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Repentance, Baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and the infilling of the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. (Acts 2:38).

## WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE CHURCH?

It isn't the preacher's flowery prayer  
Or the way the choir sings  
Or the size of the coin your neighbor gives  
Or the help your brother brings

It isn't the style of your favorite church  
Or the cost of your favorite pew  
Or the kind of clothes the members wear  
It isn't the CHURCH, it's YOU!

For a chain's as strong as its weakest link  
And it breaks 'neath a heavy load  
But a church that's filled with links that pull  
Can level the roughest road.

Get in tune with the Master's will  
With your heart and your labors too  
Love your church though it has its faults  
It isn't the CHURCH, it's YOU!

By: Brother James Sturgill

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## "STANDING WITHOUT GOD IN THE WORLD"

Denial of God is on the increase. On every hand it steps out of the shadows and lays aside its mask. It does this not merely with single individuals but in organizations and circles of influence.

Twenty years ago this was different. An individual here or there would openly proclaim his denial of God and thereby arouse attention, yet any one of them would have resented being called an atheist. This they were not. They had broken ties with Divine things to be sure, but as they said, the desire of their heart still went out after the Infinite.

Now, I have noticed a shocking development transpiring. It now seems so easy to lay aside any semblance of religion. Laity and even the ministry alike, have almost become bold in their open denial of God. They see that, when they do, public opinion takes it calmly, and sometimes even commends it as evidence of honesty. Even among the faithful, we have gradually become so accustomed to the increasing numbers of those who by their actions have denied Him, that we scarcely shudder at what we hear.

This is significant.

I propose that it is an indictment to our nation. This nation was founded on principles of character and spiritual values. However, the gradual decay of morals and strong conscience has now reached the bedrock of the home. The moral decay led to spiritual indifference; then people learned to live without God in their world.

I also propose that the Church needs to take along hard look at itself. There are those who on the surface go through the motions of christian living for year after year, yet they have no family altar. They let their children grow up without real religion. They have little regard for doctrine. They marry outside the church. They learn how to live their lives without God in their world.

I am calling for every one of us to return to the place of humility before God. Yes, we have been mesmerized by materialism, tantalized by T. V. and wounded by worldliness. Darkness prevails as many fall, but our fervent prayer must be "I can't stand without God in my world."

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# Though I Speak With Tongues Of Men And Angels... Or Devils



Rev. Dan Deaton

Two thousand miles away on the little island of Haiti, about 35 miles from the town of Port-Au-Prince, in a small village called Vigner, I was bent over looking through the open window of a tiny mud hut. Inside, the walls were lined with scared faces of which some were crying. I had tried to get through the open door, but it was jammed with spectators. So from one window to another we went, Alexson and I.

Alexson was a little Haitian boy, who often attended our church services. He had been sent to get the pastor.

Between two bobbing heads, I could occasionally see what was transpiring even though I was not sure I understood what I saw. Before long, Alexson had made a way inside for the pastor, so in I went.

There lying on the dirt floor was Johnno's mother, Johnno was one of Alexson's best friends. The mother evidently had a stroke and was left helpless.

The village witchdoctor had also been invited to seek healing for the stroke victim and was well on his way into the dance rituals. Johnno was standing in the corner struggling to hold back his tears. Every now and then he would look at me as if to say, "Pastor, can't you do something?" I thought for a moment about the scripture where Jesus put the unbelievers out. However, it just didn't seem like the thing to do with so many there who believed in the prayers of the witchdoctor and what he was doing. Actually, I felt like the unbeliever that might be asked to leave.

Silently I was praying for the healing virtue of God to sweep over this body, but to be honest with you, I didn't really believe God was going to answer me right then. If for no other reason, I knew God would not heal this lady and have all these people give praise to the witchdoctor for something God Himself had done.

The witchdoctor by now was in second gear. Could I believe my eyes? Am I really standing here watching this human being (I think) eat fire? Then he rolled over the half naked lady, who was too ill to even speak. After sweeping her off with a broom, he broke it and threw it out the open window scarcely missing a few faces, as they quickly disappeared for a moment.

