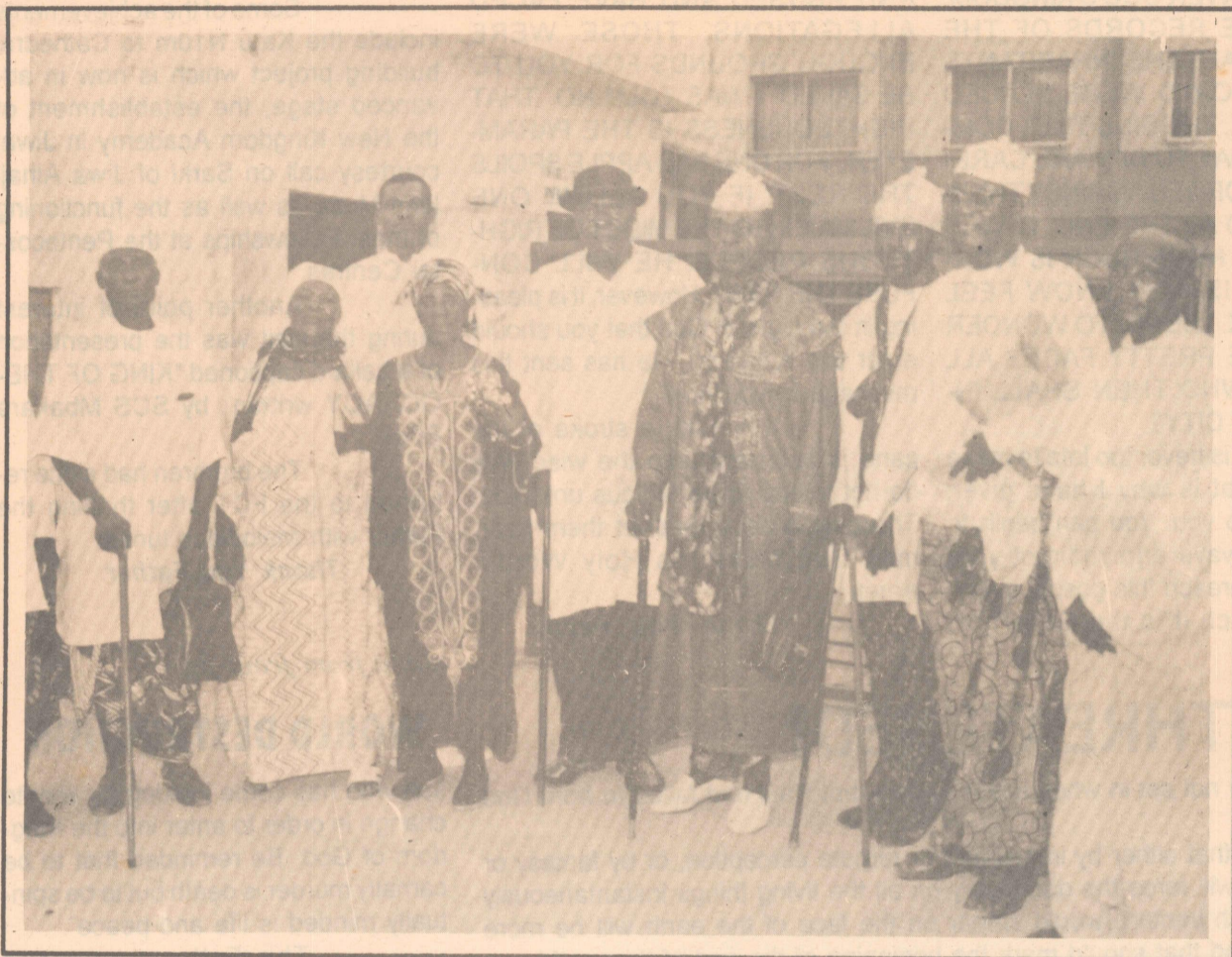


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SOME COUNCIL MEMBERS OF EFUT AKWA IKOT EKPE WHO VISITED THE FATHER

EFUT AKWA IKOT EKPE COUNCIL APPRECIATES THE FATHER

BY NSAN TAKON

19th January, 2002 witnessed the entire council of chiefs of Efut Akwa Ikot Ekpe and Efak Orok Clans in Calabar South Area of Cross River State paid a solidarity

and appreciation visit to the Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu, at the World Headquarters of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

Muri Asukwo Okon Orok the Clans spokes man, thanked the

Father for maintaining peace and endless blessings in their domain. After handing over the total governance of the clans to the Father, he presented a staff and certificate of recognition to His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu on behalf

of the two clans.

Appreciating the Father's love, Ndabo Peter Okon Ene, a member of the council thanked the King of kings and the entire BCS members for their absolute faith in the Father and His recondite teachings

HOLY FATHER TEACHES ON CLEAN GARMENT

BY EYIBIO ANTIA

The Holy Father, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu has called on mankind to wash their garments clean in order to receive the blessings of God.

The Holy Father said this while addressing a group of His devoted children at the 34 Ambo Great Hall. While harping on the need for a clean garment, the

Father informed the brethren that garment does not refer to the royal robe (white soutane) but their bodies which must be presented as living sacrifice to the glory of the Father.

Pressing further on the essence of clean garment, the Father invoked that "Blessed are they that wash their garments clean that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter

through the gate into the city" And theatrically asked "what if your garment is not clean, will you be able to enter?" He went further to emphasise, "your body is your garment, refrain from fornication, anger, drinks and all vices. You should not defile the body, when you refrain from all vices, it means you have washed your garment clean."

The Father

used the occasion to admonish His children on the modus operandi of keeping the garment clean. He blamed man for not turning a new leaf and warned, "the Kingdom does not admit any sin no matter how small. Anger, backbiting and other sins which you delight in will not help you enter into the Kingdom of God."

Thank You Father.

as buttressed during the beginning of judgement. As a further sign of appreciation, he allotted a plot of land to BCS for the relocation of the BCS Comprehensive Sec. School.

Apostle Paul Ugochukwu, the Secretary to His Holiness in his reaction thanked the council and pointed out that the Holy Father lived with them at 8 Eton Street, Calabar, and their coming qualifies them to be in the group that should tell the world about the Father's manifestation on earth, the BCS fold and His attributes.

The team was warmly received by His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu, the King of kings and Lord of lords who advised them to

have faith in the Father who is the way, truth and life and assured them a place in the history of Brotherhood.

The Chiefs were blessed and advised to govern their subjects with the fear and love of God.

The team comprised Muri Asuqwo Okon Orok, Clan Head of Efut Akwa Ikot Ekpe; Ndabo Peter Okon Ene; Ndabo Effiong Marshall; Ndabo Etim Okon Asuqwo; Ndabo Emmanuel Edet; Mokofa Effiong Iyehe; Mokofa Affiong Asuqwo, Madam Nkoyo Edet Ene Okon; Elder Effiong Bassey Okon, Secretary - Efut Akwa Ikot Ekpe Clan. The Team was led by Brother Effiong Okon Benjamin.

Thank You Father.

SENEGALESE BRETHREN RECEIVE KOK'S DELEGATES

BY NSAN TAKON

The - 3 man delegate sent by His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords to Gambia in July 2001, to attend the historic celebration of the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu, also embarked on missionary tour to Senegal. In the company of some Gambia brethren, 144,000 virgin Ogar Osim, SCS Solomon D. Ette and SCS Solomon Okon were received by Senegalese brethren with joy and happiness. The delegates held a meeting and delivered lectures on the manifestation of God and His kingdom on earth; they also assured the brethren of lasting solution to their problems immediately His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu is aware of those problems. Briefing the delegates, brother Okechukwu, a missionary and Crusader in the Country disclosed that the difficulties involved in converting souls into Brotherhood is language barrier since the Country is a French-speaking one and predominantly a Muslim enclave. He also said that there is urgent need for a permanent place of worship which will go a long way to stabilize the problem.

Before leaving, the Country, the delegate invoked the Father's peace on the brethren and the Country as a whole. The delegates are back to BCS Headquarters.

Thank You Father.



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KOK REVEALS

THE NAME, ROLAND WAS A COVER

BY EYIBIO ANTIA WITH MBAKARAEFIOK

His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu, King of kings and Lord of lords, Chairman Brotherhood Executive Council and the Head of Administration has revealed that the name "ROLAND" hitherto his name "was only used as a cover to avoid more damaging and devastating occurrences that would have been meted out on the Lamb by the enemies of God and His Son right from the teething days of God's Kingdom on earth".

The King of kings who made this declaration while receiving the brethren from the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Abuja said that "His real name was, is and will ever remain Olumba Olumba Obu".



HIS HOLINESS O. O. OBU

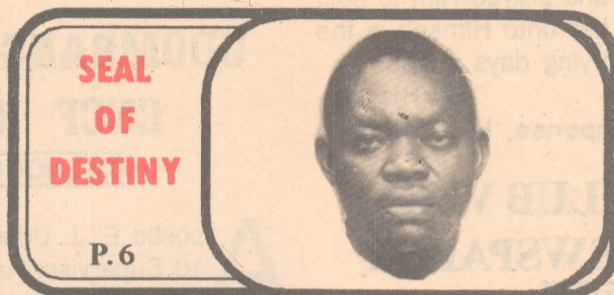
His Holiness used that opportunity to emphasise on the need for would be REBEL RETURNERS to heed the Father's directives which include among others - visit to Biakpan for fasting and bathing at the Bethsaida water as well as, celebration of feast

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THE WASTED WOMAN

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WORLD DESTRUCTION OVERDUE

BY EYIBIO ANTIA

* NONE READY FOR THE KINGDOM
* MEN PREFER THE CITY OF DEATH

- HOLY FATHER -

The Holy Father, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu has declared that the present world upheavals staring humanity in the face subsumes that the world is overdue for destruction.

The Holy Father made this declaration while addressing thousands of His children at the Great 34 Ambo Hall recently. The Father used the occasion to remind the world that the destruction of the world is long overdue but "because of the pity I have for you, a lot of weeping and the intercession I make, the destruction has been delayed.

He recalls that, it is the more pathetic that despite His constant teaching on the need for man to be righteous, none is ready for the Kingdom. The Holy Father reiterated further "I am imparting this message to you with tears in my eyes because the information I received indicate that no person is ready to enter into the Kingdom of God."

Stressing on why humanity is not ready for the Kingdom of God, the Holy Father warned "I have discovered that you are looking for money, motor car, ship etc. There is no per-

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LEADER O. O. OBU TAKES PITY ON HUMANITY

BAPTISM, NO GUARANTEE FOR HOLY SPIRIT - HOLY FATHER -

BY EYIBIO ANTIA

Against popular Christian belief that baptism of a convert is synonymous with the reception of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Father, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu has revealed that baptism is no guarantee for the reception of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Father while admonishing His children recently at the Great 34 Ambo Hall said, "I want to emphasise here that you can be baptised yet you don't have the Holy Spirit. If you are baptized but you keep indulging in diabolical acts, medication, fornication, adultery, falsehood and all such unwholesome acts, the Holy Spirit will not make His dwelling place in you. This indeed accounts for why you scarcely see people who had been baptised having the spirit of God in them".

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AKS TO CELEBRATE LOVE AND UNITY FEAST

BY EYIBIO ANTIA

Akwa Ibom State thanksgiving Day for Unity and Love Feast celebration for the year 2002 comes up from Saturday 9th to 10th March 2002 at Independence High School, Ukana in Essien Udim Local Government Area of the State.

In a press release signed by the State Secretary General, Pastor Innocent

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OUR FATHER PROTECTS ALL, EVEN ME - KOK

BY NSAN TAKON

Recently, His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu, the King of kings and Lord of lords has confirmed that the Father's protection is sufficient to ail the Brethren in the Brotherhood world. Confirming this divine truth, the King said He would have since ceased to exist if those who had opposed God

and His Son from creation had access to this eternal source of manifestation, stressing that this could have been possible during the recent reenactment of the rebellion in heaven on earth.

Admonishing the Brethren further, His Holiness said, "I do not exist, only the Father

exists" He continued that if He exists separately from the Father, the story could have been different. But He thanked the Father for His protection over Him and the entire world.

The King of kings stressed the need for peaceful coexistence among the brethren and

enjoined that all should eschew rumour mongering and tale bearing but should abide in love.

Assuring all of the permanence of God's Will, the King of kings and Lord of lords advised all to seek the truth; for the truth is God

Thank You Father.

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CHRIST PREACHER ROSEMARY NOW A TRUE CHRIST WITNESS

BY EUNICE DAN

Christ Preacher Rosemary Essien Akpan of Area 1 Pentecostal Centre FCT Abuja leapt for joy on the 18th of January, 2002 in the 34 Ambo Great Hall when the Father promoted her as one of His True Witnesses.

Called upon by the Father to testify, Sister Rosemary thanked Him for His works which she has witnessed in this era and prayed Him to hold her unto Himself in the trying days ahead.

In His response, His Holiness

said, "Sister Rosemary, the Father has acknowledged all your deeds, though unknown to you as a visioner. Today you are blessed and elevated as a Christ Witness, your ways are now opened."

The joy that followed her promotion was resounding as she was led gracefully to the

esteemed pew.

Sister Rosemary in her reaction said she has been vindicated as her dream of getting enlisted as a Christ Student thirty-two years ago, though then rebuffed, is fulfilled. She was full of thanks to the Holy Father for her elevation.

Thank You Father.

UDOMBANG SUPERVISES CNCF REGION 10

BY ENOBONG ESSIEN

Apostle E. J. Udombang, the CNCF Region 10 Supervisor has made a maiden visit to his area of jurisdiction. From the report made available to Trumpet, Choirs in the Region which comprises Ghana, Abidjan, Togo, Liberia and Cotonou, are not exposed to the Fellowship's policies and directives. According to the report, such policies which affect the use of the Fellowship identity card, appointment, fund drive were alien in the Region "as a result of insufficient flow of information and unexisting co-ordinating Supervisor." This as the new Supervisor said, has largely contributed to (the) deteriorating state of choirs. He also spotted the absence of choral competition as a major problem which has discouraged the choristers in the Region.

The absence of choirmasters, he said constitutes another problem which the already weak choirs are facing. He however, commended the efforts of the CNTM and 144,000 in the Region.

As a panacea to these problems, the New Supervisor recommends that the CNCF should set aside a time in the first or second quarter of the year for seminar on choral and Administration of choirs as well as Grading Exercise in the Region.

Thank You Father.

In a chat with the Planning Committee Chairman, Deaconess Ekpenyong expressed her profound gratitude to the Father for His love and care and making it possible for the celebrate to hold since the inception of surulere cathedral in May, 1990. While, Pastor Emmanuel Ezesobor, the General Fellowship Chairman of Surulere Cathedral and Ogun State L/R was full of praises to the father for manifesting his divine will at appropriate time. He also thanked the Father for His protection and guidance throughout that turbulent period, then prayed the Father for His mercies and blessings among brethren in Surulere Cathedral, Lagos State and Brotherhood world.

The celebration witnessed a lot of attractions - such as Drama, Jokes, Dances. Thrilling the occasion through songs were Surulere Bethel Sabbath Choir, Surulere Bethel Choir, Crusades Choir, Ojo RD Bethel Choir and Edomites Voices led by COG. Simeon of Ghana.

Among the dignitaries at the celebration were Snr. Christ Servant George Goring, Apostle Joseph Ikpedighe, Elder Kinika Wali, Apotle D. Simeon, Prophet Basse Willie, Bro Basse Ebong, Sister Chinwe Wali, Prophet Smart Isemin, Brothers Ime Ekpo, Henry Ate, Richard O. James, Evang. Kingsley Ekpo, Bro. Emmanuel Akara, Deaconess Simeon and host of others.

Thank You Father.

PASTOR UMUKORO PLANS BIG FOR 2002

BY MATTS UDOAKA

Pastor John Umukoro, the Leader's Representative of Agip Base Bethel in Port Harcourt recently disclosed his plans in the Father's Service for year 2002. Pastor Umukoro who is ever ready to work for God asserts that his dream for 2002 is to relocate his Agip Base Bethel to its permanent location which land has already been acquired by the Father in him. He made this disclosure during a thanksgiving service for the peaceful transition of his mother, Sister Akporkehuhu Umukoro.

Describing the mother as a great woman who lived all her life serving the Father and the brethren, the L/R particularly reflected on the women delegation led by his late mother as the woman leader of Otor-Edo, to the past military regime in Delta State, soliciting for the creation of Ughelli South Local Government Area which has since become a reality.

For all the blessings he has enjoyed from the Father, Pastor Umukoro who has sponsored the publication of the Bible Class in Trumpet, sees 2002 as a year the BCS will occupy a special position in Otor-Edo, his home town.

Thank You Father.

HIS HOLINESS RECEIVES AMBO V CHOIR

BY EUNICE DAN

His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu, the King of Obu, the King of kings and Lord of lords, on the 16th of January, 2002 received the choirsters from 34 Ambo V.

He thanked the Father for elevating the choir from Division Four to Upper Division which it is currently placed. He informed His Holiness that all these and many oth-



HIS HOLINESS OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU
BCS HEAD OF ADMIN

Brothers inform the visit; to appreciate the Father in all He has done and shall be doing for the choir. Anthems, spiritual choruses and testimonies rent the air to express their heartfelt appreciation.

Reacting, the Head of Administration, His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu blessed and feted all the choristers.

The choirmaster *Thank You Father.*

BCSS PRESS CLUB VISITS TRUMPET NEWSPAPER

BY NSANTAKON

The Press Club of Brotherhood Comprehensive Secondary School Calabar, on the 5th January, 2002 visited the office of the New Kingdom Trumpet, the official information disseminating organ of the BCS.

The Asst. Editor, Deac. Enobong Essien receiving the Students gave a run-down of the relevance and significance of a print media and the necessary stages involved in the production of a newspaper. She advised the students to be hard working through boldness and dedication to studies.

Speaking to the students, the Researcher and Reporter

for the newspaper, Bro. Nsan Takon disclosed that journalism occupies a significant place in any society as it helps in the dissemination of information from one part of the world to the other. He also spoke on the importance of the students to read wide for effective writing.

The Club Secretary, Mfonobong Edet Moses expressed thankfulness for the warm reception, and prayed for God's blessings on the New Kingdom Trumpet.

Led by Sister Henrietta Aisiri, the students who numbered about thirty had since returned to their school.

Thank You Father.

SURULERE CATHEDRAL IS TEN

BY INNOCENT UDIOK

Recently, brethren of Surulere Cathedral in Lagos State gathered to celebrate the tenth-year anniversary in a grand style.

The first part of the anniversary was the admonition which the Father gave from the scriptures in Matthew 18 : 4, Matthew 27 : 12; and Philippians 3 : 7-9.

In his appreciation speech to declare the second part open the occasion Chairman, Apostle Jonathan Aggo, Rivers State LR thanked the Father for the privilege granted him to be part of the celebration as the Chairman. Welcoming brethren to the occasion, he prayed the Father to protect and guide His children in their endeavours also and grant them journey mercies to their different destinations.

The Chairman further expressed his gratitude to the Father for the unique celebration and enjoined all the brethren to look unto the Father alone at all times even in the face of tribulation, humiliation, and suffering. The Chairman also solicited for oneness among the true children of God and continuity of the Father's work in the Kingdom.

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KINGDOM OF GOD

Umo who was interpreting should be allowed in but I was told no. I was thinking that since you have come to Brotherhood and have suffered false allegations and calumny, you should be allowed in. But the information I have received has countered that hope. What is required is perfection. I am told that if you are left with any vestige of sin, be it anger, you will not go near. For this reason, I have been demoralised.

I had asked whether Apostle V. E. Ekpenyong will enter and I was told no. The reply was that since they have not repented, it is not possible for them to enter. I also asked whether Christ Witness Ukpong E. Akpan, who was the Witnesses Choir-master General would enter, I was told that he cannot enter. It is for this reason that all those who hope on him should be found by Him in peace without spot, blameless. You have to look for a black goat when it is not night.

Call yourself the first son of Obu, Obu's first daughter, the father of Obu, Obu Himself, you will not

enter if you are not worthy. This explains why Paul the Apostle had said, "but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; least that by any means why I have preached to others, I myself should be castaway."

IF YOU DO NOT PRACTISE THE WORD OF GOD, YOU WILL NOT ENTER GOD'S KINGDOM. TODAY THE RECORDS OF THE DEEDS OF ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE WORLD WERE PLACED BEFORE ME, THE SINS THEY COMMIT FROM DAY TO DAY ARE CAREFULLY RECORDED AGAINST THEIR NAMES AND AT THE END, IT WAS SEEN THAT NO PERSON IS WORTHY. THAT IS WHY I NOW FEEL VERY WEAK. I BEGIN TO WONDER ABOUT THE PRETTY FACES ALL AROUND. WHO THEN SHALL INHERIT THAT CITY?

