

# Amnesty International Charges Nicaraguan Rights Violated, Lives Lost



**BORN AGAIN**—Miss America, Debby Turner, a 24-year-old college coed, is black, brainy, beautiful and a born-again Christian. Crowned before a television audience of 60 million viewers, the Jonesboro, Ark. native puts her faith in God first in her life, and will receive awards including \$44,000.00 in scholarships, money, up to \$200,000.00 for personal appearances and a 1990 Corvette automobile.

## Consumer Tips for Charity Giving During the Holiday Season

News USA

(NU) - More than 400,000 charitable organizations exist in America today. During the holiday season, it seems each one of them is asking for donations. The daily mail is filled with solicitations. The telephone rings with calls from fund raisers of all types.

The problem faced by the potential giver this time of year is coping with the rising tide of requests — distinguishing the responsible and accountable from the fraudulent and mismanaged.

United Way of America, the national service association for the 2300 United Ways across the country, developed the following list of questions people should investigate before making a contribution. Some information can be gathered through telephone conversations, while other informational documents can be requested from the organizations.

### Get Some Background

1. Does the organization publish an annual report and provide it upon request? Does the annual report contain a detailed annual budget certified by an independent public accounting firm?
2. Does the organization have an active and responsible volunteer governing board?
3. Is there a clear statement of purpose, and do the organization's programs and services address that stated purpose?

4. Does it have a responsible program, along with responsible management and fund-raising expenses?
5. Is the organization providing services in your community?
6. Who decides how your charitable donation is spent? For example, money given to a United Way goes through a committee of volunteers that makes funding decisions based on an assessment of community needs.
7. Are the organization's publicity and promotional materials ethical and accurate? What does the charity claim: does it deliver?

### Organizational Resources

Givers also can check with several organizations before making a contribution. One of these organizations is the United Ways which can tell you if your local United Way is supporting the organization you plan to aid. For the telephone number, see the white pages, or contact United Way of America at 703-836-7100 in Alexandria, Va.

The Internal Revenue Service can tell you if the organization is tax exempt. If not, your gift is not deductible. Other groups offering various guidance to the potential giver are The Council of Better Business Bureaus at 703-276-0100 in Arlington, Va., and the National Charities Information Bureau at 212-929-6300 in New York City.

So be a responsible giver, know the charity you are supporting or check on it if you don't.

Amnesty International recently called on the Nicaraguan government to take urgent measures to prevent further unlawful killings by army troops of peasants suspected of collaborating with the Contra opposition forces in rural war zones.

The worldwide human rights organization said that there had been noticeable improvements in the human rights situation in Nicaragua. However, it remained concerned about reports this year of human rights abuses that include summary killings and "disappearances."

A new report, "Nicaragua: The Human Rights record 1988-89," said cases of unlawful killings by government soldiers had been reported since the beginning of the armed conflict and had continued to be reported

after the ceasefire came into effect in April 1988. Other peasants reportedly arrested by the security forces have "disappeared" and the government has not yet accounted for them.

The majority of those killed or "disappeared" lived in rural areas where opposition forces have concentrated their military activity and targeted civilians, causing many casualties. The Contra forces have frequently executed civilian and military captives and hundreds of civilians are reported to have been forcibly recruited into the Contra forces after being abducted from their homes.

Amnesty International said the circumstances of the killings attributed to government troops often indicated that the victims were killed after cap-

ture and were unarmed, and were singled out because they were suspected of sympathizing with the Contras.

Dozens of such cases have been reported since 1987 in remote parts of Jinotega, Matagalpa and Jalapa departments. Five Catholic lay-preachers were abducted in March 1988 during house-to-house searches by government troops looking for suspected Contras. The mutilated bodies of all five were reportedly found a day later.

Amnesty International said, however, that many soldiers have been prosecuted and sentenced to prison terms for crimes against civilians. In April, a military court sentenced an army lieutenant to the maximum 30 years' imprisonment

after he was found guilty of executing two unarmed civilians, Santos Olayo Garcia Perez and Ignacio Cruz Valdez, in December 1988. Government responses to cases submitted to it by Amnesty International since 1987 on 66 alleged victims of unlawful killings and "disappearances" show that 17 military and police personnel have been sentenced to prison for some of these abuses, but in other cases investigations have been suspended or are still incomplete.

