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## When We Rise...

*What will it be like to rise and meet Christ at his return? Will we recognize others there?*

By Gregory Dullum

Jesus Christ *is coming* back to this earth! That fact is **ABSOLUTELY sure!**

Just before He was crucified and returned to the Father in heaven, Jesus told his disciples, “You have heard Me say to you, ‘I am going away and coming back to you’” (John 14:28).

As the disciples watched Jesus rise into heaven, angels told them, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11).

The return of Jesus is described in detail in Rev. 19:11-21.

### Where Will We Be?

If we are alive at the time of Christ’s return, where will we be and what will that momentous event be like *for us*?

Before things get *really bad* in this world, part of God’s church will flee their homes for a place of safety.

Jesus spoke of this time: “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those with nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight be not in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be” (Mat. 24:16-21).

To where will these people flee?

The Bible doesn’t name a specific spot. But it says there will be one!

Rev. 12:14 tells us: “But the woman (church) was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to **HER PLACE** [It does NOT say just *any old* place and it does NOT say *places* (plural) but it says *her*



illustration by Gregory Dullum

Will we need name tags to be recognized when we rise to meet Jesus Christ at his return?

*place*—one *specific place* prepared for her], where she is nourished for a time, times and half a time from the presence of the serpent.”

For 3-1/2 years before Christ returns, the group which He calls the Philadelphia church in Revelation 3 will be kept safe from the Great Tribulation.

Will all of God’s people be together in this one place of safety? No. Others will be elsewhere. Rev. 12:17 tells us that after one group is in the place of safety, “the dragon was enraged with the woman (church) and he went to make war with the *rest of her offspring*, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” Not everyone in the Church of God will be in the place of safety!

Where will the others be when Christ returns?

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send

His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other” (Mat. 24:29-31).

The elect—the margin says “the chosen” (chosen by God)—will be gathered from the four winds. This heaven is the SKY (it has the four winds), not God’s throne. These elect will be gathered from *all over* the EARTH—*NOT just from the place of safety*.

In addition to the faithful who are still alive but who are scattered over the earth, some (if not most) of these elect will be the faithful who died through the ages and will be brought back to life at Christ’s return.

### Dead Will Rise from All Over

“But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus” (1 Thes. 4:13-14).

What is meant by the statement, “Jesus... will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus?” Are there people who died and are now living in heaven? No.

Notice what happens when we die: Eccles. 12:7 tells us, “Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.” Our bodies decay back into the dust from which they were made. Our memories, personalities and character are preserved in our spirit, like a recording on a DVD, and return to God in heaven. The essence of who we are is saved in heaven but it has no life or consciousness until it is placed back into a body, just as DVD has no picture or sound until

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placed in a player (Eccles. 9:5, 10).

What will happen to the spirits of those who died in the faith? At Christ's return, they will be brought to earth and placed in new bodies—and they will live again!

"For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord" (1 Thes. 4:15-17).

When Jesus Christ returns to this earth, God will send back to earth the spirits of those who have died in Christ. These spirits will NOT be put back into their old bodies. Most of those bodies will have decayed into dust. Into what bodies will these spirits be placed?

### New Bodies for Everyone

"Someone will say, 'How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?' Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other grain. But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body...

"There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body....

"The first man [Adam] was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man [Christ] is the Lord from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so are those who are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

"Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (1 Cor. 15:35-38, 41-44, 47-49, 51-52).

We will ALL have *new bodies!* We won't look like we do now! We will resemble the

glorified Christ, whose appearance is described in Rev. 1:13-17.

If we all have new spiritual bodies, how will we recognize each other?

The Bible gives us a clue. Jesus gave three of his disciples a foretaste of the resurrection at his transfiguration.

"Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, brought them up on a high mountain by themselves, and was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles; one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah' " (Mat. 17:1-4).

How did Peter, James and John recognize Moses and Elijah? They didn't have photos to go by. The Bible doesn't say Christ introduced them. Were they wearing name tags? Probably not. Most likely, the disciples picked up clues about their identity by WHAT they said and HOW THEY SAID IT.

When we answer a phone and the caller doesn't say who it is, we usually can figure it out, can't we? How do you know who it is when we can't see the caller?

My Mom died in the faith 24 years ago at age 65. Will she look like I remember her? Will she spend eternity looking 65 years old and cancer-ridden? Or will she look young and beautiful as she did in her wedding picture, taken years before I was born? How will I find her in the crowd?

