



SOME SIX THOUSAND years of human history has brought us to where we are today—a world population that in April of this year exceeded 7.5 billion souls. That is an increase of some 40% since only 1990 when the population stood at around 5.1 billion people. It is expected to rise another billion within the next 13 years, to 8.5 billion!

With the population explosion, concern over how to feed and otherwise sustain so many people has increased to the point of alarm. World leaders are predicting dire consequences for not only the human race, but for the entire planet. And as more and more agriculture falls into the hands of giant multi-national corporations, there has been growing concern over the safety of our food supply. Toxic farming techniques poison much of the food that makes its way into the market. Genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are incorporated with the promise that they will promote resistance to pests and blight. But at what cost to human health? There are too many unanswered questions, but once man begins to tamper with God's design for nature we cannot expect optimal outcomes.

We live in a fallen world. We can expect less than optimal outcomes for virtually everything man touches. And as history winds down to the culmination of all that is ordained to occur before our Lord returns, we can expect anti-Christ to wreak as much havoc as possible before his end comes.

The vast majority of humanity have no relationship with God, even as they are religious, worshiping they know not what. The gods of mankind are not only fickle, they are downright dangerous. Adherents to false religious systems live in fear of their gods, believing they are subject to the caprice of forces beyond their control. Superstition still reigns in all religion, including Christianity. Superstition breeds uncertainty, and uncertainty leads to despair. Despair leads

to a desire to escape one's circumstances by any means possible.

If this seems an overly dramatic analysis of the human condition, consider the violence that is filling the earth as never before. Although violence has been a staple of mankind's dealing with itself since the time Cain slew Abel, the sheer increase in the world's population engenders a commensurate increase in the incidents of violence.

Man's violence filled the earth during the time of Noah, so God determined to destroy all of mankind with a flood. Only Noah found favor in His eyes because he was a righteous man and perfect in his generations (Genesis 6:8-9); his ancestry was not polluted with ungodly relations.

Today the entire world lives in fear of Islamic terrorism—a fear that didn't exist as late as thirty years ago.

The angst that characterizes the human condition without Christ has resulted in a despair that saw a marked increase in the drug trade during the decade of the 1990s. At the beginning of the decade it seemed that drug use by the general populace in America was on the decline from the previous decade. Yet the use of methamphetamines (aka "crystal meth" or "meth") among high schoolers more than doubled between 1990 and 1996.

For the most part, as people seek escape from reality they do not turn to the only source of personal peace—the Lord Jesus Christ. They turn to synthetic means of finding peace. In the process, they too often find death. And death, after all, is anti-Christ's final weapon against the mankind he hates.

As we look at the decade of the 90s we'll see much death, both physical and spiritual. We'll see Islamic terrorism become one of the more prominent means to death as it begins to raise its ugly head over the landscape of human despair.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### Hubble Telescope

Ever reaching for greater knowledge about the universe in which we live, man has devised ingenious means to probe the night sky. From the earliest known telescope—a refractor type made by eyeglass maker Hans Lippershey in the Netherlands in 1608—and Galileo’s improvement a year later, ever more powerful telescopes have been developed over the centuries. Isaac Newton is said to have built the first reflector telescope in 1668, making it possible to collect more light from the stars in a smaller instrument. The early 1900s saw the advent of large astronomical research telescopes, including the Mount Wilson 60-inch (1908), the 100-inch Hooker Telescope (1917), and the 200-inch Hale Telescope at Mount Palomar Observatory in California (1948). In 1931 came the advent of radio telescopes that do not gather light, but radio waves. The 1960s saw development of space observatories that allowed access to radio bands unattainable from ground observatories, including x-rays and infrared bands.

And let’s not forget LUCIFER, the Vatican’s research telescope searching for extraterrestrial life: LUCIFER is an acronym for the instruments lengthy title, “Large Binocular Telescope Near-infrared Utility with Camera and Integral Field Unit for Extragalactic Research.” Why the Vatican had to stretch so hard to come up with the name of God’s archenemy for its instrument is curious.

The pride of astronomical research, however, is NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope with a 7.9-ft mirror, launched into low earth orbit in 1990. Unhindered by the distortion of light that filters through earth’s atmosphere to ground-based telescopes, Hubble can take extremely high-resolution images with considerably less background light. It has recorded some of the most detailed light images, and is said to allow a deep view into space and time.

