

## What is TRUTH?

There are a variety of teachings in the Churches of God now on what the TRUTH entails. Although most of the Churches and their members profess they are holding fast to the truth, each group adheres to a different variety of the doctrines that were taught by Herbert W Armstrong. The landscape of the Churches of God has become confusing, especially on the matter of which doctrines are to be considered TRUTH. So what is TRUTH?

Some of the groups that splintered from the Worldwide Church of God believe that Mr. Armstrong restored 18 foundational truths, and thus all of his other teachings are technically not considered doctrine. This kind of thinking opens the door to be able to modify, alter or discard any of his other teachings. But is this correct? Yet, others believe that every teaching that Mr. Armstrong restored was doctrine. And what about the prophetic revelations that Mr. Armstrong claimed were revealed to the Church by Jesus Christ through him? Are those to be regarded as TRUTH or are those also subject to change?

The concept of what is doctrinal TRUTH will be made clear in this document. And all of the true doctrines that were restored during the Philadelphia era of the Church will become apparent once this is done. You are about to hear the words of the apostle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century who spent 53 years of his life restoring the TRUTH to God's Church. Of course, it is understood that it was Christ who restored the TRUTH through him to the Church.

### 18 Foundational Truths Plus 2

On December 17, 1983, Mr. Armstrong gave a very interesting sermon. In it, he declared that Christ had restored 18 foundational truths to the Church through him. The title that has been given to the message he gave is "Mission of the Philadelphia Church". The following is the list of the 18 foundation doctrines from this sermon:

1. The true gospel.
2. The purpose that God is working out on the earth – reproducing Himself.
3. The holy days - outline God's plan of salvation.
4. The government of God - restored to the Church.
5. What God is - God is a family.
6. The purpose for man – to be born in the God family.
7. The spirit in man.
8. The firstfruits – the Church.
9. The knowledge of the millennium and its purpose.
10. The holy spirit.
11. We are begotten now but not yet born.
12. We are born again at the resurrection.

13. The identity of Israel.
14. The understanding of prophecy.
15. Second and third tithe.
16. The identity of Babylon the Great and her daughters.
17. Satan has deceived the whole world.
18. We are called out of this world to be separate.

These are the 18 foundational truths that Mr. Armstrong mentioned in his sermon. But he would go on to add an additional 2 foundational doctrines. The first one was added on January 21, 1984 in a Bible Study that was given the title “The Spiritual Law vs. Rituals”. In this sermon, Mr. Armstrong added the truth of “Placing the Proper Emphasis on God the Father”. And the second additional foundational doctrine was added on a sermon titled “Unity” that was given on February 4, 1984. The foundation of truth that was added was the “Name of the Church – The Church of God”. But are these the only truths that were restored to the Church by Jesus Christ through the apostle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century? Are these the only truths that one needs to adhere to?

### **Truth Defined**

In John 18:37-38, Pontius Pilate asked Jesus Christ the question, “What is truth?” So what is truth? Which doctrines are to be considered truth? And is there a Biblical definition of truth?

Jesus Christ prayed for the Church right before His crucifixion, John 17:1-19. In this prayer, a most important concept was defined, the meaning of the truth. In this heartfelt prayer, He asked God the Father that the members of Church would be sanctified by the truth. And then He said, “**thy word is truth**”. And herein lies the definition of truth. It is the word of God.

Therefore, since the Bible is the written word of God, the TRUTH is any doctrinal teaching that has its origins or root in the Bible. Mr. Armstrong understood this concept well and was plain on this fact as you will soon come to see:

“And since the Bible is God's Word and it is distinctly written: ‘thy word is truth’ (John 17:17). So that **the words of the Bible are truth**, then **it requires the Holy Spirit**, the very spirit that comes from God to open up the human mind to this marvelous revelation of God. And so the Holy Spirit within the human mind is the key which alone can unlock the doors to scriptural understanding.”

World Tomorrow Broadcast, “Sound Doctrine”, Herbert W Armstrong

“None of the great minds — the most highly educated — the leaders — even the religious leaders — can understand it (I Cor. 2:8-9), but, verse 10, **God reveals spiritual truths of the Bible BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT**, given only to those who DO keep his Commandments!”