### Recognizing Each Other

Here are two ways to identify each other when we're spirit beings. Neither one requires name tags.

The first is the same way Peter, James and John identified Moses and Elijah at the transfiguration; the same way we recognize people on the phone. What we say and how we say it will reveal who we are. Our character, personality, memories and mannerisms—recorded into our spirit like a DVD—will reveal who we are no matter what we look like. God looks on the heart, not on outward appearance (1 Sam. 16:7). As spirit-born sons of God, we, too, will have the ability to look on the heart.

Secondly, as spirit beings, we will be able to make ourselves appear in various ways. For example, Jesus, after He was raised from the dead, was unrecognizable to some. One of his closest followers, Mary Magdalene, mistook Him for a gardener at the tomb until He said to her, "Mary" (John 20:14-16).

Later, Jesus was easily recognized by his disciples as he showed them nail holes in his hands and feet and a spear

hole in his side (vv. 19-20). Thomas put his finger in the nail holes and his hand in the spear hole (vv. 27-29).

Do you think Jesus is stuck with that disfigurement for the rest of eternity? No. He was made perfect at his resurrection. He just appeared differently to different people at different times. As spirit beings, we should be able to make ourselves appear to others in a form they will recognize. This is especially important when dealing with those who are still human, those who live into the Millennium.

### Rejoicing Together

It will be great to see everyone in God's kingdom. It will be like meeting old friends at the Feast of Tabernacles. This includes people who will live with us until Christ returns, as well as all who have died in the faith. It includes those we knew and those we only read about in the Bible.

What a wonderful family reunion we will have! The Bible calls this the marriage supper of the Lamb! "And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of might thunderings, saying, 'Allelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his wife [the church] has made herself ready.' And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints" (Rev. 19:6-8). There is mention of fine linen garments but no mention of name tags.

Is this REALLY going to happen? Notice verse 9: "Then he said to me, 'Write: "Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!" ' And he said to me, 'These are the true sayings of God.' "

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# The Plague of Porn

*What is pornography? How long has it been around? How common is it in today's society?*

By Gregory Dullum

Sex sells. And in Satan's perverted world, pornography has become big business. It's an old business—almost as old as Adam and Eve—but it has changed with the times. As new technology came along, it quickly latched onto it.

Society does little to control or abolish pornography, other than weak attempts to keep it away from minors.

## Defining Pornography

One reason society has a hard time regulating pornography is because it has a hard time defining it. Tastes vary with individuals, and what one person calls pornography another person calls "art" or "free speech."

The *American Heritage Dictionary* (1992) defines pornography as "Pictures, writing, or other material that is sexually explicit and sometimes equates sex with power and violence."

The online encyclopedia, Wikipedia, defines it as "the depiction of explicit sexual matter for the purpose of sexually exciting the viewer. Pornography makes no claim to artistic merit, unlike erotica, which does."

The key to defining pornography is that it is sexually explicit material created with the intent and purpose of *sexually exciting* the viewer.

## History of Pornography

"The depiction of sexual acts is as old as civilization (and can be found painted on various ancient buildings), but the concept of pornography as understood today did not exist until the Victorian era.... When large scale excavations of Pompeii were undertaken in the 1860s, much of the erotic art of the Romans came to light, shocking the Victorians who saw themselves as intellectual heirs of the Roman Empire. They did not know what to do with the frank depictions of sexuality, and endeavored to hide them away from everyone but upper class scholars..."

"Mass-distributed pornography is as old as the printing press. Almost as soon as photography was invented, it was being used to produce pornographic images" ("Pornography," Wikipedia).

## Print, Video Porn Big Business

Today, pornography is big business: "there is no denying that sex sells. Revenues are difficult to peg precisely, but most estimates are in the range of \$8 bil-

lion to \$10 billion annually for the entire U.S. sex industry, a major part of which is media content. About 8,000 adult movie titles a year are released. Pay-per-view adult movies on satellite and cable television generate almost \$600 million in revenue a year" (*The Media of Mass Communications* by John Vivian, 2006, p. 328).

## Porn on Internet, in E-Mail

Once the Internet came along, porn began using that medium.

"No one is certain how much cyber-pornography is out there. Although a lot of web traffic is to porn sites, Vanderbilt University business professors Donna Hoffman and Thomas Novak estimate that only one half of one percent of the files on the Internet could be described as pornographic. How often kids visit those sites is impossible to measure...."