Ever since man was created he has looked to the stars for guidance, not only in keeping his bearings during travel on land and sea, but spiritually. From early observations he developed the pseudoscience of astrology, attempting to divine the future and the fate that may lie ahead for the observer. This is another place where anti-Christ has influenced mankind in the discipline of science. Like all science, most astronomy is used not to glorify God (although early Christian astronomers did do so), but to glorify the human spirit—to help man rise above the stars to be equal with God. Man’s quest is little different than Satan’s quest for equality with God.

So today scientists are not looking for God in the majesty of the cosmos; they are looking for signs of intelligent life, hoping that some advanced alien civilization can come teach us how to live in peace and harmony.

Like most things perverted through the lens of satanic deception, science—in this case astronomy—ignores the truth that we already have the teachings necessary to bring us to

peace and harmony. It is God’s Word, given “for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, so that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished for all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

But mankind, repulsed by the demand for holiness in the lives of those who would be saved, seeks for alien life forms to cure his self-inflicted horrors. He may well find himself in contact with alien life forms, but they won’t be what he expects. Or maybe the Vatican does expect to find Lucifer and his devils masquerading as aliens in UFOs.

### Dolly the Sheep

Having meddled in nature among inanimate elements such as our food supply, scientists had to take it a step further and begin meddling with animals. In 1996, the first cloned mammal was born. Dolly the sheep was an international sensation.

Before Dolly, several clones had been produced in laboratories, including cows, mice, and frogs. These had been cloned from the DNA taken from embryos. Dolly was the first mammal to be cloned from an adult cell. This was a major scientific achievement, demonstrating that the DNA from adult cells, despite having specialized as one particular type of cell, can be used to create an entire organism.

What does this portend for the future? Almost immediately speculation began whether humans could be cloned in a similar way. Thus far (as much as we know) no attempt to clone humans has gone forward due to challenges pertaining to the ethics of such an attempt. But given the ungodly direction in which humanity is hurdling itself, can we be too far away from cloning humans?

Add to this that scientists are already combining human genes with animal genes for various “beneficial” purposes such as developing medicines.

If cloning humans becomes reality, what would we end up with—a race of soulless entities programmed to serve humanity like automatons? Perhaps an army of warriors to do the anti-Christ’s bidding?

Sure it’s farfetched. For now. But considering how far mankind has come in his godless approach to science, who can say what may come of it?

### Y2K

As the Second Millennium (Y2K) approached, there was a sudden concern expressed that, because computer programmers had reduced the four-digit year to two digits, computers would not be able to distinguish between the years 1900 and 2000. There was almost universal certainty that a whole class of electronic bugs would manifest related to the formatting and storage of calendar data for dates beginning in 2000. Computer systems were checked for possible problems, fixes and upgrades were installed, and the world waited to see what would happen.

As it turned out, nothing of any great significance occurred. But the Y2K experience proved again how fearful mankind can be when faced with the unknown. Perhaps we are stretching things a bit to suggest that such fear plays into the hands of anti-Christ. It will be through much fear that the anti-Christ will expand his empire when he comes on the scene. Considering how, even today, we fear a simple crash of our computer systems, and how we are so dependent upon technology, how will mankind as a whole react when anti-Christ's technology is holding it ransom, unable to buy or sell without taking his mark?

## **TERRORISM**

As familiar as the word terrorism is to us today, there remains no commonly accepted definition. It comes from the Latin verb *terrere*—"to frighten." The word had its origins in the French Revolution, and applied to an adherent or supporter of the Jacobins, the most influential political club during the period. From May, 1793, until July, 1794, the French government came under the control of Maximilien de Robespierre's Mountain Faction, and was responsible for high degrees of political violence. The period came to be called by some historians the "Reign of Terror."

Many opponents of the Mountain Faction were guillotined or executed in some other manner to the tune of some 17,000. Today, the term Jacobin is used in Britain as a pejorative term for radical, left-wing revolutionaries.

Over the centuries the term terrorism came to be applied to any act of violence emanating from a revolutionary political base, especially Marxist and Islamic bases, although it has also been used to describe any act of violence, even by individuals.

It is also applied retroactively to terrorist acts committed for any reason, including religious, from any period in history. Terrorists may be individuals, groups, or states.

