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Dear Associates and Friends,

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There are two articles this month. The first is a prophecy article, "[The Signs of the Antichrist](#)." The second is an updated doctrinal article I wrote 21 years ago in 2002, months after I started as Director of ASK. It is titled, "[Are You A Misfit?](#)"

### ***The First Article Tells You: How to Identify the Antichrist***

The first article was written by Dr. Ernest Martin in 1976. This article is new to the ASK website, from "the archives" if you wish. The information presented is still valid. The key to identifying the Antichrist is to compare what Christ said He would do at His return, and contrast the actions of Antichrist "candidates" to how close they are to each other.

### ***The Second Article Tells You: How To Feel Good About Yourself***

If you are a believer in God's grace, and you feel your life is not what you hoped for, the second article for August 2023 will give you comfort. Your future, my future, and everyone's future will be better than you ever imagined or thought possible:

**"But as it is written, 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him' [quoting Isaiah 64:4].**

**But God has revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God."**

**• 1 Corinthians 2:9-10**

### ***Ramona Martin's Situation***

On July 4, 2023, Ramona Martin had a stroke that impaired her ability to speak. Her ability to walk has also diminished.

She understands words spoken to her and speaks "yes" and "no" answers to questions, but more than that, she is not able to express them correctly. I know she understands the words spoken to her because she laughs at my jokes and the humor of others at the punchline, with a smile and even a laugh.

Her appetite is good. Her spirits are good. Her care is excellent, according to our observations when we visit, from reports of nurses who visit, from reports of the staff and owners, as well as other visitors beside my wife and me. She recognizes people, and eats in a communal setting with three other ladies, all under care in the private adult foster care facility, that is rated for hospice care.

While her recovery from this setback has its ups and downs, we ask you to pray with us that God's will be done that she improves.

### ***The ASK Audiobooks (FREE)***

As I mentioned last month ALL the 9 books written by Dr. Ernest Martin are now online for you to listen to and learn. Again ... the ideal method may be for you to read along on the computer, or with the printed book while you listen to the professional readings. Each book by Dr. Martin (and every ASK article) is published and intended to further your biblical understanding without bias or institutional slant. Independent biblical research and information is vital in these turbulent times.

## ***Increased Pricing for the ASK Books***

On the first of October, 2023 ASK will raise the price of 8 of the 9 ASK books by \$2.00 per book. We have “held the line” on pricing our books (compare what books of similar size to ASK books cost). The price of the two (2) videos we offer will remain the same.

Yes, we are even increasing the print price of the small book *[The Tithing Dilemma](#)*. Why? Because if you still choose to tithe, this book will save you a considerable amount of money, if you will just read and ask God to help you understand the biblical truth about tithing: who must pay tithes, who can receive tithes, what “increase” should be tithed, what “increase” must not be tithed, and where must tithes be paid. Also, you will be surprised to learn that the blessings to you personally of free-will offerings far exceeds the blessings of tithing in the Law of Moses.

The only book that we will not raise prices of will be *[Secrets of Golgotha](#)*. We have a quantity of those still in stock. The price will remain at \$27.95. Please buy more than one.

A reminder. We are unable to ship books overseas for several reasons (not even to Canada or Mexico). Two of the reasons are: the prohibitive costs of overseas postage, and the prohibitive insurance cost.

And finally, remember, all ASK books are available free to be read online or you can print them out for your own use.

## ***Worldwide Tensions***

I can feel it. I wonder, do you feel it also? Tensions in every corner of the world are increasing. In my opinion we still are not yet in a time of the end.

**“And you shall hear of [1] wars and [2] rumors of wars: see that you BE NOT TROUBLED: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For [3] nation shall rise against nation, and [4] kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be [5] famines, and [6] pestilences, and [7] earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.”**

• ***Matthew 24:6–8***

Note the numbered items in the verses above. Are hundreds of occurrences happening each year, with hundreds of thousands or even millions of deaths? No. We are just now beginning to hear about the wars and rumors of wars, but they are not happening — yet. Jesus was talking about large-scale mass deaths, worldwide.

We are not yet at the end of the eon or age. Nor do I think these events will happen suddenly. They will begin at some time in the future, and their frequency will increase. At present only one major war is occurring, between Ukraine and Russia. That is all. The combatants are both running out of ammunition. The war may end in exhaustion, perhaps on both sides. So it will take decades for the world to re-arm. Small nuclear weapons may be exploded, but not many before Christ returns bodily to this earth. I do not believe we are in the end times, nor do I think we are at the beginning of the end times. That is how I see events at present.

## ***Thank You***

I read your thanks to ASK, your prayers and encouragements for Ramona and ASK. And I read your notes to her every week. They mean much to both of us. I need to publish more of the joyful communications from those who found ASK (through a multitude of ways) and how you cannot believe the “quality” of the information about the Bible. New people to ASK are surprised that they learn much so quickly because the Scriptures “come alive” as if they are reading old texts for the first time. They brighten Ramona’s days.

Thank you also for your continued financial support during difficult economic times for us all. We know you understand the quality of Dr. Martin’s writings and research, particularly his books both for yourself and others as A.S.K. to continue the legacy of Dr. Martin’s wide-ranging research so the truths of God may spread.

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