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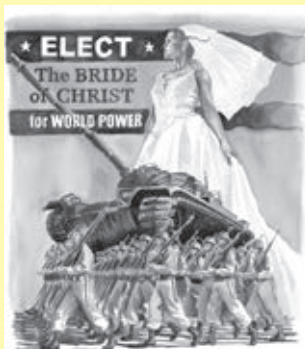
“...That He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Hence, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach.” Hebrews 13:12-13

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THIS ISSUE



Do the Father and the Son Argue?



Church and State, friend or foe?

The THREE ETERNAL DESTINIES of MAN

Would a righteous and just God throw righteous and just people into hell?

WARNING:
SUBVERSIVE LITERATURE,
MAY CAUSE READER TO
CONSIDER THE DEEPER
PURPOSE OF THE GOSPEL

SEARCH FOR BODY CONTINUES...

Search continues for any sign of hope in missing body case.

Despite the obvious inability to produce a tangible body, the Defendant claims, “everything’s fine, the body is alive and well and has been for nearly 2000 yrs”.

In the midst of the ongoing investigation, the Defendant made a statement to actually “be the living body of Christ”. The Defendant has refused to comment on any allegations of murder during the Inquisition, Crusades, “Reformation”, or even on U.S. soil. Boasting in her “sincere contributions of benevolence and morality to the entire Globe”, the Defendant has maintained a strong position on her own “purity and devotion to one lord”.

When further pressed to acknowledge any level of guilt in the matter, the defendant made reference to a “Grandfather Clause” in religious longevity, testifying that she has “made a few errors in the past”, but “we’re all sinners. The past is the past and has absolutely no bearing on the present or the future.”

“That is insane!” An outraged skeptic exclaimed, arguing the

validity of defendants’ claim in light of excessive divisions. One examiner posed the question, “could any *body* be separated into so many parts and still live, or even be considered a body? “They divide, and

divorce, and then go and act like their ‘forgiven!’” cried one protester, “I guess they figure if you talk about love long enough, you won’t have to do it.”

Skeptics are suspicious of the conflicting testimonies, motives,

and bloody history of the Defendant. Accusations circulate of adulterous relationships with government officials as early as 312 AD through to the present in view of obtaining political power. Some fear the historical repeat of “religious and moral

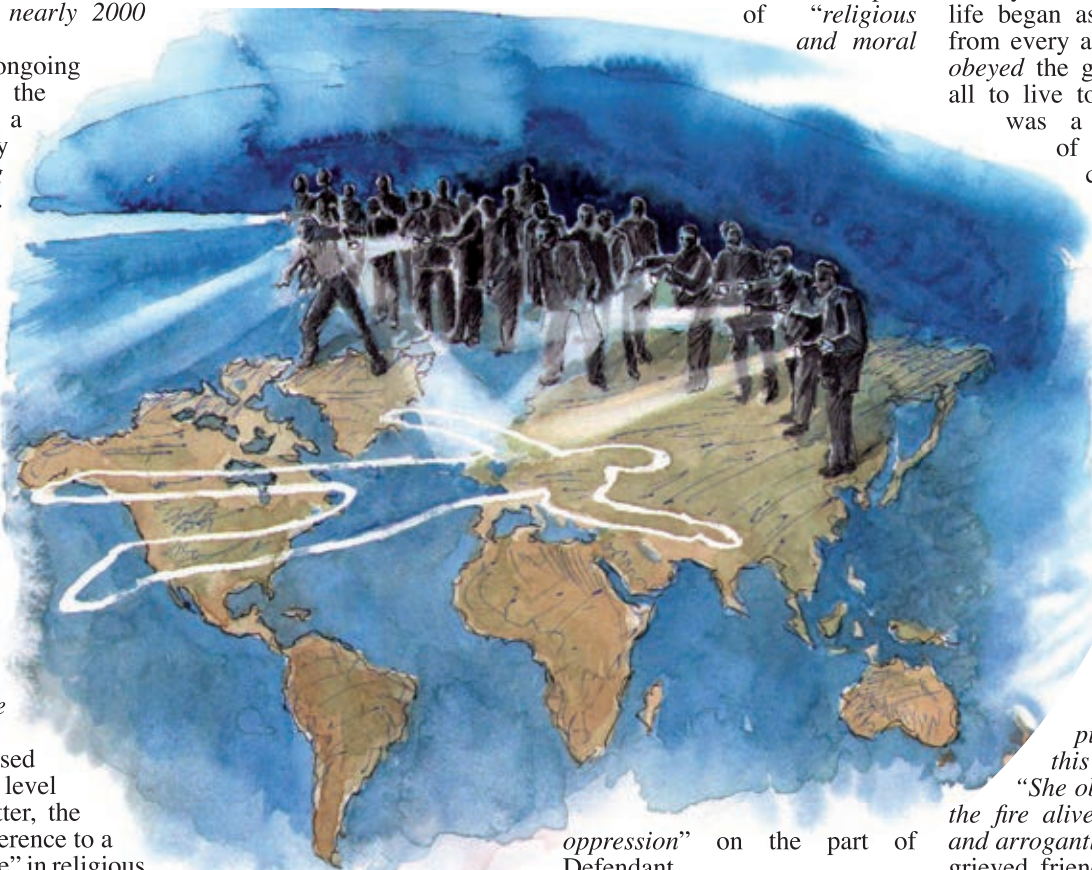
While historical researchers are struggling to identify the body, hands-on field studies show that as of Late Spring, 34 AD – A living demonstration of love and reconciliation began as a “bride worthy a king”. The dynamic life began as men and women from every age and background obeyed the gospel, and forsook all to live together as one. It

was a veritable witness of the kingdom, also called “the body of Messiah”. After thriving for several decades, rumors of adultery and selfish ambition began circulating. By the early 2nd century AD, the body itself disappeared.

“There were warnings” says Paul, a close friend since before the earliest developments of the scandalous affair. “She started pure, but I could see this one comin’.”

“She obviously didn’t keep the fire alive, she grew distant and arrogantly independant” – a grieved friend John, nicknamed “son of thunder” exclaims as visions of her childlike trust and innocence disappear.

While most have given up the search, reward still stands for the scattered few still committed to finding their loved one...



oppression” on the part of Defendant.

While evidence is still pending against Defendants suspect history, charges cannot be pressed without the chief evidence of an actual positively identified body. If such a body could be presented, the Defendant may face criminal charges.

“God Is Dead!”

