

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day and for ever.”
(Heb. 13:8)

Circular Letter

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Midnight Cry

My beloved Brothers and Sisters, I greet you cordially, in the precious name of the LORD Jesus Christ, with the burning question as found in Isa. 21:11,

Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?

True servants of God are watchmen placed with God's people (Ezek. 3:17). According to Mt. 25, there is a wake-up call, a midnight cry which is very decisive. At first, all of the virgins fell asleep, then, there was a cry, *“And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.”* The night is far spent and the great day is at hand (Rom. 13:12). The evening time which brought the light is behind us, the midnight hour is here. Every sermon, every circular letter must be understood and received as a wake-up call. The last message must be heard, as mighty as the sound of a trumpet, and its sound must be clear (1. Cor. 14:8). No one should turn to the other side and keep sleeping after having heard the midnight cry. All listeners must clean their lamps, so the illumination we have received can really shine forth as a light. The wise virgins fill their vessels with the oil of the Holy Spirit, so they will have sufficient supply until the return of the Bridegroom.

It seems like we have just left the old year behind us and yet we are already well into the new year. Many good things can be reported in the Kingdom of God. Never before have we received so many testimonies of the supernatural working of God. The truthful proclamation of God's Word has helped many to find their balance in the knowledge of the truth and also in all the doctrines. Obedience by faith is the work of the Holy Spirit and is becoming increasingly obvious everywhere.

In all its truthfulness the last message is reaching the ends of the earth, and those who believe as the Scripture says are expecting the final tremendous work of God, the total restoration and their completion unto the day of Jesus Christ (Phil. 1:10-11).

Soberly we observe the events in this last and serious time from the scriptural viewpoint.

In this circular letter we shall deal with three current events:

1. We shall address the events of December 26th, 2004, when the seaquake occurred in South-East Asia, causing a flood wave that left behind a devastation unlike any we have previously experienced, killing hundreds of thousands of people.
2. We will also talk about the significance of January 27th, 2005. It marks the sixtieth anniversary of the liberation of the surviving Jewish prisoners from the deadly concentration camp in Auschwitz. On this day, special memorials were held in Israel, in Germany, and in Auschwitz itself, where minutes of silence were observed in great respect.
3. We shall refer to the book by Pope John Paul II titled *“Remembrance and Identity — Talks between the Millenniums”*, which was published on February 23rd, 2005.

Point 1

In Matthew 24, in Mark 13, and in Luke 21 we find the predictions about the events and the natural disasters which must take place before the return of Jesus Christ.

What happened on December 26th, 2004, when the sea waves reached a speed of 800 km/h, reminded us of the Word in Lk. 21:25, “... *and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring.*” The unprecedented destruction the tsunamis left behind brought great distress to countless people. Among the victims were not only the inhabitants of those countries, but also vacationers from all over the world.

Oddly enough, the animals were warned in a most wonderful way and escaped the devastating flood by retreating to safe grounds. Neither a monkey nor a rabbit was found dead. At the time of Noah, the animals came in pairs into the ark (Gen. 7) and thus escaped the flood. Of human beings it is written, “... *and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away*” (Mt. 24:39). They continued walking in their ways, scorning the message of the prophet, not heeding to the warning. They did not believe that God would make good on what He had announced through Noah and subsequently perished in the flood. Following last year’s tragedy, many newspaper headlines read, “Where was God?” God is always found in the warning voice within His Word.

In recent times we are increasingly hearing about catastrophes, wars, and unrests of every kind. Countries and continents now seem to suffer ever more and ever worse tragedies. The events of December 2004 force us to reflect, and surely this generation shall not forget what happened.

The impact of this earthquake has shocked all of humanity, regardless of race and religion. We furthermore hear daily reports about the victims of terror attacks in Iraq, but also especially in Israel. Now more or less all people realise that peace has been taken from the earth. There is perplexity among the nations and the fearful expectation of those things which are still

to come. September 11th, 2001, went down in history and will always be remembered. Since December 26th, 2004, the fear seems to have intensified. Not even a world-wide early warning system can prevent what is yet to come. The end-time is here, the coming of the LORD is near. Scriptural prophecies are being fulfilled everywhere.

The Almighty gives the warning to all of humanity in an understandable way. The signs of the time point to the end of the time of grace. Our LORD Himself told us in Lk. 21 that we should watch and pray to receive the power to escape all things which will come upon the face of the earth (vv. 34-36). Many can see the signs of the time, but only those who believe as the Scripture says can place them according to the end-time developments. To those applies the utterance of our LORD, *“So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.”* (v. 31).

