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Matthew 6:33; 1 John 2:6;
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PART ONE:

**Our Churches Are Falling Away, Being
Transformed by the Dialectic Process to
Bring World Government ●1 ●2**

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KEY POINTS:(1) Thousands of churches world wide are falling away from God's best and by doing so, are now bringing a forfeiture of God's best for people and helping to bring the endtimes Tribulation ●3 with its world government having socialism and loss of freedoms; (2) Our churches are falling away and being transformed to become the immature church with a loss of biblical intellect and with a low plateau of biblical knowledge unknowingly by implementing Satanic strategic using the dialectic process; (3) Churches in their falling away are meeting needs at the human level but not at the spiritual relationship level required by God;(4) Characteristics of this falling away include using mainly first-level training, if that, and using loud rock-type repetitive beat music aimed at reaching today's youth; (5) Churches are replacing the piano, organ, and choirs with drum sets, guitars, and worship teams; (6) Signs signal that Revelation's calamity bringing world government can come at any time; (7) We should understand that the spiritual maturity skill level in Christ-likeness in relationship living that is needed to know and relate to God in His depth-breadth we have at death, we may have forever; (8) We, urgently, should ensure we are training our Church and personal families, especially our children and youth, in depth-breadth to become mature in

1. **DISCLAIMER:** We are presenting what we believe is Bible truth, what God wants, and what are the trends. We encourage you to study and investigate on your own. We cannot be responsible for what you do or not do. We, according to our view and understanding, are presenting what the problems are and what we should now do under God. Our understanding is not complete. But if we have caused you to do some serious thinking and make some changes under God, then this report has been successful.

2.**THIS REPORT AND SISTER DOCUMENT:** This report is an analysis of comparing today's trends presented in the literature with God's Word to show where things are going and why. We may not be correct on all the details, but what is happening is leading to the endtimes Tribulation with its world government. See references at the report's end for development and details. We provide much detail from the literature on our subject in our sister and supplemental report: *Serious Symptomatic Problems in Today's Churches Based on Four Major Causes With Their Impacts and Indicated Solutions* by John M. Stephenson, December 14, 2006. Please read this report next - on my web site.

This report is helpful for us to understand the Biblical Worldview of what is happening now and where things are going and why. It is helpful for churches to understand so they will come out of and abandon implementing the dialect process and return to greater obedience to God. It helps us to understand the spiritual warfare and what must happen (is happening) for God, according to His Plan, to terminate history using the world government in the events of Revelation's seven-sealed scroll. This report helps us understand what we should do now with urgency to mature and train our people, especially including our children and youth, including putting in some provisions to get through the coming calamity.

3. **TRIBULATION:** The Tribulation consists of Revelation's events prior to Christ's Second Coming. It does not include the time of the bowls or vials. They come after the Rapture and during Christ's Coming.

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Christ and putting in some supplies to get through the calamity; (9) When the world government comes, our youth will be satanically educated by the world government without parents being able to do anything about it; (10) Church leadership, followed by the Church people, carry the major responsibility for this falling away; (11) Because the Church is responsible for bringing the endtimes Tribulation with its world government, the Church will go through it to be raptured at its end at our Lord's Second Coming; (12) If we are to delay the Tribulation from coming, we must have revival to greater obedience in our churches to God beginning with Church leadership; (13) One must understand the objectives of the spiritual warfare between Christ and Satan and Revelation's endtimes sequence in order to understand what and why things are happening; and (14) What is happening is symptomatic of several causes with one major one being that our churches do not understand God's Greatness and their spiritual poverty such that they search out in only the Bible with diligence to discover everything that God wants done and then doing it with commitment and excellence - they are, instead, doing their own thing - what is right according to their own eyes.

Please read first or next our sister report that give much detail of what is happening and why: *Serious Symptomatic Problems in Today's Churches Based on Four Major Causes With Their Impacts and Indicated Solutions* by John M. Stephenson, December 14, 2006.

SUMMARY: Even though today our churches are still doing many-many very good things with many-many good results, they are now trending, in large numbers, to fall away in varying amounts from God's best and His Greatness. They are becoming involved in the dialectic process that Satan is using to bring the endtimes world government and Tribulation. This process uses a method to take things from what they are to where one wants them to be. As such, churches are trending to and being transformed to become an immature church with a loss of biblical intellect and with a low plateau of biblical knowledge. This includes little knowledge of Bible prophecy and how the endtimes unfold. This practice brings a great forfeiture of God's best for His people that is bringing great spiritual harm to them.

In order to understand what is happening and why, one needs to understand the sequence of how Revelation's events unfold both in God's and Satan's plan and how the dialectic process operates. God uses Satan to accomplish His plan. This sequence will be described with the major role of God's endtimes favored nation, the United States. The dialectic process is also described.

