# Selected Reader Comments and Feedback from info@UCG.org, Postal Mail, International Offices and Phone Calls April – September 2021

### Beyond Today TV

- I watch Newsmax TV which is real news for real people. I do not mind seeing commercials, but I find it very offensive to see anything about the Bible. I watch real news, not biblical bull crap. Keep your religious garbage in the church "ONLY."
- My wife and I watch your *Beyond Today* TV programmes, which we find excellent thank you. We would like to know if your church celebrates our Lord's appointed times (festivals). And if so, are you able to tell us what format and style you use in your congregations? We are familiar with all the appointed times, having attended a Messianic congregation for 3 years, where we learned so much about our faith, which we have greatly appreciated. However, a strictly Jewish format was used, and as we are not Jewish, we have struggled to be fully immersed in their culture. Our nearest UCG congregation is 6 hours drive away, which precludes our attendance there, but we are vitally interested in your teachings, get all the booklets or print them out and find your teachings to be a huge blessing and our main lifeline to learning. We are thinking that maybe our Yahweh would have us hold meetings in our home each Shabbat, as we are meeting increasing numbers of folk who have left the traditional mainstream churches and find they have nowhere to fellowship. Thus, any direction, or help you may be able to give us would be greatly appreciated. *Waipukurau*, *New Zealand*
- Pastor McNeely's presentations are always well done. I'd like to make a comment on his BT DAILY, Well-Driven Nails. When I was very little I learned that when we buy a book, really, we only pay for its publication, whereas its content can be invaluable. I'd like to say that books have changed my life but that is not 100% true for it seems to me that, really, they send my life in the way it is supposed to go. I think, too, we could say that Pastor McNeely's presentations are "well-driven nails."...I'd like to extend my comment to Pastor Steve Myers and to Pastor Gary Petty who too, make "well-driven nail" presentations. I don't know how they can talk with such fluidity, precision, and clarity for so long. Your church is worldwide, but not worldwide enough. I live in Guadalajara, Mèxico, and there is not a United Church of God close to me. Not complaining, just talking, ideas.
- Just wanting to ask about a video footage from the *Beyond Today* magazine called 'Jesus creator of the Sabbath' dated 18th May 2014 by Darris McNeely, Gary Petty and Steve Myers. This was in the magazine sent via email today. I was disappointed to see that title, because Jesus did not create the Sabbath, it was God 'rested on the 7th day' Genesis. Yes Jesus did practice the Sabbath because he was a Jew, it would have been usual practice and as we witness through the Bible of him attending synagogue's. So the tittle is misleading. If the title was that He engaged other non-Jews to practice His faith of the Sabbath, that would have been more in line. The devil is always busy! It touched me because I am fed-up, for want of better words, how men/women/humans make up things

that are so untrue & not in the Bible. Like the words Trinity/Easter/Christmas etc. I love your magazine and have to admit that I was a little put off. There appears not to be anything we can totally rely on to give us (Christians) the true facts we deserve, for example Sunday mass which is not in the Bible. To me the devil is well & truly into everything to turn it upside down, like not following facts in the Bible. I would love to attend a proper mass as indicated in the Bible and follow what probably was followed by 1st century Christians but it is not available to me in England anyway. I suppose the long way round it which I have gone, is just to say that things like this 'Tittle' are important to get right if we are to show people we are true Christians. Thank you anyway for listening to my 'rant'.

- I watched your TV program where you talked about counterfeit Christianity. In that program, you spoke about the 'wrong idea' a lot of Christians have concerning the soul. Although I would like to agree with you, but a particular scripture in the Bible needs to be explained to me first; that is Matthew 10 verse 28. That scripture plainly identified two entities the body and the soul. If we are the soul as you said, then why this?
- Comment: I think your leader on TV is a jerk! Of course there are MANY Christian denominations that follow the Bible!! What makes him think his denomination is the only one? He is NOT an authority on it, unless he thinks he himself is GOD! Get some perspective people!
- Greetings all, a little bit ago I finally watched your video from 1 day ago with your man Steve Meyers about counterfeit Christianity. As usual, I was impressed with the subtle straight forwardness of the sermon. So impressed and rapt that I ended up sobered by the realization in spite of knowing it for years. Not to mention the tear or two I shed due to how it touched my heart and mind and even my soul. Thank you and carry on with that amazing knowledge.