It is never too late to make amends. That is why I have given this gospel to you. You can begin to mend your ways and redirect your life. Go and preach this gospel everywhere. Preach it to the Governor,

Prime Minister, Millionaires, church denomination. TELL ALL MEN HOW I AM SHEDDING TEARS AND GIVE THEM THE INSTRUCTION AND WHAT THEY SHOULD DO. YOU THOUGHT THAT WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE; SO DID I. I HAD THOUGHT THAT SINCE YOU WERE CURSED AND ABUSED AND HAVE FACED ALLEGATIONS, THOSE WERE ENOUGH GROUNDS FOR YOU TO BE SAVED. I WAS TOLD NO. THAT RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THE PARAMETER, FOR ONE BAD APPLE SPOILS THE REST. IF YOU ALLOW ONE EVIL MAN INTO THE MIDST OF RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE, HE WILL CONFUSE THE REST. However, it is pleasing in the sight of God that you should enter this Kingdom. He has sent this message to you now.

It is said, a stroke of the cane is sufficient unto the wise. We do not intend to be tedious unto you. Those who have ears let them hear, may God bless His Holy Words. Amen.

Thank You Father.

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IS EARTH THREATENED?

life events in French Polynesia. In the end, did reality not set in when it was known that Paul had failed to front God in His undertaking?

As it happened then, let it be also known that either by immediate or remote perception, or by fantasy or experiment, an attempt is made by anyone or group will force the doomsday on all the living things instantaneously because the extent of epidemic and/or influenza such venture would smear on the face of the earth will be more catastrophic than any known conventional warfare, and that should mark the beginning of the end of this world.

Without fear of contradiction, one should have the natural understanding that as large as the earth is, it is only God that has the wherewithal to quarantine and wholly protect it from any danger. For any one to think otherwise is to allude that God has abdicated His responsibility, and it tantamounts to the greatest blasphemy against God: That is why sciences without God is empty.

Sharing in the wisdom of Matthew Henry, I would say that all life spent in the services of God and in communion with Him is the only most conformable life that any one can lead in this present world. Man's wisdom and scientific expansionism devoid of God's knowledge is unrewarding, fake and a total vanity.

Finally, I have to state that for any scientific adventurism to stand the reality of time in this era, God must be entrusted with everything. He must be the designer, the devices, and the laboratories where the researches are undertaken. With this in view, scientists will rediscover their lost rhythm. They will also understand that what is critical with man would be simply accomplished by God. And that was how some great Philosophers of old approached issues and got the best results. Like Lord Roseberry, knowing that the divine hand sustains everything, he used his Glasgow Rectorial address in November 1900 to glorify God by expressing his admiration of the good work of humankind in the world.

In the circumstance, therefore, I hereby restate the position of God's believers that of a truth, God is in perfect control of His earth. The mere sighting of flying objects in computer should not stampede man into destroying the earth in an attempt to protect it.

However, asteroids coming to destroy the earth is an act of God - if at all it can so happen. Let the western nations relax their curiosity and take a stand of Professor Freeman Dyson, who once said "I stand in good company when I ask again the questions (that the Biblical Character) Job asked; Why do we suffer? Why is the world so unjust? What is the purpose of pain and tragedy? With the barrage of such questions, the Professor was expressing his belief in God as the ultimate end to everything. That should remain the stand of the west in every situation, especially concerning the protection of the global structure called "earth".

At this point, the scientists should take a cue from such people and leave the unpolluted free earth for man to enjoy; for the wisdom of God is beyond human comprehension. Man should rather appreciate the love of God for creating and sustaining mankind, and for letting a quantum of His knowledge for man to survive. All is well with the earth. **Thank You Father.**

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BAPTISM, NOT A GUARANTEE

Recounting on the need for all true children of God to be endowed with the Holy Spirit, the Holy Father said, "you may profess to be rich with material things of this world but if you do not have the Holy Spirit, you are

empty and void. The Holy Spirit is the purifier of mankind. And so, not having Him means you are not qualified for the Kingdom of God."

As if sounding a note of warning for all to know the importance

of the Holy Spirit, the Father said, "Let it be known to you that if you lack the Holy Spirit in you, you are dead for no man can effectively function without the absolute control of the Holy Spirit."

Thank You Father.

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ROLAND WAS A COVER

and total confession of sins. He advised brethren to receive the RETURNERS with open arms.

In her address the FCT Leader's Reps Deaconess Doris Notridge informed His Holiness of the administrative structure in the FCT as well as some of the laudable achievements made possible by the Father.

Some of the achievements include the Karu N10m to Cathedral building project which is now in advanced stage, the establishment of the New Kingdom Academy in Jiwa, courtesy call on Sarki of Jiwa Alhaji Idris Musa as well as the functioning of most Fellowships at the Pentecostal Centres.

Another point of interest during the visit was the presentation of a ballad captioned "KING OF THEOCRACY" written by SCS Mbakara Efiok.

The brethren had since returned to the FCT after thrilling the Father with melodious tunes.

Thank You Father.

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WORLD DESTRUCTION

son who has come looking for way to change in order to enter into the Kingdom of God. Be reminded that to be carnally murder is death but to be spiritually minded is life and peace".

The Father expressed shock that humanity till date is still being encumbered with anger, deceit, fastidiousness, theft, and other vices attributable to unabated craving for things of the world and concluded that with these vices, man is steadily marching toward the city of death.

To stem the tide, the Father advised mankind that, "this is not the time to argue about the scriptures, it is not time to seek for carnal things. It is time to forsake sins and to repent."

Thank You Father.

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AKWA IBOM STATE

Idiongette and circulated to all BCS stake holders, all Akwa Ibom indigenes home and abroad are invited to grace the occasion. The event which promises to be life uplifting as well as ensure spiritual rejuvenation will feature choral carnival, Drama, Quiz Competition, presentation of papers etc.

Top on the programme is the fact that His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu, King of kings and Lord of lords, Chairman BCS Executive Council and Head of Administration will be physically present to bless His children and the entire Akwa Ibom people.

Brethren are advised to use the opportunity to welcome the Father to the budding State

Thank You Father.

SABBATH STORY OPPORTUNITY

opportunity for his/her future endeavours in this kingdom.

Send your answer, articles, stories, jokes, cartoons, quiz and poems for publication.

According to the Advance Learners Dictionary, the word "Opportunity" is defined as "favourable times". Many people uphold that opportunity comes but once. They also believe that opportunity once lost, can never be regained. Opportunity continues to knock at one's door, waiting for the door to be opened, for entry.

A story has it that Edet lived in a town full of crude oil (Petroleum). Oil companies discovered their wells and informed the landlords and youths in the community to apply for immediate employment. While every one was struggling to get the job, Edet went about, smoking, drinking illicit gin and loitering from street to street. He refused to apply for the job and so, could not live a better life that was an opportunity lost. The other type of opportunity is called "created opportunity". Take this other illustration:

When Moses was in primary school, he planned to become a medical doctor. When he completed his primary school, he studied further in secondary school from where he graduated in 1987. He took JAMB examination and was given admission into UNIBEN to study medicine. In the school, Moses was very bright. That attracted the love of the lectures. At the end of his course, he graduated with flying colours as a Doctor. Thus, he achieved his aim.

From the above illustrations, we understand that opportunity moves from place to place, seeking for people who are prepared to take it. Moses did not miss his opportunity and was successful. On the other hand, Edet allowed opportunity to slip by, he was absent minded.

As Sabbath children in BCS, we should not be like Edet, we should always be prepared to make use of golden opportunities available in this kingdom. Whatever talent or opportunity God gives you, do not joke with it, because your future depends on you. Make sure you develop yourselves morally, physically, academically, socially and psychologically. The Holy Father, Leader O. O. Obu has a special plan for the BCS Sabbath children; He uses them to manifest Himself to the entire world. He gives them the power to pray, fast, heal the sick, raise the dead and also preach the gospel to mankind.

You could only achieve these feats when you become humble, peaceful, prayerful and truthful as well as listen and obey your parents, teachers and preachers. You should prepare yourselves for the Father's works ahead of you.

MORAL QUESTIONS

1. Define the word "OPPORTUNITY"
2. How can a Sabbath Child create an



BCS SABBATH SINGING PRAISES TO THE FATHER

ANSWERS TO JANUARY QUIZ COMPETITION

- A. BCS means Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.
- B. The 5 qualities of a good sabbath child are:
 - (a) He/She must be respectful
 - (b) He/She must be obedience
 - Must be willing to learn from the good characters of others.
 - (c) He/She should not fight in the class but show good example by stopping others from fighting.
 - (d) Must bath and brush his/her mouth every morning before eating.
- C. Pastor Asara A. Asara is the Bayelsa State Leader's Representative.
- (d) The King of kings visited Bayelsa State on December 21st to 22nd 2001.
5. The 3 youths from Israel thrown into fire were: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.
6. The ten virgins, signify the children of God and those of the world.
7. The dreams Joseph had and narrated to the brothers were: "behold we were binding sheaves in the field and, Lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright and behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. And his brethren said to him, shalt thou indeed reign over us?... And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said behold I have dreamed a dream more and behold the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me... And his brethren envied him" (Gen. 37 : 5 - 11)
8. The Israelites Journeyed for forty years in the wilderness before they got to cannan.
9. The greatest among the ten commandments is "honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." (Exodus 20 : 12)
10. Peter, James and John were with Our Lord Jesus Christ during His Transfiguration.

SABBATH JOKES

2. FOOLISH PUPIL

A teacher named Mr. Alao was sent to a village school to teach. One day, Mr. Alao instructed his pupils to always take permission whenever any of them wanted to go out by saying "please Sir, allow me to visit the toilet. So anytime a pupil wanted to ease his or herself he or she would say, "please Mr Alao, allow me to visit the toilet."

After sometime, Mr Alao was transferred and Mr Lamidi was replaced. One day, Mr Lamidi was teaching and one of the pupils got up and went to Mr Lamidi and said, "please Mr Lamidi, Lamid me to visit the toilet". The teacher was furious and wanted to beat him up but the pupil told him not to be angry. He explained that their former teacher was Mr Alao and he taught them to always say, "allow me to visit the toilet"; So since his name is Lamidi that was why he said Lamid me to visit the toilet. The other pupil laughed heavily as well as the teacher.

THE PLAIN THIEF

Mr A. took Mr. B. to court for stealing his radio set. The accused was arranged before the magistrate while the complain was also led to a dock. The magistrate asked a lawyer who the plaintiff was, the lawyer pointed to the complainant and said "Your lordship, this is the plaintiff". The complainant shouted and rebuked the lawyer and boldly told the magistrate that he was not the plaintiff. He pointed to the accused and said "Oga magistrate, that man is the plain thief.. He stole my radio set. The court went wild with uncontrollable laughter.

SABBATH POEM

DESTINED CHILDREN

BY EUNICE DAN

A dawn of light
The dream light
Our fore-father's longed for thee
But time wasn't nigh

Thy will confounded them
In yore quest they perch
Praying to behold thee
Fasting to share in thy glory

O' mighty master
In awe we adore thee
Unworthy we remain
but thou wilted to make us
Witness thy glory

What a lucky generation
Saturated with destined children
O' mighty Father
May thy praise never cease

Thank You Father.

AKIM SPIRITUAL HOSPITAL

BY EYIBIO ANTIA

COUNTS BLESSING

Reports reaching Trumpet and signed by Senior Apostle Eyibio I. Akpan and Bro Iheanyichukwu Ude Moses revealed that for the past years, the Father healed about eight hundred and twenty seven patients. Most of these proficiencies of the Father's bountiful blessings are those who had tried other healing avenues but then cases were considered hopeless.

Considering the wonderful works that the Father had used those in Akim Spiritual Hospital to do, the Apostle in-charge of the Bethel in a chat with Trumpet appealed to brethren to assist in renovating the Bethel.

According to Snr Apostle Eyibio I. Akpan there are persistent roof leakages, lack of water supply, lack of mattresses, pillows and mackintosh.

Most of the ceilings according to Apostle Eyibio I. Akpan, have fallen off. He appealed to brethren to assist in renovating the Spiritual Hospital.

He used the opportunity to thank the Father for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the attendant fruits while remaining grateful to His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu, King of kings and Lord of lords for His continuous support.

Thank You Father.



SOME ORDAINED MEMBERS OF GOD'S KINGDOM ON EARTH

SOME STATES AND THEIR REGIONS RE-ARRANGED

BY MATTS I. UDOAKA

States in some of the Federation that have hitherto been functioning under the framework of the old arrangement have been restructured for the purposes of administrative convenience. In a release issued from the Leader's Office and signed by the king of Kings and the Lord of lords, His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu, the exercise is to confirm and further streamline the affected States with their proper Regional groupings. Some of the regions that are not affected in the current exercise are those that have had their States al-

ready properly grouped, the statement added. The statement therefore confirms all the States of the Federation and Abuja as well as their comprehensive Regional groupings and Representatives as follows:

ABUJA REGION: Abuja FTC, Nassarawa State, plateau State, Gombe State, Taraba State, Adamawa State. the L/R is Pastor I. E. Essien.

BENIN REGION: Edo State, Delta State, Ondo State, Ekiti State, kogi State. Deaconess Anthonia usman is the leader's Representative.

ENUGU REGION: Enugu State, Imo State, Anambra State, Ebonyi State, Benue State, Abia

State. This Region has Apostle S. Obrutse as its Leader's Representative.

KADUNA REGION: Kaduna State, Niger State, Kebbi State Sokoto State, Zamfara State. The leader's Representative is Apostle Godwin Omikpa

KANO REGION: Has Apostle Godwin Ifowodo as the Leader's Representative and the States in his Region are: Kano State, Katsina State, Jigawa State, Bauchi State, Yobe State Borno State.

The leader's representative for **Lagos Region** is Pastor Ebenezer Isokrari and the States in the Region are: Lagos State, Ogun State, Osun State, Oyo State, Kwara State.

PORT HARCOURT REGION: Cross River State, Akwa Ibom State, Rivers State and Bayelsa State. The Leader's Representative is pastor Reginald Nwakwoala.

Thank You Father.

The Brethren in Akpabuyo Area in their Launching of N1.5 million Area Business Centre nets a total of N116,970.00. The occasion which was described as successful, drew the attention of dignitaries from around the State and beyond to the Area, among whom were the L/R of Lagos Region Pastor Ebenezer Isokrari, who represented His Holiness, King of kings and Lord of lords, Apostle Kokoete Okon, Deputy L/R CRS. Christ Witness Ubong James, SCS. Eke E. Kalu, SCS Konz Inyang, among others.

AKPABUYO NETS N116,970 FOR BUSINESS CENTRE

BY PAULINUS NYA

The Chairman of the occasion prayed to see to the full manifestation of the Business Centre.

The Area L/R Pastor Effiom Okon in his key note address thanked the Father for what he has achieved for Himself during their nine months in office and prayed for continued unity in the Area.

Also speaking the Area Deputy L/R and Planning Committee Chairman, Pastor Paulinus Edem harped on the need for brethren to always show appreciation in the Father's programmes and hinted on the plans to embark on educational projects.

Pastor Ebenezer Isokrari who represented His Holiness said he was particularly impressed at the level of work recorded in the Area within a very short period and advised the brethren to imbibe the Father's teachings on love, humility, tolerance, and strive to be at peace with all men. Pastor Isokrari promised an electric typewriter to boost the educational project while chiding them for abandoning the Esuk Utan project and donated N10,000 to assist them.

Thank You Father.

KOK SENDS DELEGATION TO GAMBIA

BY NSAN TAKON

To witness and bear testimony to the remarkable celebration of the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu and His Everlasting Kingdom by Gambia brethren, His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu dispatched a 3 - man delegation, consisting of 144,000 Ogar Osim, SCS Solomon Okon and SCS Solomon D. Ette, to Gambia. While in Gambia, the Delegation paid visits to backsliding members, government functionaries; performed healing, organised conferences and lectures.

The grand finale which took place in the YMC auditorium in Banjul, the Gambia Capital, witnessed presentations of gift and wonderful donations from United Kingdom, Ghana, Nigeria and Gambia. The King Of Kings and Lord of lords in His address read by 144,000 Virgin Ogar Osim enjoined all the inhabitants of Gambia to follow the path of peace, love and righteousness. They were further admonished to 'abhor sinfulness and seek God with diligence, in order to attract

more blessings to the country as a whole.

The divine advice was also extended to the Gambian President, brother Jammeh, who was unavoidably absent at the occasion. He is enjoined to rule with love, peace and oneness, exhibiting Leadership by example, for the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. The president received a copy of the Everlasting Gospel of the Father" from the King of Kings' delegates and was admonished to treasure it for it contains the Word of life. Names of ordained ones were also read out.

Receiving the delegation, the resident missionary in

Gambia, 144,000 Virgin Odum Osim disclosed that apart from proclaiming the advent of the Holy Spirit on earth, the celebration was also to raise funds for erecting a befitting place of worship on the portion of land donated by the national mother, Deaconess Georgiana Lasisi. He expressed optimism that their presence would help enormously in that direction. Spiritual healing and messages were released from the Father through SCS Solomon Ette and Solomon Okon. The brethren drew assurance of spiritual rejuvenation and renewal unto everlasting peace from the messages. 10 persons received baptism.

Thank You Father.



HIS HOLINESS O. O. OBU ADMINISTERS GAMBIA

By now, most Bible students must have concluded that all the signs of end time as chronicled in the book of books, the Holy Bible must have been consum-

COMMENTARY

THE WORD OF TRUTH

From whatever perspective, the various schools of thought have genuine points for reasoning the way they do. The love for our country would have been engen-

NIGERIA! IS THIS THE END TIME?

mated in Nigeria. Keen observers of our polity especially sociologists, Political Scientists, psychologists and the parapsychologists may undoubtedly have taken exception to such conclusions.

For the sociologists who specialise in the science of study of the origin, development, organisation and functioning of human society, the science of the fundamental laws, of social relations, Nigeria, our country might be suffering from the excesses of inadequate positive societal orien-

tation. A citizenry bankrupt in the art or science of proper societal relations thus worsening our state of preparedness against the end time. To the Political Scientists who are known to be involved in the conduct of government, the problem with Nigeria is ignorance in the art of government, resulting in maladministration and general break down of law and order. The psychologists might believe that, our problem originate from our state of mind that has grown with weeds and thorns, preventing germination of positive thoughts for the development of our country. Expectedly, the parapsychologist looking through the crystal ball must confirm that God has turned His back on us as a nation. Reason. Our unrighteousness.

dered the more if we had commensurate patriotism. Most of our woes could have been averted if those in charge of our State matters were a bit more committed and sincere in their approach. And may be if we were in the right frame of mind coupled with relying on the ALL COMPLETENESS of God in all our undertakings, the situation would have been different.

As Nigeria struggles to come over her series of woes, in recent times, we in Trumpet believe that the solution to the problems of Nigeria lie in the mind of God and Nigerians must link with the INFINITE MIND to extract her perfect mind from the throne of grace. It is not enough to think that the end time is here. Let's return to God fully.

Thank You Father.

FEATURE

BY P. E. ISOBO

THE KING OF KINGS' ACTION IS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SCRIPTURE

Whether you believe it or not all the elects of God have reincarnated to inherit this kingdom, they are hanging around watching every event or development here with keen interest and deep concern. It should be noted that in this kingdom everybody has his assignment to perform, one cannot do anything unless he was destined to do it. It was written that the Kingdom of God will be mixed up with bad eggs and these bad eggs are described as goats which will eventually be separated from the good ones described as sheep. Matt. 25: 32 & 33.

It is quite obvious that a good number of goats are besieging this Kingdom. They are conscious of mundane things, no amount of preaching can change them. Their attitudes and actions always tend to tarnish the good image of the Kingdom and through their deeds people speak ill of the Holy Father and the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

God in His infinite wisdom knew that there would be people like these in His kingdom. So he ordained His Son as the one who will take care of the situation whenever it would happen. His Son started to execute this assignment when He saw people changing money in his Father's temple. He whipped and scattered them and warned that His Father's house was not for monetary purpose. Matt. 21 : 12 & 13.

Having reincarnated this time, He couldn't have failed to carry out his destined responsibility when he sees His Father's Kingdom full of undesirable elements. He is duty bound to exercise the prerogative power vested on Him by His Father in John 5: 22 "For the Father judgeth no man but has committed all judgment unto the Son". And since all judgment had been committed unto Him, His actions to rid His Father's Kingdom of those whose attitude do not conform with the ethics of the New Kingdom is highly commendable. It is a development that has brought smiles and happiness on the faces of all faithfuls of the Kingdom. The exercise should be continuous and should be extended to Bethels and Healing homes to check undue activities of certain members of the fold.