There is good evangelism in many countries world-wide, particularly in those bringing persecution of Christians and/or have poverty. Many people are coming to Christ. However, many countries, such as in western Europe, have dead churches without much Gospel. Traditionally and historically, our American churches have had good foreign missions programs, but have had insufficient local area evangelism programs. They have good sermons to teach God's Word for some knowledge and spiritual growth, but very often do not have a curriculum of God's Whole Counsel that would mature their people. They appear to be satisfied to work for some spiritual growth without concern in practice for maturing their people at the higher spiritual ability skill levels. This direction is to be procedurally rather than the needed outcome oriented. *Of course there are exceptions with excellent ministries under God.*

But today, there is an overt falling away that is capturing thousands of churches world wide. They are seriously dumbing down their training and using loud rock-type repetitive beat music. The method is an attempt to reach the youth in the present culture. People label the situation as the

Church Growth Movement of seeker friendly and emerging churches. Churches are buying into the movement in varying amounts. This movement is bringing a major falling away of our churches. It is leading rapidly to the bringing of Revelation's endtimes Tribulation.

The churches involved are treating reaching the youth in numbers as a much higher priority over maturing their own people. God warns us that if we are not taking care of our own, we are worse than unbelievers. In using rock music, they are having music that draws the current youth instead of music that brings great praise and worship to God. Does God listen to the rock music that has its roots in voodooism and paganism? Read the references and you will never use rock-type music in the Church ever again. (If we are to use rock music at all, we should limit its use to evangelism activities and not bring it into our worship services. We would be better to use contemporary music with a dominate melody.)

These churches, in their falling away and teaching less of God's Word,●4 are unknowingly implementing Satan's dialectic process and being transformed to become an immature church. There is also a dumbing down of our American public schools. Both are helping and leading to bring Revelation's world government (world-wide socialism) over which he and his man will rule. Our church activities are leading to a world-wide spiritual darkness without their realization. In time, few will know and can teach God's Word in any depth-breadth. Are we there now? ***Church leadership is mainly responsible.***

Our churches appear to be working without their knowing or realizing (having discernment of) the big picture of what is happening around them, what is resulting, and why things are going that way. They appear not to know key biblical doctrines. They are not doing critical analysis to understand what is happening. The need to understand the dialectic process and how they are involved in it and being gradually transformed by it.

The overall situation has many aspects like the many facets on a diamond. Our churches appear not to see all or most of these aspects. This report attempts to present many of these aspects and facets, so the overall picture can be viewed and more greatly understood.●5 Before most churches are expected to change, they must see and understand the situation and trends. They must understand the causes of what they are doing. What they are doing is symptomatic of specific causes.

If we are to turn things around toward God's best, we need revival in our churches to have greater obedience, beginning with their leadership. Then God will change the nation. They must work on the causes of this falling away. One of these causes is not understanding the dialectic process that Satan has used since the Garden of Eden so that one does not become inadvertently

4. **LESS OF GOD'S WORD:** Teaching less of God's Word is bringing a famine of His Word and is adding and subtracting to His Word. The Bible warns against this. This situation is one major sign that we are in a degree of apostasy and that the Tribulation can be soon coming. God told the Old Testament Jews that when they are in great disobedience, He brings a famine of His Word. This, in practice, is happening today.

5. **MANY ASPECTS:** Because there are many aspects to know and understand, this report is a bit long. But I encourage you to read and study in carefully. There are many things to pray about and some key changes that may need to be made to be prepared as the endtimes future unfolds and for eternity.

involved. Another major one is that churches do not appreciate God's Greatness such that they seek out everything that He wants done and do it with excellence. They are doing what they view is correct - what is right according to their own eyes. Because the endtimes appear to be coming soon and because the endtimes are prophesied, it is doubtful that many churches will turn soon enough or at all to implement more of God's best and search out His Greatness. Thus, the endtimes Tribulation will come without recourse.

This report describes what is happening and why, where things are going and why, and how the United States plays a key and major role in bringing the endtimes. It explains Revelation's sequence that leads to the Rapture, Christ's Second Coming, and history's termination. It shows what we should be doing now with training and preparation and why. We should do this with a sense of urgency. Will your church turn around? Will mine?

THE MAIN REPORT: PRESENTATION OF THE MAJOR CONCEPTS AND HAPPENINGS

GOD'S COMMANDS: God commands our churches pursue and train their people to become mature in high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living. This is needed now, but especially in eternity. They, as churches working together, are to do area-wide local and world evangelism. They are to use music that is pleasing to God as they are filled with the Holy Spirit.

*Hebrews 6:1 - Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, **let us press on to maturity**, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,*

*Ephesians 4:11-13 - And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; **until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.***

James 1:2-4 - Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Ephesians 5:18-19 - but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

Mark 13:10 "And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

But what are our churches doing?