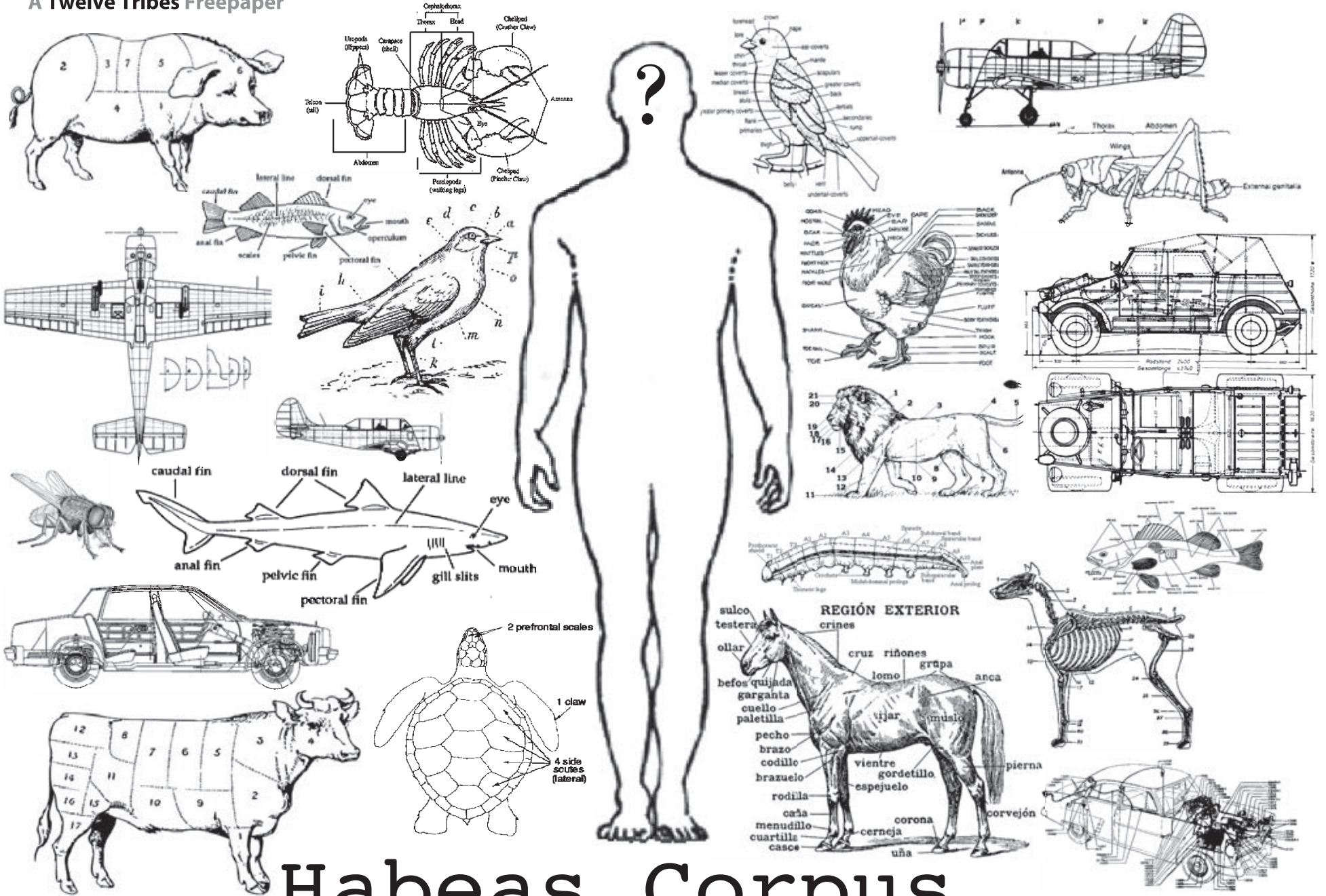
- Is the cry of outraged skeptics waiting for the validating evidence of the “*ressurrection of the dead*”. Intelligent men of conscience acknowledge a sort of “inconsistency” between the teachings of Christ and the practice of His alleged followers. The definition of “unity” has somehow changed from its original meaning. According to His own words, Jesus said that “*the world would know that the Father has sent the Son*” by a visible sign of His disciples “*becoming perfectly one*”. So far, only a few fragmented parchments depicting eyewitness accounts describing the “Body of Christ” have been discovered.

“God Is Alive!”

- Is the response from the Christian church, “*we’re on fire! Can’t you see it?*” After nearly two thousand years of “revivals”, “reformations”, “movements”, “emergences”, “worship”, and missionary service the “mystical body of Christ” remains only as tangible as an invisible friend. Numerous reports of an “*outpouring of the holy spirit*” have so far proven unsubstantial. Yet proponents remain hopeful, concluding that “*this time it’s gonna be bigger than the book of Acts!*” Plans are currently underway to obtain federal government aid for the advancement of a similar “national” opinion...

**One Spirit,
One Lord,
One Faith,
One Baptism,
One God,
One Heart,
One Way.**

**One Thing
You Lack..?**



Habeas Corpus.

[('hay-bee-uhs 'kor-puhs)]

(Latin: [We command] that you have the body)[1] is a legal action, or writ, through which a person can seek relief from the unlawful detention of him/herself or another person. It protects the individual from harming himself or being harmed by the judicial system. The writ of habeas corpus has historically been an important instrument for the safeguarding of individual freedom against arbitrary state action.

No matter how high we jump, or how loud we scream...
 No matter how “peaceful” our look, or “warm” our smile...
 There is “One thing” still lacking...

The **BODY**... The world just still has yet to see a people who live as One. People aren't stupid. They've heard the lofty explanations about the “Love of God”, they've patiently endured the long-winded sermons on the mystical “body” of Christ, and the emotionally inflated, technologically-advanced worship concerts. They've even heard the adventure-driven, Peace-Corp like “miracle” missionary tales... They see all the shallowness, and no one is really convinced.

Just like every other zealous young christian, the “rich young ruler” in Mark 10 was ready to serve God with whatever *he had*, money, family, education, possessions, opinions, etc. The One Thing he lacked, however, is what would have brought him into the “One Thing” all the disciples were doing together. Herein lay the problem, what *we have* (money, family, education, possessions, opinions, etc.) is keeping us from actually communing with Him, and therefore keeps us divided from one another. How could anyone claim the

love of God if there are rich and poor in our own midst? (1John 3:17) The One Thing closest to His heart is our oneness in *all* things. It's simply what the man desired most, “*by this ALL MEN will know that you are my disciples, by your love for one another*”, and “*Father... Let them become perfectly One, so that THE WORLD may know that you sent me...*” (John 13:34-35, 17:21-23)

If we love Him, we will love what he loves. If we love Him, we will obey His commands. If we know He loves us, then we will really love one another. So we are either here to flatter Him with more empty religious words, or we long to obey His commands fulfilling the passion of His heart.