"Alexson, why did he break the broom and throw it at those people looking in the window?" I asked. "Oh! pastor he was not trying to hit them, he was just throwing away the sick spirit," replied Alexson. Then I asked him why he was giving her a bath with the wet weeds. "That's supposed to wash away the bad spirit," answered Alexson.

The witchdoctor then decided a few more trips of rolling across her body was needed. After that was accomplished, the highlight of the evening ceremony was building up like a great artesian well. Suddenly the old fella began to moan and groan with trembling and stammering lips, going into somewhat of a trance. He then began to talk very fast, pausing only to give a few chosen ones a big hug and maybe even a kiss. I don't know what process he was using to select those who would be embraced, but for some reason I felt I was next on the list. Before I could even start to make my way to the door, the witchdoctor was shaking my hand and giving me a big kiss on the cheek while hugging my neck. With stammering lips he went back into his trance and spoke, what seemed to me, a strange language.

I asked Alexson what the witchdoctor was saying since the Haitians spoke Creole. I could not understand him unless he was speaking very slow. Alexson said, "I don't know." So I said, "listen closely and tell me what he is saying." Alexson replied, "I don't know." So I told him in a very stern way I wanted to know what he was saying.

After all didn't Alexson speak Creole. Alexson looked at me so helpless and said, "He is speaking in tongues to the devil. Nobody here knows what he is saying." It may sound a little humorous, but I felt like asking if someone had the gift of interpretation.

I left that tiny mud hut with a new chapter in my life. Realizing that as in the days of Moses, when the servants of Pharaoh imitated the miracles of God by the spirit of the devil, that the old fella is no different today. Old doctor devil is still trying to create an imitation of God's miracles.

This does not cause my faith to waver nor does it make me doubt tongues. I can say I have a better understanding of I Cor. 13:1, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."

Tongues have become a big subject of the hour. Everyone seems to be able to speak in tongues today. If you have not learned how it is done, I understand that there are a few churches around that will teach you how. This kind of tongue is another imitation to deceive people from the reality of a born again experience.

I have been frustrated many times during altar services, when watching honest hearted Christians trying to get a convert to speak in tongues. I have heard some instructing their convert to repeat after time in tongues very slowly, saying to them, "SAY IT, SAY IT." I have seen others take their prospect by the chin and jiggle it up and down. This kind of therapy evidently is done in hopes that when they stop jiggling, the Holy Ghost will take over.

As you all know the transformation we are looking for will not take place in the mouth, but in the heart. The Bible teaches us that from the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. Trying to get one to speak in tongues, before the heart is ready, is like trying to push a rope uphill or trying to pour water up a down-spout.

Out identity in this world is more than just speaking in tongues. St. John 14:12 says, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

## THE JUPITER EFFECT - A PERSPECTIVE

By: Michael Cox - Somerset, Kentucky

The past few years, a great deal has been preached and written about the "Jupiter Effect" as a scientific explanation for many of the apocalyptic events which will take place during the Tribulation Period. This "effect" comes from the work of two scientists, John Gribbin and Stephen Plagemann, published in 1974 as a book entitled The Jupiter Effect. They describe an alignment of the planets of our solar system on the same side of the sun producing increased sunspot activity which they claim many cause great earthquakes on the earth (particularly southern California) through increased magnetic pull on the tectonic plates of the earth, changing wind and tide directions, changing of the earth's rotation, and increased cosmic activity in the ionosphere. Added effects will be disrupted radio communication and an increase in intensity of the aurora borealis, or northern lights. The Jupiter effect occurs once every 179 years and is due to happen again in early 1982, according to Plagemann and Gribbin.

Just as the words of every preacher in this world cannot be accepted as the gospel, the words of all scientists cannot be accepted as scientific fact. Every statement uttered (from pulpit, podium, or lectern) can be divided into three categories: (1) Fact - that which is known and proven to be true; (2) Fiction - that which may be true or false but whose basis is fabricated or created outside the realm of factual knowledge; and (3) Supposition - that which takes a blend of fact and fiction to explain a heretofore unexplained occurrence. It is important to decide to which of these categories to assign the Jupiter Effect before we incorporate it into our own minds.