SIGNS AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Signs and conditions now signal loudly that Revelation's endtimes Tribulation can be coming soon for which the Church, now falling away from obeying these commandments, is greatly responsible for bringing.

Because the Tribulation is coming and that God commands us to do so, dwell on God's Greatness and ensure to implement all that He requires and only that which He requires. Be outcome oriented working for results to become mature in Christ instead of mainly procedurally oriented working practically for spiritual growth. *Act with a sense of urgency.*

Thus, if you are not already doing it, be sure you are maturing your people (church and family), including your children and youth, in Christ-likeness in relationship living at the higher skill spiritual ability levels. Do not just work for spiritual growth. This includes learning to live as Christ lived on earth in relationship to His Father by faith in God to fulfill His promises and by sacrificial love, serving Him and each other. Also train them, working with other churches, to help do area-wide local and foreign evangelism. Do not just do some evangelism. This is necessary to bring people to Christ and for all of us to have the experiential spiritual ability that we can know and relate to God experientially toward His fullest in a close fellowship, both now and especially in eternity.

Do this training with a prepared curriculum of a version of God's Whole Counsel that is both academic and practically oriented. A curriculum is recommended later. Use some form of on-the-job training. Memorize Bible promises and some hymns. Put your people into small support groups for training and mutual help. Put in some provisions to go through the hard times ahead. Revelation's endtimes may come at any time. Thus, work with some urgency.

And very importantly come out of the wrong and incomplete practices of the Church Growth Movement (including seeker friendly and emerging churches). They are working with but little of God's Word to meet human needs as man instead of how God sees them. They are using their world's rock music. Otherwise you can forfeit God's best for your life, both now and especially in eternity. Unbelievers will not go to heaven to be with God.

WHAT IS HAPPENING: But now what is happening to thousands of our world churches particularly in the United States? Our churches are now in a major falling away from God's best and even from having salvation and growth in Christ (pursuing maturity) under His Lordship. This major falling away and many world activities are now leading to Revelation's world government of the endtimes Tribulation. ***Precursor events are happening now and have been for some time that are bringing and signally the coming of the Tribulation.*** Our churches, world wide in large numbers, are helping to bring this government by falling away from God's requirements. ***So how are our churches falling away?***

They are unknowingly implementing Satan's dialectic process.●6 *The church people most likely do not realize this, or hopefully they would not be involved. This report brings this awareness so they (me also), in the Church I love, will make changes toward a much greater obedience to God.●7* If we do not repent and act, we can be facing divine

6. **UNDERSTANDING:** Read and listen to the referenced works (located at the report's end) of Bob Klenck and Dean Gotcher for the understanding of the dialectic process. They have done much or most of the work to develop the understanding.

7. **DISCERN:** Many churches are training to make disciples, but are not working to mature their people with a written and complete curriculum. They work to do some evangelism, but do not work with other churches to evangelize complete local areas, particularly the children and the youth. Thus, they are more procedural

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discipline personally as people, churches, the nation, and nations world wide.

The dialectic process is one where a method is used to take churches from where they are to where one wants them to be. The Churches are being transformed to become the immature church (result) by dumbing down their training and ministry using rock music (method) from the conditions that was making the church that which God desires (presumable where they are or were). This dumbing down is preparing our churches for world-government socialism.

This dumbing down, using mainly first-level Bible training with loud rock-type repetitive beat music, is a method to draw the youth without also training in depth-breadth to mature their own people. Churches are not evangelizing the totality of their local areas including with a complete Gospel. There is much immorality and wrong divorce. Many churches are working to meet human (felt) needs without also meeting them spiritually as God requires.

The process over time, as the youth come along and grow older with but little Bible training, brings an immature church with a loss of biblical intellect and a low plateau of biblical knowledge including that of endtimes prophecy. Are we there now?●8 This is Satan's goal.

Then when things happen to bring world government, the churches, being dumbed down, will not know what is happening. Satan is working to have world peace without religious or other distinctives that would separate people. They must be put aside for world peace - socialism. And they might even accept other religions as being equal approaches to God. ***But, we will still have a remnant of the very faithful who will remain strong in Christ. They will be warred against.***

The churches have always had problems, even though doing many good things. They teach much of the Bible, have foreign missionary programs,●9 have Vacation Bible Schools (VBS), have Awana Programs, and do some local evangelism. But now there is an overt movement in thousands of churches (not all churches) to reach the youth for Christ and draw them into the churches without realizing that they, by their methods, are becoming an immature church. In our view, large numbers of our churches are falling away to an **overt** world-wide situation implementing Satan's dialectic process unknowingly. The situation is leading to bring Revelation's

than the required outcome oriented.

