

# REVELATIONS

by: *Iyke Nathan Uzorma*

## TOWARDS THE END

In the great seven mountains of light of the City of Sahasra, in the Upper region of the astral world is located a Museum. All informations relating to both the past and present of the astral and the physical worlds are kept in it; all the inventions of the past and all that is yet to be invented in future on earth are also there. And whoever is permitted to enter therein shall know.

At about 1.30 a.m. of one early morning in a guest house at Kaduna, I was caught up into the Museum, through an act of Grace on the part of the Holy Spirit. And by an approval order received from Sat-Gopinata, a being who has spent more than seven hundred years in his physical body on earth; He is a Lama who lives in the Hindu Kush mountains and serves as the guardian (ARAH-HA-TA) of the astral museum: And the following revelations were received as directed.

(a) On the 5th Month (May) of the year 2,000, the Solar System — the Sun and her planets — will align with each other in a straight line; and there will be an eclipse (total darkness) on earth, so that even the sun and moon, as well as Mars, Saturn, Venus, Mercury and Jupiter will be covered with about 16 and half degree.

(b) At the time of the alignment of the Sun and the major planets, there shall be world-wide tidal waves, earthquakes and the sinking of huge land masses. Again there will be a shift in the earth's magnetic poles, as well as

an atomic destruction of the Zone Layer, and the oceans shall be plunged into chaos. Furthermore, the atmospheric pollution which would cause a planet-wide 'HOT HOUSE EFFECT' shall melt the Artic Ice — Cap, and many parts of the earth planet shall be destroyed.

(c) There shall be great tribulations, untold panic and turmoil in the world of man, due to several desolations and war which shall destroy many kingdoms and nations on this planet. Many parts of the United States of America, Canada and greater parts of the Middle East shall sink beneath the waters, and lost continents will appear and become new lands.

(d) By her military strength, the Soviet Union will destroy the Vatican City, and the Pope, the Cardinals and Bishops shall be no more. Also the Soviet Union will attempt to invade France, but it shall fail. China shall become even greater than Soviet Union in the later days, in regards to space armament, and through a great battle in the space between Soviet Union and China, both countries as well as Germany, England, India, Turkey, U.S.A. and some parts of North Africa shall be devastated.

(e) Before and after then, many people of the world shall take refuge in the continent of Africa, and Nigeria shall become the greatest nation on the earth planet, for through her shall emerge

the 'Lord of the worlds' who rules the earth in perfect oneness of Brotherhood.

(f) Greater spirituality on earth shall be witnessed on the 25th year, the first week of the seventh month from the beginning of the Aquarian age (the year 2,001, A.D.); at that time a spiritual order known as "BROTHERHOOD OF THE CROSS AND STAR" shall prevail on earth and will accelerate the highest rate of the "HOLY SPIRIT" in the world of man; this will consummate the Coming of God's kingdom on earth as entrenched in the Holy Scriptures.

(9) In the days of the greatest distress on earth, the population of mankind will be reduced to about 260,000, and there will no longer be Christians, Muslims, etc. on earth, for all shall worship God in Brotherhood under one king and spiritual Leader.

(h) Before the end of the present evil system of the world, the Soviet Union and nations under her shall wage a great war with the Godman who is ordained to rule the world in Love, and they shall order his physical arrest. This shall be the hour of the final battle; and it will take place when the Godman shall reappear after his disappearance from the physical world. But the Godman shall overcome and prevail in the Last battle.

(i) Then it shall come to pass that the heaven shall be opened, and a Mighty

God in a Scarlet Robe, a Godman born on earth in disguise among the black race, shall appear in the eastern part of the sky, and the earth-man shall behold him as the Worthy King of kings. This Mighty God is a Being whom we know on earth as 'OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU'. He is the Consummate Saviour of the eleventh cycle of the Zodiac of Kali, who shall manifest the HOLY SPIRIT in the world of man.

(j) Beings from other planets, from the Spiritual City of MU of the Lemuria world, and holy entities from the world of Gamma shall appear on the earth plane to worship the King of kings, and at last they shall live with the earth people.

(k) The Godman "OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU", who also is the HOLY FATHER and LEADER, shall operate on earth in the infinite Consciousness of the Almighty; and he shall become 'THE CHRIST'.



*Evangelist Iyke Uzorma*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY PAPA!

Our dearest Holy Father, we the members of the Brotherhood International Accountants (Consultants, Auditors and Tax Advisers) regard your physical manifestation on earth as the greatest thing that has ever happened to mankind.

Words cannot adequately express our happiness on this occasion of the commemoration of your birthday. However, with grateful hearts, we say welcome to your world.

Thank You Father.



*Pastor Joseph Folusho Aluko*  
for: BROTHERHOOD INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTANTS



*Leader Olumba Olumba Obu*

FEATURES

THE MEDICOS SPIT FIRE ON SPIRITUAL HEALING

by Elder Edward Ette.

IN RECENT times, several news media reports confirm the conventional medicos' fear and restlessness about the marvellous and miraculous healing of people by spiritual healers. The Doctors admittedly see this as a threat and an invasion of their profession by non-professionals.

In an attempt to jealously safeguard any further infringement, they have suggested to government and related agencies to assist the Nigeria Medical Association in enlightening the people to boycott spiritual healing or at best spiritual churches should be banned. They further argue that spiritual churches are deceitful and dangerous. Compare them to hard drug pushers. Somebody should tell the medicos what happened to Miriam for blaspheming against the Lord's anointed. I do appreciate the fate and plight of Doctors if the tempo gets higher and the Holy Father insists on taking His own glory through spiritual healing. In these hard times, nobody wants to be redundant at least, not Doctors who were almost worshipped for having the key to life and death. The Doctors should not resort to name-calling but should rather look inwards and decode the causes of this alarming drift from medical healing to spiritual healing. Or, are their actions borne out of jealousy, inferiority complex or lack of confidence in their profession?

dwarf; no research or investigation will reveal unto them except the Holy Spirit. It is an irrevocable law of Creation that whatever is open by Him cannot be shut. Unbelievably, the time for conventional medicine is almost up for that which was ephemeral must have to give way to that which has come to be permanent.

To the medicos, come, let's reason together, let's eschew impulses and face hard realities. Why must people desert your clinics or maternities or hospitals? Has it got anything to do with the SAPPY economy, or don't you think that honestly you overcharge your patients and that you are more interested in making money than even honouring the primary ethics of your

healing? If you insist, where will these people get three to five hundred naira deposit for emergency cases as demanded by your hospitals? I think sound judgement and wisdom informs us that in this circumstance, spiritual healing is preferred.

We are witnesses of how medical Doctors refer patients to spiritual churches for healing, when certain illnesses cannot be diagnosed and when conventional medicine proves inefficacious. We are, all the same, conscious of the assistance of conventional medicine in the health care delivery of our people the world over. It should be a thing of joy if conventional medicine practitioners will stop treating spiritual healers with

sicknesses and diseases befell him; the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ restored man to his past glory for with that his stainless and precious blood we were healed of all our infirmities. God is in control of the blood, water and spirit — all which constitute the entity called man. And God is Spirit, water and blood, it stands to reason that foreign elements in the human system stay as strangers. God will at wish, spiritually or otherwise banish foreign elements from man. This humble writer has personally witnessed professors, consultants and other adepts in orthodox medicine trooping into a spiritual sanctum for healing. Doctors, if you cannot beat the spiritual healers, join them for the time to monopolise medicine is almost gone. The power to heal is only vested in God and the children of God. Read. (Psalm 41:1—3), (Psalms 103:1—3), (Matthew 10:1).

Spiritual healing towers above conventional medicine for there are feats performed by spiritual healers that medicos can never and will never do. Can medicos raise the dead? The big difference therefore is that while conventional medicine has its limitations, spiritual healing knows no barrier. The story of Lazarus who died for four days and Our Lord Jesus Christ raised him to life is a familiar one. (John 11:38—44). That same God who manifested and wrought these

Where science fail, spiritual healing succeeds. Patients are seen here receiving spiritual treatments.

profession? Are you sure your preoccupation is not that of accumulating wealth? It is no longer news that some medicos don't have milk of human kindness for they abandon quite often the dying to meet their untimely death. Why? Inability to

contempt thereby underestimating their role. It will be a little act of honesty if medicos will admit that there are certain phenomenon in man that they cannot explain and where ailments affect such areas, its only the Creator of the Universe that can

It is, however, not my intention to make our medicos more hypertensive. The truth must be told. The present upsurge in spiritual healing is beyond the comprehension of the spiritually

of our country. Bills, my God, not commensurate with the treatments. Don't you think that the poverty-stricken masses of our country should avail themselves of spiritual

that is through spiritual healing.

When God created the world he found that all things were good. There was no sickness and God intended it to remain so. When man erred and

is here on earth and personified in Leader O. O. Obu. As it was in those days, so it is today. Spiritual healing has just begun, it will soon overtake the world. So medicos, shut up.

Thank You Father

by Eyibio Antia

THINGS GOD HAS NEVER SEEN

Come with me, try, forget about your impressions of the writer and his blasphemy, journey with me into the nooks and crevices of the greatest book of knowledge, wisdom and advise. Can you in any of its chapters, verses and rhymes reveal unto me nay us, a situation or a time when God had seen or will see anything or any situation that is "impossible?". Brothers, God will never see an impossibility. Whatever the circumstances of your life, whatever the tribulations and adversities that come your way, there is this hidden truth and that is, in the presence of God there is no impossibility. He did not see it and will never see it. Amen.

Do you remember that man known for his obedience, righteousness, faith and absolute commitment to the will of the Father? His name was Abram and later changed to Abraham. The Father uprooted and snatched him from the claws and murky waters of heathenism and planted him in the path of rectitude. Sarai, later Sarah had no child for Abraham. At the height of discontentment when an impossibility reared its ugly head before God's anointed, God invoked in full force and majesty, his "no

impossibility decree. Sarah, that all the medical sciences bore witness to her everlasting barrenness conceived and bore a child at the over ripe age of ninety years. This was an impossible situation made possible. Sarah in her human wisdom with the dominant sin of unbelief, was acting the primitive Thomas — when the Lord in His Infinite Love and Kindness asked "Is anything too hard for the Lord: This is our greatest undoing, the bane of today's believers. Many of you parade the premises of the World Headquarters of Brotherhood, seeking victory over your problems, but by the time your miracle arrives, the Spirit of unbelief overtakes you, and The whole package crumbles — like a pack of cards. The Devil laughs, taunts, cajoles and manipulates you to a point where you raise eyebrows as to the authenticity of the power in the WORD. That is all the more reason why I am dedicating this piece to all barren women in our midst. If you will only but charge the batteries of your beliefs in the Holy Father, you can be sure, the gates of childbearing shall be opened unto you. If you believe this, just thank the Father.

There are certain achievements that

make people pompous, overbearing, arrogant and consequently stupid. That is, if peradventure, you happen to come to the knowledge of truth. First, this is not an indication that you are the best or an assurance that yours is the kingdom alone. You must realise that the beginning of your Spiritual experience is then. It behoves you to lead others to the truth, you must expose others to the bounties, glory, and benevolence of the Holy Father. This is because, the Holy Father, at the beginning of creation assured us that there is nobody he does not love, has not seen and will never see. Listen to the Bible "for God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life".

The operational words here are loved and whosoever. Love is sacrificial, love connotes forgiveness, it conjures pity and compassion. Love is instrumental to salvation. If the Holy Father loves you and uproots you from your inglorious past, admits you into His Kingdom, why are you selfish? Why are you selfcentred, conceited and arrogant? Why not take a little trouble, confide in the next creation of God wallowing in misery, sin, envy, poverty

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I AM addressing christians or "Brotherhoods". You may be tempted to accuse me of preaching heresy, blaspheming and possibly that I am an archangel of the Antichrist. You may be right because as a good student of Churchianity not Christianity or Brotherhood the whole Bible tells you, that God the Creator of the heavens and the earth and all the things therein sees everything. You may continue to ask, how come the creator, characteristically known as Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient cannot see all things. Like the great Psalmist of old who believes that God moves everywhere beholding everything agrees as well as but I am conscious that there are many things that God in His Infinite Wisdom has not seen.

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## VISIONERS INAUGURATE BRANCHES

by Etekpi Kanu

THE International Visioners Fellowship whose executive council was dissolved recently, and a new one appointed, has been inaugurated in the 21 States of the Federation and Abuja, the federal capital.

A release signed by both the President and Secretary of the Fellowship, Deaconess J. M. Etop and Elder M. E. Okon revealed that the exercise is a step towards inaugurating the Fellowship in all countries of the world. Prior to the Inaugural visits, the Executive formed themselves into groups with the President, Deaconess J. M. Etop leading group one and the Vice-

while Elder (Sister) Mabel C. Orij and Sister Patience Inyang were elected Vice-President and Secretary General respectively. The 30 — member Executive Council for Plateau State is headed by Pastor Ignatius while Deaconess A. Adedoyin, Elder B. A. Effiong and Brother Felix Obete are 1st Co-President, Vice-President and Secretary-General respectively.

Apostle E. A. Edet heads the Fellowship in Bendel State. Brother I. Ehigiator, Elder R. I. Adeniji and Brother Solomon Odemudia are in the executive council as 1st Co-President, Vice-President and Secretary-General respectively. The Executive council for Kaduna State has 23 members with Apostle Charles B. Etim as President.

Elder (Sister) Otutu Philipa was elected President of the Fellowship in Kano State. The post of 1st Co-President went to Elder Godwin Ekpo while Brothers Henry Osadebe and Kenneth Ndukwe were elected Secretary General and Vice-President respectively.

At Abuja, the federal capital, Prophet J. E. Ijerih was elected President, Pastor Ernest Okeke, 1st Co-President, Pastor Michael Nweze, Vice-President and Brother Cyprian Wichendu, Secretary-General. The President of the Fellowship in Benue State is Apostle Vincent Ikere. Deaconess Joyce Mohammed will assist him as 1st Co-President while Brother John Agu and Prince Ambrose Esuene will serve as Vice-President and Secretary General.

In Bauchi State Apostle B. C. Akpan Boafo was elected President, Deaconess Victoria Adeleke, 1st Co-President, Elder Azoka Ugonu Vice-President and Brother Handerson Etudor, Secretary-General.

Anambra has a 21 — member executive council with Pastor P. A. Michaelson as President. The post of 1st Co-President went to Elder P. O. Okpambor

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Deaconess Jane Etop President, International Visioners Fellowship

President, Apostle Thomas E. Etuk (ETESIS) leading group two. While group one visited Cross River, Anambra, Plateau, Kaduna, Abuja, Benue, Oyo, Kwara, Ogun, Ondo and Imo States, group two toured Akwa Ibom, Rivers, Bendel, Kano, Bauchi, Borno, Lagos, Gongola, Niger, Sokoto and Katsina States.

In Cross River, where a 28 — member executive council was constituted, Apostle Eyibio I. Akpan, was elected President. Pastor Nkitma, Elder Omomo E. Obot and Elder (Dr) E. U. Essien bagged the posts of 1st Co-President, Vice-President and Secretary — General respectively.

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## DIABETIC PATIENT HEALED AFTER BAPTISM

A PREGNANT sister who was a diabetic patient was also healed immediately after her baptism into the Brotherhood fold in Chicago, U.S.A.

According to the report, the sister was also supposed to be operated

upon as one of the twin children to be delivered by her could not breathe properly; but after prayers were offered her, she delivered both babies alive, the report added.

According to Deaconess T. A. Sanusi who undertook an

evangelical trip to Chicago, a brother was cured of mental distress after baptism and fasting for three days. "He is now one of the new people who read the Bible for the Father during Sunday services," she said

certified that a surgical operation on her would be unsuccessful, but a few days after her baptism, she was operated upon successfully. The Deaconess, however, said that although the girl was now in garment cast, there is every hope that the Father will make her walk.

While in Chicago, she maintained many miracles — mental cases, unemployment, marriage problems and various other sicknesses were healed amongst the converts.

Deaconess Sanusi contended that amongst those healed of their sicknesses were: a high — blood pressure patient (woman) and her paralyzed granddaughter. She said that before the girl was baptised, a medical doctor had earlier

Representative lauded the idea and the resultant formation of the group but warned that the fold could not afford to remain indifferent to the activity of any choral group. He urged the choral group to live and lead by good examples and pledged his unalloyed support to any group or individual willing to serve God in earnest.

Speaking in a similar vein. B.C.S.

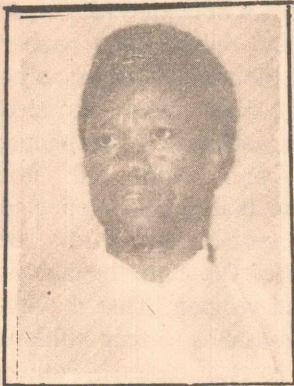
Choirmaster-General, Pastor E.C.J. Ukam decried what he described as unworthy the "mud-slinging conduct" adopted by some un-informed brethren against choristers.

Said he: "We are not as bad as you now suppose. In the choir for instance, you find academic doctors and engineers not to talk of parents who have

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## AKWA IBOM CHORISTERS FORM CENTRAL CHOIR

THE Akwa Ibom State Choristers Fellowship of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star recently inaugurated her Central Choir on the occasion of the 5th Pentecostal Meeting after state creation.



Pastor J. J. Ntukidem,

Delivering the association's address at the occasion, the Secretary-General, Pastor J.J. Ntukidem advised Choristers to shun the seemingly lukewarm attitude towards the choir, adding that they should note that before Him no flesh should glory, everything, therefore, should be geared towards giving glory to our Holy Father and that they should recall that for everything in life some people have to take the lead.

Pastor (Chief) B. U. Usoro Zonal Leader's

## PRACTICAL STUDENTS RE-ORGANISE BODY

THE EXECUTIVE of Christ's Practical Students of BCS have declared 1990 a year of integration and positive action for all the Christ's Practical Students in the Brotherhood world.

This declaration which was made recently was contained in a circular to all Leaders' Representatives to State, Areas, Zones, Bethels and Countries. To this end, the body took a number of far-reaching decisions, foremost amongst which was the

appointment of new executive members.

According to the circular, the reorganisation is as follows:

\*The office of the Chairman has been abolished. It is replaced with that of the Leader's Representative of the body who will also work with the Secretary duly elected as the principal administrator of the body. Eight other executives will work with

the Secretary and the Leader's Representative. The Executive will form the Christ's Practical Students administrative and policy-making body.

\*The Overseas' Brethren have been empowered to inaugurate the Fellows in their countries in readiness to fulfil the aims and objectives of this new dispensation which include total evangelisation and unification of mankind.

\*No person or group of persons shall be allowed to misuse our God-given freedom or distract others from the objectives and aims of the new kingdom.

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Christ Practical Student Samuel Esema, International L.R. Christ Practical Students Body.



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## REFLECTION

*If you claim to know God but you only come to Him for food, clothing and shelter, where then is your work?*

**The Holy Father.**

## STOP UNAUTHORISED LEVIES

An appeal has been made to some self-appointed over-lords in the Brotherhood fold to desist from the act of placing members of the fold on an unnecessary financial burden.

Making this observation in Calabar recently, the Leader decreed that "no bethel, zone, pentecostal centre, State or Nation should place any member or members on any kind of levy or contribution whatsoever."

He, however, said that the usual charity donations should continue as the Holy Spirit directs as this is the medium through which some brethren or destitutes in our midst are assisted financially.

Meanwhile, the money-seeking brethren who indulge in extorting money from their fellow brethren have been advised to remember the story of Ananias and his wife Sapphira of the early christian era. He added that these people perished not because they cheated but because they lied to the Holy Spirit — Acts 5:1—10 "It is still the same God that we are worshipping", he stressed.

Furthermore, Leader Obu warned that nobody should take the enduring patience of God to mean weakness, adding that it is because the Father

does not want us to perish. He, therefore advised that those involved in these acts should refrain from them.

According to Leader Obu, brethren should give instead of receiving and to serve instead of being served, saying that Brotherhood is highly noted for hospitality, love and mercy. He, however, directed all the

Leader's Representatives, to enforce strict compliance to this divine injunction for the general interest of humanity.

This directive was contained in a circular dated December 12, 1989, titled: TOTAL BAN ON FORCED LEVIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS AND signed on His behalf by the General Secretary of the BCS, Deaconess I. O. Obu.

*Thank You Father.*

## NEW BETHEL IN GUINEA

A new bethel has been opened by the Holy Father in the Republic of Guinea following the conversion and baptism of about 47 people in that country.

According to the report, the Guinean Government has also promised Brotherhood of the Cross and Star a certificate of incorporation immediately after the adoption of the country's constitution later this year.

The report added that a five-year old boy who was deaf and dumb from birth was healed by the Holy Father followed by the conversion of the entire family members into the Brotherhood fold.

Also, one of the converts, a Ghanaian who is a staff in a Guinean Company for three months without pay, had it revealed to him by the Holy Spirit after his baptism that he would be paid all his arrears

Meanwhile, prior to the arrival of the brethren in Guinea a muslim and an International Lady Convert, Madam Dalande Nee Balde, had it revealed to her by the Holy Spirit to arrange for accommodation for the brethren.

Those who undertook this ministry work were Snr. Pastor S. I. U. Etuk, Elder (Sister) N. E. Bassey and Apostle A. M. Ekong.

# UN DIRECTOR-GENERAL COMMENDS BROTHERHOOD

*The Holy Father Leader Olumba Olumba Obu here warns extortioners to desist from their actions.*

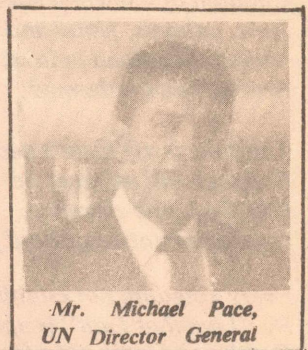
BROTHERHOOD of the Cross and Star has been proclaimed to be the way to salvation by the UN Director-General of the World Human

Rights, Mr. Michael Pace.

Mr. Pace said this in Geneva when a special delegation of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star called on him in his office. He said that Brotherhood has gone a long way in exposing and explaining in detail, the United Nations Programmes and the Human Rights Commission. He promised to introduce the B.C.S. teachings to the next meeting of the Directors — General, adding that the World Human Rights Commission office is fully open for use by the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

The Director-General

further promised to communicate to the Holy Father acknowledging the visit of the delegates (Brethren) to his office and assured them that he



*Mr. Michael Pace, UN Director General*

would co-operate with the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star whenever he was called upon.

While in Switzerland, the brethren visited the Kenyan Ambassador

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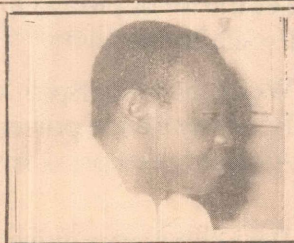
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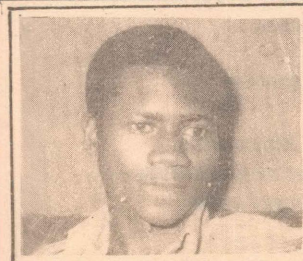
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In another example, the Leader asked why a man should submit himself to the intrigues of money-doubling even after hearing that others gained nothing from it.

When you lure a married woman and cause her to be disloyal to her husband, and finally cause her to leave her matrimonial home to marry you, what makes you think she will ever be faithful to you, the Father asked.

Again, the Leader asked why men should continue to indulge in diabolism after being disappointed all the time, adding that man's perception is that all other things exist except God.

Quoting Acts 7:40-42, to buttress his assertion, the Leader

expressed dismay at man's folly, asking why man pushes God aside saying "God does not exist," and prefers to worship idols and other earthly things. The Father said that he who wants to be glorified should seek God, the maker of Heaven and Earth, the Omnipotent, the Omniscient and the Omnipresent.

He declared that the Father is everything in everything, the one who knows everything about all the afflictions and predicaments of man saying that one should only come around and say "thank you", to the Father, who can do anything without one's asking.

He, however, stated that, man has been very far from God the Father, stating that His mission is to lead man

back to God. According to him, there is need for the Son to know his Father and interact with him. He said a man's thousand years on earth is nothing because he knows not his Father.

He disapproves of public alms-giving and advised that when giving alms, it should be done with utmost secrecy so that the Father who sees it in secret and in quietness would reward the person in abundance.

He warned that no one should tell his problems and afflictions to any other but rather communicate them with God in secret, the key to many a solution. He has promised that 1990 is the year in which everybody would see the power, glory and the blessings of the father, a year of Practical Christianity.

by Moses Tom.

wisemen was symbolical to the birth of Jesus Christ. He said amongst all the birthday celebrations, the Holy Father's is the greatest, adding that "we have brought all things but song which is very important in the throne of God."

At the occasion, a singing exercise featured three of the six zones in Calabar. The Ambo Zone which was the eventual winner of the competition with 91 points was led by brother Imo Umoh. Next was the Abasi Obori Zone with 75 points and Akani Esuk Orok for the 3rd position with 74 points.

### In Biakpan

The life Chairman of the Holy Father's birthday committee Apostle Etuk alias (Etesis) who

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amnesty has been extended to choirs in all divisions as none was relegated, adding that the panel disregarded April 1989 results while computing the promotion results.

unavoidably could not attend the ceremony was represented at the occasion by Deaconess Akwang. Apostle Etuk sent a cash donation of ₦1,500 to the people of Biakpan. Pastors and Deaconesses Etop. Akwang and Essah

donated ₦500.00 respectively while Apostle E. A. Archibong gave ₦60.00. The ceremony witnessed other donations and a variety of cultural displays.

by Fvibio Antia  
Thank You Father



Happy Birthday Daddy!

### UPPER DIVISION

Importantly too, the neatest choir was the 33 Chamley Bethel Choir which scored 98 points, the report said.

Members of the Panel of Judges were Pastors E. B. Eyo, Chairman, O.

Ebongo, O. E. Usanga, Ubon Ekiko, E. C. J. Ukam, Brother N. E. Ekong, Deaconess L. O. Usanga, Christ Student U. E. Akpan and Pastor O. E. Offiong.

Thank You Father.