"Bill Duvall of Los Altos California, who created SurfWatch, hires college students to monitor cyberspace for sexual explicitness and updates SurfWatch regularly. He identifies five to 10 new smut sites a day" (Vivian, pp. 236-237).

What once required a potentially embarrassing visit to a "porn shop" in a sleazy neighborhood can now be viewed on a computer screen in the privacy of one's own bedroom or—as many businesses in Australia learned a couple years ago—on one's computer at work.

TheAge.com-au reported on Sept. 13, 2007, "Sex is pandemic on office computers and is costing the country dearly on lost productivity, say business analysts."

"Surveys suggest that in Australia 70 percent of traffic to internet pornography sites occurs in standard business hours. At the same time, the torrent of sex-related spam that swamps email inboxes continues to rise."

"Clearswift, a British email monitoring service, has reported a 350 per cent increase in porn emails since June...."

In the U.S., there have been a few efforts to prevent unsolicited e-mails, or "spam," particularly those with an explicitly sexual nature. In 2003, Sens. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., and Ron Wyden, D-Ore., introduced Senate Bill 877, the CAN-SPAM Act.

A Sept. 3, 2003 Religionlink press release stated, "Pornographic spam seems unstoppable, even as legions of legislators and computer experts try...."

"People from a wide swath of faiths and denominations have joined the battle for

state and national legislation targeting unwanted and unsolicited email" (p. 1).

Unsolicited pornographic spam can be a real problem unless your Internet service provider has a great spam filter that blocks spam from getting to your electronic mailbox.

## Now on Cell Phones

Pornography, which is easily accessible on the Internet, is now threatening to become a problem on cell phones.

"Now, porn is showing up on mobile phones and it's relentlessly wearing down the wireless carrier's bandwidth."

"In Japan, where third-generation wireless networks are more pervasive than in the U.S., buffet-style wireless internet (all you can eat) is causing demand for porn to surge...."

"Japanese carriers... now say that while the porn frenzy does bring in profits, their networks are under so much strain that they are kicking around the idea of putting limits on how much bandwidth heavy users can actually have."

"It's a problem U.S. carriers could soon face. Unlike other sectors of the adult entertainment industry, Juniper Research estimates that global revenues for handheld hotties could reach \$4.9 billion by 2013, up about 75 percent from about \$2.8 billion in 2008. This is in stark contrast to both traditional online delivery and DVD porn, where sales have recently been falling" ("Porn hits wireless, but where are the profits?" by Tom Johansmeyer, *Daily Finance*, online edition, July 7, 2009).

Apple's iPhone had a soft-core pornographic application called "Hottest Girls" available for a short time before it was pulled by Apple. The company issued the following statement: "Apple will not distribute applications that contain inappropriate content. The developer of this application added inappropriate content directly from their server after the application had been approved and distributed.... This was a direct violation of the terms of the iPhone Developer Program" ("Apple confirms it banned iPhone porn app" by Jim Dalrymple, CNET News, online edition, June 26, 2009).

## Effect on Society?

Does all this pornography have a negative effect on society and on individuals? What does the Bible say about porn? We'll examine these questions next month.

# College Letters

## Lessons of Life Learned at Ambassador College

*It feels good to help others. Prayers are not in vain. Follow through on your commitments.*

[Editor's Note: On Feb. 17, 1975, I typed a letter home in the form of an eight-page newsmagazine (8-1/2"x11" paper folded in half). The front cover had taped to it a full-color student photo of myself. There was a red border around the page (*a la Time* magazine) and in Old English lettering across the top the name of the magazine: *This Week*.]

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### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Mom and Brad,

Most editors need a little column like this to express their personal feelings. But not me. I take the whole issue. After all, it's my magazine!

I hope you enjoy it cuz it sure took a long time to make, and I am too busy to take time to make it, but will anyhow, cuz you haven't heard from me for so long. Love, Greg (signed) Greg.

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### ABOUT OUR COVER

The picture on the cover, as well as the one beside this printing will come off easily, I hope. The big one is Mom's and

the little one is Brad's. I really only wanted a picture of just the editor, but the rest of the staff would not hear of it. So it had to be a group photo.

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### BROKEN SILENCE

by GREG DULLUM

After 37 days of complete silence, that crazy girl of the telephone line, the one with a telephone glued to her ear, the Mystery Girl, called once again.