Plain Truth Subscriber Letter, Herbert W Armstrong, October 20, 1982

“We of God’s true Church do keep God’s commandments. But the churches of this world say the commandments were done away. Therefore their eyes, even though they do not realize it, are blinded to **the truth as revealed in the Bible.** That is why the churches of ‘traditional Christianity’ do not and cannot understand the Bible.”

*Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong - Volume II, Herbert W Armstrong*

“If one begins reading the Bible continuously from beginning to end, one becomes bewildered. The Bible simply cannot be read like any other book. It is a mystery because it is a coded book. It is like a jigsaw puzzle, with perhaps thousands of various pieces of different forms and shapes that can be fitted together in only one precise pattern. **The truths of the Bible are revealed here a little, there a little, scattered from beginning to end,** and revealed only through the Holy Spirit within those surrendered and yielded to God, willing to have confessed error and wrong doing, and yielding to BELIEVE Christ the Word of God. Jesus was the Word in Person. The Bible is the same Word in print.”

*Mystery of the Ages, Herbert W Armstrong, Page 5*

“... Just as God taught the first century original Apostles through Jesus the Personal Word of God, even so **He taught me the SAME TRUTHS AND DOCTRINES through the WRITTEN Word of God, the Holy Bible!** If I teach not accurately according to this inspired WORD OF GOD, write to me and show me, and on proof I will correct it for the WHOLE CHURCH!”

Co-worker Letter, Herbert W Armstrong, September 13, 1980

“It is only by the receiving of God's HOLY SPIRIT, to unite with the human mind, that a man may comprehend SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE. **Only by the receiving and indwelling of the Holy Spirit are the real TRUTHS of the BIBLE comprehended** by the human mind.”

*Good News Magazine, “Personal”, Herbert W Armstrong, June-July 1981*

**Comment:** The Truth encompasses every teaching that comes from the Bible. And the holy spirit of God is required to understand these truths.

### **Additional Truths**

Mr. Armstrong understood that any teaching that comes from the Bible is truth. So are there any additional truths, on top of the 20 foundational doctrines, that were revealed to the Church in the 20<sup>th</sup> century by Jesus Christ?

The following references and quotes from the archives of the Worldwide Church of God will confirm that the Church once believed, as did Mr. Armstrong, that all of the doctrines that originate from the Bible are truth. In other words, any and all Biblical teaching is to be considered truth:

“If God's Spirit is actually leading *you*, *you* will begin to feel a sense of purpose in your life, perhaps for the first time. *You* will develop an inner sense of urgency about the times we live in, an excitement over the truth *you are* coming to understand and an expectation about what is ahead. And yet, *you* will

feel an inner peace and calm unlike any other *you* have ever known. This is the ‘peace of God, which surpasses all understanding’ (Phil. 4:7), which God's Spirit offers.

“*You* will come to understand **God's true doctrines**, realizing that they *are* far different from what *you* have probably been taught or heard all your life. **The truths** about **heaven and hell**, about **the doctrine of the immortal soul**, about **holidays such as Christmas and Easter**, about **God's Sabbath**, will surprise and move *you*.

*Good News Magazine*, “Are You Being Called by God?”, August 1983

“**Learning God's TRUTH did not come easy**. The living **Christ had to teach me, through His written Word**, a doctrine at a time, and then unscramble them, and, like a jigsaw puzzle, let Him lead me in putting them all together in SEQUENCE. Thus He gave UNDERSTANDING of **GOD'S PURPOSE, GOD'S MASTER PLAN**, the **prehistory of God's dealing with the angels on earth, God's dealing with MAN from Adam to NOW! UNDERSTANDING of the CAUSES of today's world evils**, of how and **WHY God allowed the churches of traditional "Christianity" to be deceived by Satan** the devil.

“**Jesus Christ used me to receive all the wonderful TRUTH**, at the cost of GREAT EFFORT, suffering the persecutions of Satan as probably, no other man in our time. He did this so that through me He could GIVE YOU all this tremendous gold mine of TRUTH already dug out for you — handed to you, so to speak, on a platter.”

*The Worldwide News*, “This is the Story Of You, Me And Those Called Into God’s Church”, Herbert W Armstrong, November 12, 1979

“**These liberals wanted complete freedom in the Church for divorce and remarriage** at will. Other questions raised by the liberals were **complete freedom for any type marriage, some more and some less freedom from tithing, doing away with or modifying Church teachings on healing** by direct prayer as in James 5:14 **complete freedom for women in facial makeup**, and even **the approval of celebrating birthdays (never approved in the Bible)** and **even of voting in elections as part of the world**.