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### Indolence

of the occasion, Pastor Etop praised the Holy Father for running the affairs of the Globemaster Services Limited. He however appealed to the Holy Spirit to appoint an acting chairman for the

The Group Managing Director of Globemaster Services Limited, Bishop Roland Obu in his report confirmed that, despite the "SAPPY" nature of Nigeria's economy, the Company is able to keep the boat afloat. He

regular basis. He added that a new, competent and dynamic press manager is also appointed for the Brotherhood Press while the Father's garment factory is not only blessed with modern professional tailors but with machines of all

Company's Board of Directors as the incumbent chairman has for sometime now been unavoidably absent during meetings. This, he argued, does not augur well for the smooth-running of the Company, adding that in order to engulf the whole

world's business ventures, it becomes imperative that Globemaster be overhauled.

intimated that, for efficient performance, Herald of the New Kingdom now has new staff members ranging from a new Acting Editor, a seasoned professional Features Editor, proof-reader, commercial manager, accounts clerk and a reporter.

With these innovations, the 3rd Covenant and Herald of the New Kingdom will now be produced on a

will move in categories.

He assured that Globemaster's customers would not easily be diverted to other places and warned that people must desist from looking at Globemaster as a gold mine for idlers and economic saboteurs.

He thanked the workers for their contributions during the year and appealed for more concerted efforts in the years ahead.

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### Biakpan Flood Victim

showed a sign of concern but that the Holy Father has already opened other channels of blessings to them. He warned that the disparities in the amount given reflected the extent of damage verified by the committee and not as signs of favouritism. Pastor Essah also advised the people to

continue praising the Holy Father as their problems will be rolled away.

In his response, Elder Udo Ibion who represented the members of the communities declared that they were confused between and betwixt as the local state, federal government paid deaf

ears to their predicaments.

He thanked the Holy Father and his messengers for the wonderful gestures and promised to start the reconstruction, rehabilitation and reconciliation work immediately.

Thank You Father.

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### Father's Birthday

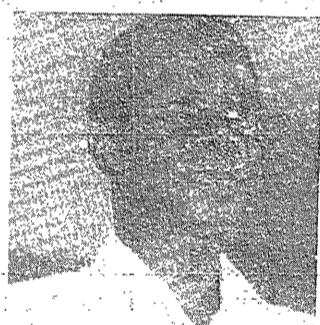
for His Children to witness this magnificent day adding that every person should join the Heavens in rejoicing and

celebrating the Father's Birthday.

Also speaking was Pastor Ukam, during the presentation of gifts

He said that "we should not all forget about the three wise-men and their gifts" that the Star which directed the

### WELCOME HOLY FATHER'S BIRTHDAY



I, Deaconess T. A. Sanusi and all brethren in the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, Chicago, U.S.A. join the other millions of your children in congratulating you on this auspicious occasion of your physical manifestation on this earth plane.

Our Most High God, we feel delighted to be numbered among the chosen people of this New Kingdom of God on earth. We appreciate the fact that you come to redeem and cause us to possess our possessions. THE TRUTH, THE HOLY SPIRIT, welcome to your world. We wish you a very happy birthday.

Thank You Father.



Deaconess T. A. Sanusi

**MUSIC CORNER**

**COME TO OUR CHOIR PRACTICE — LESSON I**

**YOU CAN** become a music writer, singer, player or composer at your own time and leisure. This column intends to provide you with the basics without going into technicalities.

**INTRODUCTION:**

Music is the art of combining sounds in a manner agreeable to the ear. Today's music is divided into two parts; Melody and Harmony.

**MELODY:** is a combination of tones which serve to form a tune.

**HARMONY** is another combination of sounds which, by their spontaneous union, serve to form chords.

Seven letters of the alphabets are used to designate the musical notes. These are:

d : r : m : f : s : l : t

Indeed, there are seven natural tones in music, to which "d" is added as eighth tone, which however is only a repetition of the first one. With that addition they form an octave.

When the notes are written in this sense, they are arranged as follows: d : r : m : f : s : l : t : d'

The notes, in other words, by their succession is called "NOTE VALUE" or "SCALE"

In Stave music writings, there are also seven letters of the alphabet representing the notes. These are:

C—D—E—F—G—A—B•But we are still going to deal with solfa notes at the beginning of this lesson. However, in future we shall discuss more of the "Great Stave"

The note "d" is very important in music or singing. It is called "Home note"

Many people are lazy when reading songs: they only look at the wordings at a quick glance. This is a wrong approach. The notes need much more attention. So always look at the notes. This column will do a lot to assist you learn more about the notes, your previous knowledge notwithstanding

**THE SOLFA NOTES:**

Let us advance a little further about

the sound of notes. You have to learn these sounds until you know them as you know your father's, mother's, brother's voice (sound). It is not too difficult. There are only seven of them. Remember you once learnt 26 sounds in your study of the alphabets.

You can run through the seven notes as fast as you can. Then go through them backwards, from d' to d, again and again and again, until you are able to recognise or give the correct sound of any note at any time.

Once again, these are the notes: d:r:m:f:s:l:t:d' Try to run it from left to right (d to d') and from right to left (d' to d). I have to re-emphasise here



*The Choirmaster, Christ Student Eyo Anwana*

that by running the notes from left to right and from right to left, you are running the musical scale.

**THE METHOD:**

The method is very simple as far as singing is concerned. It may call for concentration. Of course, one has to concentrate while chanting the notes. Be it known that by running the scale from left to right, you are ascending, that is, the notes or the tones becomes higher and, by running from right to left, you are descending. Therefore, the lower you go, the deeper the tone. It is very very simple. Go through again if you do not understand. It is simple to follow.

By our next lesson, we shall discuss how to use scale and also learn more about OCTAVE.



*BCS Choristers in action*

**THE END**

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(l) Within the period of these years, the HOLY SPIRIT will elevate the consciousness of the human spirit to the extent that each man on earth will attain the highest light of the Omniscient God; and because the radiation of the earth planet would not be able to sustain the all-pervading force of the Spiritual kingdom, man will at last be transferred to live in the other spiritual planes.

Through him and by him, a perfect spiritual kingdom shall be established on earth for a period of 1,000 years of Celestial Calculation; and this will consummate the years of Kali — about 427,000 years of human calculation.

(m) At this point, the twelfth Consummate being of the Zodiac of Kali, who shall become the Kalki Avatar, shall appear and dissolve the elements of the earth planet with fire, so that nothing will dwell on it in the flesh. Then the earth planet will descend as a Cold orbit to the space of the lower part of the universe. And the venus planet will move into the present axis of the earth, and become the next world for the human habitation in the Sola System.

These are esoteric information revealed in the Land of the astral forces, and those who have ears to hear let them hear. Amen.

*Thank you Father*

**THE PRUDIGAL SON**

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given to me free of charge teaches and reveals so many wonderful things to me. The Father and the Holy Mother have been visiting me at their behest. I have had many wonderful dreams. Once in the dream the Holy Father used me to destroy an evil plan made by a group of white activist: the British National Front whose main objective is to repatriate all blacks out of Britain — dead or alive.

The lesson to be drawn from this revelation is that the presence of any member of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star anywhere, puts to nought all evil forces working against the elects of God. Our ability to penetrate all barriers to foil the handiwork of satan is rocking Governments, Countries, Churches to their very foundations.

In another dream, I saw Pope John Paul — The Roman Catholic Pope, marching with a group of followers who were mostly the blacks, to 34, Ambo Street, Calabar; the Holy Father opened His reception lounge widely and received the Pope.

I thank the Holy Father for His phenomenal arrival in this era. I am also thankful for His mysterious performances which He has allowed a sinful person like me to observe. Most of my family who were opposed to the idea of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star are now coming into the fold and I have had the opportunity of travelling extensively to spread the Good News of the Kingdom of God centred on the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Under the

patronage of The Crusade Fellowship or the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, I have been able to travel to and spread the Good News of the Kingdom more especially in the Northern part of Britain.

I am thankful for the privilege the Holy Father has accorded me by being ordained in the year 1981 and promoted to the rank of a Pastor in the year 1982.

Let thanks, reverence, majesty and dominion be ascribed to His Holy name now and forever more. Amen.

Thank You Father!

**THINGS NOT SEEN**

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and all other attributes of the spiritually blinded to come and taste the blessings bestowed on you by the Father. In doing this, you must not be discriminatory, you must not judge, you must go to them in the power of the Holy Spirit. Remember **WHOSOEVER** covers the fornicators, drunkards, the adulterous, the blasphemous, the heretic, witches and wizards, necromancers and all those not moving in the perfect or permissive will of the Father. You must reach out for them, He came for the unrighteous, and if you start today, your calling must not have been in vain.

May the Holy Father bless you as you hearken to this clarion call. He has never seen an impossibility and has never seen a man he does not love.

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\*UN Director General Commends Brotherhood.

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## HERALD COMMENT

All organised religions from Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Shintoism, Taoism, Confucianism to Zoroastrianism have basic characteristics common to all of them.

None, of all these religions, and others not mentioned here has ever contested the fact that they worship and revere an All-knowing, All-Pervading, All-Powerful Supreme Deity called "God" "Yahweh," "Allah", and "Abasi" depending on the dialect of the adherents.

The next meeting point of all religions is that, God is a God of love, peace, harmony and candour.

These granted, why is religion gradually turned into an effective missile for the annihilation of man? Why is the world experiencing this unprecedented upsurge in violence, insurrection and war of brother against brother, all in the name of religion?

Do we believe in Karl Marx's ill-schooled rhetorics that "religion is the opium of the people?"

In the name of human wisdom, not spiritual, Religion is debased and assaulted by the stench of moral decadence made relevant by competing religious groups.

At this rate, we are heading towards

## RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE

a holocaust, man's total extermination by the Instrument meant to save him unless the trend is reversed.

The experiences deserve no congratulatory messages. Why is religious tolerance giving way to religious intolerance. Why must Lebanon and Northern Ireland be boiling because of religion. Why is Sudan perpetually divided along religious lines. The muslim and Arab North would not sit at table with the Christian South. In India, the story is not different. The Sikhs are constantly at loggerheads with the Hindus. And a Salman Rushdie must die for no just cause. Any need for these hypocritical religious fanaticism, uncouth sentiments and general acts of lawlessness.

Nigeria, our Nigeria has been "a hotbed of intrigues, political conspiracies and religious upheavals"

In recent time, religious intolerance became the order of the day, Muhammadu Marwa, a rabble rouser in the form of religious leader took Kano by storm and ended up leaving 4,177 lying in their graves His followers emerged at Bulumkutu, Yola, and Gombe, killing, destroying and looting. The most recent Kaduna religious riot and its aftermaths are still evergreen in our memory. Nigeria has not experienced less than 8 major religious disturbances with over 13,000

people dead and property worth millions destroyed.

The major causes of religious intolerance are vast and varied. There is cold war among believers in the various religions. There is an unspoken but vocal competition and rivalry within the various sects. Each group believes in the superiority of it's sect, mode of worship and in the redemptive work of their founders and right standing before the Almighty God.

There is no gainsaying the fact that the adulterous flirtation between religion and the state is another cause of religious intolerance. Politicians be they in agbada or khaki are known to appeal to religion and their adherents to ensure smooth sailing.

It is also common knowledge that developed countries of the world perpetuate neocolonialism through religion. In extreme cases they help instigate religious crisis in most developing countries in order to boost their ego in world politics.

For instance, what is responsible for the infighting and wrangling in Christianity? Is the proliferation of churches in the best interest of the sect? What is this business of segregation between the orthodox, the living and the spiritual churches?

Brethren, in the words of Paul. "Is Christ divided?" From the

accusations and counter-accusations of one Christian group against the other, it is not bias opinion if we believe that, it is very far from being okay in the christendom.

The whole episode of Christians, being at war with themselves, envying each other, feigning love, exhibiting alacrity on the face but harbouring venom in the mind must give way in the interest of our calling.

The whole Christendom has a case of unexpected emergency in their hands, that of retracing their steps to the days of our Lord Jesus Christ on earth. Remember Our Lord Jesus Christ said in John 17:11.

"And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name, those whom thou hast given me THAT THEY MAY BE ONE AS WE ARE".

Why have we forgotten this injunction so soon? We want to, in the light of truth intimate you in the dawn of this new era that you must eschew religious intolerance in your midst. You must turn a new leaf. Reaffirm your faith in the positive and laudable, indelible footprints left behind by the Greatest Master of all ages while you become more involved in promoting the BROTHERHOOD of man. We pray the Holy Father to manifest RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE in the life of his chosen people. Remain blessed.

## POEM

### IN HIS ADVENT

*GOD; Creator of Heaven and Earth,  
Too high, deep and wide to be imagined,  
Has left his heavenly throne to the Earth  
And man, the centre of attraction.*

*Children of Esau and Jacob,  
Ants, animals, fishes and birds,  
United they stand in love.  
Brotherhood redeemed.*

*The yoke is off Esau's neck  
Bondage will no more be.  
One God, one currency,  
Oppressed nations, shout freedom and liberty!*

*Every kingdom not established,  
By "I am that I am" is uprooted,  
Demise and extinction faced,  
By sorcerers, necromancers and secret societies.*

*Who throws a party in the world today  
And does not invite those he will gain from?  
But rich and poor, alike  
Honourable guests to Olumba's supper be.*

*Plates and cutlery join the music  
In a Mammoth feasting;  
Ants dangling their abdomens for joy,  
'cause of the abundant left-overs.*

*Teacher and author of God's laws in  
human hearts  
I have seen good days in your kingdom,  
Grace extended to my relations and relatives -  
Doubting Thomases and believers alike.*

*Director of my endeavour,  
When in business I flourish, you are at work,  
In my heart you dwell as the Holy Spirit,  
Comforting and counselling your elect.*

*Water cannot flow without a channel,  
Nor blood without the body,  
Sure I am that you'll never forsake  
Me that's made in your image.*

*Father Olumba Olumba Obu,  
Trinity God-Father, Son and the Holy Ghost,  
My children and I will gather round you  
Our Foundation Stone.*

*Shining and Bright Morning Star,  
How can I appreciate this call?  
True, it's an honour I didn't solicit,  
Thanks be to your Holy Name.*

Thank You Father.

Bro. Egong Ike Egong

### "WELCOME HOLY SPIRIT DIVINE"

Welcome Holy Spirit Divine  
Accept this Glorious Reception Here  
From thy children on earth.

Welcome Holy Spirit Divine  
For thou hast manifested on earth  
To fulfil the written word.

Welcome Holy Spirit Divine  
Inspire thy loving children now  
To the light of perfection

Welcome Holy Spirit Divine  
Let the whole world in different tongues  
Proclaim thee here on earth.

Welcome Holy Spirit divine  
Pour thy divine powers on us  
And purge us press from sin.

Welcome Holy Spirit divine  
Enlarge our minds to follow thee  
To life eternity.

by Deaconess Geraldine I. Egbe.

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# SABBATH CHILDREN

## PRAY AND BECOME CLEVER

by Dayo Ajigbotosho

**CHILDREN** want to be clever so that they can perform well in their examination at school and take first position so that they can go to the secondary school. Polytechnic or the University and become big men.

But do you know what you can do to become clever? I have found out when I was reading my Bible. It is good for every child to read the Holy Bible.

In my Bible I found out that Solomon was the wisest man who ever lived. When Solomon became the king of Israel, he was young and he was always praying to God. And God loved him so much. One day Solomon went to a place called Gibeon to pray to God. After the prayer, he slept and God appeared to him in a dream. God told him to ask for anything he wanted and he would get it.

So many children would have asked for money, clothes, shoes, sweets, groundnuts and cakes. But Solomon did not ask for these things. He said to God: I know I am a little child and I don't know what to do. Please, give me wisdom. I want to be clever so that I can know how to do what is good.

God was so happy that Solomon could ask for wisdom and not money, clothes and other things. So God made him to be the cleverest man in the

whole world. God also gave him the things he did not ask for: things like money, clothes, horses and many sheep. And Solomon became very rich too.

That was what I found out by reading my Holy Bible. Children should learn how to pray to God when they wake up in the morning and when they want to sleep in the evening. Children should also learn to pray at school before they read their books and after they have read them.

Also, they should pray before they do their tests and after tests. This is what children can do to be clever. It is only children who do this that can be very clever.

Children who do not know how to pray should ask mummy or daddy to teach them. They can also ask their sabbath teachers and pastors and other elderly persons to teach them so that they can see angels in their dreams and be clever at school.



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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE 4

#### DOWN

- (1) Judges 418 "And--- went out"
- (2) Genesis 275 "And--- heard"
- (3) John 1124 "----saith unto him"
- (4) Acts 939 "Coats and garments which----made"

#### ACROSS

- (3) John 1132 "Then when---was come"
- (5) Acts 1213 "named----".
- (6) Esther 510 "Again----spake"
- (7) Genesis 1715 "but--- shall her name be"

#### ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE 3:

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| <b>Across</b> | <b>Down</b>     |
| (1) Chosen    | (1) Charity     |
| (2) Peace     | (2) Power       |
| (3) Prayer    | (3) Love        |
|               | (5) Jesus wept. |

## THE CHARM IN POLITICS AND RELIGION

by Eyibio Antia

OF all things that exasperate my curiosity, one of them, that sends heart-wrenching tremor to the inner recesses of my being is the matter of life and death with which the business of politics and religion are viewed especially in Nigeria.

Incidentally these two words, though not twins, have eight letters making up each word. Their missions in the life of miserable man are different. For while politics cater for physical and material world of man, religion is supposed to be directly involved with the task of recuperating man in the spiritual realm.

Whereas politics is defined as "the art or science of government," religion, whose definition is longer, is viewed by Hornsby as "belief in the existence of a supernatural ruling power, the creator and controller of the universe who has given to man a spiritual nature which continues to exist after the death of the body." Somewhere along the line though, these two words appear to have sunk their differences, inter-married and cast a common spell on human beings thereby throwing them into feats that make the rhythmical response of man to the music of politics and religion not only lamentable, but also piteous and nostalgically atavistic.

Does it not surprise you the way human beings act and react whenever anything that borders on politics and

religion is mentioned? What do you think is responsible for man struggling tooth and nail to be at the centre of politics and religion? It is either the man is a Muslim, a Buddhist, a Christian, top government official, army personnel, a successful businessman or nothing.

Now, come to think of it, why must very old men, retired officers seek to perpetuate gerontocracy in our government and at the same time strive to be treasurers and other executive members on the Board of Trustees of our churches? Why must ex-Permanent Secretaries or Directors General swear on their dead bodies to contest elections into the councils while struggling to establish one church or the other? Has it even crossed your mind why retired Generals in the Armed Forces should invest everything provided they are allowed to touch the edge of the two magic words politics and religion?

Why must human beings plan coups and counter coups provided they ascend to the rostrum of power, take part in politics and then protect one religion or the other or at worst clandestinely register the country in to one unpopular organisation or the other? To wit, may be ensure the perpetual domination of the other group by theirs and pave way for the complete annihilation of that race and the total abrogation of the other religion.

If there is nothing alarmingly at stake, why must people overlook death penalties but continue to plan coups to achieve their aims.

These are the answers to all these problems: We have witnessed in this country-men, who never had any savings account before joining politics or establishing a church or mosque who after few months had money not only in the local currency, but fat foreign accounts in pound sterlings and dollars. We are eye witnesses — of men who could not boast of a mud cement rendered accommodation but who after venturing into politics and religion built not only estates but had sky-scrapers in foreign lands. Men there were, who could not buy a bicycle spoke before responding to the invitation of his people to lead them to the promised land or respond to God's call of serving mankind; who not only had custom-made cars and aeroplanes but had them in fleets.

We have watched to our eternal chagrin and shame men who were bone and flesh before the political and religious harvests but who developed pot bellies ever after. Men, there were, who did not know the capital of their countries nor taste the ritzy outlook of their traditional lifestyles but who became important celebrities at world's cities of their choice, globe-trotting, wining and dining, terminating the ambitions of most deserving damsels and convalescing in

five star hotels in all cities of their choice. These are the the charms in politics and religion.

I am yet to see someone who went into politics and religion as a pauper and came out the same. I am yet to be shown that man who stopped exploiting the ignorance of his people in politics and who did not misappropriate that public money in his care, embezzled and led extravagant life. These are the charms in politics and religion. That is why, men invest thousands to reap millions and millions to reap billions. Politics and religion are the midas touch of our generation, the gold mine of our times.

The whole piteous and sordid state is that while the clerics and politicians are having their field — day from the proceeds of the labour of the masses, like the bees; some are knee-deep in the art of exploitation. The masses are still groaning in pains, scratching the soil to eke out yet a miserable living. The million dollar question now is, will the politics and religion of our time continue this way? Will we still have to give place to the betrayers of our lost cause? Shall we not restore the past glory of the "House of Israel" by asking genuine and thought provoking questions? Somebody must be prepared to hold the bull by the horn and drive sanity to this whole mess. MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT LEAD US ARIGHT!

Thank You Father.



## NEWS IN PIX



Recently, Pastor Offu Ebongo, the Secretary was given a chieftaincy title.



Sisters from Abasi Obori Bethel, Calabar in a drama, *The Chief and the Native Doctor*, during the Mother's Day in Biakpan.



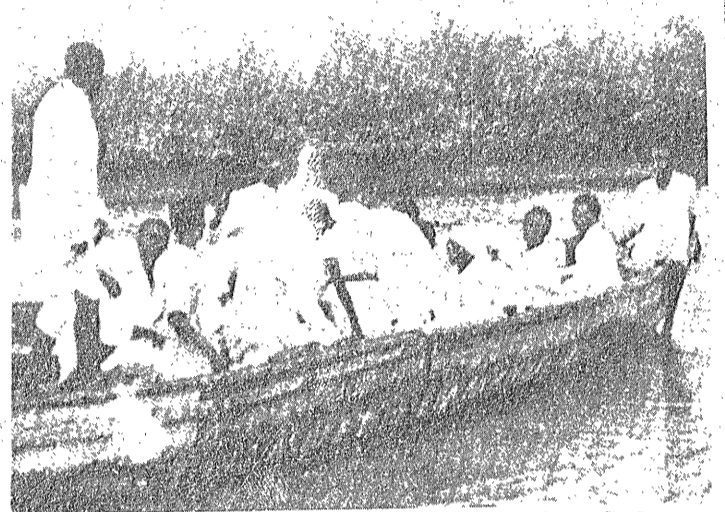
None member of B.C.S. Afiong Oyuket at Mercy from Snr prophetess receiving spiritual healing Healing home, 65B Afokang Street, Calabar.



Pastor Ekong receives IMF chairman's from Xt. St. Mary Peter.



Chiefs from Ikom during a visit to the Holy Father.



Spiritual welfare is paramount in B.C.S. members of BCS want to bless Bro. Daniel J. Ibiyemie in Bolo Town.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY PAPA

The Rivers State Women's Fellowship heartily SALUTE

Leader Olumba Olumba Obu — Sole Spiritual Head and King of righteousness

On the occasion of the annual celebration of His divine birth on earth. Over the Ages, human wisdom, science, religion, technology, occultism etc. have not given man the type of Peace, Love, Joy and Self realization which your reign has brought on earth. This is why, we feel deeply grateful for your arrival in our midst.

THANK YOU FATHER



Deaconess V. C. Eze President



Sister (Elder) Mina Jumbo Secretary.

## PRACTICAL STUDENTS CELEBRATE 7TH ANNIVERSARY

ACTIVITIES that marked the 7th Anniversary of the Practical Students' Fellowship were recently rounded off in Calabar.

In his speech at the occasion, the Secretary to the Sole Spiritual Head, Senior Pastor Offu Ebongo, described Brotherhood of the Cross and Star as the highest institution of learning established by God for the spiritual upliftment of man in this generation.

Pastor Offu who is the international vice-chairman of the Fellowship said that serving God in Spirit and truth is the basis for achieving spiritual growth and success.

He noted with happiness that what God did at the time of creation were the physical demonstration of the omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent nature of His Being.

In his speech, the Chairman, Pastor M. E. Etop urged those present to pull their resources together and work for the progress of the Holy Father's assignment on earth.

He expressed appreciation to the Father for bringing His Children in large numbers to grace the occasion and advised all to make love their watchword in dealing with their fellow beings.

Also speaking, the Bendel State Chairman of the Fellowship, Pastor Raji Nwajie, (Keystone) thanked the Father for giving Him the ability to witness the occasion. He called on all sincere worshippers of God to always do what is right in the sight of God, regardless of what people may say about them.

Advising the congregation later, the Sole Spiritual Head, Leader O. O. Obu assured those who serve diligently of eternal reward.

Quoting from 2nd Cor. 9:6, the Father said what is needed from all servants of God is patience and endurance.

Among those who attended the anniversary are: Pastor John Elue, Snr. Apostles Ewa Ikoreti, Deaconesses S.I.U. Etuk, Itam E. Ibia, Pastor Raji Nwajie (Keystone), Pastor M. E. Etop and Apostle O. O. Ita.

Others are: (Pastor Offu Ebongo), Christ Practical Student Edem Obot, Apostle Bassey Orok Bassey, Elders U. E. Okorodu, Joseph Osagbobu, Victor Eluemokwu and a host of brethren.

Thank You Father.

by Nsiong Ben.

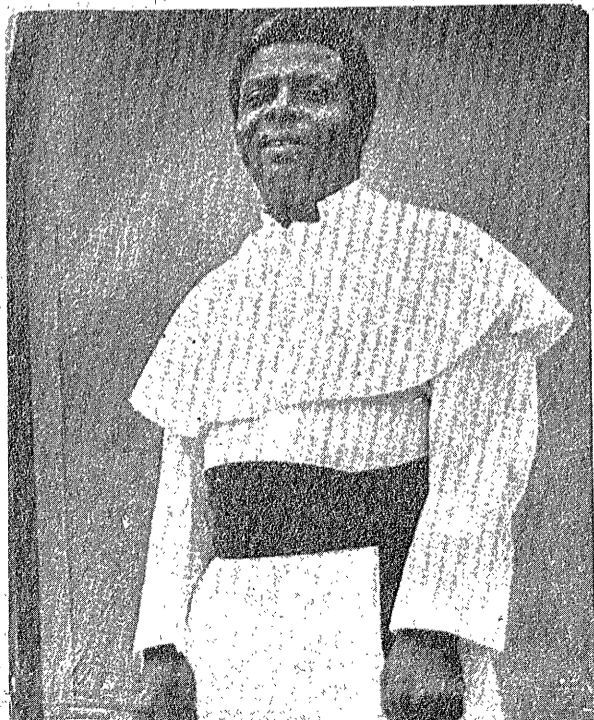
# THREE HEARTY CHEERS

I, My Sister, The Entire Family and Brethren in the Republic of Cameroun Feel Most Esteemed To extend to you, Most High Father, On this significant Occasion of the Celebration of Your Manifestation



on Earth, Our Best wishes. By Your Arrival in this sinful World, Everything Shall be set aright and since you are with us, Who can be Against us?