Also being fulfilled at this time is what our LORD said back then, *“... how often would I have gathered thy children together, ... and ye would not!”* (Mt. 23:37). All well-meant charismatic meetings, all religious services are in vain, if the audience is not directly acquainted with the divine message for this time. Even all worship is in vain, where commandments of men and their doctrines are being taught (Mk. 7). The LORD wishes to gather His own unto Himself, to speak to them in a direct way, so they are prepared to partake in the last visitation and receive their completion for the glorious day of His return. Only after that the apocalyptic judgements of wrath, as they are shown in the seven trumpets and seven vials in the Book of Revelation, will come upon humanity. The current events are only a fraction of what will happen then, but they are supposed to direct our attention to the promises God made to the Church for this last time, which are now coming to fulfilment. When the predicted earthquake in California happens and the whole area along the San Andreas Fault breaks off and slides into the ocean, then it could already be too late. The flood waves that will be caused will surpass in magnitude anything that has happened so far.

Point 2:

The most horrific holocaust in human history came to its end in the concentration camp Auschwitz/Oswiecim, when the 7,650 remaining Jews were freed. The term “holocaust” was originally adopted from the Greeks by the Romans, then by everyone else. In the Greek language they have two words, “holos” = “complete” and “cautos” = “burned”. By joining those two, the word “holocaust” was formed, signifying “complete burning” — total annihilation to ashes, and it was only used in connection with the persecution of the Jews.

The armies of the atheistic, Bolshevik Red Army delivered those surviving Jews on January 27th, 1945, from the supposedly “Christian” Nazi myrmidons. They even had their own chapel in this concentration camp, attended mass and made their confessions. In the meantime, they murdered

millions of defenceless, innocent human beings! How does that fit together? To understand when the discrimination and persecution of the Jews in the Christian era began, we have to go back into the distant past. In over fifty thousand publications many authors have dealt with the history of the Jews-persecution and the holocaust. We should especially mention Edmund Paris, Daniel Goldhagen, and then, of course, Dr. Karlheinz Deschner, who was very thorough in his research and then wrote quite candidly about the matter. He mentions by name the church fathers who in the second and third centuries sowed the hatred towards the Jews. He revealed their statements, wherein the Jews were accused of being murderers of God and murderers of Christ; the Jewish people were cursed by them, portrayed as rejected by God Himself. All this was crowned by the statement, "Whoever kills a Jew reconciles the death of Christ."

The year 311 A.D. brought an end to the horrible persecution of the Christians imposed by Diocletian. Soon after this, under the regime of Constantine the discrimination and persecution of the Jews started anew. During this epoch, the Christian church established itself as an organisation within the Roman Empire. In the year 321 A.D., the Jews were forbidden by law to keep the Shabbat and were required to observe Sunday instead. Synagogues were changed into cattle stalls, and later they were remodelled into so-called "Christian houses of worship". Whoever reads about the seven crusades will come to know who instigated the persecution of the Jews and who is responsible for the bloodshed of the millions of Jewish martyrs.

Just in the years from 1095 to 1293, the crusaders murdered 22 million human beings. Whatever or whoever stood in their way was rebuked by the solemn declaration, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost," and with the proud display of the crucifix and then mercilessly slaughtered by them. Of the forty thousand Muslims and Jews in Jerusalem not even one hundred were spared in July 1099. Pope Urban II had, after all, solemnly declared, "Deus lo volt!" — "God wants it!" Whoever traces the developments of church history will inevitably come to the Spanish inquisition, wherein the Jews were again persecuted, as well as the Huguenots and all the others who did not submit and recognise the dogmas of the Roman Church. They had the torture chambers, the stakes, and the ghettos wherever the Church of Rome could assert its worldly power. The European countries are saturated with blood. One can even read when they were declared to be "free of Jews".

