

THE WORLD TOMORROW

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World Tomorrow!

Christ's Mission and Message -- No Immortal Soul

And greetings friends, this is Herbert W. Armstrong
with the *Good News* of the *World Tomorrow!*

In going through the New Testament to see why it is
that we have believed that the Bible says exactly the
opposite of what it does say and why it is that we today
are practicing customs that are the very antithesis of the
things that Jesus did and He said that we should do as
He did and Peter said we should follow His steps — He
set us an example, why is it that we are believing things
today that were never believed by Christ, never taught
by Christ, never taught or believed by the Church as it
started out in its purity under the inspiration of the

Holy Spirit and the guidance of the Apostles who were under the direct direction of Jesus Christ the head of the Church?

So now here we are blowing the dust off our Bibles, getting back to see through Matthew, Mark, Luke and John what Jesus did teach. And He did *not* teach what most of us have been taught since little children to believe He taught. He didn't teach what we believed but exactly the contrary. Listen to this.

Now we're up in the fifth chapter of John, John 5 and now in verse 26. Look how strange this is, how different this is from what *you* have probably believed. Jesus said, "For as the Father hath life IN himself", that is inherent *in* Himself, *within* Himself, ". . . even so gave he to the Son also to have life IN himself; and he gave him authority to execute judgment, because he IS the son of man." He's the son of God and also the *son* of man.

"Marvel not at this: for the hour COMETH," now notice, the hour is coming, "in which ALL that are in the tombs", or in their graves, "SHALL HEAR HIS VOICE, and come forth". Now, where are they? Not up in Heaven, in their *graves*, in their *tombs*, buried. They "SHALL HEAR HIS VOICE, and come forth; they that have done GOOD, unto the resurrection of life; they that have done ill", or evil, "unto the resurrection of judgment." Now notice *two* resurrections mentioned — one to life, the other to judgment.

Now let's go back and analyze that again. Jesus did not speak as if there were anyone up in Heaven hearing His voice now. In fact, He said in another place, that "NO MAN hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man"¹, who was *He Himself* the Son of God. He had been with the Father from eternity. You read that in the very *first* chapter of John that He was the Logos that is the *Word*, the Greek word was Logos. And remember the New Testament was written originally in the Greek language. And there the word in the Greek language is Logos. Well, it means Word exactly as they translated into the English language. It means the *Spokesman*, the one who does the speaking, who delivers the word. And Jesus is the *mouthpiece*, the *Spokesman*, the *Word* of God. And it says there, that He was *with* God in the beginning, and that He *was* God and *is* God and that, "ALL things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." And this Word, this Logos, "was made FLESH and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his GLORY as of the only begotten of the Father,) FULL of grace and truth." So there we find that that is Jesus. He had been with the Father *from* eternity.

Now, in a program which you perhaps should've heard a week or two ago, I was looking into the scientific *proof* of the very existence of God.

Now, the next thing we looked into was whether God is *life* and has life. Where did *life* come from? How do things become *alive*? How do they get *life*? And we

found that science proves that life *cannot* come from the not living. Life can come *only from life*. Life can only be imparted *by* life. Life cannot be imparted *by* death. Now I want you to get that. And we *proved* that God it is the *fountain source of life*; that God is the One *from* whom *all* life has come.

Now, notice this that Jesus says here, “as the Father has life”, L-I-F-E, life, “IN HIMSELF”. God *is* life and has life inherent in Himself.

Now, my friends, you have been *deceived* into believing you have *life* and life that will survive this body and this life and live forever inherent in yourself. And I know it’s a terrible thing to debunk people on things of that sort, but let me just tell you very candidly and frankly. You have been trusting in something without any evidence or any *proof* and God’s Word says exactly the contrary. You have *no life* inherent in yourself. Life comes from God. God has *not* given eternal life to *human* beings but He *will* give it to a human, to *any* human. I mean He has not given it at *birth* to humans. Let me correct it to that extent. He did not impart eternal life to Adam. There is not *any place* in the scripture that you can find that God made Adam *immortal*, that eternal life and *inherent* life was ever imparted into Adam. It was not! But when Adam obeyed the Devil instead of *obeying* God. . . From the very beginning God is set up as the *SUPREME RULER*, as not only The Creator but the One who created as well as *matter*, who also created *all* forces

and energies and powers and who sent *laws* in motion — physical laws and laws of chemistry and of physics as we call them that are *physical* laws. And also He set in motion *Spiritual* laws that regulate our relationships and God *rules* the entire universe by those laws.