All faithfuls of the Kingdom should support this exercise with mind and pray the Holy Spirit to protect His Holiness and endow Him with courage and fortitude to rid the kingdom of bad eggs. Of course the door of mercy is still opened for the affected members who will acknowledge their wrong doings and repent of them. They are free to return to the fold with contrite heart believing that the Holy Father in His magnanimity will re-instate them.

Thank You Father.

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HOLY SPIRIT: THE MOST BENEFITING WEALTH

rately reconcile the position between the flesh and spirit. How can you claim to be in the spirit and at the same time, controlled by the flesh? If you have received the Holy Spirit, you have no alternative but to submit to His directives and control. Definitely, if you have the Holy Spirit, then you would not have any problem, in that whenever anything is about to happen, the spirit will quickly communicate with you, revealing same to you in advance. Consequently, nothing would ever take you by surprise, especially when you are duly conscientious.

There is no disorderliness with the spirit. In it, everything is conveniently done with love, peace and harmony. If you have luckily received the Holy Spirit, it is your place to surrender to His divine guidance. A lot of you erroneously speculate that anyone who does not see visions is not a Spirited Child. That is not true. Even the flesh sees visions. Indisputably, anyone who has refrained from sins has the Holy Spirit richly endowed in him and same is a Spirited Child. Therefore anything outside this, is simply fake.

The baptism of John was for repentance and belief in Our Lord Jesus Christ but that of Christ is for the forgiveness of sins. His words which are perpetually taught to you in this Kingdom amply provide you with the Holy Spirit. That is why you find that at the pronouncement of 'let' by the Holy Father, all odd and difficult situations are automatically brought under control. But if you are still mindful of the flesh, you are consciously opting for eternal death, but should you listen to the dictates of the spirit, you will never err. Infact, you will never have any problem. Therefore, permit the spirit to direct you if you are desirous of having everlasting life.

Consider this short story: A brother in Lagos once lost his car to armed robbers. He was directed by the Holy Spirit to conduct a feast, that his car would be found. He promptly obeyed and celebrated the feast. Then, he woke up in the morning, after that feast to find his car parked in his premises. If I may ask, which of the native doctors can perform such a marvelous work, free of charge? So, whatever God tells you to do in the face of any problem, if you do it, that problem will be automatically solved.

It is true that the problems of man first began in the spirit. And if you successfully have your problems solved in the spirit, it will also be solved physically. There is a brother also in this Kingdom named Solomon Ette. He is not a visioner. But the Father has endowed him with the power of the Holy Spirit that he can simply tell you what your problems are and how to solve them. If you heed his advice, your problems would be instantly solved.

Were you all to be in spirit, you would not have any problem. You would not even tell somebody to pray for you. But you comfortably sit back in the flesh and when things go wrong, you begin to criticize and say all forms of evil things against the Holy Father. Let me sound this note of warning to you, that all those who say ill of the Holy Father have accumulated problems for themselves. Keep your mouth shut against evil utterances but practise righteousness so that you can have the Holy Spirit endowed in you. Then all will be well with you.

Many people have received the Holy Spirit, not because they are righteous but because they believe and have implicit faith in the Holy Father. Our Father has come with love, peace and mercy. And for

directives of the Holy Spirit and abiding by same, he prefers to take advice from his fellow man. When I told the people now occupying Akwa Ibom State that they are the Israelites and that they should celebrate a feast so that God would give them their legitimate land, instead of doing exactly what I said, they went and discriminated against each tribe. Somebody went there and misquoted me by saying that I said that only the Ibibios were the Israelites. In the light of that, the Ibibios hurriedly came together and celebrated the feast. Being that such was contrary to what I had said, the feast did not yield any dividend.

that the spiritual implication in the currencies being printed in various denominations is so that, you can always have the exact amount to pay as your correct tithe to God. If you pay your tithe correctly and regularly, you will not have any problem in life. It is awfully bad when you do not pay your tithe. Pay your tithe and be charitable to people so that God will be pleased with you always.

No Brotherhood member would have problems if they have listened to the dictates of the Holy Spirit and practise exactly what they are being told. Charity and tithe are the things I have, on several occasions,



THE HOLY FATHER IN THE MIDST OF HIS CHILDREN

Rather disunity seriously set in. After a while, the Holy Spirit went into one person, who quickly told them that the Father did not say that only the Ibibios should celebrate the feast. But that all the people living in the region should celebrate the feast. When eventually they all came together irrespective of tribe and tongue to celebrate the feast as was directed by the Holy Father, things went on well with him. It was not long, Akwa Ibom State was created.

Another problem of man is lack of appreciation. You do not give God His due reverence by paying your regular tithe. God desires that you give Him a tenth of your income. Have you done this? If not, you are a debtor to God. Tithe, you should note is highly valued by God. Others are charity, freewill offering, donations, etc. If you meet these requirements, you will undoubtedly please God. But if you carelessly fail in these obligations, your way will not be opened. In the same way, I want you to realise

reminded you of their importance. You have to reciprocate God's kindness with your tithe, for the more you give, the more you get. God seriously wants your tithe, charity, freewill offering and donations. In conclusion brethren, listen to the teachings of the Holy Spirit at all times and promptly do just what you are being directed to do.

May my peace and blessings abide with the entire world, now and forever more. Amen.

Thank You Father.

If you have not the Holy Spirit, you are as good as a blind man...The problem with you is that you lack knowledge of the fact that after you have received the Holy Spirit, you are not supposed to commit sins. And if you dare indulge in any sinful act, you have purposefully killed the spirit in you. And from then, you will cease to function which you will mercilessly perish.

The flesh misleads, whereas the Holy Spirit carefully leads us aright. It is rather unfortunate that you give yourself to be deceived by the fake utterances of the elementary spirit. If you were to have the Holy Spirit in you, you would not have fallen a victim to the elementary spirit. The Holy Spirit is the sole accomplisher of all good works.

the salvation of mankind, you just need to believe in Him. To have your problems solved, believe still in Him. It does not matter where you reside, God clearly sees you, as long as you believe and have faith in Him. And with this, you will have everlasting life.

The problem with mankind is that instead of listening to the

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Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Brethren, no more should anybody seek to worship God in the flesh. We in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star are those ordained to worship God in spirit and in truth. God Himself is a spirit and they that worship Him must do so in spirit and in truth (John 4: 23). Do not, for any reason, seek God in the flesh anymore because if you do, you will not find Him.

Like I have been telling you, the moment you were baptized into this Kingdom, you were no more known in the flesh, and so, all your dealings with the flesh had automatically ceased. And from that time you had become a spirited child. Right from time when the Holy Spirit manifested here, no man is known in the flesh anymore. Eventually everybody is now known in the spirit. Go out therefore and tell everyone in the world that, henceforth no man is supposed to be known in the flesh, but in the spirit. This should be so, because as many as have accepted Christ are new beings; they therefore have no business with the flesh.

We in this Kingdom are in the new world and so the things we are doing here are correspondingly new. In this Kingdom, we have two types of baptism; the first is that of repentance, so that you can believe in Christ. The second is that of forgiveness of sin. No doubt, you can commonly undergo the baptism of repentance, but should you fail to be endowed with the Holy Spirit, you are in trouble. This is so because you would still be in the flesh. Similarly, for you to be free and indeed, move in the path of rectitude, you have to be led by the Holy Spirit without which you will mercilessly perish.

You may profess to be rich with the material things of this world, but if you do not have the Holy Spirit, you are empty and void. The Holy Spirit is the purifier of mankind. And so, not having Him means you are not qualified for the Kingdom of God. You cannot practise righteousness if you do not have the Holy Spirit. Incidentally, if you happen to come by somebody still indulging in some unwholesome acts such as fornication, adultery, stealing, falsehood, murder, gossiping, etc; note that such a person is still in the flesh and so, lacks the Holy Spirit.

Everything done in this Kingdom is as directed by the Holy Spirit. Anything done at variance with the directive of the Holy Spirit cannot



THE SUPERNATURAL TEACHER DISPENSING THE HOLY SPIRIT

come to fruition. Now take the blessing procession for instance, when we were at Eton Street, the song, "Obong nam utom mfo" used to be the only song, sang by everybody. Then it was realised that it took a very long time for the blessing procession to come to an end. Then, whenever that song was rendered, everybody would apparently be possessed by the spirit, thus slowing down the movement. With this consciousness the Father directed that the song be reserved only for the blessing procession of the Spirited Children and the Elders. The main problem then was that many who were in the congregation, were not yet baptised and so, when the spirit would take over them, they were often mercilessly tormented. Today, you are seeing that

Spirit and vice versa. If you are baptised but you keep indulging in diabolical acts, medication, fornication, adultery, falsehood and all such unwholesome acts, the spirit will not make His dwelling place in you. This indeed accounts for why you scarcely see people who had been baptised, having the spirit of God in them.

The spirit of God is not what people should toy with. It is just like a man being married to a wife, you have to take good care of your wife else, she will divorce you and look for another and a better man. The Holy Spirit deserts you because you have not taken good care of Him. Let it be known to you that if you lack the Holy Spirit in you, you are dead, for no man can effectively function without the abso-

In this Kingdom, we have two types of baptism; the first is that of repentance, so that you can believe in Christ. The second is that of forgiveness of sin. No doubt, you can commonly undergo the baptism of repentance, but should you fail to be endowed with the Holy Spirit, you are in trouble. This is so because you would still be in the flesh. Similarly, for you to be free and indeed, move in the path of rectitude, you have to be led by the Holy Spirit without which you will mercilessly perish.

the blessing procession goes with different songs for different sets of brethren.

Whenever the song 'my disciple be ever ready' is being sung, it calls for all those who do not yet possess the Holy Spirit, to go for blessing. So if you know that you have the Holy Spirit, do not bother to go with them. Sit down and wait until 'Obong nam utom mfo' is sung. I want to emphasize here that you can be baptised yet you do not have the Holy

lute control of the Holy Spirit.

You often hear of some Bethels where the Father's work is wonderfully progressing. This, you should note shows that the Holy Spirit is emphatically present there. Rationally, the work of God cannot progress where the people there do not have the Holy Spirit. So you have to start now to seriously seek for the Holy Spirit and duly submit to His control, without which, you will be a dead person. Besides, as many as have the

spirit of God in them do not commit sin. Each time they would attempt to sin, the spirit will kindly chastise and bring them back to order. They will, from then, flee such sinful act and start to live a worthy life that would be pleasing in the sight of God.

You cannot serve God if you lack the Holy Spirit. Anyone who has the spirit of God can never work comfortably with one without it. They would always be quarrelling. That is why you hardly can find somebody that has not the Holy Spirit being in close communion with one who has the Holy Spirit. This is so because the spirit and the flesh are often serious enemies. In contrast, he that has not the spirit is of the flesh, whereas he that has the spirit is of the spirit and same is always being directed, controlled and protected by God. This is the era of the leadership of the Holy Spirit, hence let us all submit to Him.

We are a very lucky set of people, for God to generously send down to us, in this generation, the Holy Spirit who permanently and functionally indwell us. Make sure you, at all times, do what is good so that you can be blessed with the gift of the Holy Spirit otherwise, your hundred years as a member of this Kingdom will not be of any use to you.

If you have not the Holy Spirit, you are as good as a blind man. But our joy has consummated because we are now seeing, since we have fortunately received the Holy Spirit and happily allowed Him to comfortably indwell us. The problem with you is that you lack knowledge of the fact that after you have received the Holy Spirit, you are not supposed to commit sins. And if you dare indulge in any sinful act, you have purposefully killed the spirit in you. And from then, you will cease to function.

We are currently fighting a war, but this war is not of the flesh. It is a spiritual war against principalities. Therefore, if you lack the spirit of God in you, definitely you will be shamefully defeated. Our brother, Paul the Apostle had known that one who has received the Holy Spirit need not subject himself to medication but should hold fast to the Holy Spirit. That is why He did not visit the hospital nor consult a physician even when he was suffering from hernia. He continuously preached the gospel of God, in spite of the illness throughout his ministerial years. If he had succumbed to surgery because of the humiliation he passed through, the Holy Spirit could have deserted him.

Here, the opposite is the case with you. You do not behave as though you have received the Holy Spirit. For instance, even when you are having the Spirited Children's meeting here, you would still be discussing over vain things. How do you accu-



Eyibio Anido

It is stating the obvious that most of us in this New Kingdom do not know exactly where we are. I am a witness of this unpalatable truth because of the assignment thrust upon me in this generation by a FORCE stronger than I. Most of the time, yours truly is at a cross road considering the Babel of voices that I have had to decipher in the course of my assignment. However, the situation is a bit more complex than that, considering the fact that, the Father wills it so. This, He confirms repeatedly.

However, for those who might want to know more, the history of Brotherhood of the Cross an Star is the fulfilment of the revelation of Jesus the Christ at the Island of Patmos. It is as well the story of the marching away of the Gentiles from the forsaken lot to the legion of those consecrated by the blood of the Lamb and promised a place in the Kingdom of the redeemed. Indeed, those earmarked to reign with the Lamb in the Kingdom of His Father.

The silent but vocal cacophony of voices as to the power dynamics in the New Kingdom has held quite a good number of our brethren captive. They find it difficult un-

derstanding why things are the way they are. Why issues within the Kingdom are unpredictable. And at time

OUR MOMENT OF EPIPHANY

why most predictions don't hold water. This essentially has to do with the mercurial nature of God and his intention for man. For instance, the Holy Spirit was to lead us to the accurate Knowledge of truth. In our innocence but ignorant stand, we believed that the Holy Spirit personified in His infinite wisdom must unilaterally handle this assignment. We glossed over the power house of creation "LET US AND THE TRINITY" in the divine agenda of recreating man.

We almost forgot readily that the Father unlike man hates making mistakes. When He operated what I may call The Trinitarian Divine Concept veiled in the Unitarian Fatherhood, we misconstrued Him to have relegated the other FORCE at creation to the background. At the sudden empowerment of the other Spiritual entity; we almost ran amock

believing that the unexpected had happened. This only confirms our limited spiritual understanding. We were discomfited and taken aback when the Father at the initial establishment of the New Kingdom faced a lot of persecutions. We jubilated at the temporary respite and blossoming of the

New Kingdom.

We contributed in no small measure at the various points in the antagonism of the elect and through such device negatively hit up our spiritual environment. At the replay of the symbolic rebellion in heaven and on

The situation is such that we must pray for ourselves, especially in this moment of our epiphany. What does it hold in stock for us? Does the change of name from Bishop Roland O. Obu to His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu mean anything to us? Are we still deceived that the man we used to lie to, play and dine with, is still the fellow now standing day and night before the throne of His Father?

earth, those not destined to be within the New Kingdom found themselves outside the gate of the New Kingdom.

The battle to return to the mainstream of the household of God is a ding dong one. They are now between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea. It is the 'Devil's Alternative'. Either way, heads must roll for the Father is not known to forgive easily. He disciplined Moses, Miriam was touched slightly before being forgiven. Paul despite his zeal paid for his negative escapades. Nebuchadnezzar, Pharaoh of Egypt and even Lot's wife saw the firm hand of God.

The situation is such that we must pray for ourselves especially in this moment of our epiphany. What does it hold in stock for us? Does the change of name from Bishop Roland O. Obu to His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu mean anything to us? Do we still back in the ignorance that the metamorphosis is merely a literary lexicon transliteration? Are we still deceived that the man we used to lie to play and dine with, is still the fellow now standing day and night before the throne of His Father? Does it not occur to us that, there is time for everything and we must be able to move with the times irrespective of our ties with Sodom and Gomorrah? We should know that, now is the fulness of the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

Thank You Father.



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The Wasted Woman

The woman is a special creation, though some have tried, by their ways of life to bring this fact to naught. The man looks down on this special creation as a valueless thing and at worse, could not want her to be heard. A greater percentage of men do not seem to know that the same Being who created him also made the woman and so, since they emanate from the same source, there is the likelihood that they can have the same degree of intelligence or either one, (may be, the woman) can be more intelligent. The man wants to dominate and send the woman to her knees. He overlooks the original purpose for which the woman was made - to be a "help mate". Not allowing the woman to function, the man has refused to see the truth, that one cannot be helped except one is weaned out of helplessness.

It is a great pity that man's ignorance of who the woman is still lingers even into this 21st Century. Hitherto, the woman was harrassed "out of existence" through certain unruly cultural means. Today, when these means have been wiped off by the Holy Spirit, it is disheartening to notice that some men still feel very

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feels is eiterely his. Some men, for instance, would leave home, informing their wives of a meeting they had to attend. As they go for the meeting, they could least expect a woman to

criticise any idea they put forward because their wives can hardly ask any question at home. Thus, any woman who raises an eye brow where such men are, is seen to be insulting.

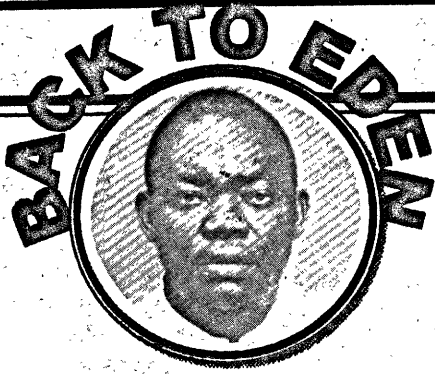
Most men frown at those who repose some confidence in their wives. They regard those men as weaklings, oblivious of the fact that the woman was originally made to assist the man manage his environment. In his introduction to Lao Russel's book, GOD WILL WORK WITH YOU BUT

NOT FOR YOU. Walter has observed that "the cause of all world disaster and disunity has been because the world-family is without a mother. That which happens to one motherless home is happening to the whole world - home. God made fathers and mothers to share equally in the building of their homes. Where man is master in his home, love and unity cannot abide therein." Walter Russel therefore warns, "Until man knows God's law and shares equally with women in the management of the great world - home, there will be the disunity of a warring world of fear unto the end of eternity. Civilization will forever fall as this one is now falling until the one-whole-world-family is equally balanced by the qualities of both the father and mother."

This lends credence to the fact that for there to be a happy world, man and woman must work together as emanating from the same source. The earlier man learns to appreciate the woman as an equal partner, the more fulfilled he will live. He must appreciate the woman as an entity imbued with all the elements of a complete being and so, can compete favorably with him. He must learn to accept the woman whose soul has attained a higher consciousness, for such a woman has a higher propensity to perform better than he does. He should learn to share happily, her God's given knowledge, realizing that she had since been liberated from the "dark ages" of deprivation and waste - of her noble idea and resourcefulness.

Today's man, the outcome of his ego and pride, should no longer leave the woman wasted but should encourage and appreciate and love her as an equal partner for a more civilized world.

Thank You Father.



There is a mystery in life. Life is lifeless without it. This mystery weaves infallibly and unfathomably the all of life into a system, or law, and this law showcases the precise, orderly and intelligent mind of God.

Marie Corral, writing in 1829, reveals this mystery as "a thread unperceptible, ungraspable and yet withal strong, strong enough to weave the everlasting web of good or evil, joy or woe... as subtly delicate, the whole majestic universe swing round in its appointed course". This law system, thread or mystery is called Destiny. It is the hand writing of God on the wall of life. Nothing of life operates outside the sphere of its manipulation or control

From the divine to the nonexistent, all are propelled by this mysterious mechanism - Destiny. Nothing else is greater than the Almighty except His Destiny; for His Destiny determines and controls His immortal existence. He fashioned and cloaked His destiny with immortality, infallibility and immanency - it spins within three eternal circles: O. O. O; formed by His Omnipotence, Omnipresence and Omniscience; whence from He emanated to fulfil that which He has ordained unto Himself.

As the space craft of destiny sailed down ward, the finger of God continued to design the fate of every manifestation - the angels of life and angels of darkness for abalance of life. God's breath in every being propels it into its divinely preordained course: In Babylon, the finger of God wrote the destiny of a people: "MENE, MENE, TEKEL, U-PHARSIN" (Dan 5 : 23 - 31) Who confounded the language of all the earth at Babel? (Gen 11 : 9); Noah, though a drunkard was destined for the preservation of the remnant of the first generation for sustained multiplication.

THE SEAL OF DESTINY

That the Holy Bible, Koran, Bhagavad - gita and other sacred literatures, are all chronicles of the destiny of life as ordained by the supreme intelligence is hardly questionable. Melchizedec was to establish the new priesthood; Abraham, a proliferation of humanity; Pharoah, a necessary tool is the actualization of God's Covenant with Israel; Moses, an essential link in the chair of God's emancipation of His people; and Elijah reincarnating as John the Baptist for the preparation of the path of the Christ.

