

RELIGION

ALTERNATIVES

Are We All Spiritually Bankrupt?

BY M. ISAACS

Serious social and spiritual problems are growing worse -- Why?

One reason is: Mankind has turned from God and is relying on modern technology to solve the problems of crime, war, environment, poverty, hunger, drug abuse, unwed mothers, homelessness and immorality. World governments wrongly think that if they can find a cause for the problems, the problems can be handled. Governments are no longer "by the people and for the people and of the people". Most of them now rule the people with an iron hand, without compassion and love; even

through God's Word says, "We are to 'defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.'" PS. 82"3.

World religions have failed. Idols have arisen all over this world and are worshipped day and night. The joyous laughter has ceased among the people and they weep and mourn, consoled only by the knowledge that "this too shall pass". "Blessed are they that hunger now; for you shall laugh". Luke 6:21.

Why Have These Problems Grown Worse?

Our manufacturer says "We are living in the last days." We are observing the dying spasms of a con-

demned world; these are critical times hard to deal with." 2nd. Timothy 3:1. The end of this world is spoken of in God's Word for the consolation of those who believe. Matt. 24:3. These growing problems are evidence that the end of this system of things is upon us; the end of "wickedness in high places" and those responsible for it. Matthew 24:3-14; Revelations 12:7-12; 1 Timothy 3:1-5. God, himself, will soon intervene and completely solve all of today's problems. Jerimiah 25:31-33; Revelations 19: 11,12.

Why Have This World's Religions Failed?

Their focus on Jesus Christ, the

Son of God, has become clouded and in some instances ceased altogether. This world has groups of people calling themselves Churches on almost every corner, yet protestants kill calling themselves Churches on almost every corner, yet Protestants kill protestants, Catholics kill Catholics (Rwanda) by the hundreds of thousands. God's Word tells us "the one who loves God, should be loving his brother also". 1 John 4:20,21. Religions declare that they know God, but their works disprove their words. Titus 1:16. They are "known by their fruits", and their fruits will destroy them. This world is spiritually bankrupt because it does not, will not "beat

its swords into plowshares". Isaiah 2:4. Our God, through Jesus Christ, his Son, can and will solve all this worlds problems. He will not allow His People to suffer overly long. God will "crush" all corrupt governments. (Daniel 2:44; Matt. 6:9,10).

Alternatives to Destruction:

People of God are admonished to "watch, and be sober"; "to endure unto the end", "to do the will of God". God's people will live forever in a place prepared by Jesus, the Christ; where there will be no more death, neither will there be any mourning, or outcry, nor pain anymore. Revelations 21:4. Even the dead in Christ shall rise. Acts 24:15. All peo-

ple who trust in God in these perilous times, and acknowledge Him as the true God: only these people will have everlasting life. John 17:3. Only these people are able to cope with the problems of these last days and all problems beyond their ability to solve will be fully taken care of by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. Only God's true Church will see and be a part of the end of the problems of this world. Only God's true Church will reign with Jesus in peace. No, Thank God, We Are Not All Spiritually Bankrupt. God's True Church Are They Only People Who Do Not, And Will Not Suffer Spiritual Bankruptcy!

Ecumenical Ministries Awarded HIV/AIDS Service Grants

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon has been awarded three Ryan White Grants to fulfill unmet needs for services to persons and their families living with HIV/AIDS.

Services include health insurance continuation assistance, nutritious meals and dietary assessments, say and respite care. The Grants total \$467,000.

Clients eligible for these services must have HIV or AIDS, meet income criteria, and reside in Multnomah, Yamhill, Clackamas, Washington or Columbia Counties in Oregon or Clark County in Washing-

ton. Services will be provided at the Ecumenical Ministries' HIV Day Center in Southwest Portland.

In announcing the awards, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Executive Director, The Rev. Rodney Page, stated, "These grants are welcome relief for persons and their families facing the most devastating medical crisis of modern time."

According to Rev. Page, "Ryan White Grants are enacted by Congress to improve the availability, organization and quality of health care and support services for persons who

endure incredible circumstances of suffering and isolation due to the nature of their disease."

Since 1981, 2,268 Oregonians have had AIDS and an estimated 20,000 others are infected with HIV.

By the year 2000, the World Health Organization projects that the cumulative worldwide total HIV infections among men, women and children will range between 30 and 40 million.

Persons desiring more information can call the HIV Day Center at 223-3444.

