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# NO POLITICAL ELECTIONS IN THE WORLD TOMORROW!

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**T**HIS WAS WRITTEN August 14—last day of the Democratic National Convention. I had to think—after viewing on television both this and the Republican National Convention a month before—HOW DIFFERENT it will be in the World Tomorrow!

All three national networks had their stars and superstar newscasters covering these major conventions.

The convention halls were decorated in bright colors with red, white and blue predominating. The delegates wore loud-colored casual or sports attire, many with outlandish oversized hats. There were horns, sound-making instruments, beside the brass bands. There were whoop-and-holler demonstrations. There were thousands with balloons, like little children at play. There were many large signs and placards.

Each convention was quite a show!

And of course the usual politics were being played secretly in the smoke-filled hotel suites away from the convention halls—the jockeying for selfish advantage, political gain and coveting of power.

I am reminded of the answer given by Franz Josef Strauss, often called “the strong man of Europe.” He had spent the day visiting the Ambassador college campus and was an evening dinner guest in my home.

It was a day or two after Richard M. Nixon had taken the oath of office after his first inauguration, January, 1969.

“What,” asked a guest of Dr. Strauss, “do you think was going on in Mr. Nixon’s mind as he was taking the oath of office?”

“How to be reelected four years from now, of course,” answered Herr Strauss without a second’s hesitation.

On the Wednesday night before I wrote this, there had been considerable delay and nervous concern over what decision Edward Kennedy would make. He had lost the primary elections as a whole, had lost the open-floor fight to have delegates pledged to President Carter released and to throw the convention open. He had won the battle against the President on strategic platform planks. And now after a preweek political move to “dump Carter,” the President had gone over the top on the first ballot. The President had not accepted without any personal reservation Mr. Kennedy’s much-insisted-on plank for spending \$12 billion immediately to ease unemployment. Mr. Carter got word to the convention he was for the same goal, but had personal reservations as to the Senator’s method.

Would Senator Kennedy hold out, split the party, or would he acquiesce for the sake of harmony and support Mr. Carter for reelection?

Just what, in these circumstances, was Mr. Kennedy thinking? Would German politician Dr. Strauss have said, “How Mr. Kennedy could be elected four years from now, of course”? Was the politician thinking of what is best for the PEOPLE or what is

best for his own fight to grab the throttle of greatest government power on earth? I won’t answer that—I can’t read his mind.

There was one bit of humor on the CBS coverage of the Wednesday night convention show. The dry-speaking Andy Rooney was asked by Walter Cronkite if he had any comment on whether the President should stick with Vice President Walter F. Mondale for reelection. The VP nomination was to come before the convention on Thursday.

Andy Rooney did.

“I think,” he said soberly, “the President should select a vice president with more color. Why not ex-President Ford? He almost made the vice-presidential bid at the Republican convention. A Republican on the ticket as Mr. Carter’s VP would at least add color.”

“Or,” he continued, “if Mr. Carter does not like that suggestion, how about putting brother Billy on the ticket—keep it in the family? That way Billy could make foreign connections officially. Or, I have still another suggestion—since the First Lady, Rosalynn Carter, is the President’s chief confidante anyway, why not a husband-and-wife team? She’s a good campaigner.”

Many millions of dollars of taxpayers’ money have been spent on political campaigns and these conventions to nominate candidates for the people to vote on. The conventions were big noisy shows. There was laughter, “having a time,” shouting, confusion, anger, jubilation, pathos, emotion and even tears. In all this cam-

paigning to "GET" the office of POWER, one vocal observer said, "Thank God, only ONE candidate can win."

That is the way GOVERNMENT is carried on in this world.

Six thousand years ago, the former superarchangel Lucifer, having rebelled against the government of God on earth, and now called Satan, was slinking around as a serpent. God had just created the first HUMAN—in God's own image—with a potential of inheriting the THRONE OF THE EARTH.

From this man, Adam, God made a woman, Eve, to be his wife. Eve was all for a "Women's Rights Amendment." She took the lead. The man, created to be the head of the wife, succumbed to her leadership. She led him into Satan's way. Adam joined her in rebelling against the GOVERNMENT OF GOD—rejecting God as Revealer of basic knowledge and as Giver of eternal LIFE!

When the first man and woman REJECTED GOD and HIS GOVERNMENT, CUT THEMSELVES OFF from God and the gift of His Holy Spirit, God made their decision binding on all their progeny for 6,000 years—until Christ, the "second Adam," should have come, qualified by overcoming Satan and Satan's way and actually RESTORE the GOVERNMENT OF GOD. This shall happen now, very shortly. For we are right at the END of that 6,000 years of the DAY OF MAN under SATAN, and the DAY OF THE LORD is almost upon us!