Many Happy Returns on Your Birthday.



PASTOR L. M. Etuka

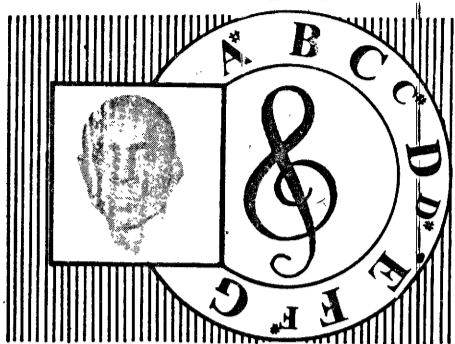
*Thank  
you  
FATHER*



DEACONESS Sophia D. Etuk.

MUSIC CORNER

COME TO OUR CHOIR PRACTICE LESSON 2



EYO ANWANA

IN OUR first lesson, we defined music, mentioned the two parts in music as Melody and Harmony while discussing the natural tones "NOTES, VALUE or SCALE" and ended up intimating you that adequate concentration is necessary if you must readily grasp the sound of notes.

Sometimes in this programme, for illustrative purposes, we shall use fun to assist your understanding. Having "fun" while learning will no doubt make the lesson stay with you not only for a long time, but for ever. This is Nature's Law. Watch kiddies at play: the lessons they learn will be imprinted in their memory for life. If you watch a T.V. educational programme for children, and some other comic plays, you will see and know how to learn through entertainments.

Each time you have friends around for the evening, write some musical notes to them in a playful way, ask them some questions, tell them to sing sometimes. If they know better than yourself, learn from them; if they don't know, then you become their teacher. Tell them that it is the Herald music method. Make fun to improve your musical skill, and you will be

amazed how your powers of learning improve.

Is it a painful practice? But practice makes perfect. Then you will find yourself having a stimulating, enjoyable evening, too.

Throughout this programme, we shall be careful not to use complex terms (Music Terminology) when not required. The main target of this programme is to assist interested readers build their musical career from the scratch to its maximum, not only to become singers or choristers but also Masters.

**THE SCALE** in music is an Italian word, meaning Ladder. In Latin, "Scala" has the same meaning (Ladder). As we progress upwards and downwards on the Ladder, So do the tones on scale.

**MAJOR SCALE:**

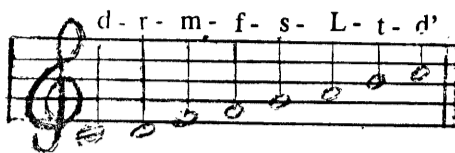
What makes the scale major is its characteristic range of tones and semitones. There are other scales like MINOR SCALE and the rest, but we want to deal first with the Major Scale to avoid mix-ups.

At this point, we have selected the key of "C" Major which is the simplest key to use without interfering with the semitones. Some writers know this as the "Natural" key. This means music on C as the Home note called "D". However, we shall discuss about each of the keys in sequence as we progress.

When you see a piano try your finger on the white keys from "C to "C", do not touch the black keys. As you play them from left to right and from right to left, listen carefully and you will discover that you have gone through the Major Scale from "D. D" and

from "D to D" with the key of "C Major."

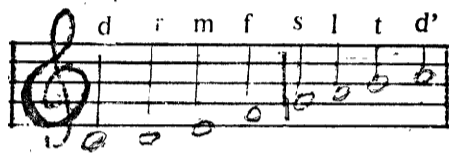
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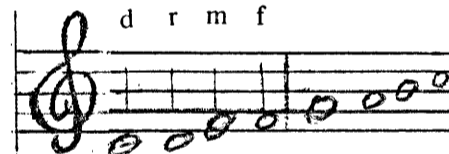
The Key of C Major

The diagram above helps you to understand the nature of the scale in music compared to that of the ladder. And bear in mind that the notes in the scale always go parallel in its continuity to any height or depth you can successfully sing or play.

A scale can be divided into two groups, each containing four notes. Each of these groups is called a TETRACHORD:



The two TETRACHORDS are of exactly the same shape. It is possible for the Top tetrachord (s l t d) of one scale to become the Bottom Tetrachord (d r m f) like this:



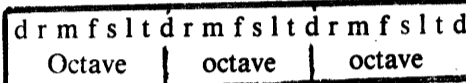
Each note or degree of a scale can be indicated by a number thus: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 e.g.

- Degree 8 — d' = Tonic
- " 7 — t = Leading Note
- " 6 — L = Submedian
- " 5 — s = Dominant
- " 4 — f = Sub-Dominant
- " 3 — m = Mediant
- " 2 — r = Super-Tonic

Degree 1 — d = Tonic

We shall discuss more of the above in our future lessons.

Let us now look into the **Musical OCTAVE**. See diagram below:



Forget about the dictionary definition of the word "OCTAVE." In music, OCTAVE means a succession of an eighth from a given note; be it d, r, m or so.

The eight notes can be counted from any note or key just to determine a desired octave.

It will become clearer to you in future when we will be discussing about the key — boards in place of the scale as is being used now. Then you will realize that some piano or organ have up to eight or Ten Octaves.

We advise you to try as much as you can to grasp these lessons in time and be ready to receive them as we release.

They cost you not more than the price of a copy of Herald Newspaper.

WOMEN'S COLUMN

THAT WHICH THE WOMAN MUST KNOW!

by Eyibio Antia

THERE are many things I indulge in, at times out of genuine curiosity or an outright desire to know through sheer inquisitiveness the why of many things. Things, to some other people, that are trivial, unnecessary and foolish. Some of those funny questions that bug me had always been, why did God ever create women? Would the world not have been a better place without women especially judging against the background that man could have been immortal but for the advent of the earth's first lady, Eve. What would have been the fate of man without these other unsolicited specie by man? Why, why for God's sake, did He create these people who have "turned the world upside down." I almost made up my mind on women generally as the harbingers of man's greatest doomsday, a people who had always been and are still instrumental to the downfall of man, when I sought the face of God again through his Holy words. This time around, in the words of Samuel I said "Speak Lord for Thy

servant heareth and honestly I listened with my spirit, soul and body.

And as if the speech, "unto you is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven" was for the first time ministered to me, I became more receptive and was then directed to Gen. 2:18. It reads:

"And the Lord God said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him an help fit for him."

Immediately the Holy Spirit bore this witness to me, my entire psychology about women changed, I not only realised that the absence of woman on earth did not only make the Father's creative works, that had hitherto been pronounced good "... and God saw that it was good" not good, but that the woman has an equal right on God's own earth and that she is not only an integral part of man but very indispensable.

I became the more dumbfounded when I discovered that to cause the woman to manifest, God the creator of the heavens and earth performed the

first orthopaedic surgery. That, the whole of woman, the imposing, huge, and at times domineering frame, that is the woman, is only one of man's ribs is suggestive of many things. I will, however, not go into details on this but let's hope this column thrives and we shall have the opportunity to discuss but suffice it to say that, meanwhile in the sight of God, it is the man that lives while the woman lives and have her being in God through man.

It is true, we must accept that God in His Infinite Wisdom created a special role for the woman. A duty that is incumbent upon her to shoulder. This duty, though subjected to various renditions and at times appears amorphous based on the wisdom of man is still in the sight of the Father unique. The Bible says,

"... I will make him an help fit for him."

I do not know what interpretations you give to this, but one thing is certain here. The woman, in God's scheme of things is to HELP the man. The help might come in different forms. It

might be through taking care of the home, objective advice, or at times playing the role of the man once in a while, this will not bring to disrepute the Headship of the man. I shall revisit this issue.

The next question is, how will the woman perform her role as a help? Must she jump from the life of one man to the other, in the process committing a sin of fornication here and that of adultery there? Must the woman throw all her woman reserve to the dogs and embark on an all out hunt for anybody provided it is not only rib that is the composition of that being? To this, I also sought for the solution, in where else than the book of all solutions. That Holy Book says in Gen. 2:24:

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and cleave unto his wife and they shall be one flesh."

Our God is not a God of confusion. The woman our God had in mind was not to be a free provider of help to all men irrespective of their connections.

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## Visioners

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Prophet E. U. Akpabio, Elder D. Okpokpong, Elder S. Mkpog and Prophet David Irefin will serve the Fellowship as President, 1st Co-President, Vice-President and Secretary General in Borno State.

Oyo State has a 25 — member executive council with Pastor Akpan N. Udoh as President. Elder J. E. Etim heads the 21 — member executive council for Lagos State while Pastor C. E. Nwaghara is the President of the Fellowship in Kwara State. Apostle Badejo heads the 17 — member executive council for Ogun State.

Elder (Brother), Elder (Sis) Ekwo, Brother Chike and Elder Clement O. Ogbolu are the President, 1st Co-President, Vice-President and Secretary-General of the Fellowship in Gongola State. The Ondo State chapter with 23 members headed by Elder Freeborn Peter. Elder Christopher Nnadi is the President of the Fellowship in Niger State. Elder Abang is 1st Co-President while brother Chukwuiudi Ahiakwo is Secretary-General of the 15 — member executive council.

The Imo State chapter has a 19 — member executive council with Elder Roland Onyeizu as President. The post of Vice-President and Secretary General went to Deaconess Udouwa and Elder Francis O. Nwanpa. The 27 — member executive council of the Fellowship in Sokoto State is headed by Snr. Prophet Odufu Charles. To assist him as 1st Co-President, Vice-President and Secretary General are Prophet Osita Stephen, Sister Matilda Onyeanaula and Brother Anthony Omorgiera.

Also, a 25 — member executive council was constituted for Katsina State with Elder Aloysius Igweukwu as President, Elder Anigboro Isaac; 1st Co-President, Elder Ime Asuquo, Vice-President and Sister

Perpetual N. Ugwumadu, Secretary General. The Akwa Ibom State chapter of the Fellowship has a 30-member executive council with Pastor C. E. Udoh as President. Others are: Xt Practical Student M. J. Ebong, 1st Co-President, Sister Aniedi Ebong, 1st Vice-President and Elder K. A. Utin, Secretary General.

Rivers State is the only place that the Fellowship was not Inaugurated. However, the State Leaders' Representative and the former executive were mandated to supervise the election and registration of members Bethels/healing homes and send the names to the Secretariat of the Fellowship in Calabar.

It could be recalled that during the 1989 August Pentecostal Meeting of the Fellowship with the Father, the former Executive Committee was dissolved and a new one constituted to take charge of the affairs of the Fellowship.

Meanwhile, a total of Two Thousand, five Hundred and twenty-members have registered in the Fellowship and other interested baptized members are expected to register with the sum of one naira.

Thank You Father.

### BRIEFS:

**INTERNATIONAL Men's Executive to meet in Kano (No man's land Bethel) on February 10, 1990, Sango Bethel Ibadan on July 21, 1990, Township Bethel, Jos, on October 5, 1990, and at Biakpan on November 30, 1990.**

**HOLY Mother to visit Ibadan, Oyo State on March 24 and 25, 1990.**

**INTERNATIONAL Choristers Fellowship (ICF) executive meeting at Calabar on 20/1/90, 24/2/90, 19/5/90, September 1990.**

**ELDERS Exco/Gen. Meeting at 212 Hospital Road, Aba on 4/3/90, monthly General meeting with the Holy Father at 34 Ambo Street, 3/2/90, Elders Week 26/3/90 to 1/4/90.**

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brought up children by hand. All these people can't be vandals at worst as our accusers go a long way to suggest."

He, therefore, appealed for co-existence and also implored the patrons whom the Father had passed through to be appointed to assist the choir to grow in order to meet the standard of its counterparts in other states.

In his speech Pastor Ekong said that the choir

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\* The Leader's Office will remain the permanent communication link and clearing house of all activities at any point in time.

On the issue of discipline, the body warned that henceforth, all the Christ's Practical Students must show the practical expression of their assigned duties before the Holy Father and beyond at all times. "Their loyalty, solidarity, and love for the Holy Father and for all Brotherhood members must be second

## OLUMBA CONQUERED ACCIDENT

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the person who was taking shelter from the rain under the tree. This was a student of Ramat Polytechnic. The student died instantly.

I was also injured in the accident as my head hit the broken windscreen. I was not fully conscious though I felt serious pains in my head. I was taken to the Maiduguri Specialist Hospital where a large piece of glass was removed from my head before the wound was stitched. Although they gave me a sedative to make me sleep during this process it had no effect as I cried seriously. All of a sudden a voice came to me saying "read Hymn No.91, John 14:18 and Hymn No. 112, Luke 9:27". The Father warned me to stop crying and lamenting because, before anything happens He has signed. He said that without His signature nothing can happen to His children in any of the four corners of the universe. Brethren, when I heard the Father's low, still, but commanding voice I was shocked and at the same time moved to great joy and I cried no more.

It turned out that the person who stitched my wound was not a doctor or even a nurse but only an attendant and he did not clean the wound properly before stitching it. It remained very painful. It affected my face and it was swollen. However, the Father manifested and I was taken to Prophet (Dr.) J. O. Chikwem a Consultant in

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in B. C. S. cannot be dispensed with, adding that "ours is a case of the one plants, the other waters but God sees to the increase. We, therefore, must perform our bit, avoid unhealthy rivalry, the holier — than — thou attitude and thus make way for the positive day." On the whole, it is a tremendous privilege to sing to God, he stressed.

Those elected at the

occasion include: Brother Ekitanie A. Akpan, pioneer choirmaster; Brother James Ebong, choir chairman; and Sister A. M. Eyo, Vice-Chairman. Others are: Brother Andrew B. Udo; Secretary; Sister Pat A. Eshiet, Treasurer; and Brother Umoette, Financial Secretary.

Several dignitaries graced the occasion. They include: Apostle B.

E. Effiom and brother C. T. Udofia both of whom represent the National Executive and International Choristers Association, and Brother O. I. Uko, Area Representative for Okobo. Others are Brother Samuel S. Udo, Area Representative for Ibiono and Brother O. H. Inyang, Area Representative for Uyo.

by Brother Imeh Ubah Uyo.

## Practical Students

to none, unconditional and total," the executive body stressed.

Discipline, according to it, is of absolute necessity practically envisaged as their names imply, adding that this will lure the sheep of God in the vine-yard to the Father for the total emancipation, unification and salvation of mankind at this end of age.

The new Executive Body is as follows:

Christ's Practical Student Samuel U. Esema is the International Leader's Representative while the

post of National Leader's Representative goes to Christ's Practical Student Bassey W. Umo. Also, Christ's Practical Student Moses Ntukidem was appointed the Administrative Secretary, while the post of Mother went to Christ's Practical Student Christiana E. Ibok.

Others include: Christ's Practical Student Augustine Bassey — Assistant Secretary; Christ's Practical Student Thomas A. Effiong — Treasurer; Christ's Practical Student Ene-

Anwan Udoh — Financial Secretary, and Christ Practical Students Sunday Moses Udo and Idorenyin Akpakpan were appointed Executive members.

The posts of PRO/Reporter and Choirmaster went to Christ's Practical Students Bassey O. Bassey and Efiok Mbom respectively.

Finally, Sister Atim Usanga and Brother Patrick Francis were appointed as Welfare Officers.

by Odey David Oko

## UN Director General

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who responded meaningfully and promised to communicate to the Holy Father. Various other places like Bus stops and parks were also visited where many people were converted.

The ministry work also took them to the Australian Ambassador, Embassies of Burundi, Ethiopia, Sudan and the mission of the Organisation of African Unity (O.A.U.) While in Athens, Greece, they called on the Mayor, members of House of Parliament, Missions, Greek Orthodox church as well as met with an American Evangelist, Nigerian Students Associations, etc and many were converted and baptised.

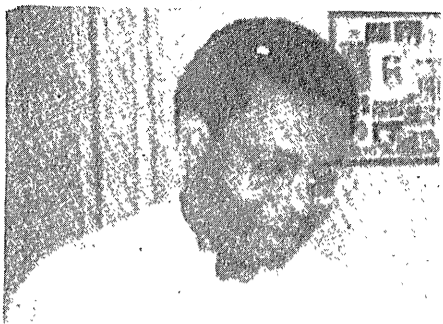
According to the report, arrangements are being geared towards translating the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star teachings into Greek.

Thank You Father.

Sister Augustina Robin  
Maiduguri Central Bethel Choir,  
P. O. Box 5602, Maiduguri.

**FOCUS**

**BROTHERHOOD IN UNITED STATES CLOCKS EIGHTEEN**



*Christ Practical Student Samuel Esema-Editor, Brotherhood Voice*  
**SEPTEMBER 22, 1989, members of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star all over the United States celebrated its eighteenth anniversary in Washington; the fold's administrative headquarters in the U.S. No matter the various opinions and feelings by different people, the utmost impression expressed by all in the glory and honour given to the Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu.**

During the 3—day assembly, the U.S.A. National Executive Committee (NEC) cum-Brotherhood trustees held its annual meeting. The meeting was chaired by the Leader's substantive representative for the U.S.A., Brother

Tunde Oladapo, Western Zonal Pastor; Christ Student Ima Bassey Missionary, Prophetess Cornelia Obeng, National Mother; Bishop James Ellerbe Field Ministry, and, Christ Practical Student Samuel Esema, Editor-in-Chief of the U.S.A. Brotherhood voice News Letter.

During this meeting, the U.S.A. National Executive Committee presented its 1990 projected Budget of \$100,000.00 (one hundred thousand dollars). The capital expenditure for the fiscal year according to the budget proposal include evangelism viz:— T.V. and Radio ministry; Ministerial/administration; publications; Transportation; facilities and maintenance. Others include, Provisions for the U.S.A. Central choir. Bishop James Ellerbe, field Ministry and Bishop S. B. Hill Co-ordinator were mandated to research into the projections of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star Radio and T.V. Ministry.

Before the 18th anniversary celebration which came up on Friday 22nd September 1989, eight Branches including Washington D.C. — The administrative HQ had been founded. These Bethels were been established

inaugurated. The inaugural ceremony was well represented by choristers all over the U.S.A. The U.S. Choristers Association (U.S.C.A.) elected its officers as follows: Brother Francis Ukpong, Chairman; Brother Peter Ifeochi, Vice-Chairman; Brother Edirian Esien Secretary; Sister Alexis Inyang, Assistant Secretary. Sister Roselyn Ellah, Treasurer. Others include, Brother Ibanga Inyang, Financial Secretary. Sister Bridget Agu, Mother; Sister Rosemary White, Assistant mother, and Lawrence Nwegbo Publicity Secretary.

formation of the choristers Fellowship does not make the choir a Separate entity in the organisation.

In developing guidelines for effective administration, Esema appealed to the newly elected executives led by Brother Francis Ukpong; to practise the injunctions of the Holy Father. He warned that, indiscipline and insubordination has no place in the Kingdom of God. Esema finally thanked participants for travelling thousands of miles to attend the 18th anniversary of B.C.S. in the U.S.A.

On behalf of the N.E.C./Trustees,



*In front of the White House, Washington DC, BCS members pray for three alcoholics.*

For the position of choirmasters, evangelist Henry Etteh was named the Choirmaster-General; to be assisted by Brother Emmanuel Ekong of Dallas, Texas.

Christ Practical Student Samuel Esema, presided over the inauguration activities on behalf of the substantive Leader's representative for the U.S.A. Brother Orlando Obu. At its inaugural speech, Christ Practical Student Esema reminded the choristers of their responsibilities to Father's work in the U.S. He appealed to the choristers and to the newly elected executives to be

and the substantive Leader's representative for U.S.A. Brother Orlando Obu, Esema glorified and thanked the Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu for nursing His Kingdom on earth! We are fully assured in the competency of His majesty who has the spiritual and material resources to evangelize America. He implored the Holy Father's Blessing to all the participants at the 18th anniversary held in Washington D.C. in the U.S.A. and prayed the Father to bring them back to Washington D.C. U.S.A. in



*Some members of Washington DC Bethel pose for a snap-shot outside their Bethel.*

Orlando Obu. The Brotherhood of the Cross and Star (N.E.C) is the highest administrative body in the United States. The primary topic of interest at this meeting focussed on evangelism in the U.S.A. The members in attendance were representatives of the different regions of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star Pastor M.O. Ejedawe

over 15 years back, each having a membership strength ranging from 300 to 800 in each of the Bethels. A properly equipped Bethel has been purchased in Washington D.C. The U.S.A. capital city at the cost of \$200,000,00 (Two hundred thousand dollars) by Pastor M. O. Ejedawe. Other Bethels are located in New York/New Jersey California, Atlanta,



*B.C.S. members in a meeting of church ministers at the Unification Church.*

Chairman, the international executive of the Leader's representatives fellowship; Pastor A.O.E. Ekanem — Co-Chairman, who is also the overseas Leader's representative, Pastor C. O. Akpan — Chairman Brotherhood Globe Master Services; Bishop S. B. Hill, U. S. A. Cordinator, Prophet Carl A. Reindorf, Deputy Leader's Representative, Prophet Ukpong Ito. (N.E.C.) Secretary, Pastor Edet S. Umoren, Eastern Zonal Pastor; Pastor

Chicago, Houston, Dallas, and Kansas States. The anniversary which sang a melodious (Happy Birthday) tune to the 18th Birthday of B.C.S. in the United States of America created a tremendous impact.

At 18, Brotherhood in the U.S.A. is matured and is prepared to shoulder its massive ministerial programmes. During the 3-day celebration in Washington DC, the U.S.A. choristers fellowship was



*Bishop James Ellerbe preaching to Mrs. Coretta Scott King (Wife of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr) (seate) Behind Bishop Ellerbe is Pastor Edet Sampson Umoren, while Mrs. King's Security Guard listens (Picture by Apostle Ahmad Amer)*

servants rather than masters.

Esema strongly appealed to the choristers to support and co-operate with the U.S.A. National Executive Committee/Trustees under the leadership of Brother Orlando Obu. He reminded the Choristers that the

September 1990 for the 19th anniversary.

*Christ Practical Student, Student Samuel Esema Editor-in-Chief, Brotherhood Voice-U.S.A.*



*Pastor (Dr) Imeh Uyoe, Sister Tity, Elder (Sister) Helen Diller and Sister Denise Nay pray for a newly baptised sister.*

## TESTIMONY

# THE RETURN OF A PRODIGAL SON

by Pastor Dogogo Leopold Bell-Gem.

*In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; in the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; now and forever more. Amen!*

When the Sole Spiritual Head of the universe demanded a written testimony from me a few months ago, the thought that order must be obeyed ended my lack of motivation to put down in black and white the praise of Lord, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu by way of testimony.

I stumbled upon this great fold -- Brotherhood of the Cross and Star in the year that I was studying in Hope Waddell Training Institute at Calabar. It was the very year that my mother who was so dear to me, went on a transfer, while my father had earlier been transferred in the year 1959. So, brethren, I became an orphan at my tender age. The circumstances under which my parents went on transfers caused me much concern. The lives of the rest of our family were at stake; as to my own thinking, I had hardly accepted the departure of my mother when a certain Brother Monday, having just been made the Prefect of our dormitory, acquainted me with the idea of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. I confess, before then, I had a little respect for the Brother whom I fancied to be a disciplinarian. Though he was a very devout Brotherhood endowed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, I did not admire these qualities until we became one in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

After he had spoken to me, one day I decided to attend worship at Big Qua Bethel, a branch of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star which was a short walk away from our school. My first experience about the worship in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star was thought-provoking for, the gospel harped on my inner thoughts and the recent events in my life. It gave me comfort so much that I accepted baptism which was conducted by one Brother in that Bethel in the person of Student Okon who later escorted me to see the Holy Father, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu at 34, Ambo Street, Calabar for His blessing.

### REVELATION: CHRIST IS THE SAME, TODAY, TOMORROW & FOREVER:

It was during the August Pentecostal Assembly; the first conducted after my baptism that the Holy Father allowed me to see an aspect of Him. The Pentecostal had actually just ended. After a full feast, I retired to our dormitory. I fell into a very deep sleep and had a dream. I dreamt that I was back to the Pentecostal Hall. I saw the Holy Father in a white Jewish gown and a staff in His hand as He stepped down from the Altar into the Hall, walking majestically. At that instant, He was transfigured; His face resembled that of our Lord Jesus Christ in picture, but in the twinkle of an eye, the face was that of our Holy Father, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu. The process of facial transfiguration

continued for a while as the Holy Father approached me. I saw a hilarious crowd round Him for healing and the people were actually healed. The whole episode was a recast of the many walk-about and the marvellous works performed by our Lord Jesus Christ as told in the New Testament Bible.

After that I saw an expanse body of water flowing behind the Pentecostal Hall. By the side of this water was a stone. I was able to see my younger sister beside the water. In that dream, she behaved abnormally and she seemingly wanted to return to the water alleged to be her home. Meanwhile, the Holy Father was sitting on the stone by the body of water. He commanded me to get hold of my sister before she plunged into the water. I surged and held her but she slipped off my hands because she was slimy. After a continuous failure in my attempt to get hold of her, the Holy Father ordered, "Go and get her", after this last order, I was able to grip her. When I took her to the Holy Father, He slapped her on the head and a very big and a grotesque insect was removed. Its colour was predominantly yellowish with black spots. Its claws were very much alive, and were exhibiting cold movements. The Holy Father crushed this insect as my sister was gradually adjusting to her new lease of life. I was disconnected.

After this wonderful dream, one would expect me to be fanatical over Brotherhood of the Cross and Star; but I was not. Instead, as soon as I left Hope Waddell Institute, I hardly took a keen interest in the fold of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. I was very much worldly: I smoked, drank and fornicated as though I was taking my breakfast and dinner. Irrespective of these, the merciful Father was with me all the time. Let thanks, glory and adoration be given to Thee Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ Amen.

### FRUITLESS LABOUR IN QUEST OF POWER:

I was not physically involved in the fold of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star for about four years, during which period I sought for other powers. In the year 1974, I worked in NEPA, Port Harcourt where I got settled. It was there that I went in contact with a young fisherman from Ogoni by name Nwidam but was popularly known as 'Danger'. He was running a spiritual house which was styled 'Saint Bottle'. I, in the company of a few friends got involved and we were the elders and organisers. We thought that the ability to see things past and present albeit distorted was the ultimate in the spiritual awareness. Before one is told of his problem and the cause, the dead were invoked, the water spirits were rallied and probed, coupled with crying inside bottles of water surrounded by burning candles and incense.