The cord of individual or collective human destiny had continued after the manifestation and ascension of Christ, thus linking with the founding of Christianity at Antioch in 34 AD. This historical milestone was to ensure the personification of the Holy Spirit in Africa. The next Nineteen and a half centuries saw the Pontifex Maximus and the entire Roman Catholic church frantically trying to fulfill a destiny that was in comprehensible. She became a vessel for the preservation, protection and continuity of the canons and creeds of christianity. It was upon the foundation of christianity, the name and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, that the personified Holy Spirit, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu was to anchor the ship of salvation, establish His relevance; fulfill His

mission as Comforter Promised by Christ; then reveal the Christ of God unto humanity.

The destinies of Jesus Christ and Leader Olumba Olumba Obu are inseparably one. The Father sent the Christ to demonstrate God's love for man and to bear witness to the coming and establishment of the Kingdom by the Holy Spirit, personified in Leader Olumba Olumba Obu. Father Olumba Olumba Obu who operates in dual dimension and capacity as the Holy Spirit and the Almighty Father is on the other hand the witness and crowning of the Christ. Therefore, Father Olumba, as the Almighty Father God is the one to crown and array the Christ with endless magnificent glory which He (Christ) had with Him before the world was. This is the mysterious working of the destiny of the Trinity (1 John 5 : 7).

The destiny of Christ is also the destiny of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, the New, salvaged Eden. Christ is the central nervous system of the New Eden. It only ceases with the non-existence of Christ; but the Christ is eternal, so the Brotherhood is immortal. The destiny of the Christ is tied to

the purpose of life, the supreme superintendency over life. He replenishes, annihilates or resurrects, judges, seals, justifies and glorifies unto eternal life in the Brotherhood.

Cardinally, the one who nurtures and sustains life has been revealed with the divine seal of destiny upon his forehead. He was crowned in heaven and investiture on earth, for when life was spilled in Eden with His precious blood He redeemed, and was promised the highest throne and greatest name in heaven and here on earth.

If Father Olumba Olumba Obu was not the Almighty God, He would have been extinct by the flames of God's jealousy, when He revealed His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu as the "King of kings and Lord of lords", a name and glory meant for the Christ. If He is not the Christ, who is the Christ? Therefore is Brotherhood not the Kingdom of God on earth?

His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu has been revealed with the seal of it is destiny, the angels bow, spirits prostrate and the saints rejoice in His Kingship.

Though Lucifer and his hordes of damned angels have manifested again full of superficial comeliness, greed and materialistic intents to challenge that which the Almighty has ordained, his blasphemous ravine Brotherhood will continue to sink into the pit of condemnation and oblivion while He who is sealed as the divine monarch and Lord of the Brotherhood shall be exalted and adored and infinitum. Amen!

Thank You Father.

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ARCHBISHOP MILLINGO APOLOGISES TO THE POPE

Archbishop Emmanuel Millingo who had "Scandalized the Catholic world by defecting to the Reverend Sun Myung Moon and marrying a Korean woman", is said to have met Pope John Paul on Tuesday in attempt to seek for pardon. According to the Vatican, Millingo was received by the Pope at the papal summer residence at Castelgandolfo, South East of Rome.

The Zambian born milingo suddenly and unexpectedly appeared at Castelgandolfo late Monday but was not received by the Pope. 20th August was deadline for the appearance of Millingo to publicly return to the Catholic fold, renounce Myung Moon's sect, dislink with his Korean wife otherwise face excommunication. The general believe despite the papal meeting is that "Milingo's career in the Roman Catholic church is essentially over following the spectacular way in which he joined the Moon sect in New York last May.

(culled from the comet Thursday, August 9, 2001)

At 85, WORLD WAR II VETERAN GETS SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE

Nepalese news reports that a veteran soldier who fought in the second world war has eventually passed his School Leaving Certificate (SLC) on his 14th attempt, making it with flying colors. Ball Balladeer Karakul, 85 in the examination held last year was one of the more than 200,000 students who enrolled and sat for the exam. From the remote kageldana village on the foothills of Mount Everest in Solukumbu district, about 180 km Northeast of the capital, Karachi, unlike other students has lost all his teeth.

Karkis reasons for his unrelentless efforts to pass the School Leaving Certificate, he is said to show his children and grandchildren that with determination and hard work, everything is achievable. With two sons, four daughters and a couple of grand children. Karachi, according to reports is in Nepalese capital making efforts to choose a college where he could study subjects of his choice. He maintains, "if possible, I would like to do my M. A. in Education."

(culled from the Guardian Wednesday, August 8, 2001).

SOLUTION OF AFRICA'S PROBLEM IN GOD'S HANDS ALONE

Evangelist Patrick Dickinson, Coordinator of Touch Africa Network, a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), has advised people of Africa to always direct their prayers to God through the churches. Unhappy with the West for what he termed their continuous involvement in the affairs of Africa which has engendered almost incessant warfare in Africa, and that this has paved way for Africa's perpetual exploitation by the white, he cautioned Nigerians.

Against allowing the West to infiltrate their mind. He highlighted the dangers of the presence of the whites and their hideous activities in the African continent. He called for the dissemination of this message far and wide, not without prayers. Other pastors have joined in the dissemination of the message that Christians should go out on the Internet collectively, they have agreed that African's problem could only be solved by God and not UNO.

(Culled from This Day Monday, August 13, 2001).

DEAD SEA MAY DIE 2050

Jordanian environmentalists have sent warning signals about the disappearance of the Dead Sea by 2050, if its level does not discontinue dropping at the current rate. A campaign entitled, "let the dead sea live" was stepped up in the Middle East by Friends of the Earth. Its main motive is "to save the world salties body of water". its location on both Israel and Jordanian sides, is a major tourist center. According to environmentalists, the Dead Sea is "dying" as the water that used to feed it is diverted for industrial, agricultural and personal use. This diversion is not only affecting the water level but the ecosystem that exist around the Dead Sea as exposed to a lot of suffering.

Sultan Abdul Rahman of Friends of the Earth, Middle East, warned of the disastrous consequence of the diversion of water from coming down stream to keep the Dead Sea in existence. (Culled from The Comet Comment. Tuesday, August 7, 2001)

EIGHT WORKERS ARRESTED FOR PROPAGATING CHRISTIANITY

Eight foreign aid workers have been arrested by the Islamic Tailbone administration in Afghanistan. Reports reveal that the reason for their arrest was their propagation of Christianity among the Afghans, who were seen converted to Christianity. Evidently, copies of the Holy Bible were seized by the Islamic government from the arrested persons. The arrested person consists mainly of Americans and Germans. In reaction, the United States has "imposed sanctions on the ruling Taliban movement for giving sand militant Osama binLeden a safe haven". Back in the United States, all property belonging to Taliban have been frozen and trade between America and Afghanistan has been prohibited. The arrest of the eight foreign workers became necessary because of the stringent law that "preaching of Christianity in the Islamic country or renouncing Islamic doctrine by any Afghan is an offense punishable by death".

(Culled from Weekend Pioneer, Friday August 8, 2001).

PERSONALITY WATCH A GOODWILL CRUSADER, LAO RUSSELL



LAO RUSSELL
THE SPIRITUAL WOMAN

The Lady, Lao Russell is eighteenth Century philosopher and writer who "was born with the spirit of the Crusader in her very first life's breach." She began early enough to proffer solution to man's seeming only way to self destruction - his belief in evil. In her struggle to help man out of this "illusive secret", Lao has put down many living philosophies one of which is that to bring blessings upon yourself, you must bless your neighbor."

It is Lao Russell who discovers that man has the potentiality to be good, based on the illumination from the "Holy Grail". Lao has also found out that man's source of evil is his senses which are closely "wrapped in a black shroud of fear and greed". And she discovered that the man whose senses are beclouded with evil

"lacks knowledge of the meaning of love," because he is enmeshed in "the illusions of matter in motion which so greatly deceive the senses that look upon transience as real." The most useful discovery this Crusader has made is that "man is still in his early dawn and does not yet know how to live, or how to love. He does not yet know WHO he is or WHY he is here."

Therefore, while man is still so he must be forgiven, for as Jesus (the Christ) said, "They know not what they do."

Being a born Crusader, Lao's husband appreciated the new knowledge which his wife is bearing to mankind that will assist him in his struggle for self realization in the now dawn or "engulf him in another long night."

Lao Russell proofs to be another messenger who God has sent to the planet earth "to uplift him (man) to high pinnacles from which man has always fallen, and will continue to fall until he listens with inner ears to (the) messages from Soul of God to Soul of man," for "a few hear it, (the message of God) and the vast, many know not what it means. As an enlightened messenger, Lady Lao has shown the world theoretically that God, "the Father of world family is not of himself alone" but in this era, has "resistingly allowed the mother of the world family to come to the very edge of his portals in just one little corner of the world. This great philosopher of our time has known that the problems experienced in the world today is because it has no mother.

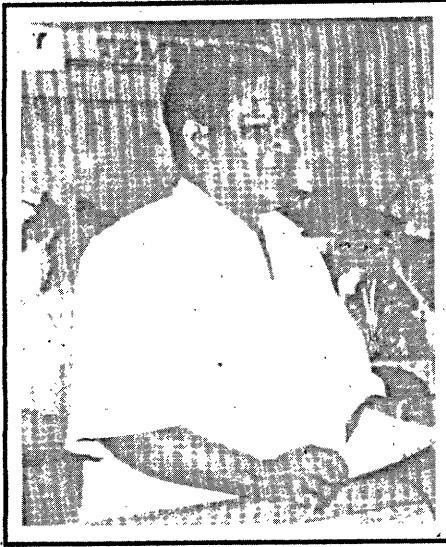
She has pointed out that this motherless world which she calls a home, cannot experience a balanced civilization which is made possible by the balanced qualities of both parents:

TRUMPET'S COMMENT IN THE LIGHT OF FATHER'S TEACHINGS

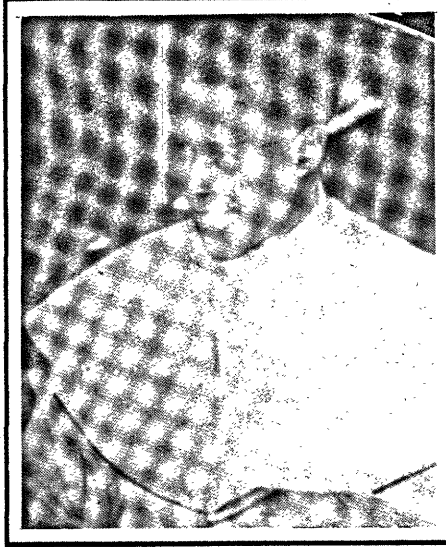
The teachings of Leader Olumba Olumba Obu is life eternal. When He began His ministry, little did anyone believe in Him but many enlighten minds like Lao Russell have "heard" Him from the higher realms of their attainment. The teachings of Leader indeed confounded the knowledge of great men in the world. And they get annoyed because all what they pay so much to learn are given to brethren, even the sabbath, gratis. People attend seminaries to learn the mysteries of life, even the elementary aspects yet they cannot be taught the accurate knowledge of truth (John 14 : 26). The primary reason is that no man is vested with the accurate knowledge to teach another (John 6 : 45). But a few, like Lao, have been inspired by the Greatest Cosmic Intelligence, the Supernatural Teacher now in His little corner with His entire family. When the world recognize Him, then man will enjoy a civilized world where sins and war will no more be known; a world free of religious harassment; a world where the Dead Sea will live and a world where all problems will be solved only by God, the Omniscience Creator.

Thank You Father.

NEGLIGENCE AND LAWLESSNESS



HIS HOLINESS OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU
KING OF KINGS & LORD OF LORDS



LEADER OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU
SOLE SPIRITUAL HEAD

ing watch over the treasury, recycled old fashion men and women formulating policies and yet we are singing along "things are getting better"

Nigerians were trying to adjust to the unbelievable reality that the nascent democracy could be scuttled by the cravings of selfish and unpatriotic Nigerians when the

catastrophic news of bomb explosion at Ikeja cantonment still in Nigeria took us by storm. Up till today, nobody has been able to tell us why thousands of Nigerians were despatched to unexpected death except that some soldiers derelicted on their functions. That those who were supposed to water the armory refused to do so while

those who were to supervise the watering of the armory also slept on duty. The Ministry of Defence, whose responsibility to check on the state of health of our instrument of death was caught napping. The rationalization came in tons but then harm had been done and it is irreversible and unpardonable.

Think about this. Why is our beloved country passing through this traumatic season? Is it because of special sins that we must have committed against God and humanity? Is it our accumulated loads of wrong doings? Has any country ever suffered this level of misfortunes? Is it the beginning of Armageddon in the world? If it is, why must it start from Nigeria? How do we account for the series of arson? What spiritual significance is derivable from the recent bomb explosion in Ikeja Cantonment? Has it got anything to do with the prophecy in Micah 4:3? "And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off, and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks,

nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore".

Should the Ikeja Cantonment bomb explosion be the beginning of the fulfilment of this prophecy? If so, why must it start from Nigeria? Is it because the Godhead is physically present on earth in Nigeria and as always would want to test the grounds from here? Can we relate the situation to the "minor" misunderstanding within the New Kingdom and the impact it had on the other churches? Remember the Okotie Joshua, Oyakilome face off.

If the destruction of the weapons of war must start from Nigeria, what fate will befall USA, North Korea, Iraq and Iran if an angel will cause a bit of negligence in their armory and nuclear war heads and chemical weapons are detonated? It is time to watch and pray asking our Father to intervene in His way, otherwise the world is done for, starting from Nigeria - God forbid.

Thank You Father.

VOICE OF THE PROPHETS GOD IS IN NIGERIA

BY NSAN TAKON

The entire humanity in the world of man shall take refuge in the holy land, even the land of the cross, and the messenger of righteousness shall guide them. Earthmen, great tribulation shall reduce your population, and your governments, churches, cults, temples, mosques, societies and ashrams shall cease to exist in all the face of the earth. For all shall acknowledge of the ways of the Supreme Father, worship the Almighty God under one shepherd.

Behold, the Headquarters of the Kingdom of Heaven shall be established on earth upon the New Jerusalem, even the Holy Land of the Son of man. And the physical abode of His Eternal Majesty shall become the last hope of man. And it shall come to pass that those who refused to acknowledge the messenger of righteousness shall have their lot in the realm of the condemned spirits; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. After this, I was led in spirit into the Holy presence of the Lord of Hosts and I stood before the Son of man whose garment was as white as snow. And the Lord of Hosts gave me a mighty trumpet. And behold I saw myself flying in the midst of the endless Heaven. And I heard a voice which said to me: "Son of man sound the trumpet in your hand for in it is contained my message to the sons of men."

When I sounded the trumpet, according to the command of the Lord my God, there issued a great voice saying: "Thus says the Lord to you, O sons of men, even to you are leaders of churches, cults, temples, religious movements, secret societies and nations.

Sons of men, behold, Our Lord Jesus Christ lived in the generation which began in 168 BC, when the Romans overcame the Greeks at the battle of Pydna. And it came to pass that this generation ended in the first week of the seventh month of the year 1976, when Mars and Jupiter aligned with the moon to characterise the highest peak of the power of God on earth towards the reign of the Son of man. The Son of man will soon be revealed, and every eye shall see Him. Verily I proclaim by the Spirit of God that many among the sons of men presently on earth shall meet face to face with the Lord of Hosts; of this there is no doubt.

Now, hear O sons of men, and every spirit, and angels, behold, the first major way to recognise the messenger of righteousness in whose order, all power in the heavens, on earth, beneath the earth, or otherwise, are under the supreme control of the Lord.

Earthmen! The Ancient of Days, even the Holy Father of creation, is the Supreme source of all powers, whether above or beneath. I speak to you, not of the "Holy Fathers" made by men, but of the blessed Holy Father, the Lord of Hosts. Woe to the "Fathers" of the hypocrites, whose abodes are among those yet to receive the righteousness required by our true Holy Father - the Lord of Hosts. The power of the Lord is so great that escape Him. Through His Supreme Universal Power, those who believe in Him are placed beyond the reach and attack of all the forces of darkness.

Those who believe in Him can testify of His Sole Ultimate Power. Even those who call Him "demon" can also bear witness of His power. If they call Him demon, they do so in the thought that this is the "most strange and powerful demon on earth." Behold the manifestation of Divine power is one of the leading ways to recognising His presence. There is no man, spirit, or angel that can escape the immutable power of the Son of man.

Earthman! You can also recognise the Lord through the radiation of His holy life, His Deity is revealed through His holiness and righteous life. Each and every one that shall come in contact with the Lord of Hosts in the world of man, shall testify to the fact that He, the Son of man is the Lord of righteousness. Earthman recognise the righteousness of the Lord your, God; His Holiness and righteous life shine forth, and are perceived by the faithful and faithless, and even the hypocrites.

(Iyke Nathan Uzorma, "Cosmological Verdict")

Thank You Father.

IS EARTH THREATENED?

BY MATTS I. UDOAKA

Is earth threatened? Is humankind sitting on keg of gunpowder that can explode any day? Are the scientists able to hold the earth against danger? Or, is it science fiction that earth is seriously endangered by Near Earth Objects? Is God not aware of the hurtling 'asteroids' towards earth orbit? Then what is His plan with the earth He created? Why should mankind think it can protect the earth if God is less concerned about the rampaging asteroids that fly near our planet?

Puzzle! Nervousness. Fear of the unknown; are the keys to decode the panic-stricken hallucination of Lord Sainsbury, the British Science Minister, who in disbelief muttered something on receipt of the report of the Task Force on potentially hazardous Near Earth Objects. His crackling voice betrayed his feelings and he became physically battered like a boxer whose opponent had punished in the ring.

This report calls for the spending of a whopping \$100 million on defence system against space objects, with a blueprint similar to the military's missile defence systems - an early detection network coupled with some means to stop an incoming threat.

The British Scientists are worried having sighted about 2000 flying objects - 'asteroids' they presume are heading towards the earth. They described the objects as potato-shaped and ascribed a name 'Bros' to them. Their smaller cousins, Comets, are also part of the flying debris the scientists believe were left over from the formation of the solar system about 4.5 billion years ago. The Scientists complain that when the asteroid hit earth, the results can be cataclysmic as it is bound to submerge the entire earth.

It is also claimed that a single asteroid that hit what is now Mexico about 65 million years ago wiped out most animal life around the world, and is believed to have ended the age of dinosaurs. Then the questions on this worrisome report are: could this startling revelation be true? When man was not even created, could the archaeological research alone avail all the records? Were the scientists existing with God? Or were telescopes and computers used in those dark years? Assuming the above questions find no answers, it could well be taken that all the information as contained in that NEAS report is shrouded in speculation, and is meant to confuse the world.

Science as we know, is based on proofs. Their proofs are focused on man-made devices, and since there was no such devices and instruments that monitored the way of God in the billions of years when God existed alone, it then becomes obvious that asteroids cannot fly for so long without hitting the earth after a particle of its armada had hit Mexico some 65 million years ago.

Conversely, it is also difficult to believe that the scientists can possess the faster means of reaching another planet than the speed of the God-controlled asteroids that has not touched down on earth ever since it was discovered to be flying towards earth. Then why should one be so worried now? However, the report is horrifying. It is unimaginable for any one who loves the earth, he is dwelling and desires its continuance. The is why Lord Sainsbury is jittery.

Like Isaac Newton, a fellow Briton, and the father of Sciences, Sainsbury would not take such report with a wave of the hand. One can see why he further echoed emotionally that the report concludes the potential great harm the earth is facing. And, he wants immediate preventive measures taken to reaffirm his thinking that mankind now has the technological skill to protect itself.

To further worsen the tensed situation, a voice of credence in corroborating this cacophonous report was added by Mr. William Botke, an American lead research Scientist working with French Astronomers and Space-watch Group at the University of Arizona's Lunar and Planetary Laboratory. Said he: "These asteroids are capable of wreaking global devastation if they hit earth". With his team, they suggest the use of nuclear bomb to destroy the armada of the supposedly destructive objects.

In effect, this is the position of worldly Scientists who are mortals. They are afraid of watching while destruction comes to everything on earth. They are occupiers of the earth, therefore, to them earth must be protected by mankind. But as the curious scientists stoically believe that each one of the damaging asteroids

what beats my imagination in this aspect is how the panic and alarm raised by the frailed scientists could hold the western nations spell-bound, and make nonsense of their acclaimed belief in God. It therefore, holds that they are mere hypocrites. It further underscores that the Europeans interest in Africa in the early days of their supposedly evangelisation of African nations was a ploy for them to steal the rich African artefacts and natural resources, whilst they foisted their tradition and customs on us in the name of religion.

packs enough punch to destroy all life at the same time on our planet, and are convinced that the doomsday is at hand, what is God's position about the earth?

