

RELIGION

ALTERNATIVES

Defining The Age (Times) Article 5

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"Come near, Ye Nations, to hear; and harken, ye people; let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it." (Isaiah 34:1). God has revealed His will to men through His word and the Holy Spirit as promised by our Savior, opens the Word to His servants, to illuminate and apply its teachings. But as the Church nears her final deliverance, Satan is working with greater power. He comes down "hav-

ing great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." (Revelations 12:12). He (Satan) is working "with all power and signs and lying wonders." (2 Thessalonians 2:9). For thousands of years that old serpent, that once was highest among the angels of God, has been totally bent to the work of deception and ruin. And all his satanic skill, and all his cruelty, during the struggles of this age, is being brought to bear against God's people. The great con-

troversy between good and evil will increase in intensity to the very end of time.

Satan's goal does not, will not change. He will employ the same policy, manifest the same spirit, and work for the same end, as in all preceding ages. "For false christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders to seduce, if it were possible, even the Elect." (Mark 13:22). And Jesus said, "Take

heed lest any man deceive you saying, I am christ; and shall deceive many." (Mark 13:6). Brother shall betray brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death." (Mark 13:12). And the followers of Jesus shall be hated of all men for believing in him." "Judgement (of all evil) must begin at the house of God; and if it first begins at us, What Shall The

End Be Of Them That Obey Not The Gospel? (1 Peter 4:17).

There is a world-loving church which is maintained by the witness of those who "loved not their lives", and God's Church, the Elect, must see this world-church in the light of God's Word, as illuminated by the Holy Spirit; that we may unveil the devices of the wicked one, and see fully that which we must shun, if we would be found "without fault" before the Lord at His coming.

"Keeping In Step With The Spirit"

"Keeping in step with the spirit", Galatians 5:16-26 is the theme this year for the Mallory Avenue Church of Christ Annual Homecoming week May 4-10. We are very happy to have Brother Billy Curl from Los Angeles. California speaking Sunday thru Friday. Three choirs from Washing-

ton and two choirs from California will be joining us Saturday May 4 at 6pm for a super song fest.

Step with us Saturday and all thru the week as we listen to Evangelist Billy Curl bringing the word of God Sunday thru Friday starting at 7pm. Each evening is free and refresh-

ments will be served Saturday evening in addition to the music for your spiritual enjoyment.

Mallory Church of Christ is located at 3908 NE Mallory Avenue. Please call 288-1092, Pastor Jim Morrison or Asst. Pastor Allen Gamble for additional information.

Joys Of Jewish Learning Classes

At Mittleman Jewish Community Center

Tuesdays, May 7-21, 7:30-9:00 P.M., Exploring Talmud: A 3-week course designed for students who have taken the "Introduction to Talmud" class, or have a basic knowledge of talmud. Pre-registration requested by May 2. Class fees: \$30/ MJCC members; \$45/Non-members. Class #305B.

Tuesday, May 7, 7:30-9:00 P.M., Shabbat Workshop: A workshop to learn how to make a meaningful Friday night Shabbat (Sabbath) celebration. Participants will explore the history and meaning of the observance of Shabbat, the rituals, blessings songs, and traditional foods associated with this "day of rest". Pre-registration requested by May 5. Fees:

\$10/MJCC members; \$15/Non-members. Class #308.

Tuesday, May 14, 7:30-9:00 P.M. - Shabbat Workshop: Same as above, except will be held on Portland's East Side. Call Eliana Temkin, 452-3433 for location.

Tuesday, May 14, 7:30-9:00 P.M. - The Story of The Dead Sea Scrolls: Class #309

Tuesday, May 21, 7:30-9:00 P.M. - What Kind of Jews Wrote The Dead Sea Scrolls? Class #310

Steve Wasserstrom instructs both classes. Take one or take them both! The Story of The Dead Sea Scrolls will review the discovery of the Scrolls. Their contents, the scandals of the 1900's

and the recent release of new editions. What Kind of Jews Wrote The Dead Sea Scrolls? Will review the current state of scholarship on the authorship of the scrolls and questions of religious belief and practice.

Pre-registration requested by May 3. Fees: MJCC members--\$6/ single class; \$10/both classes, Non-members--\$9/single class; \$13/both classes.

All classes will be at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 SW Capitol Hwy., Portland, unless otherwise noted. For additional information, contact Eliana Temkin, (503) 452-3433. To register, call (503) 244-0111.

"Giving Thanks To The Lord": Shout for joy to the Lord, all the Earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the Sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.
Psalm 100V1-5, F.C.

Church Of Scientology's 25th Year In Portland

On Saturday, April 27, Church of Scientology parishioners celebrated the church's 25th year in Portland. Founded by writer and philosopher L. Ron Hubbard, the Scientology religion emerged after he began his studies of the mind in 1923. In 1947, Hubbard wrote a manuscript detailing some of his new discoveries about the mind. It was not published at that time, but circulated among friends, who copied it and passed it on to others. The result was an increasing flood of letters wanting more information about these new breakthroughs. He soon found himself spending all his time answering letters and decided to write a comprehensive text on the subject.