8. **YOUTH:** From time to time, I ask our youth from several churches seven or more basic doctrinal questions. They cannot answer any of them. It appears we are no longer teaching doctrine. What are they? Explain: (1) why, as believers in the Gospel, we do have eternal security in Christ; (2) how do we walk by faith; (3) how do we become mature in Christ; (4) redemption; (5) atonement for iniquity; (6) the baptism and the filling of the Holy Spirit, nothing to do with tongues; and (7) describe the meaning and interpretation of Daniel's seventy weeks,

9. **MISSIONARY PROGRAMS:** Many churches have budgets of many hundreds of thousands and even into the low millions that support missionaries going to foreign countries from the United States.

endtimes Tribulation. Churches are adopting the movements in varying amounts and degrees. Some are lightly involved while many are heavily involved.●10 Some are not involved at all.

If we can get the churches to understand the causes and set new objectives, the churches might or will change their own actions (the symptoms).

We can also deal with them in reform (as many are doing to change the symptoms or happenings) to help delay things. But only God, not reform, can change the nation and then only after the churches come to greater obedience based on changing the causes to proper and biblical understanding.

2 Chronicles 7:14 - And My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

The problem confronting us is it to late to change the churches before the endtimes Tribulation judgment comes? Are we now in a terminal situation?●11 It will be too late at some time. If the sin situation is becoming mature, church leaders may not be able to understand what we are presenting. Sufficient number of churches most likely will not change or change soon enough because the Bible prophesizes that the endtimes with world government will come. But will your church and family change? Will mine?

The falling away sequence is that the Church leadership falls away first. This is followed by the Church people. Then the sin increases in the rest of the people in the nations and conditions lead to judgment. Thus, to make changes we must first change the church - the cause, not work for reform that aims at changing the symptoms - the result of the church people falling away. If God's people do not change, the country cannot be turned around. One can use reform with revival as Church people respond to God in greater obedience.

ALERT: Signs and conditions now signal that a calamity can come anytime that will bring Revelation's endtimes Tribulation with world government.●12 Only God knows the time. It will come suddenly in a whirlwind without an actual or precise time warning. However, many Christians have been warning for some time of the trends and conditions that are leading to world government in the printed, radio, internet, and TV media. The sin of the nation's people is increasing while at the same time other world conditions are being implemented that can bring a calamity. A financial crash

10. **MUSIC:** Some churches have separate worship services for traditional and contemporary music.

11. **ILLUSTRATION:** Cancer is a symptom of the cause of a malfunctioning body. To correct the cancer symptom, one must correct the cause to use nutrition to bring the body so it functions normally as God planned. It then will cure the tumor. But if we begin to late to start the treatment, such as being terminal, the cancer situation cannot be turned around, and the patient dies. Thus, if we begin to late to have revival, we may be terminal, and the Tribulation will come without recourse. This is what will happen if there is not a major revival.

12. **ENDTIMES:** Read our web site report: *The Endtimes Scenario for How Revelation's Events Unfold, The Pattern View of Prophecy* to learn how the emdtimes can come.

can come soon world wide including in the United States. God is warning through major tragedies and severe weather. The current famine of teaching God's Word in depth-breadth is a major sign the United States is in apostasy with a major falling away from God's requirements. The world will become one under socialism without God, the Gospel, and the Bible, It will be under the rule of Satan and his man.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS: *Because the time can be short indeed to the calamity, churches and families should urgently ensure they are maturing their people in Christ-likeness and helping to do area-wide evangelism. They, as stated, need to put in some supplies to live through the calamity when the infrastructure grid will be shut down. There will be major electric power blackouts. One will need financial reserves of some kind to sustain oneself through the expected large financial crash. We need to place all our church people into small home mutual support groups. We can train our people in these groups.*

Those who believe they will escape the endtimes via a Pre-Tribulation Rapture need also to make these preparations. They need to do them for the insurance of general bad times and, most importantly, as a hedge of being wrong about not going through the Tribulation. ***Be alerted, the Bible does not teach anywhere there will be a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.*** All Bible doctrine with direct teachings show the Rapture comes at Christ's Second Coming after the Tribulation when He comes in the clouds.

The dead in Christ rise in resurrection first. Then those who are alive (remaining alive) on the earth are resurrected and caught up (raptured) to meet them with the Lord in the air.

Mark 13:26-27 - "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. "And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth, to the farthest end of heaven.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 - For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall 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.

The Rapture cannot occur until after all those who are to live, have lived, and have made formal and binding decisions to receive or deny the Gospel. The wheat (believers) cannot be separated from the tares (unbelievers) until after all the tares are bundled for the fire (ready for judgment) in the endtimes Tribulation.●13 Additional discussion is presented later.

