



# New Vision Cathedral CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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**To:** The Church Of God In Christ Inc., General Assembly Delegates and Its Global Constituents.

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**Re: A Prophetic Argumentative Essay: Has God Sent JUDGMENT to the Church Of God In Christ?**

You may or may not have read my first passionate appeal to the General Board in December 2014 concerning the way the Andrew Caldwell/Earl Carter incident was handled, but the letter heading was **Friendship Inspirational COGIC**. We have since changed our name to **New Vision Cathedral**. Feel free to log on to our website ([www.nvccogic.org](http://www.nvccogic.org)) and read the reason for the change. My original certified letter sent to the General Board written on December 1, 2014, can be found here: [www.the7000club.org](http://www.the7000club.org). All twelve letters were signed for because I tracked them online. However, I have heard no responses as of today. Also, my newest INFO BLOG ([www.cogiconfire.com](http://www.cogiconfire.com)) has this current essay as well as the letter to the General Board written in December 2014.

I would like to begin by saying how much I admired Bishop Charles Blake as a teenager, and to this very day, for the work that he has established in California. The West Angeles Cathedral is a marvel to that region and this nation as well. As an accomplished American of African ancestry—he deserves credit for building and overseeing one of the most elaborate worship facilities in the history of America. And, we are all enamored by our “so called” favorite Hollywood movie stars that Bishop Blake heralds as prominent members of West Angeles Cathedral. **However, as a church that is founded upon New Testament biblical principles—promoting individuals because of their social, political, or financial status is a “direct violation” of our spiritual principles.** We are to esteem those who labor in the kingdom for preaching the gospel, and their work sake. But when it comes to salvation, everyone must come through the same narrow gate and forsake the “lust” of this world in order to win Christ. There are no “celebrities” in God’s kingdom. *“Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,” (Philippians 3:8)* How is it that some individuals can claim to be Christians, members of a Pentecostal Church—and at the same time promote values in politics, movies, music, and civic activities that are morally detestable?

When it comes to the kingdom of God—the message of the cross is for everyone in the human family to come to Jesus just as they are. But, you cannot come to Jesus and remain as you are. Jesus said, *“take on my yoke and learn of Me.”* **And, we all know that the prevailing message that comes out of Hollywood and the entertainment industry does not reflect the teaching of Christ and His apostles.** So, if an individual has committed to being a Christian, and an active member of a Pentecostal institution (The Church Of God In Christ), he or she must shun the very appearance of evil in order to follow Christ. If the said person is overly concerned about their livelihood once taking a stand for the kingdom of God, lead him to this passage of scripture. *“Take no thought saying, what shall we eat? Or, what shall we drink? Or wherewithal shall we be clothe? (For all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father know that you have need of these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness (what God requires*

*out of a professing believer); and all of these things shall be given freely to you by your heavenly Father.”* (Matthew 6:31-33)

I would be the first to say that a spiritually healthy, grounded, and full-grown adult can probably decipher through most of the filth that some of these individuals portray on the big screen, and in many of their songs. But impressionable young children, most teenagers, and some adults don't stand a chance against the overt and subliminal messages that come from these morally depraved institutions. The reason why America is currently in a moral free-fall is because too many churches have taken their focus off the “transformed” life and placed it on the almighty (\$) dollar.

**Now, let's take a look at a few individuals who call themselves Christians today, and compare them to the “true” believers in scripture who sold-out to this world in order to follow Jesus.**

The following is a list of “corrupted” individuals that Bishop Charles Edward Blake supports, openly endorses, and even allowed to speak from the pulpit of West Angeles Church Of God In Christ. The Bible admonishes us to pray for all men, but the same Bible teaches this principle as well: *“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.”* (1 Corinthians 6:9-10) I personally do not think that God is going to judge us for the wicked thoughts of other people—but when a person publicly states his or her corrupt views and we allow them a consecrated space in the house of God—I do believe He will judge us as being evil as well. *“Evil associations corrupt excellent morals.”* (1 Corinthians 15:33)

**A) The late Peter Gomes:** According to my documentation—this professor of Harvard Divinity School in 1991 openly confessed that he was a homosexual as he tried to squelch a dispute on campus concerning an article written by a conservative about homosexuals and lesbians on campus. Bishop Blake accepted an engagement to speak for Professor Gomes at Harvard, as well as accepting an invitation to eat at his home. That was a bit of a stretch, but here is the deal breaker: in 2003 he invited this same depraved “openly gay” professor to speak at the new cathedral. Hundreds of his own members walked out and protested the service. Bishop Blake subsequently wrote a long letter defending his position, conveniently stating that he was unaware of his open lifestyle. Homosexual spirits are quite easy to discern—did he know or not? (You be the judge.)