“On the Pasadena campus more and more friction developed between the liberals and those loyal ministers and members who held to **the biblical truths God had placed in His Church**. It was a sort of cold war of nerves.”

*The Worldwide News*, “Recent History of the Philadelphia Era of the Worldwide Church of God”, Herbert W Armstrong, June 24, 1985

**Comment:** In every one of these quotes, the word truth is included. This is because Mr. Armstrong understood that all of the additional truths just mentioned are rooted in Bible. And this is because all teachings that come from the word of God are truth. The following is a list of the truths that were just referenced that were also restored to the Church in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In addition, next to each truth is material

that can be referenced from the Worldwide Church of God that proves these doctrines are grounded in the Bible and are therefore Biblical. The articles and references are recommended reading for those who would like further proof of this. Please note that this is not a complete list of all the additional truths that were restored to the Church during the Philadelphia era:

1. Heaven and Hell.  
*Is There a Real Hell Fire?*, Booklet
2. The Immortal Soul.  
*Do You Have an Immortal Soul?*, Booklet
3. Pagan Holidays such as Christmas and Easter.  
*Pagan Holidays or Gods Holy Days – Which?*, Booklet
4. Divorce and Remarriage.  
*Marriage and Divorce*, Booklet
5. Healing.  
*The Plain Truth About Healing*, Booklet
6. Facial Makeup.  
*Truth About Make-up*, Booklet
7. Birthday Celebrations.  
*Good News Magazine*, “Should Christians Celebrate Birthdays?”, Article, May 1980
8. Voting in Elections.  
*Good News Magazine*, “How would Jesus Vote for President?”, Article, October 1984

### **Are Prophetic Revelations TRUTH?**

During the 20<sup>th</sup> century, a vast amount of prophecy was revealed to the Church by Jesus Christ through Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong stated numerous times that the book of Revelation and the book of Daniel were unsealed to the Church. The identity of modern nations of Israel was revealed, which is the key of David that is mentioned in Revelation 3:7. The two Beasts of Revelation chapter 13 and 17 were synchronized. And many more prophecies were laid out in great detail.

Mr. Armstrong has been quoted as saying that prophecy encompasses 1/3 of the Bible. This may seem a little redundant now and the answer may already be obvious but the question has to be asked. Are prophetic revelations considered truth? Since we have already learned that the word of God is truth, and Mr. Armstrong included the understanding of prophecy as a foundational truth that was revealed to the Church, the answer

should be evident. The following are just a few examples that this was also taught in the Worldwide Church of God:

“MYSTERY Book of all the books! If the Bible as a whole is the Book that NOBODY understands (except the very ‘elect’), certainly the **REVELATION is the one Book IN the Bible least understood of all!**

**“Yet this Book is the very KEY to understanding of all the prophecies!**

“CAN it, then, be understood? It can, if you have the key to this Book, itself.

“We give you, here, this KEY. This is not intended to be an exposition of the *Revelation* — merely a brief outline to give you the KEY which will unlock its true meaning for YOU.

“It's interesting — thrilling — vital. But to really grasp the **fascinating TRUTH** you'll have to STUDY this, carefully, reading every text quoted, as well as the entire Book, in your own Bible.”

*The Key to the Book of Revelation*, Booklet, Herbert W Armstrong, Introduction

“AND CONSIDER THIS! **About one third of all the Bible is devoted to prophecies** — about **90 percent of them foretelling world events of our time now** — last half of the 20th century. Yet even theologians have not understood these prophecies — which tell us what now lies immediately ahead *in* world events that will involve YOU *and* all the rest of us. The KEY that unlocks these earth-shaking prophecies involving the United States *and Britain* — had been lost! The definite identity of the United States *and Britain* in the prophecies is that KEY. **That KEY has been found. It is revealed in this book — possibly the most astounding truth** in the Holy Scriptures!”

