

Reasons For Writing My Papers

This document outlines the reasons for my Internet home page (www.rightly-dividing.net) and gives a list of P-series, Q-series and A-series papers and articles available there for downloading or by written request. The main document is paper P1 (*Laodicea's Lamp!*) supported by papers P2 (*God the Father is the Creator and Husband of Israel*), P3 (*The Garden of Eden No-Divorce & No-Remarriage Law*) and P4 (*On Sivan 7 Pentecost was Fully Come!*). The P-series are in depth Bible study papers of a dozen or more pages. The Q-series gives "Quick" responses to frequently asked questions and comments on issues put to me. The A-series gives the text of my articles that appeared in "*The Journal, News of the Churches of God*". Several Q-series and A-series documents are useful introductions to the in-depth P-series studies.

There can be no question that Mr Herbert W Armstrong (HWA) restored to the *Worldwide Church of God* (WCG) a huge body of truth, which was not available as one body elsewhere. This he published worldwide in seven languages through the *Plain Truth* and *Good News* magazines, and by freely offering his literature in the form of many booklets, books, the Bible Correspondence Course and through his lucid radio and television broadcasts. These testify that HWA led God's church in the 20th century. It seems no-one had recognized that HWA had led God's 7th and final church era of Laodicea (Rev 3:14-21). This is explained in paper P1, "*Laodicea's Lamp!*" and that from 1934 to 1974 that Lamp shone brilliantly worldwide, marking that HWA had been God's messenger in the 20th-century.

Paper P1, *Laodicea's Lamp!* also explains what lies behind the events that overtook the former Worldwide Church of God (WCG). The 1967 death of Mr Armstrong's wife, Loma Armstrong, left him without his former spiritual backbone who during the late 1920s had introduced him to the 7th-Day Sabbath and who had stood firm on this even when he threatened her with divorce over it. After his wife's 1967 death a lonely Mr Armstrong turned to Ambassador College's secularly-educated scholars for a way around God's apparently inflexible Garden of Eden *No-Divorce & No-Remarriage after divorce* law (*No-D & No-R* law).

The Lord Jesus explains in Mark 10:2-9 that God had made in the Garden of Eden marriage for the whole of mankind an unbreakable covenant for life that no man may put asunder. But in 1974 HWA replaced God's Garden of Eden *No-D & No-R* law with the contrary *Divorce & Remarriage* (*D & R*) rule which Moses had allowed Israel for the hardness of their heart (Mark 10:4-9). In 1977 HWA compounded this sin by marrying another man's wife contrary to Jesus' and Paul's teachings (Mark 10:10-12; 1 Cor 7:39) and contrary to God's law for priests and therefore by extension also to the NT ministry (Leviticus 21:7, 14).

During the 1980s and especially following HWA's 1986 death the WCG membership became increasingly aware of HWA's alleged doctrinal errors and his alleged wrong doings. During the 1990s this led to the WCG being divided into several camps. There were those who claimed HWA was God's chosen Apostle and end-time Elijah whose doctrines may not be questioned and they joined one of the many WCG splinter churches. Others disillusioned over the 1990s changes accused HWA of all manner of wrong doings and joined certain splinter churches or returned to mainstream Christendom or became Atheists. The rest stayed with the WCG led by HWA's successor, the late Mr Joseph W Tkach (JWT): even when during the 1990s he rejected HWA's doctrines. In 2009 the WCG was renamed, *Grace Communion International*: apparently stressing the end of the WCG.

Some WCG's post-1986 splinter churches were large enough to continue HWA's "Philadelphia Work". These failed to understand that from 1934 HWA had led the Church of God at Laodicea and had been spewed from our Lord's mouth (Rev 3: 16) for being lukewarm to God's *No-D & No-R* law.

Paper P1, *Laodicea's Lamp!*, was written to explain that the events which overtook HWA's WCG were fulfilled prophecy for God's 7th and final church era of Laodicea (Rev 3:14-22). That we should repent of having embraced HWA's 1974 rejection of God's *No-D & No-R* law rather than blame JWT. That instead of despairing we should focus on God's Truth (Rev 3:20) of which HWA, and no other, had given us so much. For that I wrote paper P1.

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