**B) Earvin Magic Jonson:** Earvin Magic Johnson, a member West Angeles C.O.G.I.C., openly endorsed gay marriage in California during their voting process on Proposition 8 (an amendment to ban same sex marriage in the state of California). According to the Huffington Post—here is the direct quote from Johnson: “Prop 8 singles out one group of Californians to be treated differently—including members of our family, our friends, and our coworkers,” he said in a recorded telephone message sent to California voters. “That is not what California is about. So this Tuesday, vote no on Proposition 8. It is unfair and wrong. Thanks.” One additional quote from Magic Johnson on (NewsWest9.com): “This is Magic Johnson calling to ask you to join me and Barack Obama in opposing Proposition 8.”

In May 2014, during the Donald Sterling incident concerning the L.A. Clippers, Earvin Magic Johnson is quoted from a video he did with Anderson Cooper on CNN saying, “I love my son, Cookie, and I will support him 150%” (<http://youtu.be/QICnCWPXnaw>) (His son is a practicing homosexual). No one should expect anything less from a father; we should love our children unconditionally. However—to support his homosexual lifestyle is the same as condoning IT. One additional quote from the New York Daily News: “[It] was a moment for us as a family and an even greater moment for him,” Johnson said. “He's just happy that it is out. I'm behind him a million percent. This is really wonderful for him.” (<http://www.nydailynews.com>). *Is this the message that we are now sending to the young boys and girls of the Church Of God In Christ?* Johnson, in the same interview, also went on to say these words,

“I think what I want the gay community to do for me is to help my son.” (Doesn’t this statement from him say that the church has failed his son—or failed him as his father in helping to reach his son?) Our endorsing a public figure and a member of our church with these open views on such a “critical” moral issue is very telling. And, he is allowed to maintain his status without rebuke as well as speak at the most celebrated formal event in our “Holy Convocation.” (You be the judge.)

**C) Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas:** In November 2008 the Los Angeles Times reported a story on Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas, who ran for public office in California. He, along with Earvin Magic Johnson, was also an open proponent of homosexual rights and fought against Prop 8—which was a referendum against gay marriage in California. He is even photographed in attendance at gay rallies in LA. This individual attended a service at West Angeles with the personal compliments of Bishop Blake citing him as, “*a godly man faithful to the church and the work of the Lord.*” What godly person shows up at gay rallies and promotes this type of “wicked” lifestyle? Bishop Blake is all the way over in Africa fighting for Aids (which is noble); but the same sex marriage fight is in his front door. To my knowledge—Bishop Blake did not even use the power of his influence as the leader of one of the largest churches in California, and Presiding Bishop of one of the largest Pentecostal churches in America to “fight” against this corrupt legislation in his front door. (You be the judge.)

**D) Congressmen Bobby Rush: *Congressman Bobby Rush***—pastor of Beloved Community Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois, recently brought his congregation into the Church Of God In Christ. During his annual address in the 2014 Holy Convocation, Bishop Blake apprised us of Pastor Rush’s congregation’s reception into the C.O.G.I.C. family. His voting record as a congressman is listed below—which also violates our core beliefs. According to DAPC (Democratic Advancement Political Action Committee) “After Election News” (published September 2014): He is 100% Pro-choice (supports abortion—which is murder), and, he “Supports stronger GBLT rights.” Based on the above-mentioned facts, in principle the Church Of God In Christ “is not” honoring its own words on homosexuality and gay marriage. And, anyone who endorses homosexuals are of the same vile spirit. (You be the judge.)

**E) Tonex/John P. Kee concert:** I really cannot say if Bishop Blake was present during the service when Tonex, who has openly confessed his homosexual lifestyle to the world, was invited by John P. Kee to sing at his concert in West Angeles Cathedral on October 5, 2014. This happened just 33 days before the Holy Convocation when this entire fiasco went viral with Andrew Caldwell’s video. Within days Bishop Blake produced a video to repudiate Evangelist Earl Carter for simply using a “few coarse” words. And, this happened after Dr. Earl Carter spoke to Bishop Blake, and he promised to get back to Carter and never did. Given the climate in our church right out of St Louis, someone should have informed him of this gay performer singing from his pulpit. Then, he should have rejected his mounting of the platform in West Angeles even if he had to do it after the fact. (You be the judge.)

