

The **Big** Picture



The Convergence of a New Millennium!

The Shape of Things to Come

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THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME ON PLANET EARTH

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INTRODUCTION

TO CELEBRATE THE NEW MILLENNIUM and foster widespread participation in the ongoing convergence of the kingdom of God, SWISS AMERICA, OPEN CHURCH MINISTRIES and STRATEGIC CHRISTIAN RESOURCES have combined audio resources compiled over the last decade to produce, *"The Big Picture - The Shape of Things To Come on Planet Earth."*



I believe that we are witnessing the end of the humanist era, and the beginning of a new renaissance lead by people of faith. The Big Picture is intended to promote a fresh soul-searching movement among people of faith with the goal of finding biblical solutions to America's cultural and identity crises.

The Big Picture was launched as a weekly half-hour radio broadcast in Los Angeles on KKLA Saturday, November 18, 2000. The first two programs are combined on **The Big Picture CD** (55-minutes) and feature a panoramic overview with over fifty top leaders.

We have enclosed a complimentary copy of The Big Picture CD, along with other important information about how to position your assets during these changing times for safety and profit potential.

We hope that you're inspired after listening and reading this resource and we would appreciate your feedback. The world of 2001 and beyond is about to become a very different place - by the grace of God.

Craig R. Smith
CEO, SWISS A

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 **SWISS AMERICA** PRESENTS ...

The Big Picture

THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME ON PLANET EARTH

INTRODUCING THE CONVERGENCE

The fiery tide has turned! The course of history has changed before our eyes. The church is no longer in retreat.



As we stand on the threshold of a third millennium, with all of its challenges and opportunities, the season has come to reflect on our spiritual progress to gain a clearer vision for the future.

The Big Picture is designed to showcase a biblical worldview of the message and mission of the Christian church in the 21st Century.

Our prayer is that this radio special will motivate you to participate in shaping the future of planet earth. The future belongs to those prepared for it!



According to **Dr. Jack Hayford**, "History is marching toward a count-in to redemption, rather than a countdown to destruction." This means Christians

KEY CHALLENGES FACING AMERICANS

Dr. Jay Grimstead: Today, for all intents and purposes, we're in a post-Christian era.

Dr. Os Guinness: Faith is privately engaging, but publicly irrelevant.

Dr. John Eidsmoe: We've basically divorced our religion from our culture.

Dr. David Noebel: Christians have just really backed out of their responsibilities.

John Dawson: Our problem, we've offended the Lord and lost His needed favor.

Paul Maguire: As biblical Christians we need to resist the New World order.

Tal Brooke: One of the things that you've got to get rid of for a "New World Order" is you have to trash Christianity.

Cal Thomas: We have a nation of biblical illiterates. Only 11% of Christians now read their Bible everyday.

Darrow Miller: There's millions of Christians with saved souls and Babylonian minds. Prosperity is not a goal, it is always a by-product.

Dr. Ted Baehr: The church compromised with the world system. If the church stood up right now it would be gone in a minute.

Stephen McDowell: Government begins in a heart of man.

David Davidson: The function of civil government is to limit sin.

Dr. R.J. Rushdoony: There's no religion without Law.

Dr. Walter Martin: We should attack concepts, ideas - pulling down strongholds, demolishing arguments.

Dr. Hugh Ross: Religion is always scientific, and science is always religious.

Dr. Charles Simpson: Even a pagan can see something when it's working right.

Dr. Greg Bahnsen: Until we have a more pure witness to the world we can hardly expect to see the world changed.

Rich Pearce: The businessman has to come into accountability.

Dr. Edwin Cole:

Francis Frangepane: There is a new wisdom that God is giving to the church.

Pastor Tommy Barnett: Therefore we ought to transform society.

Dr. George Grant: If all of us did our job - in caring for the hurting and defending the helpless - there would be no need for an ACLU.

Dr. Jack Hayford: God is looking for participants.

Dennis Peacocke: God is shaking believers out of a false sense of security.

Pastor John Weaver: The issue is ultimately going to come right back today as to whether we will acknowledge the lordship of Christ or the lordship of Caesar.

Dale Rumble: God's bringing us back to a restored church with a restored gospel.

John Dawson: I've never seen so many tears of repentance.

Francis Frangepane: The born-again church in every city is to be one church.