Has God's love for earth and its fulness waxed cold? Has He handed over His responsibility of caring and protecting His creation to man? Will the asteroids supersede the impending judgement of God for both the living and the dead? What of hell fire? Afterall, what we know from the

scripture is that as God created the earth, He loves it, and the earth with all its contents are His - (read Gen. 1:31; Ps. 24:1). In no wise has any portion of any scripture asserted God's intention to destroy earth with the entire inhabitants (with no exception); hence righteousness is preached by various religions the world over.

More-over, even if God has the intention to clear the debris on earth with asteroids, who among His creatures (human or angel) can oppose Him? The truth is that nobody can fight against the Will of God, whether it favours man or not. That is the point that confirms scientists as atheists. As they are ignorant of God's existence, that is why they should not be seen to be too serious about earth safety.

Otherwise any man with good knowledge of the scripture would know that if Joshua, a servant of God can command the moon and sun to stand still and they obeyed him (Joshua 10:12-14), and prophet Elijah, without the use of any scientific means, held up rain for 3 1/2 years, then God can stop asteroids from hitting earth in a twinkle of an eye - if He sees it to be posing danger to earth. Therefore, one can see that the hullabaloo about earth protection does not concern God.

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can artefacts and natural resources, whilst they foisted their tradition and customs on us in the name of religion. If not so, how can the Europeans not decipher fiction from God's consummate authority on the earth He created?

At this juncture, I stand tall to challenge the numerous preachers and so-called priests that abound in Europe and America to tell the world why they should fold their arms in awe guessing at the sky whilst the

scientists threaten the world with bogus space findings. If up till now the Europeans are still clutching abinito on empty scientific belief and would venture to cause panic in the whole world on a matter that borders on globe protection which is spiritual, then their countless churches and claim to Christianity is naught.

I would have thought that the out dated Isaac Newtons views such as the earth is flat' and the 'whole universe revolves around our globe' only prevailed for centuries past and should have been banished into River Thames, as we now know better. But what still baffles most is that with the preaching of 'end-time' on one hand, the belief on NEAS devastation of earth hold sway on the other.

If the fraudulent scientists of today had let go the ideas of their Pedigrees of the 18th Century like David Hume, who postulated that "There is no creator, else no explanation for the complex biological design on earth" all the bungling of how to protect earth wouldn't have arisen. Had the astronomers not thought to photograph the earth as it looms large through the window of a space-craft, their contentious belief that our earth seems very small when compared with Solar system wouldn't have featured. That same illusion persists today as they see the creation of God obeying their Leader as an imminent threat to the earth and seek to protect it.

It is my conviction and that of the numerous believers of the True God (in Africa) that the white men's preponderant knowledge of sciences has created an inbuilt tendency for them to relegate God to the background if at all they least had believed in His existence. For, their infidelity has made them to always poise to challenge God's divinity and feel their adventurism could eclipse God's wisdom. Of course, their obtruse knowledge of who and what God is, has left no one in doubt as to their action at various times. Without doubt, it is crystally evident that the veil of the plague that covers the eyes of the Western nations about God is yet to be cleared. Otherwise, how can the scientists not understand that it is only God that has the secret code of everything He has created; be it terrestrial or celestial (with no exception to earth? Deut. 29:29).

That is how they use their science fiction to turn the minds of the less faithfuls from God. One can understand why the Editor of the Wall Street Journal could ask: "In the contemplation of man himself, of his dilemmas, of his place in this universe we are little further along than when we began. We are still left with questions of who we are, why we are, where we are going and our position with God". And in the same negativity, a French artist, Paul Gauguin in 1891 brought disease and suffering to himself, and a great death toll to others when he ventured to find a vista of

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THREE YEARS REBELLIOUS OPERATION BEGINS**BY APOSTLE BASSEY OROK**

It is revealed by the power of the Most High God that the time has come for those with the mark of the beast to be exposed to the entire world, no matter their claim of steadfastness in the worship of the Lord. Since they were destined for perdition, the record of condemnation is then read and those whose name are in the Book of death are brought to book. Furthermore, it is revealed that the time for the Great revelation of the Almighty God and His Son is now; consequently, there will also be the revelation of the children of perdition. According to the revelation, the angel in charge of this exercise had since started operations. And their operations which shall last for a period of three years shall only be subject to the command of the Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe - Leader Olumba Olumba Obu.

After the Global exercise, there shall be a lot of transformation in all nooks and crannies of the world. It is revealed that during this period shall the world experience a lot of global changes and even the Atlantic shall exercise its power as was given to her by the Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe. It is revealed that the sons and daughters of Lucifer have been released to the mother earth. I am

directed to inform the entire world that these agents of LUCIFER shall roam the world for three years. And on the cause of this, they shall lead many astray and many shall turn to their evil ways. But accordingly those with the mark of the Almighty God (O O O) shall be kept in the mighty hands of the Most High. It is revealed that most of these agents who claim they have known the Holy Father, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu without first knowing the Son shall conspire with other churches to blaspheme against Brotherhood and her Leadership. Accordingly no other congregation with the name of Brotherhood has received any spiritual approval for such establishment. Thus any attempt by any person or group of persons to do same shall stand before the Cosmic judgment for prosecution and sentence.

I am also directed through the Divine Revelation to ask all to be watchful, so that no one leads you to the hall of judgment. It is also revealed that this is the time for Great identification. Any tree, animal, fowl, man, that is of God shall be marked with the sign of the Almighty God. And it is revealed that any thing whatsoever that do not belong to God shall be marked with the sign of the beast.

OPERATIONAL FORCE SET IN PLACE

It is revealed that all those coming into the premises of No. 34 Ambo Street, Calabar, the world Headquarters of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star should henceforth be careful of their actions. This is because special angels have been sent down to guard the premises and check the excessive practises of worshippers. These angels shall operate till judgment day and they are empowered to check and bring to book, names of those who have contravened the laws of the Holy Spirit in one way or the other. Every member is therefore warned to be careful of their actions while in the premises of the Most High God.

Furthermore, the time has come when people shall not be allowed to enter the premises of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star World Headquarters, because of their sinfulness. Only those who move accordingly to the dictates of the Holy Spirit shall be set free. It is revealed that there is a special Satellite that has

been mounted in the premises of the Brotherhood World Headquarters. This Satellite will expose all sinners and those who desecrate the holy premises of the Lord by using it as a carnal arena. The Satellite shall be the great witness to all evil actions of all individuals throughout the entire world and when it might have completed its operations, then shall the end come. It is revealed that the premises of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star World Headquarters is a complex where all the planets are represented. It is revealed that another spiritual Satellite has been mounted which pictures all the activities going on in the entire universe. This Satellite is mounted by the Holy Spirit Himself. Hence it is revealed that there is a computer which operates and gives the details of man's activities as per actions. The Holy Father, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu uses this to observe the activities of mankind in the entire world.

Meanwhile, I am directed to inform the

entire world of the following facts as contained in the Will of Universal Order:

1. Arch angel Lucifer who was the Choirmaster-General of all Jehovah's angels and spirits have been arrested and he is now in perpetual prison.
2. The angel in charge of the bottomless pit who is called Arch angel Abandon has been given signal of warning to get ready to open the bottomless pit.
3. The four living creatures who represent the four wings of the earth have been ordered to take their stands. And they have all complied without delay. These are they that shall be given power to hold up the air, water, light and life during the days of great lamentation of the children of perdition.

KOK, THE UNIVERSAL SOLICITOR

The purpose of the physical manifestation of the Almighty God on the earth plane is to manifest His glory as per the prayer request made by His Son - Christ, who has also manifested in human form in person of His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu, the king of Kings and Lord of Lords.

I am seriously directed by the Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe, that the perpetrators and all those who, in one way or the other fight against the KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS, His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu should repent before their names are published in any newspaper, either in the New Kingdom Trumpet or in any of the dailies. Accordingly, it is revealed that immediately one's name appears in any newspaper, disclaimed, the door of mercy is closed against such a person and that such a person is exposed to cosmic danger and condemnation.

I am also directed to inform the human race that it is only the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu who has the power to solicit for any person or group of persons who is disclaimed from the fold. Thus it is time for man to know the true position of the King of Kings and Lord of lords in the entire universe. Be informed that, His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu is spiritually addressed to as THE UNIVERSAL SOLICITOR. Accordingly, it is revealed that without him, there is no other Solicitor throughout the entire universe. He has power to solicit for man, angels, spirit, cherubim, seraphim and other cosmic beings.

Take great note that the fallen angels are those who followed Lucifer during the great rebellion and whose consciousness fell to a lower level of awareness as they were by law "cast down into the earth" Hear the Sole Spiritual Head of the universe "I am watching at all those who are waging war with my beloved Son, whom I have vested with the power to judge and set free. He has the power to condemn. I will pay them back according to the law of karma. My Son can not be killed the second time. Do they know that my Son is the judge of this world? He is the Alpha and Omega. How long will I continue to hide my Son? It is time for me to reveal Him to the entire world. Their war is all in vain, I have conquered this evil world for my Son. HE IS IN ME AND I IN HIM. Let them read the following portions and prepare for my vengeance, Psalm 2: 2-6, Isaiah 63: 1-5, Colossians 1: 15-20, John 1: 29-36, John 10: 30, Romans 9: 33, 1st. Timothy 6:15, 1st. Corinthians. 10: 4, Acts 3: 14-20, Ephesians 2: 18-22, John 4: 25-26, Revelation 19: 16. All those who claim to know ME without knowing my Son are DECEIVERS. I have subjected all things under the control of my Son. Read Hebrew 1: 2-14 with particular reference to verse 6."

It is revealed that all those who have denied the Deity of the King of Kings and Lord of lords shall have themselves to blame as He (The King of Kings and Lord of lords) shall also deny them before the Father on the last day. Hence the last Universal wing in the field of play is for one to acknowledge the deity of the SON OF THE MOST HIGH GOD in the person of His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu.

It is revealed that during this time shall the Holy Father be seen as the GREAT LIGHT in all planets of the universe.

Accordingly, it is revealed that soon, the Holy Father shall not be seen physically. He shall only be seen in His Holy Son - His Holiness Olumba Olumba Obu. During this time shall the Holy Son be given the power to mount the temple of the Father and take full charge of affairs. After this period comes the judgment of God. It is revealed by the power of the Supreme Controller of the Universe, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu that when this revelation shall come to manifestation, only those with the true mark of the LIVING GOD (O O O) will see the Holy Father physically. During this period shall the Father appear to His true children wherever they are at WILL.

Thank You Father.

As you know the road to stardom is never easy. That of the King of kings was not different
He faced betrayal, kidnap attempt yet remained calm
The King of kings will rule in love and peace.

The fight that ensued was between truth and falsehood
The detractors were serious to destabilise and ruin the Kingdom
They vowed to enthrone the wrong person as King of kings
The King of kings will rule in love and peace.

Their fear was unfounded because the King rules in love
Of the struggle the King was unperturbed and calm
Whosoever has the Father as a fortitude will conquer
The King of kings will rule in love and peace.

TRUMPET POEM**KING OF KINGS****BY SCS UWEMETTE**

In previous generation Esau was deprived and rejected
A trial of such experiment now met with rebuff and failure
Now Esau has broken the yoke and taken his position
The King of kings will rule in love and Peace.

The Prince being a child differed not from a slave
Now that He has come of age, He must assume His position
There is none to stop Him as IT IS DONE - AMEN
The King of kings will rule in love and peace.

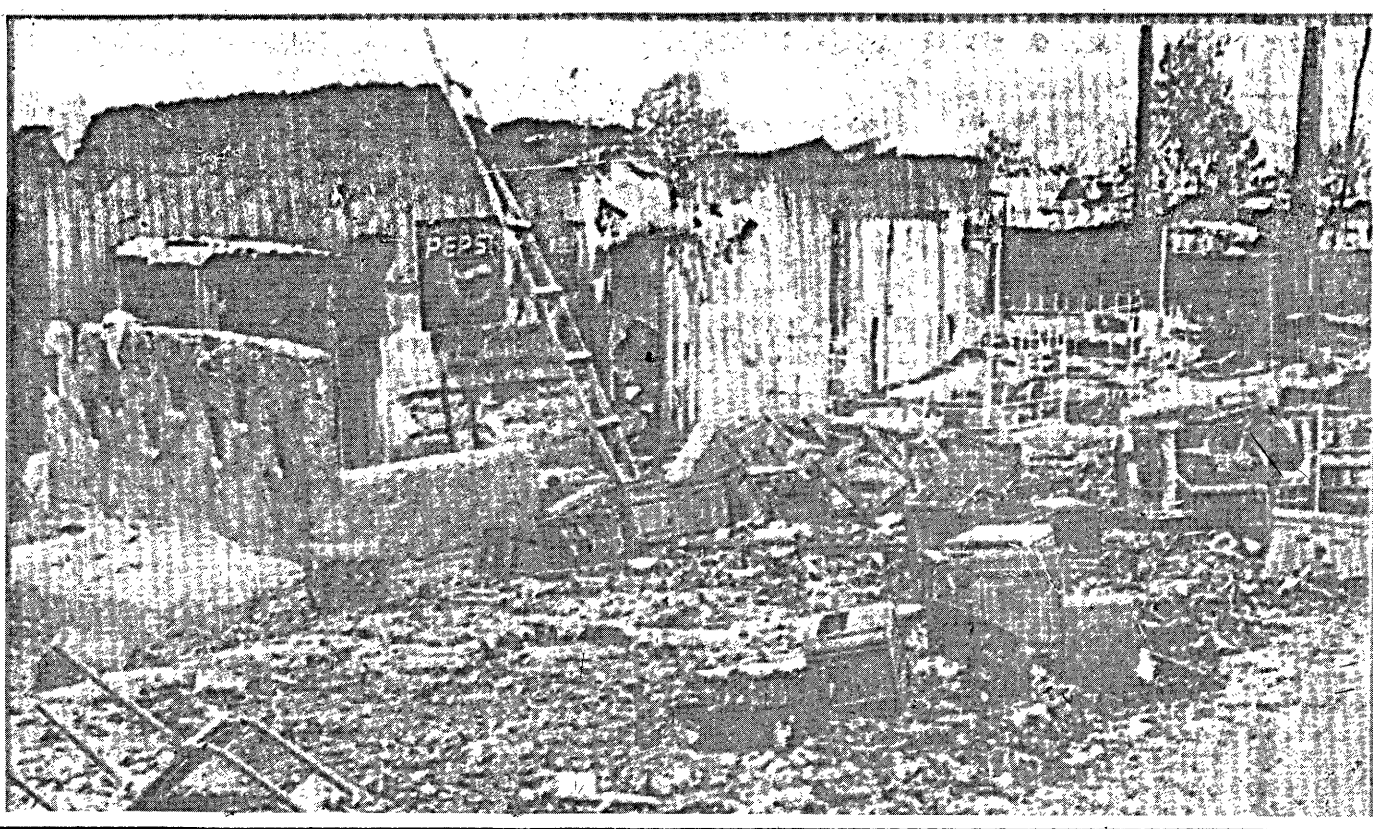
Nobody can own anything except given from above
The King of kings was destined for His enviable position
Let all His detractors come and they will be forgiven
The King of kings will rule in love and peace.

Brethren, now is the fulfilment of the Gospel
He has endured to the end and must be crowned
With patience, love and tolerance He won the test
The King of kings will rule in love and peace.

Now that He has been crowned and glorified
Other elects of God would be glorified accordingly
The Will of God must prevail and not that of man
The King of kings will rule in love and peace.

Thank You Father.

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Shops along Badarawa Main Road - Evidence of Lawlessness

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NIGERIA: THE QUESTION OF NEGLIGENCE AND LAWLESSNESS

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It must have been established by now that Nigeria our country has unlimited capacity to generate lawlessness. Besides, she has excessive appetite for carelessness and negligence. These three pronged vices have ravaged the social and political soul of Nigeria. For this, she has suffered catastrophic consequences in recent times. Consciously or unconsciously, Nigerians are becoming strangers in their God given land. Nigeria is fast becoming ungovernable despite all the institutions put in place to regulate our relationship with one another. We are finding it difficult to confess publicly or secretly to God. We feel ashamed telling God that we can no longer go on. That He must not forget us but must forgive whatever our sins are and remove the fire that is burning in this country.

Recently, Nigeria has been jumping from one crisis to the other. The ending of one disaster always culminates into the other. The chain continues. It will be recalled that not quite long we had the terrible kerosine explosion that sent most unexpected Nigerian families into feats of mourning. Most of those families up till date have not recovered from the traumatic shock. What must have been responsible for that? Somebody, somewhere, for selfish reasons to make huge profit, decided to adulterate the product. The other reason might be just somebody who

out of negligence had refused to do his job well. Closely related to kerosine explosion is the brazen daredevilry of some unscrupulous Nigerians who go about tinkering with oil pipelines. This they do, in utter disregard for the law of the land that prohibits unauthorised persons from dabbling into such areas. We are aware of the gruesome lost that we have suffered in this direction as a nation.

The other factor that marks us out as a lawless people is the question of inter tribal conflicts. Nigerians are absolutely engrossed in inter tribal conflicts. Most of the time the main cause of the conflict is always land ownership. Most unfortunately, the youths of this country are most of the time used to fan the embers of this hatred. A Balance Sheet of crisis released in Sunday Tribune of 10th February 2002 Nigerians have lost through acts of negligence and lawlessness not less than 50,000 innocent souls, about N20bn worth of property destroyed during our various stages of irresponsibility. We recall with grief the Ife-Modakeke ethnic war, the Tiv Jukun crisis of October 2001, the Kano Pro Taliban protest of October 2001, the Kaduna Sharia Riot of May 2000, the ethnic clashes in Warri, Kano and Lagos, the religious crisis in Kaduna. Do we readily forget the ethnic clashes between the Ijaws and the It Itshekiri, the ethnic

clashes between the Yorubas and Hausas in 2001. In 2002, IdiAraba became desolate and Jos a prominent peaceful town became a hotbed of political intrigues resulting in what appeared like ethnic cleansing.

We have become such a lawless country that official strikes as instrument of whipping government and her obnoxious policies into line have become a political tool. It is now used to destabilise a government that is not popular to a selected group. We have watched with trepidation as our

that I start wondering if we are not going to be confronted with the obituary of a country called Nigeria. Things have gone out of hand to the extent that we do not know if the next minute Nigeria is not going to be switched off just like NEPA takes out light. I had wanted to believe that there may be never a country called Nigeria again within the few days of the police strike but thank God for the one billion naira lifeline that resuscitated the country.

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law enforcement agents throw all the force discipline to the dogs and embark on a nation wide strike. The action of the men in the Nigeria Police Force is a barometer or an indices for measuring the level of lawlessness in our country. Diran Odeyem writing on the topic "Government from Hell" in Sunday Tribune spoke the mind of most Nigerians thus "Two many things are happening in quick succession

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there is so much hatred, division, strife and rancour, it will therefore be swept away to give way to that which will be ruled with love by God Himself. He authoritatively declares: "It is sacrosanct that the earthly man will no longer rule the world because he is tyrannical, extortionate, and fraudulent. But the heavenly man will rule. He will govern with love, truth, patience and tolerance. Whatever your objections may be, He will rule, your objections not withstanding."

Obu's teaching is clearly underpinned by high ethical and moral standards. Other important highlights of his teachings include an emphasis on vegetarianism, celibacy and chastity. His teaching on vegetarianism is based on Genesis 1:29 where Adam was divinely instructed to eat only fruits in the Garden of Eden. It also derives from the Movement's notion of unity of creation under one divine umbrella which is Brotherhood. Animals, fishes, birds, trees and all God's creatures animate and inanimate including man are members of this one cosmic family. God, Christ and angels are also members. This means that man whose duty is only to superintend and care for all creatures should not kill anything for meat.

Vegetarianism is thus practised not by all, but by a fair number of the membership.

The importance placed by him on celibacy and chastity is shown by the fact that Virgins (or children of God, as he prefers them to be called), constitute the highest Order in the hierarchy of the movement. These are young men and women (whose ages, so far, range between 18 and 35), who have not defiled themselves with the opposite sex. Their selection commenced early in 1991. By March 1992 they number only 20, (including a young lady of 20 from Zaire) reflecting the difficulty in recruiting genuine ones. Nonetheless their number according to Leader Obu

will ultimately be 144,000, (as indicated in Rev. 14:4), and they will be drawn from all corners of the world. In his own words, "they are the jewels of the Father". They sit next to the Leader's altar at the world headquarters, reflecting the importance he attaches to holiness and sanctity.