Is the Jupiter Effect fact? Of course not. There is no way to scientifically prove something projected for the future and there is no scientific model for this occurrence. Occurring every 179 years, the Jupiter Effect has taken place in the past with no ill effects noted historically at these times as are being projected for 1982. The conditions under which this information has been presented to the world deserves consideration. Proven scientific facts are submitted to scientific journals, reviewed by committees, and published on a non-profit basis. The Jupiter Effect is a book written with no scientific review, is found in no scientific journal. (Newsweek and Christian journals are not considered academic literature), and has brought its authors monetary gain through royalties. Also interesting to note is the foreword of the book written by Isaac Asimov, a famous writer of science fiction.

Is the Jupiter Effect fiction? No. Gribbin and Plagemann have been careful to base their predictions

on current scientific knowledge. They develop a chain of logic from known facts to derive the Jupiter Effect. This logic was in my opinion often tenuous and confusing, but nevertheless as unable to disprove as it is to prove.

Is the Jupiter Effect supposition? This is the category which most appropriately describes this apocalyptic forecast - a blend of scientific fact, logic, speculation, and imagination seized upon by christian authors to have something sensational to write about and exploited by two scientists to make a dollar. Matthew 12:38-39 speaks of the Pharisees desiring a sign from Jesus to prove His deity, which he refused, giving them only the sign of Jonah. We too often are searching in science, politics, newspapers, and magazines for signs and proof of what we already know to be true Biblically, when we just need faith. It is exciting to read and hear of events taking place now showing the nearness of the rapture of the church and ensuing Tribulation Period, but we need to make sure we can categorize what we are hearing, reading, or preaching as fact, fiction and supposition and not be confused. We can be guilty of placing science above the word of God as a means of pricking men's hearts for salvation. We can destroy our testimony by preaching and believing supposition to be fact. We can forecast future events as fact when they may not happen, destroying our credibility to the world. Using fact, fiction, and supposition can aid the spread of the gospel, but great care must go into keeping the word of God first in our minds and the rest of our knowledge properly categorized.

As a scientific entity the Jupiter Effect is not fact or fiction, but supposition. Before we believe or repeat anything that is speculative, we need to ask the following questions:

- Is this idea scripturally sound?
- What is the source of this information? Is the source reputable or is it just hearsay? Is it verified by others or not?
- What proof is there that what is being said is true?
- Will this enhance or destroy the testimony of the church? Is it edifying? Is it self-glorifying?
- Are we placing the word of carnal man equal to or above the word of God?
- Are we trading sensationalism for the true power of the Apostolic doctrine?



# GOD'S PLAN FOR WORLD EVANGELISM

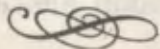
by  
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 Williamsburg, Kentucky



"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

Acts 1:8

God has always meant what He said. The Great Commission (Mark 16:15) means just that. We are to go into ALL THE WORLD. Jesus has a plan for world evangelism. Just as God spoke to Moses when he was building the tabernacle, telling him to make sure that he followed the patterns shown him in the mount, He has a plan for us today. The Lord is speaking to His church saying, "Look at my plan for world evangelism". He never does anything without a plan.



## PRAYER FOR THE NATION

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage, we beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning and pure manners.

Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride and arrogance and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues.

Endow with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of the government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth.

In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness and in days of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail. . . .

Thomas Jefferson

It must start at home. Home for the Apostles and those with them was Jerusalem. First of all, they filled their city with their doctrine. We must fill our own cities where God has placed us with the Gospel message first. If we say we are called to be a foreign missionary when we cannot go across the street to teach a Home Bible Study, then we are being foolish.