Dr. Jack Hayford: We're a people of impending prophetic fulfillment.

CONVERGENCE KEYS *may be one in Us, that the world may believe."*

*Human history is approaching a "convergence," according to strategist **Dennis Peacocke**. This convergence is magnetic in nature - polarizing and unifying Christians and the world system. Sweeping cultural change will soon focus around these key issues:*

- 1. GENERATIONAL TRANSFER OF VALUES**
- 2. ETHNIC JUSTICE FOR ALL PEOPLE**
- 3. THE MINISTRY OF ALL BELIEVERS**
- 4. THE END OF LEFT-RIGHT POLITICS**
- 5. REDEFINING TRUE WEALTH**



Over the last 20 years God has been calling Christian leaders together toward a convergence, in answer to Jesus' prayer to the Father in John 17:21, "...that they

DEFINING WEALTH



Craig Smith: Accountants define "wealth" as our assets minus our liabilities. But in today's volatile financial world, assets can quickly become liabilities if we're not careful. Did you know that 80% of American's "wealth" exists only on paper and in computers?

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U.S. CHURCH HISTORY OVERVIEW

Dennis Peacocke: Over the last 300 years we have seen the great Revivalist movements of Wesley and Whitfield, the great Welch revivals, the Great Awakenings in the 1700 and 1800's, the missionary movements in the 1880's and 90's, from which missionaries spread all over the world in response to the heritage that they had received from other groups in the 1700's.

In the 20th century we have the Pentecostal movement, the Azusa Street revival, which radically effected both the black and white church, here in the United States and indeed around the world, addressing the whole issue and question of the role and ministry of the Holy Spirit in the very personal sense in the life of believers.

We saw the Fundamentalist movement in the 1920's and early 1930's, especially here in the United States, and the great debate over the authority of scripture and the challenges from so-called "higher criticism," addressing the relationship of the gospel to society, and whether or not ^{God's world} the role of the church properly to get involved in the management of the nations.

Then we saw in the Charismatic movement of the 1960's and up to the current day - a movement that has now enveloped approximately 500 million Christians around the world. That movement is the foundation, the precursor to what is coming right now, because the so-called Charismatic movement is a bit of a paradox because, for the first time in history, we see a massive amount of spiritual activity that has not directly affected the surrounding culture.

That wasn't true with the revivalists, that wasn't true with the missionary movement - all the great historic movements of the church have spilled out onto the streets and affected the culture. But with the Charismatic renewal, or the Charismatic movement, we see massive spiritual activity while at the same time our surrounding culture is continuing to decay and fall farther and farther away from the precepts of

A WORLDVIEW WAR *"that the world may believe ..."*

Dr. Jay Grimstead: Two worldviews are vying now for the allegiance of all nations. One is a biblical worldview, based on a biblical view of Law and society. And the other is an anti-biblical view that opposes the Bible as being the basis of Law for society.

Cal Thomas: The reason the liberal world view has taken over has nothing to do with the numbers or the power or the wisdom of the liberals. We have a nation of biblical illiterates. A USA Today poll found that only 11% of Christians now read their Bible everyday.



Paul Jehle: Many Christians have not really gone back to the Bible to deduce a true biblical worldview. We have accepted conclusions from the past, from tradition - that may not be all that accurate, or we simply do not want to think it through. Many Christians do not want to bother with a worldview at all, not realizing that the ideas they hold will begin to produce consequences.

Michael Farris: The future of our country is bound up in the educational process. By parents taking their kids out of the public school process and putting them in home schooling and in Christian schools, we have an effective weapon to prevent our kids from indoctrination into this worldview system.

Francis Frangepane: There's a new wisdom that God is giving to the church. Our wisdom is to obey the Lord. What are the strategies that God says are going to help to take our cities for the Lord Jesus Christ? One of the main strategies is that

THE CONVERGENCE = HARVEST!

Dennis Peacocke: We are beginning to see the convergence, once again in the public arena of debate over the social, economic, and spiritual values that undergird this nation and the nations of the world.

This raises the great biblical question given to us in Genesis chapter 1, verses 26-28, the so-called "dominion mandate" - where our creator, God our father challenged each and every one of us as Christians (in Adam) to take responsibility for the stewardship of the earth that God created and God owns. An earth that Christ reclaimed - an earth that is filled with nations that are His inheritance, as we read in Psalm 2: "Ask of me for the nations as thine inheritance." And Jesus did.

