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## July — September 2003 Word

## "BEFORE I WAS AFFLICTED, I WENT ASTRAY." Psalm 119:65

America has gone astray perhaps because times have been too good, life too easy. Or perhaps we have been miserable and have been too dead to become aware of it. We, as a nation have mastered the art of denial.

However, God waits until the fields are ripe with harvest and then He rescues us from our going astray. Did you know that wide is the path that leads to destruction and many there are that go thereof?

How does He rescue us? By afflicting us. Why are so many Americans suffering? Why are families being torn asunder? Why are the burdens and trials being thrown our way more than we can cope with? Let me tell you the answer to all these questions is this: God is bringing America back to Himself. We have made Him the stepfather of our country instead of the Father. We have yet to see the America God had in mind when He beckoned our forefathers to leave all and follow Him to the new world He was founding.

The afflictions He caused the people from England and Europe to endure did, indeed, turn their hearts to seek God for His guidance and direction. When their burdens got so heavy they were more than the people could endure, the door to a new world opened. He put in them His might, power, courage and strength and gave them a vision of a better land.

And so it is today. His message is always the same. Seek first the Kingdom of God and all else will be added unto you. Our problems are bigger than life. God also is bigger than life. He has a new life, a new world, a new beginning for all. And on top of all that, He can take all the past mistakes and weave them together for good. He only enters your life if you sincerely call for help. Is your cry, "Deliver me from evil" — "Please, have mercy and deliver me out of my impossible circumstance"???? He answers the cry of the afflicted. And my dear afflicted one, His mercy endureth forever.

Marie Kolasinski



## July — September 2003 Letter

My dear sojourner,

By now you may be aware that we are living in a most interesting time — the end of one dispensation and the beginning of another. The old system is old and worn out, senseless and cruel. It will get worse before it gets better.

I am concerned about the children. Too many laws breeds contempt, rebellion and suicide. This is a small example of the insanity of our local government, and their total lack of common sense. Rather than being our servants they are arrogant legalists.

Fairview Park in Costa Mesa is a natural playground for the young. Cyclists had made a natural ramp and spent hours playing and conquering the feat of jumping hills. But our city fathers could not bear to see them having clean fun for they bulldozed the ramps using our tax money, of course.

The beautiful Newport Harbor High School Auditorium that needs no fixing is being renovated while Estancia High School is in dire need of a new auditorium. People in government are mad with power. Our government is about to topple of its own corruption as did communism, Rome, Sodom and Gomorrah, and others.

In the meantime — let us as parents be gentle with our children. If we set the example few laws are needed. Each child has the talent to create his own work so education is not the priority. Let us seek God — not man — for answers to our dilemma. America as we know it is over. Let us not create another old system but look to new fresh ways of life that satisfy. Jesus said, "Follow me — I am the way, the truth and the life." So He infers we are to be on a journey out of the old world of corruption. His encouraging words of faith — "Be of good cheer for I have overcome the world and where I am, there you must be also."