## **Church Location Request**

- This past Sabbath I attended the Living Church of God in Temple, Texas. In a conversation I mentioned that I considered you brethren. They were very nice but they didn't like that. I contacted the Pastor there the next day and today and they would not even contact me back. It is heartbreaking to me. I always loved listening to Richard Ames whenever I had a chance. I listen to Stephen Flurry just about every day and occasionally listen to David C. Pack. When you have that many churches all claiming to be the one and only true Church of God, it causes confusion and is divisive. I have listened to D[arris], Steve and Gary for years now and I decided I wanted to do life God's way and not my own. I love the other 3 churches as I love you, but unfortunately I saw they didn't feel that way about each other.
- I am a born again Christian and would love to learn how I can honor God by observing His Sabbath day. I have had the pleasure in watching your TV *Beyond Today* programs and also have received your Bible teaching booklets. What and how do I as a non-Jewish person practice the Sabbath? What foods should I prepare and eat on that day? I am

cutting out eating pork but would like to learn about other foods I should not be eating as God has directed us. Thank you for your precious time and I hope and pray that I hear from you. I really enjoy the three gentlemen Darris, Gary and Steve on the *Beyond Today* programs. I love everything about your shows. I wish there was a United Church of God in my area. But until one comes here I will watch Beyond Today faithfully.

- I have just found your site after receiving a couple copies of *Beyond Today*. It suits me. I have been looking to leave my current church and I do believe UCG might be a fit. But, I understand I need the URL for Sunday services as it changes each week. May I be put on a mailing list or something like that so I am able to attend each week? I am homebound so accessing webcasts is very important for me. Thank you.
- My husband and I are very, very interested in joining your church, but we need to know if there is one in Maine, specifically near where we live? Please respond, a lot of prayer has gone into our decision, and we really feel that God is prompting us to attend your church, as ours does not recognize the need to observe Sabbath, or the feasts, and it has now been revealed to us that this is God's will for our life! I await your reply, may God richly bless you!

## **General Comments**

- I am looking for the church Jesus said He will build: upon this Rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Is this Jesus Christ's church?
- I understand the COVID issues and how they are hurting all of us. I just lost my wife in July 2021 and I spending a lot of time diving deep into my Bible for answers to my many questions as to why now and why not me. I thank you for being there for people like me with a real need to learn and I will not waste your material. I will take it to the state prison when I go there to visit Vets that are locked up. I don't have much money but I spend it on trying to help others and leading people to the Lord. Thank you and God Bless you and your work.
- I have been a baptized member of the [X] Church of God, for 10-years. Because of the lack of growth in love and honesty displayed by members, including ordained members in my congregation, I have become dismayed and disillusioned regarding X's claim of being God's One true Church. Therefore, I am prayerfully investigating other COG's to see if, perhaps, there is another which might actually be His faithful Church. One of the major dissenting issues, which had prevented me from the beginning and has continued to prevent me from considering UCG as a possibility is its acceptance of "rule from the bottom up," i.e., using the rule of the majority vote of the people, an apt description and definition of Laodicea ("the people decide"), rather than rule from the top, Jesus Christ, down through the ministry, in important decisions within the Church. Could you please clarify UCG's stand and why this form of Church government is accepted by LCG?
- THANK YOU for the opportunity to order 3 booklets. I have already completed the 12-lesson *Bible Study Course*. During this 'season' of the coronavirus/delta variant, knowing

that hundreds of thousands of peoples living everywhere in the world have lost their lives, I am blessed to be living in good health and safety. I am experiencing the joy and comfort that your publications provide for me.