If a person truly loves God—he must love what God loves and hate what He hates. A friend to this world is an enemy of God. **If the Church Of God In Christ is to remain viable—and a credible spiritual light to this world—she cannot be led in the liberal direction that it is currently heading.** The problem with Bishop Blake as I see it is not his style of preaching and his public messages; we love that side of him. Somewhere down the line something has gotten lost in the shuffle when it comes to the stance that should be taken on Holiness. And what a person does speaks so loudly, people don’t always listen to what they say. Bishop Blake’s skills, talents, and ability to build an empire are un-questionable; but his ability to discern spiritual things is grossly impaired as proven by the types of individuals he refuses do distances himself from. If he did not know about them—he should have known. The congruence of morality and spirituality must be upheld by those who seek to borrow the influence that God has given to our Great Church. We should be willing to help “all” people, but not be manipulated by them; or any group that seeks to use our SIZE to curry favors for themselves.

To the weak Christians, uninformed bible students and scholars who are suggesting that homosexuality is okay because Jesus had nothing to say about it, I say this. A practicing homosexual during the time Jesus walked the earth would have been stoned to death; much like what may currently happen to gay people today if they lived in some countries in Africa, Saudi Arabia, Iran and several others in the East that hold to some of the same strict laws as the Jews of the Bible. So He probably did not have much to say about it like He did when it came to adultery because it was basically a non issue within the culture. Of course they existed—but their identity (in the closet) was not so easily detected. Neither did He teach about stoning children for that matter; nor the sin of bestiality because it was probably not that easy to have those cases brought before Him by his detractors. You must remember that Jesus came to teach people about the higher order of The Amazing Kingdom Life. And, while homosexuality was definitely not something that He would have endorsed—He was more concerned about correcting the bigotry of the religious leaders of the nation of Israel and teaching people how to be set free from the attacks of Satan and his lies that kept them in bondage. In their blindness the Jewish elites thought that the Roman establishment was their problem; but Jesus turned the gospel (LIGHT) on their own corruptions that had them in bondage to Rome.

Jesus never suggested that the adulterous woman was right when He refused to pronounce judgment upon her—but He also knew that the wicked leader (Sadducees and Pharisees) were not in any moral position to stone her. When evil tries to eradicate evil, it only gives way to a propensity to perpetuate it. This is why the time has come for the SAINTS to have their day to judge the world according to Daniel 7:18. Jesus came to give us the abundant life—notwithstanding, the law is for the lawless. God's condemnation is upon the following types of individuals who have been deceived by Satan and have refused to exercise their faith in the true and living God: *the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, (gays/lesbians) and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.* (Revelation 21:8) Trying to justify any such behavioral patterns in God church as being righteous is tantamount to a baseball player trying to score a base hit on a foul ball—the referee has called you “out.” Jesus was wounded for our transgressions (our actual sins) and bruised for our iniquities, (iniquities has all to do with the twisted and wicked thoughts of the mind). And, He was whipped in order to secure a peace of mind for us and to bring healing to both body and soul. (Isaiah 53:5) He lived, suffered, died and was resurrected in order to equip the believer with the spiritual skills to fight and win the battle against the evil one of this world (Satan). Any man who stakes his hope and pride in this present world is a FOOL, and he is BLINDED to the truth of the revelation of the scriptures.

The trend of denominationalism started to weaken and decline 40-50 years ago as parishioners defected by the thousands due to the rigid hierarchy in its structure. Many of our own children have rejected our pattern—and have left COGIC for non-denominationalism although we are among the youngest major groups. People are starving for friendship, mentors, and REAL LOVE—not masters, dictators, and playboys. We must develop a national strategy to make the “Empowerment of Families” our #1 PRIORITY. This nation is caving under due to the erosion of the family structure, and COGIC needs to begin leading in this area. If you total up all the conferences we are hosting between the districts, jurisdictions, and the national each year—it's overwhelming. But an even more despondent commentary is that “Not One” of them is exclusively focused on the family. Coupled with salvation—families should be the main thing that we give strict attention to. Satan is having a field day (we are losing) in too many of our homes, marriages, and local churches while we are drunk from meetings. These (already rich) hotel owners are VERY HAPPY to see us coming while some of our pastors are scraping for reports, dues, love offerings, and airfares to keep up with the latest church fad. At the same time, their church mortgage, personal up-keep, and the list of other demands are pushing many out of ministry every year. And, the most baffling to me is that there is absolutely no monetary support coming from the top down.