This report encourages churches to ensure they are obeying God's commandments and are implementing the recommendations (or their equivalent) presented, whether or not they are involved in the dialectic

13. **RAPTURE TIME:** There are many doctrines that teach the Rapture will only come at Christ's Second Coming after the endtimes Tribulation. See my reports: *The Pattern View of Prophecy and Interpretation and Critical Understanding of Endtimes Bible Prophecy*, August-September 2006 Newsletter.

process.

In implementing the dialectic process, churches are inadvertently abandoning God's major teachings, doctrines, absolutes, divine life, and teaching in depth-breadth. As being described, they are doing this to reach the youth and meet people's felt needs world wide. ***They, even though doing many good things, such as at the human level, are not looking only to God's directions and ways.*** They are adding their own. They are doing things or not doing things according to what is right according to their own eyes, which the Bible warns us not to do. The churches want to do right, but they are caught up in movements that look right, but, in our view, biblically, they are not. This will be shown.

Satan is using the process in the churches and nations to bring the eventual result of a one-world socialistic government over which he and his man will rule. God is using the situation to bring the endtimes calamity that will install world government and bring history's termination.

According to the references, thousands of American and churches world-wide are involved in the dialectic process in major falling away movements by going now to Seeker-Friendly and Emerging Church concepts in a Church Growth Movement.●14 And more and more churches are joining. The churches can be doing many good things helping people and meeting their human needs in the horizontal. But they are abandoning God's major requirements in the vertical under our Lord's Lordship. Thus, at best, the movement is bringing a humanistic church.

The tragedy is that this movement has lost its excellence before God by no longer seeking His best and Greatness, and no longer operating with and standing on sufficient of His biblical absolutes.●15 They are not adequately living under Christ's Lordship.

The churches' goals for what they are doing may not be wrong. It is good to help the needy and reach the youth. It is more of what they are not doing and how they are doing it are the issues. They are not adequately maturing their people in Christ and are not attempting to do true area-wide evangelism, particularly of the children and the youth. They are attempting to reach the youth meeting their needs as they see them, instead of how God sees them. They are using rock-type music instead of good music. Churches are reaching out to today's youth by the only way they believe they can draw the youth in the current world environment. They want to reform the youth.

In this reaching out, as stated, the churches involved are now using only or mainly first-level Bible training if that. They are emphasizing relationships and how people feel and think about things. They have replaced the hymns and choirs with loud rock-type syncopated music and worship teams. They have replaced the piano and organ with drum sets and guitars. They have replaced in depth-breadth teaching with shallow teaching without much content. They are leaving out the negatives of hell, the Lake of Fire, and divine discipline.

14. **DEGREE:** The churches adopt this movement in different amounts with different characteristics. Some may have greater teachings and outreach ministry than others. Some have both contemporary and traditional music. Some have essentially abandoned the Bible, giving it what we call lip service.

15. **MOVEMENT DETAILS:** See References by Dr. Klenck and Dr. Dean Gootcher.

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In doing this, they are not operating as they should under Christ's Lordship. As a result, as stated, they are doing what is right according to their own eyes and bringing a famine of God's total Word. In effect, it is a major subtracting and adding to His Word that the Bible warns not to do. This is sin.

Deuteronomy 4:2 - "You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

Revelation 22:18-19 - I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God shall add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

Thus, this report's overall purposes, then, are to make readers aware: (1) of God's Plan to mature believers in Christ needed for eternity; (2) of the spiritual warfare objectives, and Satan's leading the churches to fulfill his plan to fall away by engaging them into the dialect process; (3) that the Church will go through the soon-coming Tribulation that she is helping to bring; (4) of what we, as churches and families, should urgently do now to return to and obey God in His best and (5) of what we should do urgently to be prepared for going through the coming Tribulation and be better prepared for eternity. (The churches in their falling away are causing the Tribulation to come.) It is to alert churches of the dialectic process and what results it brings. It is to give them help and encouragement to abandon the process and return to God's best in obedience to Him in preparation for life with God now, and especially in eternity. It is to encourage churches to abandon Satan's Plan and implement God's.

KEY ISSUES: Key issues in the falling away in our current situation, in our view, include the following (they are expanded upon later):

- * The major issues are that the Church should, under God's command and His leading and working in her, work to mature her people, including the children and the youth, in a high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness. They should do both local and foreign area-wide world evangelism. Of course this is to under God's leading.●16 ***This maturity is necessary in order to know and relate to God toward His maximum, both now, but especially in eternity. What is happening now is leading to and bringing the endtimes Tribulation.*** The Church will go through the Tribulation and be raptured after its end at Christ's Second Coming. Because signs signal the Calamity can come at any time, the churches should act and prepare with a degree of urgency and priority, if they are not already doing it. They, as stated, should do it also for a hedge about being wrong if they believe they will be raptured before the Tribulation comes.●17

16. **EVANGELISM:** How well are we doing local evangelism in the United States. I talk to several people each week about the Gospel, and more than half do not know there even is a Gospel. Here in Silicon Valley, only about 5% of the people attend Church. What percentage of those are Christians? Are we doing adequate local area evangelism? It does not look like it.