The “emerging” ecumenical unity is not unity at all. If we “agree to disagree”, then we have tolerated division entirely. The prophets of Baal in 1 Kings 18 were not heard or answered for all their emotional appeals, and it's not surprising, since they were not doing the “One Thing” the God of Israel wanted from them. Our Creator hates division, and He has done everything He possibly can to cause us to love one another... Now it's up to us to respond .

The whole world is waiting to see **the BODY**, the people who live as one. Don't look for an experience, and just imagine unity. Look for those who have given all to serve Him where He is... They'll bring you home.

Leaving The House of **CONFUSION**

Wednesday night, time for bible study. Wednesday night, time for questions and answers. Sunday mornings were O.K... The pastor was always pretty good at keeping his sermons entertaining, but I had been reading my bible and had questions which I was told to write down and bring with me on Wednesday night.

The group was small on Wednesdays so we all sat in a circle, prayed that God would speak to us and then began. "I was hoping we could talk about some scriptures that I don't understand." I opened my bible and read one verse... "What does that mean?" I asked, looking forward to finally having clarity. An answer came. Then another. Then another! So it went, one person after another, each with a different answer. I went home that night even more confused than I was before, and now with more questions than ever!

The next week was more of the same, prompting me to stop the debate, and ask the question, "If we all have the mind of Christ, (Phil 2:2, Phil 3:16 and 4:2) then why is it that we can't agree

on what the words of Christ mean?!"

Of course, everyone had their own mind about that topic as well, but I really wanted to know how there could be so many different beliefs and still supposedly be "one mind". It made no sense to me. Then I remembered that Jesus said that a house divided against itself can not stand. (Matt 12:25) I looked at all the churches in my little town; Baptist, Protestant, Lutheran, Catholic, Charismatic, Pentecostal, all of them claiming they believe in the same "Jesus" but none of them in unity with one another or even within themselves. Later on, I found out that there are over 39,000 different denominations in Christianity. Wow! Talk about a divided house!

So knowing that

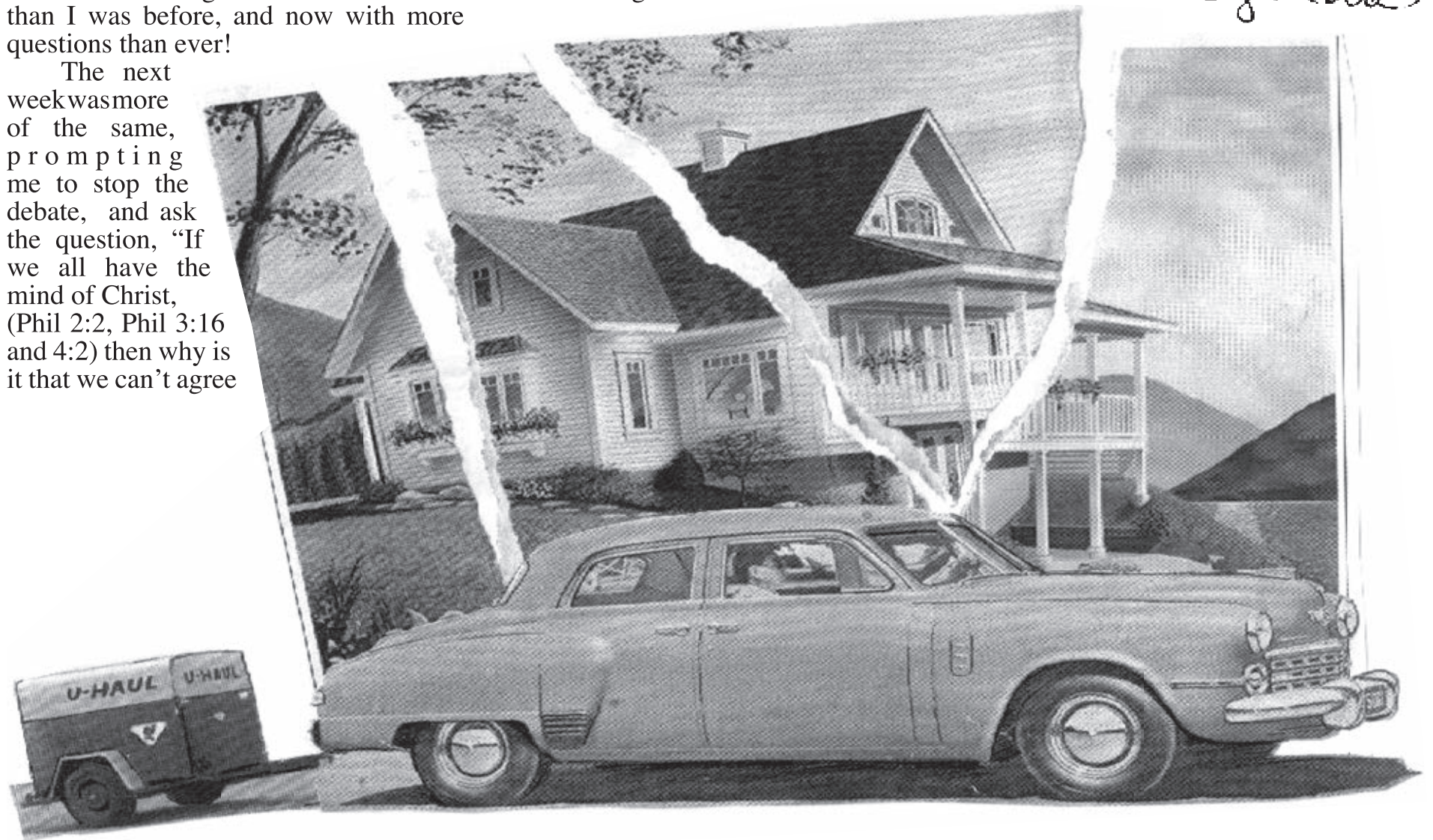
a divided house can not stand, and that the house that is built on the real gospel, the real love of Christ, will last forever, I did the one thing that made sense... I moved!

I found a house made up of people who are not divided, but live together sharing everything, loving one another, casting aside their own opinions and truly taking on the one mind of Christ. Just like the first church did! (Acts 2:44, Acts 4:32)

I moved out of the house of confusion and division, and moved into the house of love and unity.