Government officials, academicians, business tycoons, school boys and girls

came in large numbers to look at their future and their past; which they paid so much for. The enormous sum of money swelled up 'Danger's' head that we rebelled and broke away. The more reason that I made up my mind to join other 'Pillars' who left "Danger" was because while I was getting poorer, to the extent of spending my pay packets solely for 'St Bottle'; "Danger" was growing richer; erecting a permanent building with every desirable amenity supplied. Worse still, I was so fanatical over this Order. The new Order that was formed was mainly by the educated faction under the leadership of a top lecturer in the University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt. This was regarded as the centre for the understanding of the spirits. There, we probed among other things all the shrines in the riverine parts of the Rivers State; we tried to understand their history and 'Potentials'. Many of its members who left it for some other modes of worship, I realize still hold on to their occult practices.



— Leader O. O. Obu  
He welcomes all and sundry.

### OCCULT PRACTICES ARE MERE ILLUSIONS AND THEY ARE DESTRUCTIVE:—

Like in any other Order; most of what transpired at "Danger's" trances were mere illusions. *Those things emanated from one's thoughts, fired by the heavy doses of a type of psychedelic drug administered to one by "Danger" himself. This drug which falls under the class of dope kept us awake all night and made us capable of seeing the spirits that came inside the bottle — a state of perpetual confusion, suspicion, haggardness and panic*

Little wonder then that more often than not people went completely insane and had even died after visiting the bottle.

### WHEN ALL HOPE IS GONE THE SAVIOUR APPEARS:—

#### THE PRODIGAL SON:—

In the year 1976, I left the country Nigeria for the United Kingdom on a month's visitors' visa. I was lucky that before my visa got expired, I had been admitted into a college.

The first problem that I experienced was naturally that of extending my visa at the Britain Home Office in London. This was a straight forward process in those days. Indeed, all that I was

required of was a guarantee of regular stipends for one's maintenance. Imagine how surprised and disappointed I was when my extension application was rejected, and so I was not going to be allowed to stay in Britain. I was, however, given leave to appeal — a process that took almost one and half years.

"When all hopes are gone the saviour emerges." This is a wonderful saying in the fold of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star and I sensed that it could not be less so in my own case. So, I took a decision to go back to my kind, loving and merciful Father, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu. That is exactly how I made my way to London Camberwell Bethel.

Arriving there, my spirit was revived immediately. Hope, faith and assurance returned to me. I began to worship in earnest and took an active part in various ministerial duties. The all-knowing Father revealed everything and assured me that He had surrounded me with wonderful angels and that all was well with me.

When my appeal came up, I appeared before an Adjudicator who ruled that the Home Office was right to have rejected my application for the extension of my visa. He made many blunders in his ruling. I capitalized on these blunders that he made and won another appeal. Before the second appeal was due for hearing, I had a dream.

In that dream, the Holy Father came and took up my Scholarship form, which I had tendered for the Rivers State Award for 1977—78 Academic Year. After looking through the Form, the Holy Father stamped it. Let thanks, praises, glory and honour be given to Him, the Omniscient, Omnipresent and Omnipotent Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Brethren, indeed, there was a newspaper publication that followed shortly after this dream and I was awarded a Scholarship. This gave a dramatic twist to my case as it proved beyond any reasonable doubt that I was a genuine student backed by my Home Government — Nigeria.

One interesting thing about my case was that it dragged on until I had virtually completed my training programme as a Journalist. Let thanks be to Thee Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. By then, the hearing was presided over by three Adjudicators who, instead of passing judgement on me, spoke of how well-dressed I was and pronounced that I was a genuine student. My visa now permits me to stay in Britain indefinitely, without any restrictions.

### OLUMBA'S LOVE — IS SO WONDERFUL —

I owe my sincere thanks to the Sole Spiritual Head of the universe who has redeemed me. He has also passed through to redeem my entire family, who had hitherto lived in fear and a state of uncertainty. The Holy Spirit

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THINGS WE BLAME SATAN FOR

by Dayo Ajigbotosho

**LUCIFER.** Bright Lucifer. He planned the first ever coup in the history of the universe. The brightest of all the angels, Lucifer was influential, powerful and proud. But he had fiery and negative ideas of revolution and was over-ambitious. This made him to attempt a putsch. He failed. And what would have passed into history as the greatest coup of all times ended in eternal disaster.

Satan's action rubbed God the wrong way and he was driven into the world. But a stubborn and unrepentant being that he is, he decided to make the most of the situation. Most of the changes he would have effected in heaven he tried on earth and he was determined to work real mischief by trying to do everything in opposition to God's will which is what any member of the genus homo in that position too would have done). And no doubt mankind has been the worse for satan's presence on earth.

Yet I often pity this luckless being because much more atrocity has been ascribed to him than he really is guilty of. The Eden story of woe is a very popular one. The devil got his punishment. But so did Adam and Eve too. This clearly indicates that not only the devil was guilty; Adam and Eve too were culpable.

But what do we do today? Any foolish thing done by any Tom, Dick and Harry for which he is likely to be condemned is put on the devil. Hence the popular statement: "Na devil push me go do am"

Truly there were people whom the devil either pushed or tried to push to do things according to the Bible: Job is an example. He was frustrated by Satan-induced, unmerited visitations that ruined him. David is another example: Satan pushed him to count Israel and God was annoyed. Then Our Lord Jesus Christ was tempted by the devil. Christ was successful in rebuffing Satan. Job too refused to succumb despite the calamity and



he was not only restored to his former state but was also more abundantly blessed. David was not so lucky. He succumbed but was forgiven by God after repenting and making sacrifice.

More often than not, we deserve to take the blame for most of the sins we commit. But we often heap everything on Satan, thinking God is so foolish as to absolve us of our blame. Were God so foolish, the world would have sunk beneath the ocean of sin. This is because it would have been possible for

any Nigerian man to just seize a beautiful girl on the road, rape her and get away with it claiming the devil pushed him to do it. Many ordained ministers would have looted the church treasury with impunity claiming it is the devil's work. But dear God, (Glory be to His Holy Name), He is so wise as to be fair and objective in dealing with Satan so that He has not given His creatures any opportunity to play upon His intelligence.

Remember Achan? The story is in Joshua 7. He stole one of the accursed things which God had decreed should not be touched, and he brought trouble to the whole of Israel. When he was caught, he confessed: "... I coveted them and too them." And he agreed that he had sinned against the Lord. Put a Nigerian in his position. He would swear vehemently that he saw the apparition of the devil that pushed him to do it.

Likewise, try and imagine that a Nigerian was the David that saw  
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by Eyibio Antia



**IF MEN,** the world over, had any option, they would have all insisted on being millionaires or billionaires. Nobody, no matter his status in the society would have declared for poverty. A critical appraisal of life generally reveals that every man is supposed to be wealthy. There is no limit to man's crave for riches and there is no ceiling on the level of its achievement. Why are the children of God poor?

This is a question that has exercised the minds of many. A question that has equally led to series upon series of investigations. The answer then discovered but till now not practised is that wealth is governed like all other phases of existence by an immutable law and that is the law of opulence. It is equally an established law of the universe that this law must work irrespective of your state of mind, Ignorance or no ignorance. "Remember that the Holy One is a God of justice and only those who fulfil the law are blessed while those who violate them are denied or punished"

Opulence or riches is not meant to manifest in anybody's experience unless the laws governing it are invoked and the wheels of the laws greased. All successful men and women employ this law whether consciously or unconsciously. Remember the law of nature is

THE LAW OF WEALTH

*My God shall supply my needs according to his riches in glory*

"progress" and it is normal for man to progress spiritually, intellectually, morally and materially. We shall try to water down these principles so as to help us experience wealth by practising them in our life time.

The first step towards becoming wealthy is completely revolutionising your thought pattern. You must not look at your present circumstances. If you are a pauper and wretched today, you are then a better candidate for this experiment. You too can be rich. Revolutionising your thought pattern will culminate in your eliminating IMPOSSIBILITY from your vocabulary "...for with God all things are possible" If you like say this three times in the morning and three times before you sleep. Let it get into your subconscious.

You must now locate the base of wealth. The source of all wealth is found within — for the spiritual kingdom is within. The Holy One, the Spirit of Abundance, whose temple you are is the same Spirit of Life that supplies wealth. You must tune yourself to the Spirit of Infinite Abundance in the secret place of the Most High still within you and attract to yourself a continual supply of whatever things you desire — why? because "he who seeks shall find" All things are provided in abundance by the Holy Father for man's use, but you receive according to your capacity "Nature fills the container which you present to it, the bigger the container the bigger the content"

Do not forget if you hold yourself in the thought of poverty and limitation you will be poor and limited and die in your poverty. If you think of prosperity, you will equally attract prosperity to yourself. Again, "like attracts like". You cannot be separated

Holy Bible

"from your thoughts. Alter the style of your thoughts and the outer manifestation will automatically change.

The most unfortunate thing is that we are not aware that within us are forces and powers that can be set into operation and it will triumph over any and all apparent losses. This is because 'if we ask it will be given unto us' and besides 'what is in us is greater than what is outside' and it is His wish that —we prosper and be in good health above all things.

Be convinced that the Infinite power that creates, governs, and sustains all things in the whole universe is the source of your sustenance and provider of every need.

Another law of opulence is for you to be prepared at all times. When apparent adversities come, pluck up courage and move further for better things, and a more prosperous situation. The Holy One desires that His children be wealthy. He wants us to open our minds and claim his omnipresent abundance of all good. The Holy One insists that we acknowledge Him in all our ways and depend on Him. The Holy Father owns everything on earth and in heaven, why should we be poor? Is it not consoling that the Holy One knew we shall need many things and prepared the earth fully before creating us last? Why do we not take advantage of the situation? Why do we lack, why are we poor? "we are now raining after other gods". We have run away from the Truth and "Like the prodigal son we have lost all our wealth" — and our eyes are still closed to the fact that "all that the Father hath are ours" and "every land that we will set our feet will become ours"

Of recent the Holy Father warned against idleness and laziness. We were exhorted never to fold our hands and expect manna to drop from heaven on our laps. He advised us to set into operation the Higher forces and then take hold of the first thing that offers itself. Wholeheartedly execute your duties, if not satisfactory to you, affirm, believe and expect that it is an agency that will expose you to other avenues. But remember God.

Imagination is a vital force in the manifestation of the riches in your life. All imaginations are realities and forces of unseen element. See yourself always living in opulence and opulent surroundings shall be yours. But do not be anxious for anything.

It must be made crystal clear that poverty is a state of mind and can never come to you except through your mind. Don't allow it to send its roots into your mind. The panacea for poverty and secret of wealth is faith in ourselves, in our ability to succeed, faith based on the hope that God constitutes our being. "Poverty is a mental disease, which affects the mind first and then the outer affairs of life" We must barricade our mind from being invaded by the viruses of poverty so that we can give glory to the Father and be able "to possess our possessions" on earth and thereafter.

Finally, tithing opens the gate to wealth and if you observe this no matter how inconveniencing, the whole universe shakes, the windows of heaven open and showers of blessings like the great tornado will pour on us as the door of poverty remains permanently closed. It is my belief that brethren will strive and the Holy One assisting, become wealthy members of this New Kingdom. Remember Abraham succeeded with tithing. Remain blessed as you follow the footsteps of Abraham.

*We welcome reactions from the public.*

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### THINGS WE BLAME SATAN

Bathsheba, impregnated her and killed her husband so he could marry her. My countryman would have drawn Prophet Nathan into a debate (How we love debate in Nigeria!), and would have made him realise that without the devil pushing him to do it, he could not have done it. But David admitted his guilt when the prophet was sent to him by God. And he got his punishment in full despite the fact that God loved him.

It is not uncommon today to hear or read about people being bribed to cast aspersions on other innocent people or give destructive testimony against them. Such people often turn round in repentance to say the devil it was that pushed them. What about the damage

done already? Even if that person forgives you, and God too forgives you (which I am sure He will do if your repentance is genuine), that is not to say you shall not have your punishment. Our Lord is a Just One.

Perhaps some people think they can just continue to sin at will so long as they later come round to repent. That is probably why youths today are fond of saying they would continue to enjoy the world until they are tired of it. Then they will turn around and join God's fold. In truth, God will take you back. And one good thing about genuine repentance is that it will win you a place in the eternal kingdom. But it does not matter whether you are a hundred years old when you repent,

you must have your punishment for those bad things you deliberately did.

Take your mind back to the story of David and Bathsheba. David repented but despite that, all that God foretold as his punishment through Nathan came to pass. The child resulting from the adulterous intercourse died, David's son, Absalom, sent him into exile, and not stopping there he had sex with the concubines of his father in the sight of all Israel. All these happened according to the word of the Lord.

Paul too had his deserts. Despite his repentance and his praise-worthy achievements — because he worked more than any of the Apostles — he had his punishment for the terrible things he did when he was persecuting

Christians. Apart from the persecutions which he suffered too as a convert-Christian, he had "a thorn" in his flesh (albeit this was more of a check to forestall pride than real punishment). For this "thorn" (whatever you interpret it to be), he besought the Lord thrice for it to be removed. God refused and told him "My grace is sufficient for thee."

Now it is time we stopped our foolish practice of putting our blame on this luckless Satan. It is time we stopped committing sins deliberately, thinking we can pull cotton wool over God's eyes and make Him absolve us of our blame. This is because whether or not we do try to implicate Satan, God will do justice and we will have our punishment according to our deeds.

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### THAT WHICH WOMEN MUST KNOW

She was not supposed to go on amorous but illegal rendezvous with that man before being involved. To all intents and purposes the woman was to help her husband and that's the divine instruction. If the woman likes, let her hand over her bank account, herself, her all and all to a man who is not her husband, that woman, in the most sincere of terms is only gratifying the lust of her flesh and may be helping in rehabilitating some other persons' husband but cheapening womanhood, running down her person and then the worst, disobeying the laws of our creator.

Subjecting the instruction further to spiritual analysis, it is the man's sacred responsibility to ".....leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife and they shall be one flesh."

Here the man makes the move. He initiates, lobbies and with God on his side and at the fullness of time, secures the bone of his bones and the flesh of his flesh, therein shall that be his woman. Due emphasis must be placed on **ONE FLESH**. I am believing that once a woman is married she has invariably and without option returned to her home. She becomes one with the man. This means, the man is now complete for that missing bone is back

at its position. The return of that rib should cause to manifest in man peace, love, understanding, progress, and the man should now become an overcomer. This principle of ONENESS in marriage connotes oneness in thought, speech, deeds and plans. In effect one should be able to vouch for the other. I do not know how many missing ribs have fulfilled their divine roles in the life of their real SELF. I can hear somebody quote Isaiah 4:1.

*"And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, we will eat our bread, and wear our own apparel, only let us be called by thy name, so take away our reproach."*

*For ever Oh! Lord, everything shall pass away but his words will never. It shall never fail to accomplish the task for which it was meant. This prophecy is meant for the children of perdition, it is meant for the fatherless children of this world, it is meant for those who do not believe in the power of the Holy Spirit to meet us at the point of our needs. Remember what our Lord Jesus Christ said in Matthew 19:4-9.*

*The whole gospel here as expounded by our Lord Jesus Christ is that one man shall go to one woman and the two shall become one flesh.*

*"Wherefore there are no more two but one flesh."*

It is not seven women going to one man again. We should thank the Father for His Grace for us. Again, the two that had been joined together must never be put asunder. Doing and observing these precepts amounts to being in the perfect will of the Creator.

Having known the origin of the woman, the process employed in manifesting couple with her position in the life of man, we now seek to know what her other characteristics should be. The first degree of the woman is that of weakness. This we understand is because of her fragile frame. She must be in subjection to man, women liberation notwithstanding. Quite unlike the popularly held view among women that the surrendering of identity is voluntary, I venture to correct that impression and maintain that it is a divine instruction. Hear this:

*"..... and thy desire shall be thy husband and he shall rule over thee."*

Then this: *"But I would have you know that the head of every man is Christ and the head of the woman is the man and the head of Christ is God."*

That settled, that woman was supposed to exhibit good behaviours,

her conducts were to be chaste and the hidden man of her heart not corruptible.

Again: *"Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing but on the contrary blessing knowing that ye are called to this, that ye should inherit blessings."*

She was to seek peace and pursue it. I am yet to see a woman now, who has risen above the level of petty offishness, not acting the superior woman, by first of all saying "I am sorry, let's make peace" to even somebody who offended her. God has called us to seek peace and pursue it.

Women were to be respectful. Sarah was complete in this. She called the husband "my lord." How many of our women, have made their husbands the "lord" of their lives. May God save us.

It was and is the hallmark of that woman to be tender to her offsprings, courteous and hospitable to strangers and she was never to be married without the consent of her parents.

It is my conviction that if this piece gets to you, and you take a little trouble reading it, you must have benefitted from my inquisitive nature. And should you prayerfully ask God to make you the woman of His mind, then this piece would not have been written in vain. In doing this, please remain blessed.

## TESTIMONY

### LEADER OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU CONQUERED A GHASTLY MOTOR ACCIDENT FOR ME

*In the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
In the Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Now and for ever-more, A-men.*

THIS testimony reveals that the will of God must manifest no matter what human beings may do. The Father controls everything, good and evil, but He protects His children in the face of evil.

The Father passed through a brother sometime to reveal that I would be involved in a serious motor accident when taking a lift from a stranger. For more than one month after that, I refused lifts from strangers in an effort to avoid the accident. However, I did

not realise that such things cannot be avoided if the Father decides they happen. At the appointed time He will make sure circumstances will be such that His will alone manifests.

On the evening of August 5th, 1989 I abandoned my commercial classes at about 4.15 p.m. in search of a taxi to board to the Bethel for choir practice. I developed sudden anxiety and before getting to the main road I stumbled on a stone and fell down. This increased my anxiety. I quickly picked myself up and hurried to the main road. I was waiting for a taxi, worried that I was late for the practice, when an unknown

brother of a Christian denomination stopped and asked where I was going. I was going to the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star Bethel for choir practice, I told him. He offered to drop me at the Bethel. This was a very generous offer as the Bethel is far from the main road. Meanwhile I forgot my resolve never to accept lifts from strangers. He took me to the Bethel. However, there was no one there and the choir practice did not hold. The brother then offered to drop me on the main road where I could board a taxi home.

Before we could reach the road,

there was a heavy downpour of rain. The brother did not want to drop me in the rain. He suggested that I follow him to pick someone from the airport, after which he would take me home. I agreed.

Driving towards the airport, near the Police College, the pick-up van began veering from left to right on the slippery road. The driver was unable to control the vehicle and I feared I would come to an early death. I shouted "Olumba Olumba Obu" just before we collided with a big nim tree. Unfortunately the vehicle also hit a

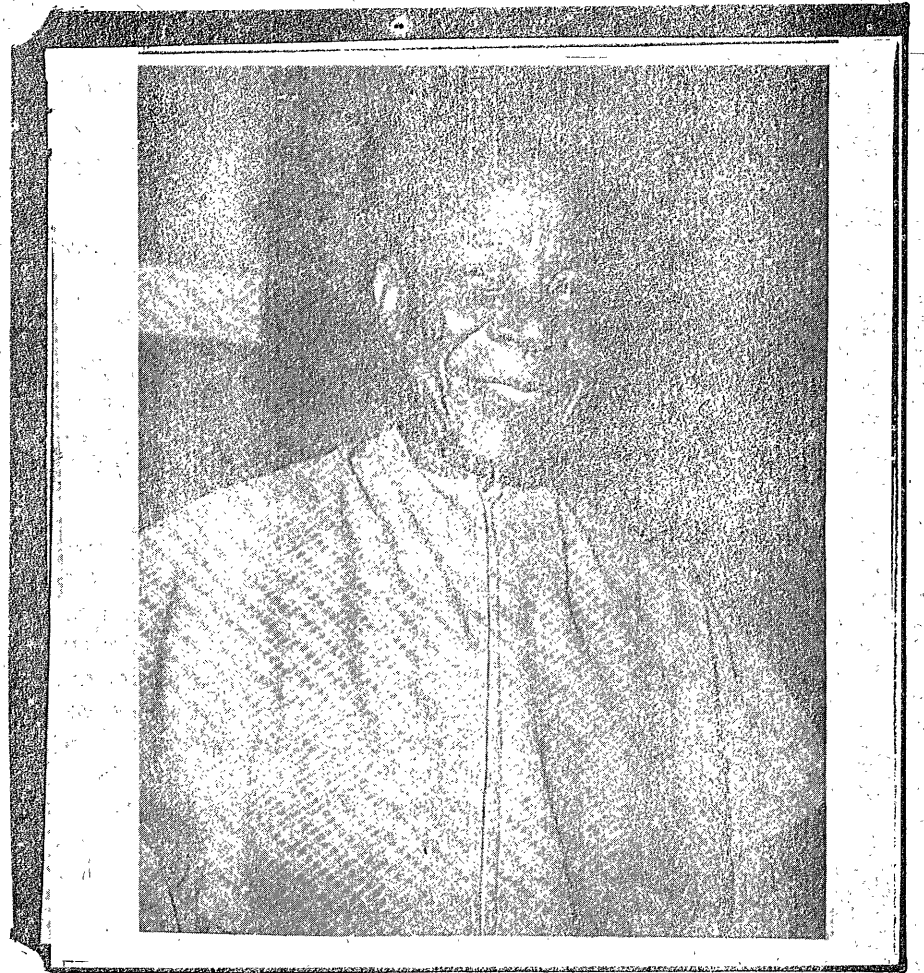
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# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

## Silver Jubilee Celebration

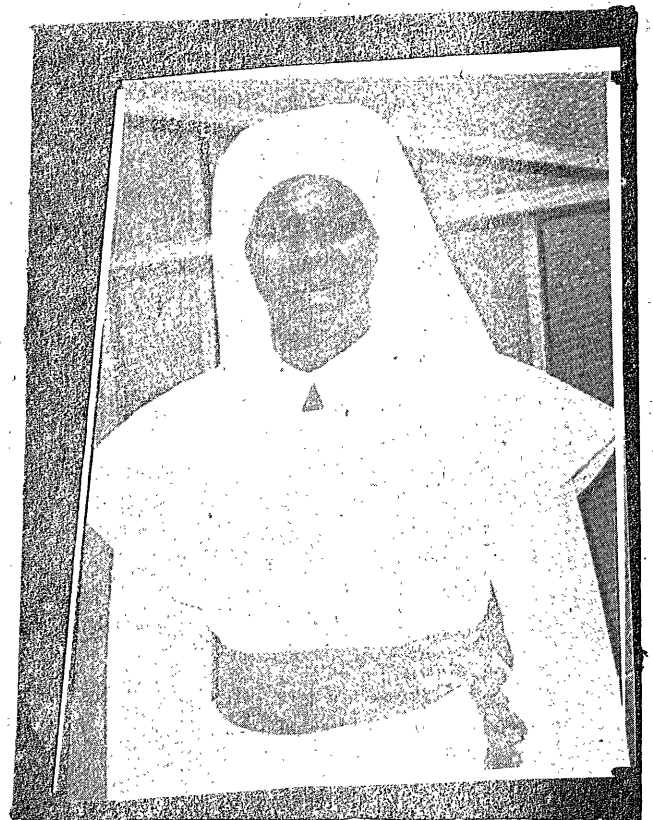
The International Women's Fellowship of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star will celebrate its Silver Jubilee anniversary during the Holy Queen Mother's Annual Pilgrimage and thanksgiving service at Biakpan on Saturday, 3rd November 1990. There will be a thanksgiving service on Sunday, 4th November 1990 at the Pentecostal Hall, 34 Ambo Street Calabar.



The Executive and entire members of the Fellowship rejoice with Our Holy Father, Leader O. O. Obu by whose grace the Fellowship was inaugurated in 1965. There is no doubt that the Fellowship has made a number of contributions to the progress of our dear organisation during its 25 years of existence. For directing and guiding the execution of the programmes of the Fellowship, the Holy Father owns the credit for whatever achievements that the Fellowship has recorded.



*Deaconess V. B. Clarke*  
President.



*Deaconess Alice Apreala*  
Secretary

*Thank You Father*

## FEATURES

## CAN A HUMAN INCARNATE THE HOLY SPIRIT?

For man to say that Holy Spirit cannot come in human form is the highest level of spiritual ignorance.

The belief that the Holy Spirit seized to operate after the day of pentecost is another dimension to this ignorance. And the belief lacks substance of wisdom, judgement and good reasoning. Why the whole world had been in disarray economically, socially, politically, and so on, is because its inhabitants have refused to appreciate the very essence and the existence of the Holy Spirit.

The fact that no living being or thing can ever exist without the Holy Spirit calls to question man's wisdom of his many past and present civilizations. The Holy Spirit is the word, wisdom, light, the truth and virtually everything. And whoever rejects the Holy Spirit rejects life. Generations, civilizations, nations and the entire world fail because of the non-recognition of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the word which has become flesh, and He dwells among

us. And as many as received Him, He gives them power and right to be the children of God. John 1:12-14. In fact where the Holy Spirit is found, all good things including life are also there.

The greatest wealth a person can ever possess on earth is to have the Holy Spirit. The people of old could not realise the presence of Holy Spirit because they were not endowed with understanding of the full spiritual arrangement which had to manifest after the priceless sacrifice of Jesus the Christ.

It is therefore lack of spiritual Holy spirit. The question agitating many people's minds is if there is a possibility for the Holy Spirit to personify. Yes, John 1:14 states clearly thus; "And the word became flesh and dwelt among us ..." The Holy Spirit and the comforter is a being who has come to teach, transform, unite the entire mankind, and bring all believers to the accurate wisdom of the truth. John 14:26 states thus; "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in

my name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you".

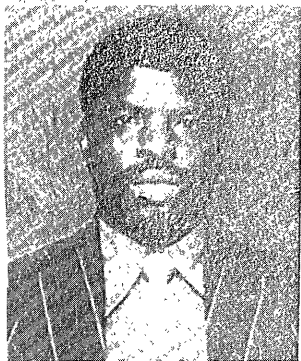
Do you still believe that the Holy Spirit is ordinary "active force" and not a personality? But what can stop Him from being a man at all, when He created man in His own image and likeness? After all without the Holy Spirit or the word, nothing would have been made, John 1:3-4. He is the life and the light of men. Why do the people of the world doubt and reject Him in His physical manifestation? The whites, the blacks and the coloured people have met with woeful failures in their plans, because they have rejected the Holy Spirit, the corner-stone.