A “true” spiritual leader should be, and must be, forceful against the patterns of malevolent behavior of his or her associates, and feed them with a long spoon. With all the wealth of Israel at his fingertips, King Solomon fell into the same trap three thousand years ago. He actually set up the pagan gods of his foreign wives and led the nation into idolatry. YOU MUST pay close attention here to the strategy of Satan. The bigger picture is that he has been plotting to undermine God's plan for the family since the fall of Adam and Eve. The family structure with a male and female counterpart is God's divine order for kingdom establishment. When Adam failed God's plan as the priest and prophet of his home—God called Abraham to reinstate that plan 2000 years later in Genesis 12:1-3. If you understand the New Testament at all, you know that the gospel message is inextricably linked to the family structure as well. If a man does not provide for his house, he is worse than an unbeliever—and if he cannot rule (manage) his house, he has no business being a pastor or bishop in the house of God.

**In just the past 108 years God raised up the Church Of God In Christ with the purest Biblical practices since the birth of the New Testament Church. Even racism was brought to its knees for a brief period in Bishop Mason's ministry. Magic Johnson, a "poster child" for the LGBT community has officially infiltrated our ranks as a (COGIC member). (Listen to his admitted statement with Anderson Cooper during the Donald Sterling debacle.) All it takes for the Church Of God In Christ to change its position against same sex marriage is for enough of the Johnson and Rush types to “creep” into our church. And trust me, there are many that are not highly visible but believe just like them among us. If people will not obey the Bible—what makes you think they will obey your constitution?**

We all should be taking a lesson from the US Supreme Court on this grave issue; you only need one deciding vote. I am literally ashamed of the current leadership of our church in this area. Black people are blaming White conservatives for not being compassionate, and having a racist slant—but the Black churches have bought into the liberal agenda of the country, and have almost completely “sold out” on “good morals” and biblical principles. That may not have been the intentions when the church took sides with the political parties—but it's the reality of where we are presently. And guess who is taking the brunt of the suffering in their communities as a result of poor leadership on the national level among people of color?

God is a God of love and compassion, but this is only the half truth about Him. He is also a God of wrath and judgment—which is the side of Him that all liars, whoremongers, adulterers, homosexuals, lesbians, and unbelievers will face at the Great White Throne Judgment. It is clear to me that God is full of mercy; He gave us His best in the person of His Son to prove this fact. But He is not hard-up to save anyone—and all those who reject His mercy would be condemned with Satan and his angels at the judgment. If God does not judge the wicked people who refuse to obey Him, He is not just—and the death of His son was in vain.

**Sinners did come to hang out with Jesus, because He was quite an incredible, effervescent, and charismatic individual. But let's take a closer look at what they subsequently did when they really had a chance to see what the terms were to be his friends.**

- **King Herod:** Out of sheer jealousy, he rejected Jesus before he had a chance to meet him. He sought to take his life because he feared that the wise men's prediction of a Jewish king being born in his region would threaten his future political aspirations.
- **The rich young ruler:** This young man obviously had an affinity for Jesus simply because he was quite fluid in a passionate conversation about the spiritual and moral tenets of the nation. However, until the conversation got to the point when Jesus told him to part from his wealth in order to have a greater treasurer in heaven—he walked away. He was obviously sorrowful and grieved walking away, but his wealth blinded his heart.