I invite you to visit our home at any of the addresses found on the back of this paper and see for yourself!

By Linda



Thousand 39 Flavors

Denominational or Non-Denominational

Walking into an ice cream shop you find yourself surrounded by choices. Which one to get? You search back and forth for the right flavor, and then the woman behind counter asks, "would you like a sample?" She hands you a small spoonful of the flavor you chose. It tastes soo good! You make your choice, and for a few minutes you are satisfied and full of good feelings. That's the way it is, at least until the next time you want ice cream. Then what will it be? Will the woman behind the counter tempt you with another sample? Will you make the same choice? There are so many flavors to choose from. Do any really satisfy?

So it is today with the Christian church. Just like the ice cream shop, only with more flavors, 39,000! Could you imagine going into the ice cream shop and being faced with that many choices? What if the woman was not there to give you a sample? Back and forth you would walk, not wanting to waste your hard-earned money. Would you choose vanilla because that's what your daddy likes or vanilla-nut because daddy's church is just too old fashioned. Then there is that church down the road where your friend Chris goes. Maybe you could go there. Mom says they have the wrong gospel; but Chris is your friend. Still you can't decide, you think there must be a church where you and your friends can be together. So when did it get this way? Why did the church get to be like the ice cream shop? There was a time when there was only one church, and it was easy to know the flavor when you saw it. You had only one flavor, and it satisfied. To choose any other way was to go the wrong way. The Christian church today is full of wrong ways. There are only hints here and there of the original church. The division speaks for itself... Jesus said "let them be one." We must get back to the original flavor that pleased Him.

In order to get to this flavor you must follow the recipe that Jesus gave...

Recipe

Jesus said in John 13:34 "a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." He loved us by laying down his life for us. He lived and died for us. So we need an environment where we can live for each other, a place where all are equal, with one common purpose and no rich or poor.

Jesus said in Luke 14:33 "So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be my disciple." One ingredient is that no one would own things. Things cause division. That's why in Acts 4:32 it says, "and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but they had all things in common." The love they had for each other and for Jesus compelled them, and in obedience to him they sold their property and possessions, and divided them among all, as any had need. Acts 2:45 Since everyone gave all, no one was needy.

This led to how the promise in Mark 10:29 came about. It says that "truly I say to you, that there is no one who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or children or lands, for my sake and the gospel's who shall not receive a hundred times as much in this present age... and in the age to come, eternal life." To fully understand this we must look in Acts 2:44-47 Every time a new disciple moves in and gives up his old life, the church gains a new brother or sister, mother, children, house or farm.

Do the Father and the Son Disagree?

At last count, there were at least 39,000 denominations... That means at least 39,000 different ways of interpreting the Bible. Shockingly, all these denominations claim to be taught by the same Holy Spirit. So is the same Holy Spirit leading all of them to divide?

What I have seen in my years as a Christian, is that the Spirit in the churches today teaches that if you don't agree, then you should just go and start your own church. If you've got a problem, then go do it better. But **WHATEVER** you do, don't criticize other believers. No, no, no, that's the only thing that you cannot do. Don't tell some other church that they don't have the Holy Spirit, even if you disagree with their doctrine.

It used to be that they would burn "heretics" at the stake if they had different beliefs. But the only Heresy today is to say that somebody doesn't have the Holy Spirit. That will get you in trouble for sure. But could the Holy Spirit even dwell in people who are willing to divide? Or is the spirit in the churches today teaching Christians to tolerate division, something that the Son of God did NOT want to tolerate.

In the first century, the Holy Spirit taught the disciples not to divide, but to all believe the same thing, and to agree (1 Cor 1:10). The Holy Spirit taught them to agree, not "agree to disagree". That would mean to divide... Divisions are the fruit of sinful nature, not the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:19-20).

It makes you wonder,
Did God change?...
Or did the church?



IS JESUS

The Unity of Believers

In 1966, when *Time Magazine* posed the question, "Is God Dead?" the Christian Church boasted a stunning 18,900 denominations.¹ Today, only 40 years later, that number has more than doubled to 39,000.² This stands in sharp contrast to Paul's instruction to the Church in Corinth:

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. (1 Corinthians 1:10)

So it seems that the failure of Christians to obey His commandments to love one another, and His apparent inability to get His prayer for unity answered, opens up a fair debate: "Is Jesus a failure?"

Long-Standing Debate

This debate has actually been going on almost all the way back to Jesus' death and supposed resurrection. Most of the evidence presented by Jesus' detractors to make their case against Him has been the state of the Church in their day. This is fair enough, considering that it was Jesus Himself who said, "A tree is known by its fruit."³

One of the main observations by many of the great leaders and thinkers through history has been the obvious disunity and contrary nature in the Church:

"Of all the systems of religion that ever were invented, there is none more derogatory to the Almighty, more unedifying to man, more repugnant to reason, and more contradictory to itself than this thing called Christianity." (Thomas Paine, American writer, and an important figure in the American Revolution with his pamphlets like "Common Sense" and "The Crisis")

"Religious controversies are always productive of more acrimony and irreconcilable hatreds than those which spring from any other cause. I had hoped that liberal and enlightened thought would have reconciled the Christians so that their⁴ religious fights would not endanger the peace of Society." (George Washington⁵)

"Of all religions the Christian is without doubt the one which should inspire tolerance most, although up to now the Christians have been the most intolerant of all men." (Voltaire, French philosopher and writer⁶)

All of this confusion, strife and division have led to wars and bloodshed, crusades and inquisitions down through the centuries,⁷ all in the name of Jesus Christ:

"Millions of innocent men, women, and children, since the introduction of Christianity, have been burned, tortured, fined, and imprisoned, yet we have not advanced one inch toward uniformity. What has

¹ Denomination - a group of religious congregations having its own organization and a distinctive faith.

² <http://www.gordonconwell.edu/ockenga/globalchristianity/resources.php>

³ Matthew 12:33; Luke 6:44

⁴ Notice that he did not say "our."

⁵ Letter to Sir Edward Newenham, June 22, 1792

⁶ Elmer Barnes, *An Intellectual and Cultural History of the Western World* (1937) p. 766

⁷ See box, "Bloody Church History"

CHRIST A FAILURE?

been the effect of coercion? To make one half of the world fools and the other half hypocrites.” (Thomas Jefferson⁸)

“As I understand the Christian religion, it was, and is, a revelation. But how has it happened that millions of fables, tales, legends, have been blended with both Jewish and Christian revelation that have made them the most bloody religion that ever existed?” (John Adams, second President of the United States⁹)

“The pioneers and missionaries of religion have been the real cause of more trouble and war than all other classes of mankind.” (Edgar Allan Poe, American writer¹⁰)

So the great thinkers and leaders reasonably ask, “Where’s the fruit?”