The Holy Spirit is within us. He is the cause of our very existence. He pilots and directs us to wherever He wishes. The Holy Spirit is not like any material thing which we can purchase such as food, or mint as money. He cannot be easily obtained except when He comes to dwell with you gratis. The materially wealthy shall

abandon their wealth and seek for the Holy Spirit, but will not find Him. This is because the Holy Spirit is harder to come by than any material thing one can ever think of in the world. The Holy Spirit is the gift from the Father given to man by His special grace and nobody can ever have Him by any carnal method or manipulation. When you have the Holy Spirit you have full joy, physical and spiritual liberation, freedom, peace; and you become globally famous. It is mere spiritual blindness to refuse to recognise or rejoice with the Holy Spirit. For those who receive and rejoice with Him, He gives them the right to be the children of God and are given free entry into His Kingdom. It is sad for the people of the world to say that the Holy Spirit is no more. That is a wrong concept of the Holy Spirit who is also the God Almighty. Where could God have gone to? The Holy Spirit is always with us. For example, the dove-like being which descended on the son

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By Samuel Japhet Ukpong



The main bowl of the National Stadium was packed to its full sitting capacity with anxious worshippers who had travelled from all over the country to attend that year's Convention of the Chosen Ones Church whose crusade for Christ was holding there. Besides those seated there, were several others standing on the open field while others were squatting or sitting on the open field as well. They were all waiting anxiously for the Crusade to begin while many more people were still streaming into the arena and the Crusade choir was belting out melodious tunes to make the waiting less strenuous.

The Crusade and Annual Convention had been a subject of constant advertisements on Radio, T.V. and Posters/Handbills nation-wide prior to this day, therefore it was not surprising to see the number that turned up for this opening

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night. Meanwhile, Pastor William, the main Evangelist for this occasion sitting at the raised Platform constructed in the middle of the field but close to the grand stand was nodding his head to the music of the Choir and the orchestra of the church whose assignment was to preach this same gospel in music. The Pastor was also watching the upsurge of people as they streamed in to fill every standing space within the arena, and was smiling to himself, as he believed that the Power of Jesus was what had drawn this crowd of men, women and children to his crusade. He smiled too as he remembered the type of message that he had for them, which will undoubtedly draw many to the church and, of course to Christ.

However, many came to this Crusade because they thought that the miracles promised them in the various advertisement of the Crusade will be realised by them Hence they came with their sick and the needy. Others came because they believed that the Blood of Jesus Christ to be commanded on them will surely save them from their numerous sins; protect them from their enemies both seen

and unseen and also sustain them for the rest of their living days here. Yet some came because they were sick of all manners of ailment and were needy hence believed that once prayed for by Pastor William whom they had come to accept as a miracle worker of our modern days; they would unfailingly become healed and provided for of their needs and so avert death and disaster.

But Pastor William who knew that the Power of Jesus Name along with Faith in him creates all the miracles that he is believed to perform was only too willing to generate their individual faith in order to wrought that which they all had come for at this very crusade meeting. Thus even though the choir was still singing and this was blaring out of the 49 microphones and loudspeakers located within and outside the stadium itself; and people were still streaming into the arena; he moved unto the centre microphone and stood waiting for the conductor to restore calm. Once this was done, he led the congregation in an opening prayer which was punctuated with loud Amen and hallelujahs from the eager crowd of worshippers. This

rather enthusiastic response urged him and spurred him to delve into his sermon forthwith after necessary introductions were made of his associate pastors and evangelists for the seven day Crusade.

As stillness fell on the congregation as Pastor William looked out over their heads, he himself stood straight and tall with his serious face high above the pulpit, making it seem almost too small for his huge stature. Yet still not speaking he took a small-pin wireless microphone and fastened it to his robe, then stepped around and in front of the pulpit.

Again, he stood silently looking at them for a moment before he Chanted "Jesus" to which the congregation chorused "Power". Again he declared "Jesus" and they chorused "Power" and he went into this for five more times to which they gave the same answer. Once this ritual was over; he went into his sermon's introduction.

"Brothers and sisters, my sermon today will come from the First Psalm in the Old Testament. Let me repeat those holy words to you before I begin to speak on it. If you have not seen the passage do not worry, simply listen to me.

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## FOCUS

1989 December Pentecostal Meeting with The Holy Father (25/12/89)

## ELDERS FELLOWSHIP MEET, TAKE CRUCIAL DECISIONS

**THE ELDERS International Fellowship** met recently and took a number of far-reaching decisions amongst which was the launching of 34, Ambo Primary School Project. The meeting which took place at the Pentecostal Centre, 34 Ambo Street, Calabar, was chaired by Elder J. E. Etim who, incidentally, is the International Chairman of the Fellowship.

Above all, the presence of the Holy Father made a significant impact on the audience. He quoted several Bible passages, first amongst which was Matt. 2:1—2. In his characteristic manner, he backed the Bible passages with explanations, illustrations and anecdotes in order to succinctly drive home the message. For instance, after quoting a portion from the book of Matthew (which has been mentioned earlier on), he explained the text as follows: "your eyes are not yet completely opened. When your eyes are clear, you will realise where you are."

Continuing, he queried: "Are you not ashamed? You come for healing, love, good health, protection; count the number of people who have come to worship God. That is why this kingdom does not call forth saying go here or there." Substantiating his teaching, the Leader quoted the Matthew text thus: "We saw his star in the east and we have come to worship Him'. They did not ask for Pastor, Apostle, Leader, but the king of the Jews. They did not go for healing. Do you know what it means to gather from the east to worship Him."

The Holy Father stated that when you know the truth, the truth shall set you free. He went further by explaining that "the reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom. They saw the star in the east. They did not request for money or wife from child — Jesus. They did not ask for handshake or embrace or to identify his face or speak to take away their sickness. They only asked where the king of the Jews was born.

"Also, Prophet Simeon who blessed the child Jesus said: 'Lord, now let thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen the salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people—' He did not ask for the extension of his days but asked God that he should depart in peace. There was money — no peace: Children — no life; landed properties, wives husbands, etc, but awaited nothing. Still you have come for these things. Are you in your correct senses? Those who know God must worship God, instead of saying: 'give me money, I have waist pains, shake hands with me'. Can you say that to God?"

The second text which was taken from Luke 2:10—14 was also laced with down-to-earth explanations. Said the Father: "If you do not know Him, you will continue to fight against Him.

Heaven and Earth and the fullness thereof belong to him. What advice can you give them. The world knows Him not even though He is in the world. When you know God, you know no anger, division, you don't claim to be a monarch. You will regard others as being better than yourself."

According to the Holy Father, the cankerworm that is in the world is blindness. "He has caused it. They cannot know Him. S h o u l d He open their eyes, they will see. Any day you come to this understanding, you will be ready to go naked, sit on the floor, take orders without complaints.

"Our Lord Jesus Christ saw much. That was why he said 'Father forgive them...' Did they know that He was the creator of Heaven and Earth? Did they know that he had the power to speak?" he asked rhetorically. Continuing, he said: "you are accused of worshipping man. Let us take man in his own image. Our Lord Jesus



Elders International Fellowship Chairman, Elder J. E. Etim presenting the 1989 1st prize merit award to Lagos State.

Christ was human. Is God not man?" Again, quoting Rev. 3:17—18, the Leader threw a poser: "who is the speaker and to whom was the speech directed you claim to be His Royal Highness, Professor, C h i l d, Landed Property Owner, do you know that the world is naked? God has come with salvation. We have talked about his birth and goodness but you have refused the salvation."

He continued by asking: "right from the period of Adam till date, have you seen a person like this. Melchizedek, Adam, and others knew not the Father. I seek not knowledge, wisdom, wealth from anybody. Mention any man from creation with this characteristics and teachings. I am in 34, Ambo but wherever you go, there you'll find me. Yet I don't wear slippers. Simplicity is the watchword. A great multitude is coming in 1990.

"I know nothing. I am blind, lame and deaf. He uses me to do whatever he desires. I and my father are one. I am happy with the song because my eyes, nose, and ears are his. I am not worthy and fit, but he makes me part of his kingdom. He does not wear shoes, He is not gorgeously dressed, etc. Since I have seen him I cannot put

on these things."

The Holy Father continued his preaching by saying that the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. "How can a great God enter the womb of a woman," he asked. "You want an attention-compelling phenomenon and God becomes elusive to you. Reproduction, growth, etc., come from Him. Why quarrel over wives, children etc., when these things are transitory. Have you not learnt much. Are these not lessons enough?"

He further reaffirmed that: "I and my father are one. You are in the father and the father is in you. He is not restricted to me. Blacks and whites claim there is no God because they don't know Him. Do you know that this is the tree of life? My advice gives you life, power, strength, etc.

The Leader quoted 1st John 4:21, followed by another quotation from the 1st book of Corinthians chapter 3:16—17. He rounded off his teaching thus: "So you know that you are God's

temple and his Spirit dwells in you. The spirit is like a mustard seed. You do know when the spirit dwells in you. If the spirit of God does not dwell in man, tell me how you will worship God. Whoever loves God must love his brethren."

Earlier in his speech, the Chairman expressed thanks to the Father for the gathering. Said he: "Today is a blessed day to the Lord. In the past, prophets of old took gifts to Christ for their reward. Today the Father rather gives us his blessing. He is the giver of all Spiritual gifts. No human being can bluff the Holy Spirit; you don't come here to do anything but to receive blessings."

Elder J. E. Etim who was full of praise for the Father continued by saying: "He gives us life, cleanses us of sins, etc. The only acceptable sacrifice to God is a thankful heart. How many of us have done that?", he asked.

He further stated: "In the world we were empty. Today the Father has filled us with the Holy Spirit. Children of God are above human destruction. If you find yourself here, you have humbled yourself to take only the advice of He who is on the throne."

The chairman, therefore, stated that

their duty, as elders, is to remain in absolute humility and take divine instructions from God, adding that there was no position to be filled in this kingdom, but that they should note that it is those things that would make them good elders that would also make them good pastors and that it is also those things that makes them good choristers that would also make them good prophets.

He reaffirmed that they were dealing directly with the Holy Spirit. "He is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and also consuming fire. It means none will have a say before him. We are only to rejoice and sit down in reverence. He is there to rule and nobody is small nor big before God. God is no respecter of persons."

The Chairman further announced that a committee had been set up to meet with the Commissioner for Education. He also disclosed that the School complex which was launched that day would accommodate a library, conference room, toilet facilities, and 40 classrooms.

Elder J.E.Etim said that since the first launching came up, the Father had been helping them to raise funds during their meetings. He stated that a separate account had been opened in the treasury, warning that nobody had authority to withdraw any money from that account except towards the project.

He announced that so far, Elders have ₦50,967.65 while visioners have ₦21,570.30, totalling ₦72,537.95. He added that the expenses stood at ₦1,150, bringing the balance to ₦71,387.95. He described the money in the coffers as grossly inadequate, adding that something had to be done.

After the launching, which the chairman started by donating ₦1,000.00, Merit Awards were given to deserving states/zones. The first prize went to Lagos while the second and third prizes went to Calabar and Kano respectively.

Also, Elders Fellowship Programme for the year 1990 was made public. Part of the programme run-down is as follows:

From 2nd through 4th March, 1990, the Executive/General meeting will take place at the Pentecostal Centre, 212 Hospital Road, Aba, Imo State; on the 3rd of February, 1990, the monthly general meeting with the Holy Father will come up at 34, Ambo Street, Calabar in Cross River State.

Finally, on the 26th of March, through 1st April, 1990, the Elders Week Celebration/Launching of ₦2 million Reconstruction of 34, Ambo Primary School will take place at 34, Ambo Street, Calabar. All Bethels/Zones/States are advised to send representatives to the Headquarters in Calabar on this occasion.

Reports by Odey David Oko & Smart Dou.

**FATHER'S GOSPEL**

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# The Importance of Dreams Visions and Prophecies

**1ST LESSON: MATTHEW 1:24—25**

*“Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto Him his wife: and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name Jesus”.*

**2ND LESSON: MATTHEW 2:10—11**

*“When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.*

**GOLDEN TEXT: LUKE 2:7**

*“And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.*

Brethren, I teach you these things every year, every day so that you will know who God is, what He wants and how to worship Him. The gospel also reveals to you what God's plan is for mankind. A local adage says that a well fed man carries his load with all amount of ease. It is also said that counting starts with zero. Many people do not believe in dreams and visions. But whether you believe it or not, the truth is unchangeable. The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ was first seen in a dream. Before anything happens to you, it will first be revealed to you in a dream.

What is the Kingdom of God? It is hearkening to the truth, to the true message that is given to you. If you do not hearken to the truth you cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Whatever is going on in Brotherhood now had been prophesied by Deaconess Ebong in 1958. Many people did not believe in these prophecies. It is rather pertinent to believe what you see in dream than what you see in this physical realm. When Joseph was worried over the pregnancy of his newly married wife for which he was not responsible, he was warned in a dream not to divorce the woman, but to keep her because she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

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What is called spirit is what you see in the dream. The spirit also is the kingdom of God and is God. You, therefore, have to believe all the dreams you have. Secondly, the Holy Spirit can do and undo. Joseph was newly married and had not yet slept with his wife when she got conceived. Men always claim responsibility for every pregnancy. The Holy Spirit could also cause a woman to be pregnant. Right from the time of Adam, there has never been a time when the spirit was not in existence. There has never been a time

people began to produce them. At that time many people did not believe that revelation, especially as they tried and failed. Today has that revelation not materialized? The Deaconess also prophesied that the Father's pictures would sell like hot cake. Today many people trade on His post cards and are really doing good business.

The question now is, what is vision, dream, and prophecy? It is a divine revelation of the future events in sleep or in trance, a prophetic utterance or a prediction. It is the spirit alone that is capable

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when dreams and visions ceased to exist. But the problem is that man has found it difficult to believe the dreams and the visions. Now is the time, therefore, for us all to believe in dreams and visions. Many of the things people do are not done in this physical realm. Before anything manifests itself in this physical realm, it would have been revealed in the spiritual realm. For instance, before 1974, no photographer was able to take the picture of the Holy Father and have it developed. The negative must certainly become plain paper.

It was not until it was revealed by Deaconess Odudu that as from 1974 the production of the Father's pictures will be made possible before

of revealing one to as many people as possible and without any mistake. Can you say which is first, this physical world or the world beyond? The realm beyond had been. That is why when you are sick you will first of all see yourself being healed in the dream or vision. People could come to you physically and pray for you or administer any medication yet you do not get healed. But the moment you see people surround you and pray for you, you wake up and find your sickness gone. It is said that God is spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

To worship God in spirit and in truth implies hearkening to the word, which in itself is spirit. If you obey visions and dreams you will obey God. Many people encounter problems and difficulties because they disobey the voice of God, through dreams or visions. That was why when Joseph was instructed in the dream to take his wife he obeyed when he woke up. He did not report the matter to any person or seek to disgrace or denounce the baby. Some of you would have consulted oracles or soothsayers to find out who was really responsible for the pregnancy. This is, therefore, brought to your notice so that you do not err, when such a thing happens to you. All the visions and dreams you have had, will not fail to manifest. If you hearken to the words of God you would have no problem. If you are not led by the spirit you cannot be the child of God. If Joseph had disobeyed the voice of God, Mary would have been killed to fulfil the law and tradition then. Mary herself got the message of her pregnancy and the birth of a Messiah from an angel. An angel also was sent to Joseph to instruct Him to flee with the little child and the mother. If it were you, you would have disobeyed. You have to obey God, the medium He talks to you notwithstanding. He has the power to do and undo. He is everything in all things. If, therefore,



*The white horse presented to the Holy Father by brethren from the northern states of Nigeria in fulfillment of Bible prophecies! (Revelation 19:11—16).*

# CAN A HUMAN INCARNATE THE HOLY SPIRIT?

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of God, Jesus the Christ, was God Himself. The reality of that event was the recognition and the spiritual demonstration that the Father, and the Holy Spirit, were one entity. The fact that every anointed or baptized person is aptly christened and is in union with the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, authenticates the present purpose to seek for the Holy Spirit. When you have one, you automatically have the rest.

In heaven, the Father, the Word/Son and the Holy Spirit bear witness as these three are one in rapport. Similarly, on earth there are three which bear witness namely the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three agree in one. Why then, should the most learned people on earth, not come to this realization that the Holy Spirit has personified even as He created man in His image and form? And, again, who is this being who is born of woman, and is destined to rule the world with an iron Rod as recorded in Revelation 12:1-5. The Holy Spirit is the same and one personality who is the bright Morning Star which is recorded in Rev. 22:16. He is also of the Root and the offspring of David.

It is pathetic to realise

that the arrival of the Holy Spirit on earth has not been appreciated at all by the inhabitants of the world. But for the efforts displayed by the Brotherhood, nobody would have rejoiced with God's arrival on earth, yet when the worldly people have promotions in their offices, business booms, new born babies, birth days or acquiring academic certificates, new cars and houses, they celebrate these with fanfare. But these are things which are quite irrelevant to their lives.

The most significant and everlasting period in the history of man's existence is the physical manifestation of the Holy Spirit on the planet earth. For the reception accorded the Holy Spirit by the Brotherhood, dramatic changes have taken place on earth for the betterment of the entire humanity. All the children of God should therefore show appreciation to Him (the Holy Spirit) for manifesting on earth in this last Age.

The Holy Spirit can come to you as a mighty sea, a stone, as thunder, lightning and so on. Since the Holy Spirit could appear as a dove, as recorded in Matt. 3:16: "Then Jesus, when He had been baptised, came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the spirit of God descending

like a dove", what do you think can prevent Him from physically manifesting as man? Why do you say that man who was created by God in His own image should be something else, or that He should come as a tree? Also God is a consuming fire, thunder, lightning, water, sun, moon and star (Heb. 12:29, Rev. 22:16), and so He can transform into man.

Let us be a little bit realistic. What is wrong with God coming to dwell with man? Rev. 21:3-5. We should be glad and rejoice for being returned to man's original glory in the garden of Eden. Whoever wants to avoid the economic, political and social problems as well as the famine ravaged old world, must accept, embrace, believe, have faith in the

Holy Spirit and His dispensation, otherwise such a person will see no salvation. Whatever we have, be it wisdom, beauty, understanding, riches, positions, education and the rest of them, the same must be used to serve and glorify God. This is the time of the reign of the Holy Spirit. The judgement time is also in sight. You can take it or leave. Your salvation and death are there for you to select from. The choice is yours and tomorrow might be too late, why not repent today? But as for me and my brethren, we have seen, known, and identified Him in the way He has given us the ability.

THANK YOU FATHER.  
Elder Edward Ette.

## JESUS FOR POWER

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"Blessed is the man that walked not in the counsel of the UNGODLY, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor seated in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doth shall prosper. The UNGODLY are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the UNGODLY shall not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the UNGODLY shall perish".

Pastor William let his voice fade away and walked back to the pulpit where he placed his large hands on the edge of the lectern and looked out at the great crowd facing him anxiously. Once more his strong, rich and powerful voice echoed in the arena.

"We live today in a world filled with the ungodly, those men and women who threaten the fabric of our lives and seek to take from us our rights, our liberties and our every freedom. The ungodly ones who seek to turn brother against brother, to turn neighbours against neighbours; to turn race against race, to turn tribes against tribes, to turn creed against creed. Yet the ungodly who seek and threaten to take from us the very food from the mouths of our children, the meagre comforts of our aged ones; and our petty provisions

from our families. The Ungodly who seek nothing more than to steal the whole world for the devil from the merciful grace of our beloved Jesus Christ".

Slowly at first, a ripple of applause began to grow until it swelled into a roar of approval which he eventually raised his hands from the lectern to bring under control and this continues to beret them for the next fifteen minutes; almost in this uncharitable manner such that the whole arena was electrified with emotional lamentations and fear as everyone owned up his or her ungodliness.

When he eventually went into the session of prayers for those seeking salvation, healing and miracles, the crowd was so charged with faith and optimism that it was little wonder that more miracles than what were reported with relevant pictures in the electronic and print media took place. Indeed Jesus showed his power through Pastor William that night. And he was satisfied that he had arrived at where he had always wanted to be when he first left his Mathematics lectureship to join in the Gospel trial a little over 13 years before this time. Indeed he now can say he has Jesus for Power which would be demonstrated all through the period of the Crusade and indeed long after this Convention. And his name too will stand out in the minds of many as the one who led them to the Christ. Yes these converts will form the jewels in his crown of life as he sits with Christ someday in Heaven. Pastor William was happy. Jesus for Power, the Crusade was then being realized for good. Thank you Father.

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\* A high standard of discipline should be maintained while singing and dancing. Consequently, moving from one pew to the other in a disorderly manner should be discontinued. All should dance nicely in a way that gives absolute glory to and reverence for God;

\* All brethren are reminded once again to realise that love-feast as celebrated in the Brotherhood, is the sacrament of the Holy Communion which must be taken in absolute reverence, solemnity, and sober reflection. When take you love-feast in peace, joy and harmony, you will be perfectly attuned to God the Father who will heal your illnesses and solve all your problems.

Furthermore, the question of race, age, class distinction should not arise when

sharing love-feast, as doing so in consonance with the spiritual directives of the Father makes it capable of raising the dead, ending stubborn court cases, healing any kind of ailment, and stopping any kind of inexplicable human calamities from befalling you. Note also that the love-feast serves as an eye potion to the blind, wisdom and understanding to the foolish and wealth to the poor.



Deborah Helen I. Obu  
BCS Gen. Secretary

\* The Father has also decreed that all Bethels, Healing Homes, and Pentecostal Centres Worldwide, should enforce the writing of the inscription: OOO THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE OOO LET ALL THE EARTH KEEP SILENT BEFORE HIM; and effect all necessary changes as soon as possible.

The statement ended with this Bible passage: "Nevertheless,

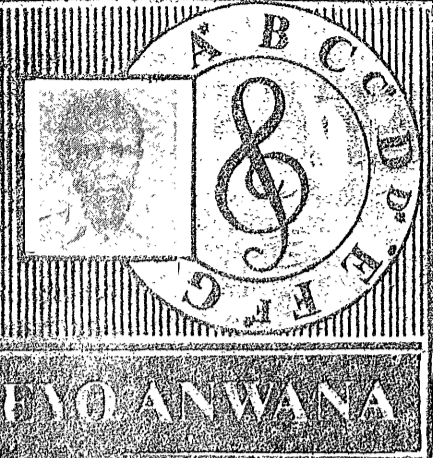
I have somewhat against you, because thou has left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen, repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent". Rev. 2:4-5

Thank You Father.

# MUSIC CORNER

## HARMONIZING MUSIC

## LESSON 10



One of the things that make our music so beautiful and pleasant to the ear is the art of harmonization. In lesson one you learnt that harmony is a combination of sounds which serve to form chords.

At this point we have to make it clear that harmony means two or more sounds heard at the same time in proper order. To get this right you have to go through the melodic part of the music called Treble, and then think of others like Alto, Tenor and Bass.

Although there are other parts like soprano, contralto, Baritone and so on, today's writers only concentrate on the immediate four; Treble, Alto, Tenor and Bass. Also, we are going to base our harmonization on these four parts. Once you are satisfied with the method, you will be able to enlarge your parts if you have enough people or instruments to help you in performance.

Before harmonizing a tune, look again at the word **CHORD**. What is chord? To explain I have to translate it into the simplest term as **FAMILY**. When or wherever you come across the **CHORD** in music, think of the word **FAMILY**.

Thinking of this as a family will help you to understand fast. According to this lesson, we are going to deal with the Family of Four: Father, Mother, Son and Daughter. If you follow us attentively you will discover that this is something more than "FUN". Every example in this lesson is very crucial and need greater attention if you really want to know.

Look at this chord: d s m d', these four notes played or sung together make a very pleasant chord. It is known as the doh chord. It is called doh chord because it is built on doh, and it usually finishes a piece of music.

You must learn to recognize these sounds (d s m d). Doh usually sounds strong

and finished, me is usually a peaceful sound, while soh has a brighter and more rousing effect. Look at the following arrangement of the note family:

Treble..... d'..... Mother  
Melodic Tone  
Alto .....m..... The girl  
(daughter)  
Tenor..... s.....The big boy  
(son)  
Bass..... d..... Father

Again, it is called the Doh Family. It also helps (us to get) to know the sounds of the scale if they are thought of as a family.

Father Doh and Mother Doh' are equally important, but Father speaks and sings an octave lower than Mother Doh'. Soh is a big brother boy, and Me is a big but rather quiet girl. In other words, the Treble is usually sung by a woman with a high voice; the Alto is sung by a woman with a low voice, or man with a very high voice. Tenor is sung by a man with a high voice. Bass is sung by a man with a deep and low voice. You will enjoy making up stories about this family and adding other members to it as you learn about them.

**CONCORD AND DISCORD:** When the notes of the chord are in proper order they form a Concord, when they are not in order they form a Discord. The notes that form a discord always make the tune to be so offending to the ear:

e.g. d r f d'  
Treble = d' = Mother  
Alto = f = Daughter  
Tenor = r = Son  
Bass = d = Father

This family as you will agree with me is always in a discordant situation as in real life.

Remember, before attempting to harmonize any song, you must get to know the 'feel' of the other sounds in relation to the melodic tone, or to each other. Do not make a puppet of yourself by following me blindly, though this method is going to be very simple that even a dumb or deaf man can work it out like one fixing a "cross-word-puzzle". I advise you to master every sound of the note, possibly all the tones and semi tones on the scale.

The following twelve chords are in Concords and Discords (six concord and six discord).

### EXERCISE 10

Invite three friends to help you in this exercise, be sure they are capable of singing through the chords and mark all the discords with the letter X.

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| d | s | d | L | M | S | m | r | r | m  | m  | S  |
| s | d | m | S | t | f | S | S | t | S  | L  | d  |
| m | m | S | m | r | r | t | t | S | r  | d  | S  |
| d | d | d | d | S | L | r | S | S | f  | S  | M  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |

Should you have any difficulty with the 'feel' of the sounds, write to us.

However, there are some essential discords which are needed in harmony. Such discord always want to move on. Some discords are harsher than others, but all have this tendency to move until a concord is met. Discord in a nutshell should not be used to end a phrase.