### **Islamic Terrorism**

Today, fundamentalist Islam has become the foremost propagator of terrorism in the world. Prior to 1993 the United States remained immune from Islamic terrorism. But on January 25 of that year, a Pakistani national, Mir Qazi, killed two CIA employees and wounded three others as they waited for a stoplight in their cars. Qazi fled the country and became the subject of an international manhunt. He was captured in Pakistan in 1997 and extradited to the United States for trial where he was found guilty of capital and first-degree murder. He was executed by lethal injection in 2002.

Also in 1993, the World Trade Center in New York City came under a terrorist attack when a truck bomb containing 1,336 pounds of urea nitrate-hydrogen gas detonated below the North Tower. The terrorist group intended to have the North Tower fall into the South Tower, bringing both down and killing tens of thousands of people. Although the plot failed, six people were killed and over a thousand injured.

In March, 1994, four men were convicted of various charges related to the bombing. In November, 1997, two others were convicted. All are serving some form of life sentence at the ADX Florence, Colorado, supermax prison. One terrorist, Abdul Rahman Yasin, remains at large, his whereabouts unknown.

### **Hutu Terrorism**

Perhaps the most vicious terrorism incidents in recent history were the 1993 Burundian Genocide and the 1994 Rwandan Genocide. Burundi's first democratically-elected president, Melchior Ndadaye, a Hutu, was assassinated by Tutsi officers. This sparked a violent response in which some 25,000 Tutsis were slaughtered by the Hutu political structure, and as many Hutus were murdered by the Tutsi military.

In Rwanda the Hutus had come to power in 1962 and oppressed the Tutsis who fled the country. The exiled Tutsis formed a rebel movement and attacked Rwanda in 1990, hoping to liberate the country from the Hutus. With strife festering over the ensuing years it was only a matter of time before this would result in the Hutus carrying out mass killings of Tutsis in which an estimated 500,000 to 1,000,000 people were put to death in a 100-day period.

These genocidal attacks were primarily class warfare. Both tribes speak the same Bantu language and generally practice Christianity, although there are Muslims among the Tutsis.

Conflicts such as this call into question the genuineness of faith among any who call themselves by Christ's name. And they play into anti-Christ's hatred for that name.

### **Oklahoma City Bombing**

The worst domestic terrorism act in the United States prior to the World Trade Center attack on September 11, 2001, was committed by Timothy McVeigh on April 19, 1995, when he detonated a truck bomb outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. McVeigh acted in retaliation for the U.S. federal agents' killing of survivalist Randy Weaver's wife in August, 1992, and for the federal government's attack against the Branch Davidian cult in Waco, Texas, on April 19, 1993, in which 75 members of the cult died. McVeigh targeted the Murrah Building because it housed regional offices of the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Secret Service, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives—the agency that had launched the initial raid on the Branch Davidian compound. Questions still unanswered surround McVeigh's possible working underground for the CIA, but there is no empirical evidence to support those suspicions.

Compared to certain other areas in the world, even today, the United States has had nowhere near the incidents of Islamic terrorism. One of the most targeted nations is Israel, which is not a surprise. Anti-Christ especially hates Jews and Christians, but there is a hatred for all mankind made in the image of Elohiym.

## WAR

### The Persian Gulf War

If there is a single greatest contribution to the rise of anti-Christ's power in the Middle East it has to be the 1991 Persian Gulf War that saw a U.N. military coalition led by the United States under President George H.W. Bush to force Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces out of Kuwait. Hussein's army had invaded Kuwait on August 2, 1990, over several factors, not the least of which was Kuwait's slant-drilling for oil in Iraq's territory, costing Iraq an estimated \$10 billion in lost oil revenues. Although the U.N. coalition was successful in driving out the Iraqi forces, there remained a lingering antagonism between the United States and Iraq which would later lead President George W. Bush to again engage in war against Iraq in retaliation for the 2001 World Trade Center attack. The excuse given was that Iraq was somehow responsible for the attack and had amassed "weapons of mass destruction."

The result was the deposition of Saddam Hussein and his eventual execution for "war crimes." This effectively destabilized other Middle East factions which had been somewhat beholden to Hussein's military strength, creating a vacuum which would be filled by radical Islamic terrorists such as ISIS.