17. **DISCERNMENT:** A problem comes when churches believe they are maturing their people when in actuality, they are not. Most churches do not have the needed in depth-breadth curriculum. Church leaders are happy when they have the activities of a sermon and a Sunday School, even home groups. Do they

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- * Churches are not glorifying God as much as they should and could and as they may want. We can only glorify God by giving back to Him what He has given to us such as commands. Thus, by being obedient to Him, doing things His way, according to His Word as a source, the Holy Bible, we glorify God. But if we are doing things our way which many churches are doing?

John 17:4 - "I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do. (The Son glorified the Father.)"

Churches involved in the dialectic process are not glorifying God because they are using their own methods from themselves as a source, instead of only God as a source. God draws people via His Word as He works in them to be saved by faith not through highly questionable rock-type music, the world's way. As a result, they forfeit gaining the greater spiritual maturity in Christ which is needed to know and relate to God toward His depth-breadth.●18 What a most terrible mistake.

John 6:44 - "No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. (The Father draws people through His Word.)"

Romans 10:17 - So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

Acts 6:7 - And the word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem

- * The current trends and results show the churches have an insufficient love for God and do not appreciate and understand His Greatness that they obey all of His commandments. This would include using His Word for Him to draw people (with the youth) and train their people, including their children and youth to become mature in Christ. They have abandoned the Bible's methods to use the world's methods. And further, as will be discussed, their biblical highest priority is to mature their own people in depth-breadth using God's Whole Counsel. The dumbing down all their people to reach the youth is unbiblical. One must realize that reaching the lost is a subset of the activities to become mature in Christ. Both need to be accomplished with proper understanding and priority.
- * We are now in the endtimes where are churches are no longer enduring sound doctrine. They are doing things according to their own eyes. If they, in large numbers, were implementing the Bible's doctrines, this movement would not occur, at least to the large degree that it is. The sadness is that our churches do not have the discernment to know what they are doing. They are not doing critical analysis to find out. (Do any of us have adequate discernment?)

understand whether or not they are doing adequate evangelism? Are they training their people to do evangelism? Churches do not do critical analysis to determine how well they are actually maturing their people and are actually doing evangelism.

18. MATURITY IN CHRIST: We can only gain maturity in Christ by learning to live as Christ lives. This is to live in thought and action by only that which comes from God the Father (the Holy Bible) as a source. We are wrongly using ourselves as the source.

Part One

Our Churches Are Falling Away, Being Transformed by the Dialectic Process to Bring World Government

2 Timothy 4:3 - For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; (This is happening now.)

- * Our churches are using rock-type music without researching the literature to see its very bad effects on people. Examine the referenced reports and you will never use rock music again.
- * The Churches (my view) are inadvertently using the process because they are using the methods they believe may be the only way they can reach the youth in today's environment and to meet the people's needs. These are good goals. But in doing so, they are teaching only a minimum amount of Scripture and are using the world's rock-type music. This is not God's way. They appear not appreciate God's Greatness and how He wants things done or they would use His, not their methods that implement the process. This process leads to the wrong results (Satan's desired results) of a church in apostasy - an immature church with a loss of biblical intellect and with a low plateau of Bible knowledge. The churches are being set up for socialism coming under world government. ***And church leadership is helping to make it happen.***

In time, when the older people die who know the Bible and/or when the dumbed down grown up younger people become the vast majority, the hymns and in depth-breadth Bible training will be something of the past. Expository peaching has but gone away. Almost no one will know and be able to teach the Bible in any depth-breadth, including Bible prophecy. Fewer believers are becoming the gung ho and the very faithful. Are we in this condition now? Certainly, we are not far from it. Of course, praise the Lord, there are exceptions everywhere.●19

- * The churches have wrong priorities. They should work with their **own** gung ho and very faithful with the majority of their time to mature them in Christ. They should use a much smaller amount to time to work with new people. But they must do both. The churches, by working mostly to

19. **APOSTASY:** God says in Amos that when the people are disobedient, He brings a famine of His Word and forgets the children. He does not listen to our songs. This is happening now in our churches by their falling away. So God is using the falling away to have His will for both at the same time. This signals that the divine discipline of the Tribulation is on its way. It will be worse in the Tribulation when the government takes the children from the parents and satanically educates them and no longer allows teaching of God's Word.

Amos 8:11 - "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord God, "When I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, But rather for hearing the words of the Lord. (Going to pabulum teaching, God's Word is now being taken away.)