### INTERVALS AND TRIADS

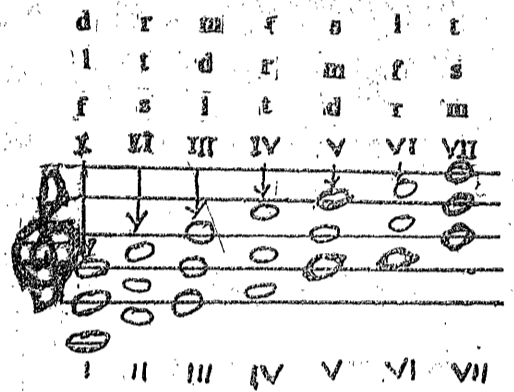
An "INTERVAL" is a distance in pitch between two sounds. Doh - Me is a third, doh - soh is a fifth. The most frequent kind of chord is a "triad". It consists of a root (the note from which it takes its name) and a third, and a fifth above it. The doh chord, d m s is a triad. Notice that doh - me is a third, and Me - Soh is a third too, but putting the two together makes a fifth not a sixth. Why? From doh to me gives you a third, then from doh to soh gives you a fifth. Understand?

**TRIADS:** Triads can be built on every note of the scale. It is convenient to call

them by the number showing their position in the scale. E.g. V is the triad on the fifth degree of the scale.

In lesson two we mentioned the degree of the scale, indicated by numbers 1,

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. In this lesson, we shall look at the same diagram from bottom note to the top. This time we are going to use the Roman numerals below the notes, showing the triad the degrees of the scale.



The soft notes above the scale are the interpretation of the staff notes. As you can see each note is written with the complete chord; so, try to sing them as they are built. Each chord consists of three notes, so if you are in a group of four, let one person sing the roman numeral while others sing the chords from bottom to the top.

In our next lesson we shall explain more of the doh chord, soh chord and the position of Te and Ray.

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plan for the downfall of our fellow beings? For God's sake, why have we forgotten entirely about the concept of love as propounded by the super-natural Teacher, Leader Olumba Olumba Oou?

Not to worry, the point to note here is that as you continue to plan evil, think evil, those evil thoughts of yours will boomerang and before you know it, you are right there in the valley. Most of the time we become victims of incurable diseases, diseases without names and at times leave this plane for good without realising that we have been to a large extent responsible for our woes.

We must learn to think uplifting thoughts. We must

learn to expunge from our minds all those thoughts that kick against directly or indirectly the principles of live and let's live. It is high time we became, in the strictest sense of the phrase, our brothers keeper. Time is long over the due that we stop thinking highly of ourselves and relegating others. If nothing else, let's have a clean mind devoid of intrigues, malice, and rancour and look up to the Father of all creation, imbibe his teachings, practise them and discover for ourselves if we shall not move from valley to victory.

In these last days, before the manifestation of the original Garden of Eden, and if we must move from valley to victory, it behoves on us as from now to edit the pages of our minds.

Remain blessed.

# FATHER'S GOSPEL FATHER'S GOSPEL FATHER'S GOSPEL FATHER'S GOSPEL FATHER'S GOSPEL

you do not believe dreams, visions and prophecies, what do you think of yourself?

### 1ST LESSON: MATTHEW 1:24-25

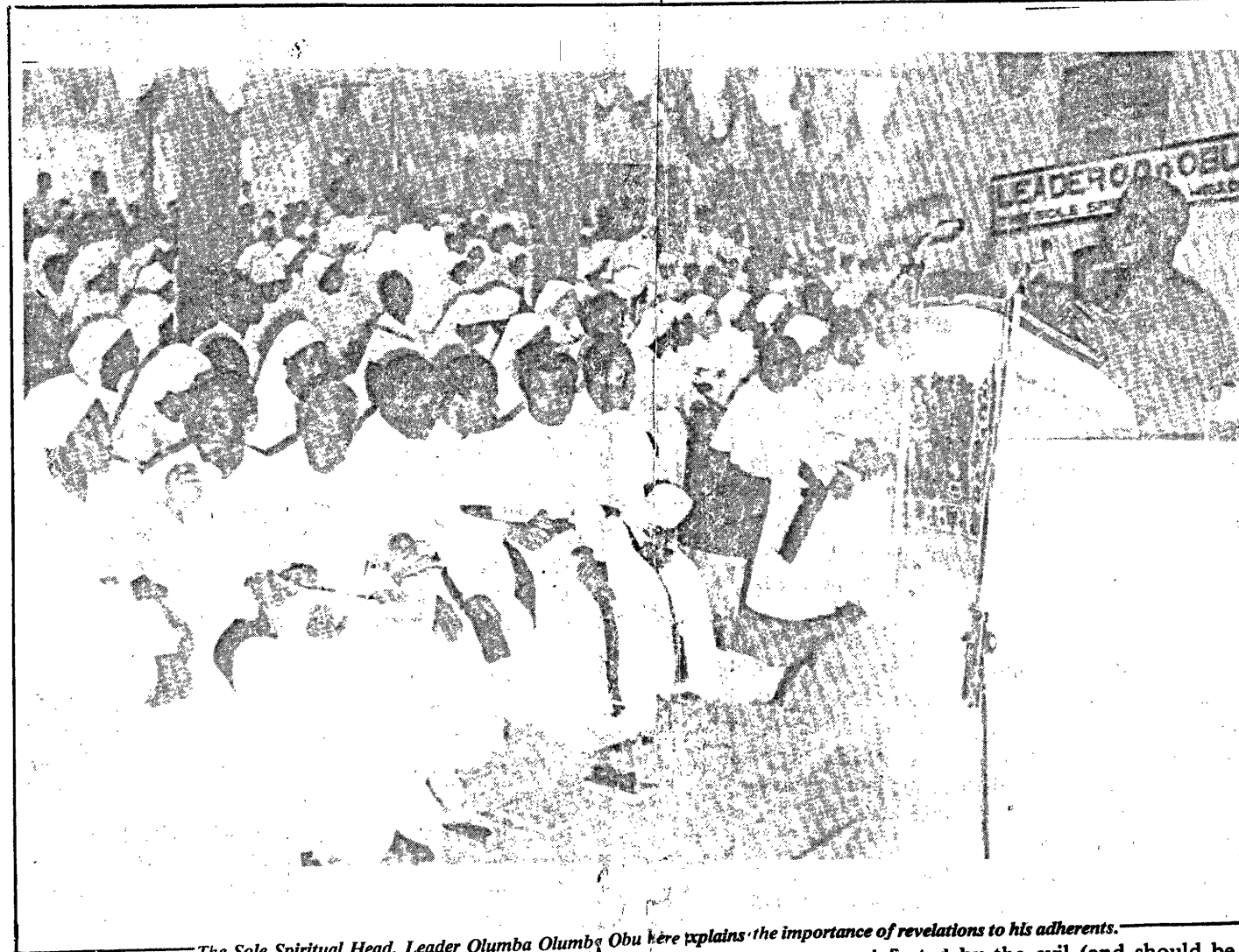
*"Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto Him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her first born son: and he called his name JESUS".*

There is no other way you could develop your luck, your fate and your faith in God except through dreams, visions and prophecies. God is with you, with me and with every person. The problem is that we do not believe in Him and hearken to His instructions. The second lesson teaches us the ways and manners we can know God, serve Him and inherit His kingdom. How come that people who were far away in the North, East, West and South were able to know of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and went to worship Him, but people there in Jerusalem did not know? The wisemen were able to know about the birth of Christ because they believed the words they were told by the Prophets and the words of God. They also believed in the dreams and visions. That was why immediately they saw that sign they obeyed and followed it. God can talk to you through dreams or visions. He can also talk to you physically as you are hearing now, that you should flee fornication, stealing, hatred, drinking, smoking etc. When the wisemen saw the newborn child they went on their knees and worshipped him. But when the people of the world see you the God in that manner today they say that it is man that you worship. When many of you are told to bow down and knock your head, you refuse to do so. The wisemen were setting a good example for all followers of Christ to emulate. But instead of following that example, the so-called followers of Christ disobey and exalt themselves. If somebody accuses you of worshipping a human being for bowing down and knocking your head always refer such a person to the action of the wisemen. There is no portion in the Bible which indicates that a true worshipper of God asked for food, drink and the rest of the material things. Matthew and some of the disciples were wealthy people, but they forsook their wealth and families and became the disciples of the Lord. That is how you should be with any true child of God. Many people instead of using their wealth for God's service they come to God to get things from Him. The only way you can worship God is to use your wealth for God's services.

The scripture says that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Therefore, any person who claims to worship God but goes about requesting for houses, cars, husband, wife and the rest of the material things is a liar and a child of perdition. Faith without work, it is said, is dead. If you claim to have seen God face-to-face, yet you go about stealing, deceiving, quarrelling, fighting and coveting, you are a liar and a child of perdition. All those who have seen God face-to-face forsake their wealth and surrender their lives unto God. That is why it is said that other than faith no one can please God. Anyone who believes in God knows that whatever he does unto God he will receive it a hundred fold. When you hear that it is more blessed to give than to receive, the meaning is that you stand abundantly blessed if you use your wealth for the promotion of God's services. The three wisemen have taught us the right way to worship God, to bow, to kneel and to knock your head. Many of you do not care to accord the Father any honour or reverence, you take any posture while talking to Him. Is that how to worship God, the very God you claim to have seen face-to-face?

Herod did not want the new born king, because he had not the spirit, he did not know Him. Therefore, any person who behaves any how and talks unguardedly does not see the Lord, does not know Him and does not believe in Him. The meaning is that your faith is without works. When you say that you want to work for God, can you work for God without having faith in the first place? You come to God and claim you want to serve Him only when you are poor, naked and hungry. You need God at that stage so that He will help you and not because you are ready to serve Him. If you claim you know God, but you only come to Him for food, clothing and shelter, where then lies your work? If God gives you all those things what then will you give to Him?

We have to emulate the three wisemen and learn from them. God does not need any other thing from us other than to worship Him and obey Him. He has come to help us and to redeem us. He has come to shower His blessings upon mankind. His grace is sufficient unto all whether you worship Him or not. But to come to God so that your sickness will be healed, so that you will be enriched and so on, means that you do not know Him and do not believe in Him. For one to claim that he has seen God is one thing and it is another to worship and glorify Him. Whoever knows God does not ask anything of Him because such a



The Sole Spiritual Head, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu here explains the importance of revelations to his adherents.

person knows that God's grace is sufficient unto all and His blessings are abundant. Your faith has to be tested and proven through your works, otherwise you are empty. Even though God does not need your money and wealth, you have to show your appreciation and thankful heart in kind and dedication. When God requested Cain and Abel to offer sacrifice unto Him, Abel used his fattest goat and Cain used the smallest. Because of that singular act God credited Abel with righteousness and blessed him. Who then tells you God does not appreciate any good thing done Him?

It is said, lay your treasure in heaven where moth doth corrupt not and whence robbers will not break in and steal. You and God, who is a living treasury? His advent had made everything clear to us about this kingdom. It is said, food was made for the belly and the belly for food, but that God shall destroy both of them. It is also said that God did not create the body for fornication but for Himself. God has come to bless His children in this last era and to lead them into His kingdom. That is why individuals who know themselves endeavour to serve Him by any means. That is why you do not have to persuade or force any person to serve God.

### 2ND LESSON: MATTHEW 2:10-11

*"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."*

I am going to explain once again the meaning of the three gifts. Gold represents love; frankincense represents power, and myrrh represents wisdom. That means that the spirit of God is the spirit of love, power and wisdom. If you say, you are a child of God, the God of love, power and wisdom, you should also be an embodiment of those qualities. It should therefore, not happen that you

are poor or defeated by the evil (and should be deceived by three qualities to conquer the world). Your problem is that you have not got any of the three virtues. You are like a recruit into the army who has no number for identification. If you say you are a Pastor or Bishop, ask yourself whether you have love, power or wisdom. If you do not have these virtues what kind of Pastor or Bishop are you? If you want to compare these virtues with their carnal manifestation, you will notice that, if you have wealth you can do whatever you desire. If you have power you can brave situations and remove obstacle. Also if you have wisdom, deceit and difficulties will succumb to you. That is why God has overcome the world, and if you too have these virtues you will subdue the world. The most important thing in the kingdom is love, power and wisdom. That is why the world always gets baffled when they see everything in abundance in Brotherhood. They also wonder about the source of power in Brotherhood, why various miracles are performed in Brotherhood.

They also get astonished at the wisdom that is in Brotherhood. Where also can love, power and wisdom be obtained other than from God? Love is God; power is God, and wisdom is God. God is love, power and wisdom. These three attributes represent the Father, the son and the Holy Ghost. They also represent love, faith and hope. But have you got these three things in you? Therefore, if somebody says that he is a servant of God yet is poor, is powerless and is foolish and ignorant, is he a true child of God? The true children of God are identified with these qualities. That was why Christ was presented with these gifts which are the embodiment of God. That is why Christ is the richest. That is why Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is endowed with love (wealth, power) (to heal, change, save etc) and wisdom (the accurate knowledge through supernatural teachings). You were heavily laden with various burdens, but God has relieved you of your burden and you are discharged with joy. That is why in Brotherhood the moment you say, 'LEI, sickness goes and problems go. We

therefore have to thank God for the goodness and gifts our Lord Jesus Christ has brought to us. He has brought us love, peace, joy, mercy, patience, prosperity, good health and everlasting life.

### GOLDEN TEXT: LUKE 2:7

*"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn".*

That passage teaches us humility and meekness. It teaches us to give no regard to material things. That passage also reveals Brotherhood openly. Brotherhood is different and distinct and has nothing to do with the world. It is an indication of the fact that white and black activities or darkness and light can never be compatible, so also goodness and evil cannot abide together. The children of God are not of this world and have nothing to do with it. The world looks at you as fools and you also look at them with pity. Our Lord Jesus Christ and his twelve disciples went about preaching and doing wonderful works, yet the world did not know Him. He derived His joy in His Father's Kingdom and went about doing His assignment. The world called Him all sorts of names and did Him all sorts of things yet He did not relent in serving God and helping humanity. The world will not love you so long as you preach against and do not join them in their wrongdoings. The children of God are humble and meek but the children of the world are arrogant.

destructive and ungrateful. You as the children of God should only help them but should not join them in their devilish activities. Humility is the cardinal virtue in this kingdom. God Himself is humble. The absence of humility has caused the world all sorts of problems.

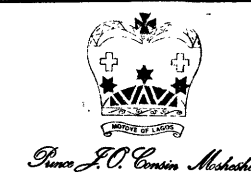
Therefore, if you continue to associate with the world you invite problems unto yourself. God Himself had already separated the sheep from the goat. If our Lord Jesus Christ had mixed up with the world would he have been able to save mankind and establish this kingdom? Christ said, "And for their sake I sanctified myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth". God has sanctified you and separated you from the world. He is the truth and His words are true. As it was through the sins of one person that punishment came upon mankind so also shall it be through the righteousness of one person that salvation will come to humanity. That is why you are commanded to continue in righteousness so that God can use you to save your families and nations. Many of you wonder why your families hate you and your friends reject you. The reason is because you are separated from them and have nothing to do with them. You have to continue in love and humility. That is the essence of this kingdom. Your problems are traceable to disobedience and arrogance.

It is said that humility goes before glory. The more humble you are, the more the Father will bless and promote you.

May God bless His holy words, A—men.

**If you say you are a pastor or bishop, ask yourself whether you have love, power or wisdom. If you do not have these attributes, what kind of Pastor or Bishop are you?**

**Where can love, power and wisdom be obtained other than from God? Love is God, power is God, and wisdom is God. The reverse is also true in all cases. The three attributes represent the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.**



The Managing Editor  
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Attention: Mr Lawrence Ushah

My dear Editor:

Our attention has been drawn to a publication in our issue of September, 1989 in which the visit of Evangelist Prince Dr J O C Moshehe JP to our Leader Olumba Olumba Obu was wrongly reported in manner and content.

We want to emphasize here that the visit by the great International Evangelist Prince Dr J O C Moshehe JP was purely a courtesy call as a part of his world-wide Ministry for his love towards all mankind.

We want to state categorically that no offer of board appointment was made to him not to talk of acceptance by him. We most sincerely regret the embarrassment this has caused him.

Sincerely yours

The above letter from Evangelist Prince Dr J O C Moshehe JP is published unedited.

Herald wishes to inform the Evangelist and others that neither Brotherhood of the Cross & Star nor its Leadership believes in the deposition of belief on anybody. We do not solicit for membership either.

As a newspaper, we are entitled to carry paid adverts whose content, as in the case referred above, is the responsibility of the advertiser.

## WOMEN'S COLUMN

## PATIENCE OVERCOMES NECESSARY EVILS

Dear Sister,

Today, we are going to discuss the importance of patience in a man's life. But, before we start, then, how is your brother and the rest of the family? I hope everything is fine.

I have some good news for you. Aunt Stella has finally given birth to a baby boy. Her husband's relations are very happy with her now. The naming ceremony will soon take place. I shall invite you when I am sure of the date.

In fact, I thank God for her. She really went through years of hatred and agony. This is due to the treatments she received from her husband's relations and friends over the years. It is indeed a miracle, because everybody thought she would not have a child anymore or that she was barren. But the Almighty God proved them wrong. She really had a good measure of patience to bear all those humiliations that she suffered. Imagine someone being married for 15 years without bearing a child. At last her patience has been bountifully rewarded.

You know sister is really godly. She has acquired the patience God wants christian women to possess. She respected her mother-in-law despite the hatred and abuses she received from her the first three years of her infertility (barrenness). During this period, her mother-in-law asked her one day to quit her son's house after a brief quarrel. Again hardly a day passes without quarrel between her and her mother-in-law and her children. All these, as should be expected, she bore without losing her respect for her husband, and other members of the husband's family. Why the husband finally could not send her away is understandable. This is because of the humility and respect she had for her lord's family.

Every visitor that called to her home had a word or two to tell her husband. Usually, they would say: "This your wife is very good and well-mannered but the issue of her barrenness up till now is unbearable, so you need to marry another woman to raise children for you if you don't want to send her away".

A lot of people advised the husband to send her away. All this did not offend her.

Instead, she bore them and understood the reason why people said she should be divorced. She could not help the situation, but rather left it in the hand of God, hopeful that one day a miracle would happen.

Any time she cautioned her neighbour's child for misbehaving, the child's mother would warn her never to scold her child. And told her if it were easy as she thought, she should have had her own, since it is not bought from the market. She would not react to such unpalatable comment and would not have ill-feelings against the woman or the child.

She became a laughing stock in her compound, in market places and offices, etc. Anywhere she went, people gossiped about her. Some people even accused her of being the cause of her infertility, but she was neither ashamed nor bothered about these accusations. She endured everything knowing that with God, everything is possible.

After the tenth year of her marriage her husband's behaviour changed towards her. This was due to some advice given to him by his friends and family that he should no longer tolerate the situation. He started keeping late nights, go out with other women, and in fact brought some home to stay with him for days. Yet she would not comment. She was abandoned to her fate. There was nobody to rely on, not even her own family because they were disappointed since she had no issues.

All these she tolerated during those childless years. Sister, I thank Almighty God for His work and the patience given her. It is indeed not easy to acquire it. But every christian woman needs it. The world is full of ups and downs. No matter how or when they occur to us we have to bear them with patience. For everything comes at the fullness of time.

These ups and downs can be traced right from the foundation of the world when man disobeyed God by eating of the forbidden fruit; that is (the fruits of good and evil). The Bible tells us that there is time for everything. As such, there is time for pain, tribulation, sickness, death, etc. And there is also time for peace, joy and happiness.

Which ever comes first, it has to be taken in good faith.

The evil plaguing our "heroine" sister could be seen in her inability to have a child in time. Evil is anything that carries pains and sufferings. This evil can manifest itself in numerous ways and cause pain and sufferings, such as sickness, accident, being imprisoned for offence not committed, nated from somebody you live with, from your family, etc. The only way one can overcome these tribulations is to allow them come and go at the fullness of time.

But most of the time, women are not patient enough to allow them come and go. They interfere with them, thus creating more difficulties and problems for themselves. For instance, if a certain sickness is to afflict you for say 5 days, instead of praying and thanking God, you will decide to take different types of treatment and in the process you spend much money, thereby creating more problems for yourself.

I don't want to narrate or pin point more of these evils that befall our christian women.

But all I have to say is to remind and advise christian

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put by the Bible "treaty" entered into between king Solomon of Israel and King Hiram of Tyre - I kings 5:12.

However, this write-up seeks to incorporate morality - a branch of religion. By morality I mean the rules and regulations which are acceptable to the members of the society as binding on them. Morality like religion also condemns conducts like stealing, murder, and disobedience to constituted authorities. These punitive measures are also found in our statute books.

It is worth noting that if Law and religion (or call it morality) are separated from each other, numerous calamities would befall our societies. For instance by our law, those who disobey the authority like coup plotters know that they cannot be punished by law and since morality or religion may not punish them instantly, they may choose to cause upheavals in our society every day. God says in the Bible that we should obey every authority because He keeps them there.

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women that since the tree of good and evil has been eaten right from the foundation of the world, good and bad things must continue to afflict man until we are totally changed by God Himself who has come to rule the world, with an Iron Rod. So christian women have to endure times of suffering and deal with problems cautiously according to the instructions of Christ; waiting for the result of this process of spiritual transformation by God. They should bear equally in mind that with patience, we can overcome tribulations and temptations.

I pray to stop here until I hear from you very soon. We pray God to give us (Christian Women) the ability to cultivate the spirit of patience when occasions call for same.

Thank You Father

Any disobedience thereof means disobedience against Him.

Does law not help man to appreciate the different codes enacted by religion? Of course it does! obviously, the commandments of God given through Moses shares of permanency with man-made laws being in tablets. They teach us and prepare us for Christ who will lead us unto righteousness.

Can we say then that the law itself is sinful? Of course not! But it was the law that made me know what sin is. If the law had not said, "Do not desire what belongs to someone else, I would not have known such a desire". Romans 7: 7.

From the foregoing, we should realise that Law and Religion are interwoven and as such both cannot do without each other. Mr. Clergyman, the law helps you to punish your folk who, keep on fornicating, stealing and committing murder despite God's instruction (commandment). What is your own opinion?

Thank you Father





# BEHOLD THE ANTI-CHRISTS

The proliferation of churches and the (mis) interpretation of the scriptures are causing a lot of concern for Christians who seek to practise the true teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Available facts from history reveal that there are three possible causes of these discrepancies. First, between the years of the death of the last batch of apostles and the emergence of the Roman Catholic Church, a lot of the teachings might have been lost hidden, or destroyed.

Second, surviving doctrines are tested by new generation followers on the scale of socio-cultural, geo-political or economic values.

Third, those who found churches for reasons other than seeking for the salvation of man deliberately expunge from or add to the teachings, or even discourage their followers from practising certain teachings to facilitate the achievements of their selfish ends. My happiness is that the cardinal aspects of Christ's

teachings still linger on, even though silently. Attempts to becloud them have also failed.

Let me ask my Christian brethren, what portion of the Bible directs Christians to embalm corpse and leave them in mortuaries for weeks and months? Is it for the purpose of administering more drugs or awaiting its resurrection?

It is even more paradoxical when claims are made by some members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star that they take no form of medication yet their corpses are injected with drugs for purposes of preservation. Arguments are also advanced by some that for purposes of adequate preparations for a befitting (?) burial, the corpse has to be preserved.

Certainly, this does not constitute the teachings of the Christ they pretend to worship. Joseph, the father of Christ died when he was at India and his mother sent to inform him. He replied that Joseph had completed his work and did not even attend the burial. He did not also attend the burial of his cousin and harbinger, John the Baptist.

What other examples do we need? Today, people spend thousands to travel and see the face of a dead relation or friends? what is so special about the face of a dead man from whom the Holy Spirit had departed? Is it, not even a

source of bad omen?

More surprising is the fact that those who call themselves priests admit corpses in churches purportedly set aside for worship. What more, in the pretext of consecrating the corpse, do they not violate the requirement of their calling? (Numbers 6:6-7).

We may examine a few other examples. The process of initiation, or what is popularly referred to as baptism has suffered a lot of alterations. Why do Christians need to sprinkle water on people's faces, rub oil with cotton wool, wave flags around the heads of converts in the name of baptism? What has happened to baptism by immersion after confession of sins which Christ taught practically during his baptism by John at Jordan?

Going on pilgrimage to Jerusalem has become a new priority. One then wonders what meaning is made out of Christ's teachings when he said, that worshipping God shall not be on the mountain nor yet at Jerusalem (John 4:21)

The operations of the Holy Spirit are contested by many churches. Some say the Holy Spirit ended on the day of pentecost. Should that be true, why was the provisions of Mark 16:16-18 necessary?

The logic of one wife one

husband holds sway as long as the partner a Christian is living with at a time does not number above one. The alarming divorce rates perpetuated by the provisions of carnal laws has ignored the fundamental requirements of Christian marriage, namely; any divorcee intending to remarry should go to her/his first husband/wife, otherwise such a person should stay on her/his own.

The Christian road-map, the Holy Bible, has now become an oath. Churches, courts, and other gatherings seeking to establish truths now swear on it. Yet the same Bible teaches Christians not to swear. More still, the Bible is kept under the pillow as a protection against nightmare.

Kings and rulers would have done well to lead us away from deceit. But they are equally guilty. They drink, give drinks, snuff, and worship idols, not minding that Proverbs 31:3-7 and Ezekiel 8:7 rebuke them. The government ignores the provisions of Habakkuk and goes ahead not only indirectly encouraging the giving of drinks but also directly spending millions in building breweries.

Who then shall deliver who? The pertinent question is, with the diversities of questionable doctrines and leadership, who shall be saved?

I remember vividly my first day at Herald Press Ltd. Lawrence Ubah, the Editor of Herald came into our one-room office then, and amidst the cries of typewriters, jokes, insinuations, innuendoes that always characterise the newsroom, threw a bundle of paper on my table and left saying something like "try your hands on them". A man always in a hurry, he was, already heading towards the Brotherhood press, when I cornered him and asked for a more specific instruction. He retorted without looking back "Edit the pages".

By the time I finished with the bulk of papers handed over to me, we had on our hands a two-page story whose synopsis became the Herald comment of the issue.

On a second thought, I discovered that those traits that formed indispensable aspects of those lifeless papers are really the bane of today's humanity. There is this mixed grill of the wanted and unwanted portions in the life of man the world over. The graduated level of this mixed phenomena starts from the unconscious to the conscious and finally settles at the subconscious level. At this level, it becomes imperatively difficult to stop at anything than edit the page of

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our mind if ever we must do justice to life as it confronts us.

Irrespective of our station in life, our status, be you the nouveau riche in the society or the pauper that continues to parade God's own earth, we are at one time faced with the decision to either edit or refuse to edit the pages of our mind.