I hear Christ's words ringing at the point of ascension when He said, "All power and authority in heaven and earth is given unto me. Go ye, therefore. We see the renewal of the mandate to steward God's planet and God's resources and God's people now given to the church, a kind of corporate Adam, if you will. The responsibility for the management of the earth is still in the hands of the people of God!

Now, the result of all this, the result of this convergence, the result of the church, the spiritual forces of both heaven and hell, engaging in a public debate over the management of the people and the resources of the planet is going to lead to the fulfillment of Matthew 4:19, wherein Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Friend, we are on the edge of the most massive harvest in history. You've heard this said by other notable men of God and women of God the last 10 or 15 years, that prophecies around the earth have universally spoken about this massive harvest and

ECONOMIC CYCLES



Craig Smith:

I feel like a renaissance man, standing at the edge of world, looking at the extreme disequilibrium in our modern geopolitical, economic and religious scene - all on the verge of historic changes. And in my hand is the most valuable asset mankind has ever known - rare gold.

What will the millennium economic super-cycle mean to your financial portfolio? One of two things - a giant harvest ... or a giant headache. The so-called "New Economy" is coming back to earth. The "NASDAQ Nation" is now ready to "get real."

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Pat

KEY #1 - GENERATIONAL TRANSFER OF VALUES

Dennis Peacocke: How do we produce values that can be transferred to our children, so they're no longer committing suicide? Teen suicide is now the number one killer of youth under twenty in the United States of America. What kind of debate should that engender in the United States of America?

I want to tell you today the Republicans and Democrats are not going to deal with that problem, it's going to take the priests of the most high God. It's going to take the body of Christ to deal with and frame the spiritual issues about; What are we going to do to recover the children in our nation?

It's going to take the body of Christ to address issues like the environment and address issues like economics and the whole question of savings rates and does one generation consume the resources of a future generation. Those things should not be led by Greenpeace or led by the Left wing or the Right wing. You know who those issues belong to? You and I, friend, and the body of Christ, because we're the city on a hill, we are to be salt and light to the nations of the earth.

We've abdicated our responsibility, and now we see the culture crumbling all around us and we're hand ringing hoping that we get out of here, as the only solution. We'll praise God, there's an army being raised up all over the planet, even as we speak, that is saying, "Lord, God, we accept the responsibility of loving the people in this culture and we accept the responsibility of engaging in the great debate over the future of our

KEY #2 - ETHNIC JUSTICE FOR ALL

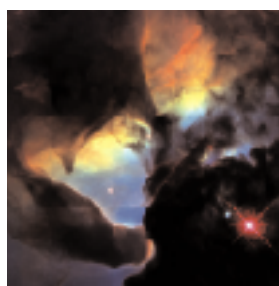
Dennis Peacocke: Now we see this movement, this convergence as speaking to the issues that the fish are feeding on, the things that they're talking about. Whether it's the war in the former nation of Yugoslavia, whether it's about ethnic issues in Africa or ethnic issues in Turkey, or ethnic issues here in the United States of America.

It's about ethnicity; what was God's purpose for forming the different ethnic groups! Now, friends, we need to get into that debate and let me say one big reason why - because the ethnic issue has been falsely framed in the terms of races, and there is only one race, the human race. And the whole racist debate is over the issue of evolution.

Evolution broke on the scene in 1859, with the publishing of Charles Darwin's book. The full title of that book (they won't tell you what the title is in high school and you and I never got it in college) is, On the Origin of the Species: On the Preservation of Most Favored Races in the Struggle for Life. When I saw the original copy of that book in the British Museum I just about had a spiritual heart attack. I also know that the financing of that project was to justify European colonialism, and what we called the "White man's burden." Now I'm a white man, so I can talk about that.

We need to spur the debate over whether or not human beings are "slime plus time." Whether or not we are the result of mathematical probability or whether or not we are in fact created. Because the doctrine of evolution; presupposes, justifies, stands on the assumption that because of the struggle for some races to evolve beyond other races that some races are in fact superior and other races are inferior. Friend, the Bible does not teach that. The Bible teaches that we were all created in the image of God, and if we're going to look at God, we have to look at the different

CREATION SCIENCE CHALLENGES DARWIN ...