*The United States And Great Britain in Prophecy*, Book, Herbert W Armstrong, Introduction

“That was first and most important. But *more* - during that initial six months' in-depth study, Christ made plain to me the NAME of the true Church. **He revealed to me the TRUTH about the ‘lost sheep’ of the house of ISRAEL - the modern identity of which is the KEY that unlocked that whole THIRD of the Bible which is PROPHECY for NOW!**”

*Good News Magazine*, “The History of the Beginning and Growth of the Worldwide Church of God”, Herbert W Armstrong, April 1980, Page 26

“He opened my mind to HIS LAW. Not only the Ten Commandments and the Sabbath, but the annual festivals and Holy Days. I learned the truth about God's GOVERNMENT having been established on earth under the archangel Lucifer, and the origin of Satan and PURPOSE of God in restoring God's Government over the earth. I learned Jesus was born to be a KING, which traditional "Christianity" seems not to know. **I learned our identity as being of the lost tribes of Israel, and the difference between the kingdoms of Judah and Israel. This gave me the KEY to understanding PROPHECIES! God revealed to me the symbols and truths of the book of Revelation as revealed through Matthew 24 and Daniel.** I learned the Kingdom of God will be ON EARTH.

“NO MAN taught me these truths. As the original apostles were taught by Jesus IN PERSON, so was I taught by Jesus Christ IN WRITING. It is the SAME WORD—the SAME TEACHING.”

### One Body of Beliefs

So let's summarize what we have learned. Mr. Armstrong restored 20 foundational doctrines to the Church. On top of the 20 foundational doctrines, Mr. Armstrong restored a large number of additional truths to the Church. And also, a plethora of prophetic understanding, which is considered truth, was revealed to the Church in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. All of this truth was restored and revealed to the Church by Jesus Christ through Mr. Armstrong.

This is why we are all here, because we all understand, to some degree, the truth. **We are here because God used a man by the name of Herbert W Armstrong to restore the truth in the 20<sup>th</sup> century so that we can be called to the truth. But we are not all together because we are not agreed on the doctrines that were restored to the Church. Even though this is a reality, it is not what the almighty God intended for his people.**

There is only one truth. There is only one body of beliefs. And it is this truth that is our quest. Anything less would mean to compromise. Mr. Armstrong knew the truths that were restored to the Church during his tenure were from Christ. He understood that there is only one set of beliefs and that he had restored the correct doctrines. And that the Church must be united under this body of beliefs. The truths that were restored to the Church by Jesus Christ through him:

**"This faith, meaning in this sense the body of beliefs and practices handed down by the apostles, forms the essence of the meaning of God's Church ...**

**"So, then, the faith which must be earnestly held on to and defended is that original set of beliefs handed down by Christ's apostles.** Paul's writings are full of warnings of false teachers who sought to mislead the people of God.

**"Now is the time to return to the faith which was truly once and for all delivered by Christ and the apostles."**

*Good News Magazine, "The Faith Once and for all Delivered", August 1974, Page 27 & 29*

"... Now really, what I'm saying is that **all of the doctrine, all of what we believe, and what the church believed 1900 years ago, was put into the church by the apostles.** They got some of it from the prophets, but it was put in by the apostles. That's why the church is based on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and Christ the chief cornerstone. **And it comes, now Christ had taught them directly.** But **Jesus Christ is word of God in person, and Christ's apostle today got the same truth from the word of God in print.** And this says the same thing exactly that Christ said in person."

*World Tomorrow Telecast, "How Truth is Revealed", Herbert W Armstrong, March 21, 1979*

“In verse 12, some of you must not be followers of one human leader apart from another and others followers of other ministers. We must be JOINED TIGHTLY TOGETHER! **We must have ONE doctrine and belief.** And HOW did God put doctrine and belief into His Church? By Jesus Christ—but Christ taught the Apostles and the CHURCH received its teaching and doctrines through the APOSTLES. Now Jesus is the Word of God in Person. **The BIBLE is the Word of God in writing—but the SAME TRUTH!** Brethren, I did not put myself into God's Church nor make myself Christ's Apostle—HE DID!”

Co-Worker Letter, Herbert W Armstrong, September 13, 1980

**“God commands we all ‘speak the same thing.’** But what is CHRIST'S means of giving us that "SAME THING"?

“Until about 1969 we in God's Church did all ‘speak the same thing’. By 1978 many of the ministers were speaking different things! God had withdrawn from us His blessing and power that for 35 YEARS caused the Work of His Church to grow at the approximate rate of 30 percent every year over the preceding year!

“WHAT CAUSED GOD TO WITHDRAW HIS BLESSING AND POWER?