“During almost fifteen centuries has the legal establishment of Christianity been on trial. What has been its fruits? More or less, in all places, pride and indolence in the clergy; ignorance and servility in the laity; in both, superstition, bigotry, and persecution.” (James Madison, American president and political theorist¹¹)

In Defense of Christ

If you know a tree by its fruit, then are we to consider Jesus a bad tree? Is Christianity good fruit or bad fruit? When Jesus looks at Christianity, should He draw the conclusion that He was a failure and that His death was in vain? Are the churches of today the result of His suffering on the cross and in death?

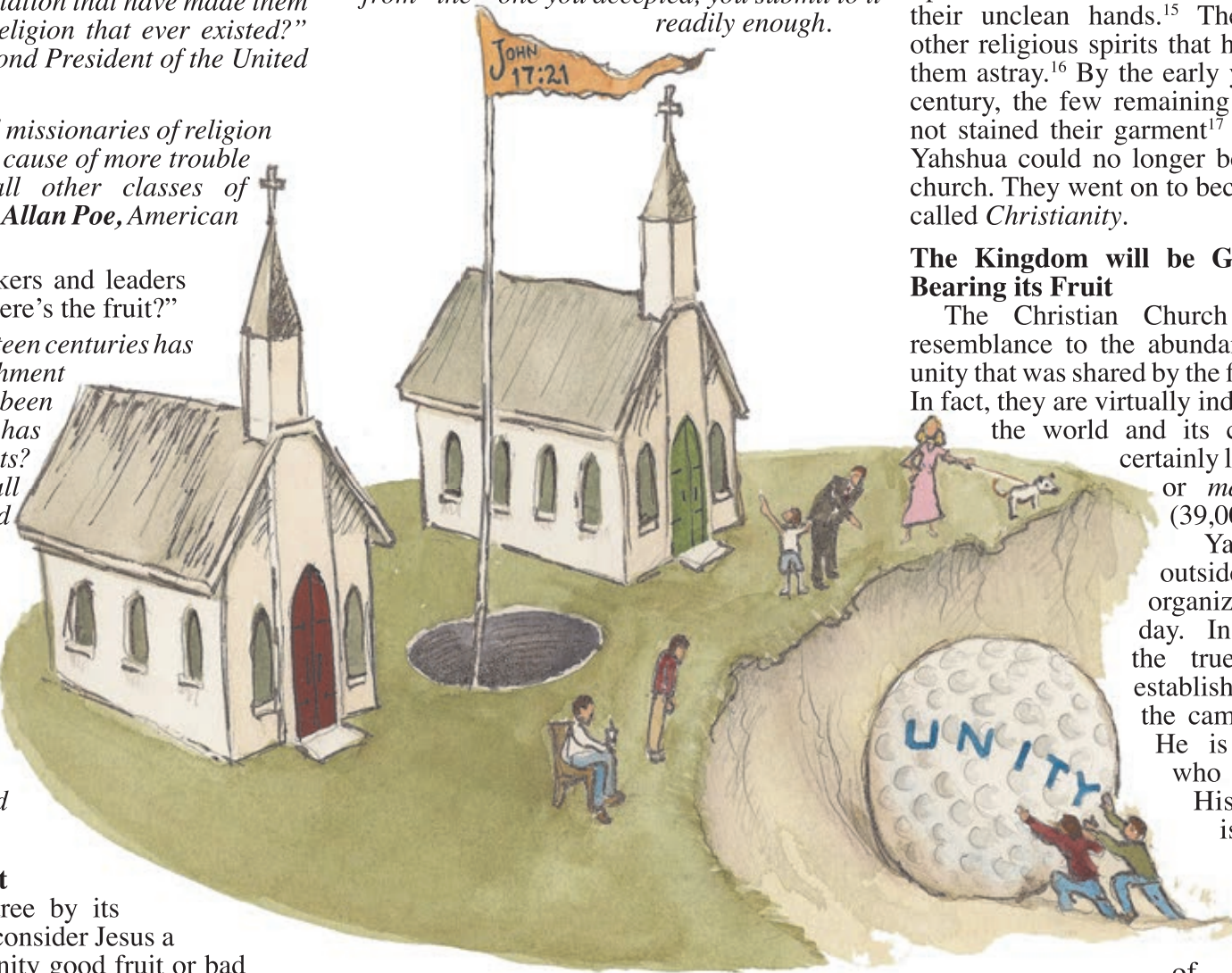
If the Christian Church is the Body of Christ, and Christ is the head,¹² then is He responsible for ordering the Crusades and Inquisitions? Those of us who fell in love with the Savior that we read about in the gospels could hardly imagine that the one who came to save His people from their sins¹³ would be such a heartless murderer of the ones He died to save.

An Imposter?

Is it possible that the Jesus of Christianity is

not the same Savior who gave His life to pay for the sins of the world? Could he be “another Jesus” as Paul wrote about to the Corinthians?

For if some one comes and preaches another Jesus than the one we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you submit to it readily enough.



(2 Corinthians 11:4)

If this were true, then it would follow that the Christian ministers and evangelists would also be as Paul mentioned a few verses later:

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is not strange if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness.

Their end will correspond to their deeds. (2 Corinthians 11:13-15)

The True One

We have come to know the Man referred to as *Jesus* in the New Testament by his original

Hebrew name — *Yahshua*.¹⁴ He is the same one who warned the first-century churches in Revelation 3 that they were falling away from Him, and were about to be completely cut off. But they failed to heed these warnings and repent. People continued to be added to their congregations, but they did not receive the Holy Spirit, for He could not be passed on through their unclean hands.¹⁵ They were receiving other religious spirits that had come in to lead them astray.¹⁶ By the early years of the second century, the few remaining disciples who had not stained their garment¹⁷ had died. The true *Yahshua* could no longer be found in the first church. They went on to become a new religion called *Christianity*.

The Kingdom will be Given to a Nation Bearing its Fruit

The Christian Church today bears no resemblance to the abundant life of love and unity that was shared by the first-century church. In fact, they are virtually indistinguishable from the world and its culture.¹⁸ They are certainly led by another Jesus, or many other Jesuses (39,000 and counting).