### TRIUMPH

Every triumph of life leads back by various paths to earlier preparation. Anonymous

### DOING GOOD

Do all the good you can and make no fuss about it. Charles Dickens

Charles Dickens

# Come Worship With Us



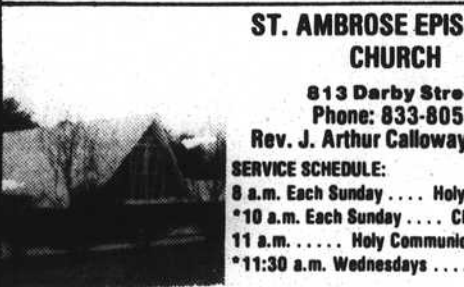
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## Sunday Lesson

**NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH**  
Revelation 21:1-7, 22-27  
Heaven and earth have been around a long time. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth," we read at the outset of the Bible (Genesis 1:1). David exulted, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork" (Psalms 19:1).

Most Jews considered the nearby Mediterranean Sea a place of danger and evil. That is probably why John said, "There was no more sea" in the new order (Revelation 21:1).

Like a child entering a new school, getting braces, taking his first airplane ride, and coming home to find his tree house blown down all in the same day, we are disturbed by any disruption of the things that are familiar to us. Therefore, our minds cry for a satisfying interpretation of what we learn in Revelation 21, namely, that the earth and firmament we know will be replaced by something new.

Actually, the events of Revelation 21 are not the first of their kind, for God has been making things new all along. He gave a new heart to Israel and a new covenant through Jesus. He gives new hope for the hopeless and new life for those who are dead in their sins. Here, though, in the new heaven and earth, is the completion of new things, the summing up of the human story begun ages ago.

Notice the perfection. God will dwell with His people. Suffering and death will be banished. All the limitations of the present age will be gone. New Jerusalem will be like "a bride adorned for her husband." The promise of these conditions, which will be accomplished by God, is assured by His nature.

The authority in the city will be God Himself. He will freely give the "water of life" to all who thirst. Having overcome the trials of earthly life and death by the power of Christ, we will live forever with God.

Talk about urban revival! There has never been a city as great as God's city, New Jerusalem, will be.

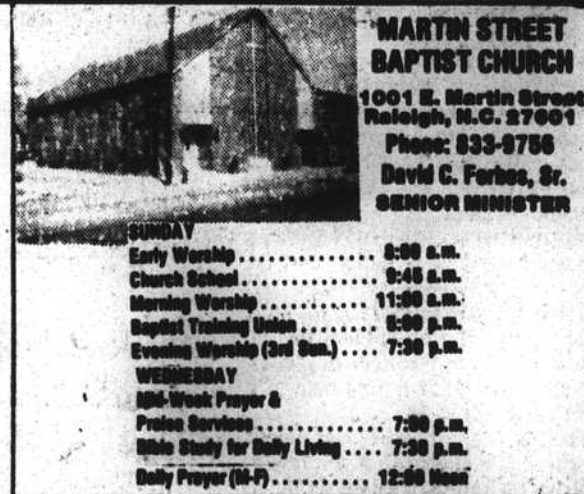
Imagine a travel agency trying to come up with a brochure describing this destination. How lucky we are to have a record of John's guided tour.

Unlike cities today, security in God's city will be no problem. Traffic will flow freely as people seek to praise God.

All the blessings in New Jerusalem will flow from the presence and centrality of God.

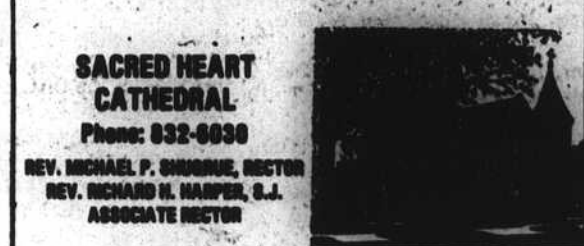
John's vision of a new heaven and new earth brings Revelation's message to a stirring finale. God's presence with His people will become a glorious reality.

