, he never claimed to be one. Instead, he claimed to be just a student of the Word who discovered a hidden truth.

Miller ultimately became a victim of his own movement as he was pressured to set a specific date for the Lord's return. It was at that point that he became a false prophet, for the very Scriptures he so revered state that no one can know the day or the hour that Jesus will return (Matthew 24:36).

Tragically, his legacy gave rise to a hard-core false prophet, Ellen G. White. ✚

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"Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves."

— Jesus in Matthew 7:15



"For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect."

— Jesus in Matthew 24:24

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Outreach to India

Dennis Pollock

It was late on a Thursday night in mid-September when I flew into Delhi, India. I had been on and off airplanes for the last 24 hours, and had gotten little sleep. Getting off the plane and stepping into the strange combination of sights, sounds, and smells that make up the huge nation of India, I approached my assignment of two pastors' conferences and an evangelistic crusade with a case of the Apostle Paul's "fear and trembling."

The fear and trembling wasn't so much a byproduct of me being afraid to speak in front of people. I have done enough of that over the last twenty-five years to pretty much cure me of the pulpit jitters that afflict preachers in their first season of ministry. The nervousness came from my great desire to leave something of lasting value to these precious men and women who had made such sacrifices to serve Christ in a land where hostility and persecution could sometimes approach New Testament proportions. I desperately wanted to see the Holy Spirit make the conferences His own. I wanted to see these servants of the Lord filled with the Holy Spirit and with a passion for Christ's return that would equip them for effective service in these Last Days.



Dennis is shown above preaching through an interpreter at the outdoor crusade in Vizag, India.

Our Outreach Strategy

God had shown us that the most efficient way to introduce a nation to the message of Christ's imminent return is to reach the pastors. For that reason our missions outreach in third world nations always revolves around conferences for pastors, evangelists, and church leaders. In India we planned two such conferences: the first in Delhi and the second in a city with the almost impossible to pronounce name of Visakhapatnam. Mercifully, the name is usually shortened to Vizag.

My traveling companion and fellow teacher was Terry Gibson, the pastor of Santa Fe Christian Church (Santa Fe, TX, not the other Santa Fe!). Terry is a solid brother in Christ, and has a special gift that makes him "non-flusterable." He was a blessing to be with, and his fine teachings were a blessing to the pastors. His presentations gave me some needed breathing space between my sessions.

Hostility Toward Christianity

Delhi is in northern India and is a militantly Hindu region. Christian activity there must be low key or it can bring down the wrath and retribution of the Hindus. Cows roam the streets freely, apparently aware that their special status as gods gives them immunity from cars and hamburger grills.

I talked to Christians from south India, who had come to this area as missionaries. Although south India is not exactly a hotbed of Christianity, it is far more tolerant of Christian churches and outreaches than the cities of the north. For this reason, we held our pastors' conference in Delhi in a YMCA building rather than a hotel ballroom, as we normally would. We were told that indignant hotel employees would sometimes report any Christian activity to government officials.

An Unexpected Blessing

On Sunday evening, before the beginning of the Delhi conference, I received an invitation to come and minister to the Bible College students at Grace Bible College, which is about an hour and a half from the heart of Delhi. Our driver that night was

determined to get us there in plenty of time, and drove at a frenetic pace through the crowded streets of Delhi. By the time we reached the college, I had an acute case of motion sickness.

As we turned into the campus, I could hardly believe the contrast between these attractive, well-maintained, and spacious campus grounds, and the crowded, noisy, bustling condition of everywhere else we had been. Suddenly we were in Shangri-La. But I had little opportunity to appreciate this amazing facility, as my car sickness made me more fit for bed than a pulpit. Dr. Paul Pillai, the founder and president, sensed that I was not doing too well, and offered me a

bed to rest upon, as we had nearly an hour before I was to speak. I gratefully accepted his offer, and immediately fell into a sound sleep. I was awakened by Terry about an hour later, and groggily went into the main auditorium, where about 700 Bible college students were joyfully singing praises to God.

When I got up to speak, my preacher instincts took over, and I lost all tiredness and sickness instantly. I began to preach on the subject of Jerusalem in prophecy, and the eager attention of the students was like pouring fuel on the fire. It was a wonderful time of ministry to these young people. I found out that this amazing Bible college was the largest such school in India. Dr. Pillai told me later that the students came to him afterwards and requested that I be invited to return and spend a week teaching them about the return of our Lord. In response to their urging, he graciously extended an invitation for me to return next year.