Dennis Peterson: I am actually in a way glad that the evolutionists are pushing as hard as they are. Because it's forcing Christians, Bible-believing Christians to get serious about teaching their kids the truth about where they came from.

Dr. Dwaine Gish: Regardless of the age of the earth, whether six or ten thousand years or six or ten billion years, the evidence demands creation. Sir Fred Hoyle, assuming that the universe was 20 billion years old, calculated the probability of life evolving, came up to the conclusion it was physically impossible. He said the probability of evolution was equal to the probability that a tornado sweeping through a junkyard would assemble a Boeing 747.

Dr. Hugh Ross: Religion is always scientific and science is always religious. We need to open our eyes to the fact that there is overlap and not run from it, because when we run from it we get into theological chauvinism.

SWISS AMERICA MID-EAST UPDATE

KKLA: Because of the recent dramatic events in the Middle East, we have a special live Middle East news report with Ken Klein, producer of "The Temple Mount Dilemma," a 30-minute documentary video just released. Ken, thanks for taking a



Ken Klein: This has been confirmed by the Chief Temple Archeologist who testified that Palestinians are attempting to eradicate archeological

"The Temple Mount Dilemma is a must-read for anyone interested in the future of the Holy Land. It is a book that will change the way you think about the Temple Mount and the future of the Jewish people."

Ken Klein:

INTRO TO THE BIG PICTURE PART II



Barry Byrd: God is now moving!

Ralph Neighbour: He has been preparing over the last several decades, a new kind of church.

Dr. Jay Grimstead: In the next 10-15 years there's going to be some explosive growth - whole countries rushing into the kingdom of God!

Dale Rumble: The whole infrastructure of church bodies has to be changed and prepared to accommodate great numbers of new converts.

Jim Hayford: We've spent the last 2000 years complicating Christianity.

Nate Krupp: For 1700 years God's people have been an audience instead of a body.

John Perkins: The church has got to restructure itself seriously.

David Bercot: The Bible really calls us to dismantle a lot of programs and practices that a lot of people are very comfortable with.

George Barna: What we may be doing is inoculating people to Christ rather than introducing them to Christ.

Dennis Peacocke: We've not seen nor preached the kingdom of God!

PART II - THE CONVERGENCE

The next elements in this growing Convergence are; The Ministry of All Believers, and The End of Left-Right Politics. Listen now to Dennis Peacocke discuss the importance of restoring the ministry of all believers to provide the needed vitality to the church to impact the world in the 21st

KEY #3- THE MINISTRY OF ALL BELIEVERS



Dennis Peacocke: The third issue is the value of all people's ministries. Ephesians 4: 8-16 tells us that Christ ascended on high and He gave us the five-fold ministries, apostles, prophets, etc. And the purpose was to equip the whole church for the whole ministry of Christ. Martin Luther brought to us the issue of the priesthood of all believers, but this movement that we're talking about is going to bring forth the issue of the ministry of all believers.

I've been in the local church, committed the local church and been involved in pastoring local churches for almost 30 years. We're going to have to restructure our local churches so that we're not just equipping people to be pastors, or even necessarily elders or deacons. ~~this is going - the~~ equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry.

We need to do all that stuff, but we need to get down into the trenches and discover the ministries of every believer in the church so that a New Testament church can be found and identified as a church where every member is serving and there are no "little" people. No people who feel inconsequential because God didn't love them enough to make them a pastor, evangelist, or a Bible teacher.

Friend, when you begin to see the kingdom of God, you begin to see the necessity of every minister and every function in the culture. And in this great movement that is beginning to form all over the world, intercessory movements, and evangelistic movements, and even things like PromiseKeepers, you can see the seeds of where

THE OPEN CHURCH

Jim Rutz: If the Lord puts a special message to the church on your pastor's heart he'll faithfully deliver in a sermon, nothing unusual about that. But if the Lord puts such a message on your heart, hey, what do you do? Tell the pastor God wants you to do the sermon next Sunday, and brand yourself as a kook? Or tell a few friends and hope the word gets around, or write it up and make copies and mail it out to everyone? Or just convince yourself it wasn't from God and forget it?