CELEBRATING YOUTH Sunday - June 25, 1995 - 3 to 5 pm

"Remember thy Creator in the days of thy Youth..." Ecclesiastes 12:1

Everyone is invited to come celebrate with Youth from the Community as they use their talents and gifts to Glorify God!

Don't Miss This

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church Family Life Center 8725 N. Chautauqua

Mayor Of Jerusalem Speaks About Jerusalem 3000

The Mayor of Jerusalem, Ehud Olmert, held a press conference on Thursday morning, June 15, 1995, at the First Christian Church, 1315 SW Broadway.

This is the first time that a current Mayor of Jerusalem visited Portland during his term of office.

Mayor Olmert spoke on Jerusalem's plans for its 3000th Anniversary celebration at the luncheon at noon at the First Christian Church. In attendance at the luncheon was Vera Katz, Mayor of the City of Portland, and members of Portland's City Council. Invited to the luncheon

were the patrons of Jerusalem 3000 of Oregon and the Board members of the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and the Institute for Judaic Studies of the Pacific Northwest.

Mayor Olmert also delivered a public lecture on the afternoon of the 15th at Congregation Neveh Shalom. At that time he spoke on the significance of Jerusalem to the world in its 3000 years of history.

Jerusalem is at the storm center of the Israel-Palestinian negotiations, so the opportunity to direct questions to the Mayor of Jerusalem was very special.

A Tribute And A Fairwell

BY M. ISAACS

A man called Hardie Davis came into my life in April, 1993, and made a lasting impression, and became a true friend, instructor, counselor and my Sunday School teacher; a man of God, staunch in his belief, upright and fair in character, loving to friends, family and strangers, and faithful in the promotion of the duties of a follower of Christ.

Brother Davis was a deacon of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

and chaired the finance committee. He was quick to offer help to those in need and just as quick to speak out against vain things, ungodly things, untruths, and fleshly appetites. He expected men and women who expressed a belief in God, the Creator, to live according to the teachings of the Scriptures and to allow the Holy spirit to lead them in daily living.

He lived as he taught, giving reasonable solutions to daily problems. Bro. Davis was especially loved

by the young adults which whom he came in contact.

A man who kept busy in mind and body; working as long as his physical strength would allow.

Mr. Davis preserved a "good name" in church and community and I will remember him fondly as long as I live. His witness, his confidential council to those

who came asking, his dislike of giving into bodily infirmities and his unshakable belief in life after death, will keep his memory alive among many, many people.

A great man who has gone to receive his reward from our Creator, God, for a job well done here on earth. If we strive to live as he lived, our blessings are assured.

Ms Collins Recuperating

Ms Evelyn Collins founder of the Grace Collins Memorial Center and better known as Miss Collins is presently recuperating from a skin graft to her leg.

We would like to solicit your prayers for this long-time community activist.

All questions may be directed to 281-6930, ask for Irma or LaRan.

FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH

4224 S.E. 62nd Avenue (between Powell & Foster) Portland, Oregon 97206

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:30am
Morning Worship 10:45am
Evangelistic Service 7:30pm
Tuesday Pastoral Teaching 7:00pm
FRIDAY
Evangelistic Service 7:00pm
DAILY
Prayer 12:00pm & 6:00pm



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Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:45 A.M.
Y.P.W.W. 6:30 P.M.
Sunday Evening Worship 7:30 P.M.
Tuesday Prayer/Bible Band 7:30 P.M.
Friday Worship Service 7:00 P.M.

"Come Unto Me All Ye That Labor And Are Heavy Laden, And I Will Give You Rest. Take My Yoke Upon You And Learn Of Me." Matt. 11:28-29

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 - Sunday Morning Worship Service - 11:00am
 - Sunday School Teacher's Meeting Tues - 6:30pm
 - Bible Study Wednesday 6:00pm
 - Prayer Meeting Wednesday - 7:00pm
- Church Phone Number 287-7457

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House Of Sound Top Ten Gospel

- (1) Portland Mass Choir "It's Jesus"
- (2) Chris Byrd & True Victory "Feel Him Movin"
- (3) Elder Richey T. Harris & Friends
- (4) Richy Dillard's New Generation Chorale Hallelujah
- (5) Fred Hammond and Radical For Christ
- (6) Kirk Franklin and The Family
- (7) Luther Barnes & The Sunset Jubilaires
- (8) Mighty Clouds Of Joy "Power"
- (9) The Hawkins Collections
- (10) James Moor and The Mississippi Mass Choir

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