The Delhi Outreach

The Delhi conference for pastors opened with a wonderful time of worship. Some of the songs were in Hindi, some were in English. Some I had never heard. Others I had sung hundreds of times before. But the greatest encouragement for me was the One who was inhabiting the praises of His people, just as I had seen Him do in America, and all over the globe. That familiar touch of the Holy Spirit made all the differences unimportant, and I knew all was well.



People responding to the Gospel at the outdoor crusade in Vizag.

I began to teach the pastors, and found that there was a special liberty in speaking here that went beyond what I usually experienced in the U.S. Some of it was due, no doubt, to the extreme eagerness with which these men and women drank in the messages of the relevance and importance of Bible prophecy. But some of it went beyond merely a receptive audience. God, it seemed, was eager that His servants and handmaidens experience the message of the return of Christ adorned by the power and fluency of the Holy Spirit. In such a situation, teaching God's Word was a delight. These amazing Christian leaders drank in the message of Christ's soon return. One of the things they told me again and again was, "We just don't hear this message in India."

The Outreach in Vizag

Because the second city of our trip, Vizag, is located more to the south, our host felt we could do an outdoor crusade concurrently with the pastors' conferences. However, he told me after we arrived that even here a crusade where an American preaches is pretty risky. The Hindus in the south have become somewhat accepting of Christian activities put on by Indians, but still strongly resent Americans coming in to preach to the Indians. He then proceeded to share a number of incidents where preachers and missionaries had been imprisoned, beaten up, or even killed. He told me that he hadn't told me about this earlier for fear that it might discourage me from doing the crusade. At this point I was thinking: "Thanks a lot!"

During the daytime sessions with the pastors, the blessings of heaven continued to rain down upon us. Terry and I taught some of the basic prophetic subjects, such as the Rapture of the Church, the nature and purpose of the book of Revelation, the restoration of Israel, and the differing end-time views. I had shared messages like these many times in the United States, but it seemed a special blessing came on us here in India. I could only conclude that God had a special desire in equipping His faithful servants in this land where there is so much spiritual darkness.

An Outdoor Crusade

There was a tremendous air of anticipation that hung over the crusade that first evening. Because we didn't want to take anything for granted, Terry and I planned to preach all four nights on the Person of Jesus. We were determined that whatever else these people left with, they would have a thorough exposure to the Savior of the world. The first night I preached on the teachings

of Jesus. I shared what Jesus had to say about morality, heaven, hell, God, man, and who He, Himself was. As I gave the invitation for people to come and publicly receive this Jesus as their Savior, I was more than a little eager to see what kind of response we would have. As a good number of people came forward, I rejoiced to see that God's Word did not return void.

The second night Terry Gibson preached a wonderful sermon on the love of Jesus, and we saw an excellent response. And so it went on the third and fourth nights as I preached on the miracles of Jesus, and finally, the return of Jesus. Every night our hearts rejoiced as we heard large numbers of Indians praying together with our interpreter to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior.

The Relevance of Prophecy

One of the criticisms that we who preach Christ's return often face is that we are so "heavenly minded that we are no earthly good." The critics suggest that all of our emphasis on the soon return of Jesus somehow prevents us from getting on with the business of winning souls. This conference showed that such talk is patent nonsense. Of all the messages that I preached, it was the message on the return of Jesus that seemed to carry the strongest anointing of the Spirit, and definitely produced the largest number of Indians flooding forward to the front to publicly accept Christ as Savior. Evangelism and eschatology are not enemies in need of reconciliation; they are friends who should never be separated.

As we draw near to the glorious appearing of our Savior, what better thing is there for us to do, than to tell sinners of the love of Jesus? When Christians' hearts are all aflame with a passion for the return of their Lord, evangelism will not suffer; it will thrive!

This outreach trip to India was so incredibly blessed of God that I couldn't help but feel we must do more of this. There are hundreds of thousands of pastors and church leaders all over the world that need to be trained in the prophetic truths of the Scriptures. And there are billions of people in desperate need of hearing of the teachings, the love, the miracles, and the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Maranatha!* ✚



A worship team at the outreach in Delhi.

DayStar Television Network Coverage

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Family Vision Network

Our program is also available over the Family Vision Network in Southern Louisiana. It is broadcast on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm and on Monday mornings at 8:30am over three stations:

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New Series of TV Programs

In late September Dave and Dennis produced a whole new series of television programs based on the ministry's new video program, "Revelation Revealed."

The format for each program consists of a 12 minute segment from "Revelation Revealed," followed by 14 minutes of discussion of issues raised by the segment.

Joining Dave and Dennis was Don McGee who serves as the evangelist for a Bible prophecy ministry based in Louisiana. Don is a colorful personality who added a lot of insight and humor to the discussions. Dave refers to him as "The Raging Cajun."