- I'm not sure you are receiving my emails. But I just read your article of what have we learned from post 9-11. I'll say nothing! Absolutely nothing! Why let's see: it's now 20 years later, our world has gotten more violent, more hostile, scarier, unsafe. Not safe for my 11-year old daughter or any of us. Plus, Afghanistan war/ etc. need I say enough? But I only want good things for me and my daughter/ and everyone in the world. Especially the non [expletive] that still remain on our earth! I honestly don't believe in God/ at most times, as what God kills innocent twins during the Afghanistan war in the air ports! I watch the news constantly every day 7 days a week God is not good! He is the devil!!
- Re: Weekly Update -- Decline is Slow Until It Isn't. It doesn't matter to us now. My wife just got the jab to keep her job. Our days are numbered here in Australia. Thanks for trying and hopefully we'll see you on the other side. Please pray for us all in Australia.
- Thank you so much. I lost my fiancée and without your words, TV and magazines, I don't know how I could've kept the strength to carry on. Thank you. God bless us all.
- I am 77 a disabled Vietnam vet, a follower. My wife passed in April and I would like to talk to someone. I do believe in the 7th day Sabbath and I have for years. Thanks.
- I am a believer of Christ from an Islamic state. I saw your pages and I am inspired by the teachings. I would like you, man of God, to teach our community as well because we need the word of God in this time of persecution otherwise other religion people are trying to convert our dear brothers and sisters to their religion (Islam). My community cannot speak English.
- I am 23 years old. I am from Afghanistan and now I live in a secret place in Kabul. A member of my family was martyred by the Taliban last year and after his martyrdom I started spreading anti-Taliban propaganda on social media, after which I received death threats from them. That the Taliban have now taken over all of Afghanistan and although the Taliban have announced a general amnesty, this is not true, they are killing all Afghans who they consider to be infidels. So, I have a request from you to introduce me to a woman who is widowed or divorced to marry me on humanitarian grounds and it doesn't matter if she is a few years old or even a 50 or 60 year old. I just want to marry her and leave Afghanistan, because I am afraid of the Taliban killing me and I am worried about my future under Taliban Regime.
- I would like to continue getting *Beyond Today* because the message is fitting of our days and makes us look where we are going, not where we are coming from. *Uganda*
- I need guidance in finding the answers that best helps me in my next steps in my relationship with Jesus. I am new to finding God and Jesus. Everyone gives me no

answers to how I get the help I need to best help guide me in my future. Can you please help me with as much guidance as possible?

- I LOVE your booklets and study guides. They have really opened my eyes to see the truth. But now I am getting material from the [X] Church, and they are saying they are the TRUE church, and that Armstrong was the Elijah of Revelation and that every other church is wrong or "lukewarm." Please help. I am confused. Which is the TRUE church??
- The Bible says to question and search. I do read EVERY booklet I get from you. I save them and go back and reread them several times. Yes, I look up all the scriptures too. I have most ALL your booklets and have them handy to search subjects etc. I thank you for ALL you're doing to spread God's word, and how you got my name?? I guess I can thank God for that because I never heard of you or the UCG, never knew you existed, but I eagerly read what I got in the mail and have been following you ever since. I cannot believe how wrong I was on SO MANY things.
- You misstate the Catholic Church's teachings on purgatory. It isn't a second chance after you die. It is where those going to Heaven are perfectly purified as you must be to enter Heaven. Whether or not you call it purgatory as the Catholic Church calls it, all of us, Protestants included, will go to purgatory prior to Heaven, unless they are already perfect. Purgatory may not be specifically named in the Bible, but is inferred in many places in the Bible. Thank God for purgatory! Too easy to be a Protestant, you don't like what the church teaches so you start your own church that is why there are over 30,000 denominations off of the one Holy Catholic and Apostolic church.
- I would like to sincerely thank all concerned for sending me your free booklets. They have been extremely encouraging me in my walk with LORD GOD. Bless you all and I would like to know the process of donating funds to you. Please advise as I'm in South Africa and on pension bit would like to participate in your tremendous work for the KINGDOM of GOD.
- I am writing to thank you for all of your help and prayers not just for myself but also for the ones that will not think about all the time and organization that you put into your ministry. You have really made a difference in my knowledge of God and His love and purpose for me and my love for Him and all He has done for me. I am a child of God and as a child I am still learning how to remain His child. Again thank you.
- Re: Order 6665761 at United Church of God (Beyond Today). Why does the order number start with 666. The mark of the beast. Are you being taken over by the devil or something? It is not necessary for you to use this number when working for the Lord Jesus and living by the grace of God. *United Kingdom*
- Dear God/Gods and/or anyone else who can help me (e.g. members of super intelligent alien civilizations). The next time I wake up, please change my physical form to that of Finn McMillan formerly of South New Brighton at 8 years old and keep it that way

forever. I am so sick of this chubby Asian man body! Thank you! (a.k.a. A Desperate Soul). I am going to sleep now. When I wake up, I expect to be an 8-year old Finn. Thank you God.

