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LIVING ON THE FAULT LINE

Text: Hebrews 12:26-29

ILL: Conference on Disarmament at
~~United Nations.~~ *Seneca*

~~ILL:~~ ~~Editorial "On the Road to Armageddon?"~~

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JM. Earth Science & Calif Town Health (Name?)

ILL: "Goodbye San Francisco"

~~-~~ title of article in well-known magazine recently.

~~-~~ San Andreas fault

~~-~~ not if, but when

~~-~~ 2 plates of hot, slowly moving
inner mass, rubbing together

~~-~~ edges rough

~~-~~ many little slips as they push together

~~-~~ edges are now beginning to bend

fault line...3

ILL: Doobie Brothers "Livin' on the
fault line."

- ~~—~~ "Livin' on the fault line,
— No one can run when it finally
comes down,
— Nobody knows what's stirring
under ground,
— Livin' on the fault line!"

~~—~~ San Andreas fault is a picture
of the world today.

~~—~~ Ideological worlds in collision
~~—~~ heading for a catastrophic upheaval.

fault line...4

ILL: Professor Sorokin 20 years ago predicted the sensate culture of North America moving against its traditional values and idealism.

~~---~~ New economic, social, scientific and religious ideas are rubbing and bending the traditional values of our countries.

~~---~~ Mounting internal pressure against all restraint

~~---~~ as more and more persons want only personal gratification.

~~---~~ The world is moving toward a great international cultural and political earthquake.

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1. International tensions

~~The Horn of Africa~~

~~The Mid East~~

~~China and Russia~~

M. Korean Airlines Motor Co.
Hulhi - Soon Jangth

M. Chol

M. Central America

JA - Philippines

ILL: Chou En-lai

2. Technological fault line

Science could almost build paradise
on earth

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~~—~~ because of corrupt human nature,
science has created the means to
destroy the human race.

~~—~~ Questions of genetic engineering and
environmental manipulation are
causing scientists to frantically
look for ethical guidelines.

M. Super Rat

3. The fault line of moral stress

~~—~~ Modern man given up the idea of right
and wrong and has substituted personal
preference.

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~~---~~ "If it makes me feel good, it must be alright."

~~---~~ Disregard of morality and ethics in business, labor, government and sometimes the Church.

4. Personal fault lines

-- Tensions in the home, in business

-- Jesus said, "Men's hearts failing them for fear" (Luke 21:26).

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~~9~~ Boredom, anxieties, guilt, fear of death, loss of health.

~~10~~ Living in a world of crisis.

~~11~~ Webster's says, "crisis" means "a decisive change."

~~12~~ "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress (pressed) of nations, with perplexity (no way out); the sea and the waves roaring;

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men's hearts failing them for fear,
and for looking after those things
which are coming on the earth: for
the powers of heaven shall be shaken"
(Luke_21:25-26).

THINGS THAT HAVE NOT CHANGED:

I. THE NATURE OF GOD HAS NOT CHANGED

He said, "I am the Lord, I change not"
(Malachi_3:6).

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~~/~~ "God is not a man that he should lie,
neither the son of man that he should
change" (Numbers_23:19).

-- ~~/~~ "Every good gift and every perfect
gift is from above, and cometh down
from the Father of lights, with whom
is no variableness, neither shadow
of turning" (James_1:17).

~~/~~ GOD is UNCHANGING IN HOLINESS:

~~/~~ "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
which was, and is, and is to come"
(Revelation 4:8).

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-- GOD is UNCHANGING IN JUDGMENT:

~~---~~ "The Lord shall judge the ends
of the earth" (1_Samuel_2:3,10).

-- GOD is UNCHANGING IN LOVE:

~~---~~ "God commendeth His love toward us,
in that, while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us" (Romans_5:8).

~~---~~ "God is love" (1_John_4:8).

ILL: Swimmer and the cross in
swimming pool.

II. THE WORD OF GOD HAS NOT CHANGED

~~—~~ "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth;
but the Word of our God shall stand
for ever" (Isaiah 40:8).