Our Judaea is the state of Kentucky. We must lift up our eyes and look on the fields. We need more Home Missionaries in Kentucky. God has not called preachers to preach only once a month, sit on another's platform, and warm a seat. He has called us to GO and PREACH THE GOSPEL. The blood of whole cities could be required at our hands because of our laziness. "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4

The United States is our Samaria. There are entire counties in this country without any kind of Oneness influence. We boast of having the Truth while our own country heads toward a Devil's Hell without knowledge of it. While we congregate in one spot singing and shouting and enjoying Jesus, our hands are becoming red with the blood of the unreached.

The UTTERMOST PARTS OF THE EARTH? This of course is Foreign Missions. I am not against Foreign Missions. Much to the contrary! However, I do believe that we have put the cart before the horse. Foreign Missions cannot exist without Home Missions! If we could only have half the amount of money that is put into Foreign Missions in a year to use on the home front; money to build more churches in the U. S. A. and Canada, we would be sending more foreign missionaries and literally MILLIONS of dollars overseas for the works there.

Let's look at God's plan again. Jerusalem (home missions), Judaea (home missions), Samaria (home missions), and the uttermost parts of the earth (foreign missions) - three-fourths of the Commission is for home Missions! Let's pray for Home Missions, yea, let's do more than pray, let's give. More than that, let's change our concepts about what we need to be doing while it is yet day before the Master comes. It's God's plan for WORLD EVANGELISM.

## FOR THE JUNIOR READER . . .

### ACROSS:

- 4-A disciple (14:5)
- 5-Produce (15:4)
- 9-"I am the . . . , the truth, and the life" (14:6)
- 10-Worried (14:1)
- 11-Flames (15:6)
- 12-" . . . I am, there ye may be also" (14:3)
- 14-Product of plants (15:4)
- 15-"I have chosen you, and . . . you" (15:16)
- 17-Christ kept His Father's . . . (15:10)
- 19-More (15:13)
- 21-Pure (15:3)
- 22-A plant (15:1)

### DOWN:

- 1-Happiness (15:11)
- 2-The husbandman (15:1)
- 3-Throw (15:6)
- 6-Collect (15:6)
- 7-Arrive (14:3)
- 8-What Christ called His disciples (15:15)
- 12-Severed from (15:5)
- 13-"These things I command you, that ye love one . . ." (15:17)
- 16-Master (15:15)
- 18-"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay . . . his life for his friends" (15:13)
- 20-"I . . . the vine" (15:5)

## Living in Christ

(John 14, 15)



## JUST A MOMENT, PLEASE!

"Help me Daddy."  
 "Help me Mommy."  
 "Wait a minute."  
 "Please slow down."

If our children said what they really felt, these statements would be what we would hear many times.

Have you ever watched an adult going down the street with a child by the hand? Did you ever notice that the little one has to make two or three steps for every one made by the adult?

Many times we have seen parents go by with their children, and the children being forced to run or trot just to keep up with the adult steps of Dad or Mom. Then again, maybe you never noticed.

Next time you walk with your children, whether it be down the street or walking through life, try not to go over their speed limit!



## THE CHRISTIAN HOME

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6



The scriptures tell us that it is very important the way we raise our children. Samuel was truly an answer to prayer (I Samuel). His parents, Hannah and Elkanah, wanted a child very much. They had prayed earnestly for the Lord to answer their need. They didn't pray only one prayer, but many prayers. Hannah was childless which was a curse in those days. The Lord in His mercy gave them a son. Hannah had made a vow to the Lord. If He would give her a son, she would give her child to the Lord. When Samuel was old enough, she took him to the temple, and gave him to Eli, the priest.

In these wicked and evil days, we must train our God-given children in the right ways to live. Let's dedicate our children to the Lord, and then do our best to create a Godly atmosphere in our homes that they may become fit vessels for the Master's use.