And it was ironic. She could not have chosen a better day to call if she had tried. She called the day after we set her free; the same day I wrote home last!

At approximately 8 p.m., the phone rang, and I answered it. "Is Grant there?" a girl asked.

"Grat?"

"Grant?" she repeated.

"I don't think so, but wait a minute and I'll check the bedroom.... No, he's not here."

"Is this Greg?"

"Yes."

"This is MG."

I was astonished! "You're kidding!" I cried into the phone.

"Didn't you recognize me?" she asked me.

"Well, it's been so long," I replied.

She is having a very serious problem, but would not tell me what it was. What she really wanted was a sermonette from Grant. But she was glad to talk to me.

I told her about how Grant nearly had to leave college. It was a shock to her.

She said she has a big decision to make. She couldn't tell me about it but solicited our prayers.

She asked me about Grant. "Does he have a girl?"

"Yes."

"Are they serious?"

"Yes."

"Is it mutual?"

"Yes."

"I'm glad. I'm glad he's got a girl."

I told her how ironic it was that she chose that particular night to call, after setting her free the night before. I told her all about our conversation between Santana and me, & how it helped us, etc. It was very encouraging for MG to hear from me. I was so glad I could encourage her.

We talked for two hours that Wednes-

day, Feb. 5.

A week later, she called at 6:45, and we talked for

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2-1/4 hours. She seemed to be much happier this time; her problem had gotten better. It was good to know that our prayers were not in vain. But she said things were expected to get worse before they go away.

She said it was such a switch from when she called last year. At that time, Santana had a girl, and Grant did not. Now it is the opposite.

She went into more detail about her problem, but I am not at liberty to tell you.

At 8:30 I was interrupted by a phone call on the other phone on my floor. That was the dream I have been hoping for... to be talking on one phone and get a call on the other. It is a symbol of popularity. (See story this page.)

I talked to MG on the following Thursday too. Grant had told her about the tape we had recorded, and she wanted to know what was on it. So I told her. We talked mostly on light things, not on deep and heavy subjects as the previous times.

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### BECOMING AN ECONOMICS GENIUS

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, I was talking on the phone when Dianne Spencer called me on the other phone. She said she had a speech due the next day on the economy, and she knew nothing about economics. And she asked if I knew anything, and if I would help her.

Well, I said I had some *Newsweeks*, and I could use those and help her, but I was busy right then—I was on the phone.

She asked when I would be able to help her, and I said probably at 9. She said okay.

I have been having a terrible headache. And it started at noon that Wed.

Anyway, when MG and I hung up, I gave Dianne a ring (on the telephone) and said I would be right over to pick her up.

We went to the Student Center and worked on her speech for about an hour.

She hadn't finished, but she decided she had all the material she needed, and said I had been a real help so I walked her back to the dorm, and she worked on it some more.

I talked to her the next day, and she had

done fairly well on her speech. I was glad.

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(Photo of Student Center)

**SHE AIN'T MY BABY YET!**

No word has come as to whether or not I will get the janitorial job at the student center. But last night I noticed a couple of guys cleaning that I hadn't noticed cleaning before. So they may have already hired all they needed.

Those working were international students who have to work on campus by visa requirement. So they may have gotten the job instead of me. Perhaps another reason is that I don't need as much money as they do. Who knows?

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**GRANT GRANTED HIS WISH**

Grant has got a girl... namely Jenny Gehr.

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**SATURDAY NIGHT'S ALL RIGHT!**

Last Saturday night, Feb. 15, I was invited by Grant to play cards with him and Jenny and Jenny's girlfriend who always hangs around, Colleen Kesecker.

We picked them up at their respective dorms and went to the Ranch (El Rancho) for some swill (junk to eat). We got some pop and corn curls.

Then we went to 3rd floor lounge of Grove Terrace and played by the fire.

Colleen and I lost the game of Cribbage because we didn't get to play our last hand.

Then we played a game new to me, Hearts. Needless to say, I lost that, cuz I could not stay away from the old maid of spades. I got stuck with her four times.

At midnight I left for the dorm.

The week before, on Feb. 8, Santana and I and four girls went and saw *Gone With the Wind*. I loved the movie, but it was so different than I thought it would be. I came out feeling very emotional. This Saturday night is a sock hop in the gym.