Who wanted the "final solution" in regards to the Jews? God most certainly did not! It was not God, but rather Pope Urban II, who in 1095 at the council in Clermont, France, called for the first crusade. Who wanted the events that took place from 1933 to 1945 to transpire? God most definitely did not! Who organised what happened in the »German Empire« on November 9th, 1938, during the so-called "Kristallnacht" — "Crystal night", when 1,406 synagogues and Jewish houses were destroyed? Was it a continuation

and the most shameful climax of what had already happened to the Jews in the course of church history? Some authors also point to Joseph Goebbels, the gifted Jesuit and propaganda minister of the »Third Reich«, who managed to bring the masses under his spell. During the time of the “Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation” (962-1806), when the Church of Rome ruled in both, the religious and the worldly realm, inconceivable cruelties were committed. Then, in the »Third Reich«, as some authors point out, the same was repeated with the German nation.

Some point to the fact that the »final solution of the Jewish question« happened in the six extermination camps of Chelmno, Treblinka, Sobibor, Majdanek, Belzec, and Oswiecim/Auschwitz, which are all located on Polish soil. Altogether, there were hundreds of concentration camps, but the »final solution« was to take place where the least resistance was expected from the arch-Catholic population. From September 1st, 1939, when the German troops marched into Poland, which was occupied within 27 days, until June 1941, all of the preparations for the six concentration camps had been completed. In order for this operation to be carried out without any disturbance, experts say, the German »Wehrmacht« attacked Russia on June 22nd, 1941. Nevertheless, the Allies of World War II must answer the question why they bombed all those cities with civilian population and not the railroad tracks which they knew were leading to these extermination camps. At this point we cannot deal with this subject any further. Unspeakable atrocities took place, the Jews of Europe were systematically exterminated with the help of the governments cooperating with the Nazi-regime and the assistance of the clergy within the occupied countries. On December 3rd, 1962, I asked Brother Branham if there was a curse upon Germany because of what had been done to the Jews. His answer was, “No, there is no curse upon the German people. God will only judge those who are guilty.”

On January 27th, 2005, the sixtieth anniversary was commemorated in deep mourning, as a memorial day to the extermination of the six million Jews and other victims, who were humiliated, tortured, gassed, killed, and burned. A few years ago I visited Auschwitz, and the impression it made on me shall never leave me, for as long as I live. Whoever wishes to get the complete picture of what happened during the »Third Reich« should visit the holocaust memorial Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. When taking a tour through this memorial place, one gets a complete image of all the places and the number of victims from all over Europe. From the scriptural point of view, these murdered Jews are the souls under the altar who cry for vengeance, as stated in the fifth seal in Rev. 6:9-11.

Point 3

High-ranking dignitaries of the Roman Church, especially Pope John Paul II in his newly published book, compared abortion to the holocaust. This idea was vehemently protested by Jewish organisations and was also met

with indignation by all rationally thinking people and writers who deal with this subject.

Openly the question is being asked: What does a lawful abortion in the first trimester that a woman decides to have because of certain circumstances have in common with the cruel, lawless, humiliating torture and cremation of millions of Jews? Abortion is certainly not to be played down, but that decision must be left to the women and girls who, for instance, have been raped — as it happened millions of times during the marching-in of Soviet troops in 1945. Some even pose the question, “Does the mass murder of the »unborn life«, which has been discussed for years by the clergy and certain organisations, really exist?” How is it possible, others ask, to speak about the “killing of the »unborn life«” and declare millions of women to be “child murderers” and then even compare them to the millions of Jews murdered in the holocaust? Others wish to contradict this comparison and ask, “Does a »developing life« exist or should we rather speak about the »developing body«?” The heated discussion about this subject continues. After all, it *is* a serious matter. The main remaining question is about the purpose of such a “moral”. Is it used to place people under bondage and under the judgement of a bad conscience?

What does the Scripture say? According to Gen. 1:26-28, God created Adam in His own image. Then He formed his natural body from the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and so Adam became a living soul (Gen. 2:7). Every child develops after the fertilisation in the mother’s womb, according to the divine order of creation, “Be fruitful and multiply”, until it is complete. With the first breath taken at birth, so some people assert, the conscious life of the soul of the newborn as a person begins. This particular argument then states that everyone enters into his personal life on earth with the first breath and ends the same with his last breath. At the funeral only the earthly body is placed into the grave, the person that dwelled therein has left and is already in the hereafter. All of you, myself included, who have never had to experience this problem personally, should be thankful to God. The individuals who had to go through this will hopefully be helped by this exposition, so the peace of God is brought into their soul. All who are not affected, be it an institution or an individual, should not assume the right to speak for others. Sadly, the manner of the Pharisees is still to this day widely spread, but it certainly does not help anyone. Finally, it needs to be stated that forgiveness is granted to all who come to the LORD, as long as the time of grace lasts.