- **Jewish religious leaders:** The Sadducees and the Pharisees rejected Jesus solely based on petty religious differences and had Him hung for treason. Since there was no such thing as the separation of church and state for the Jewish nation because the church was the state, religious leaders were tantamount to modern day pastors and politicians. As opposed to the millions of laws that our governmental officials fight over everyday—Israel had less than one thousand. But the pompous disposition that these religions bigots took towards Jesus is no different than what many politicians do today when it comes to true commitment to Christ and His followers. They simply give lip service to the TRUTH—and follow the latest political wind in order to remain in office.
- **Judas Iscariot:** Judas played the game of loyalty to Jesus up to the very moment of Christ's Crucifixion—but he was born for the very purpose of proving that the heart of a man is most desperately wicked. And so he betrayed the Lord Jesus for some pocket change.
- **Pontius Pilot:** Pilot was a Roman procurator (magistrate) who served under Emperor Tiberius during the crucifixion of Jesus. Although he was a typical politician and not a religious leader, he knew that the religious leaders got it grossly wrong when it came to their accusation of Jesus. Based on the Jews own laws-He did not deserve death. The spirit of jealousy is as cruel as the grave, that's why they hated Him. Simply for political expediency, Pilot washed his hands of the case and refused to exonerate Jesus even though he had the power to do so. His actions were the epitome of what some political leaders do this very day when it comes to the core issue of morality and righteousness. They bend over backwards to appease the people in order to stay in power.

Take notice that all of the individuals I've listed were prominent figures. Jesus spoke a very lucid parable in Matthew Chapter 13. *"When the sower planted his seeds, some fell by the wayside and was devoured by the birds. Others fell among the stones and did not get much earth, and sun scorched them. Yet another batch of seeds was planted among thorns, and when it grew up the life was choked out of them. But one fourth of his seeds managed to reach good soil and it produced a great harvest."* It is clear to me that everyone who hears the gospel will not obey (ad-hear to) it. For leaders to give credence to people in the house of God when they have proven themselves to be uncommitted to the truth of God's word, this action disqualifies them as spiritual leaders.

**In contrast to the ones who rejected the message of the cross—here are some others who received the word in a good heart and patiently brought forth spiritual fruit of true repentance.**

- **Mary of Magdala:** Better known as Mary Magdalene, this woman had seven demons cast out of her, and church tradition says harlotry was her former profession before meeting Jesus. She sold out as a lady of the night to follow Jesus and served Him with even more passion than many of the apostles.
- **The woman of Samaria:** She is known in the Bible as the first New Testament Evangelist. After being convicted of the truth about Jesus—she accepted Him and went back to her village in attempt to convert the entire town. After five husbands and a bed partner—she found her ultimate Man.
- **Nicodemus:** A good man, but a religious man nonetheless—came to Jesus by night because of his pride. He heard the message of being born again and was quite inquisitive to know more about the teachings of Jesus and the new birth. Heaven only knows if he fully accepted the truth—but he will be judged based upon his personal encounter with Jesus.
- **Saul of Tarsus:** Saul was a classic religious bigot—much like many people in church leadership today. But when he met Jesus face-to-face on the road to Damascus to persecute those new Jewish converts—he gave up his religion for a relationship with Christ and His cause. He actually wrote half of the New Testament.

- **The Philippian Jailer:** “What must I do to be saved?” This phrase was coined by the very individual who wanted to deny the validity of the gospel preached by the apostles. However—he and his household came to faith by abandoning this world in order to follow Jesus.

The woman only, caught in the very act of adultery was brought to Jesus for His rabbinical rendition of her punishment; although the law stated that both individuals were to be punished by death. However, Jesus requested that she be stoned as well by anyone of her accusers that were not currently guilty of the same sin or some other. And when none of the hypocrites could bring themselves to stone her because of their own wicked hearts—they all walked away. Then, He said to her: continue to commit adultery, yes. No—He said “*go and sin no more.*” Jesus also said that wisdom is justified by her friends; but it’s the friends who she converts for the kingdom. He that wins souls with the truth is wise; not he that COMPROMISES the truth. In addition to the few names I have listed from the Bible, in Revelation chapter 7 and verse 9—The Apostle John saw a number that no man could number who ultimately came to faith after hearing the word of God. (I believe this includes the vast majority of the COGIC saints).

I would like to think that Bishop Charles Blake was elected as the Presiding Bishop of one of the largest Pentecostal churches in America because of the great work he has established in California. **But I submit to you that if Bishop Charles Blake’s actual stance on “true biblical holiness” was as “sound” as he preaches—these high profile practicing sinners would not be flaunting their flesh in God’s face among the high rank and file of our church.** People of power and means are very purposeful about those they seek to align themselves with. They don’t just hang around—but they must have something to gain. When they publicly and consistently espouse views that are diametrically opposed to our church, and more importantly, GOD’S WORD—we know that it’s not the gospel that they are looking for. When a person is ready to change their lifestyle, he or she will seek out help from those who will be truthful with them even when it hurts. On the other hand, when we don’t want to change, we seek for those who will confirm us the way we are, or keep silent about our proclivities. We speak what we know, but we actually reproduce after our own kind. In essence, the kinds of people that are attached to us are the ones who are more like us in spirit. I can kick a dog ten times a day—but all I have to do to keep him hanging around is to keep giving him a bone.

