Jesus Christ Controls History: through Preservation of the Universe; According to the Spiritual Status of a Client Nation's Believers, Rev 2:23*b*

- 6. This knowledge provides the believer with tranquility of soul in the face of alleged problems that are being used to propagandize the masses who cannot evaluate the information from a biblical worldview.
- 7. Jesus Christ will sustain this earth which contains a sufficient supply of logistics to meet the needs of the human race for at least the next 1,007 years.
- 8. There is plenty of oil, coal, natural gas, and nuclear power available to provide us the energy we need to operate industrialized economies. We are not going to die because it will get too hot, or too cold.
- 9. All will be fine, life will go on for the human race, and the Word of God will prosper somewhere on this earth in every generation until the Lord destroys the universe.
- 10. We are therefore able to relax and enjoy life and concentrate on growing in grace knowing our destiny is set and our future is secure for both time and eternity.

VII. Jesus Christ controls history based on the spiritual status of a client nation's believers.

- 1. Client nations exist throughout the Church Age and during the course of each one's history it experiences historical uptrends and downtrends.
- 2. All aspects of a client nation's Zeitgeist are affected by the status of its resident believers.
- 3. If the doctrinal inventory is large and advancing the Zeitgeist will reflect increasing order and tranquility. If the inventory is small and regressive it will reflect increasing disorder and turbulence.
- 4. Therefore, as goes the believer so goes the client nation: its economy, culture, government, law enforcement, jurisprudence, education, arts, music, entertainment, and social life.
- 5. Zeitgeist is a German word that has been adopted into English and means literally "the spirit of the times." The definition is "the general intellectual, moral, and cultural climate of an era."
- 6. The up- or downtrends of a client nation are therefore dependent upon the spiritual inventories of its believers, whether they are collectively strong and enlarging or weak and diminishing.
- 7. Jesus Christ controls a client nation's history based on the inventory of doctrinal ideas circulating in the streams of consciousness of its believers:

Revelation 2:23b - "I am He Who constantly inventories [retroactive progressive present of ἐρευνάω, ereuanō: that which is begun in the past and continues into the present; the present of duration] the emotions and the stream of consciousness, and I will impose punishment to each one of you according to your production from the cosmic system."

- 8. This means the true patriots of a client nation are those believers who continue to pursue truth, no matter what the circumstance, by making Bible study Priority One in their lives.
- 9. Therefore, the spiritual status of a client nation can be discerned by the dominant worldview of its citizens.
- 10. If there are historical uptrends in evidence then it means the collective doctrinal inventory of the nation's believers enables the Lord to control history so that general prosperity is enjoyed by all.
- 11. If there are historical downtrends in evidence then it means the collective doctrinal inventory of the nation's believers requires the Lord to control history so that general recession is suffered by all.
- 12. Through it all the mature believer is sustained and is able to ride out the resultant upheaval that is administered by the cycles of discipline.