“Precisely the same thing that choked the growth of the Church of God at Corinth from A.D. 56, 25 years after the Church was founded at Jerusalem. They were following different leaders, speaking different things, watering down the sacred and precious truths of Christ!

**“Christ's apostle wrote to the Corinthian Church** in A.D. 56. **‘Now I beseech you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing,** and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.’ (I Corinthians 1:10)

“They were starting to follow different leaders teaching different doctrines! The Church was becoming divided and a church divided against itself cannot stand!

“Once such division starts among ministers it is a difficult matter to correct. For most who have gone doctrinally afield will today — just as in Corinth in A.D. 56 — not be willing to change *back* from error and watered down doctrines to God's TRUTH!

“This same defection was occurring in the church at Rome. And God said through the apostle Paul,

“‘Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine by which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple’ (Romans 16:17-18). Jesus Christ showed me that, much as it hurt, the No. 1 deceiver with watered-down doctrines, in authority, whom I had to mark and put out of God's Church, was my only living son whom I loved as only a father can. Other liberals have had to go since. GOD'S CHURCH MUST BE CLEANED UP! **We must all SPEAK THE SAME THING, as God commands!**”

“But HOW? How does Jesus Christ put HIS doctrines into His Church? How did He in A.D. 31? How in A.D. 1933?

“DID THE CHURCH OF GOD, of A.D. 31, believe and proclaim the TRUE doctrines? How did they come to believe as they believed? Did their doctrines come as a result of a vote of ministers *on* the ideas, opinions and convictions of the ministers in the Church?

“HOW must the true Church of God today receive its doctrinal beliefs? Doesn't every human individual, by himself, KNOW right from wrong — what is TRUTH and what is error? Is not the ability to know right from wrong acknowledged by society as the test of sanity or insanity? Does not mankind automatically know what is truth — what is good and right — as contrasted from what is wrong, evil and sin?

**“God says we in His Church must all believe and speak the SAME THING — we must be AGREED on what is truth and right and good as opposed to what is evil and sin.”**

*The Worldwide News*, “And Now Christ Sets Church *Back On Track* Doctrinally!”, February 19, 1979

**“Two can't walk together except they be AGREED! I now AGREED with Christ.** I have NEVER DISAGREED. You yourself—every begotten child of God—does, through human weakness, commit sin even after the most deep conversion. None has lived perfectly but JESUS. But when I stumbled through human weakness, Jesus picked me back up on confessing to Him and repenting, and asking help never to repeat the sin. **At no point did I DISAGREE nor water down HIS TRUTH.** He used me in building the Philadelphia era of HIS CHURCH—and in proclaiming His Gospel IN ALL THE WORLD!”

Co-Worker Letter, Herbert W Armstrong, March 19, 1981

“When he [Paul] came back from Arabia, he went over to Jerusalem to compare with the apostles who had been taught by Christ when He was here in physical person before His crucifixion to see if they were speaking the same thing — because **Paul had been instructed by Christ that we must ALL speak the same thing.** And **that ‘same thing’ must come from God, through Christ, through an apostle, to us.** That's the way they got it. That's the way we have to get it today. **And when Paul came to Jerusalem, he talked to Peter and others there and found he had been told the same thing by the same Christ that they had been told, and they had absolute harmony and agreement. He wanted to be sure that they all had the same truth — direct from Christ.**”

Sermon, “How You and I Came to be Here”, Herbert W Armstrong, May 16, 1981

**Comment:** There is only one body of beliefs, there is only one truth, and it does not change. It does not change from year to year, nor from decade to decade. The same teachings that the apostles of the 1<sup>st</sup> century held to are the same teachings that were restored to the Church in the 20<sup>th</sup> century by Jesus Christ through his apostle, Mr. Armstrong. In addition, God's people must be united under these doctrines and everyone must speak the same thing.

## The Full Truth

There is one final important point regarding what truth is that has not been mentioned. The truth is arguably the most important teaching that emanates from the Bible. We are called by God to follow the truth and nothing but the truth. And this includes the full truth.

An important qualification in our Christian calling includes the ability to teach others the truth in the World Tomorrow. Therefore, the importance of holding fast to the full truth cannot be understated. This includes the foundational doctrines that were restored to the Church by Mr. Armstrong, prophecy that was revealed to him by Jesus Christ and all of the other truths that were restored to the Church during the Philadelphia era.