Bishop Blake, up to this very day has not personally addressed Superintendent Carter about the issue that started this whole controversy. What type of father would do this to a son and not try to amend their differences. I am still awaiting the response from Bishop Blake and the General Board about my first certified letter sent to them on this issue. The Bible has given us clear guidelines as to how the church members should handle their disputes among one another. Here is what Jesus taught His disciples: “*Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.* (Matthew 18:15) The Apostle Paul also left these basic instructions in the book of Galatians: “*If a man has been over taken in a fault—those that are spiritual should restore him in the spirit of meekness, unless they fall into the same trap as the accused.*” All of the cardinal rules of communication among brethren have been violated in this situation—how did we get here as a Pentecostal Church? This situation reminds me of the Jim Crow days. Justice is blind—but people are not. And when an individual with world status like Bishop Charles Blake publically denigrates and disparages the intentions and character of an individual without due process, that’s the definition of defamation if I understand the term. Even if Bishop Blake was right for what he did to Dr. Carter—which I don’t believe—does he not “owe” it to Carter to call a meeting and address this issue with some of his peers?

Our church seems to handle difficult situations like the MAFIA—kill the influence of the individual who challenges us as soon as possible unless they are our friends, if so, cover for them. Any leader who

practices this blatant type of Gestapo tactic does not have the temperament or spiritual qualification to lead God's people on a world level. One of prevailing erroneous teachings by many Bible-believing Christians comes from this passage of scripture. *"Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm."* (Psalms 105:15) When did "touch" not become "question" not—this is America, isn't it? NO LEADER is above being questioned about his or her actions when it "does not" line up with the WORD of God. Ignorance is bliss when it comes to some people because it relieves them of their personal responsibility of holding one another accountable. As a bona fide credentialed, card-holding, report paying member of the Church Of God In Christ, we all have the right to inquire of anyone who lives off of our hard-earned contributions about what we believe to be unbrageous activities on their part. To respect and honor does not equate to fear, bowing down, and intimidation. Some of our leaders seem to accept more honoring upon themselves than Jesus did.

WE NEED A NATIONAL PUBLIC FORUM ON THE TOPIC OF HOMOSEXUALITY AND WHOREMONGERING IN COGIC. The General Board, Board of Bishops, Supervisors, Department Heads, Pastors, Elders, Ministers, Musicians, Adjutants, Deacons, and laypersons need to be in attendance. I am 100 percent sure we will settle this issue if the people are free to voice their opinions and concerns without fear of repercussion from their leaders. Please tell me that our church officials are not afraid to address the fiasco that spawned out of the 2014 Holy Convocation. We have not successfully judged ourselves on these issues, and until we do—God will not allow it to rest among us. (1 Corinthians 11:31) God sent JUDGMENT to the house of Eli because he knew that his sons were wicked men but he refused to discipline them. He always sends us a warning before the gavel is dropped. I personally believe that judgment is upon the Church Of God In Christ and this is the reason why we are suffering from a scandal that is worse than any that I have ever witnessed. The internet has made it very easy for our dirty laundry to be aired world-wide. (Samuel 2:12-31)

Bishop Blake could have taken a few pages from Moses' books. When the head-winds of adversity rose up against him within the camp; he fell on his face and cried out to God. He didn't call for a search committee of henchmen to silence his accusers. A wise leader would never publically take on an opponent on his own; public opinion may not be in his favor. In the multitude of counselors there is safety. In fact, the term "common sense" derived from the word community. When you are willing to draw from a community of individuals and not depend on a "yes man" to stoke your ego—it could save you some heartaches. Anyone who is afraid to tell you the truth will probably lie to you as well. There was a reason why Jesus told His disciples not strive to be "over" one another, but that they should serve one another with mutual respect. Gentile authority governs from the top down, but kingdom authority governs from the bottom up—the greatest in God's kingdom should be the best at washing feet. Who is advising the leadership of our church during its time of "deep" moral crisis? I don't get the sense that they are wise, whoever they may be. I've noticed a lot of manipulation, which is what insecure leaders must do in order to remain in power. We have literally fallen to an all-time low, wolves in sheep's clothing is the terminology that Jesus used to describe religious leaders who resort to controlling other people. God created every man to be self-governed; and this is why humans don't take kindly to being dominated, ESPECIALLY REAL MEN. A good man would gladly sit and talk with his accusers because he knows that if he is right on the issue—God will vindicate him.