- We are from Africa Northern (Uganda) and we need your prayer please. We are the second lockdown and people are not doing well. Thanks God bless you. Greetings to all Christians over there.
- I would like to thank you for providing free booklets. I have received 2 so far and read both twice over. It's really encouraging what your ministry is doing. The booklets have revived in me the fire of GOD in me and I've had a new lease of my desire for GOD as when I started as a Christian. Please keep me in your free mailing list of *Beyond Today*. Thanks for your continued faithfulness in sending it. I use to use your articles in Myanmar especially the political issues. *South Africa*
- It is with great pleasure that I have received the latest issues of your *Beyond Today* magazine, of which I am an eager reader. Thank you very much for sending it to me, thank you for all the interesting articles in it. I try to share it with people who do not unterstand the English language, thus trying to help them on their way in today's world. Many many thanks again and may God bless you and your important work.
- Comment: I have been receiving mail from *Tomorrow's World*. They seem to be similar to *Beyond Today*, yet I feel it is different. Cannot put my finger on it, it is just a feeling I have. Are they associated with your organization? I know there is so much deceit out there alongside of all the evil. So I turn to God for truth and to you for your answer. May God bless you and the work you are doing.
- I am an 89-year old widow living in a retirement community. You recently mailed me 2 Bible studies: "The Word of God: The Foundation of Knowledge" and "Why the Bible is the Word of God." I did a study of the latter one on my own looking up the scriptures and writing them down word for word. I ended up with 36 tablet pages of scriptures, many of which I had never read. You can't believe after all my years of church attendance and Bible classes and studies that I could just be starting to have the Bible opened up to me and learning things I had never known about predictions made in the OT about Christ's birth and his life, crucifixion and resurrection. Thank you for giving me a new lease on life and God. *Delaware*
- I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your *Beyond Today* TV program and magazines as well as your *Bible Study Course* and study guides. I lead a small community of believers here at the correctional center and I share what I am learning with others. We are grateful for the materials. Many of us were raised in Christian denominations and have never heard much of what has been covered so far. We are hungry for more. May God bless your work for the Kingdom. *Virginia*
- For the very first time I had the opportunity today to read an issue of your magazine and now I do believe I am hooked for life and would love to have my own issues coming to

me so I won't miss any. Your articles appear to be well researched and very well written which I believe is the Holy Spirit communicating through your ministry. I thank you for allowing Christ to use you in this hour and in this season.

- I would like to thank you so much for the good work all of you been doing with this magazine that helps me a lot to understand more about God's words.
- I have been getting your magazine for a few years now and really like it. I like how it is put together and it is always up to date with what is going on in the world I plan on getting your magazine for the rest of my life.
- A friend of mine shared his copy of *Beyond Today* and I was so drawn in I could not put it down. My friend has since moved and I am highly interested in getting a subscription and am SUPER interested in "Holidays and Holy Days."
- Thank you for *Beyond Today*, the Bible studies, and numerous book publications. The Ten Commandments is the one booklet that made me turn back to God. I was lost a long time. If possible, I'd like to give 3 of my friends a copy of it. They are not following God yet.
- I have subscribed to several of your magazines for years but recently I accidentally came across readings from an organization that I thought was part of yours [other COG] & having reached out to them. I'm finding out they're a splinter-group from LCG. After emailing one of their ministers, I just found out that they splintered off because of a difference in teachings. This has left me very confused at a time when I had reached out because of recent developments in my own denomination (First United Methodists), which I've been a part of most of my life. If this splintering is true, your teachings do sound very similar, but apparently there must be distinct differences under the surface. I have many questions, but for now, can you summarize for me? Thanks.
- Hello. I am a born again Christian and would love to learn how I can honor God by observing His Sabbath day. I have had the pleasure in watching your TV *Beyond Today* programs and also have received your Bible teaching booklets. What and how do I, a non-Jewish person, practice the Sabbath? What foods should I prepare and eat on that day? I am cutting out eating pork but would like to learn about other foods I should not be eating as God has directed us. Thank you for your precious time and I hope and pray that I hear from you. I really enjoy the three gentlemen Darris, Gary and Steve on the *Beyond Today* programs. I love everything about your shows. I wish there was a United Church of God in my area but until one comes here I will watch *Beyond Today* faithfully. Ok bye for now. From a fellow servant of our Lord Jesus Christ and Heavenly Father.
- Re: Weekly Update -- Anti-Semitism. I always look forward to your articles I receive in my email. I like the updates of the world events and what is happening around us ~ and how it relates to scriptures of the "signs of end times". I started getting your "Beyond Today" magazines and have learned so much from them. It's hard because my family doesn't believe nor most of my friends ~ so I have really depended on your literature, as

well as your sermons on the internet to further my knowledge of God's Word and His coming Kingdom here on earth. I pray for your entire organization always to stay safe and protected from harm ~ so you can continue to produce such great literature, articles, sermons for us to learn from, and help make our faith even stronger. Thank you so much for reaching out to many people like me ~ may God bless all of you always.