~~—~~ "Forever, O Lord, Thy word is settled
in heaven" (Psalms 119:89).

~~—~~ The first question Satan put in
Eve's mind

~~—~~ "Hath God said?"

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III. HUMAN NATURE HAS NOT CHANGED

~~—~~ Jeremiah said, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9)

IV. THE MORAL LAW HAS NOT CHANGED

~~—~~ "It is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail" (Luke 16:17).

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~~—~~ "Thou shalt have no other gods
before me"

~~—~~ "Honor thy father and thy mother"
-- rebellion against authority.

~~—~~ "Thou shalt not commit adultery"
-- the moral problem.

~~—~~ "Thou shalt not steal"
~~—~~ robberies, cheating in school.

~~—~~ "Thou shalt not bear false witness
against thy neighbor"
~~—~~ lying.

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V. THE PROMISE OF HIS COMING AGAIN
HAS NOT CHANGED

~~--~~ "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations"
(Matthew 25:31,32).

~~--~~ "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:2,3).

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ILL: Men in white apparel at His
ascension

— "Which also said, Ye men of Galilee,
why stand ye gazing up into heaven?
this same Jesus, which is taken up
from you into heaven, shall so come
in like manner as ye have seen him
go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

ILL: Churchill's favorite American song
was: "Mine Eyes Have Seen The
Glory of the Coming of the Lord."

ILL: In the Philippines, MacArthur said,
"I will return."

ILL: The Nicene Creed says: "He shall
come again with glory to judge both
the quick and the dead."

ILL: Charles Wesley wrote 7000 hymns
- and in 5000 he wrote of the
coming of Christ.

Lee Inge Ely

ILL: When Queen Elizabeth II was crowned
- the Archbishop of Canterbury laid
the crown on her head with this
statement:

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-- "I give thee, O Sovereign Lady,
this crown to wear, until He who
deserves the right to wear it
shall return."

- The great question facing the world today is
 - who will restore order?
 - who can counter the dangers?
 - who alone can govern the world
 - The answer is Jesus Christ.

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-- Turn to the last two verses in the Bible

-- "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).

BEFORE HIS COMING, HE PREDICTED
THERE WOULD BE:

- ①. convulsions
- ②. earthquakes
 - social and political earthquakes
- ③. wars
- ④. worldwide violence
- ⑤. moral permissiveness
- ⑥. tribulation
 - both Jews and Christians alike

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7. antichrist
8. people betraying one another
9. armageddon

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN HE COMES?

1. sin, suffering and death will end
 2. peace will be established on the earth
- ~~→~~ "his name shall be called . . .
Prince of Peace. Of the increase
of his government and peace there
shall be no end" (Isaiah 9:6,7).

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- 3. social institutions will be reconstructed
 - poverty will be eliminated
 - social justice will prevail throughout the world.

WHAT SHOULD OUR ATTITUDE BE?

- 1. wait with patience
 - "For ye have need of patience . . .
 - For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry" (Hebrews 10:36,37).

2. watch with anticipation

- "We are waiting with longing expectation for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ"
(Philippians 3:20, Weymouth).

3. Working with zeal

- "Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing" (Matthew 24:46).

4. Prepare with urgency

- Jesus said, "Therefore be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

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~~--~~ "the Lord so cometh as a thief
in the night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2).

HOW TO PREPARE

ILL: In Ottawa ^{a few years ago} ~~the other day~~

~~--~~ ~~as the guest of~~ Prime Minister

~~--~~ They showed me an old bell
in front of the Parliament
building

~~--~~ The inscription on the bell
read this way:

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~~-~~ "This bell which belonged to the tower clock of the old Parliament Buildings was taken from the ruins of the Buildings after their destruction by fire on February 3rd 1916.

✓ On that memorable night the bell continued to strike the hours until midnight although the tower itself was ablaze from 9 o'clock in the evening.

✓ After sounding the last stroke of twelve it crashed through the flames to the base of the tower."