The six new programs on the book of Revelation will be aired starting the first week in November and continuing through the second week of December.

Two weeks before Christmas, the ministry will broadcast its popular program defending the validity and necessity of the virgin birth of Jesus. You can purchase a copy of this program for \$10. It would be a good one to show to your church or Bible study group sometime in December. Call 1-800-705-8316 and ask for the TV program about the virgin birth.

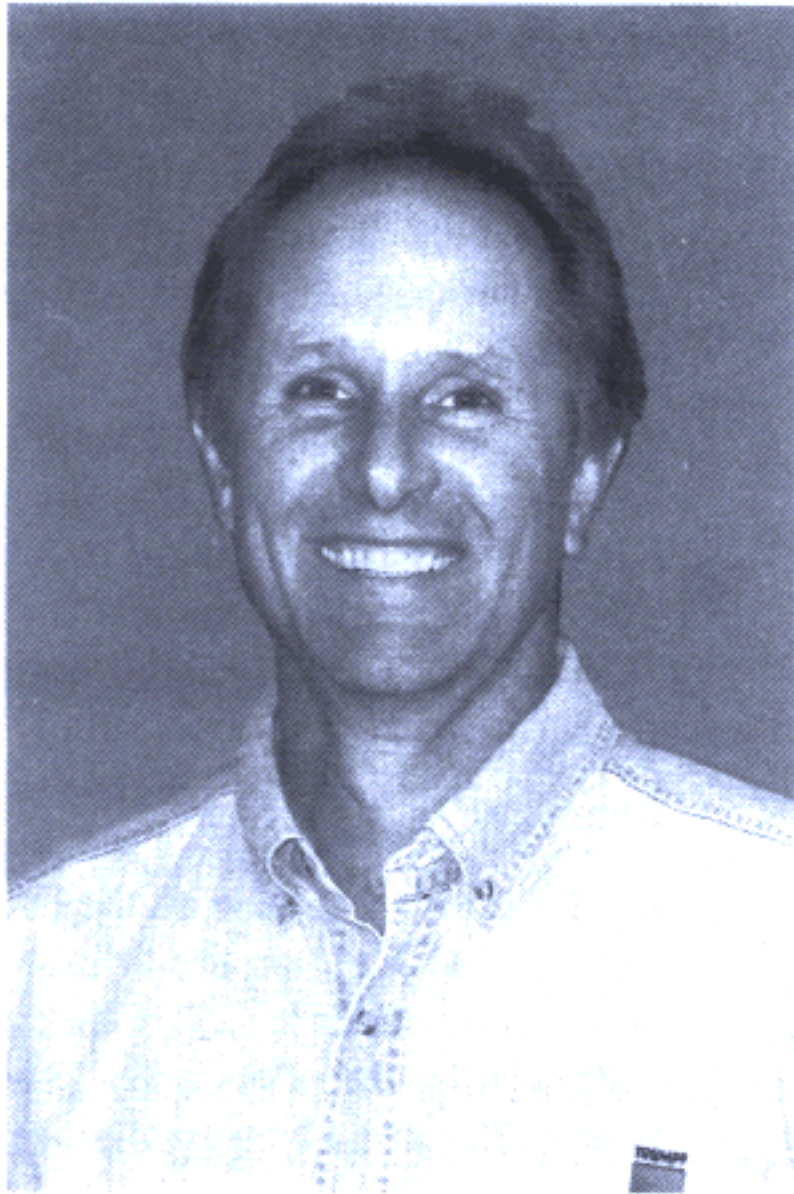
Seven of our best television programs have recently been posted on the ministry's website at www.lamblion.com. You can watch them online.



Pictured above on the left is Don McGee, founder and director of Crown & Sickle Ministries of Amite, Louisiana. Dave Reagan is in the middle. Dennis Pollock is on the right.

In early October we aired the three programs that we shot in Jerusalem this past June. We used three features of the city to emphasize three aspects of the life of Jesus: the Via Dolorosa (His crucifixion); the tombs of the city (His resurrection); and the gates of the Old City (His promise to return). All three programs have been combined in edited form to produce a 75 minute video entitled, "Jerusalem through Spiritual Eyes." You can purchase this video on VHS (\$15) or DVD (\$17) by calling the ministry at 1-800-705-8316. ✚

Meet the Lamb & Lion Trustees



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Favorite Bible character: Noah.
Favorite Christian book: *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis.
Favorite Christian hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."
Favorite contemporary Christian song: "He Will Carry You."
Favorite Christian Musician: Michael W. Smith.
Favorite Bible version: New American Standard.
All-time favorite movie: "The Wizard of Oz."
All-time favorite novel: *This Present Darkness* by Frank Peretti.
Favorite pastimes: Playing the guitar, being with my family, and traveling.