Yahshua was crucified outside the camp of the organized religion of His day. In these last days, the true *Yahshua* is re-establishing his Body outside the camp of Christianity.¹⁹

He is calling all those who are willing to do His will. His desire is that they could be saved out of this wicked and perverse generation

of Christianity that crucifies Him again as they hold Him up to public shame,²⁰ even though they have never truly been part of His Body.

Just as the Kingdom was taken away from old Israel for not bearing its fruit, so it was also taken from the first-century church. He is only going to give the Kingdom to a nation that bears the fruit of it.²¹ This holy nation²² will vindicate the Savior’s name by obeying His commands and fulfilling His prayers, proving that the *true Yahshua*²³ is not a failure. 🌿

¹⁴ the Hebrew name *Yahshua* literally means *Yahweh’s Salvation*, which makes sense out of the angel’s message in Matthew 1:21, “...you shall call His name *Yahshua* [*Yahweh’s Salvation*], for He shall save His people from their sins.”

¹⁵ Acts 8:17-21

¹⁶ 2 Corinthians 11:3

¹⁷ Revelation 3:4

¹⁸ 1 John 2:16-17; James 4:4

¹⁹ Hebrews 13:12-13

²⁰ Hebrews 6:6

²¹ Matthew 21:43

²² 1 Peter 2:9-10

²³ 1 John 5:20

⁸ Notes on Virginia

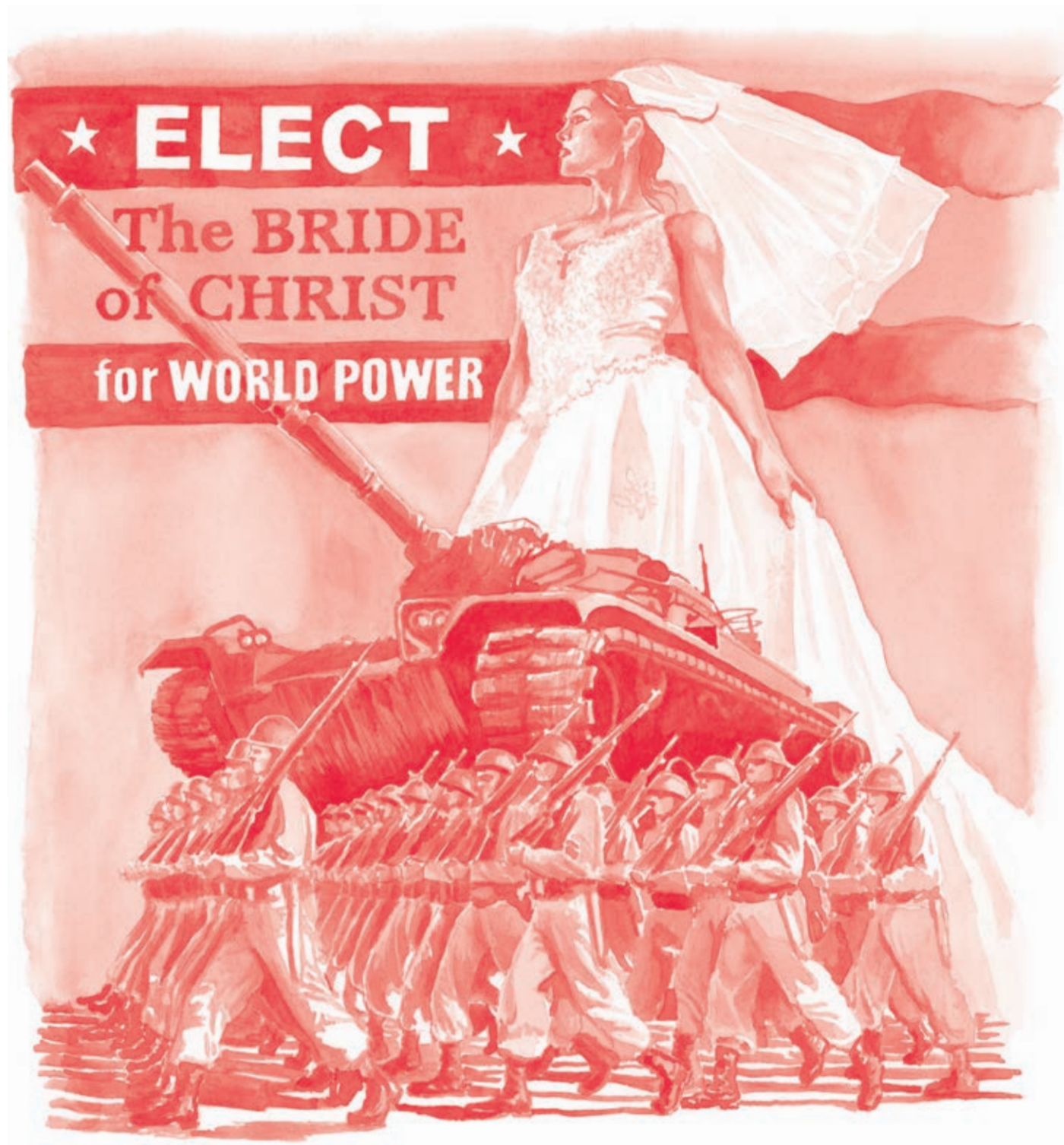
⁹ Letter to F.A. Van der Kamp, December 27, 1816

¹⁰ James A. Haught, ed., *2000 Years of Disbelief*

¹¹ Popularly known as the “Father of the Constitution.” More than any other framer he is responsible for the content and form of the First Amendment.

¹² Colossians 1:18

¹³ Matthew 1:21



-The Apostle John envisioned the coming union of church and state as a great prostitute riding on the back of a hideous seven-headed beast... This sadly, reveals the sordid reality behind Christian politics... Though the motives seem most commendable – World Peace, Preservation of the Family, Upholding Moral Values in the Media...

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It may start when eloquent Christian men and women with stylish but carefully-conservative hairstyles and clothing make their well-thought-out appeals to the country. They will condemn the conditions that we all hate and fear, yet feel powerless to remedy ourselves. They will present themselves as those who are bringing about the Kingdom of God on the earth. They will gain all the power they need to put us under a moral tyranny, supposedly “for our own good”. Never mind that many of them will secretly-practice the very things that they condemn. Never mind that the rich and powerful will always be able to buy exemptions. Never mind that the poor and weak, least able to withstand the inevitable public penalties, will suffer the greatest oppression. Never mind that these Christian Crusaders will label as “Cult” any group that lives outside the boundaries of their self-proclaimed “righteousness”.

How far will they go? Well, from what is written, it would seem that a great deal of human blood will be shed for the sake of this unnatural union. What will be called “freedom” we will feel as bondage. This is nothing new. During the middle ages and the “Reformation”, human beings were arrested, brutalized, and executed in the name of the Son of God.