It seems suspicious that the previously mentioned book was published during a time when, for instance, in the USA the million-Dollar mark has been surpassed in the compensations paid by the Catholic Church for the 11,000 cases of child molestation committed by 4,000 of its priests. The court cases against the guilty priests in the various dioceses continue. How can the public cope with this? Is it meant to be a distraction when they compare

abortion with the holocaust, in order to “elegantly” spare those who practise this perverse paedophilia and also homosexuality, which ensures that no human beings are born into this world. Under no circumstances should such a religiously cloaked misguidance find the consent of believers. Interestingly enough, no reference is being made to the Bible.

It must be permitted to mention 1. Tim. 4:1-3, where celibacy, the prohibition to marry, is declared to be a doctrine of demons, because it is against the order of creation, which Satan himself throws into a chaos. The doctrine of celibacy was made mandatory for the priests by the Catholic Church in the year 1079. Whoever bypasses the rules of nature, as set forth by the Creator, inevitably ends up in an unregulated, unnatural state of being, living contrary to the order of creation. That is how it was in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah — the Apostle Paul speaks about this subject in Rom. 1:18-32 — and it is also predicted for the end-time (Lk. 17:22-37).

The Polish pope, who was born in the village Wadowice near Krakow and who as a young priest lived just a stone’s throw away from the extermination camp Auschwitz/Oswiecim, must have known something about what was going on. In his book he attacks Nazism and Communism and much more, but does not say a word about the attitude and silence of the so-called “war pope” Pius XII or the accountability of the Roman Church during the time of the Holocaust. Then of what value is the big “mea culpa” (confession of sins)? Was the plea for forgiveness made in the year 2000 for the persecution of the Jews by the Christians simply a lip service? Some authors argue that over the course of the centuries the Church of Rome did not care about human life, newborn or otherwise, as people were put to death by the millions. She presented herself as the only one that could administer salvation, but the human rights of others were not respected, freedom of speech and religion was never granted, human dignity did not exist for them. And now the talk is about the »protection and dignity of unborn life«! Is that not a paradox? Or was there actually a thought process?

Israel and its suffering

Israel’s ordeal has not yet come to an end. The world community, on one hand, refers to God and meanwhile, on the other hand, stands against God’s covenant people. That, too, is a paradox! No one should claim to love God if he does not love God’s people! The blindness on account of unbelief and the misguidance by the religions actually cry out to heaven!

During their session in Geneva, held February 15th - 22nd, 2005, the central committee of the World Council of Churches demanded of all its members, “to withdraw their capital investments from any enterprises which exist and make a profit on the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel.” 342 member churches are united in the WCC. The initiative for this boycott comes from the Presbyterian Church of the USA, asking that all interna-

tional companies should participate in the boycott against Israel as long as they exist outside the borders laid down for Israel in 1949. They even use the text of Lk. 19:42, where our LORD states, *“If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes.”* There are indeed arrogant, spiritually blind leaders who are leading the blind, without being aware of it. Which one of them has recognised wherein they find their own peace? Of course, within religion and politics the subject of peace and safety will continue to be an important one, now more than ever. Unfortunately, they do not mention how much land Israel has already sacrificed for the so-called peace process. The negotiations are very difficult, but they will take their designated course until it can be said, “Now there is peace and safety” — and then, inevitably, the predicted sudden destruction will come (1. Thess. 5:1-3).

Indeed, we live in a very special time, just before a new epoch. I wanted to briefly touch on these three points, to provide orientation and food for thought. My maxim is, “Whoever is right in his heart will understand all things the right way.” It is our profound desire to see God’s work of grace with His Church from all nations come to completion; thereafter the God of heaven, according to His high and glorious counsel, will turn to the Jews. The return of the Israelites from all the nations on earth into the land of their fathers is a visible, living fulfilment of Bible prophecies (Isa. 14:1; Jer. 31:1-10; Ezek. Chapters 36-39; a. o.). This is the main sign that we are now living in the end-time. The prophecy predicted in the Scripture gives us an all-inclusive orientation and becomes an experienced reality for us. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of Israel, Who became our Father through Jesus Christ and in His only begotten Son made us sons and daughters according the pleasure of His Own will, to Him, the only true God, be the glory through Jesus Christ our LORD, now and throughout all eternity. Amen.

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