- I am non-denominational although my wife and I watch several services online or tv. We attend a worship service on Tuesday nights that is also without denominational association. We have not celebrated Christmas or Easter for around 10 years. I have a collection of your booklets. I'm excited to have copies of well written and well-presented booklets to share. I am cautiously sharing with friends what I have known for years about Christmas and Easter. One will go to the pastor of our Tuesday night service. He knows we do not celebrate those holidays. (When I told him and said, "We have our freedom now," he replied, "I think you're right.") The next two go to friends who also know of our decision. Thank you for all our assistance. God bless and keep seeking Him, serving Him, and obeying Him!
- Sunset to Sunset: GOD Sabbath Rest. Would like a copy of subject booklet, please. I recently began honoring the Sabbath. I've found it very hard, because it takes me out of my routine (i.e. TV, laptop, phone), but it does keep me on the Bible. GOD has been very good to me.
- First I want to commend on your biblical stance on many issues i.e. Baptism. But, the Bible is very plain about the old law including Sabbath worship. Romans 7:4-10. V.4-have become dead to the law by the body of Christ. V.6--delivered from the law. Which law? V.7--the law that said, Thou shalt not covet. (10 Commandment law which includes Remember the Sabbath) 8:2--Spirit of life in Christ has made me free from the law of sin and death. 2 Cor. 3:6-18. V.14--veil remains in reading Old Testament. VEIL TAKEN AWAY IN CHRIST. Galatians 3:10-18; V.11--No one is justified by the law. V.13--Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law. 3:19-25; V.24-25--Law was schoolmaster to bring us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. After faith has come we are no longer under a schoolmaster. 5:4--whoever would be justified by the law, you have fallen from grace. 5:18--If you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Hebrews 7:18-28. v.22--Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant, 8:6--Jesus mediator of a better covenant, 8:7-13. V.7--if first covenant was faultless, then no need for a second one. V.13--He has made the first obsolete. What is obsolete is ready to vanish away. Heb.9:11-18. V.15--Mediator of the new covenant. 10:9--He takes away the first that he might establish the second. It is quite clear from all these passages that we are no longer under the old law which includes the 10 commandments. Enjoy your magazine. Now clean up these misconceptions. The truth is very clear.
- Re: Weekly Update -- God Will Wipe Away All Tears. I am sitting beside my wife as she is in her final moments here on Earth before she passes into God's loving arms. I know it had to be our dear Lord Jesus who guided me to pick up my phone and read your words of comfort. Though I grieve at the loss of my dear wife, I am comforted knowing she will pass into Jesus's loving arms and that He has a Kingdom for all who believe in and trust

in Him. Thank you for your comforting words this day. I truly believe it was God who brought me to them.

- Re: Weekly Update -- Thunders and Mighty Waters. I would like to receive the free book Jesus Christ the Real Story. Thank you. I like your presentation! You are right. He came to bring a sword, not peace at any cost the way many people think. Coexist signs etc. Universalism vs Christ is not the answer only Christ is the way the truth and the life. Thank you for your message. I've shared it with friends and family. *Canada*
- I would like to thank all of those who work on producing such quality literature at your organization! I was utterly impressed with the free booklets I received in the mail. Not only because of their quality but also how informative and enlightening they were! I appreciate the added verses for a more in-depth study while reading the content. In my search for honest and reliable information. I have been led astray throughout the years by the endless, empty preaching of a hallow gospel taught and accepted by so many today. I felt compelled to share my genuine appreciation for all that your organization is doing to spread the true gospel. I regularly use your content for my study, both literature and media. It has been profoundly impactful on my level of understanding and spiritual growth. Thank you. God Bless. *Canada*
- If Jesus had known his existence would cause 2000 years of war and strife, he would have stayed buried.
- We would like to get a few of the Holidays or Holy Days booklets for our church. We are trying to teach people and enlighten them about traditional man-made holidays. 30 would be plenty, which would cover our church and our home fellowship as well. *First Baptist Church, IA*