Mark Strickland

Birth place and date: Dallas, Texas, 1954.
Current residence: Arlington, Texas.
Wife's name and years married: Vera, 18 years.
Education: Bachelor of Science in Marketing Management from the University of Texas at Dallas.
Occupation: Financial Adviser.
Numbers of years a Christian: 18.
Years of service on the Lamb & Lion Board: 4.
Church membership: Crossroads Christian Church in Arlington, Texas.
Spiritual gifts: Giving and Encouragement.
Favorite scriptures: Psalm 32:8 and Acts 1:11.
Favorite Bible character: Paul.
Favorite Christian book: *The Practice of the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence.
Favorite hymn: "Be Thou My Vision."
Favorite contemporary Christian song: "O God, You Are My God."
Favorite Christian singer or group: The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir.
Favorite Bible version: King James.
Favorite vacation spot and activity: Scuba diving in Bonaire (Caribbean Dutch island)
Favorite secular authors: Michael and Jeff Shaara, authors of Civil War histories such as *Gods and Generals*.
Favorite pastimes: Flying, sailing, motorcycling, and reading military history.

Suggestions for Christmas Presents



The Darlene Cates Story — The amazing story of how a 500 pound woman from a small town in central Texas was transformed from a recluse into a movie star through the power of God.

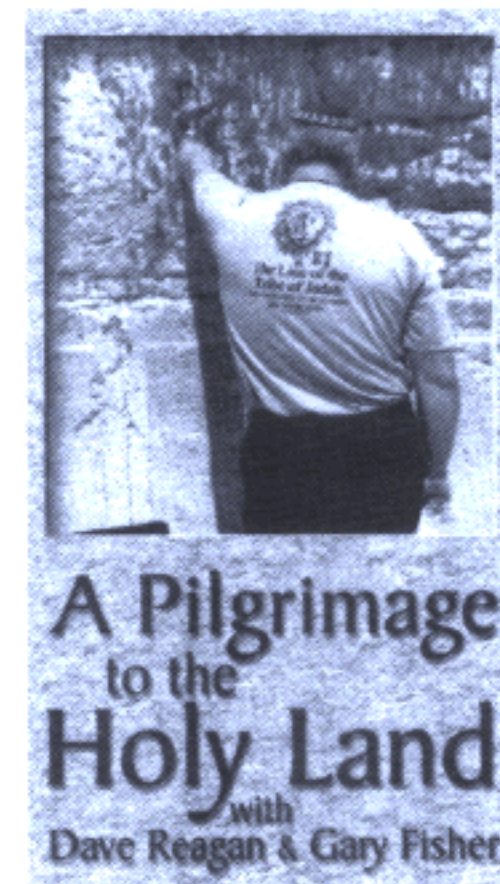
In moving words, Darlene describes how God gave her a sense of self-worth by enabling her to touch the lives of millions of people through television and film.

The video runs 45 minutes in length and sells for \$12, including the cost of shipping. VHS only.

Israel in Bible Prophecy — An exciting survey of seven prophecies that are being fulfilled in Israel today, all of which point to the soon return of Jesus.

The video was shot on location at various sites in Israel. It is appropriate for both individual and group study. It shows how the Jews are the key to understanding end time prophecy. In addition to many scenes in Israel, it contains significant historical footage.

The running time is 65 minutes. The cost is \$18, including the cost of shipping. VHS only.



A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land — A 75 minute video program featuring Dr. David Reagan and Gary Fisher as they lead a pilgrimage group on a nine day journey through Israel. Walk where Jesus walked, and see all the major sites related to His First and Second Advents.

Starting in Tel Aviv at Independence Hall, the group goes up the coast of Israel to the Sea of Galilee and then down the Jordan Valley to Jerusalem.

The video sells for \$18, including the cost of shipping. VHS only.

Wrath and Glory — One of Dr. Reagan's newest books. He provides an easy-to-understand, down-to-earth explanation of the entire book of Revelation. In the process, he supplies guidelines for interpretation and responds to the most frequently asked questions. He also explains how the book of Revelation relates to Christian living here and now.

The book runs 240 pages in length. The cost is \$12, including the cost of shipping.



The Christ in Prophecy Study Guide — This guide lists in chronological order all the prophecies in the Bible concerning both the First and Second Advents of the Messiah.