His first published article on the subject, "Terra Incognita: The Mind", appeared in 1949 in the Explorers Club Journal. It was followed by the book "Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health" which was published in May 1950. It hit the New York Times Bestseller list and remained a bestseller for nearly four decades after its first publication.

Portland was introduced to Dianetics in 1950 by a handful of teachers, businessmen, homemakers,

farmers, and anyone else who had read the book. The group met at each others' homes and for discussion and study of Hubbard's materials.

He discovered early in his research that people were spiritual beings, inhabiting a body and using a mind. These discoveries led him to realize that he had entered the realm of religion.

The first Church of Scientology was formed in 1954 in Los Angeles, by a group of Scientologists. Within a few years, churches had been formed across the country and around the world. The Church of Scientology of Portland was formed and incorporated in 1971 and was located at SE 47th and Belmont. It is now located at 323 SW Washington Street. The first Scientology mission in Portland was opened in spring of 1974 at 709 SW Salmon where it still is today. The mission became a Church in June 1986.

Many Portland residents remember the Church of Scientology's Religious Freedom Crusade when tens of thousands of Scientologists from around the world rallied in Portland to uphold the First Amendment.

A judge in Multnomah County

declared a mistrial in a case involving a former parishioner of the church who had been kidnapped by deprogrammers and then forced to renounce her religion. The judge's decision threw out a 39-million-dollar verdict against the church and declared that the court had not properly protected the rights of the church as a religion during the trial. This reversal came about after the Scientologists stood, shoulder to shoulder for 60 days, until justice was done.

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Symphonic Girlchoir

You are invited to attend an afternoon filled with an international potpourri of musical selections, performed for you, by the Portland Symphonic Girlchoir Sunday, May 5th, 2:00PM at the First United Methodist Church located at 18th and SW Jefferson.

The choir, directed by Roberta Q. Jackson, is comprised of a touring choir and a preparatory choir. The touring choir, boasting 70+ girls, grades 7 through 12, have already been internationally recognized for their choral achievements at the Tuscany (Italy) International Children's Choir Festival, July 1995 and the Three Spires Children's

choir Festival in Copenhagen, Denmark, July 1993.

Their many accomplishments locally which include being selected to perform at the 1994 Northwest Division Convention of Choral Directors, recipients of numerous artistic awards, and their active concert schedule has greatly enriched this community.

In addition, the Portland Symphonic Girlchoir is very proud of the 40+ new young voices, grades 4 through 8, entering the choir through the preparatory choir.

Please call the PSGC voice mail for any additional information, 226-6162.

Girlchoir

Applications for the Portland Symphonic Girlchoir are now being accepted until May 9, 1996 for the 1996-1997 season.

Auditions will be scheduled the last two weeks of May.

Grades 4-8 audition for the preparatory choir.

Grades 7-12 audition for the touring choir.

The touring choir is currently planning a 1997 tour to Australia and New Zealand.

For more information call PSGC voice mail at 226-6162.

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Ministerial Alliance New Child Care Services

Parents, employers, and child care providers in inner-North/Northeast Portland can take advantage of new child care training and support services. This support is provided by the Albina Ministerial Alliance.

The Alliance's new Child Care Enhancement Project

provides child care referrals and consumer education too parents, enhanced referral services for employers, and assistance with state certification, food program enrollment, and early childhood education and business management training for child care providers.

The Albina Ministerial Alli-

ance promotes the health and well-being of over 7,000 people each year with child care services, youth employment and academic support, and services and shelter for homeless families.

For more information about enhanced child care services, call 285-0493, X214.

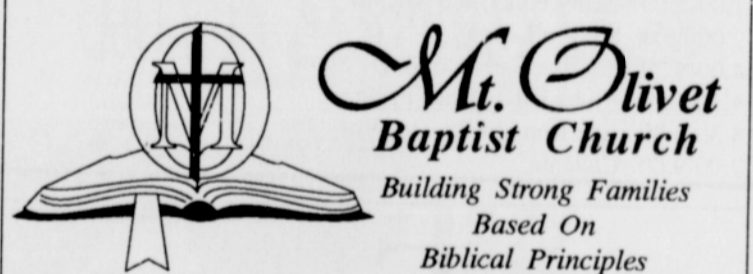
Local Muslims Celebrate End Of Pilgrimage

On Sunday, April 28, 1996 Muslims in Portland celebrated the end of the yearly Hajj, or pilgrimage to Mecca, with communal prayers at Portland State University - Main Gym at 6:45 am. The prayers and the holiday which follows are called Eidul Adha (eed-all-odd-ha), or "festival of sacrifice." Eidul Adha commemorates the Prophet Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son Ishmael at God's command. The holiday is celebrated with prayers, small gifts

for children, distribution of meat to the needy and social gatherings. During this holiday, Muslims exchange the greeting "Eid Mubarak" or "Blessed Eid."

Each year, more than two million

Muslims go on Hajj. There are an estimated six million Muslims in America and some 1.2 billion worldwide. Demographers say Islam is the fastest growing religion in this country and around the world.)



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