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...This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.

Isaiah 54:17

# Previously Untranslated Appendix to Ruegger's "Apostolic Christian History, Vol. I

In 1948, Hermann Ruegger's history book *Die Evangelisch Taufgesinnte* was published in German. In 1949, an English translation was published in North America titled "Apostolic Christian Church History Vol. I." Many of you likely have this book somewhere in your homes. In 1962, the German version of the book was reprinted and supplemented with a 10-page appendix by Paul Kambly. The appendix describes further events and developments, primarily concerning the churches in Western Europe during and after World War II. This appendix has been previously unknown to us because when the new version of "Apostolic Christian Church History" was created in the 1980s, the committee was apparently unaware of the 1962 update and appendix, so none of that new information was included. A translation of the 1962 Kambly appendix is available to review at the Heritage Center and can also be provided to you by e-mail. If interested, email troyplattner@gmail.com.

#### Meditations on the Book of Matthew

A new translation of Froehlich's writings on the Book of Matthew is finally being sent to the publishers. Formerly printd only in limited supply in the tan Froehlich books, it is now being published with a black hardback cover. This improved, more readable retranslation will be available in approximately 8 weeks and can be purchased by contacting Heritage Press, 607 E. Maple Ridge Court, Edelstein, IL 61526, phone 309–249–6281, email <a href="mailto:heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com">heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com</a>, or online at <a href="mailto:www.melttheheart.com">www.melttheheart.com</a> at a price of \$10.



#### G.M. Mangold 's Handwritten Notes

A great great grandson of G.M. Mangold recently donated this notebook to the Heritage Center. The main section of each page has writing from presumably an E. Schwarz. In the margins, are notes written by G.M. Mangold himself.

#### Writings of Bro. Samuel H. Froehlich on Searchable Flash Drive

Since the beginning of the Heritage Center, the committee has made it a priority to preserve and translate as many of Bro. Froehlich's writings as possible. Efforts are also ongoing to re-translate some of his previously published meditations to ensure they are as accurate as possible and to improve their flow and readability. By combining all of his known writings in one document, specific questions on various topics or specific scriptures can be searched to learn the thoughts and inspirations of Bro. Froehlich, who allowed himself to be used by the Lord to play a large part in reviving the true faith of the Apostolic Age, which we strive to keep and preserve today.

The flash drive is constantly being updated. At the present time it includes an outline of Froehlich's life, *The Two Mysteries, Evidence, Baptismal Truth, Matrimony, and Meditations on the Books of John, Ephesians, Philippians, Hebrews, and Revelations.* The *Book of Romans*, which had not been published previously, has been added, and the Book of Matthew will be included as soon as it is published.

To order a flash drive, please contact Heritage Press, 607 E. Maple Ridge Court, Edelstein, IL 61526, phone 309-249-6281, email <a href="heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com">heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com</a>, or online at <a href="heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com">www.melttheheart.com</a> Requests for a digital copy of the current PDF file can be emailed to heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com.

As noted in the Preface in one of the original translations: "It should be clearly understood that the King James version of the Holy Bible is the source of spiritual truth and light. The writings and meditations contained in this book are meant to be a help and support and are a most welcome revelation by Almighty God to man in the person of Samuel Heinrich Froehlich during a very dark moment in religious history for true believers. It would behoove us to be continually thankful to God for this."

## Translation Update on the writings of Bro. Samuel H. Froehlich

The book of Luke is ready to be formatted and soon to be published, the book of Hebrews is being proofread, and the book of Acts is almost done with translation.

The upfront cost of translation and publishing is very high, making donations essential and appreciated. Anyone interested in contributing towards making these writings available, please send your donations to The Heritage Center Foundation, c/o Fairview Haven, 605 N. Fourth St., Fairbury, IL 61739.

Questions regarding this or any Heritage Center project can be directed to (815) 692-6704 or heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com.

## Do you know...

What connection did Robert Michel, the longest serving Minority Leader in the House of Representatives, have with the Apostolic Christian church?

Bob Michel grew up in the Nazarene church in Peoria, IL. During the 1980s, as Minority Leader, he made a personal visit to Eastern Europe and held a meeting in his office with a representative from the State Department regarding the military service and imprisonment of our brethren in Yugoslavia. As a result, the Secretary of State personally interceded with leaders in Hungary, Romania, and Yugoslavia. A few months later, 18 brothers serving in prison were released.

## A Selection from History

The following words were spoken by Bro. Otto Ramseyer from Bay City, MI, on September 23, 1943, after reading St. Luke 10:

Oh, what an opportunity have many of us who have had believing parents who have told us from our childhood days of the true Word of God. They have warned us and told us of the two ways that lie before all mankind here upon earth – of the one way that is not a pathway of roses, but a pathway that is steep and thorny and where Christ Himself had to bear a crown of thorns. This is the pathway that leads to everlasting life, comfort, and consolation. The other pathway is the broad way that leads unto everlasting destruction. Oh, what hope, what comfort, does any soul find on this broad way? They may find a little joy for a short duration, but loved ones, let them cast the thought of their heart into the beyond as the man Moses did, who was raised in the house of the daughter of Pharaoh. He could rejoice in all the pleasures in that house, but what did he do? He stood still and he considered what the end of that kind of life would be in all eternity. He saw what kind of a destruction would follow and what did he do? He chose to bear the afflictions and reproaches with God's people, for he considered the reward thereof.

Many of us have had dear mothers and fathers whose pathways were not pathways of roses, but were steep and thorny. A number of us can remember of many of them that also had to make the experience in their time of which we find written in the Word of God, "Who are those standing before the throne of God?"

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When we consider the Holy Word of God, we know it is a firm immovable word and it is firmer than the heaven and earth both, and, beloved ones, that Word will endure. When heaven and earth pass away, His words will not pass away. We have a sure word of prophesy, and we do well if we believe thereunto.

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### "Who Are They Before God's Throne"

Zion's Harp #249, verses 4 and 5

It were they who came victorious,
Out of life's deep, troubled sea,
Bearing here the cross in patience,
From all selfish honor free.
Robes of honor they possess,
Called: the great Lamb's righteousness.

It were they who here did struggle For the glory of our Lord; Satan, world, and death subduing, Followed not the sinful horde. And in battle they did stand, Trusting God's almighty hand.