Now, God instructed the first man Adam whom He *created* in the way of living that would've made him *happy*. God set him in a *beautiful* garden of Eden. It was a *beautiful* spot. It was just Paradise itself, perhaps the most *beautiful* place that has ever existed on this earth. And I doubt if there is any spot on earth today that has even a slight resemblance to the *beauty* that was in that *wonderful* garden of Eden.

Well, there was just one tree that he was not to have because that tree would *harm* the man. And because God loved the man, He told that man and his wife, Eve, not to eat of that tree. But He said they could have *everything* else in the Garden.

Now, you take little children today and a little child that is hardly able to walk yet but just do creep, set a lot of toys around the child. You can take the least attractive toy of the whole bunch, if you set about ten or twelve or fifteen different toys around the child and one of them is not as attractive as the others but you say to the child, “Now look, mustn't have that toy. No you mustn't touch. You must let that toy alone. Play with all these other toys. But don't play with that toy.” And you go out and close the door and just sort of peek through the crack and let the baby think that you're *out*

of the room and you notice which toy that baby will go right after first. Why of course, you know what it'll do, it'll go after that toy you told it not to touch *if* the baby thinks you're not looking unless, I will have to make one exception I believe. Unless the parents of that baby have really been instructing that baby and teaching that baby to obey and instilling in it the habit of obedience and punished it when it didn't and have taught it to obey where it automatically obeys its parents, but there aren't too many of those. And otherwise you just try that.

Now it's the same with people *grown up*. We're just children grown up. We're all babies *grown up*. We were all babies once weren't we? And we all stare death in the face and there was a time when we were all born. Now let's face these things. Let's look into it and *understand* them. *Why* we're here and *where* we're going and *what's* this thing is all about. And I think it's a healthy thing to *know* what life is and what its purpose is and *what* we are and *why* we are and *all* about it. Let's not *run* from these things. You know when you find it out, life can be very beautiful. Life can be very *happy*. Yes, life can be a *GREAT BLESSING*, but you have to learn the way. Otherwise, is going to be a *curse*. And that's the reason it *is* a curse to most of us. We haven't learned how to live. So you listen, you listen to this program *every single day* on this station. You'll learn a lot about how to make your life happier and more abundant and more *pleasant* because that's what God wants.

You know God didn't give us these aches and pains. Well, He created the nervous system in us that produces it of course but for purpose. But I mean He's not the actual *cause* of any pain or suffering. But the *cause* is *our* rebellion against Him and rebellion against His laws and our *defying* of Him and His laws and doing opposite to what He said!

Now, Adam and Eve took of the wrong *tree*. They rebelled! And right there in the very beginning you find God pictured as the *Ruler* giving His *laws* and His admonition to the man out of *love* and showing him that he *could've* had of the tree that was eternal life.

Now, there was eternal life *available* in that garden and it was in this *Tree of Life*, L-I-F-E, but Adam and Eve never took any of that tree. They did not *gain* eternal life! They did not *possess* eternal life! God did not *put* eternal life in them at creation! And I *defy* you, anyone listening, to show me any scripture that says that God *did*! And I will certainly read it to this nation-wide audience anytime anybody can show me that scripture that says that God put eternal life within Adam. He did not! And there is no scripture that says He did. But eternal life was available in the Garden. Now, you show me, will you, where Adam ever took of that tree? He just didn't. He took of the other one -- the tree of *DEATH*! God said "in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt SURELY die."²

The Devil came along said, "Oh-oh, now, now God knows better than that. Now listen. God's lying to you.

You can't rely on God. You can't believe *Him!* You haven't seen God. And you can't believe Him. He's trying to *deceive* ya! You believe me. Now I'm your friend! Why just look, you can see that that tree is *good* for food. Isn't very pleasant? Isn't beautiful?" Yes, the woman looked at it, he was deceiving her and she saw it *was* pleasant to the eyes and *desired* to make one wise. And the Devil said, "Now look! You'll be just like God *yourself!* You won't surely die! Why you're an *immortal soul!* You've already got eternal life in ya. Why do you let God kid you like that by telling you that you don't have it, that you're going to *die?*"

God said, "*You shall surely die!*"³ You are *mortal!* Thou art *dust!* "DUST thou art, and unto dust shalt THOU return"⁴ That's what God said.