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**GIRLS IN THE NEWS!!!!**

I think I've gotten hooked on Sabbath dating now. On Feb. 8, after brunch, I met Mary Hamilton, and we joined in Sabbath singing. Then we went back to our dorms. And we happened to meet in the auditorium right before services. So I asked her to sit with Steve and me. And we ate together too.

Last Sabbath, Feb. 15, I Sabbath sung with one of the girls that went with Santana and me to the movie the week before... Maya. She left after singing, so I got myself joined up with Pat Backfisch's little sister, Marie. She reminds me so much of [my cousin's wife] Donna, without Jerry. We watched the telecast, and then just

walked around campus and talked.

Last night, I got a phone call, and Pat and her sister asked if I would escort them home from work. I said sure. So Steve and I walked up Colorado (that dumpy street) to the restaurant where they work. It was a long walk in the cold wind. I wore my winter jacket.

Sophomore Ball is coming Mar. 16 and I do not know who to ask.

[Editor's Note: I did not know it at the time but when I met Marie Backfisch, I met the girl I would later marry.]

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**GETTING IN THE PUBLIC EYE...**

**KAC FORUM**

KAC will be putting on a forum before the entire student body, and I am co-chairman of the news chairmen part of it.

**PORTFOLIO**

I am now working on a top secret article for the *Portfolio*. Mr. Les Stocker, head of Public Relations, and myself are working on it. We interviewed Dr. Germano, dean of students, Friday. You will hear more about it after it is published. Until then, it is confidential.

**WORLDWIDE NEWS**

Because of my interest in journalism, Mr. Stocker said I may be able to write some articles for him in the *WWNews*, and one may be on the Blind Dept.!

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**TRIPPING SPRING BREAK?**

Santana and I are in the mood to travel again as last night we got out the old atlas and began looking at paths across the U.S.

We're hoping we can find someone with a car who wants to drive across the U.S.

If not, we'll fly to San Francisco for the campaign.

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(Photo of a flight attendant helping a passenger.)

**FLYING**

Latest sources have it that Santana and I would like to fly to San Francisco if we go there for the campaign spring break.

**COME FLY WITH ME**

I am working on a special show for KAC where I will take all listeners on an airline flight. I have already done a lot of pre-recording. So I now have all the sound effects I need on a cassette. I will be playing flying music too. Dianne Spencer is my stewardess. It sounds really cool.

I was originally going to play it this Wednesday, but there will be no school, because of a snowline party for the whole

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**Fun Fact**



Drawing and Fun Fact are courtesy of NAPS

The world's largest crater is Coon Butte or Barringer Crater near Winslow, Ariz. It is about 575 ft. deep.

**Witerature**

*Wit and wisdom to complement the truths of the Holy Bible can be found in secular writings.*

*First on the Moon* by Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins, Edwin Aldrin, Jr., Gene Farmer and Dora Hamblin, 1970, Little, Brown & Co. p. 419.

**A Pat on the Back**

"Clancey Hartleberg had to stay in the water for another two hours, waiting for the spacecraft itself to be recovered by another helicopter, but as soon as he saw the last astronaut enter the door of Recovery One he felt as if somebody had taken a hundred pounds of pressure off his head. Back on board *Hornet*, he reported to a NASA quarantine official named John Stonesifer. Satisfied that there had been no breakdown in quarantine procedure, Stonesifer shook Hartleberg's hand. 'Good job, Clancey,' he said. Hartleberg said, 'That was what I was waiting for. All the time, out there in the water, I was wondering if I was doing a good job. I didn't realize how much pressure there had been until it was gone.'"

**Prov. 25:11, 25, 27:2, Mat. 25:23**

**Quotable Quote**

"The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed."  
—Lloyd Jones

**Memory Scripture**

"Faith Chapter."

—Hebrews 11

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school. So it has to be rescheduled for next week.

### AIRPORT

I did it. I succeeded in missing the movie *Airport* [one of my favorite movies, because it was filmed in the Minneapolis airport and because I loved flying] the second time it was on TV!

They showed the Marx Bros. movie, *Horsefeathers* on Sat. and Sunday night. Grant ran the projector on Sat. night, but didn't want to go on Sunday. He asked if I would, and I said yes.

It was only after Grant trained me how, that I found out *Airport* was on TV that night. And I didn't think I should back out. I got to see the first 1/2 hour and the last 1/2 hour [of *Airport*].