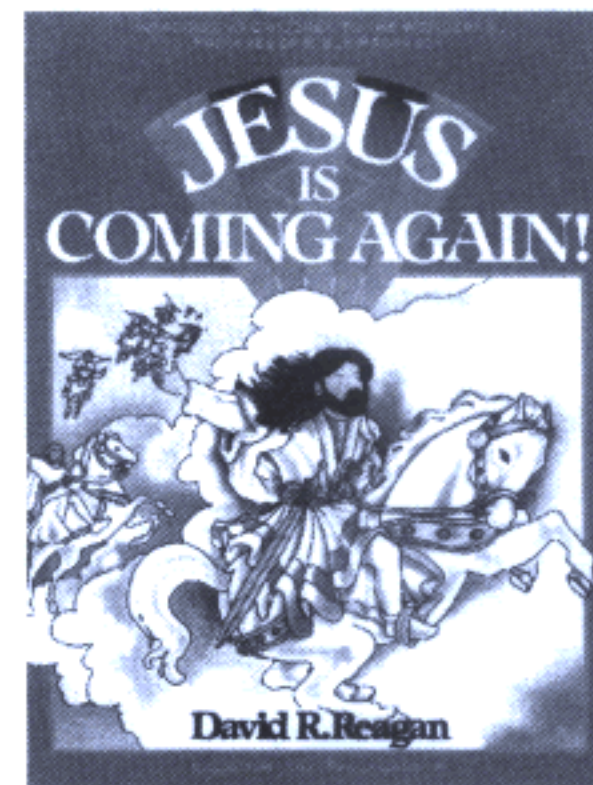
The book is printed in a large format (8½ x 11") and is spiral bound for easy access. It contains topical and scripture indexes.

150 pages long. The cost is \$20, including shipping.



Jesus is Coming Again! — A book for children (pre-school and elementary). This is the only book ever published for children about end time prophecy. It is beautifully illustrated in full color. It has a large format (8½ x 11") and a durable cover. There are teaching tips for parents, together with a list of Scripture references.

28 pages long. The cost is \$7, including the cost of shipping.



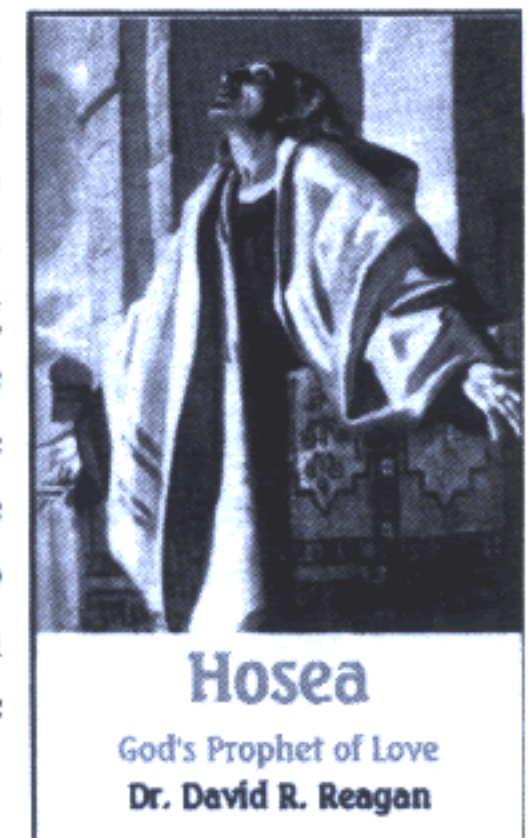
America the Beautiful? The United States in Bible Prophecy — Dr. Reagan's latest book. It addresses one of the most intriguing questions in all of Bible prophecy. Discover the identity of America's prophetic type in the Scriptures, and learn the probable destiny of our nation. 127 pages. The cost is \$10, including the cost of shipping.

Ordering Instructions:

You can order any of the items on this page through our website at www.lamblion.com. Or, you can order them by telephone by calling 1-800-705-8316. Call between 8am and 5pm Central time, Monday through Friday.

Special Bonus:

We will provide a special bonus gift for all orders totaling \$30 or more. We will send you a free copy of our video program entitled: "Hosea: God's Prophet of Love." It features a very moving sermon by Dr. Reagan drawn from the Old Testament book of Hosea. He shows how God used the strange love story of a prophet and a prostitute to illustrate both God's relationship with Israel and the central message of the Gospel. ✚



Ministry News

Holy Land Pilgrimage — Dr. Reagan is scheduled to lead a pilgrimage group on a tour of Israel, departing January 17 and returning January 28. For details concerning the trip, access our website at www.lamblion.com, or call 1-800-705-8316.