# **Beyond Today Magazine and Article Feedback**

- Beyond Today, The Epidemic, May-June 2021. This issue of BT is one of the best informational sources on the issue of abortion I have ever read, and I have been fighting this holocaust since 1983. If possible, please send me ten (10) copies of the May-June 2021 issue. I want to give them to several pastors who have been, or could be helping in the battle against abortion.
- To the Editor of *Beyond Today*. I have been reading with enthusiasm your magazines, but in your May-June edition in page 20, when referring to The HOLY SPIRIT, in two occasions it is said as IT; please allow me to express that to DEPERSONALISE The Holy Spirit would be a very serious mistake, because HE is a very sensible PERSON that has expressed His anger. Isaiah 63:10; He takes decisions Acts 13: 2; He uses personal pronouns as: TO ME; I have; He is GOD: Acts 5: 4; He speaks- Hebrews 3: 7; He is a helper Jn. 14: 16; He could be grieved Ephe.4: 30. This suggested amendment is for the love to The Lord and for the eternal future of people that could be lost. *Western Australia*

- I have been following and read many articles of the *Good News* magazine and *Beyond Today* magazine since 2007. The article in the last magazine, "Follow Me: A Doorway of Remembrance" was such a meaningful article for me. I too was born blind, am 27 now, and despite finishing my education still have many challenges including how to learn to be more independent where now I live at home; how I will find someone who loves me as I am still single; what to do as many people including long-time friends have gotten tired of the fact that I am conservative and many blocked me; and most importantly, of figuring out where and how I will find and follow God since I have rarely been able to attend any church since my parents also have not wanted me to be Christian. (I was born as non-practicin Muslim so my family gets upset at me for wishing to be Christian follow Jesus.) In all these topics I always knew obviously that Jesus says the verses about see to it that your heart not be troubled, but I needed this reminder, as a blind man, just as this blind man already knew, that worry is a responsibility that God didn't give me. Bless this magazine and thanks for this reminder. *Canada*
- Beyond Today Scott Ashley and John LaBissonière articles in May June 2021. These two men try to shame and scare women who underwent abortions. These men feel they have the superior knowledge to teach us a lesson using God as their witness. Shame on those two ignorant men! I read a long time ago (and I think it was in the Bible) that it was men who are the cause of evil. Women want to please men, want love and a family. Men come with their evil ways and lies and impregnate these women just for the joys of sexual pleasure. Then the awful reality, abandonment and lives of misery and distress come upon the women and the babies, whether born or unborn. The women carry the unbearable sadness of the lost baby. And only God gives them love, kindness and support. To exacerbate their lack of consideration and comprehension, Messrs believe they are spreading the word of God, NO not at all. As it seems that they do not consider that life is eternal. Isn't that something for such men who believe they are spreading the word of God?! When the soul of the baby is returned to our Father, do you really believe that God does not hold him into His arms and protect him? Do you think that God abandons the child and the mother? And do you not think that God would send this unborn child back through another woman if He wanted that child come to earth? Do you not believe in God's ultimate power and understanding? To these two men and others like them, I say start reading the Bible with a kind heart and believe in Eternal Life and in God's true love and forgiveness. Don't get lost with men's ways, do not determine what God thinks if the Holy Spirit is not with you when you speak. God is not a MAN. He is our Universal Soul. And He sheds tears with us the mothers of his children for the horrible lives that men induce upon us all, men and women. Women were not in power, had no voting rights, and YOU try to blame us. Corruption started with men. I have appreciated The Good News, now Beyond Today, for so many years. Please do not get fooled by evil misconceptions. Do not become judge.
- I have read your magazine and the article by John LaBissionere 'THE SILENT EPIDEMIC', was a real shocker! Even now I still find it hard to believe that in 2020 there have been 43 million babies aborted! When I read this article, it seems as though John is revealing some secret information. And it made me think "how many people in this world are aware of this true evil epidemic?"

