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Dear Sir,

1: Is it Biblical to honor a man who: A. Taught a False Gospel, B. Taught False Doctrines, and C. Made many False Prophecies?

2: Is it Biblical to honor a man who used medicine when

he taught followers not to?

One might also ask if it is biblical to honor a man who committed adultery, Yours,

& murder (David), who killed

Christians (Paul) and all Michael Sharp! The other sinners God has called to his service! D. Hunsberger. Personal Correspondence Dept

1 January 20, 1997

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4 Dear Mr. Hunsberger,

5 Your reply to my questions about giving
6 honor to a man who, (a): Taught a false gospel, (b): Taught
7 false doctrines, (c): Made false prophecies and (d): Forbade
8 the use of medicine for his followers while he, himself,
9 used medicine was the sickest reply I ever received.

10 Clearly, you did not use the Bible to see if
11 such a man, Herbert Armstrong, was a true or false minister.
12 I can only conclude that you and those at Pasadena are
13 unwilling to admit to yourselves and to others that Herbert
14 W. Armstong was a false minister and that the Worldwide
15 Church of God was a false church. To be honest, I have a
16 very strong belief that the Worldwide Church of God is still
17 a false church.

18 Those at Pasadena seem to be more interested
19 in maintaining their power status than preaching the gospel
20 of Jesus Christ. I have visited two nearby congregations,
21 and each time I was there, all I heard was, we need money.
22 The true Church does not need money, for it lives by the
23 power of the Holy Spirit.

24 I will now give you the biblical answers to
25 my earlier questions.

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2 (a): Should we honor a man who taught a
3 false gospel?

4 No. (1) Galations 1:9.

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6 As we have already said, so now I say again,
7 if anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than
8 what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned.

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10 Tell me, does this sound as if Paul honored
11 those who preached a false gospel?

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13 No. (2) Galations 2:14

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15 When I saw that they were not acting in line
16 with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in
17 front of them all, you are a Jew, yet you live like
18 a gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that
19 you force gentiles to follow Jewish customs?

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21 Paul rebuked Peter in front of everyone for
22 making some pull away from the gentile's table and making
23 the gentiles feel as if they had to conform to eat Jewish
24 food. This was a food issue. A gentile's table had what
25 Jews would call unclean meat on it, and Peter was happy to

1 eat (live) like a gentile.

2 Again, I ask you, did Paul honor Peter's
3 actions? Herbert Armstong rejected the truth of the gospel
4 and deceived many into following Jewish customs. He
5 perverted the true gospel, and as Paul called those who
6 perverted the gospel false brothers, so Paul also calls
7 Herbert Armstong a false brother (See Galations 2:4). These
8 two scriptures clearly show that we should not honor a man
9 who preaches a false gospel which is what Herbert Armstong
10 preached.

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12 (b): Should we honor a man who taught false
13 doctrines?

14 No. (1) I Timothy 1:3

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16 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia,
17 stay there in Ephesus so that you may command
18 certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer.

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20 Herbert Armstrong was commanded by the
21 leaders of the Church of God, Seventh-Day, to stop teaching
22 both the requirement of the holy days and British Israelism
23 back in 1937. When Herbert refused to stop, he was demoted
24 and not allowed to preach, after which he went out on his
25 own, like a wolf in sheep's clothing.

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2 No. (2) Titus 2:1
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4 You must teach what is in accord with sound
5 doctrine. We now know that the requirement of the sabbath,
6 holy days, tithing and unclean meats are not in accord with
7 sound doctrine and neither is British Israelism. Therefore,
8 Herbert Armstong was not in accord with (sound) doctrine. I
9 say again, he was a false minister.
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11 (c): Should we honor a man who made false
12 prophecies?
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14 No. (1): Deuteronomy 18:22
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16 If what a prophet proclaims in the name of
17 the Lord does not take place or come true that is a
18 message the Lord has not spoken, that prophet has
19 spoken presumptuously. Do not be afraid of him.
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21 In 1939, Herbert Armstong prophesied that
22 Mussolini would fight Christ at his return. This never took
23 place. In 1943, Herbert Armstong also prophesied that
24 Hitler would fight Christ at his return. This, too, never
25 took place. Then, there was the 1975 prophecy which did not

1 take place.

2 If Herbert Armstong had made these false
3 prophecies in the days of the Old Testament, he would have
4 been stoned (See Deuteronomy 18:20). Does being stoned
5 sound the same as being honored? I don't think so.

6 I could go onto the medicine doctrine, but I
7 think I made my point. You can either admit the truth or
8 continue believing in lies. It is up to you. I believe
9 that Herbert Armstong was a false minister!

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12 In Sincere Christian Concern,

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15 Michael Sharp

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20 P.S.

21 I would really be interested in learning what your thoughts
22 are on these issues. If you would, could you possibly send
23 a reply in response to my views in this matter?

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