Amos 5:23 "Take away from Me the noise of your songs; I will not even listen to the sound of your harps. (This shows that bad music will be prevalent in the endtimes to which God will not listen. He will not listen to it because the people are in sin (and it is bad music). Our hymns are now being taken away, because churches in their disobedience are using rock band music to which, it strongly appears, God does not listen.)

Deuteronomy 28:32 - "Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, while your eyes shall look on and yearn for them continually; but there shall be nothing you can do.(This happens in the Tribulation and precursors are happening now in our churches and public schools.)

draw new people, are not taking care of their own.

1 Timothy 5:8 - But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.●20

- * Satan, in our view, is encouraging the churches to use the dialectic process because by doing so, it brings a major falling away of the churches from God's required obedience. This falling away (sin) gives him more power (that God allows) to help him implement world government. God uses this government for discipline and to terminate history. Satan uses it to help prevent the elect from believing and from accomplishing God's chosen work.
- * The churches in attempting to meet the people's felt needs have dumbed down their training and are not implementing God's major plan to mature people so they can know and relate to Him. Dumbed down people meet largely for fellowships, activities, and relationships, not so much to have in-depth-breadth Bible studies and to learn to walk closer to God.
- * In our perception, the situation impedes people from reaching the proficiency in walking with God that He desires. This proficiency is needed is so that they can know and relate to Him in His depth-breadth, living by more of His Greatness in holiness and righteousness, both now and especially in eternity. And apart from this relationship and living, there is nothing.
- * The implementation of the dialectic process is a bottom's up approach from man that leads to humanism, instead of a top down approach from God that leads to divine life, holiness, righteousness, and knowing God. It is working for the temporal instead of for the eternal. It is working more for gaining numbers, instead of a quality walk with God.
- * Implementing this process, church people are forfeiting knowing God in His depth-breadth according to His Greatness, are sending less spiritual wealth on ahead, and will not receive as many heavenly rewards that God wants to give.
- * And the results of this falling away (sin), church leaders and their people are causing the endtimes Tribulation to come. Thus, the Church will go through the Tribulation for divine discipline and to gain more maturity in Christ needed for eternity.
- * ***What is happening in the falling away is symptomatic of several causes. As stated earlier, if we are to help change the situation, we must deal with the causes, not the symptoms. If the causes are corrected, the results and symptoms will change, if there is time before the calamity and Tribulation come. Is our America terminal? Insufficient time to change? It looks as if it could be because of her condition and because the endtimes world government is prophesied.***

WHAT WE MUST REALIZE (Repeated for emphasis): *In this falling away, the churches are implementing Satan's dialect process of transformation from obedience to God to one of*

20. **FAMILY:** If a father of a family was working in the community to draw more people to the church, but was not working to mature his own children, is this of God? Is this not what our churches are doing?

great disobedience. The degree of the falling away (sin) is instrumental in bringing the endtimes Tribulation. The result of the dumbing down is helping Satan implement socialism in the coming world government where all people are the same and have the same. It is helping the Tribulation to come. People give up their distinctives and freedoms for relationships and peace. They do this for having world peace, but without Christ and biblical distinctives. People accept other's beliefs others as equals. If not, they are warred against.

THE CAUSES OF THE FALLING AWAY: The falling away is, in our perception, symptomatic of several recognized causes centered in church leadership, and then followed by many of the church people. These causes in summary, concerning Church leadership, are (our perception):

- * **DISCERNMENT:** Leadership, based on their actions, has inadequate doctrinal understanding and spiritual discernment for what is happening, what things should be done, and how we should do them. They do not see the need to and God's commands to mature their people training them in depth-breadth and to train them to do area-wide evangelism in the community. They do not see that by not doing so is to have sins of omission. They do not see that they need to mature their people for the sake of eternity and to avoid helping to bring the endtimes Tribulation. They do not see that what they are doing s to help bring an immature church with a loss of biblical intellect and with a low plateau of Bible knowledge, thus, implementing satanic strategy.
- * **GOD'S GREATNESS:** Leadership; lacks appreciation of God's Greatness such that the Bible is searched for all that God wants done (doing only that for direction) and how and the degree and scope He wants it done. They are not knowing that He would put in His Bible all that is needed and how it is to be implemented. (He does not want us to use our ways for directions and methods.) (Leadership, as stated, is implementing a bottoms-up leadership from man instead of top-down authoritative leadership from God.)

(It is God alone, not us, who is and qualified to work all things together for good. He does things only according to His ways. Thus, we should only do what is in the Bible to activate our faith in God to do so, even when we may not understand why. We will learn why after the fact. When we use our ways, from ourselves as a source, we inadvertently act as a god and attempt to work all things together for good ourselves. We should only do what saith the Lord - it is written.)

