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THINGS NON-PENTECOSTALS DON'T KNOW

— About The Rapture & *The Magic Twins*SM —

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Nobody was home on a steamy hot Florida afternoon when I got off the school bus. That may not have concerned you, but it was a major cause of concern for me: Somebody was always home at our house!

I had been enduring many of the rites of passage that young boys still find necessary today. Yeah...well, maybe "enduring" isn't the right word, there: I...uhhh...was *enjoying* those rites of passage.

Anyhow, when I realized there was nobody home, I thought I had missed the rapture! I had just knelt down to pray when I suddenly remembered that it would do me no good to pray if I had missed the rapture: God wouldn't listen!

I was traumatized. Anything like that ever happen to you?

The words were thoroughly burned into my brain—I can still hear them: "Jesus is gonna split the eastern skies any day, now! Nobody knows when that will happen; Jesus doesn't even know. If you're not right with God when it happens you'll miss the Rapture and you'll have to stay here and go through The Great Tribulation! And don't kid yourself: If you can't live for God now, you certainly won't be able to live for Him then!"

That trauma was with me into young adulthood. I moved from anger to repentance to

more anger, frequently. At some pivotal point, I made a decision: I would no longer be angry and I wouldn't repent any more, either! I'd be an adult!

For the better part of a dozen years, I was Agnostic. For those who don't know what an Agnostic is, it's an Atheist wannabe. Best I can figure, the only reason I never became an Atheist is that I was determined never to permit myself to even think on anything even remotely related to any of that again. I was dead serious! Didn't shed even one tear in twelve years! (Oh! I almost forgot: I wasn't able to muster enough faith to have become and Atheist.)

Only God could've tripped me up. And He did that! Whew! I came back!

Like most others who were raised in the mainstream church, I reasoned that the faith of my fathers should also be my faith: I joined the large denomination that my maternal grandfather had co-founded. I schooled myself in the teachings of that church ...from a new (for me) "adult" perspective. I collected their denominational literature and I was faithful to study the scriptures they cited to support those teachings. I was even an effective "What 'We' Believe" spokesman.

While pursuing a rewarding secular career, I was also a Bible teacher—large classes in church

sanctuaries. Something kept nagging at me, though: Were our teachings perfectly aligned with the teachings of Jesus and the First-Century apostles?

Adding substance to that disturbing question is that I had diligently studied to confirm my church's doctrines, but I hadn't studied the scriptures as-if-no-one-had-ever-explained-what-they-mean. This is why that was to become critical for me:

Schools & churches should teach people HOW to study and HOW to think, not WHAT to study and WHAT to think. I had been teaching churchgoers what to think for decades! Why? Because, from childhood, the people I loved had taught me what to think about the Bible and Christianity. Is there any chance that the people they loved had taught them what to think, too? "We've always done it this way..."

It's embarrassing for me to admit this, but I must: It was near the time for me to retire from the corporate world that I was mature enough to begin changing all that. On March 4, 2006, I organized a large multi-denominational Bible study group.

From the few good folk in that group who acquired our serious passion for separating what's true from what's new, we organized the Link1™ Bible Research Team. Together, we

were to learn that there's an awful lot of new time religion masquerading successfully as "old time religion." We were amazed to discover how much the Gospel message has *evolved* since the First Century.

Our <https://www.Link1.info> is dedicated to making it easy for you to learn what we have learned about that. Please use our resources to learn all you can about Satan's four *Weapons of Mass Deception*SM and why the millions of victims of them will be among the first to be convinced that Satan is Jesus Christ.

Yes, Satan's masquerade will be very successful. There's to be a great falling away. The take-home message is that only Believers in Christ can "fall away." Unbelievers cannot! Many of today's churchgoers have already been conned by one or more of those WMDs.

Study alone or with a small group, but please take advantage of our hard work. Blessings to you as you study to learn the original truth.