Bishop Charles H. Mason went to Los Angeles California to receive something that God wanted him to share with the world. He, along with a host of saints of his day—and along with the saints of our day—suffered for "TRUE HOLINESS." Mason believed that all men—Black, White, Hispanic, Asian, etc., are called to one brotherhood in Christ. He also taught us that deliverance is available to the rich, poor, homosexuals, lesbians, whoremongers, and any other depraved condition of man. If some Los Angeleans along with others around the world reject this holiness message, God will judge that city with a list of others like Sodom, Babylon, and Nazareth when its citizens refuse to accept the truth. **The Bible is clear**

**that the Saints will judge the world. Judgment on our part is not about condemnation—the world is already condemned. (People will accuse you of being judgmental because condemnation is what they feel when they are rejecting TRUTH.)** We are to judge, (discern between right and wrong) so as to maintain the proper biblical standard when it comes to “rightly diving the word of truth.” True believers in God’s church are called to be salt and light in a dark and unseasoned world. If the blind lead the blind—they both will perish.

This final commentary is purely speculative, but quite ironic nonetheless. The gay and lesbian community has co-opted the rainbow as their national symbol. I noticed that the background colors of the West Angeles Cathedral platform are almost identical to their colors as well. While there may not be any direct infractions that I have seen Bishop Blake do, his fruits of acquaintance in the persons that I have named in this document is all you need to know. “Know the tree by its fruit.” The only reason why God instructed me to craft this instrument is because of my prophetic gifting as a seer. **Saints (sheep) don’t spend a lot of time hanging around “troubled waters”— it is quite frightening to them.** In fact, the real ones spend most of their time praying and seeking God from day to day in order to stay on the straight and narrow.

Prophets and seers were raised up for the very purpose of confronting and exposing the corruption of the priests and kings. We can see through the divisions within the body of Christ, religious sectarianism, the divisiveness of race and culture, political discord, and geographical regions. And He gave some (spiritual gifts) Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors/Teachers for the purpose of bringing the body of Christ to perfection. The Church Of God In Christ was established upon New Testament spiritual principles operating through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. (That is what the Azusa Street Revival and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit meant for Bishop Mason). If we do not understand the spiritual dynamics of the (gifts of the spirit), and allow the church to function through them—we will surely “die.” The haughtiness of the human ego, natural talents, and academic achievement will only self-destruct over time if they are not duly tempered by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. WE, my fellow C.O.G.I.C. brethren, are at the crossroads of the next era in our history; and what happens here will seal our fate for eternity.

If the members of the Church Of God In Christ return to the voting booth and re-elect Bishop Charles Blake after reading this letter, they and this church will be judged by God for upholding the corruption that has become a full-blown “cancer” among us. Jesus called the religious leaders of his day hypocrites, (play actors) because they were excellent in keeping up with current events, but they did not have the ability to discern the evil of their day. How does the church lead the world to the light, and at the same time “embrace” the darkness?

**Conclusion:** There is absolutely nothing that I have stated in this communiqué that changes my love for Bishop Charles Blake and the leadership of our Great Church. I would be happy to have a personal conversation with him and/or the General Board any day to discuss the pain I feel as I see our HOLINESS legacy swiftly eroding in the eyes of this dark world. I pray to God that the voting delegates of the Church Of God In Christ do not make the same mistake that many other religious groups have made in their history. Many years ago I sat in one of our Holy Convocations in Memphis when an A.M.E. bishop said these words: **“I hope that the saints of the Church Of God In Christ do not make the same mistake that we made by worshiping at the shrine of “education and materialism,” and lost the glory of God from our midst.”**

After all of this diabolical turmoil within the upper echelon of our church has been exposed to the world and we do not heed the voice of God, He will hold you partially responsible for the death of this church. (Read Ezekiel 33:1-14)

**May God have mercy upon us.**