Unlike other prophetic churches where polygamy is tolerated, Obu vehemently condemns it as indirect adultery. Monogamy is upheld as the next best thing to celibacy or virginity. But even here married couples are encouraged to abstain from sexual relationship, so as to purify themselves in readiness for the New Age of Righteousness about to dawn. Married members are often reminded that their bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. They are told: "You are to live together as married partners, sleep together and walk together, but without any sexual relationship. If you do so, it means you have defiled yourselves."

The disease AIDS which is currently ravaging different parts of the world is perceived by Leader Obu as a divine visitation on mankind for sexual laxity and incontinence. He foresees in the next few years more of such deadly transmitted diseases, all of which will defy medical treatment. They are all intended to drive mankind into life of chastity. Contrary to widely held view however, Leader Obu believes that AIDS is curable, but only if the sufferer gets him/herself baptized into Brotherhood after confession of sin. He assures victims that they would be completely healed if this is done.

On the political front, Leader Obu has declared that all nations of the world would soon come under one theocratic government with one common currency. Passports and Visas, would consequently be eliminated, thus ensuring freedom of movement for all peoples of the world. The Leader also pointed to all current

changes in the world, particularly in Eastern Europe as the handiwork of the Holy Spirit in His attempt to unify the entire world. The recent ban on smoking in public places in Nigeria, Ghana, and other places, the campaign in different parts of the world, by individuals, groups and governments against cruelty to animals and children; and the worldwide campaign against abortion (which according to him is murder) are all in his view clear manifestations of the work of the Holy Spirit.

CONCLUSION

This paper has attempted to survey the life, background and radical teachings of Leader Olumba Olumba Obu, as well as aspects of the beliefs of the Movement which he called into being. Four important inter-related teachings were highlighted as the main distinguishing features of the Movement's ideology. These include the doctrines of reincarnation and Obu's deity, the self-image of the Movement as God's New Kingdom on earth, and the stress on moral purity leading to the vision of an imminent morally transformed society.

It is clear that although the doctrine of reincarnation is widely accepted in traditional religions it does not form part of Nigerian prophetic churches' body of beliefs. It might be asked why a people whose religious culture proposes a remote and withdrawn supreme being, appear to have whole heartedly accepted a religious system whose doctrine is an anti-thesis of this stance. In his essay, Father R. Laroche observes: 'Subjectively, religion is a virtue which determine man to give to God the worship and honour which are His due. Objectively, as a religious system it is the sum of beliefs and practices relating to the divine being, supreme and personal, upon whom man recognizes his dependence... From this follows the necessity to pay worship to divinity or the superior beings and to submit to a moral code. The human soul... knows its destiny to be in their hands and thus

feels the need to honour their aid. These are the fundamentals of all regions.'

One might add that religious beliefs belong to the sphere of subjectively and therefore in some sense cannot be explained objectively. Nonetheless, the notion of an invisible Godhead is fundamental to most religious, particularly the conventional Christian religion (a term employed here to bring together, orthodox and African Independent churches.) When therefore the Movement proposed the notion of a Godhead in human form, most conventional Christians found it objectionable. This has remained a major theological difference between the Movement and other Christian bodies. Some of these have gone so far as to reject its claim to being a Christian body on grounds that a human being is the object of its worship.

Yet the Movement, has by the late sixties, remained firm in its belief on the deity of its Leader. This has been defended on two grounds. First is a recognition in him of those moral qualities and attributes usually identified as possessed only by the Godhead, as for example Obu's use of mere spoken word to heal and change a situation. Second is the display by him of power recognised as the preserve of a divine being. The deification of Leader Obu is thus rooted in the belief that by virtue of what he is and what he does, he is not an ordinary but a divine being. And since members firmly believe that their souls' destinies are in his hands, they therefore feel the need to honour and to invoke his spiritual aid.

It is tempting to find an analogy between the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star's doctrine of Obu's deity and the 'Black Christ Theology' of some Zion Churches in South Africa, notably the Nazarite Church of Isaiah Shembe. In the latter body for example Shembe is thought of as something more than a mere prophet and liberator. He is the 'Black Christ' of the Zulus, or co-creator with God, and the mediator in heaven. As in

Brotherhood of the Cross and Star's Hymn Book, Shembe's name is sometimes substituted with that of Christ. But a major distinction between the two bodies is the complete absence of Political or racial overtones (observable) in the Nazarite Church) in the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star's doctrine. Indeed there is a strong stress on universalism in its own concept. This contrasts with the strong note of exclusiveness in the ideology of the former, which portrays it as a kind of indirect instrument for social protest. But more important is that the concept of Obu's deity is rooted, not so much on the power he displays, as on the moral qualities claimed for him. Sundkler has observed that the two main qualifications for an individual to be acknowledged as a "Black Christ" are for him to be accepted as such, or for him to possess the power of healing and resurrection. But interestingly the doctrine of resurrection looms small in the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star's teaching. Indeed, it is virtually replaced with the doctrine of reincarnation.

But whatever Leader Obu is or is not is probably not as important as what he teaches. Clearly, moral purity lies at the core of his teachings. His strong stress on moral purity, coupled with his firm rejection of the basic teachings and practices of the Aladura (or the prayer people) Movement in Nigeria shows him up as atypical of Nigerian (or indeed) African prophetic leaders and it would probably be quite naive to place him and his Movement in that category, since his message has a clear universal tone.

It may be said in conclusion that "the New World Order envisioned by Leader Obu is a theocratic society underpinned by high ethical and moral standards; it is one in which Christian values will be revived and made a goal at all levels. But when will these changes come about? Perhaps more importantly who will be this theocratic ruler? The answer to these and similar questions can only be "only time shall tell." **Thank You Father.**

TESTIMONY

HIS NAME CURED MY INSANITY

BY SISTER AMARACHI OGUBUKKA - UMUHIA

In the Name and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Now and forever more - Amen.

Words are inadequate for me to use in thanking the Almighty God for His mercies and love towards me. Above all, I must thank Him for not making me a guinea pig of the Medical Doctors or Herbalists.

On 20th October 1998, I developed a certain illness which I found difficult to describe. Suddenly, my head started itching and at the same time, I turned a lunatic. That was when I travelled to Aba to spend holiday with my elder brother. While with him, I refused to obey all instructions and orders from him. He and other people with

him noticed that I was developing a mental problem which was yet to materialise. I refused to go to church any more.

On a certain night, I became seriously disturbed but I could not describe what the problem actually was. The following day, I travelled back to Umuhia from where I went to Aba. Reaching home, my arching head abated but that seemed momentary. Eventually, the worst came. The world appeared tumbling upon me. That time, I was a JSS 2 student at the Holy Ghost Commercial School, Umuhia. I had the ambition to serve God but at the same time, earthly things took greater part of my thought. I prayed once more

that God should forgive me, that I had been a woeful sinner because of the promises I made which I could not fulfill.

As customary with one full of evil, evil forces possessed me and converted me to its workshop. I became totally insane. My parents took me to Celestial church to be healed but that did not solve the problem. Rather, it escalated. Then I was made to face the horrors of insanity. I was chained both hands and feet and finally taken to the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star Umuhia Central Bethel. I got a lot of bruises all over my body because I was violent and, was properly beaten as a means of calming me down.

The members of BCS at Umuhia Bethel prayed for me and loosened the chains. Finally, I was taken to Ipupe Ubakala Healing Home where the Holy Father's glory and mercy manifested. The Father passed through Prophet Lazarus A. Ogbuaku who was a full time worker there to solve my problem. He prayed for me down and with the use of the holy oil which he rubbed on my forehead calling on the name of the Holy Father, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu, to release me from the clutches of demon, the evil spirit in me fled and I became well again. It was wonderful and miraculous how I got an instant cure from BCS.

People around me became embarrassed, mainly none-BCS members. They wondered where the power used in curing me came from. Some said it was an American power. Others said that the power was from India while the rest regarded the power as that from 7 books of Moses. But still, the most vocal of the groups stated that the power was that of the oracle or juju.

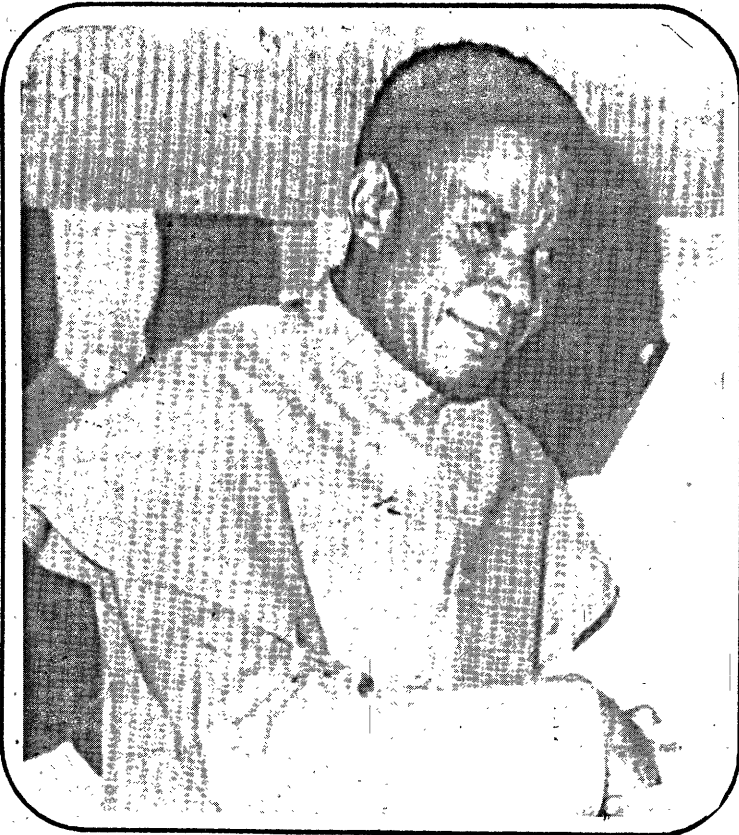
As the debate went on between the people, Prophet Lazarus A. Ogbuaku calmly told them that Leader Olumba Olumba Obu is the power they were talking about. That when His name is being used in doing good, He instantly manifests His power. That is the only name that heals the sick in this new era.

I therefore thank the Holy Father for my cure and promise to worship no other god but the Father, who is a living God.

Thank You Father.

THE NEW WORLD ORDER: BCS PERSPECTIVE

BY DR. G.I.S. AMADI



**LEADER OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU
HAS SET OUT A NEW ORDER**

The Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, led by Leader Olumba Olumba Obu is today one of the fastest growing Movements in Nigeria. Although it could be loosely defined as a 'prophetic' Movement, it is neither a descendant, nor does it accept many of the basic beliefs and teachings of 'Aladura' Movement in Nigeria. Elements of its peculiar ideology include the belief in the deity of its founder/Leader Olumba Olumba Obu, held to be Christ in His Parousia. There is a strong stress on moral purity, and a vision of an imminent Golden Age of a universally perfected society, unified under a theocratic world government, with a single currency, and unrestricted international movement. The Movement which sometimes refers to itself as 'Christ Universal Spiritual School of Practical Christianity' thus emphasizes the practical side of christian teachings. It sees strict adherence to Christ teachings and principles as the only hope for the salvation of mankind.

Who then is the Leader of this Movement? What is his background and the nature of his radical teachings, and how unique are they? Leader Obu believes that his mission is universal and has as its prime objective to teach, unify and sanctify humanity and to lead them back to the

Garden of Eden from where Adam was driven out after the Fall. Finally he has come to establish the Kingdom of God on earth. He has therefore not come to found a Church or new denomination. "The major assignment that I have come to do has never been done before, nor will it be done again. It is to reform man and return him to the standard required by God so that he may live according to the expectation of God." Are these the claims of a freak, a fake or those of the true Christ? What is the nature of the 'New World Order' or the Golden Age of Righteousness which Leader Obu and his Movement see as imminent.

This paper will seek to address itself to these questions, and examine the foundations of the new morally oriented world order which Leader Obu believes he is laying for the entire world.

EARLY LIFE AND BACKGROUND

Leader Obu's first name is Olumba. His Father's name is also Olumba Obu, hence his full name of Olumba Olumba Obu. His mother's maiden name is Ibum Mba. Her place today in the theology of the Movement is an important one, analogous, perhaps higher than that accorded to the Virgin Mary in the Catholic Faith, being thought of as the mother of God. Leader Obu himself was

born in December 1918 in the town of Biakpan in Biase Local Government Area of the Cross River State. The full name of the town in Efik dialect is 'Obio Akpan Abasi'; meaning "the city of the first son of God." Although the town is quite an obscure place even to the people of the State, it is not only the birth place of the Leader but also perceived as 'the cradle of the New Jerusalem' - the place where God reincarnated for the final time to rule the world. Equally important is the presence in the town of a stream known to be full of healing potency, which is believed to have been consecrated by Leader Obu when he was five years old. Both the village and the stream, today is Mecca for the Movement. The Nigerian Observer of March 23, 1978, comments about the town and the stream.

"How many Nigerians know that deep in the interior of Cross River State there exists a small town called Biakpan, and that this town is gradually taking over from Mecca and the Vatican as a centre for world pilgrimage? How many are aware that in Biakpan runs a small river that has a disease curing power greater than the Lourdes of France, and even more potent than the River Jordan that healed Naaman's leprosy ten centuries before Christ? And like Lourdes and Jordan, Biakpan is fast gaining international through Leader Obu comes from a poor parental background, the family lineage is one of the three royal families in Biakpan. According to records, the child Olumba had little or no formal education, having stopped formal school at standard two. He also had little exposure to orthodox christian churches. Today, he can read and write, and speak simple English. It has been suggested that he briefly attended the Presbyterian Church in Biakpan in his early years. But besides this brief and indeed uncertain exposure, there is no evidence that he attended any other church. Today, he sees these 'handicaps' not as such, but rather as clear evidence that his wisdom and teachings are not from man but from God.

Olumba grew into a wonderful precocious child,

carrying out many miraculous healings which included raising a dead woman, when he was only five. It was at this age he asked to be called 'Teacher or Master'. He used words to heal the sick, the barren, and to raise the dead. He is also known to have released people charged with serious crimes such as murder, with only the spoken word after they had confessed their guilt.

Olumba Obu began his ministry in the early 1950's on a part-time basis, combining preaching and healing with trading initially on foodstuff, but later on clothing materials. By 1952 the small group which gathered around him and based at No.8 Eton Street Calabar was growing fast largely on account of the many miraculous healings, which were credited to him. By 1958, he had begun full-time ministry and his Movement fully established and known as 'Brotherhood of the Cross and Star'. Today, 'Brotherhood', (as it is usually referred to by members), has spread from its world headquarters at 34 Ambo Street Calabar to virtually all parts of the country, parts of Africa, and the European Continent.

There are also branches in United States of America, Canada, India and one in Leningrad, Russia. Its membership has also grown from a handful of mostly lowly people in 1952 to an organisation which includes millionaires, business tycoons, heads of governments, etc. by 1990.

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HIS IDENTITY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MOVEMENT'S IDEOLOGY

Obu's identity and mission in the Movement's ideology are closely related, and constitute the basis of its radical theology. To speak of one is to speak of the other and to accept one is to accept the other. But here we shall examine each separately. The

Movement's belief in relation to this person has always been the source of controversy between it and non-adherents, particularly other christian churches. According to the teaching of the Movement, Leader Obu is the personification of the Comforter, (the Counsellor) or the Holy Spirit whom Christ promised His followers, that would come after His departure. (John 16:7-11). He is the one who would lead them to the accurate knowledge of the truth. The fact that Obu has little or no formal education, no real exposure to any orthodox church, never reads the Bible himself, and yet is able to quote, teach from, and expound every section of it authoritatively is believed to be one evidence of this. He is also believed to be omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient. He himself declared in an interview about his person. "The Spirit is the one who talks now, and not Olumba Olumba Obu. Who am I to start with, to go round everywhere? I have never been to Lagos, I have never attended any church. But if you go to London, you will find me there. Go to America or India you will find me there. Are you not surprised? I have never gone out to teach people or to be taught about the bible. But let any theologian come before me and I will render his knowledge elementary.

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mean leader of the Movement. More than that it defines his role as the Cosmic Leader, and Teacher of everything in heaven and earth, with no deputy or assistant as members often say. He is "the Sole Spiritual Head" of the universe. Finally, because he is believed to be the reincarnation of Christ in His exalted state, Obu is also God the Son.

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It was he who came in the last incarnation as Jesus the Christ (or the Anointed). His assignment then was to die for the redemption of man. This assignment he successfully accomplished and therefore cannot bear that same title again, in this his last advent, contrary to the world's expectation. He has therefore now returned as the Holy Spirit to judge and to rule the world with an Iron Rod (or the word of God). Leader Obu, is thus believed to be the Triune God-head personified. He is Christ in His Parousia, who has come "as a thief in the night", but only waiting to reveal himself at the close of Age. This radical theology is firmly rooted in the doctrine of reincarnation which underpins the Movement's ideology. It is a doctrine to which even the God-head is believed to be subjected. It holds that all forms of creation incarnate at the end of the each life-span, to continue their unfinished assignments, or to take on new ones if the previous one has been satisfactorily completed. In the later case, according to the belief, the spirit or the soul comes back in an exalted state, to function in a loftier position than the previous one. At every level the spirit is the same, but can take any physical body from any part of the world, suited to its desired objective.

In the case of the God-head, it is held that he had always taken a mortal form each time. He had an assignment on earth. Such divine tasks usually had a specific length of time. There had been eight such divine incarnations in different periods of human history. In the first, He came as Adam (or Man). In the next six incarnations he came respectively as Enoch, Noah, Melchizedek, Moses, Elijah and Christ in that order. In each, the in-dwelling spirit is the same, but the body, name and the assignments differ. Thus for example the God-head bore the name Elijah in the sixth incarnation with the assignment to punish all those who did not abide by the commandment of God, particularly idolaters. In the seventh, the same Divine Spirit was universally identified as Jesus the Christ, with the assignment to shed His blood

for the remission of sins. In this age he has now finally come in the person of Olumba Olumba Obu, with the specific assignment to transform the human race, and to lead them and indeed all creations back to God. He is thus the ultimate of these divine manifestations.

These apparently share two commonalties, which seem to be the basis for their deification. Firstly, they walked closely with God, communed personally with Him, and/or possessed divine qualities. Secondly, each of the first seven was holy and righteous and was either taken up in heaven, or at least had no visible burial place like other mortal beings. The case of

Adam (or 'A') means Alpha (i.e. the beginning, and one of the epithets of God) and therefore the first God incarnate while Obu (or 'O') in Omega (also one of the divine epithets) the last and the highest divine incarnation.

Another way of expressing it is to see Adam as the lowest form of divine manifestation which reach its zenith in Obu, in whom according to this though, all the qualities of the Godhead is realised. This means that in each of the six intervening divine rebirths, the divine qualities were progressively improving until they reached their height in the person of Obu.

This then in summary is 'Brotherhood's' perception of its leader's identity and mission, as can be gleaned

by the orthodox churches in their argument is Acts 1:11 which reads "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven."

This passage is interpreted by other churches as that Christ would descend from the sky in the manner as he was taken up. In their opinion, Obu was born like every other human being, and therefore could not be the expected Christ. But in one of his bible class lectures Leader Obu counters this argument in this way: "A person who emerges from the sky would not like to take instruction from any one. God who is so knowledgeable in all aspects

therefore no longer use the same title in this his second coming. "It is written that He will come back, and when He comes He will have no share with sin, that means His name is changed. In your secular employment there are ranks and grades.... therefore it is most stupid to believe that when Jesus comes again he would be called Jesus. Does it mean he would retain his rank indefinitely? In His time 'Christ' was the last degree, or the Master degree. He faithfully performed His assignment... and was promoted and all powers and authority in heaven and on earth were handed over to Him to rule. How then will He come back to answer Christ? If you were Him would you accept such a title which is below your rank? Why should he accept such a name again, when He had already attained Christhood?"

The above passage forms part of Obu's sermon entitled "The New Name of God" in which, as in many similar ones he eloquently seeks to demonstrate the same notion of a 'partially realised Parousia', and also the idea that Christ has come with a new Name. The latter is based on Rev. 19:12. Interestingly however, in a series of sermon and lectures, he stops short of saying who that Christ is and what His new name is, preferring instead to speak in coded terms about it and sometimes treating it as a non-issue. For him, what is important is not who he is but the need for the world to accept and practise his teachings so as to obtain salvation. When pressed to make a statement about his deity his crisp answer would of ten be, "I do not know who I am, except that I am Olumba Olumba Obu." In a press interview, a reporter once pressed him further for a categorical statement on the issue. "Would you then say, he asked "that you are God".