Hands of Luke Ministries— This is the time of year when we try to raise funds for the great Hands of Luke Ministry located in Juarez, Mexico. This ministry cares for 80 orphans, provides free medical care for the poor, and feeds one meal a day to over 500 children who live in squalor conditions. Each year at Christmas, the ministry feeds over 5,000 children and provides each of them with a toy. They are also provided with Bible study materials. This ministry needs and deserves your support. Please designate your donations for “Hands of Luke.” Thanks!



San Diego Conference — In August Dr. Reagan was the featured speaker at the first prophecy conference to be sponsored by According to Prophecy Ministries. The founder and director of the ministry is Don Perkins, the only full time Black prophecy teacher and preacher in America. The conference was hosted by The San Diego Christian Worship Center where Art Evans serves as the pastor.



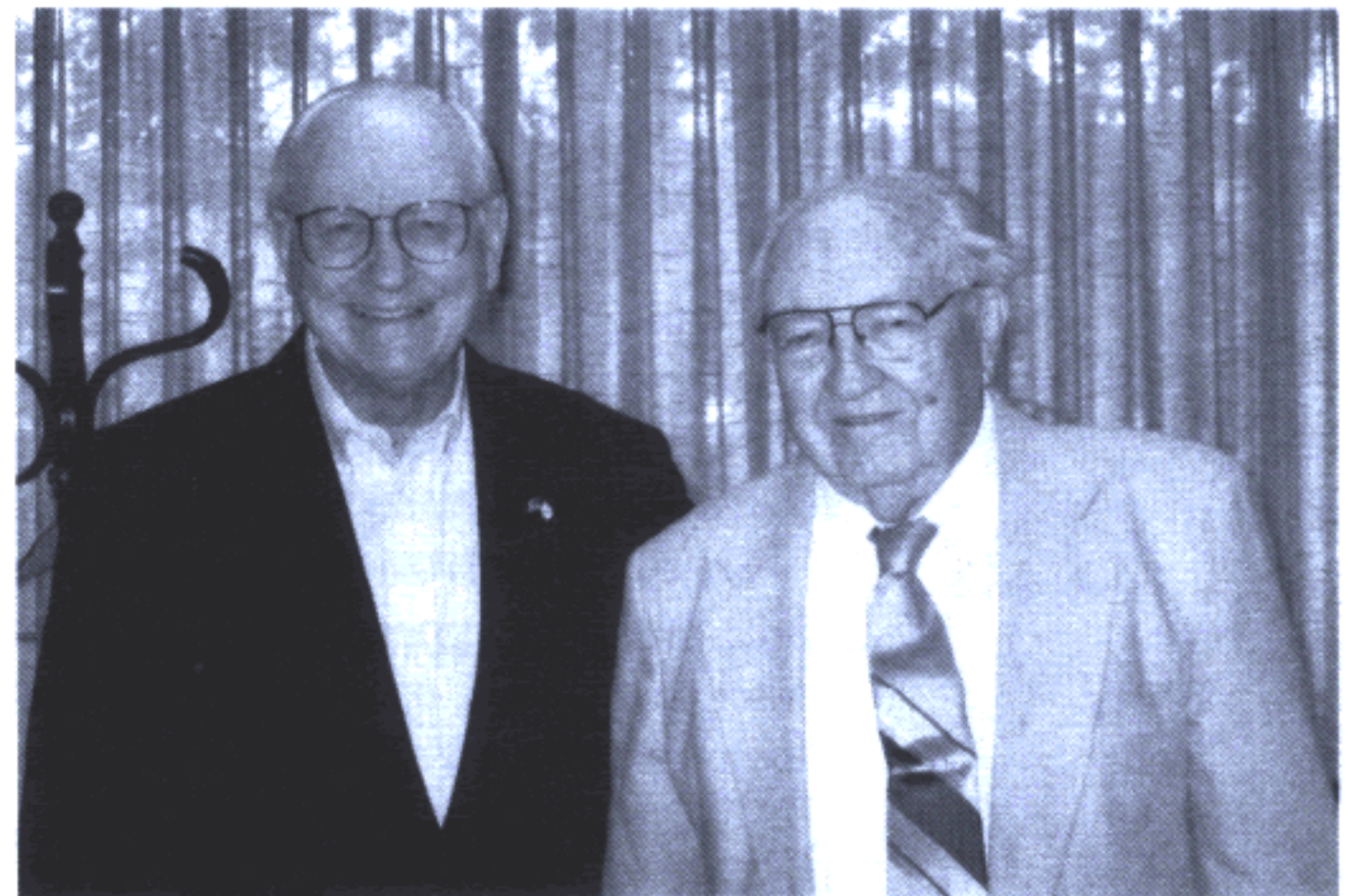
Don Perkins, Dave Reagan, and Art Evans.