Face it, God has no way to reach the people through you; you're just a layman - powerless to share the burdens of your heart and mind with your own Christian family. In fact, in today's church you probably aren't free to respond to the Holy Spirit to leading in most paths of ministry. If God inclined your heart to start a mission church, or a soup kitchen for the homeless, or a water well drilling ministry in Africa, you can't just pop up in the Sunday service and announce, "Hey, anyone want to join me? I'm starting a ministry!" You'll be on your own.



Steve Sjogren: I think Sunday mornings whole role, as best I can tell, is to encourage the people and maybe to tell stories, and to let them be stimulated to go back out into the community. If we stop doing the stuff of going back into the community and releasing the people to do the work in the ministry, I think we'd be in big trouble, I think all of our momentum would just utterly stop.

Rich Gazowsky: Every single Christian has a career, and that career should be a

give an account of what they've done in this life. And what are you going to do when you stand before your Maker? Are you going to get up and say, "I was working for the gas and electric company?" Or are you going to say "I witnessed to somebody" or "I shared this gospel." And He said the key to your church is you need to develop Christian careers.

Rick Joyner: Let those have that have the anointing to do one thing, do that, and let the others focus their energy and anointing on which they've been called to do. I believe we're going to see a massive advance within the body of Christ. I see the advancement coming from both of these fronts; the small group and in the realization of how we fit together in the big picture, the larger group.

Dr. Charles Simpson: Every cell in our body carries two codes; the code of the cell and the code of the organism - of the whole. Theoretically, you can make a hole in the kingdom tiny part, because the code is there. I believe it's true in God's work. I believe that every healthy Christian individual has both his personal code, or plan, or calling, but he also instinctively knows he's part of a larger thing and the code of the whole is in him. So if you only had one Christian with a Bible, pretty soon you'd have a New Testament church.



Dr. Jay Grimstead: Since the mid 70's there has been an amazing awakening in pockets here and there and a moving together of converging lines. There is a Gideon's army, a remnant, waking up. Thirty or forty years from now, when these home school kids, when all of this different stuff, the big prayer movements, the prophetic movement, the political activist movement, the unity movement ...when all of this congeals in the next 10-15 years, there's going to be some explosive growth, not only in evangelism and personal holiness, but whole countries are going to

Jim Rutz: Every open church is different, it may be Baptist, Presbyterian or Foursquare. It may have the same staff and sanctuary as before, it may be wide open or in a long period of transition to openness. The transition time varies from 2 minutes to 2 years, but in each case, an open church gives new hope to us laymen, through face-to-face meetings with our brothers and sisters and heart-to-heart encounters with the Lord Jesus Christ. In the church of the future, God will touch us, and turn us into the lions we're supposed to be and give us the freedom to serve Him in far wider realms - the unexplored and forbidden lands of high spiritual adventure.

SYMBOLISM TO SUBSTANCE

Craig Smith: We, as a nation, have lost our moral glue. The growing movement toward self-government (vs. centralized government) is dividing our national worldview. The only thing many have in common today is our dependence on the U.S. dollar. Perhaps that explains its strength in the past ... and its great weakness in the future.



Using the financial markets as a barometer of our confidence in the future, the Year 2000 has marked a historic flight to quality - from symbolism to substance. Regardless of your political perspective, rare gold is, and always will be true wealth in the 21st century, just like it has been in the 19th and 20th century.

Paper and digital money will always become worthless without gold to back them up. Yes, Year 2000 marks the year that "Gold Beat the Dow" but, regardless of who is elected, I feel something BIG coming our way soon and with it a new gold rush. Swiss America's goal is to help Americans understand these times and then partici-

KEY #4 THE END OF LEFT-RIGHT POLITICS

Dennis Peacocke: The fourth great element of this convergence of the church getting into the public debate, and this is the one that's probably going to cause the greatest controversy, the end of the Left-Right political game.



I've lived for over fifty years in the United States of America, and I've watched the Left-Right game, the Liberal-Conservative, the Democrat-Republican game. And I've watched the culture continue to go down. When are we going to get into the public debate over these issues and say, "Guys, it's not working, it's not working! It should be evident to you that it's not working!"

political theory in my former days in the academic world, the greatest fear of every We had the "War on Poverty," and do you know what the war ended up doing? Producing more poor people, especially in the African-American community. "It's not working!" And now we have a situation where the teacher's union is standing against the voucher system, which is the only way that many African-American's are going to get a competitive education with what's going on out in the white suburbs.

