

RELIGION

Powers Of The World To Come

BY MARGARET ISAACS

We are approaching the eleventh month of the Sacred Year; the Hebrew month of SEBAT spoken of in Zach. 1:7; the fifth month of the Hebrew New Year; and the Gentile first month of the New Year.

The euphoria of Christmas is fading and there appears to be no permanent change of attitudes among men. So soon they begin to crucify again the one whose birthday we just celebrated. Harsh words are spoken at exchange counters; distrust again

replaces the expressive smiles on our faces; men curse each other and children steal; abusive language and abusive behavior is again the norm, as we fast approach the new year.

In too many hearts, Jesus dies again and darkness descends and covers and corrupts; but it also reminds us of Jesus' reproof of Peter in Matt. 16:21-28. Jesus told of his suffering and death at the hands of men; and some of us still have sad hearts like unto Peter, wishing this event had not happened. Daily crucifixion of Jesus brings sadness and tears in

this new year as humans commit atrocities against other humans. Jesus said this sadness, this despondency over his death is an offense to him; "Get thee behind me, Satan", he says, "for you know not the things of God, but those that be of men". If Jesus had not died, he would not have arisen from the dead; if he had not arisen there would be no Church and no second-coming; no change in the twinkling of an eye and no place prepared for believers; a place not made by hands.

The power of the world to come

lies in these words of this same Jesus, born in Bethlehem; "For the Son of Man shall come (again) in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works", "for sure I say unto you, there be some standing here (living today), which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom."

We worship and pray and rejoice for a short while, then we stand erect, looking immediately for a sign of change. "A wicked and adulterous generation seeking after a sign; And

There Shall No Sign Be Given Unto It, but the sign of the Prophet Jonas". Matt 16:4. The same Jesus, born in Bethlehem, (in this new year, as in years past) "has taken unto himself our infirmities and bear our sicknesses"; "He cast out devils and heals all that are sick". Matt 8:13-17. This same Jesus declares himself the resurrection and the life. This same Jesus admonishes us to not fear. This same Jesus tell us his burdens are light. This same Jesus, whom the angels proclaimed in song, promises to guide us, protect us, feed and clothe us,

deliver us and fight our battles against all adversaries, if we will only have faith and believe. This Is The Power Released On Earth Through The Holy Spirit! Lift up your heads and keep the joy of Christmas in your hearts, for the Power Of Jesus, The Christ is eternal; His plans cannot be changed; neither for this world nor for His Kingdom to come.

Grace and Peace And Love Be With You Through Jesus Christ, Until We Come Together As One Body, Through The Power Of God's World To Come.

Portland Honors L. Ron Hubbard Birthday

More than 400 people packed the Lloyd Center Red Lion Inn Saturday night for a Birthday Celebration in honor of the late L. Ron Hubbard, the well known author, humanitarian and Founder of Scientology. A traditional event instituted by Scientologists after the founding of the first Church of Scientology in 1954, the founder's birthday party, attended by tens of thousands of Church members in the United States has grown into a celebration of spiritual growth and renewal, as well as the expansion of the young religion.

"In the last 42 years we have grown from one small church to more than 3,000 churches, missions and groups in 120 countries," Rev. Vicki Schere, spokesperson for the Church of Scientology of Portland. According to the Church, during the past year, Scientology spiritual counseling and life improvement courses were also delivered for the first time in Guinea, India, Madagascar, Maldiva, Romania, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Ukraine, Palestine and Ghana.

Highlighting the event was the international unveiling of a massive, high-tech

Internet website, that was specially satelited from the Church's religious retreat in Florida.

"We have always been dedicated to making information about Scientology available to everyone and are always happy to answer questions", said Rev. Schere, "but this new Internet site does much more than that. It actually gives people information that they can use right now, today, to help handle problems in relationships, stress, confidence, goals, families and even drug and alcohol dependency. Now it's all right there at your fingertips."

The Church's new Internet site contains more than 30,000 pages of information on Scientology, L. Ron Hubbard and Dianetics, based on Hubbard's perennial best selling book, [Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health].

Application of new computer audio technology provides near-instant access to Hubbard's full 55 minute lecture on the "Story of Dianetics and Scientology" as well as an entire music album Hubbard composed, performed by such artists as Chick Corea, Julia Migenes and even John Travolta.

Game Night At Church

Saturday, March 30th is the date for "Community Game Night" sponsored by Grace Covenant Fellowship Church. This event will be held at Dishman Community Center (77 NE Knott) at 6:00 PM and is free and open to the public. Board games, activities, clowns, music, rap, and other entertainment are the focus of this festive evening. There will be a toy given to the first 100 children under age 12. Door prizes and refreshments will be provided. Interested persons are encouraged to call 282-3780 to sign up.

This event is an opportunity for children and families in the community to come and play games and make new friends. Bishop Grace Osborne, pastor of Grace Covenant Fellowship said, "We want people to know that Christians can have fun too!" Community Game Night serves as a kickoff for Grace Covenant Fellowship's outreach ministry called Lighthouse. This is the first of several community-wide events sponsored by Lighthouse to bring together the churchgoers and non-churchgoers with a focus on building relationships and meeting needs.

Birth Announcement

Morinne Elizabeth Robinson Osborne

Date of Birth: 3/16/96 Sex: F
Parents: Miriam L. Robinson, and Martin A. Osborne of Portland
Weight: 6lbs 11oz
Length: 19"
Brother: Merrick Makinde Robinson Osborne
Paternal Grandparents: Olives H. Osborne/Julianne Nason, Mary P. Osborne of Seattle, WA
Maternal Grandparents: Bill & Juanita Robinson Mary Alice Saunders of Cleveland, OH

Birth Announcement

Michael Donovan Jones Jr.

Date of Birth: 3-19-96 Sex: M
Parents: Ronisha L. Harris, and Michael D. Jones of Portland, OR
Weight: 6lbs 9oz
Sisters: Ronishe TIL. Carter
Paternal Grandparents: Anote Harris & Roy Harris of Portland, OR
Maternal Grandparents: Michael J. Jones & Pebroh E. Smith of Portland, OR

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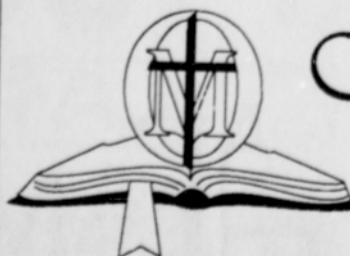
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