You know where the first sin began? It's when they began to believe that *siren lie* of the Devil who said, "Oh no, you won't surely die. You will go on living because you have an immortal soul and you'll be just like God."

My friends, have you been believing that lie today in this twentieth century after all these years? Is it possible that nearly all humanity still believes *that lie* instead of the true God and the truth of God. Yes, my friends, that's exactly what's happened. And you *too* have been duped. And you *too* have been *deceived just like the rest of the world*, most of you at least. Nearly all of you listening I'm sure have and you have *believed* that.

Now what happened? The man and the woman believed the Devil and they thought they could be like God and it was desired. And *lust* entered their hearts to possess that which God had denied them. That one tree belonged to God. It didn't belong to them. They reached out and *took of it!* They *stole* it! They had *lust!* They entered into *stealing!*

They had another *god* before the true *God* when they obeyed the Devil, “His ye are to whom ye OBEY”, says Paul to the Romans!⁵ They obeyed the Devil! They *disobeyed* God!

And they dishonored their only Father because they were the creation of God. And in one of the genealogies of Christ you'll find it mentions going back to Seth who was the *son* of Adam, who was the *son* of God. And so in the sense that he was a creation of God, Adam was the son of God. He was not a *born* or a *begotten* and *born* son of God at all. He was a *created* son just like angels in the sense of being creations are called sons of God. But they are not *begotten* or *born* sons of God like Jesus Christ and like you and I *may* become.

Now, here's the thing, if you will turn to the third chapter of Genesis, and near the end of the chapter you will find, and I won't take the time to turn and read it now. But you will find that God drove the man and the woman out of the Garden of Eden because they had *sinned*. And “*sin is the transgression of the Law*” — the *Law of God* and they *broke* God's *direct* law and

commandment. They broke *four* of the *Ten Commandments!* They let lust enter into their heart and greed. Then they *stole* that fruit. They dishonored their Father. They had another God before the true God. They broke *four* of the *Ten Commandments* that was *sin*. They were driven out of the Garden of Eden, my friends, and God set angels with *flaming* swords pointing in every way, *lest*, now get this, *lest* they go back into the Garden of Eden and take of the tree of life and eat of it and live forever! *Lest* they gain eternal life, there it was accessible and God drove them out of the Garden of Eden. Why? Because they would've taken of the tree of life and they would've had *immortal* life — *eternal* life! And how had they decided to live that eternal life? They had chosen to live a live in rebellion against God!

Now, God set His Law in motion to make man happy. God set His Law there to give us *peace*, to give us abundance and prosperity, to make us *happy*, to make our lives *full* and *interesting* until there is not a *dull* moment but we live *fully*, *abundantly*, *happily*, *joyfully!* God wants us to be *merry* and *happy!*

Some people think God is a killjoy and that God doesn't want you to be happy and that happiness comes out of *sin*. Like the one in the letter that I read to you yesterday, the man that was sarcastically saying, of course he didn't mean a word of it, I know that, but said that he was going to go back into sin and enjoy *pleasure* for a while as if that were desirable. My

friends, if that's desirable go do it. And I would say to that man, if it is desirable, if that's the right way, if that will make you happy, *go do it!* That's what God would *want* if it's right. But you see it isn't right. That's why God does *not* want it. He does not want us to do the things that are going to *harm us*. He presented *everything* in the Garden of Eden to Adam that would've made Adam *happy*. He is giving *you* an opportunity to have the way that will make you happy, to live that way, to *choose that way*. That's what you must choose and make your own decision as to whether you're going to follow the *way* of God — *THE WAY!* That way is the *Christian* way. And you'll find in the Book of Acts that Christianity was called *that way, this way, the way* of God. It was called that so many many times in five or six places in just one double page in your New Testament in your Bible that they spoke of *this way*. It is called a way of life — Christianity the original brand, the faith once delivered to the Saints. And I tell you my friends it makes sense. It really does. It's the way of happiness and of joy.

Now, God never gave Adam eternal life. But He drove him out of the Garden of Eden *lest* he go back and eat of the Tree *of* Life, gain eternal life and live forever. Now why did He do that? Why doesn't God want that man to live forever? Because that man had started out a kind of life that was in rebellion against God, of disobeying the laws that God set in motion to make the man happy. And the minute you begin to live in *rebellion* against those laws . . .