A few of the Hands of Luke orphans are shown above with the founder of the ministry, Dr. Marco Samaniego.

Speaking Schedule — In December Dave and Dennis will participate in the Pre-Trib Study Group Conference to be held in Dallas (8-10). They will be interviewing prophecy teachers for future television programs. Dave will end the year with a weekend conference at the Christian Church in Mulhall, Oklahoma. In January Dave will speak at First Assembly of God in Winston-Salem, North Carolina (4). Later that month he will lead a pilgrimage group to the Holy Land (17-28). In February Dave will hold a weekend prophecy conference at the Westlink Christian Church in Wichita, Kansas (21-22). March will be a busy month for both Dave and Dennis. Dave will conduct a conference at Poplar Ridge Christian Church in the Johnson City, Tennessee area (13-14). Later in the month Dave will be in the Sacramento, California area at Northside Christian Church in Clovis (27-28). Dennis is scheduled to speak at an area prophecy conference hosted by Temple Baptist Church in Winnsboro, Louisiana (19-20). This conference will be followed immediately by a meeting that Dennis will conduct at Beauregard Memorial Baptist Church located near DeRidder, Louisiana (21-24). On the last day of the month, Dave will start participating in the annual Thy Kingdom Come Prophecy Conference which will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma (March 31 - April 3).

Dr. Henry Morris — While Dr. Reagan was in the San Diego area he paid a courtesy visit to Dr. Henry Morris, the founder of the Institute for Creation Research. Dave has been a long time admirer of Dr. Morris' pioneering efforts to establish scientific evidence of the Bible's story of creation. Dave also considers Dr. Morris to be an outstanding writer in the field of Bible prophecy. Dr. Morris's book, *The Revelation Record*, is Dave's favorite on the topic.



Dave with Dr. Henry Morris.

New Resources — The ministry has recently made available several of Dr. Reagan's PowerPoint presentations. The three he presented this year at the North American Christian Convention are available on a CD for \$15. The scripts are included with the CD. The presentations are “The Importance of Bible Prophecy,” “The Relevance of Bible Prophecy,” and “The Relation of Bible Prophecy to Christian Hope.” Two other PowerPoint presentations are also available, together with scripts. One concerns the European Union in Bible Prophecy and the other is entitled, “The Middle East Crisis in Bible Prophecy. These also sell for \$15 each. To order, call 1-800-705-8316. ✚

Check out our website at www.lamblion.com.

Messages

Letters and Email Messages

Magazine — “Just a note to thank you for sending me *The Lamplighter*. I especially enjoyed the article in the September - October issue about what Jesus looked like. Isaiah 50:6 also indicates that Jesus had a beard. Keep up the good work.” Postcard from Dr. Charles C. Ryrie of Dallas, Texas.

(Dr. Ryrie is the author of the *Ryrie Study Bible*.)

Website — “I have spent a good hour going over the articles on your website, and I love them! Especially the one about Holy Spirit baptism. You explained it better than any other article I have read on the subject. Your website is wonderful and full of good information. May God bless you and keep you in the palm of His right hand.” Email message from Susie Dicus in Harlingen, Texas.

Books — “Your book on Revelation (*Wrath and Glory*) is great. My wife and I both read the book and think it’s one of the best (and easiest to understand) books on Revelation.” Email message from Richard Jones in Tarboro, North Carolina.

Magazine — “Just read your account of doing TV in Israel (September - October issue of *The Lamplighter*). It brought back a lot of memories of the trips to Israel that my wife, Marilyn, and I started making in 1968. God bless you and your work.” — Letter from Pastor Wallace Hickey of Orchard Road Christian Center in Greenwood Village, Colorado, home of Marilyn Hickey Ministries.

Website — “Just wanted to send a note to let you know that I think your website is fantastic. I am a 36 year old CFO with four very small children, and just in the last year I have become a Christian. Your website has inspired me to study Bible prophecy. I have given your website address to several people in the hope that they will find it as interesting as I have.” — Email message from John Canter in Green Valley, Arizona. ✚



Interesting Thoughts



The Supreme Court of 1892, Melville Fuller, Chief Justice.

The statements below are taken from decisions made by the United States Supreme Court in 1892. They clearly show how far we have strayed from the philosophical concepts that made this nation great.

The happiness of a people and the good order and preservation of civil government essentially depend upon piety, religion and morality.