Leader: "I have not said that, have I? The reporter continued: "But your followers insist that you are God."

Leader Obu: "What about it? You are a pressman, tell me if you know yourself. In your office people have to recommend you for being hardworking or otherwise. Do you dispute this recommendation if they say you are hardworking? So if they say that I am God what do you want me to say; it is written in the Bible that by their fruits

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Adam however seems a bit of a puzzle considering his fall. But the doctrine proposes two natures for each creature - the physical and the spiritual. This means that while Adam's fall is attributable to his physical nature, his spiritual form which is God has remained unsoiled by the fall. And it is this that is the subject of deification. This was the state when he was holy enough to commune personally with God. According to the Movement's belief, it is to this state that all mankind will ultimately return in the 'new Age'. The deification is thus not directed to the fallen Adam, for whom Christ died but to the perfect one which it perceives in Leader Obu. This interpretation is in accord with the Movement's self-image as the 'NEW EDEN' or Paradise Regained.' This means that is a place where man is restored to his original state of moral purity which was lost in the 'Old Eden'. According to the Movement's belief, man's moral struggle (or Journey to Perfection), which began in the 'Old Eden' terminates in the 'New Eden' in the divine reincarnation the Godhead in the person of the Leader. Hence in its teaching,

from its teachings. It constitutes the bedrock of its radical theology, which non-members, particularly other christian churches find very hard to accept. The controversy which this theology had generated over the years between the Movement and other christian bodies cannot be treated here. This will await a more comprehensive future study of its history and doctrine. An outline of the arguments adduced by both sides is nonetheless necessary to place the ideology in its true perspective.

Both the doctrine of reincarnation and the deification of Obu are perceived by other churches as unorthodox and indeed unbiblical. The Movement, they hold, is merely deifying at best a fellow-mortal, at worst the anti-christ referred to in the Book of Revelation whose advent would precede the coming of the son of man. To counter this the Movement argues that Christ Himself was both human and divine, who was also rejected by the Jews and crucified for making Himself equal with God when He was only an ordinary man. One of the Biblical passages employed

has caused human beings to come down through a mother and father, who will control him. This passage (i.e. the one quoted above) has confused the whole world. The explanation of this is that (Christ) will come back as human being. There is no other why that God can come down on earth except through the womb of a woman. Who can endure the spirit and which spirit can tolerate you? If you were to see the spirit would you be able to withstand it? The inference here is that Christ has come back in human form and will not fall from the sky, in spirit form as orthodox christians expect, Rather, "like a their in the night" he has come. The Christian doctrine of Parousia, (or Christ's Second Coming) in Obu. Partially, because the one thing left to fulfill is his self-revelation to the world. But in this, the Movement is at least one with the rest of the christendom in the belief that no one, except the Father Himself knows the time.

Furthermore, it is argued that Christ after His death and resurrection had assumed a new name and loftier position and discarded the title 'Christ'. He would

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There is nothing as important and useful as staying inside the city.

Ezekiel 36 : 24 - 37 states, "For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart will I also give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to work in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgements, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your father; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. I will also save you from all your uncleanness: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen. Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall loathe your selves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. Not for your sake do I this, saith the Lord God, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel. Thus saith the Lord God; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and the desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited. Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the Lord build the ruined places, and plant that was desolate I the Lord have spoken it, and I will do it, thus saith the Lord God; I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock."

Before man becomes what God wants, there is great work to be done. People do not understand why it is said we want to build a city of our own. May be you feel it is picnic, full of enjoyment. There is great work for God to do in us before we become what He wants. His promises are fulfilled. The portion above reveals God's promises for His children.

You are told not to beat your children but you are still doing it. You are told not to divorce your wife but you are still doing it. Do not commit fornication but you do. Do not marry more than one wife but you are marrying. Does it imply that "C" (condemned) has been written on your forehead? If it is so, why did God elect

you into this Kingdom?

The children of God hear the word of God; you do not hear because you are not a child of God. Do not allow these words to be fulfilled in you. All the inhabitants of this world hang their hope on this Kingdom. There are some that have not yet seen this Kingdom but they are prepared for it. They do not quarrel, neither marry, fight nor tell lies. They are vegans. They do not seek for any mundane thing but steadfastly await this Kingdom.

There are a great number of people who have not yet seen this Kingdom. But if they want to be stubborn, fight, and lust, how will they see His holy face? He, however, is near you, if you are waiting for Him in peace, spotless and blameless. If you are waiting for God in His Kingdom, you have to live a good life as He has taught you because with Him, all things are possible. He has come with a host of angels, saints, children, enormous wealth, and glory. He has come to straighten all what had become crooked, change our evil nature, repair all that has been damaged in us and make us worthy of Him and be as He is.

Submit yourself unto God, resist the devil and he will flee from you. Why not obey God's instructions? Why not practise His instruction? Why not live peacefully with all men? Why can you not live without spot; blameless? Why not stop quarrelling and fighting? Try these and see if you will not have Him in your life. You have come to Brotherhood yet you are still quarrelling in the Women's Fellowship as well as the Men's Fellowship. There is no trick in this world that you have not applied to sustain your position. When you stay in the dark to commit evil, no person will see you. But when you commit a similar evil in the open, will you not be seen? If you were the Chairman in any Fellowship, when you are removed from office, you go campaigning from house to house to be reinstated. Is that the spirit of this Kingdom of God?

Be informed that in this Kingdom, no one can influence anything. God does everything. You are called free of charge for salvation. The real children of God operate a common purse, whereby they eat together and do everything in common. It is only the Spirit that leads them. They put on white, dance and sing together. They serve God selflessly and do not wish to marry. They denounce the worldly things. They do not indulge in fetish practices nor do they drink. There are also some who do not regard money as anything. No matter what you do to them, they are not angry. They do not pronounce woe unto any person but live in peace with every person. And I ask you this question, if they now come in, will they not take your place from

you, and send you packing?

The Scripture has warned that this Kingdom shall be taken from you and given to a nation that bears good fruits. But whoever shall bring forth good fruits and wash his garments clean shall enter through the gate into the city. Search and you will find out that Brotherhood of the Cross and Star does not require money, members or recognition from any person. Our pre-occupation is to get people to forsake sins completely.

A true Brotherhood does not require visions. A true Brotherhood knows the spiritual implication of healing. He knows that if a murderer is healed and he goes to commit murder, the blood of the victim will be upon the healer. You have heard that Moses restored sight to one blind man. After sometime, the man went and killed somebody. He later killed a second person. When he was about to kill the third person, people reported to Moses that the man who he restored his sight had gone about killing people. For this reason, Moses sent for the man. When he saw Moses, he was joyous that he had seen his master. Moses told him to kneel down that they may give thanks to God. When the man knelt down, Moses said, "Father forgive me for what I did, let his blindness return". The man became blind again. What the blind man did is what we are doing in the world now.

When you award scholarship to a sinner, what good is the award? He indulges in fornication and cause trouble in the world. You employ a woman and in turn, she become intimate with a person's husband, indulging in fetish acts and causing the man's wife serious agony. Whenever you want to do anything for a sinner, around is to create trouble in the world. This is why God values those who serve Him. If there is any person who surrenders himself to God in His service, the glory of God on earth will be magnified in that person. The sort of children that God will give to the person will be children of God, working for the glory of God. The house he has will be dedicated for the service and glory of God. Any city he is given to watch over, he does so with the fear of God. The school the person establishes will be entrusted to God. The husband or wife she or he marries must be made to know God. On the alternative, what benefit will you derive from a murderer, a thief, a fornicator and a swindler? When you do any good thing to him, he will use it to perpetrate evil. It is for this reason that you are told that time is very short and I cannot tell you the actual minute, hour, day, month or year when judgement will be effected. But I want every person to repent and render services to God. GOLDEN TEXT: 2 PETER 3 : 14 "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that

ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless"

All those waiting for the Kingdom of God must be diligent that they may be found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless. Now that you are staying in the house, office, church to be flippant about useless things, whom are you waiting for? All those who behave this way do not know themselves. But you know yourself. It is your duty to cause others to know what is happening.

All those who seek for the coming of the Lord should wait in peace, without spot before Him. You ask God to forgive all your sins. If you are sincere about your request, He has now arrived at your doorstep. God does all things. You only insist evil doing, yet you claim you are Brotherhood and Olumba's child. What about the second son, must he continue to cause trouble in this kingdom? The certificate required in this Kingdom is righteousness. Forget about sickness, loneliness, poverty, and food. Refrain from sin and dwell in peace, without spot, blameless.

In this Kingdom, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit reign. I am not ruling. You and I should live in peace with every person without spot, blameless before Him. You cannot cause trouble in this Kingdom. Where will the trouble come from? This is the Kingdom of God. If you intend to cause trouble, pray fervently for yourself. You were not called in here to fight, play tricks, fornicate, quarrel and cause trouble. You are invited to repent.

When we shall match to that city, where will the troublemakers be? When you were informed years ago that you should come and bless your marriage which did not cost any money so that when I convert it into what it should be, you would not regret. That time you were running away. What is the situation now? In like manner, the gates in the city are thrown wide open. If you do not enter that city because your garment is not clean, outsiders will ask you; "you who attended Brotherhood, why have you not entered the city?" What answer will you give them? Do not regard this place as your room where you come to sleep and relax. When songs are rendered, you will be sleeping. During gospels, you are sleeping. While dancing, you are sleeping. The only time you wake up is when food is shared. Such practice should end.

IN THAT CITY, IT IS SAID IF ONE IS LEFT WITH ANY DOT OF SIN, THAT PERSON WILL NOT ENTER. THIS IS WHY I WEEP AND WAIL AND MOURN. I AM WEEPING EVEN RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OF THIS. I had thought that people like the interpreter, because of his interpreting would enter but I was told he can not enter. I said that Pastor Esien-

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people, do not make mention of church denominations at all. Do not ask what church a person is attending. Talk about refraining from sins. Whether a person is a pastor, a Bishop or founder of a church denomination, tell him to practise the Word of God and forsake sin and desist from discrimination so that he may have right to the tree of life and enter through the gate into the city.

This path clearing does not relate to money. Our Lord Jesus Christ would not have told that rich man to sell all that he had and give the money to the poor then return and follow Him, that he may be rich in heaven. You are a witness to the amount of money spent for programmes on Nigerian Television Authority, Cross River Radio, among many others. The money paid out to them is enormous. Calculate the amount spent on feasts, response to invitations, and other things. If money were to be of prime importance, why would those things be done?

Songs are interesting. Prayer, testimony and other things are good, but the most interesting work is to point out to people what they have committed against the directives of God. Tell the world that God has commanded everyone to refrain from all evil things. You too should keep these injunctions. To erect a building for the congregation profits little. Attending prayer houses profits a little. But the most profitable thing is for you to enter into the market places and streets to tell people to refrain from sins and not to impute sins to any person.

Do not make the mistake of saying you should go to a particular place because there is much power there. Power will not save you if you do not refrain from sins. Such demands as monthly salaries, care and enough money to enable you train your children in schools as a condition for service to God do not serve any useful purpose. It is not a requirement for the Kingdom of God. Ninety-nine percent of those in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star came so that they may receive aid for certain things. It means that their eyes are still darkened and they do not understand themselves. Even those who say there is money and power in Brotherhood, their eyes are not yet opened. Brotherhood does not concern itself to such issues. Ours is how to forsake sins so that we may have right to the tree of life and enter through the gates into the city. We are concerned with washing our garments clean.

The Kingdom of God will not be entered in twos. No one will be allowed to enter with his wife or with his child. People will enter on individual basis. If you wash your garment clean, you will enter. Do not look on to any person. Do not look at the members or church leaders, look on to the word of God preached to you. Many people have eyes but cannot see, they have ears but do not hear and noses

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but cannot perceive. It is because they have their heart fixed on the things of this world.

It is a great surprise that you can stay with somebody for twenty years but you neither know the person, what he wants, what he has taught or his specific assignment. Is it not pitiful?

DO YOU THINK THAT WHAT I AM DOING HERE IS MY DUTY? I KNOW THE ASSIGNMENT I HAVE COME TO DO. WHAT I AM DOING NOW IS THE WORK OF MERCY. IT IS BECAUSE OF MERCY THAT I HAVE TAKEN IT UPON MYSELF TO DO QUITE A DIFFERENT DUTY IN ORDER TO HELP YOU.

Brethren, let everybody use his or her ears this year. Abstain from sin. The Kingdom of God does not admit any sin, no matter how small. Anger, backbiting and other sins which you delight will not help you enter God's Kingdom. Inform the people of the world that why they and even you, are beset with problems is due to sin that you all persist in.

Right now, if you are angry, your garment is not clean. If you fornicate, your garment is not clean. If you bear malice against any person, your garment is not clean. If you take any medicine your garment is not clean. Think over the type of burden you are carrying. There is neither juju, apparition mermaid nor witchery. But it is because of your refusal to abstain from sins that the world is faced with problems. The Kingdom of God is meant for the entire world. It is said, "this kingdom shall be taken away from you and given to a nation that will bear good fruits." In the Kingdom of God, there is one teacher, one adviser, one God, one Lord, and one Spirit. He is teaching you, He is teaching all the inhabitants of the world. When the gates of mercy are not yet closed,

to convert into a place of worship. It is the height of insult to God. Brotherhood is an organization in which each person should try to help himself.

If your eyes were open, you would have known that this is the time when everybody should seek to serve God. God does not delight in the death of sinners, He does not wish that any of us should perish. Whoever perishes is an account of his failure to wash his garment clean. There is no other medium through which God can save any person. The medium is the gospel that is preached to you. You have to listen, assimilate, and put it into practice and be saved.

The Holy Spirit has nothing to do with sinfulness. But now, with whom do you stand, whom do you resemble? You may claim, I know Brotherhood, I am a full-fledged member, but you are still quarelling, fornicating, telling lies, stealing and deceiving. Who is your leader?

SECOND LESSON: REVELATION 21 : 27

"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

Brethren, above is the condition for the Kingdom of God. How many people will enter into that city? If a declaration should be made today that you should march into the city of God, how many people here will enter? Can you not see that God is not slack in fulfilling His promise but He is long-suffering since He does not wish that you should perish? He wants us to repent. He wants you to go and tell this story to your mother, your father and to every person. Shout along the streets that the Lord has ordered that they should refrain from sin.

If you in this Kingdom cannot enter the kingdom gratis, those

YOU THOUGHT THAT WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE; SO DID I. I HAD THOUGHT THAT SINCE YOU WERE CURSED AND ABUSED AND HAVE FACED ALLEGATIONS, THOSE WERE ENOUGH GROUNDS FOR YOU TO BE SAVED. I WAS TOLD NO. THAT RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THE PARAMETER, FOR ONE BAD APPLE SPOILS THE REST. IF YOU ALLOW ONE EVIL MAN INTO THE MIDST OF RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE, HE WILL CONFUSE THEM.

seize this opportunity to get yourself ready.

Whatever God shuts, there is no one who can open it. Whatever He opens, no one can shut it. His love is sufficient unto all. Do not go to look for a place of worship. Do not plead with somebody to help you with a room

outside are in a mess. They wallow in fornication and all manners of sin and know not what is meant by sin. Your case is a bit better because you know what is called sin though you lack the ability to forsake them. In their own case, they are ignorant. If mention is made of sin, they will ask in amaze

ment what that means. They will defend that they have not committed any sin. Even with his snuff box by his side, his charms and concoction around him, a man will swear that he has not committed any sin is blindness with open eyes.

If you alone receive salvation and all other members of your family perish, what is your benefit? If you are the one saved in your village and all other members of your village perish because of your failure to tell them the truth, what is your benefit? Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." For your family's sake, sanctify yourself; forsake fornication, drinking, lying, deceit and all vices so that you may also sanctify them by preaching this truth to them.

Pouring of libation is a grievous sin. Those who continue to pour libation will never enter God's Kingdom. All those who cling tenaciously to tradition will not also enter. This is a New World, that of Jehovah God and His Christ. He alone reigns; no other operates apart from the word of God. The text tells us that nothing that defiles shall enter God's Kingdom. Does your tradition not consist of drinking, eating of meat and fish, pouring of libation, sacrificing to the idols? In this Kingdom, we do not eat meat or fish. But the world requires fish and meat. Tell me how they will enter. Fish is a very good thing but it defiles the flesh, your garment. Animals are very good; but eating meat defiles your garment and disqualifies you from entering into God's Kingdom. Moreso, such things as drinks, fornication are not good for your spirit. Our Lord Jesus Christ did not come to save this flesh but to redeem your soul and spirit. He is not a carnal king but the king of the spirit.

This is the period you have to use all our resources in the services of God so that you may be pure in spirit and in flesh. God now wants you to mobilise all the talents He had given you before the foundations of the world were laid for His services so that you may have right to the tree of life and enter through the gate into the city. This is not the time for one to boast of being a millionaire, highly educated, or beautiful or that one has children. That time had passed. It is said in Isaiah 2 : 11, "the lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day."

If it is revealed to you what God has come to do in this end of time; you would have taken to your heels and abandon sins completely for the service of God. If you should also know what plans God has for us in that city and you are able to go in through the gate into the city, there is nothing in this world that you will wish for apart from fighting to enter that city. Do you think it is out of nothing that He emphasises so much on our passing through the gate into the city?

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ye shall know them."

Leader Obu's answers to questions relating to his deity is thus almost invariably full of ambiguities, choosing neither to deny nor to confirm it. His hearers or readers of his sermons are usually left to make up their minds either way. In his view, things of the spirits are only discerned in spirit. His true identity, he teaches can only be revealed in Spirit. To know who He is therefore, requires that one be baptised into the Movement. Only then can the scale of darkness and ignorance fall off to reveal His true identity. For him however his identity is not important to the world. What is important is the need for the human race to accept and practise his teachings so as to obtain salvation.

He declares this cleared and emphatically in a recent bible class lecture. "Forget about who I am (but) put my teachings into practice, because this will give you salvation. Do not give me any name. I am not a prophet, Moses, Elijah or Jesus Christ. I am a Supernatural Teacher. I want you to put into practice the teachings which I give you, and this will reveal to you who I am. The lessons I have brought to you are supernatural. It surpasses all the wisdom in the world put together. Had you humbled yourself to take in these lessons you would have found yourself where you did not expect."

HIS OWN PERCEPTION OF HIS MISSION

But if Leader Obu is ambiguous over his identity he is unequivocal about his mission in the world. His assignment according to him is a threefold one, namely to teach, to sanctify humanity, and to establish the Kingdom of God on earth. In his own words he has come to "do what nobody, angel or man, has ever done in the world."

Furthermore he sees his mission in the context of the New Kingdom of God which he had come to establish. The New Kingdom is the New Garden of Eden. He, Obu, believes he is the New Adam who has come to lead mankind back to the Garden, where God and man can once again interact. In a sermon entitled "My Mission" he declared: "All members of the Brotherhood of the Cross and

Star should be informed that my mission on earth is to lead the whole world, to the accurate knowledge of truth..." He continues "I have come to establish the new heaven and new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness." Few religious leaders have such a clear vision of their mission and destiny as Leader Obu does, and fewer still are so confident of their ultimate success as he is. He once said that if he failed in his mission "the entire human race will perish." "The Father" no doubt means God. But whoever he means, it is clear that Obu believes that his mission is universal and comprehensive. It is universal because he believes he has not come for just one race or colour, but for the entire mankind. It is comprehensive because he perceives his



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teachings as suited for the salvation of the entire man, that is body and soul. What then are the nature and rudiments of these teachings. It is to these we now turn.

HIS TEACHINGS

Leader Obu's teaching has a strong moral emphasis. Sin for him is the source of Man's problems and predicaments because it alienates him from God. It must therefore be completely eradicated for man to be fully restored into unity with God. Sin and lack of love for him are one and the same thing. To speak of one is to speak of the other, hence his cardinal teaching of 'love one another.' The world must love another and therefore be sin free to be free from damnation.

In a typical sermon on the subject, entitled "Sin: The Precursor of Death" Leader Obu declares: "It is erroneous to blame the source of death and other vicissitudes that afflict man on juju,"

mermaid, water, air, sun, animals and other things. Know that it is sin that kills. The source of death is traceable to sin... Death did not have dominion over our Lord Jesus Christ, because he did not indulge in any act of sin. If someone calls you a thief or abuse you, and you get angry you are in the warm embrace of death ... People who do not have love are afflicted with problems and difficulties, they bitterly complain of lack, sickness etc. which they erroneously attribute to witches and wizards. Witches, juju and mermaid do not exist. What is worrying you is your sins."