One of the most painful events that a Christian can witness is watching people fall away from the truth. Even seeing someone lose some truth, or become confused on which doctrines are truth, can be difficult as well. The following quotes by Mr. Armstrong are worth mentioning because they reveal his insight on why brethren can sometimes lose truth or even fall away. And these references also demonstrate the importance of holding fast to the full truth, "the faith once delivered to the saints":

"That is the things written in the Bible. They are spiritually discerned and the ordinary man just doesn't receive them. And then again, in John 16:13, 'when he, **the Spirit of truth, is come** [that's the very spirit of God, that comes from God not from man], **he will guide you into all truth.**'

"And just the minute that any single man rejects one single way of that light, that has been plainly revealed to him, that God has revealed, so that he really sees it himself, in his own mind, no matter how unimportant it may seem in his estimation, just **the minute that God reveals something to you and you reject it, God will cease to reveal further truth and understanding of the Bible.** You'll never be able to understand another word of the Bible, until you go back where you left off and repent and become willing to walk in the light that you have rejected."

World Tomorrow Broadcast, "Sound Doctrine", Herbert W Armstrong

**"You take one such false step, accept one false 'truth' and refuse to REPENT of it at once, and turn from it, you will then go into more and more error.**

"For 54 years now, I have seen this happen — all too often to those I have loved. If people mourn and weep over a loved one who dies, HOW MUCH MORE have I had to MOURN and suffer over the SPIRITUAL loss of a brother or sister in God's Church!

"Let me illustrate. One is walking along in a thickly wooded forest on a moonless pitch-dark night. But just ahead of him is an experienced guide with a lighted lantern. If he follows that lighted lantern, he will be led safely out of the woods. But if he turns aside a step or two and hesitates, the light continues on out of his sight. Then he is really lost. **If one turns aside from God's truth on just one point, or one doctrine, and does not quickly repent, the light of God's truth moves on.** In his self-centered effort to find the light of truth, he now walks blindly in wrong directions. He takes more and more steps in the

wrong direction. **That is, he proceeds into more and more error, all the while losing more and more of what truth he had.**

“God's Word, the Holy Bible, is ‘a lamp unto our feet’ to guide us out of the darkness of error and into the daylight brightness of TRUTH. The oil that produces the light in the lamp or lantern, causing it to light up to our understanding, is the Holy Spirit (of Psalms 119:105, Matthew 25:1-13).

“In other words, **if you reject one point of truth, or take one step aside into one point of error — unless you repent immediately and get back to the light — you will take more and more steps into erroneous beliefs, and one by one give up the points of TRUTH you had seen and accepted.**”

*The Worldwide News, “Satan Deceive And Use Me? – Never!”, Herbert W Armstrong*

**Comment:** Care should be taken to observe the full truth, all of the doctrines that were restored to the Church by Mr. Armstrong. “Watering down” a doctrine, not observing a teaching that one might believe Mr. Armstrong was wrong about, or altering what a person might consider a minor truth, will lead an individual into more and more error. And in the end, they will be lost.

### Conclusion

Now you know what truth entails. Now you understand that it is a combination of foundational doctrines, prophetic revelation, and any other teaching that comes from the Bible. In addition, there is only one truth, one body of beliefs that comes from God. And it is the full truth that we should strive for.

Christ’s sheep hear His voice when He calls. They hear the voice of truth. And they follow Christ when they hear His voice, John 10:1-4. Mr. Armstrong spent most of his life restoring the true doctrines to the Church of God. He followed the voice of Christ without compromise. To this end he was faithful until his death. It is only fitting to end with one last quote from him. As you read this quote, ask yourself, who will you follow?

“For some few years now, there had been a certain group at Headquarters, whom my son surrounded himself with, who have wanted to ‘water down’ God's truths and doctrines. They seem to have wanted to get as close to the ways of Satan as possible, still keeping ‘one foot’ in God's Church, hoping thereby to get into the Kingdom of God.

“I want to get as CLOSE to GOD's true doctrines as possible, and as far away from Satan's ways as possible.

“If there is any reason why the living Christ chose me as His Apostle, it is that I will not compromise a thousandth of an inch on God's true doctrines.

“Brethren, LET US STAND FIRM in the truth of the Eternal GOD! If ever I needed you to stand back of me as Christ's chosen Apostle, IT IS NOW!”

Co-Worker Letter, Herbert W Armstrong, June 25, 1985

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