We've got so many splits and chisms in both the Democrat and Republican Party that there's no way they can even debate those issues because they don't really know what the spiritual issues, the biblical issues are that undergird those issues.

Friend, this country was formed as a Republic, where we were to elect wise leaders and then give them the opportunity to speak for us and we're now moving toward mass democracy. And as one who is involved in a study of political science and

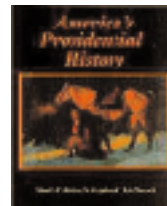
political scientist has always been pure democracy. We're moving to a nation run by the polls. Who is above the Law? Is the president above the Law? Who is above the Law? And what does it mean to have a nation run by the Law? And that gets us back into the whole discussion that we have in the body of Christ, which is; What are the standards of God's Laws and covenants mean to us as New Testament believers? How are we to live in obedience relative to the Law?

Obviously the Law isn't going to save us. But the standards, you see the church has let the standards down, the culture has let the standards down, and now the whole nation is in a great debate. And the Republicans and Democrats aren't going to solve that debate because they cannot bring in the true spiritual issues.

Friend, we're seeing the beginning of the end of the humanist era. And the exciting thing is, that as the church jumps into this public debate and goes back to Genesis 1:26-28 and goes back to Matthew 28:18-20, wherein Christ told us go out and disciple the nations and teach them to obey whatsoever things He commanded. He won those nations at Calvary.

A BIBLICAL VIEW OF GOVERNMENT

David Davidson: The Bible views government from the bottom up and starts with the individual and then moves to the family and then it goes to the church and then there's voluntary association of people, and then civil government is last, and, biblically speaking, it is last. The function of government is to limit sin. Freedom by biblical definition is the absence of sin.



Stephen McDowell: Government begins in the heart of man, and if that govern-

Dr. John Eidsmoe: I think a couple of the key areas that we need to be especially concerned about, first of all, is the widespread ignorance of the Constitution itself. It seems like the American people do not have the awareness of the Constitution now that Americans had of their constitutional rights back in the 1830's, according to French observer Alex deTocqueville. Secondly, in particular, the tendency to say what the Constitution actually says and what the Founding Fathers meant by the Constitution isn't really what's important anymore. We see repeatedly the courts talking about an evolving standard - an evolutionary interpretation of the U.S. Constitution.

We refer to our Constitution as a "living" Constitution which sounds attractive because you'd think nobody (except John Eidsmoe) would want a "dead" Constitution. But, what they mean by this is a Constitution that is continually in flux, the meaning of which changes from one generation to the next and is really up to the judges to interpret. As one Chief Justice once said, "we are under a Constitution." But the Constitution is what the judges say it is.

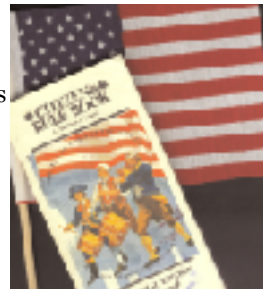
That being the case, not only do we give judges virtually absolute power, but it means that no rights are really secure, because they're all subject to this changing, evolving interpretation so they can be strengthened beyond what the Founding Fathers intended, they can be watered down way below what they intended, or even read out of the Constitution entirely.

Herb Titus: We've lost any notion that Law is fixed uniform and universal. People who belong to any particular nation have a duty to discover what those rules are and

Peter Marshall: The Founding Fathers had a vision of a new society based on God's Word, that would put God's Word into practice spiritually, emotionally, mentally, economically and every way. This vision was the basis for America. That's the vision we need to recover, which is a group of free people governing themselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.

John Weaver: I believe the issue is ultimately going to come right back today as to whether or not we will acknowledge the lordship of Christ or the lordship of Caesar. God limits government to two simple functions; one of them is for the protection of the good, and the second is for the punishment of the evil.

The Constitution says that the only power or authority that the government has are those powers that are expressed in the Constitution. And the government is limited to those powers, all others are reserved to the people or to the States respectively. We have to have an objective standard of what is evil and what is good. And the only way that we can have a standard, where every one of us would agree as to good and evil, is to have good and evil as determined in the Word of God.