And listen my friends, that's the way you've been living. You have been living *contrary* to the laws of God. You have been living *according* to the *customs of men* according to the *ways* of this *civilization* this society! And this *whole civilization and society* has been *built* by pagan minds using human reason contrary to the laws of God and in *defiance* of God and of His laws, just the way Adam started living and under the sway and the influence of an invisible Devil.

Now nobody has at any time seen God, His form or shape. We're going to come to that here pretty soon. And nobody has ever seen the form or shape of the Devil but I assure you that those spirits and those influences actually exist. And people are following that influence of the Devil which is *evil* and which only brings *suffering* and *heartaches* and *headaches* and *retribution* of every kind and *failure* and *despondency*. Oh, that's what's *wrong* with this world, my friends. Can't we wake up and can't we see the Truth?

Now, Adam had chosen that way of life that was going to bring on *sorrow* and *suffering* and *unhappiness*. What kind of God would God have been if He had let him live like that forever?

And do you know that the Bible says that sin and sinful men wax worse and worse? Do you know that if you start on that way this way of *sin* . . . And the way of sin is the transgression of God's Law! And God's Law is the way of peace and happiness and joy! Sin then is the way that *appears* glittering and attractive but which is

actually the way into suffering and heartaches and headaches and unhappiness and everything wrong. Now if God had let the man live *forever* in that way it is a thing that multiplies progressively and the *pain*, the *sorrow* and the *suffering* would have grown more and more *multiplied* on the man until, well I would say that after about a million years of that kind of life he wouldn't be able to stand it and yet he'd have to, he couldn't die he'd have to go on living forever.

Now, could a loving God inflict that kind of penalty on anyone? He didn't! God drove him out *lest* he gain eternal life. And you'll read that all the *days* that Adam lived were, what was it, 930, wasn't it, and then he died. And anyway the exact days of Adam's life are *numbered* and are given to you back there in Genesis, the fifth chapter, I believe it is.

But notice, God does have life and that life is a gift that He will give us, but you don't have it my friends unless you get it as God's gift. Now get this, Jesus said, "as the Father HATH LIFE", L-I-F-E, "in himself". Yes, life has to come from some place and life came from God. God created *matter*. He created *all* life and *all* active *powers* and *forces* and *energies*. And that life comes from God. He has life *inherent* in Himself. God is the great life giver.

Now, from there let's go on, "even so gave He to the Son . . ." that's Jesus Christ, ". . . ALSO to have life IN HIMSELF". Jesus Christ then had eternal *immortal* life inherent in Himself, just like the Father.

Now, let's just stop there a moment, hold that. And over in I John the fifth chapter and again I'm going to quote this from memory but it's I John 5 and I believe it's about verses fourteen and fifteen⁶ but I'm not sure. It says this, "that this is the record that God hath given to US eternal life and this life is in his Son and whosoever has the SON of God has LIFE and whosoever has NOT the Son of God HAS NOT LIFE"! Now, there it says in *plain language*, if you have not the Son of God, you have *no life* in you or abiding in you!

There again, in I John you read again that the man that just hates his brother is a *murderer* and we know that *no* murderer has eternal life abiding in him.⁷ Now, that's a man that just hates his neighbor or his brother. He does *not* have eternal life *abiding in him!* If there is any immortal soul *in him*, if there is anything that will live forever *in him*, he would have eternal life and that *scripture* given by inspiration of God is then *lying* and *deceiving you!* Now which is the *lie*? What you've *heard*? What you've been *taught by men* and *never in you Bible* or is the Bible lying and is God lying — which? Again, you've been taught the very thing that the first man, Adam, got from the Devil and men have been believing it ever *since*. But God doesn't teach you that.

Now here, Jesus shows that life comes from the Father. The Father gave it to the *Son*, Jesus and that is the human *born* Son who was resurrected immortal. He had had eternal life before he was *changed* into mortal

human *flesh* for the purpose of death. But now the Father gave *Him* that is Son of man as well as Son of God to have *life in Himself* because He was filled with the Spirit of God and that *is* the Life of God that *is* eternal life — the *Spirit of God*, inherent in Him. And He gave *Him*, Jesus, authority to execute judgment because He is the *Son of man*. You see He is speaking of Christ there as the *Son of man* having been given eternal life. God didn't give it to Him as the original Logos and one *with* God. He had always had it *with* God though He was a different *person* than the Father. But *now* He is made *man* and has been given eternal life. Why? In order that you and I might have eternal life. He became like man in order to pay the *penalty* of our sins in our stead, in order that He might make *possible* the wiping out of the *penalty* that stands between us and God that we could be reconciled to God in order that God could give *Him* eternal life inherent in Himself as the *first* among many brethren that God can give *you* and *me* eternal life and that *we* can be the *begotten* sons of God exactly as Jesus was. *That WE can be BORN as the SONS OF GOD exactly as Jesus was by a resurrection from the dead! As He was GLORIFIED and became very God worthy of the worship of the angels and of man, so may we my friends! And we shall be GLORIFIED together with Him!* “We shall be LIKE Him; for we see Him as He is.”⁸