This is admittedly an abbreviated version of what happened, and there were many difficult and questionable factors involved in the decision to depose Hussein. But his absence certainly affected the stability of the entire region, giving anti-Christ opportunity to employ forces of demonic character that the West has been hard pressed to deal with.

One of those forces has been the Taliban who seized control of Afghanistan in 1996. The United States has now been embroiled in a conflict against the Taliban for over 16 years.

## POLITICS

### End of the Cold War

One bright spot in the world of foreign conflicts came in 1991 with the collapse of the USSR, ending the longstanding Cold War. The incredible events that led to the demise of the Soviet Union involved collaboration between U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Pope John Paul II, building on the unrest among Polish workers led by labor activist Lech Walesa. Walesa had co-founded and headed Solidarity (*Solidarność*), the Soviet bloc's first independent trade union. At the same time, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's policies of Glasnost and Perestroika were having an impact on the communist regime in the Soviet Union, weakening its resolve against western ideas and culture. Glasnost (openness) instilled a greater willingness to allow western goods into the Soviet Union; perestroika (restructuring) introduced market reforms that allowed for private ownership of businesses in the services, manufacturing, and

foreign trade sectors. These policies emboldened the constituent republics to move toward nationalism.

The first to act was Poland which, in 1989, elected a noncommunist opposition government to its legislature. When Gorbachev took no action to bring Poland into line, other Eastern European communist dictatorships followed suit. Gorbachev did not interfere with Eastern European defections, but he drew the line at the Soviet republics such as Ukraine, the Caucasus, and the Central Asian states. In December of 1991, Ukraine, Byelorussia, and Russia itself declared independence. The Soviet Union was dissolved.

Yet with the dissolution of the Soviet Union there has never come a dissolution of the Marxist revolution. Communism is alive and well, now in the West more than in the East. Anti-Christ continues to foment revolution among the youth of the West through indoctrination into Marxism in our educational institutions and the mass communications media.

### Bill Clinton's Election

When Bill Clinton took the office of President of the United States in 1992, and was subsequently reelected in 1995, the United States entered an era of prosperity, largely because a Republican Congress stifled many of his socialist objectives. But it also entered an era of loose moral ambiguity. Clinton's womanizing led to what would have been scandals in earlier days. When he was caught lying to Congress about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky in 1999 (among other, earlier dalliances) European leaders scoffed at the idea that there would be moral outrage over a political leader having such affairs. To them, Clinton was just one of the boys. The media in the United States likewise attempted to downplay the significance of moral turpitude which, according to the U.S. Constitution, was grounds for removal from office.

With even the Republican members of Congress reticent to convict Clinton during his impeachment process, the matter became little more than an amusing distraction. Perhaps there are just too many members of Congress who could be found in the same unsavory situation to risk carrying out their duty. In any event, the Clinton scandal opened the door for sexual sin to be deemed of no consequence even if practiced at the highest level of government. This may have emboldened Bill Clinton to sign the "Don't ask, don't tell" policy toward sexual deviants in the U.S. military in 1993. This, in turn, opened the door for more liberal attitudes toward sexual deviancy in all areas of American society, which would come to full fruition under the future presidency of Barack Obama.

## LITERATURE

Sword-and-sorcery, a subgenre of fantasy stories incorporating elements of exciting and violent adventure coupled with magic and the supernatural, can be traced as far back as the myths surrounding the legendary King Arthur and the Knights

of the Round Table. As a modern construct it goes back to 1961 when the term sword-and-sorcery was coined by American author Fritz Leiber in response to a request by British Author Michael Moorcock in the fanzine *Amra* for a name for such stories. Sword-and-sorcery gained great notoriety with the works of T.R.R. Tolkien (*Lord of the Rings* epics), and C.S. Lewis (*Chronicles of Narnia*). Out of such literature grew role playing games such as *Dungeons and Dragons* and later versions.

### **Harry Potter**

The most popular and bestselling of all sword-and-sorcery literature has been the Harry Potter series of books by British authoress J.K. Rowling. Having sold over 400 million copies, Rowling's books have become the best selling book series in history. Her first book in the series, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, was published in 1997, followed by six sequels, the last being *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* published in 2007. Rowling's books moved her from living on state benefits to multi-millionaire status within five years. In October, 2010, Rowling was named the "Most Influential Woman in Britain" by leading magazine editors.