- * **SATANIC STRATEGY:** Leadership does not realize that what they are doing is implementing key satanic strategy, that over time produces an immature church with a loss of biblical intellect and having a low plateau of Bible knowledge. (Using a dumbing down training and using rock-type music are implementing satanic strategies. This is the method in the dialectic process.) **As will be presented, Satan's objectives are to prevent some of the elect from believing and/or accomplishing some of God's work.**
- * **MUST BE ETERNALLY MINDED:** Leadership does not appreciate the degree that God wants us mature in Christ-likeness now and that our maturity in Christ may be fixed forever at death. There is no Scripture that states whether or not our maturity will or will not increase in heaven.

But the Bible implies that it might be fixed forever at death.●21 By this, we are talking about such things as walking by faith and living by sacrificial love. (See my web site paper on *Keys for Gaining Spiritual Maturity*.)●22

And God commands us to pursue maturity. As a result, our churches are procedurally oriented to work for spiritual growth, but are not outcome oriented to have a biblical derived curriculum to help mature our people in Christ. Churches are not working for people to have a maximum life under Christ's Lordship. And similarly, we work to do some evangelism, and not work to evangelize complete local areas.

21. **MATURITY:** The Bible implies that our maturity may be fixed at death in the following ways: (1) God commands us to pursue this maturity (Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Galatians 4:19; Ephesians 3:19; 4:11-13; Colossians 1:28; Hebrews 6:1; 11:35; James 1:2-4. It is important to Him that we pursue it for whatever reason He may have. To us, it includes having the ability to know and relate to God in His Greatness and Great Glory especially in eternity. It allows us to have a greater ministry using greater love and faith. We can more greatly glorify God; (2) The biblical events over history from Genesis to Revelation, such as salvation in the Cross and growing in discipleship, are designed to lead us to gain maturity in Christ. (See my report: *God and His Greatness Must be Central*.); (3) The current developing environment of the world, flesh, and the devil is not allowed in heaven; (4) The spiritual mistakes we make in our development are sins. No sin (no spiritual mistakes) is allowed or will occur in heaven; (5) God chose to create us immature and a need for this maturity development; (6) We, in analogy, are planted in the ground as a seed that must be planted and then, die, sprout, grow to a mature plant or tree. The more it is watered and fed, the higher and stronger it will become (gaining more maturity). We cannot gain new life without dying to self; (7) It is suggested in Scripture: *1 Timothy 4:8 - but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. Hebrews 11:35 - Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, in order that they might obtain a better resurrection;*

We cannot know for sure. God has left it as matter of faith without telling us all things. There are many questions we have about God etc. for which we have no answers. This can be one of them.

22. **DEATH:** I realize that we all have questions about those who die as children or shortly after becoming a new convert about their maturity when they die. We also have questions about some Christians pursuing maturity and others who do not. God is fair and impartial. But He did not promise equality. It is much better to exist and go to heaven with some maturity, than not to exist. There may be very few who will have the maximum level. Most of us will be in the middle range somewhere. Based on the teaching that God allowed all those who have not yet learned the knowledge of good and evil to enter the promised land, it is my belief that all children will be saved and given some level of mature spiritual ability in Christ if they die before reaching the age of accountability. A fair God would do this. All Christians will have some maturity. We have to trust God to do what is right and proper. So we should pursue maturity as He commands and then we will have the best that He offers us. We are talking about preparing for eternity. Thus, not to do what God wants, even as Christians, we may have consequences. Regardless of what maturity we have, we will be living in and for the Glory of God in eternity. We have only one shot through life, so we need to obey God toward His fullest and not compromise. The apostle Paul stated that regardless of the past, lets make the future the best we can have.

Phillipians 3:13 - Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,

By default, churches must believe they are not hurting their people eternally by dumbing down to reach the youth without also training in depth-breadth. But this belief structure is flawed and can be a most terrible eternal mistake.

- * **CRITICAL ANALYSIS:** Leadership is not doing critical analysis to determine how well they are actually maturing their people and are actually doing area-wide evangelism. (How many water baptisms have they had of new converts from the community say in the past 36 months?) They do not know and recognize the signs that signal the endtimes Tribulation can come at any time. They, even in doing many good things, do not know God's major plan is to mature their people and do not recognize they are implementing satanic strategy. (God uses a variety of music and instruments, but not loud syncopated repetitive-beat rock music that came from voodooism and immorality that was used to call up demons and evil spirits. There are percussion increments, but no drums in the Bible.)

SUMMARY: The cause of what they are doing wrong is not to see the need to mature their people in Christ at the highest skill levels, not just work for spiritual growth. They need a developed curriculum. They need to train their own people at a much higher priority over reaching new people and the lost, even though both must be done. They (churches working together under God's leading) should train their people to do area-wide evangelism in the community by various methods emphasizing the children and the youth. Statistics show that about 85% of the people come to Christ before they leave junior high school and 99% before they leave college.