It is not an attempt at over-flogging the point, neither is it an exaggeration, the usually unacceptable truth is that, were the minds of men to rotate on the positive end only, the entire human race would have experienced perfect peace. A situation where the negative aspects of our thoughts are given ample opportunity to operate is responsible for the present unfathomable predicaments engulfing the whole globe. The unlearned lesson of our minds' wrecklessness is that, with a little editing of the pages of our minds most of the precarious situations in the world of man, would have been averted.

Why is Liberia boiling? Is it not because the minds of late Samuel Doe, Prince Johnson and Charles Taylor are working anti-clockwise? Is it not because they have refused to sift the unwanted remains of

their thought by editing the pages? What can we say about

Hitler's untamed and unedited mind that brought about that level of bloodshed in recorded history. Do we need to remind you of the situation in Iraq as Saddam Hussein is mounting pressure to convince the world of the legality in the illegal act of annexing Kuwait? Watch for the end of all these people.

Saul, the chosen king of Israel who became a prey of an unedited mind, surprisingly hated David and despite David's loyalty to him, he tiptoed into God's traps and died a miserable death, forsaken by the Father.

David, a celebrated king, succumbed to the negative side of his mind, negotiated and caused the death of Uriah, colonised his wife but finally suffered the worse humiliation a king of his standing would ever have dreamt of. He was banished by his son from his kingdom and his wives openly assaulted.

Nebuchadnezzar allowed the unedited side of his mind to get the better of him and ended up a beast in the forest. How about Moses, for entertaining waning thoughts, he left his



mind unguarded, and left the pages of his minds unedited, as a result of which he did not enter the promised land. Jonah could not entertain the positive thoughts of God and ended up in a fish's stomach. From the examples, it goes without saying that any irresponsible act must not go unrewarded.

Despite the glaring examples of men of God suffering for not editing the pages of their mind, what is happening in the world today? What is the situation in the new kingdom of God on earth? Why do brothers allow their minds to be filled with hatred for their fellow brothers? Why do brothers conjure weird pictures and frame false allegations against others? Why must our minds bear false witness against one another? Why do we seek and

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Those who did not believe in Him, including His kinsmen, did not experience the power of God. So also now, all those who do not believe in the Father but want to see Him in the vestry and talk and shake hands with Him and all that, can never experience the power in this kingdom. It is an act of faithlessness and disbelief for you to want to see the Father and to have Him pray for you, or to even write a letter to Him for anything's sake.

Our Lord Jesus Christ began and ended every statement with the Father. Philip and some of the disciples expected to see the Father physically with them. The Father is a spirit and He abides with you, teaches you and sustains you. Even prophet Mohammed bore record of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit heals, prays, sings, and does everything. You are not sustained through your fasting, prayer, or dedication. You are only enjoying God's grace. All you need do is to continue to praise God and thank Him for His goodness.

The church denominations and the world had predicted doom for Brotherhood of the Cross and Star years back, but up till now nothing has happened; rather we continue to grow daily. The faith of members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is now tremendous since the Father ceased to perform routine reception of members and other visitors. All these things are done to point out to you that man is not responsible for anything but the Holy Spirit. All Brotherhood of the Cross and Star members and others who came to see the Father so that He would bless them and solve their problems are Thomases. This explains what Christ said to Thomas:

Jesus saith unto him,

*"Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."* (John 20:29)

Only those who believe in Him know that the Father is the one doing everything.

"There is need to follow God foolishly without questioning. Do not seek to find out and to know the source of power and wisdom in this kingdom. Believe fervently that it is the truth which you are told and that, it is the Holy Spirit that performs the wonders in this kingdom.

The scripture states that:

*"For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the word, and the Holy Ghost and these three are one."* (1 John 5:7)

"The Father and the son had since completed their assignment; this is the time of the Holy Spirit. He has not come for a temporary stay, but to dwell forever. He has come to distribute unto all according to their needs. He is here to minister unto all both the believers and unbelievers. He has come to save all mankind and to extend His grace and mercy unto all."

It is the work of darkness, therefore for

any person to want to instruct God or to contest His action. Do not seek to persuade or convince anybody to come to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star for anything. Do not go out telling people that Jesus Christ or prophet or the Saviour has come. He has said that at the fulness of time.

*"And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: For all shall know me, from the least to the greatest."* (Hebrew 8:11).

Everything that exists is made through Him. Nothing is made without Him. He never relents, never falls sick and is never fatigued. He is present everywhere and is all knowing.

When our Lord Jesus Christ was taken away from the earth, who was responsible for that, and who continued with His work? Cephas and His disciples had thought if Christ was killed, the work of God would come to a stand-still. When Christ was no more physically, did His absence obstruct the spread of the gospel? If the gospel continued to spread even at the exit of Christ, who is the person you think was responsible?

People thought also that if they killed Jesus the Christ, they would live in peace. The question now is, when they did kill Him did they experience peace? It dawned on His enemies, Herod and the rest of the people, after His crucifixion that He was the only source of peace.

Moses, when Moses passed away, the Israelites mourned for 30 days and refused to be consoled, that their Saviour was no more. They did this because they thought they would perish having lost their leader. The exit of Moses brought about Joshua as their leader, who did even greater works than Moses. The Holy Spirit led them to the promised land through Joshua. It is that same Holy Spirit who leads even up till now.

When Elijah ascended, he surrendered his garment to Elisha. In the absence of Elijah, Elisha was used to do even greater works than what Elijah did. It is the same process that has continued even till today. The Holy Spirit has not ceased to exist at any time; that is why I charge you to go out and preach to the whole world that, it is the Holy Spirit that does the work.

in this kingdom and in the entire world. Tell them that He is the source of power, wisdom and everything. Tell them that He sees far and near and He knows all things. There is nothing you say and do which He does not know. See the golden text below.

**GOLDEN TEXT: JOHN 20:28 29**

*"And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and My God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."*

Many a man is Thomas, and this is your bane in life. Blessed, it is said, are those

that do not see but believe.

Right from the time the Lord was nailed to the Cross, the works of the flesh terminated and the Holy Spirit took over the reign. It is for that reason that Christ said:

*"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for me that I go away for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you."* (John 16:17)

Now that the promise is made manifest, the world is doubting that this work is not done by the Holy Spirit.

The scripture has made it clear that God walketh with His Holy angels to judge those that fear Him not. These are the doubting Thomases, the complainers, the inquirers and unbelievers; they are the ones to be judged.

When He destroyed the world of Noah, did He cease to be God? When He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, did He cease to be God? Has He also ceased to be God because He has given us freedom of movement, worship, of association and so on. All those that existed at the different periods of God's wrath had never questioned His justification. In fact, because of God's long patience many claim that He does not exist. Many have resorted to juju and other diabolical practices because they have no faith and confidence in God.

He has said:

*"This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord: I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts."* (Hebrews 8:10)

This is a clear indication that God does not leave us comfortless. Whether you believe in Him or not, He is always there doing His work. Always believe in Him and you will experience His full manifestation in you.

If He has not come, the world would have perished. The reason for that is because the world is devoid of love, patience, mercy, humility among others. He has come to supply us with all these necessities. Do not beg anybody to come to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star for healing or salvation of any sort. Only those who have been destined to be here would be called into this fold. That is why many people come in here and are healed and their other problems solved; yet would abscond immediately after their problems had been taken away. There are yet other people who would say to God that if He is the true God He should heal them or solve their problem. The question is, if God should decide to allow your problem stay, maybe for a while, does it mean that He would no longer be God?

The Holy Spirit is indiscribable and unpredictable. He is just wonderful and need to be feared. Your memory verse should be:

*"Blessed are they that do not see but believe. (John 20:28) May the Lord bless His Holy words, Amen!*

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## HE HAS COME IN A SECRET WAY

SERMON DELIVERED BY THE SOLE SPIRITUAL HEAD LEADER OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU

### FIRST LESSON: LUKE 17: 20 - 21

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### SECOND LESSON: LUKE 18:7-8

*"And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"*

### GOLDEN TEXT: JOHN 20:28-29

*"And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and My God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."*

The texts above form the theme of this sermon. These are statements made by our Lord Jesus Christ and they are statements of fact.

Christ was the last person to be known by mankind as the only begotten of God and God-sent. From that time on, we have not known any man in flesh but in spirit. Put it differently, no one should expect God to come out with such a public declaration as He did about Christ for easy identification of God incarnate. If man, with his limitations, can be so versatile and adaptable, how much more God? When automatic weapons such as surface-to-surface and air-to-surface and surface-to-air missiles and other nuclear warheads were not invented, man started to war with bows, arrows, clubs, machets, spears and the rest of the crude weapons. The first world war only witnessed the use of dane guns and other less-sophisticated weapons. It was after that experience that the whites, especially Soviet Union and America, started investing in nuclear production. The sophistication of each invention grows by the passing day. For instance, jet fighters and bombers were previously piloted and operated by man, and that increased the death toll. If the jet happened to be brought down by the opponent. Further research has brought about the manufacture of computerized rockets and fighters and other equipment. This has reduced greatly both the loss of human life by owners of such weapons and the fighting of a prolonged war. If man can exhibit such wisdom, what about God who created him?

**"If he had his way, man would have strangled God by now and toppled him. That explains why mankind and the various governments in the world have refused to know God. Man has constantly challenged God and laughed scornfully anytime the name of God is mentioned."**

Each time God sent a messenger to the earth, man would get hold of such a person and persecute and kill him. Many have come in various ways to carry out specific assignments, but have always been killed by their fellow men. Samson, for instance, came and exhibited God's power and before long the source of that power was discovered and he was killed. With such development, would God now continue to send a messenger to mankind? And, if He has to do so, who is the person He would send to withstand the world?

Consider this illustration, if you own an industry or an office and undertake to train a particular person or group of persons to specialize in a certain craft of field for use in your outfit, if such a person or persons leave your establishment, what would be your reactions? That is the nature of the challenge mankind has thrown to God. Having considered all that, God has decided to take the bull by its horns and to sweep man off his feet. That explains why this kingdom of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star has confounded man.

God has come by Himself to rule, to reign and to take dominion over every thing. He has come in a manner nobody expected. But come to think about it, if Christ should come again in the manner the world and the church denominations expect Him to, would He not be trapped mid-air and strangled to death? Where would He land in the first place? Is it in Europe, Africa or where? Another question is, on whose field would He land if He should crash land?

Consider what the people did to our Lord Jesus Christ, John the Baptist and the rest of the disciples: how they were persecuted, burnt and killed. Do you still expect God to send another person after all that?

God is all-wise and all-powerful. He is the creator of heaven and earth and all the things therein. He knows man more than man knows himself. That is why He has come in a manner no man comprehends. Man will continue to be confounded because of his unbelief.

The three texts read to you prove the fact that our Lord Jesus Christ bore eloquent testimony about this kingdom. If there exists a city where all its inhabitants are thieves and robbers,

what steps do you imagine could be taken to eradicate such evil amongst them and how? The question now is, would any righteous person volunteer to take you to such a city, or would a fellow thief accept to lead you to the city?

The declaration by our Lord Jesus Christ that He was the son of God was just to test mankind. The intention was to see man's reaction if the only begotten son of God was sent to us. Instead of bowing down to worship Him as the son of God, man rather went up in arms against Him. It is for that reason He decided to come by Himself. That also explains the manifestation of this kingdom that has continued to grow beyond man's understanding.

This kingdom is not a manifestation of man's righteousness, or his prayerfulness or his diligence to God. It has come to mankind gratis. That is why He is the only person that does everything in this kingdom. Man out of his disbelief and faithlessness continue to doubt Him.

When Noah was charged to build an ark, there was neither water in the whole of that area nor was there any sign that it was going to rain sooner or later. When the great deluge did come, man was taken unawares. That is the way God does His own things. After that incident, man learnt his lesson, wrongly though, and started building ship and boats. If such a situation had repeated itself, God would have been defeated because many people would have been saved by ocean liners, etc. These ships are beautifully built with all facilities available in them that they can stand the test of time.

Characteristic of God's way of doing things was seen in the case of Sodom and Gomorrah. Having known that Sodom and Gomorrah had provided themselves with vessels to survive any deluge, He sent down fire to ravage them all when they disobeyed Him. He took them unawares. Here again, after that experience, man establishes a fire-fighting outfit and manufactures sophisticated equipment to enable him combat fire. Men have been trained in the art of fire extinguishing and the manufacture of the necessary materials. In spite of man's invention and training fire incidents are rampant whose causes are not known to man. That is so because God has come by Himself to confound man by experiments.

## TESTIMONY

## MESSAGE FROM THE WORLD BEYOND

ELDER (SISTER) AKON SUNDAY RETURNS FROM THE WORLD BEYOND AFTER A 12 HOUR SOJOURN WITH A MESSAGE FOR THE WOMEN FELLOWSHIP AND THE ENTIRE WORLD

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, In the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, now and forever more. Amen.

On Friday, July 6th this year, I started suffering from stomach ache. It lasted through Sunday, July 15th - the day it became severe. Early that day I wanted to go and do some shopping in order to cook for the children. So I made to wash my legs preparatory to leave. Then all of a sudden I started feeling dizzy and weak. The children had to come to my rescue by helping me to the bed. It was at this stage that I gave up the ghost.

Then I found myself in the world beyond where I saw two little children who approached me and asked me to come with them, that the Father wanted to see me immediately. So I went along with them. The way was very far. We trekked until I became tired. I told them that if I had known that the way was so long I would not have followed them. But they insisted that I would not have had any choice but to follow them because it was the Father's request.

Finally, we arrived at the foot of a very big and beautiful gate. At the other side of the gate was a bench. I pleaded with them to allow me sit on the bench since I was tired. Just then the Father came and opened the gate and saw me. He called me and ordered the two boys to bring me a chair to sit on.

After that the Father asked me why I was crying. He also noticed that I was naked. He then ordered Christ Student Nko (Sister to Effiong the BCS painter) to bring me montane to cover my nakedness. Thereafter the Father said He sent for me to come because He wanted me to go and warn Sister Nya Ette not to open the gate anymore for BCS members.

I called sister Nya Ette and she answered right inside and came out. I told her about the Father's warning. Then she in turn told me that the Father announced my coming a week before but was surprised that I delayed in coming. Not long after our conversation Sister (Deaconess) Itam emerged on the scene and said to me: 'my daughter I have heard of your coming a week ago'. She asked me how the women's

fellowship was faring. I told her that everything was in order.

In return, the Deaconess retorted: 'Is nothing wrong with the women's fellowship', adding that on the strength of the report she got from the two angels sent to monitor activities of women's fellowship, the women make a lot of noise during their deliberations and achieve nothing thereafter. She (Deaconess Itam) then asked me what the functions of women's fellowship were. I didn't provide an answer to that question. She continued by saying that the Teachings which the Father brought to us in this generation is not being practised.

Again, she went on to enumerate the functions of the women's fellowship thus:

1. That if somebody falls sick members (women) should visit him/her and pray for him/her
2. That if somebody dies they should go to the deceased's family and stay with them for about three days before the burial of the person.

But the deaconess pointed out that these functions were no longer being performed by members of the fellowship. She added that nowadays, members say the deceased's family should take care of their dead. Deaconess Itam further told me that members of the women's fellowship were no longer practising love. She said at a time she wanted to come to 34 Ambo and attend one of the fellowship's meetings, but she was told that the meeting was holding at 33 Chamley. She said she had to go back.

She also disclosed that she made another attempt to attend a meeting at 33 Chamley but she was told that the meeting was taking place at MCC Bethel. She said she had to go back again without attending the meeting. She said when she sent two angels to another meeting of the fellowship, they came back with the report that they (women) were still making noise, adding that that was why they sent for me to come so that I could convey a message to the women's fellowship and the entire world.

Upon hearing this, I

started crying. The Deaconess wanted to know why I was crying. She sought to know if my crying meant I won't be able to deliver the message. She said even if I cried I would still be the person to deliver the message. Then the Deaconess took me round to show me the place. In the course of this, I was shown a file containing the names of BCS members who have passed away. In some cases nothing is written against some names. In my own case something was written against my name in the first page concerning my devotion to activities like supplying candles when there is power failure, and organising feast, etc. But the other side of the file was blank which meant I had stopped being devoted to BCS activities of late.



Elder (Sister) Akon Sunday

As I was still with this Deaconess I saw Deaconess Utibe and she said: 'My dear daughter.' She asked me whether I knew her small daughter. Then I said yes. (The girl's name is Theresa Edem). Deaconess Utibe said she saw her missing grand daughter in a bush and ordered her to go back to their house.

Deaconess Itam then asked Deaconess Utibe to stop the discussion with me because she had an important thing to discuss with me. As we were going around we saw a man sitting near a refuse dump with refuse all over his body. I was asked if I knew him. I said I didn't. The Deaconess told me it was one pastor J.J. the owner of Atuambom Bethel, Calabar. That he found himself in that condition because of his sinful nature while on earth.

When I saw the man's situation I said to myself: Is that how people suffer on account of their sins, even after death? At this point the deaconess told me to wait and

see more of such people.

As I was still being conducted round, I saw non-baptised people being tortured and suffering from all kinds of ailments. On the other hand the baptised ones were kneeling down in praying mood.

Then I asked Deaconess Itam whether people suffer for their sins even after their death. She replied that they suffer a lot, and that was why they sent for me to come and take the message to the people in the world. She said they themselves were suffering because they were not fortunate enough to have somebody to relate the information to them while they were still on earth. That if she had had the chance she would have come back to the physical world to practise the Father's injunctions. Sister Nya Ette also said that there they work for 24 hours without food nor rest.

Again, I saw Deaconess Akpan beckoning at me as we were going round. I asked her if she was also here. We greeted each other. Both of us said to each other that it has taken a long time since we last met. She told me that she had been transferred and that since we met during the last dry fasting she had been coming and going back. She then said that I was very strong for the Father to use me to send such a message to the people on earth. Again, Deaconess Itam cut our discussion short, telling Deaconess Akpan that we were on an important mission.

As we were still going round I saw a well-furnished and electrified office. I saw a man sitting there. I asked who the man was and I was told that he was Reverend Mkpanam from Ikot Ishie.

I also saw at the end of the gate black birds with wings like those of angels. I called them and asked them what they were doing there. They told me that they were angels of death. That the Father sends them to go and bring people on earth. I was afraid of them and asked them if they would also kill me. But they reported that they wouldn't because it was the Father who brought me there. They told me that all my problems were with the two angels that brought me there.

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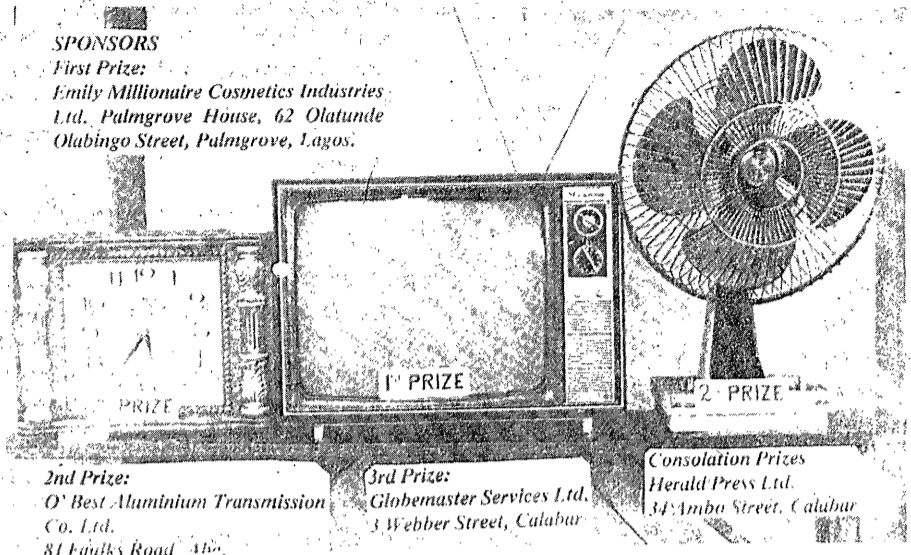
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1. What type of baptism does BCS administer ?
2. Which year did the Holy Father promise to give a cash award to anybody who will cause Him to be angry?
3. When did the Holy Father show the Judgement Equipment to BCS members?
4. When was Herald of the New Kingdom first published?
5. When was the first Baptism conducted in BCS?
6. In the beginning, what food did God command man to eat?
7. What portion of a man's income should be paid to God as tithes
8. What are the two masters that Christ said no man can serve at the same time?



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9. Who was the first man to commit murder on earth.
10. Which portion of the Bible does the use of the Zodiac Stars originate from?

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BY SAMUEL NTIA

## THE BIBLE AND THE LAW

Nowadays, there is the belief among our people that Law and Religion have nothing to do with each other and as such they could operate independent of each other. This is a very misleading and faulty reasoning.

One fine morning, I was on a pleasure trip to the northern part of the country. Travelling with me in the same car was a clergyman. He had this to say in the course of our discussion.

"What do you think is the importance of laws in our society.

"Are the Bible and Koran not sufficient law book for the society? Can we not do without these laws?", he queried. I began to feel uneasy and I asked him why he thought law and religion do not complement each other. The man replied that the various religions of the world have their adherents.

We shall here-under examine the merits or otherwise of the clergyman's contention. We shall not go deep into the definition of these two concepts as it may be purely academic work. But for the purpose of this write-up and for proper appreciation of the issue, we shall take the

following to be the definitions of the two concepts.

Law is a body of rules and regulations which are decided to ensure the smooth governance of our society. Religion could mean the belief in the existence of a Supernatural being - the Alpha and Omega.

Law and religion could be likened to siamese twins. One cannot be considered in isolation of the other because of the relationship between them. To start with, both concepts lay down rules and regulations to be obeyed by citizens of a particular society or adherents of a particular religion as the case may be.

God has laid down His rules and regulations by way of commandments or the ways of life which regulate the lives of those who profess to be His followers. This could be found in the Bible which is a code of conduct for the Christians, adherents of one of the major religions of the world. The Bible has therefore prescribed the conditions to be fulfilled by Christians so that God's name will not become an object of ridicule.

Law on the other hand, lays down the rules and regulations to be obeyed by

every citizen of a particular country. The object of law is to guard against conducts which may be detrimental to the society and its citizens in particular as this could cause anarchy in the society. Therefore the society has the right and a concomitant duty to prevent such conducts for its safety and moreso, for its proper governance.

Both concepts, because of their special relationship, work hand in hand to strengthen each other. For instance, the Bible frowns at murder likewise law enacted by man. Man-made laws reduce the rate of evasion from punishment by a law breaker who may not receive instant punishment from God.

The legal provision concerning murder can be found in section 306 of the Nigerian criminal code. Here it is stated that it is unlawful for a man to kill a fellow man. This in fact, strengthens the Biblical commandment in Exodus 20:3-17 which states inter-alia "thou shalt not kill". See also section 390 of our criminal code for the punishment against stealing. And the Bible has this to say: "Let him that stole steal no more, but rather let him

labour, working with his hands the things which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth". - Eph. 5:28

Another form of relationship is to be found in the method of enforcement of the sanctions or punishments prescribed by each of the concepts. Nevertheless, both law and religion punish those who break the rules and regulations made by the two concepts. The law also stipulates punishment for every offence in the enabling Acts.

Though religion also prescribes punishments for sinners in the Bible for instance, another punishments could also be found in the everlasting hell fire.

Law and religion also share a vital form of relationship. The Bible, as a fact beyond dispute, is a "Book" of books. Besides its moral teachings, it has been established that nearly every form of business we carry out in the world has its origin in the Bible.

In the field of law for instance, nearly every branch of "Law" like the law of contract, International Law, and lots of others derive their origin from the Bible. In contract law, one could still remember the contract or as

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God Himself is fire, matchet, sun, moon star and is everything in all things. He is indeed a silent guest. He is Omnipresent, Omnipotent and Omniscient. The whites have done everything possible and have themselves prepared for and against the coming of the Lord. He has promised in the scriptures to turn His angels into wind and His messengers shall become a flame of fire.

For instance, the hurricane that swept across Europe two years ago continues to grow beyond their knowledge. The whites only alleged that the whirlwind blew from Africa. Americans were unable to predict such occurrence and could not estimate the value of the destructions. Many baffling things have continued to happen like that all over the world.

God regretted ever creating man after Enoch gave Him the situation report about mankind and his activities on earth. The world does not believe in God and does not know Him. Whoever has the fear of God in him behaves differently and does not make noise or disobey God. Actions and utterances of man reveal him as a person who does not fear God. If you watch the way I behave and do things you will know that I am filled with God's fear. The fear of God, it is said, is the beginning of wisdom. If you have the fear of God in you, you will not even hurt an ant and will always avoid any act that will offend Him.

If not that mankind is saved by grace, no one would have survived God's wrath. But for the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ the entire world would have perished.

Now, if Christ should come now to dwell with man, how long do you think He would be allowed to live? He be allowed a breathing space? Of all the things God has created, man is the most stubborn and most disobedient.

"If he had his way, man would have strangled God by now and toppled Him. That explains why mankind and the various governments in the world have refused to know and fear God."

Man has constantly challenged God and laughed scornfully any time the name of God is mentioned. That also explains why He has come in a secret way.

The Father alone is the doer of the work here in this kingdom. That is why I always tell you that I am not responsible for anything that is done in this kingdom. I

am a fellow man like you; not Christ, not a prophet, nothing. I enjoin you to preach the Holy Spirit, sing the Holy Spirit and propagate the name of the Holy Spirit who is living with man. He is the one you cannot see, the one you cannot know and the power you cannot discern. The more you strive to investigate and research to know the source of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star and its existence the more obscure everything about it becomes to you. God abides in you, animals, the trees, the insects and everything that He has created. He knows your thoughts and deeds physically and spiritually. Christ has told us that all things have been handed over to Him by His Father.

The Father has come for the salvation of mankind; But man has maintained a reactionary posture. Man is so rebellious. That also has contributed to his failure and doom. Even here in this kingdom, many people have proclaimed themselves God-sent and can work wonders. Professor Asasu Inyang Ibom, for example, got his son healed in this kingdom; but instead of thanking God, he went and sought ways to grasp the power and to eliminate Him just for his selfish motive.

You only pretend to worship God and to fear Him. Nobody is sincere and honest with his fellow man and his brethren. Man is so domineering and oppressive in nature that he lords it over others at all times. The case with members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is that they use the Father's name to humiliate and harass outsiders and they lay wrongful claims to powers. As a member of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, you should emulate all the actions and practise all teachings as exhibited and taught by the Father.