Mary Lou Hedges  
 Ladies' Auxiliary Director,  
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## Others

*It doesn't matter who you are,  
 Or what you have, or do.  
 If you give of your very best  
 The best returns to you.  
 A law of compensation works,  
 We get just what we earn,  
 If we love others with our hearts,  
 We get love in return.  
 The little things we sometimes do  
 For others day by day,  
 Return quite unexpectedly  
 In some peculiar way.*

## WHAT WE MUST DO TODAY

Make no mistake about it—the Christian life is a warfare. Either we're in it to conquer for Christ or we're yielding ground to the enemy. To win this ideological battle we need Christians who specialize in obedience, live by faith, and take their Bible seriously. They must be like the first century Christians who knew the Spirit of God personally, followed His leading and obeyed instantly.

## MY INFLUENCE

My life shall touch a dozen lives  
 Before this day is done,  
 Leave countless marks of good or ill  
 Ere sets the evening sun.  
 This, the wish I always wish,  
 The prayer I always pray:  
 Lord, may my life help others' lives  
 It touches by the way. —Anon.

## SEE YOU LATER

"Come back!" He called as I raced ahead. Ignoring Him, I jumped the small log which lay across the path. It was fun running away from Him. The night was very dark, and the light He had was bright, but it was a great new experience to run without it showing the way.

"I'll come back later", I called over my shoulder as I dodged a rock in the path. He was chasing me, but I was faster than He and I knew it. More rocks and logs seemed to be on the path now, but I could still faintly see them because of the light He was carrying.

"Please wait! - the path is very dangerous ahead!" He cried.

"Forget it", I shouted as I raced on.

"I love you! Walk with me - I want to talk with you", I heard back in the distance.

"Can't wait. I'm in too big a hurry. It was fun walking with You, but it's a lot more fun to be on my own", I said as I cut my leg on a sharp rock. I didn't think He had heard me, but I really didn't care. He was too worried about me to be any fun, anyway.

As I ran faster and further ahead, the light grew dimmer. It was almost pitch black around me now, and the path was very rough. Again and again I fell, but I picked myself up with bleeding hands. My legs ached but I knew I could still run if I wanted to. I'd show Him! I'd make it alone!

"Please stop! There's a cliff ahead!"

"Sure," I said still running. Then I slipped and fell, down and down and down. To this day I've never heard the voice again. I've never caught one glimpse of His light, and I've never stopped falling.

I've learned now that some freedom is dangerous, but for me I guess the lesson came a little too late!

*In God*

*We Trust*



*Benney Demerchant - Brazil*

REMEMBER TO PRAY  
FOR OUR MISSIONARIES



*Happy Birthday, America! 1981*

## WHEN

When God wants to drill a man, and thrill a man, and skill a man;

When God wants to mold a man to play the noblest part;

Watch His methods, watch His ways!

How He hammers him and hurts him, and with mighty blows converts him

Into trial shapes of clay which God only understands;

How He uses whom He chooses, and with every purpose fuses him,

By every act induces him to try his splendor out—

God knows what He's about!

Author Unknown

## Start Now

A young girl said to her mother just after a white-haired visitor left her home, "If I could be such an old lady as that — beautiful, serene, sweet and lovable — I shouldn't mind growing old."

The discerning and keen-witted mother replied, "Well, if you want to be that kind of an old lady, you'd better begin making her right now. She does not impress me as a piece of work that was done in a hurry. It has taken a long time to make her what she is. If you're going to paint that sort of portrait of yourself to leave the world, you had better be mixing your colors now."

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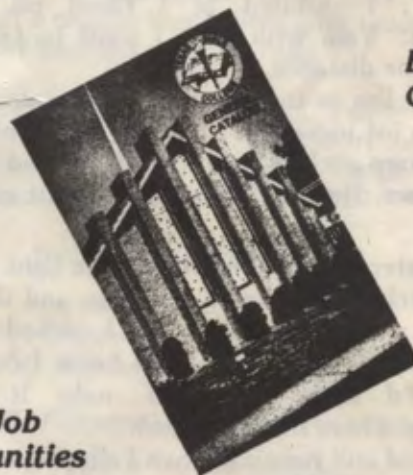
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## SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH

"... he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

James 5:20

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The path of the world seems pleasant enough if you don't stop to think where you are going.