Our hope of dwelling securely in God's presence will be realized through Jesus Christ. This is a great truth we ought not lose sight of. Welcoming others into this relationship and working for the renewal of life are aspects of the process God started and invites us to join.



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Baptist Training Union ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship (3rd Sun.) ..... 7:30 p.m.  
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198-Week Prayer & Praise Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
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Daily Prayer (10-7) ..... 12:30 Noon



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Hour of Praise Service ..... Fri. 8:00 p.m.  
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## Friday Afternoon Book Club Meets

The Downtown Hudson Belk Capital Room was the scene of the Friday Afternoon Book Club's recent monthly meeting. The hostess for the day was Ms. Mabel Young, but due to her absence Ms. Maude Evans substituted for her. After greetings by the president, Ms. Elizabeth Jordan, a luncheon was enjoyed by members and guests.

The devotion, led by Ms. Lucy Stancil, followed the luncheon. She also submitted the secretary's report. The treasurer's and amenities reports were heard from Ms. Dorothy Sanders and Ms. Naomi Debnam, respectively. The members were happy to have Ms. Mildred James present. She is doing well after undergoing a heart operation. The members will continue to keep her and the other sick members in their prayers.

The club agreed to give a donation toward the raffle tickets for the Friends of the Shaw University Library.

The Christmas party will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sanders on South State Street. The chairperson, Ms. Dorothy Sanders, will inform the members of the final details.

The visitors included Ms. Mayette Ford of Virginia and Ms. Maggie Holley of Raleigh. Ms. Holley brought the entertainment to the group. She was presented by the acting hostess, Ms. Maude Evans. The members then sat back and relaxed while Ms. Holley took them on an imaginary trip through the Holy Land as she shared her visit there through filmstrips. The narration was provided by Ms. Holley's daughter, Juanita.

Ms. Holley was presented a gift by the hostess.

Ms. Marjorie Phillips thanked the hostess for the meeting.

Members present were Ms. La Senia Murchison, Ms. Pauline Young, Ms. Nora Lockhart, Ms. Marjorie Phillips, Ms. Dorothy Sanders, Ms. Maude Evans, Ms. Naomi Debnam, Ms. Mary Lane, Ms. Elizabeth Burton, Ms. Sallie Lane, Ms. Beulah Jones, Ms. Elizabeth Jordan, Ms. Mildred James, Ms. Lucy Stancil and Ms. Justine Davis, club reporter.

## Come Let's Think

BY EVA L. PERRY  
GIVE US THIS DAY  
Lord I've just sat down to write You  
Not knowing where to start.  
Because Your many mercies  
Sustain my fainting heart.  
But now the world is groaning  
'Neath famine, war, and flood.  
Lord, can You still protect me,  
Provide my daily food?  
Then as I sat there anxious,  
A mockingbird flew down,  
And looked for seeds and berries  
Upon the frozen ground.  
"I say, you silly fellow,  
Now how will you survive?  
The bear has sought his burrow,  
The honeybee his hive.  
The harvest time is over,  
Each bush and tree is bare.  
The fields are brown and barren  
And you're not fraught with care?"  
The mockingbird was startled  
And flew into a tree.  
"Why don't you know?" he seemed to  
Trill,  
"God watches over me."  
Thanks, mockingbird. Your carefree  
Song  
Reproves my senseless doubt.  
Henceforth I'll share your trust and  
Joy  
And spread the word about.  
O Lord, forgive my lack of faith,  
I thank You for that bird.  
Through him You've ended my  
Concern,  
And thus Your voice I've heard.  
—Theodore E. Miller  
Listen, are you thankful? You  
should be. Regardless of how old you  
are, you have taken one breath of air  
at a time up until this present  
moment. Who gave you that air? Think  
about it! God is love, and He proves to  
you and me that He is love. We must  
thank Him for "letting us be."  
I, Eva Perry, do very often lift my  
voice in praise to God and sing, "I  
have so much to thank my Jesus for."  
I just can't count all of my blessings.  
Glory be to God!  
Read your Bible prayerfully and  
think!

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Worship Service ..... 11 a.m.  
Afternoon Service ..... 3 p.m.