Oh, do you grasp it! Can your mind conceive the *wonderful Good News* of the Kingdom of God? The

Kingdom of God is a kingdom you can be born into. God *is* that Kingdom. It is composed of *more* than one member *more* than one person but only the *one Kingdom*. One God, *many* members just like Jesus and the Father were *one* but they're two persons but *one* God. Well, I've mentioned that so many times before.

Now, “marvel not at this for the hour cometh”, the hour is coming in the future, “in which all that are in their graves or their tombs shall HEAR his voice.” Then they'll hear it, not hearing it now. Jesus said, “No man has ascended up to heaven but he that came down from heaven even the son of man Himself” — Jesus who had been with the Father from eternity.

Do you know that on that first sermon preached on the Day of Pentecost by Peter when he was *inspired* in the Holy Spirit had come to *inspire* him and he had been three and a half years with *Jesus* being taught by *Jesus Himself* and that there he quoted from David where David had said that Jesus' soul would not be left in hell?⁹ And where he said that, “David is NOT ascended into the heavens”, “David is NOT ascended into the heavens”.¹⁰ And yet my friends you read in scriptures of where David is to be resurrected in this resurrection when *he* in *his grave* shall *hear* the voice of Christ and come *forth* and he'll be resurrected into the resurrection of life and will be the king over Israel. Yes, he will. You will find that, let me see, in 37th chapter of Ezekiel and in other places in the prophecies. Now, “they shall HEAR his voice and shall COME FORTH”.

In I Thessalonians, the fourth chapter and about in the thirteenth onto the eighteenth verses, you'll read how the dead in Christ will *rise* first. Jesus "shall descend from heaven with a SHOUT, with a voice of the archangel, with the TRUMP of God: and the dead in Christ," they're not coming down from Heaven with Him, they "WILL RISE" out of their graves and the living in Christ will "be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye."¹¹ And they shall go up *with* those that are resurrected from their graves to "*meet*" Jesus "in the air." That word *meet* implies meeting someone who is coming here not going on up to Heaven with Him. The Greek word has that meaning.

Now, "all that are in their tombs shall HEAR his voice and come forth." They're not hearing it now. Where did you get those ideas? Why you've heard preachers preach it at funeral sermons because they think it pleases the bereaved and softens their grief. My friends the real Truth will soften far more grief. Let's come to the Truth of God and not believe the Devil who is a liar and the father of it, as the Bible says. "They that have done good," will come "unto the resurrection of LIFE; they that have done ill", or evil, "unto the resurrection of JUDGMENT."

Well, there it is. I didn't get far. I wanted to cover more ground in this broadcast. We'll pick it up there again next broadcast in this *particular series*.

But now my friends for the *most important thing in your life!*

You know, it's a lot later than most of us seem to think. *Never* before have world conditions been like they are now! *World catastrophes* are destined to *rock* this world in the next 15 or 20 years! You're going to *live* through these times! Yes, *world catastrophes* are going to *shake* this world and it's *all* written in advance in *Bible prophecy*! And the Bible *can* be understood now! It's the most *important thing* in your life!

Now, I realize that the Bible has not been understood, prophecies have never been understood till now. Do you know why? You'll find in the twelfth chapter of Daniel one of these great prophecies where it says Daniel couldn't understand even what he was writing. But the angel that was revealing what he wrote to him said "Go thy way, Daniel: these words are closed and sealed TILL THE TIME OF THE END."¹² Yes, they've been closed and sealed till now. But now my friends God's time has come to reveal them. You can *know* what's going to happen to *your nation* what *you're* going to have to live through in these next few years!

Now my friends, I want you to get the *amazing* booklet where the United States and British the Commonwealth identified in prophecy, *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*¹³ and the nations of northwestern Europe. There's no charge. . . .¹⁴

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