So ALL HUMANITY—except the minutest FEW God has specially called to His service in preparation for that future world government, has been CUT OFF from God and HIS GOVERNMENT. Man has been left to form HIS OWN ideas of how he should be ruled.

Down through history, some peoples have submitted to the tyranny of DICTATORSHIPS and autocratic MONARCHIES. Some have swung to the center and called it democracy. Others to the extreme left, calling it COMMUNISM. Even there it is actually the

autocratic dictatorial RULE of a central politburo, in which one man—a Stalin, a Khrushchev or a Brezhnev—dominates as real RULER.

Even in the Democratic national convention, some individual delegates interviewed were fighting for turning "still farther LEFT."

But through TV, the public has seen a sample of MAN-made government in our day.

The living Jesus Christ is soon now going to return, as KING of kings, to RULE ALL NATIONS with the GOVERNMENT OF GOD!

There will be no election campaigns. No multimillion dollar fund-raising campaigns—no political conventions. No politics, pulling the wool over the eyes of the people in the struggle for POWER!

No wars. No crime. No more broken families. No hospitals, for people will be divinely healed.

What will be the BIG DIFFERENCE, THEN?

The present world, though the world of humans doesn't realize it, is actually swayed and RULED by the invisible Satan—the former Lucifer who originally sat on the THRONE of the whole earth.

Backtrack a second, to the original Adam and Eve. In the Garden of Eden were the two symbolic trees—one the "tree of LIFE" symbolizing the Holy Spirit of God and gift of eternal life. The other, the tree of "the knowledge of good and evil" and this knowledge they—for all humanity—took to themselves.

Just one super-significant thing was wrong with that. They did not realize—and mankind does not know today—that man was made with a "human" spirit inside him. This spirit, not present in animals or any other physical life form, imparts the power of intellect to the human brain. But man's KNOWLEDGE is confined to the physical and material.

Man's PROBLEMS, troubles, evils, are all SPIRITUAL in nature. Man was made to NEED a SECOND SPIRIT—the HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD. This was freely offered that

first Adam. But he rejected it—rejected GOD'S GOVERNMENT and GOD'S revealed spiritual knowledge. All humans have been born with only this one spirit, limiting human knowledge to the physical and material. Man, without the Holy Spirit of God, is NOT MENTALLY COMPLETE—actually "NOT ALL THERE." Human consciousness is limited to the physical and material, yet all his problems are SPIRITUAL and beyond his comprehension!

NOT ONLY THIS!

Satan the devil is REAL—he exists—he is SUPER POWERFUL—and he is "the PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR" (Ephesians 2:2). He BROADCASTS! He surcharges the air with HIS ATTITUDE of selfishness, vanity, lust for power and greed, envy and jealousy, competition and strife, rebellion against GOD!

It is not only that mankind—our human LEADERS—are only "HALF THERE" mentally—Satan has begun injecting from infancy into every human his SELF-CENTERED ATTITUDE! All we humans grow up saturated with it. It has become HUMAN NATURE!

So it is not only a matter of what ISN'T IN OUR HUMAN MINDS (spiritual comprehension!), it is a matter of WHAT IS IN HUMAN MINDS—what from infancy Satan has been injecting there—the SELF-CENTERED ATTITUDE—that of competition, getting the best of others, "GETTING" instead of "GIVING"—TAKING FROM OTHERS!

This writing was finished on Friday morning after the conclusion of the Democratic National Convention. Senator Kennedy did conciliate just far enough to go to the convention hall platform after President Carter's acceptance speech. But he was not smiling. He was sullen, plainly resentful. He coldly shook hands with the President—but no lifting of arms together in joyful smiles. I felt sorry for him. He had not gotten all he coveted—like a spoiled baby, who failed to take away a toy from another baby. Just as in all of us, Satan had

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injected that spirit of animosity in competition. Mr. Kennedy is only human. God's Spirit of LOVE was not in evidence. Neither is it in evidence in ANY of this world's leaders.

HOW DIFFERENT in the WORLD TOMORROW.

Satan will be GONE! Jesus CHRIST will be RULING! Ruling with, but under Him, will be truly converted saints then made IMMORTAL—filled with GOD's Spirit of "LOVE"—immortal GOD BEINGS with no SELF-interest of coveting, but outflowing LOVE for the good, happiness, welfare and eternal salvation of all others!

Jesus taught us to pray, "THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN!"

We'd better be PRAYING! □