The men who framed our Constitution precisely intended to prevent this sort of tyranny from ever taking root on U.S. soil. The Christian apologists will tell it all differently; they will say that the United States has always been a Christian nation. They will say these horrors of religious violence in the name of Christ were aberrations. They will say it can never happen again. They will say anything to gain the confidence of the many. But what they say is wrong. In every age, voices have been raised against this madness, just as we raise our warning now...

What happened to the first century church described in Acts 2 and 4?
Once full of fervent love and zeal...
Had she lost her first love?

By uniting herself to the state governments of the world she became part of the world and involved in the world's affairs, contrary to the words of her betrothed and Master who said that his kingdom was not of this world (John 18:36).

THE THREE ETERNAL DESTINIES OF MAN

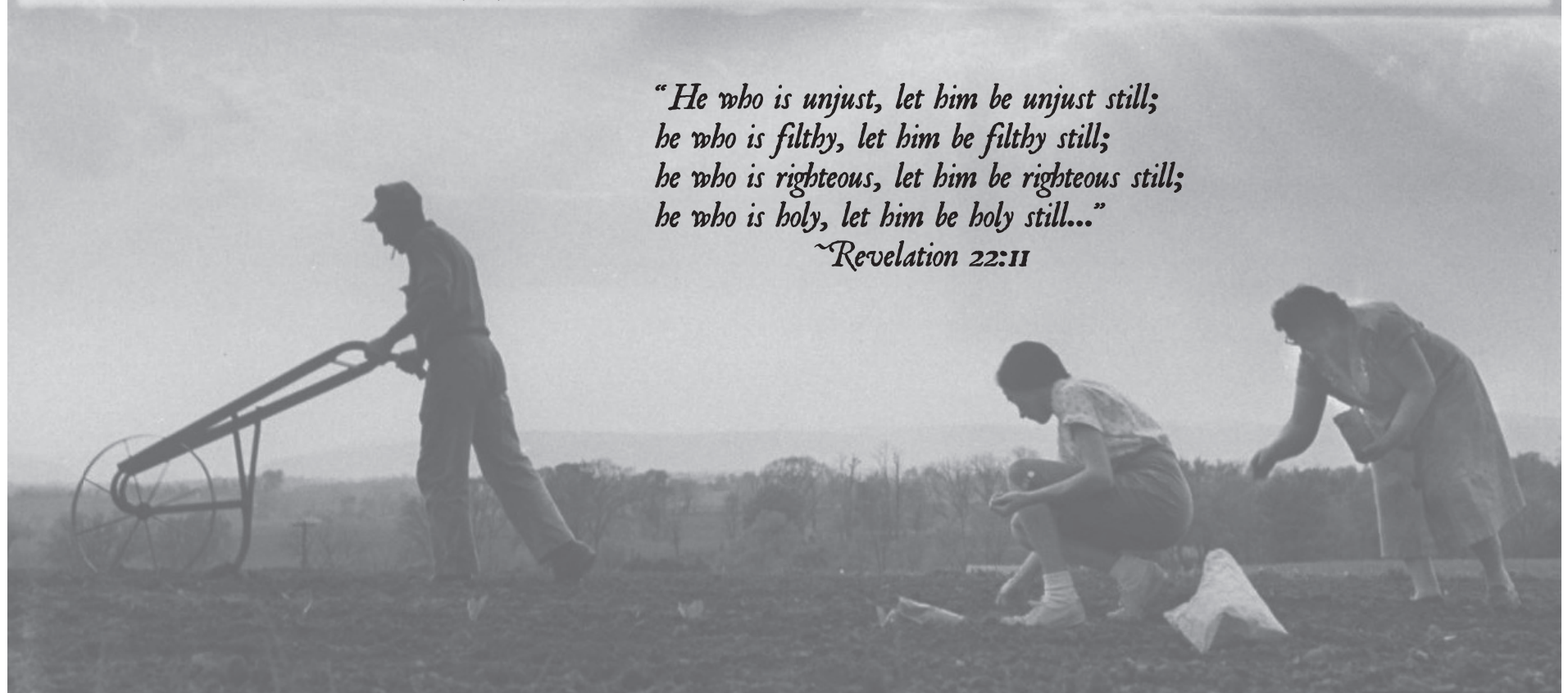
Would a righteous and just God really throw righteous and just people into the Lake of Fire just because they've never heard the gospel?

God expects the men and women of every nation to work hard to provide for themselves and their loved ones. Living by the inherent Knowledge of Good and Evil, they will be judged according to their deeds. Those whom God considers righteous have strong moral character, and integrity in their relationships. Deep inside, they know there will be a judgment. They know they are accountable for what they do. The righteous conduct their lives in anticipation of that day. After paying for their own sins in death, they will be raised again to a second eternal life, mercifully cared for by Messiah and His holy ones for all eternity...

~Rom 2:6-10, Rev 2:26, 21:1-4,24-26, Dan 7:27...

*"He who is unjust, let him be unjust still;
he who is filthy, let him be filthy still;
he who is righteous, let him be righteous still;
he who is holy, let him be holy still..."*

~Revelation 22:11



Unjust and Filthy Still...

The filthy and unjust share the same eternal destiny. Both gave up the good conscience they were endowed with by their Creator and chose to do evil instead. There are many ways a person can fit into the category of the unjust: by injuring or hurting others, by being unfaithful or treacherous in his business dealings, or relationships. People who may fall into doing these things once or twice aren't unjust, but those who practice them are. The unjust are chameleons. Many who appear to be quite respectable in society are, in fact, unjust.

The word filthy fittingly describes the character of those who give themselves over to degrading acts of sexual immorality. They suppress the good they instinctively know in order to satisfy their craving for pleasure and indulgence.

Those who passively consent to what is evil, due to fear, are also guilty. By their cowardice, they suppress the good they know and allow society to be destroyed. They were not born unjust or filthy. They became so. They did this by continually rejecting their conscience. They grew to despise God's voice within their conscience. *They will continue to follow the evil one, sharing his eternal destiny — the sea of fire, which was originally only prepared for him and his angels.*

They will be unjust or filthy still — forever and ever. 🌿

The Righteous Still...

All people are born righteous. God is righteous, and every person is created in His image. This is where a person begins: innocent and undefiled. Although all people are born with a tendency to sin, they are also born with a conscience and the ability to obey it. This takes an act of the will. It takes determined effort.