Bruce Hawthorn: Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the Law of Christ." For years welfare was the job of the church, but welfare shifted from the job of the church to the job of the government, and we think it's time to switch back. All through the Old Testament, the Bible compelled the people to

BUILDING ON THE PAST

Craig Smith: The key to building true wealth in the future is to reflect and build upon the wisdom of our past. America's Founding Fathers penned the Constitution with the hope that political, social and economic freedom would eventually triumph. They laid out sound principles that have served Americans well to this point in history. Will our leaders stay on track in the 21st Century?



Take Alan Greenspan for example, as the chairman of the Federal Reserve he is considered the most powerful man on earth because he controls the money supply. Forty years ago he said, "Economic freedom and gold are inseparable."

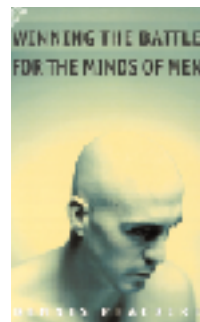
Yet today, gold has almost entirely been replaced with credit instruments - which will produce inflation and will ultimately, reduce our economic freedom. Inflation strips our wealth away from us. I'm concerned that much of our recent economic growth and prosperity may be based on an inflated foundation.

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THE CHURCH SHAPING HISTORY

Dennis Peacocke: Friends, I don't mean to try and convince you, I think that most of you that have asked me to talk to you (and some of who are going to be getting this tape) you're already convinced. I'm just trying to excite you and let you know this historical convergence, this getting into the public conversation, this talking about the things that the fish are talking about - the issues of the management of the real world - is going to bring Christianity into the relevance that had always been ours.



It was the relevance that shaped the early church. It was the relevance that brought down the Roman Empire, because the church got engaged in serving and got engaged into the debate of the great issues of Rome. It's the church shaping history, and friend, we are on the edge of seeing our generation getting its incredible opportunity to do the same.

The Bible says, in Acts 13:36, that "King David served the purposes of God in His generation." My brother and my sister, today I'm talking about this convergence (this coming together of the public conversation between what the world is talking about and the church engaging that conversation and bringing the redemptive word of God into that conversation) it's going to raise the issues of the role of the King and the kingdom on this earth before Christ comes for a second time and

IN THE DAYS AHEAD ...

Dale Rumble: The spirit of the world is the spirit of independence and rebellion, but the Spirit of the age to come is the Spirit of accountability and submission. That Spirit of submission to Him and to one another and accountability, where we don't walk independent of another, but that God builds us together as a body, as a local expression of Himself. The key is finding God's government in the local church and in our family. Seeing His government established according to a New Testament pattern, then seeing the church effect the society.

Dr. Charles Simpson: Christ is indeed building the church and forming it. The secular world is something of the furnace of affliction in which He forms it. The issue is not teaching the church to say "glory to God", but building a church that makes the world say "glory to God". In the Bay area, six million people

Dr. Jack Hayford: God will do nothing apart from the church and believing prayer - in deference to His son who died to redeem a church that would become the instrument of redemptive work on this planet - and so He is looking for participants. He certainly isn't waiting for us to generate some source of power here, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and earth," Jesus said, "Now go!" exercising a dominion in prayer that will break the works of the darkness and that there will come a scattering of the works of hell and an advance of the kingdom. We are a people of impending prophetic fulfillment!

Ed Silvos: The way to win a city for Christ is simply by going back to the

live. There are 4,500 Bible-believing churches. If each one of those churches were to come together in unity and each of them were to plant 13 neighborhood prayer cells, and each prayer cell would pray for 100 neighbors, the church in the Bay area is already in position to pray for six million people.

Dr. Os Guinness: We need to get back to a salty, light-bearing type of discipleship, that really has a deep sense of calling, so people, whether they're lawyers, teachers, working industry or whatever - they're really penetrating society for Christ's sake wherever they are.

Craig Smith: According to Christian pollster George Barna, 3 out of 4 Christians are not financially supporting the next move of God with a glad heart. This is sad, because Christian entrepreneurs and leaders should be on the front lines, not the sidelines in the battle for our mind and our money.



For many years I too was an armchair skeptic when it came to giving. I thought, like most bottom-line oriented businessman, that tithing flew in the face of earthly economic logic. Nevertheless, I began putting the economic principles of the kingdom of God to the test over a decade ago.

My wife Melissa and I have been active members of Phoenix First Assembly church since 1986, lead by Pastor Tommy Barnett - a man of great vision. Little did we know that our decision to begin faithfully tithing (on both our personal income and business income) would mark a major turning point in our

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