- I have read some of *Beyond Today* magazine and your article on abortion was very informative. I have stated before that two wrongs do not make something right. You clearly explain pro life and pro choice, having sex with an unmarried partner and the problems that can stem form that association. That is the problem, God was concern with mankind and his affiliation with what we call today pre-marital sex that he destroyed or wanted to wipe out mankind with a flood, and destroyed two cities with fire. My major point is society looks at what stems from such an association where God looks at the act itself. We today have done the same with abortion which comes from such an association that we only concentrate on that. I was born from such an association born out wedlock, and remember some those problems but overcame. I remember as a kid the minister would speak out on the subject of fornication but not today. So what I do hope is that your church is more central than leaning right. Yes abortion is wrong, so is the act of immoral sex which is totally wrong also. So if you talk about abortion you need to talk about immoral sex which has led up to this child killing. God didn't give any detail why immoral sex is wrong but it is a sin. Just my opinion, have a blessed and peaceful day.
- I'm reading my magazine printed this month and just want to thank you for the nice articles. The article on abortion made me think twice.
- I would like to express my great thanks for the excellently designed articles in the May-June 2021 [German version] issue. In terms of content, they hit the nail on the head with the issues that are currently on people's minds. Journalistically, the content and style are extremely high quality. Hardly any foreign words, so you don't have to look them up in a dictionary, nor are they written in a "gender-appropriate" way, fortunately, so that our German language doesn't degenerate. The explanations of the Old and New Testaments are also very good. Please continue at this level. *Germany*
- I want to know more about the Bible solutions for world problems and my everyday life. I am therefore requesting my free subscription to the *Beyond Today* magazine. *Malawi*
- I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the Managing Editors editorial article entitled "When Does Life Begin?" I must say that it was one of the best presented arguments against abortion I have ever read. It was clear, concise, faith-based and factual. I enjoyed it and it has re-reinforced my own personal beliefs. Thank you for writing it and I hope it will inspire others to fight for life. God Bless.
- You Can Help the Worn and Weary" has touched me deeply. Thank you for addressing this issue. I grew up as an orphan in a Catholic orphanage without love, but with a lot of punishment and abuse. I still suffer from my childhood today. Technology and the search for success have displaced the human being. How the soul is doing has become irrelevant, because only material success seems to count. Coming to terms with my childhood has been denied to me again and again. I am not supposed to talk about it, neither in my family nor with the Catholic institutions. That's why I count on God alone. When I tell my adult children about the Bible, they don't want to hear about it. But I

think that education without God has big gaps. On whom do young people want to rely on when technology fails, health and material blessings break down? Thank you for reaching out to people like me and for recognising that we need help.

- Reference your magazine article on the Easter Sunday fiasco! A) 1. My Bible does not have the word Easter in it. 2. Jesus was not crucified on a Friday. 3. I never could understand why or what a sunrise service had to do with the Resurrection because Jesus would have already been up and gone! 4. Yes there are "High Sabbath" described in the OT and spoken of in the Gospel of John. 5. I do not object to a service at any time but do not lie about why you are having one! Kudos to Scott Ashley on his article. He got all of his facts perfect! Now I like the Easter bunny! He is the one who told the Mad Hatter, who told Alice, who told Dopey the dwarf, who told Snow White, who told the fairy Godmother, who told the tooth fairy, who told me that Santa Claus was real! He also has delicious ears! I would love to be his representative because I have seen a lot of bunnies but I have never seen one who could lay an egg. Gotta' be worth a fortune! I mean Easter and Christmas are great for the stores, bottom line, so they have to be real – right?! I mean we had a young preacher here who declared the words Christ and mas meant more of Christ. B) Spanish etymology? Sigh! And here I thought that the word "mas-mass" was of Latin origin and had to do with the Eucharist. The Lord's Supper in layman's terms. Did you know that a common Catholic priest can perform, sorcery? When he prays over the wafers and wine in Latin and poof "transubstantiation" takes place! The wafers and wind become the blood and body of Christ. How about this one in Jeremiah we are told NOT to bring a tree into our home and we are also told not to decorate it with silver and gold and we are not to worship it! Wow, that sounds like Christmas trees! Ok, I could go on and on but what is the use. People are ignorant and proud of their ignorance. I was born on the banks of Red Chute Bayou in Louisiana and I do not have a birth certificate. I had to get my mom to sign a certificate of live birth so I could get a social security card and this took place after I graduated from High School. I later attended the University in Arkansas. American history is not taught here it would seem. Ignorance is forgivable, stupidity is not. Ignorance can be cured through education, stupidity is a choice. Your magazine has some excellent articles. Thank you for your good work and thank you for sending it to me. Arkansas
- I got the Mar/Apr issue last night in the mail. I really enjoyed the message "When God Became Man so Man Could Become God" by Scott Ashley. It is a message that I will share with others as I feel it's a message for growth. I also wanted to say that the message "What's Holding America Together?" by Darris McNeely was vital to address the elephant in the room. I have been explaining to some here that the events happening in society right now is the same message as the Messiah spoke of in Matthew 12:25. This did not happen overnight, this has been building in intensity for some time. Our Father gives us a choice every day to serve, worship Him or not. A blessing or a curse. The same as He give the nation of Israel. Deuteronomy 11,12,13 speak very clearly on this. We as citizens of the USA under God have forgotten or ignored His messages. We have allowed atheists and pagans power over us. They should not be in government roles where they legalized abortions (which I believe is one of the worst sins, as God intended the womb of a woman to be the safest place for the child to be formed but now they impede the