In marriage, a righteous man will work hard and honestly to provide for his family. He loves his wife and children and will sacrifice his pleasure for their welfare. A righteous woman bears the pain of childbirth and continues to bond with and care for her children as they grow up. This produces secure children who know they are loved. People like this genuinely care about others and treat them fairly and respectfully. They do what is good, not to be noticed, but because they value goodness.

There are only a few truly righteous people left. Society does not make much room for them today. They are not going to hell, as many Christians think, simply because they did not believe in Jesus. They probably would have believed if they had heard about Him from someone who really knew Him. Righteous men and women must pay for their sins in death, but comfort awaits them at the judgment. *By their good deeds, the righteous made themselves worthy of a second life in the eternal kingdom of the nations.* They will be righteous still — forever and ever. 🌿

The Holy Still...

*A people "Set-Apart" for God's own possession,
His Eternal Dwelling Place among the Nations...*

Who are the Holy you ask?

Have they always been that way?

Were they born Holy? Are they better than everyone else?

Do they seek to rub it in your face?

*Or are they just like you, wanting to know why they were made,
and how they can serve the one to whom they owe everything?*

Most who are now holy were once filthy and unjust. Some were of righteous character, raised with a tender heart to respond. One thing they all had in common, was their desire for true life, something that no matter how hard they tried they were not able to produce on their own. These people come from all walks of life, from every nation and background; they are the ones who just couldn't hang; they didn't fit in anywhere and hated the way the world demands one should live. Yet, at some point, they began to wake up and hate the ways that they were, and the way that they treated others. Coming to a complete end of themselves, they sought to find their Creator and to know why they were alive.

When they met someone who had the love of God in his heart, they responded. They joyfully gave up all they had (both materially and spiritually - former religions & philosophies) to follow Yahshua¹. They distributed their possessions to those who had needs within the community of the holy. For this reason, there is no rich or poor among them. They spend their time, energy, and gifts caring for their brothers and sisters.

The holy are a new culture, a brand new society on the earth that will bring about the fulfillment of everything written in the scriptures. Just like their Father, they seek for all who have the same heart that they do. A heart that desires to see this self-driven world come to an end. A heart to see all men set free from the selfishness which causes them to hurt others. No more injustice, no more perversion, no more hate, strife, or greed. A heart (although faulty) to obey their master Yahshua.

Having trusted and obeyed his words, they have now been adopted into His family, and are now being formed into an alliance of true friends, banded together to love as he loved. Called and chosen to follow his example, they are now learning to faithfully be *Him* to one another. Set-apart people now live together in a set-apart environment. Communities where all give all, being refined by the Spirit of the Creator from all the fashions, fads, and attitudes of this world. Being set free to love, by putting His ways; righteousness, justice, and hospitality into the heart. Ours is a supra-natural culture, one that transcends the natural boundaries of race, culture, and nationality. The people of the world who have left all to be gathered together, forming his royal priesthood.

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."²

This is their eternal purpose, to perfectly reflect the image of God to His entire creation. They are the eternal dwelling place of God by His Spirit. God desires to be in eternal communion with His highest creation, Man. Through redeemed men, He will wipe away the tears of all the righteous ones who never knew the Son of God, but still suffered to do what was right according to their conscience.

The Holy City of Revelation 21 is made up of willing subjects who willingly submitted to God's rule. He is raising up rulers who will eternally administer care to the people of the nations. Collectively they are the *body of messiah* on earth, new Israel. A confederation³ of twelve self-governing tribes. This is the holy nation. Each tribe is made up of self-governing clans of self-governing individuals, all are in total unanimity⁴. Israel is the dominion of God on earth. The name *Israel* means "God rules," and He rules through His servants who serve Him *where He is*. He is found where His people dwell together in unity and serve Him night and day.⁵

Our Twelve Tribes are not an organized religion, instead, all are led by the one Spirit and taught by Him. . Once again the culture of acts chapter 2 and 4, of sharing all things in common in the daily life of love that so astounded the ancient world is emerging and calling to you. So our call goes out to you, come build with us! Now is the time to cast off hypocrisy and dullness, to make Yahweh's name great. Building His kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. Bringing it here through our obedience to His Word and by the Love we have for one another, for the Kingdom is found in our relationships. 🌿

¹ The Hebrew name of "Jesus", the name *Yahshua* literally means *Yahweh's Salvation*, which makes sense out of the angel's message in Matthew 1:21, "... you shall call His name Yahshua [*Yahweh's Salvation*], for He shall save His people from their sins."

² Exo 19:5-6, 1 Peter 2:9

³ A league or alliance of mutually self-governing individuals, states, or tribes. With no centralized office or governing body.

⁴ Total unanimous agreement, of one mind, or persuasion

⁵ Psalm 133, In 12:26

We are a messianic community, and by community we do not mean a town or locality. Nor do we mean a loose association of individuals living near one another. And we surely do not mean a religious organization centered around meeting in a building, otherwise called a church. *Community*, as we use the term, means those who love one another so greatly that they are of one heart and mind, holding all things as common property, living together, taking their meals together, devoted to one another because they're devoted to the One who saved them from death and misery. **WE USED TO BE LONELY**, even though most of us had a lot of friends. Some of us were successful in what we did, and some of us were failures beyond hope. We came from everywhere and we have done everything trying to make sense out of our lives. But no matter what we did, we were left feeling dirty inside. We were scarred deeply from the effects of mistrust and hurtful relationships. We strove for acceptance, money, and whatever else could give us comfort. Some of us had dreams of a better life, but most of us had given up the struggle, settling instead for compromise and consent to the way things are. We were lost, scattered, without direction, doing our own thing.

Then we heard a voice that spoke to us right where we were, exposing the emptiness of our lives. This voice matched up fully to the longing of our hearts. Somehow a lifetime of being unable to trust was overpowered by this voice of hope. It came from a people who had their dirty conscience washed clean. They had a clean slate and an absolutely new life. This new life they eagerly offered to all who wanted it.

So now we have a life together. We no longer have to be separated by race, education, appearance, position, status, or where we came from. Instead, our days are filled with seeking first the needs of our brothers and sisters. In so doing, we find our own needs are met. This new life has given us the power to care.

We hate the death, war, strife, hatred, starvation, murder, injustice, greed, and selfishness that is leading the whole world to destruction. We want to see all of this come to an end. We want many, many more people to hear the voice of hope we have heard, to come and see the life. We are thrilled to be able to invite you to come and see that it is a reality. ♦



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Asher – blessed Australia
 Naphtali – my wrestlings Brazil
 Manasseh – cause to forget Central United States