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### FORTY-TWO INCHES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I WANT TO GO TO THE SNOWLINE PARTY. I HATE SNOW!!!!!!!!!!!!

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[The following handwritten message appears on this blank page:] This page was saved for ads, but who would advertise on this page?

So let me say a couple of things I forgot to mention inside. I am so smiling!!! Look at the corners of my mouth. My mustache just makes it look like a frown.

In the article [on] p. 4, I bring up the subject of a headache but never completed it. The headache went away while helping Dianne.

I had it on Thursday and a little on Friday. But it's mostly over now.

Weather has been [rainy] off and on, but better than snow. I really don't think I'm gonna go on that snowline party. I think I'll go to the public library all day and work on my English theme (term paper).

Oh yeah—could you maybe mail my sunglasses—clip-ons—out here, and maybe my cowboy hat? I'm pretty sure I'll need my sunglasses during the break—but will only need my cowboy hat if we plan a long trip. I'll wait for more definite plans.

But could you send out my glasses—in a small package so they won't break. (They're in the glove compartment.) Thanx.

Love,

Greg

P.S. Farrell's finally wrote! I can have my old job back!—They said. ALL RIGHT!

See you in the summer... May 19.



## Pair of Quakes Shake Tokyo, Indian Ocean

“A powerful earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.6 hit Tokyo and nearby areas early today [Aug. 11], halting trains and forcing two nuclear reactors to be shut down for safety checks.

“The U.S. Geological Survey said another, unrelated quake with a 7.8 magnitude hit the Indian Ocean about 160 miles north of Port Blair in India’s Andaman Islands” (“Pair of quakes shake Tokyo, Indian Ocean,” by Mari Yamahuchi, *The Associated Press, Southeast Missourian*, Aug. 11, 2009, p. 9A).

Japan’s quake “rattled furniture and walls, and broke show windows and ceramic roof tiles on older homes. But there have been no immediate reports of serious damages or casualties” (ibid.).

Jesus said “earthquakes in various places” would be one of the signs leading up to his return (Mat. 24:3, 7).

## Czech Leader Questions Path Europe Is Taking

“When the European Union and Russia held their most recent summit meeting in May, the Czech president, Vaclav Klaus, stunned European diplomats when he passed out copies of his book denouncing the fight against global warming—a central policy of the 27-nation bloc he was supposed to lead” (“Check Leader Questions Path for Europe” by Dan Bilefsky and Stephen Castle, *The New York Times*, nytimes.com, Aug. 4, 2009, p. 1).

This is stunning on two levels. First, it shows that the president of the European Union realizes that man-made global warming is a hoax used by communists, socialists and others on the political left to bring down capitalism by damaging and destroying the economies of the Western world. He has published a book denouncing global warming at a time when the liberal left leadership in the U.S. is embracing the hoax to the detriment of the U.S. economy.

Secondly, it reveals the makeup of the European Union to be like that of an end-time 10-nation union prophesied in

the book of Daniel.

The last of man’s world-ruling governments, which will be smashed at Christ’s coming, is a union of “10 kings” pictured by 10 toes on a great statue. But they won’t adhere together very well.

“Whereas you saw the feet and the toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay. And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay” (Dan. 2:41-43).

The presidency of the European Union rotates every six months. Even after his six-month reign, Klaus has epitomized Europe’s inability to adhere one to another.

“Even after the Czechs ceded the presidency to Sweden at the end of June, Mr. Klaus remains a potent symbol of the difficulties of acting collectively in a union divided between leaders who favor greater integration, and those like Mr. Klaus who cling to national sovereignty.

“Soon Mr. Klaus may have the opportunity for the ultimate act of sabotage. In a few months he will be asked to sign the Lisbon Treaty, which aims to enhance the bloc’s role on the world stage by creating, among other things, a permanent European presidency. The treaty has finally approached ratification after years of setbacks, but Mr. Klaus, one of its fiercest critics, has warned that it will create a centralized ‘superstate.’

“In order to be ratified, the treaty must be signed by all 27 nations, including Ireland, which rejected it in a referendum last summer and will vote again in October. Should the Irish vote ‘yes,’ as they are expected to do after receiving generous concessions, Mr. Klaus could prove to be the last holdout, and bring the post-war project of European integration tumbling down” (ibid, pp. 1-2).

Watch the vote in October on the Lisbon Treaty. We may see a European beast power rise before our very eyes.