Amazingly, the sword-and-sorcery genre is among the easiest to write. A fertile imagination and even a limited ability to write are all that are required. Because there are no firm parameters such as science, truth, or facts on which one must rely, the success of a fantasy fiction writer rests primarily on how well he tells his story, and whether or not his story gets read by a publisher.

Admittedly there's more to it, but it isn't nearly as difficult to write fantasy as it is to write say, an historical novel or one based on science (such as science fiction).

Man's imagination being corrupted by his sin nature, it is a tool easily used by anti-Christ to lure the masses into his web of deceit. Occultism in fantasy literature often provides the opening for readers to assuage their curiosity by taking the next step—delving into occult practices.

Although this may not be true of the vast majority of Harry Potter devotees, the overwhelming popularity of occult-themed literature, games, and movies has moved many in that direction. Coupled with the use of hallucinogenic drugs, occultism has produced some pretty scary elements, such as Charles Manson and other serial killers.

## **CHRISTIANITY**

### **New Apostolic Reformation**

"Back in the 1990s," said C. Peter Wagner (late head of Global Harvest Ministries), "we began hearing the Holy Spirit speaking about restoring apostles and prophets as the foundation of the church as God originally designed."

The idea is that God is going to bring about revival throughout the world as the Body of Christ submits itself to these latter-day apostles and prophets. And—prior to his death in 2016—Wagner was allegedly the particular apostle God was going to use to implement that restoration.

The New Apostolic Reformation is really nothing new; it is a rehash of the Latter Rain Movement of the mid-twentieth century. That was Pentecostalism on steroids which was led by such notorious men as Franklin Hall, William Branham, and, lately, Paul Cain, recently exposed as a homosexual by some in his own ranks. (For an in-depth study of the Latter Rain Movement see my book, *Vengeance is Ours: The Church in Dominion*, Sword Publishers, 1990.)

The impact of this movement in North America has been observed in the Kansas City Prophets, "the Toronto Blessing," "the Pensacola Revival" (aka "Brownsville Revival") and other similar charismatic foolishness. The unscriptural nature of these movements is a clue to their ungodliness.

### **The Toronto Blessing**

On January 20, 1994, what was intended to be the start of several "revival" meetings was held at Toronto Airport Vineyard, a small church located in an industrial complex near Pearson International Airport in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Within one year it had become what Daina Doucet, writing for *Charisma*, called, "a mecca of sorts." Huge crowds were seeking a "sign from God," and because of certain phenomena occurring at the meetings, even the secular media focused on what was happening. According to Doucet:

...Worshippers are overcome by laughing, weeping, groaning, shaking, falling and, to the chagrin of some, noise-making that has been described as "a cross between a jungle and a farmyard."

These experiences became known as "holy laughter," this particular outbreak being called "the Toronto Blessing," which Doucet attributed to Vineyard pastor Randy Clark of St. Louis, Missouri, who had been influenced by former South African evangelist Rodney Howard-Browne in late 1993. Howard-Browne popularized "holy laughter" through worldwide appearances at charismatic events and television exposure on Trinity Broadcasting Network. (See our special report, *Holy Laughter: Rodney Howard-Browne and the Toronto Blessing*.)

A year later a similar outbreak took place during the so-called "Brownsville Revival" (aka "the Pensacola Revival") at Brownsville Assembly of God in Pensacola, Florida. That church became a hub for the phenomenon, not only among other Assembly of God churches, but among many outside that organization. The movement made considerable inroads into the Assemblies of God, and several national officers endorsed it.

The phenomenon of holy laughter, like all alleged "moves of God" within Pentecostalism/charismaticism, has died out or been severely curtailed within the churches that succumbed to it. But to the delight of anti-Christ, the New Apostolic Reformation remains on the agenda of the self-professed "apostles" and "prophets" as they promote their deception through the Christian media.

## Alliance of Christian Churches

What had been an informal networking of churches and ministries under the umbrella of ADVANCE Christian Ministries, Dallas, Texas, became officially chartered in 1996 as Alliance of Christian Churches (ACC)—an international Christian fellowship of churches originally founded by homosexuals for evangelism in the homosexual community. Begun with 27 member churches, the ACC grew to 50 affiliate congregations including both homosexual and heterosexual communities, and 10 parachurch ministries. The greater majority of congregations are said to be full-gospel or Spirit-filled, and all are evangelical.