Brothren, this is the apposite time for us to mend our ways and be careful. John the Baptist, Stephen and the rest of the prophets were persecuted and killed because of wrongful allegations against them. The world, this time too, has tried its utmost to disorganise or eradicate Brotherhood of the Cross and Star through various false allegations, but all to no avail. They have carried out various investigations and researches about the fold without any fruitful result.

This is a clear manifestation of man's inquisitiveness and his tendency for destruction. "If this kingdom had been



Here, the Sole Spiritual Head, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu is seen teaching

established or founded by man, if it were man-made, it would have been desecrated or turned upside-down by now. That is why I have charged you to go into the world and testify and preach the work of the Holy Spirit and not the name of Olumba Olumba Obu." It is said in the scripture, that:

"Blessed is the one that seeth not but believes." (John 20:29)

Do not strive to find any proof or see anything before you can believe. Believe fervently that He is the doer of the work in this kingdom and that He has come to rule and to reveal Himself to the entire world as the King of kings and Lord of Lords. God can manifest Himself as anything, as a man or woman or child or animals or water or wind. Do not, therefore, expect the advent of another person other than the Holy Spirit.

See the first Lesson below.

**FIRST LESSON: LUKE 17: 20 - 21**

"And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come he answered them and said, the kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, Lo here" or lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you."

The kingdom of God which our Lord Jesus Christ spoke about is made manifest in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. He also spoke of the coming of the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit which He said the Father would send in His name, that He shall teach man all things and lead him to the accurate wisdom of the truth.

It is on that basis the scripture states

**"If this Kingdom had been established or founded by man, it would have been desecrated or turned upside-down by now. That is why I have charged you to go into the world and testify and preach the work of the Holy Spirit and not the Name Olumba Olumba Obu."**

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His adherents on why the world has rejected the Messiah.

that Blessed is he that does not see but believe." (John 20:29) The Kingdom of God is with man.

All the things God create work for Him. All the angels, the wind, the water, the ants, among others are his messengers. He uses any of these things, including man, to perform His duty. There is nothing, any man or creature can do to God or to another person. It is God that does all things. He is indeed responsible for whatever had happened and is happening in the world today.

Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is the long awaited kingdom of God wherein the Holy Spirit has come to reign. He is now in the world but the world knows Him not. The world has no ears to hear Him, has no eyes to see him and has no mind to understand His teachings.

Everything derives its source from the Father. Water comes from Him; the mountains come from Him; the stones come from Him; all things indeed come from Him. Nothing is impossible with Him.

Recall when Zacharias was praying, angel Gabriel appeared before him and introduced himself as angel Gabriel who stood before the throne of God Zacharias at that instance saw an angel and not God. Also, when Philip requested of our Lord Jesus Christ to show them the Father, the Lord, replied:

*"Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?"*

Philip was with the Lord, walked with Him and dined with Him but did not know Him. Even when the Lord told Phillip to believe in the works He has done, if he would not believe in His words, Phillip still could not understand

Is there any human being that is capable of doing such wonderful work? Can stones or juju or mermaid do it? It is only the Father that is the doer of all things.

When you go out telling people that Olumba Olumba Obu is God, this sounds incredible. No one can behold God with the naked eyes. That does not in any way mean that God is not in existence. He is here dwelling with men. The Holy Spirit and God is without flesh and bones and blood; but Olumba Olumba Obu has all those components, more so He is visible. For the Holy Spirit, no person can behold, not even the visioners.

The propaganda that Olumba Olumba Obu is God and so on, has only succeeded in causing uproar and creating enmity for the Father. When Jesus Christ asked His disciples whom people thought He was, they mentioned different names ranging from Jeremiah to John the Baptist. He then threw the question back to His disciples to say whom they believed Him to be. Peter quickly said,

*"Thou art the Christ, the Holy one of God: Christ explained to the disciples that it was not the flesh and blood that revealed Him to Peter but the Father. He charged them to tell it to no one."* (mathew 16:16 17)

That was the instruction the Lord gave His disciples until everything was fulfilled. And the disciples kept sealed lips as was directed. If it were now, you people would have sold Him out.

The prerogative to do anything is in God's hands. If it pleases Him to make any person a millionaire, or to endow one with long life and other things He can do it without any challenge. He has no rival and no person can contest His action.

The power in this kingdom comes from God, not from me. If I tell you that I do not know the source of this power you will not believe me. And if I claim responsibility for the work done here I am telling a lie. It is the Holy Spirit that does everything.

Your problem is faithlessness and unbelief. That explains why many of you are unable to discern the truth in this kingdom and to experience the power therein especially those of you who are close to the scenery. Only those who are in distant places who testify about the

power in this kingdom and the Omnipresence of the Father.

We are enjoined, to eschew unrighteousness and evil communication so that we may become vessels unto the Father. It is erroneous and blasphemous for any person to claim responsibility, and the glory which is associated with anything done by God. See the second lesson below.

## SECOND LESSON: LUKE 18:7-8

*"And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"*

The Prophets, were sent and they were killed one after the other. God decided to send His begotten son, and He too was killed. No man believed in Him. Man always stood firm to repel God's actions. God empowered David to kill the lion when it devoured their domestic animals. When the women sang in praise of David for killing 10,000 enemies while Saul killed only a thousand, King Saul got offended and demanded David's head. Saul did that out of his insecurity and jealousy of David. Moreover, if God did not empower David to fight Goliath, would he not have killed all Israelites if David did not kill him? King Saul at that time was even afraid of Goliath himself. That explains to you that God's power is unequalled.

The manifestation of this power, therefore, is not in healing the sick or cleansing the leper but in faith and in spirit. Whoever abides in spirit and is faithful to God will have God's power manifested in him.

Faith is believing what one does not see. You cannot see God but if you believe in Him He will bestow you with His power. Do not be like Thomas who wanted to feel the palms and sides of our Lord Jesus Christ before he could believe He had resurrected. Even if you dined and walked with our Lord Jesus Christ, it profits you nothing if you do not believe in Him. All those who believed in Him even without touching Him were saved. This proves the statement that anybody who believes in Him shall be saved.

**"The Father and the Son have since completed their assignment; this is the time of the Holy Spirit. He has not come for a temporary stay, but to dwell forever. He has come to distribute unto all according to their needs. He is here to minister unto all both the believers and unbelievers. He has come to save all mankind and to extend His grace and mercy unto all."**

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stage. It will grow and spread to your amazement. We will now read the golden text:-

**GOLDEN TEXT: JOHN 7:18**

"He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory; but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him".

If you give orders contrary to the directive of God, you are seeking your own glory. I am admonishing you to promote, at all times, the will of Him that sent you. Keep the injunctions of God and practise His teachings. You quarrel, smoke, steal, fight, drink and encourage others to get drunk. All these baffle me. From whence do you all gather these ills. All angels in heaven and on earth obey God. Why do you find it so impossible to take simple instructions from God? Why do you harden your heart when I say, 'do not eat meat and fish?' If you had shown any real transformation, the whole world would have been converted by now. The situation now is like, who will bell the cat? All these in-

fighting and struggle for posts, how did you come about them? If you act contrary to my wish you are a rebel, and it will profit you nothing. Do you not notice how I gaze at you foolishly as you all mess yourselves around. I do nothing, except the Father so directs. There are many decisions which I would have personally altered but I cannot, I am bound to wait patiently for the Father's directive. For example, I have been instructed from above to stop ordination. Accordingly, this has happened. Ordination today is a forgotten issue. Like you all were flocking in here to receive prayers, laying of hands and blessings from me, how do you fare presently? Do you not notice the difference?

In the near future, only the righteous shall dwell in this kingdom. No one will pursue a sinner but what we are saying is in utter shame, a sinner will depart from our midst. to this end, do not have relationship with any brethren who is a fornicator, a thief and an idler. as it is

recorded in I Cor. 5:11: "But now I have written unto you not to keep company of any man that is called a brethren be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railor, or a drunkard, or an extortioner with such a one, no, not to eat". If this were not the kingdom of God, BCS would have been exterminated by man's wickedness. We know so many who have not been baptised-but only come here to perpetuate evil, dupe, steal, snatch, or covet that which belong to others. We are saying that the day of reckoning is at hand. Sin no more. Recall the punishment metted out to King Herod, how his body was infested by maggots. This situation is applicable the world over. Angels of the most high God act as checks on sinners. Consequently, a lot are being infested by maggots today. If you doubt it, try your duping techniques again and you shall be checked. You surely will witness the visitation of the maggots. In Mark 16:16-18, it is stated that: "He that believeth and is baptizd shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be

damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils: they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover". Have these signs not followed you all? Why have you, a servant of God, turned into a dupe?

The Holy Spirit now reigns in peace, love, and joy. He has extended to the whole world peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen!

These signs have followed you, yet you still harden your heart and continue to dwell in sinfulness. You have to turn a new leaf and believe so that you can promote the glory of the most high God. The Holy Spirit now reigns in peace, love and joy. He also extends these virtues to the whole world. Brethren, a word is enough for the wise. May God bless His Holy words. Amen.

Thank You Father.

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## BACK FROM THE WORLD BEYOND

The Deaconess then excused me to go and bring the key to a house we saw as she was still conducting me round. Inside the house there were different kinds of sickness which the Father wants to send to the physical world between this year and next year. Then I told her not to bother about opening the door since I was afraid.

I complained to the Deaconess that I was thirsty. But she told me that there was neither food nor water in the place. Thereafter I turned round and I saw a tree whose leaves were dripping with water. I had to cup my palms to collect the water and drink.

After drinking the water we came back to the gate where the Father sat. The Father asked the Deaconess if she had conducted me round and shown me everything. The Deaconess responded in the affirmative. The Father said that the people of the world are yet to understand His mission.

The Deaconess then asked me whether other church denominations worship the way BCS does, like ringing bell, wearing nice outanes, singing melodious songs, etc. The Father then said that people on earth do not understand what is happening

and that they are not serious.

The Deaconess also told me that in the physical world the Father preaches to us everyday but they do not enjoy such privilege like we do, adding that there they pay more homage to the Father than we do in the physical world.

The Deaconess told me that in the physical world we play with the Father's injunctions by committing sins which He warns us against. That the Father will appear in a different form on judgement day such that nobody will recognise Him. That the gospel, songs and the mode of worship in BCS was introduced by the Father.

The Father asked me three times if all what the Deaconess told me had been understood. And I said yes. He then told me to pass the message to the people of the world without adding or subtracting anything.

The Father asked those around Him to sing for me. They began to sing "Death where is thy victory." But the Father rang the bell and asked them not to sing such a song because I was not dead. They were ordered to sing another song entitled: "A man's handiwork lives after him and shall be rewarded

accordingly." As the song was being rendered, they went on blessing and the angels were bowing their heads. The Father again asked me three times if I had heard the message correctly and I said yes.

The Father told Deaconess Nya Ette to go and bring the N30.00 He gave to her. When the money was brought the Father gave me N10.00 out of it. He asked me to supplement it with my own money to buy a feast for the women's fellowship when I get back.

The Father again gave me N20.00 and told me to go and meet members of the fellowship to contribute money and add to it for a feast by them in my house. Then the Father gave me two buckets containing water. He asked me to give one bucket to the Deaconesses when they will be conducting their feast at 34 Ambo Street for them to drink and to make sign of the cross on their foreheads, etc. And the other bucket of water He said I should use in my house for the same purpose.

The Father told me to tell the Deaconesses that before the feast takes place they should go on outing to enable Deaconesses Nya Ette and

Itam to participate.

Deaconess Itam asked me to tell members of the women's Fellowship that any of them who failed to carry out the injunctions of the Holy Spirit after the feast would be transferred to the world beyond..

After the warning, I started to cry. And the Father asked Deaconess Itam why I was crying, saying that if I fail to relate the message to the people of the world, I would still come back. The Father added that since people have been listening to His preaching without practising same, He had decided to send me to go and relate to them what I had seen over there.

The Father then called the two angels and Deaconesses Itam and Nya Ette to escort me to the gate. As we were moving towards the gate, Deaconess Itam pressed her feet in three places and three O's appeared and the gate opened automatically. Then I saw myself lying face-up in the physical world.

In essence, I was transferred for 12 hours before coming back to the physical world.

Thank You Father.



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THE QUALITIES OF AN  
AMBASSADOR OF GOD

SERMON DELIVERED BY THE SOLE SPIRITUAL HEAD, LEADER OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU

## 1ST LESSON: JOHN 15 :57

"And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning".

## 2ND LESSON: MATTHEW 11 :29

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls".

## GOLDEN TEXT: JOHN 7: 18

"He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him".

The word "Ambassador" should not be restricted to accredited representatives of nations, organisations or groups. It should be viewed in a wider perspective to include mankind as representatives of God.

An ambassador may also be viewed as a witness who represents his country and portrays all he has seen, heard and perceived to the outer world in the accurate, dynamic, and positive perspective. The policies, views and stands of his country on issues are religiously adhered to.

Similarly, mankind as ambassadors of God, must demonstrate godly virtues. These virtues must be carried out without any regrets or bitterness. To satisfactorily play the role of an ambassador, you need not use your wisdom, diplomacy or politics. Your nation, or in the latter discretion, case, your God becomes the clearing house. Their foreign policies and virtue must be projected the way they want them. A representative of this class now becomes the custodian of the ways of life of his people. Consequently, all representatives of the Sole Spiritual Head, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu must emulate Him. They must wear His semblance.

A true Leader's representative must be dedicated to the cause of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. This cause being

patience, humility, tolerance, meekness, honesty, and love. He must be obedient and above all, loyal to the core. He must abide by the teachings and injunctions of the most high God as laid down by our Lord Jesus Christ and resounded by Leader Olumba Olumba Obu - The Supernatural Teacher of this age. Any ambassador, therefore, who introduces his own policies and personal innovations contrary to the briefings he received from his state must be dismissed. You are all representatives of Christ. If you protect His interest, project His image, virtues and teachings, you stand to be blessed abundantly. If you perform on the contrary, you are bound to lose your post.

I can assure you that an application of my teachings in the daily administration of Bethels would have reduced drastically, deaths, lacks, pains, sufferings, sicknesses, tribulation and sorrows. I am stating categorically and with full authority, that an atmosphere of peace and concord would have been at its peak. It was for the purpose of spiritual emancipation that our Lord Jesus gave the following commands: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world, Amen." (Matthew 28 : 19 - 20).

And He further said, "go ye into the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16 : 15).

It is very shocking that a man called out of tribulation, suffering, lack, incurable sickness, disaster, pain, anguish and complete deterioration of hope of existence; having been granted a relief free of charge can now turn round to pester others. This so-called "negative" representatives parade themselves as Lords, give instructions and counter

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orders. Freely, you were delivered in a conducive atmosphere; what then are your excuses for opposing, obstructing and deliberately neglecting and refusing to create conducive atmosphere for others?

Any Leader's Representative who exhibits those negative characteristics or qualities, is not worthy of his call or vocation. A good Leader's Representative is that man who emulates me, (Sole Spiritual Head) demonstrates and puts into practice the principles of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. He is that man who bears one another's burden. He is not quick to anger or criticism. In humility, He leads others by examples. You know my virtues because you have understudied me.

Consequently, what you see, hear and perceive must be conveyed to others. You have a duty to impart this supernatural ideas to others. You do not need your personal innovation, reason, wisdom or tact.

Brethren, handle situations exactly as I do, you are witnesses to me. Whether you are a professor, doctor, lawyer, millionaire, president, governor, minister, commissioner, all these statuses do not accord you the audacity or effrontery to alter the spiritual education you have received from me. It must not also afford you the opportunity of addressing situations on your own authorities. Your qualifications, status, and prominence are, therefore, immaterial, irrelevant and of

no effect whatsoever. The difference between your assignment as Leader's Representative and your call or vocation is clear. In the former, you have to apply strictly all the spiritual and virtuous teachings which I demonstrate to you. In the latter, you are free to apply your personal skills, techniques and discretions. It is a pity that most of you do not appreciate or notice this distinction. You administer the Bethel as if it were your private affair. If I may ask, all the discrimination, dishonesty, quarrel, bitterness and rancour you promote, from whence do you study them?

There must be a change of attitude from the year 1990. The government, members of Secret Societies, Necromancers, to mention but a few, do not err because they have no access to this truth. They have not seen me. I have not lectured them yet. So they stand to benefit and enjoy exoneration and pardon. The plea of innocence has been validated for them. You, my very representatives who have witnessed, noticed and accompanied me in the daily execution of my mission, how will you state your plea for pardon? How will forgiveness and mercy be granted you for deliberate sins. Is it that you did not see, hear or perceive the wind of change and spiritual emancipation? John 14:26 says that, "But when the comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the father, even the spirit of truth, which proceed from

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the father, he shall testify of me".

You should humble yourself, carry on your duties with full reverence to God. Recognize at all times that His will, teaching and injunction must prevail. Your daily activities should be so guided. Your money, beauty, wisdom and power are completely immaterial and irrelevant. They do not have the effect whatsoever in the activities of the kingdom. If you are looking for worldly glory, like being the executive president of Nigeria, Africa or those of other countries of the world, do not rush to Brotherhood. Do not request for Brotherhood's spiritual direction only when you want earthly glory. Ours is to seek for the glory of the Father. Our second lesson has it that: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls". Let Matthew II : 29 be your watch word.

All the heavenly hosts and angels bear true allegiance to this Kingdom. We do not require your assistance. The Kingdom is completely separated from earthly wisdom, arrogance and pride.

I will reshuffle your position and drop some of you, not for any other reason, but for lack of loyalty and obedience to the injunctions of God. You have to bear true allegiance to the principles of this kingdom. You are my witnesses, Nebuchadnezzar dreamt about this Kingdom. Daniel not only gave a vivid interpretation, but also prophesied about this kingdom. In Daniel 2 : 44 it was recorded that: "And in the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the

kingdom shall not be left to other people; but it shall break in pieces and all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever". Today the kingdom has manifested. We are indeed the luckiest generation. Consequently, we are mandated to re-educate others on the teachings of this kingdom. Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is that great kingdom. Here righteousness reigns. In respect to righteousness, you can testify that, I am as constant as the northern star, the rock of Gibraltar and the statue of salt. I have neither wavered nor turned. Righteousness, perfection, sanctification and the teachings of God I pursue vigorously. I implore you all to emulate me, strive to refrain from arrogance and vain pride. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of our teachings. We project Him in words, and deeds, I want you all to emulate your God. Christ, the foundation stone of our faith, loves us so profoundly that, He laid down His life for us. We are duty bound to exhibit, at all times, brotherly love. Your Lord and master laid down his life for you. You have to be determined to lay down your life for others. The love has to be practicalised and should be actualised. You may ask in what sense? The answer is simple, if you have the means, build Bethels, buy buses, ship, aircraft to facilitate evangelical work. In addition to that, be honest, dedicated to the service of the Lord. Be humble at all times. Wear the virtues of God and practise same in your daily dealings with men. In Matthew 15 : 13, He answered them and said, "Every plant which my heavenly Father has not planted shall be rooted up".

There is one flock and one shepherd, Be nice to your

brethren, do not frustrate them when they are on a mission to your Bethel. This is another method of promoting God's services. If you require earthly kingship, please go to hell. In this kingdom, there is but one leadership, there is no discrimination, no hatred, no disloyalty and dishonesty.

We do not want quarrel, bitterness and rancour. No personal aggrandizement and egotism. All we want is the glory of God. We reverence Him in His greatness. Also strive to be in peace at all times with everybody. In love and peace, spread the message of the kingdom. Human beings, mermaid, apparition and witches do not exist at all. It is only Jehovah God and His Christ who live and reign forever and ever, Amen. When you face or confront any difficult situation, please do not forget your code number. Telephone your Father O.O.O. and the answer will be given immediately. I still have to stress the need for you to practise the injunctions of God, and take His sermon very seriously. Do not focus your attention on husband, wife, money, glory, Christ's student and other groups in the congregation. Concentrate on the word of God. If you can assimilate and practise them, that will be fine.

Do nothing of your own volition. Look at me and emulate me. Focus your mind on the Cross and your yoke shall be lightened. For it is written that, "And ye also bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning". (John 15 : 27)

Do not believe in the existence of witches otherwise I will part company with you. I have told you over and over again that you should not acknowledge the existence of these things. They are elemental. There is one spirit, one God and one Father, let us all love Him. We have to reverence the Father, love Him, respect Him and abide by His injunctions.

Shun the government, when they engage in vain talk, pay attention to God and his Christ. Discard tradition, it is a wasted effort. God is our deliverer. Having been liberated, of what use are these traditional practices? Worship your God in deep meditation,



The Sole Spiritual Head, Leader O. O. Obu here reveals God to The Congregation at the 34 Ambo Street.

supplication and dedication. Avoid the lust and passion of the flesh as promoted by inordinate zeal.

It is written in I Corinthians 6 : 13 that, "Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body". Purify yourself and create a chance for the Holy spirit to move in and dwell. We are all the temples of God and he has every right to inhabit His own home.

In Luke 20 : 34 - 36 it is stated that, "And Jesus answering said unto them, the children of this world marry and are given in marriage: But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage. Neither can they die anymore: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection". Do not perpetuate fornication and adultery. Do not make demands and overtures to your husband and wife. For you are the temple of God. Be pure even as your father who is in heaven. It is only then that you are qualified to be a brethren.

The principles which our Lord Jesus Christ lived and died for, shall form in the near future, part of the curriculum of Universities.

**"Do not covet tithes, freewill offering, charity and other appurtenance of the Bethel for it is an abomination to do so. You should draw a lesson from what happened to Achan. Many people are here with the intention of enriching themselves."**

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the true qualities of an Ambassador of Pentecostal Hall

We are bound to accept these teachings and practise them. Obedience is the first law of God. Do not seek self glorification otherwise, you will be thrown out. Recall the case of Lucifer.

The inhabitants of the world have a duty to understudy Christ and emulate his life style. Whether you are a president,, minister, governor,, royal highness, this fact is applicable to you. This condition is a must for our survival. Whether you are a pagan, muslim, bahai-worshippers, krishna, hindus, all these faiths and counter-faiths are immaterial. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the substance, the spiritual strength, the protector and accomplisher. We should aspire to emulate Him practically. His mark, facts, ideals and love style is the strongest weapon we require especially for our daily life. Our slogan is 'God of equality. Our motive is 'love one another'. Be humble, live amicably with others. Do not treat anybody despitely. You should do away with hatred and in-fighting.

Do not reckon sins unto yourselves. Dwell in peace, love, and oneness. Do not seek to please men or society, but please Jehovah God and His Christ. You may deceive yourself, but you cannot deceive God.

Note what our Lord Jesus Christ said in Matthew 12:30.

"He that is not with me is against me. He that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad". The confusion which arises in the world today is as a result of lack of love. The truth has come like the mustard seed, it has been planted. I can assure you that it had long germinated and grown. It will spread all over the world till eternity. What God chooses, He favours and blesses. What He disfavors He has already destroyed. You Leader's Representatives have left the path plotted for you to indulge in various atrocities. Retrace your steps now and turn a new leaf. Work together with other members in oneness and in love. Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is an embodiment of love, power, joy, health, oneness, wealth and peace; let this light radiate and engulf the world. Do not work against the light. Do not seek personal gains, thereby trampling on the toes of many. Re-examine the second lesson please.

## SECOND LESSON: MATTHEW 11:29

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls".

You complain about lack, ill-health, frustration, tribulation and suffering. Re-examine your conscience, have you imbibed these teachings? Your spirit is not at rest because you have failed to discuss Him. Now educate as many as you can, about this personality in your midst. Talk about His humility, patience, endurance, purity and tolerance. Stress on His meekness, peace, joy and love. Once you do this, your spirit will find solace in the Lord. Do not attach premium to any spiritual services rendered. This is completely wrong and should be discouraged. Do not sell the holy oil, Father's pictures and inscriptions. Do not demand money when you baptise and preach the gospel, otherwise you will fail. I have to stress that these are all strange and alien to our teachings. Direct your tithe to the Father and the Father alone. All freewill offerings also belong to the Father, no bethel has any right to tamper with them.

Do not covet tithe, freewill offering, charity and other appurtenance of the bethel for it is an abomination to do so. You should draw a lesson from what happened to Achan. Many people are here with the intention of enriching themselves. If you pay your tithe and refrain from stealing bethels' funds and property, you would be at peace.

Tithe, charity, freewill offering are meant to be used strictly by me for the welfare of the whole world. You have been with me enough to know that I am not materialistic and you cannot doubt this fact. The problem comes when you arrogate to yourself the power of spending this money. Do not withhold from others what should be bestowed freely. You all complain of ill health, frustration, dissatisfaction, poverty and lack. This does not surprise me because like Achan, you are the architect of your own fate. Now that you have known the causes of your downfall, repent therefore, and refrain from this act. Examine and demonstrate what is recorded in Acts 2:44-45: "And all that believe were together and had all things in common and sold their possession and goods and parted them to all men as every man had need". We do not transact business with our members. We do not commercialize the gospels, Holy oil or baptism. My teachings do not guarantee you the right to exploit others. Your behaviour has debased Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. You compel people to pay tithe to you to build houses for others, buy soutane and other material things for you. You use Brotherhood to satisfy your selfish aims. With whose authority are you operating?

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the mediator. I enjoin you to emulate Him. You should respect your marriage vows. A man should marry only one wife and be contented without indulging in fornication and adultery. If you cannot continue in marriage for reason best known to you, then please do not re-marry. Remain on your own. Be holy and do not prepare charms, talisman, amulets or herbs. Do not indulge in any form of spiritual experiment. Do not kill yourself when you have any difficulty, rather fast, go on ministry work, pray and celebrate feast, your problems will be solved.

Do not deal with angel or man, communicate directly with the Father. Angels are mere servants, do not worship them. Angels are your brethren, do not bow to them. Do not worship any graven image, no matter whose image is involved. Do not use candle and incense, all these things promote invocation. At no time did Christ use them. All you need to do is worship your God in spirit and in truth; seek His glory at all times. Promote communication with Him. Teach others about Him. Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is an embodiment of Christ's principles. We do not add or subtract.

Have faith in the new name of God. Show love for one another. Do not judge, let there be no discrimination between you. Let there be no Jews or Greeks. There should be one flock and one shepherd. The world and all its fullness belong to God. Obedience is what is required. You are instructed to be humble, meek, kind and honest and do just what He requires you to do. Brotherhood is at its budding

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