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Dear Fellow-workers in God's fields,

It has been a week of shocking tragedy in Asia. First, the entire Nepal royal family is massacred, allegedly by the Crown Prince himself. Then, a group of Japanese school children are brutally attacked and stabbed to death. Is this the work of human beings, or evil spirits let loose to destroy? It seems illogical that Nepal's Crown Prince would kill everyone in his family. And why attack innocent school children who have harmed no one?

King Birendra of Nepal had a good reputation among his own people and other leaders in Asia. Herbert W. Armstrong visited him several times and was always received with courtesy and respect. I remember living in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal, while working for Ambassador Foundation. We were helping Queen Aishwariya (also killed) develop a computer center to help coordinate her social service programs for the poor. That computer center still exists and AF is fondly remembered for its contribution to the welfare of the Nepalese people. Gloria and I still have old friends in Nepal who are related to the royal family. Our children used to play with their children. We've just received word that they are safe but in a state of total shock and disbelief.

God's Word tells us that the times will continue to get worse as we near the end of the age. The modern world claims to be more "civilized" and "reasonable" than in times past. But the events of this past week are not the acts of civilized, reasonable people. As we become even more modern, acts of brutality seem to be ever more commonplace. I believe God. Man does not know the way to peace. We ate the fruit from the wrong tree. It has been downhill ever since.

But many leaders in the world do not believe God. They think man *can* achieve world peace through his own efforts. They believe there is hope for world peace through the United Nations or some other form of multi-national, world ruling government. They reason that, somehow, if we all just get together and allow a world-ruling body like the UN to settle our quarrels, we will have peace and cooperation among nations. Should we trust this idea? It sounds too much like the siren song of Eden. It looks good. It feels good. It is intellectually appealing. But, I get the terrible feeling it's the exact same fruit Adam and Eve ate millennia ago. And The Dragon is lurking behind all this somewhere.

What's wrong with one world government or the "new world order" you might ask? What could possibly be wrong with world peace? We must ask ourselves the question, "*At what price?*" World peace sounds good. It feels good, it seems like the right thing to do. But, in the end, what price will the people of the world ultimately pay in pursuit of this false utopia? The Apostle Paul warns us that, far from achieving world peace and prosperity, the world will face utter destruction.

“...*the Day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape.*” 1 Thessalonians 3:11

World peace under one world-ruling government is not something new. Mankind has pursued this concept since just after the Flood. The great king and empire builder Nimrod, founder of Babylon, promised peace and safety to all who came under his governance. But he also rebelled against God’s rule and, along with his “mother/wife” Semiramis, started a system of false religion *that still exists today!* The empires of Babylon, Persia, Alexander and finally Rome, each pursued a system of world government that left God out of the picture. All these empires eventually died out. But *the idea* has never died! Man still believes he can achieve world peace and prosperity through his own devices *apart from God!*

That is why the Roman system continues to be resurrected in Europe time after time. And the reality of the idea grows stronger with each passing day. Recently at Gotherburg, Sweden, US President George W. Bush told European Commission President Prodi that, “*Mine is an administration deeply committed to a prosperous Europe, a whole Europe and a free Europe....*” Prime Minister Persson of Sweden told media that the EU is, “*...one of the few institutions we can develop as a balance to US world domination.*”

The balance of world power is shifting rapidly. The US is not only quickly losing its dominant position in world politics, *it is encouraging others to take it!* And now Germany is rising to the leadership of the EU. A recent AP article by Jeffry Ulbrich appeared in the Bangkok Post. I want to repeat several quotes from this article entitled, ***Germany gravitates towards center of power:***

“*There’s a new European Union on the horizon – one with more than two dozen states that will have a single currency, a common foreign policy, it’s own military force and, after years of hesitation, a newly assertive Germany.*”

What is wrong with an assertive Germany? Read on as Mr. Ulbrich quotes Jean-Pierre Chevenement, former French interior minister, “*Deep down, it (Germany) is still dreaming of the Holy Roman Empire. It hasn’t cured itself of its past derailment into Nazism.*”

Where have we heard all this before? Herbert Armstrong was writing about this way back in the 1950’s. It looks as if everything is following a pre-ordained path; almost as if everyone is following a script. How does it all end? The books of Daniel, Revelation and the 24th Chapter of Matthew give us the clear outline of what is to take place at the *End of Days*. And it is happening, right now, before our very eyes! Do we really understand that we are experiencing the same days talked about in these prophetic books? Or are we part of that group that will be overtaken by sudden destruction like a thief in the night?

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We put a disclaimer at the bottom of each letter for a reason. We want you to understand that Legacy Institute is not a church organization. We formed Legacy as a non-profit, charitable foundation and not a corporate church body. One of the founding principles of Legacy Institute is the firm belief that the Church, *the ecclesia*, the BODY OF CHRIST is a *SPIRITUAL* entity that transcends human church organizations. And when we say that the Church (for which Jesus is Head) is spiritual and not limited

to a human corporate church organization, *we really mean it!* Therefore, we cooperate with fellowships organized into corporate bodies or otherwise, or specific lay persons or ministers who happen to be (or *not be*) members of one or another human organization. We cooperate, *IF* they demonstrate, *by their fruits of obedience*, the presence of the Holy Spirit and an humble attitude of serving all God's people, wherever they are found. We do this in a spirit of honest cooperation and brotherhood. We can only do this if we REALLY and TRULY believe Jesus is the TRUE "Pastor General" and God's TRUE and SPIRITUAL Church (*ecclesia*) is not limited to nor divided by human organizational lines.

Far too often I encounter the attitude of, "who's he *WITH?*" or, "I could never cooperate with *THAT* group!" In Legacy, we believe we have a responsibility to search out and find *WHERE* and *WITH WHOM* God is *ALREADY working*. Then to help support what HE is already doing with that person or that group. To do anything less is to deny the Work of the Holy Spirit! We cannot and will not allow ourselves to be prejudiced by internecine conflict and what I call "church wars." The TRUE Church of God is made up of individuals who possess the Holy Spirit and bow to the authority of Jesus Christ the Savior. If we all can focus on this understanding, we *WILL* all cooperate together and accomplish together in a spirit of mutual respect, whatever God requires us to do.

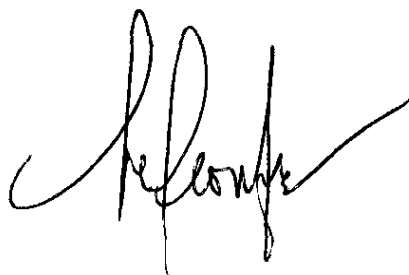
Feast of Tabernacles in Thailand

We have had to adjust our Feast plans for Thailand. We will now be holding a small, local site for the Karen tribal people and not an international program like originally planned. Any hearty souls wishing to come to Thailand for the feast are still more than welcome, but you will have to make your own flight arrangements. We will, of course, be able to help you with this and your hotel accommodations. The Feast will be held entirely in the northern city of Chiangmai. All housing and transportation for the Karen festival attendees will be sponsored by Legacy Institute.

Thank you all for your prayers for the continued safety of the Karen brethren and for your donations that make it possible for these and other scattered brethren to have a small taste of the World Tomorrow by keeping the Feast of Tabernacles.

Well, that is all for now. Soon the fall festivals will be upon us. May God bless and grant you all with true peace and safety during this important season.

Sincerely in Jesus' Name,



Leon Sexton

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