work of the Creator in the act of creation of life), the same sex marriage (which directly violates God's law and definition of marriage), now the transgender issue with the discrimination laws placed forcing people trying to remain faith to God's commandments to become persecuted for those beliefs and convictions. If we see all this happening here now, can the beast, antichrist be approaching the world stage soon? How far are we from seeing the mark being introduced now that the people of this country are becoming more dependent on the government to pay their bills and feed them? I have been wondering about the increase and intensity of these events progressing as we are approaching the year of Sabbath, the sh'mittah. We are also nearing the anniversary of the time the Son of God came with the message of repentance and salvation. Watching the world get turned upside down and shook in one year has opened my eyes as to how fast God moves when He tells the world "turn to Me, seek Me, and yes I am coming soon!" I look forward to finishing your Mar/Apr 2021 edition and I look forward to the Passover celebration and a new year. Being in prison, I don't have much money but God has blessed me and I would like to send my tithes to your organization of outreach and your church to help spread the message our Father has to share with those who have ears. It's sad to think that 30-40 years ago, we were able to help feed the world, blessed in a land flowing with milk and honey. Now, we can't feed ourselves, we have not been good stewards of what God has blessed us with when the people forgot their Creator. Have we come to a point that in order to remain faithful to God we must separate ourselves fully from our family, friends, this nation? 2 Cor. 6:17-18. Not sure if Rev 18:4-8 couldn't be applied to conditions the United States is finding itself in. I remember in Feb this year when the arctic blast swept thru the US. I am in prison in North Carolina and the weather man was talking about how severe that was and we in NC saw 4 tornados in Feb. The weather man said "weird weather" but I believe everything happening is a sign from God for us to stop, repent, seek Him.

- In your article in Jan/Feb 2021 magazine regarding same sex marriage. I find it very rude and hurtful. I've been gay my entire life. I was born this way. It's not a choice. I'm happily married to the same guy for 8 years. My husband and I forgive you.
- I already get your magazine. My son committed suicide yesterday. He had been depressed for a very long time. But he seemed to be feeling better. He was even happy that he didn't need a legal guardian anymore. He had found a job with 40 days of vacation and everything seemed to be going well again. Yesterday he was run over by a train. I have been up all night studying your article "Hope for all who are Brokenhearted," reading all the scriptures you gave. You write in your article that people, who have committed suicide will have a new chance when they are resurrected. For me this is difficult to understand, because until now I have thought that after such an act there isn't any chance of forgiveness. Until now, I have also thought that there is only one resurrection of believers who have proven themselves in this life. I cannot understand that there should be another chance for my son, that it is not the unpardonable sin, but I really want to believe it.

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- Greetings from Thailand. I have been a follower of your organization since the late 60s when I use to listen to Garner Ted in California. I was devastated when he fell from grace. That is one of the reasons we do not follow man. My opinion (when one falls from grace), is that God's Word doesn't change. Genesis still remains Genesis and Matthew still remains Matthew, because God's Word is still the same as it has always been. Sometimes people change and sometimes drift away from our Father's teachings but His Word remains. Keep up the good work and I will make sure I start sending in a monthly contribution. It won't be a lot because I am on a fixed income but it will be enough to let you know that I appreciate your work for the LORD.
- I just donated 25 dollars to UCG. I would like that cancelled. I'm sorry but I looked up what this church believes and I do not want to contribute to a Church that does not believe in the Trinity.