The morality of the country is deeply ingrafted upon Christianity, and not upon doctrines or worship of other religions.

Our laws and institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teaching of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise; and in this sense and to this extent our civilization and our institutions are emphatically Christian . . . **this is a Christian nation.**



Earl Warren

As late as 1954, Chief Justice Earl Warren was quoted by *Time* magazine as saying:

I believe no one can read the history of our country . . . without realizing that the Good Book and the spirit of the Savior have from the beginning been our guiding geniuses.

He continued to observe that in all the founding documents of the country “the same object is present: namely, a Christian land governed by Christian principles.”

He continued: “I believe the entire Bill of Rights came into being because of the knowledge our forefathers had of the Bible and their belief in it . . .”

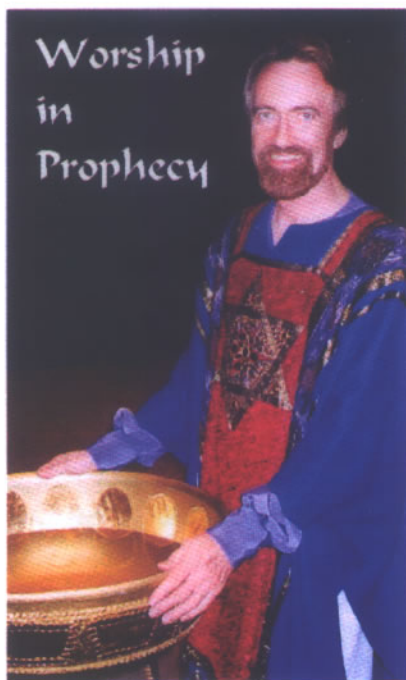
He concluded by observing: “I like to believe we are living today in the spirit of the Christian religion. I like also to believe that as long as we do so, no great harm can come to our country.”

(*Time Magazine*, February 15, 1954)



Staff members are shown above assembling the latest printing of the ministry’s very popular “Christ in Prophecy Study Guide.” The Guide is described on page 17.

Three New Video Resources Concerning Bible Prophecy

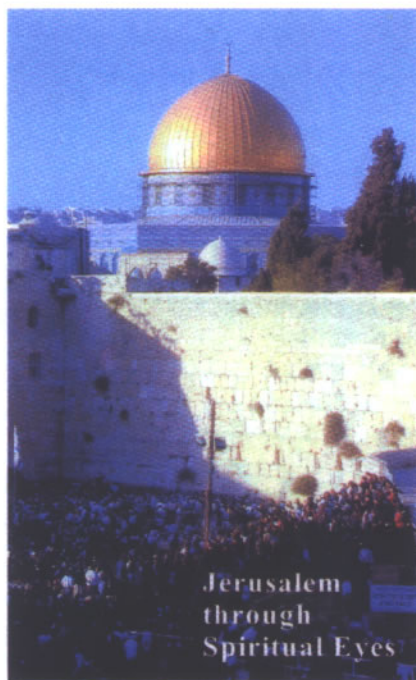


This video program begins with a teaching by Dr. Reagan concerning the revival of the Tabernacle of David in the end times. This teaching was filmed at the Church of the Ark of the Covenant, located near the city of Jerusalem.

After laying the foundation in Scripture for the revival of Davidic praise worship that is going on in the Church today, the program shifts to an in-depth interview with Randall Bane, considered to be the world's foremost teacher and practitioner of Davidic worship.

The program features many colorful examples of Davidic worship.

The running time is 55 minutes.



This fascinating program, written and directed by Dr. Reagan, was filmed in Jerusalem in the summer of 2003.

It focuses on three features of the city of Jerusalem to emphasize three aspects of the life of Jesus: the Via Dolorosa (His Crucifixion); the tombs of the city (His Resurrection); and the gates of the city (His Second Coming).

Appearing in the video, together with Dr. Reagan, is his associate evangelist, Dennis Pollock.

The program is filled with the sights and sounds of the Old City of Jerusalem.

The running time is 75 minutes.



This video presents an overview of the entire book of Revelation, covering the book chapter by chapter. The teaching is presented by Dr. David Reagan, the ministry's senior evangelist.

The video is visually rich with maps, charts, diagrams, still photos, animations, and video footage.

Dr. Reagan emphasizes throughout the video that the book of Revelation is not difficult to understand; rather, it is difficult to believe. He points out that if you will accept its plain sense meaning, you will understand it. And he proceeds to demonstrate that truth.

The running time is 75 minutes.

All three videos are available on VHS and DVD. VHS format is \$15; DVD is \$17. To order, call 1-800-705-8316.



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