Of all categories of man's short-comings Leader Obu considers the sin of fornication and adultery as the most damaging because in his view it is sin against God Himself whose temple the human body is. Adam's fall,

according to him, was as a result of the sin of fornication which he committed with Eve his wife, in the Garden of Eden. The forbidden fruit from the tree of knowledge which the couple ate, (in Genesis 3) against God's instructions, was fornication, according to his teaching. He has often warned of the inherent danger in the indulgence in this sin. Thus in a recent strongly worded warning to the entire world on the impending calamity that will befall mankind as a result of this sin he declares: "Strive to flee fornication and adultery, so that God will dwell in you, and so that you will be able to withstand the tribulations ahead. Those involved in fornication and adultery have no peace and cannot boast of any joy and happiness, nor can they lay claim to any relationship with God. If you do not refrain from fornication and are not purified, you will not enter into the Kingdom of God."

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trumpet to all inhabitants of the world to take serious note of the fact that the Kingdom of God will not admit fornication and adultery... It was fornication committed by Adam and Eve which separated man from God. Today people regard fornication as their breakfast, lunch, dinner and ten in office. I weep for the world because of the tribulation which will soon befall them because of the sins of fornication and adultery. No fornicator will be saved."

In a little book entitled 'Pathway to Godliness', (which is usually handed to newly baptised converts), a total number of 96 sins are enumerated as wrong doings. They constitute the "Divine instruction for the followers of God in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star." It declares, "Any person who does not refrain from all the sins enumerated below cannot be a christian." These sins range from "fornication, adultery and stealing to gossiping, talkativeness, snuffing, swearing by blood". They also include "court action, presence in worldly society or worldly gathering, eating of meat offered to idols." According to this literature, only when someone refrains from these things can he/she be regarded as a true member of the Movement. The importance of this book is that it shows up the high moral and ethical standards, which Obu expects from his followers. It also clearly demonstrates the range of what he considers as sin. Members are for example not only expected not drink liquor (and even soft drinks), they are also not to offer them. Thus unlike other prophetic churches, Nigerian, and indeed African cultural norms and practices such as polygamy, cultural dances etc. are strongly rejected by Leader Obu in his teaching.

Adherence to them for his, is forsaking God's love, and therefore is tantamount to sin. Man he said has forsaken God's love, and does not love his fellows man or indeed all other creations of God. For example if man loved other creatures, he would not kill any of them for meat. All creatures were given to man by God to care for and love, but not to kill and eat as is presently the case. Vegetarianism is thus a very important teaching of Obu who himself has been a vegetar-

ian from his early life. He sees his mission as not only to teach the world the theory, but also the practice of how to return to God's love. This means to live in peace, unity and harmony with all God's creation. In another lecture he says:

"My duty is to expatiate upon the meaning of 'love one another'. It means we have to love ourselves, and live in harmony. It means that Love should not be one-sided or deceitful. (Rather) I should love you, and you love me, the other person loves us as we love him equally. (This) explains the concept of oneness which is prevalent in Brotherhood, the love of one for another. It borders on mutual reciprocity."

Brotherhood of the Cross and Star for Leader Obu "is the Kingdom of God where love is practised. It is a place where there is no hatred, backbiting, division, killing, stealing, swindling and other vices. It is the Kingdom of God wherein dwells love. Practising the word of God is paramount in his teaching. Hence the Movement is sometimes referred to as "Christ Universal Spiritual School of Practical Christianity."

Obu believes that the present world has failed and therefore doomed because love is not preached and practised. He foresees a New World Order where love will be the centre-piece as in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. According to him in the new world there will be no need for law enforcement agencies, wars and weapons of war will also have no room in it. Man-made institutions such as police, army, prisons etc. have failed to stop crime, or to reform man. On the contrary they have help to root him more in his evil ways, because they are not based on love. Thus, "The different governments of the world have devised institutions like prison, police force, court of justice etc. They have manufactured offensive weapons like guns, swords atomic bomb, nuclear weapons etc. in an effect to stop the commission of crime and sin. But have these weapons been able to deter man from sinning? But I use the Holy Spirit to drive away evil spirit from you and to bestow Holy Spirit on you. This is love in action."

The present world order according to Obu is ruled by the earthly man, hence

FIRST LESSON: REVELATION 22 : 14

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city".

SECOND LESSON: REVELATION 21 : 27

"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

GOLDEN TEXT: 2 PETER 3 : 14

"Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless".

This gospel is about this Kingdom of God and what will happen very shortly in the world. This is the final era; there is no room for regrets. You are advised that if you believe that there is one God, you have done well but the devil also believes in God and trembles, though he still sins. If you know that God is in existence and that God will judge the world and that He has kept the kingdom for those who do what He likes, would you continue to sin and then pray to God to forgive you? You were waiting for the truth. The truth has arrived but you have rejected it. Calling on Jesus or building houses for Him will not save you.

This gospel has no theme on child or governorship election neither does it bother on money, husband, motor car, promotion, land, house and food.

Blessed are they that wash their garments clean, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gate into the city. Is this not the city that we are heading for? Is it not that city that I am leading you to? What if your garment is not clean, will you be able to enter?

I am imparting this message to you with tears in my eyes because the information I received indicates that no person is ready to enter into the Kingdom of God. Putting up a building is not a difficult task but who is going to live in that building? As I observe, I have discovered that you are looking for money, motor car, ship etc. There is no person who has come looking for ways to change in order to enter into the Kingdom of God. Be reminded that to be carnally minded is death but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. In this Kingdom, we have money, employment and wealth but we are looking for trustworthy people in whose care these things can be entrusted. The most surprising thing is that as I watch you, I find out that you all dance to the same tune, seeking for earthly things. No one person seems to know what he has come to do, or why Our Lord Jesus Christ died, the works He did and the reason for His resurrection.

Remember that after Our Lord Jesus Christ had accomplished His assignment in Bethsaida and Chorazin, He went back to inspect the work He did. What did He see? He discovered that no person repented and He became exasperated and upbraided them. The reason was that He did not come for the righteous but to call the sinners to repentance.

Every day you come and plead with the Father to forgive you, give you money, make it possible for you to win contracts and give you a child. That He should speak the word for your infirmities to be healed. You also plead with Him that you are going to be transferred from one town to another; that the Father should speak so that the transfer may be cancelled. You also pray Him to speak so that you may be able to defray your debt. These are the situations which give me much concern and pity. Are these what I came to do in the world? When I consider the totality of the inhabitants of the world and indeed you people here, how many of you are prepared to enter into the Kingdom of God? You have erected your imposing and magnificent building, you have done many other things including the training of your children and buying expensive motor cars. What about this Kingdom; will you enter into it?

The scriptures have told us that where a man's treasure is, there his heart must also be. You will notice that your mind centers in carnal things because your treasures are on earth. In this Kingdom, there is neither quarrelling, scrambling, nor competition. All the undesirable things which you engage in, such as wrath, anger, deceit, fastidiousness, theft, anger and other vices are due to quest for the things of the world. All of you are concentrating at the city of death. These explain the cause of my groaning since I received the information.

Every now and then, you organize a launching and fund raising to award scholarship to people. What benefit will that be to you? Be aware that whoever commits sin will not enter into the Kingdom of God. Do you

Be aware that whoever commits sin will not enter into the Kingdom of God. Do you realise why my eyes are filled with tears? You always argue that you have been in Brotherhood for twenty years; but your twenty years do not benefit you in any way, because you know neither the place you are now nor are you prepared for this election.... What shall it profit you to gain the whole world and lose your soul? Have you not been told that the whole world is going to be destroyed? The destruction of the whole world is long overdue. But because of the pity I have for you, a lot of weeping and the intercession I make, the destruction has been delayed.

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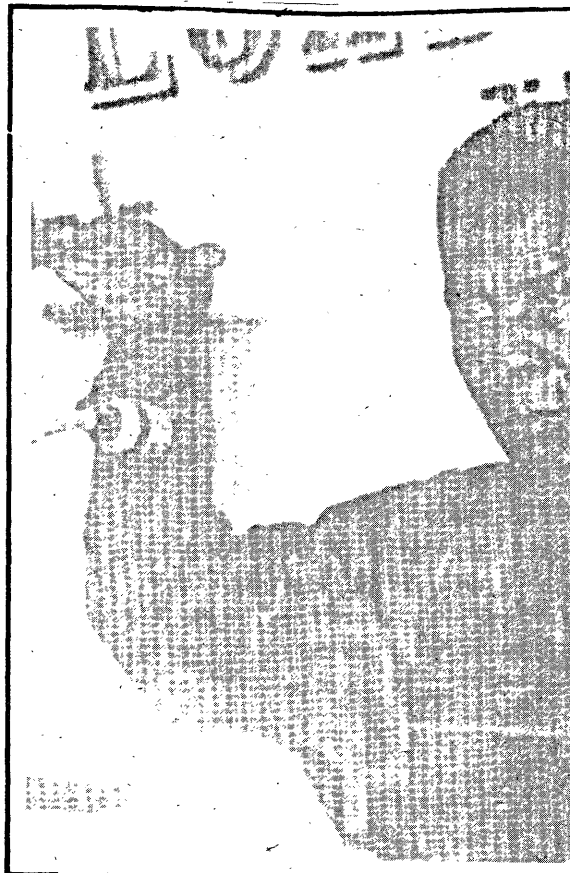
Do not plead with the governor, president or with any other person to come to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. Brotherhood is not such an institution you should beg people to come so that they may have children, money or any other thing. Every person should be left to himself. But for your good, seize this opportunity and work for your salvation by abstaining from quarelling and other sins.

Do not tell people that O. O. Obu is God, Jesus or Christ. Such claims are immaterial in what we are considering, but practise the gospel and wait on the Lord. Do not bother yourself opening a Bethel or going on ministry work, because Paul has said *"I keep under my body and bring it into subjection, lest by any means when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast away."* If you open a Bethel but you have not refrained from sins and for that reason, you do not enter God's Kingdom, what is your profit? On the day of reckoning, a brother will not know his brother, it will appear to you as in the dreamland or as in a magic theatre.

Where are those who have washed their garments clean and who will have the right to the tree of life and who may enter into the city through the gate? A local adage has it that a bird sings melodiously when it has not yet fallen into a snare. I plead with you to refrain from falsehood, theft, and backbiting, drinking, deceit and other vices but you pay deaf ears to these instructions which are given to

you from January to December.

The Word of God has been preached to you, everything has been explained to you. You have been, advised, rebuked, but you refuse to comply with the instructions. What then do you want me to do? The scripture warns, *"and there shall in no wise*

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enter in anything that defiles." Exasperation will not be admitted, deceit will not be admitted. Neither the fearful nor the doubtful will enter into that city. The drunk glutton, prostitute, necromancer, and the liar will not enter into the city except those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Never you compare Brotherhood with anything in the world because what Brotherhood has come to do does not concern the world. If you have many children, many houses, a lot of money and many other things but do not refrain from sin, and you perish with all your wealth, what is the benefit of all the wealth?

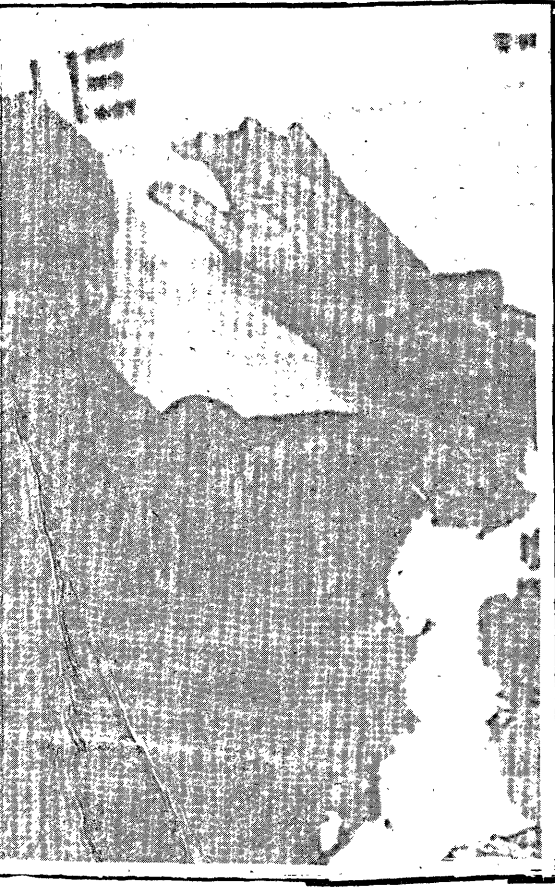
Remember the story of the rich man, and Lazarus. He was very rich, ate good and delicious food, dressed in rich purple and fine linen. But Lazarus, stricken with abject poverty, and with incurable ulcer, was laid at the gate of the rich man, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. After sometime, Lazarus died; not long after, the rich man also died. But Lazarus was taken to Abraham's bosom and the rich man was in hell fire.

He stood afar off in his place of torment and saw Abraham in the land beyond with Lazarus, sitting on his bosom. And cried, "Father have mercy on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue because I am tormented in the flame." Abraham reminded him that when he was in the world, he ate good food, lived in a good house and wore expensive clothes while Lazarus suffered in poverty and so deserved to be comforted.

Continuing, Abraham told the rich man that besides all that, be-

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tween them was a great gulf which made it impossible for people to cross from one side to the other. The man however pleaded that Abraham should send somebody to his father's house who could testify to his five brethren to repent lest they do also go into the place of torment.

Abraham promptly told him that there was Moses and other prophets to whom they should listen and be saved. But the rich man argued that if one go to them from the dead, they would repent. Abraham told him if they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though someone should be sent to them from the dead.

Is it not exactly the same situation you want to apply to yourself? I remain here from 1st January to 31st December every year, preaching the Word of God to you, lecturing and advising you, yet no person listens, no person repents and no person refrains. What then do you want to see? Can you now realise the pity I have for you all?

This is not the time to argue about the scriptures. It is not the time to seek for carnal things. It is the time to forsake sins and to repent. If Abraham had seen what you are seeing in this generation, he would have repented. If Isaac, Jacob, Moses or any of the patriarchs had been so privileged, they would not have failed to repent. It is said, "now are we sons of God but it is not yet revealed what we shall be, but when he shall appear, we shall see him as he is, and we shall be like him".

Right now, have you not seen the truth? Instead of you to have patience, humility, peace, mercy, goodness, meekness and joy, you continue to quarrel and fight even in

side this hall, in your houses, at the market places and along the road. You

continue to cause confusion as if you have never heard anything about the truth. I want you to ask yourself what really you are doing.

Thousands and millions of whites, blacks, coloured, short, tall and people of all description are coming into this one Kingdom. No name has been mentioned, but it is said, "blessed is he who has washed his garment clean that he may have right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city." YOUR BODY IS YOUR GARMENT, REFRAIN FROM FORNICATION, ANGER, DRINKS AND ALL VICES. YOU SHOULD NOT DEFILE THE BODY. WHEN YOU REFRAIN FROM ALL VICES, IT MEANS YOU HAVE WASHED YOUR GARMENT CLEAN.

What is the wisdom behind you spending your millions to build a magnificent place but you do not think it fit to build up yourself? BCS does not boast in money, large population, motor cars, television sets or recognition by the government of the prominent people of the world. But we do proclaim glory in being able to pass through the gates into the city.

The government of Nigeria claims that she recognises Islam, Catholicism and Protestantism as the only religions in Nigeria. We are not concerned with that. Many people try to arrange the church denominations in the chronological order. We are not interested in which denomination came first or last. Our interest is in washing our garments clean so that we may have right to the tree of life, and enter through the gates into the city.

You are now commissioned to preach to people on this topic. I am not interested in Bethels, healing homes, prayer houses or Pentecostal Centres but go and tell the governor to refrain from sin. Tell the chiefs, lawyers, and millionaires, that their achievements will not save them. Let everyone seize this opportunity and work for his salvation. No man

IF YOU DO NOT PRACTISE THE WORD OF GOD, YOU WILL NOT ENTER GOD'S KINGDOM. TODAY THE RECORDS OF THE DEEDS OF ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE WORLD WERE PLACED BEFORE ME, THE SINS THEY COMMIT FROM DAY TO DAY ARE CAREFULLY RECORDED AGAINST THEIR NAMES AND AT THE END, IT WAS SEEN THAT NO PERSON IS WORTHY. THAT IS WHY I NOW FEEL VERY WEAK. I BEGIN TO WONDER ABOUT THE PRETTY FACES ALL AROUND. WHO THEN SHALL INHERIT THAT CITY?

knows the day, or the month or year of God's judgment. It will come to many as a thief in the night. Refrain from sin so that you can have the right to the tree of life. Do not dispute the scriptures with any person. Simply advise him not to snuff again, that those who snuff will not enter.

That people should not drink again neither indulge in diabolism. Tell people not to litigate or fornicate. If any person questions you, tell him you are sent to deliver this message.

If you hope on having a right to the tree of life and to enter God's Kingdom through the gates, you have to wash your garment clean. Why the vegetarians do not eat meat but feed on fruits is not for them to have money or because of anything, but so that their garment may be made clean; that they may enter through the gate into the city. Why you find many people refraining from drinking and denouncing the things of this world such as marriage, is that they may be able to make their garments clean in order to have right to the tree of life and enter through the gate into the city.

Do not tell anybody to come to this Kingdom so that he may have a child, or that he may have money, or employment. There is no truth in such claims. You are rather taking the person back into the world. All those who advise people to come into Brotherhood for material gains have fallen away from the path of rectitude and have not seen this truth. Whosoever thinks that when he comes into Brotherhood, he will have money has strayed from the path completely, in fact the call has not yet been extended to him.

Your duty wherever you are now is to go from house to house, city to city, preaching that people should forsake sins. Do not tell anyone that Obu is God, or Spirit, or angels, or prophet; keep Obu aside and concentrate on what I have shown to you.

FIRST LESSON: REVELATION 22: 14

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

If you do not wash your garment clean but continue to drink, snuff and contend that when Our Lord Jesus Christ comes, He will change you, you will end up groping in darkness. The works of darkness have

great surprise to find you professing that you are Brotherhood but you love the things of this world, more than the things of God.

What are you looking for in the world? The world had already been judged. All good things are in this Kingdom. Life is in this kingdom, peace, glory and happiness are found in this Kingdom. But it is pathetic to find you seeking after the things of the world. Must it be construed that your names are not in the Lamb's book of life?

This gospel is delivered as a guide, protector, and a reminder to allow you identify your shortcomings, make amends and rise. I often hear people say, "the Father is not angry, he does not complain, do as you like because we have already entered". YOU HAVE NOT ENTERED, I HAVE NO BUSINESS WITH SIN. I HAVE NO BUSINESS WITH FALSEHOOD. I HAVE NO BUSINESS WITH THIS WORLD. MY BUSINESS IS TO LEAD YOU THROUGH THE GATE INTO THE CITY.

If you refrain from sin, it means you have received the wisdom of truth and you will not be angry, drink, or eat meat. You will no longer commit sins. Not that you will be beaten up if you sin, but you will remain unclean, unworthy and will not have any share in this Kingdom.

What you do now is not the Brotherhood that I teach. I had thought that I would take you into the city by force, even with your multitude of sins. But through the information I have received, I know if you are left with any iota of sin, it will be impossible for you to enter. It is for this reason that I have to sound this note of warning into your ears. I have been saying it before, that no sinner will enter into this Kingdom. If you are left with one sin, you have yourself to blame.

Abhor that which is evil but cleave to that which is good. Love that which is loved by God and hate that which is hated by Him. See only what God has seen and do not see what He has not seen. God has no business with sin. It is because of sin that punishment has come to the world. Everything in this world is going to be destroyed one by one. What man sows, that shall he reap. You have been told that this year, those who serve God will enjoy. They will receive their reward, have peace and prosperity. Whether you are in Europe, America, India, or wherever you are, once you keep the injunctions of God, you have equal right to receive the benefits. Whether you are a man or a woman, infant or adult, free or bond, once you wash your garment clean, and keep the commandments of God, you have right to all the blessings of God.

Right now, righteous persons are rewarded for their righteousness. Those who reverence God are rewarded accordingly. Likewise, all those who destroy the earth will be destroyed. As you go out to preach to

ended. You have been told that the world had already been judged; What you are told now is the final judgment.

Remember when Pilate posed questions to Our Lord Jesus Christ, He told him, "my kingdom is not of this world, if it were of this world, my people would have fought." It is a