We could not find any such organization today, but that doesn't mean it doesn't exist. There is just no Internet presence under the ACC name. However, we have found other organizations, such as Celebration of Faith, that are associated with the founder of ADVANCE Christian Ministries, Thomas Hirsch. Celebration of Faith's objectives fit those of ACC.

As much as we love people caught in the sins of sexual deviancy, we cannot abide the idea that they should be welcomed into fellowship in Christ until they have repented of their sins.

But now I have written to you not to keep company if any man who is called a brother is a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or abuser, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—with such a one not even to eat. (1 Corinthians 5:11)

Anti-Christ has successfully deluded many well-meaning believers into thinking that the mere confession of belief in Jesus qualifies one for unquestioned standing within the Body of Christ. It was one thing for traditional churches to adopt that thinking—most have long ago abandoned the purity of biblical faith. But for self-professed “evangelical,” “full-gospel,” and “Spirit-filled” churches to take that road demonstrates how far from biblical truth most of Christianity has strayed.

Jesus warned us that in the last days iniquity would abound and that it would be as it was in the days of Noah and Lot. He also said that because men would not receive the love of the truth so that they may be saved, God would send a strong delusion so that they would believe a lie, “so that they all might be damned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness” (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12).

More and more prominent Christians today are succumbing to the lie propagated by sexually deviant, rebellious “Christians,” believing that unrepentant sin won't disqualify anyone from entering the Kingdom of God. By doing so they are cooperating with anti-Christ in the destruction of the souls they should be ministering to in love with the hope of helping them escape the judgment that is to come.

## Alpha Course

Out of Holy Trinity Brompton—the birthplace in England for the “holy laughter” movement—came the Alpha Course.

The Alpha Course was endorsed by such notables as Bill Bright, president of Campus Crusade for Christ, J.I. Packer, Professor of Theology at Regent College, Vancouver, BC, Chuck Colson, founder of Prison Fellowship Ministries, Luis Palau, ecumenical Latin American evangelist, Cardinal William H. Keeler, Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore, MD, and Jack Hayford, president of King's Seminary, among others. The Alpha Course continues to be used in many churches around the world.

Alpha “covers the basics of Christianity” for all churches regardless of their denominational structure, and can be found in Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican, Episcopal, charismatic, Pentecostal, Baptist, evangelical, non-denominational, you-name-it churches.

On the surface, Alpha seems benign. According to the course's information, “Each week people meet together for a meal, talk on topics such as ‘Who is Jesus?’, ‘Why Did Jesus Die?’, ‘How can I be Sure of My Faith?’, and ‘Does God Still Heal Today?’, followed by small group interaction. There is a day or weekend retreat midway through the course, which focuses on the person and work of the Holy Spirit.”

There are some subtle deviations from truth within the Alpha Course that make it particularly onerous. One subtlety leaves the question of Jesus' sinlessness open to question. For example, in one of the Talks, Hebrews 4:15 is quoted: “Jesus was tempted in every way.” But the suffix “yet without sin” is strangely omitted. It is stated that “Jesus was tempted in every way, just as we are. Jesus had evil thoughts.”

Earlier in the Talks it is explained from where evil thoughts come: “...from within, out of your hearts, come evil thoughts...they make you unclean.”

What conclusion might novices to the faith draw from this?

There are other aspects of the Alpha Talks that leave Jesus' sinlessness to ambiguity. There are also left questions as to Jesus' infallibility, His perfection, His righteousness and holiness, even His divinity. The Alpha Course doesn't deny the truths of Jesus' person and character; it merely leaves room for questions regarding them. (See our special report, *The Alpha Course: Chapter and Verse on Alpha's Jesus*.)

It is appalling that so many well-known leaders within Christianity lack the basic discernment necessary to protect themselves and other believers from anti-Christ's subtle lies.

## CONCLUSION

With the close of 1999 came the close (one year later) of the second millennium of history since the Lord's presence on the earth. As the world entered a new millennium, it seemed reasonable to expect that the spiritual battle between the truth of Christ and the lies of anti-Christ would come into greater conflict. We haven't long to go before that conflict comes to its conclusion.