

# 'In a context of chaos, putting our common humanity first': UN Secretary-General on priorities for 2026

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*António Guterres, UN Secretary-General*



**“Everyone faces challenges in life. It’s a matter of how you learn to overcome them and use them to your advantage.”**

**Celestine Chua**



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## **Lessons:**

Lesson 1: Defining Problems Big & Small

Lesson 2: Identifying Options

Lesson 3: Considering Pros and Cons

Lesson 4: Finding Solutions

# THIS YEAR

## stirs city

(PHOTO ON PAGE 3)  
 BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — City officials quickly stopped a \$50,000 bounty on the head of persons responsible for the Tuesday night bombing at the home of rights attorney Arthur S. Shaver. The incident pushed racial tensions here to a new high.

The blast, believed caused by a stick of dynamite, occurred about 9:30 p.m. It totally destroyed the house's recreation room and heavily damaged the kitchen. Also hard hit was the garage and the Shaver's two automobiles.

The storm, who headed the University of Alabama integration case, was at home alone when the explosion occurred. He was reported without his shaken. His wife and 16-year-old daughter were in a drive-in movie.

**SENATORS AND OTHERS** of the city's race leaders greeted the news that gathered at the scene of the blast as news of it swept the colored community. Police said some 1,500 angry persons gathered and reported some rock throwing.

The violence arose swiftly as the heads of boards of education announced Monday that the city's 250-grade classes would integrate in September. It was the most serious incident since mass demonstrations ended last spring.

The Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, an integration group based here, issued a statement calling on all citizens to keep the peace "which was fought for" and to refrain from further violence.

THE \$50,000 BOUNTY was posted by the City Council

## 'Demonstrate and leaving the cleaning and cooking to us'

NEW YORK — Scores of New York housewives will probably have to do some extra cleaning and cooking Aug. 31, according to Martin S. Jones, executive director of the National Domestic and Migrant Workers Association.

Jones said the Association is a coalition of five unions to transport domestic workers to the New York metropolitan area to join the March on Washington.

"Many of these workers, some of whom have been viciously exploited and others who have been forced to seek domestic work because other avenues of employment have not been open to them, want to send their voices in this historic protest for freedom and jobs," Jones stated.

## Farmer in jail, misses big march

DONALDSONVILLE, La. — James Louisiana justice to more liberal than it has formerly shown itself to be, one of the sponsors of Wednesday's march on Washington for Jobs and Freedom will not be present.

He is James Farmer, 38

# We Shall Overcome!



## 200,000 Voices Will Be Heard!

By ARTHUR HAYFIELD WASHINGTON

More than 200,000 civil rights crusaders can be credited with creating a turning point in American history.

*Living History*

Crank team of 24 AFRO writers and photographers is covering every phase of historic march for freedom and jobs. Next week's issue will story five exciting pages on people's greatest demonstration.

Don't Miss It!

*It was day of triumph for Randolph*

WASHINGTON — (AP) AUGUST 31 was March on Washington Day.

But to many who have followed the history of the civil rights movement for the last several decades, it was A. Philip Randolph Day. It was Randolph, a great organizer and laborer counterpart who more than any other 40c person was responsible for the memorable event of August 31, 1963.

Randolph, who is president of the International Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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- A person is standing in a doorway, silhouetted against a bright light that streams in from the opening. The light creates a vertical beam that illuminates the person and the surrounding area. The background is dark, making the light and the person stand out prominently.
- 1. DO NOT FORSAKE YOUR FIRST LOVE**
  - 2. BE FAITHFUL FOR THE CROWN OF LIFE**
  - 3. DO NOT RENOUNCE YOUR FAITH**
  - 4. HOLD ON TO WHAT YOU HAVE UNTIL HE COMES**
  - 5. WAKE UP O SLEEPERS!**
  - 6. YOU'RE ON A TEST. OVERCOME IT**
  - 7. HEAR MY VOICE AND OPEN THE DOOR**

**WITH THE REVELATION OF  
JESUS WHO IS TO COME**

# Revelation 2:12-17

## Advice to the Church in Pergamum



*Revelation 2:12-17*  
Remain Faithful while Living in a City of  
Satan's Throne



*Pergamon Altar in Pergamon Museum Berlin, Germany*

# Revelation 2:12-17

## They Lived in the City of Satan's Throne



# Revelation 2:8-11

## Beware of Dangers in Faith

### “THE TEACHING OF BALAAM...”

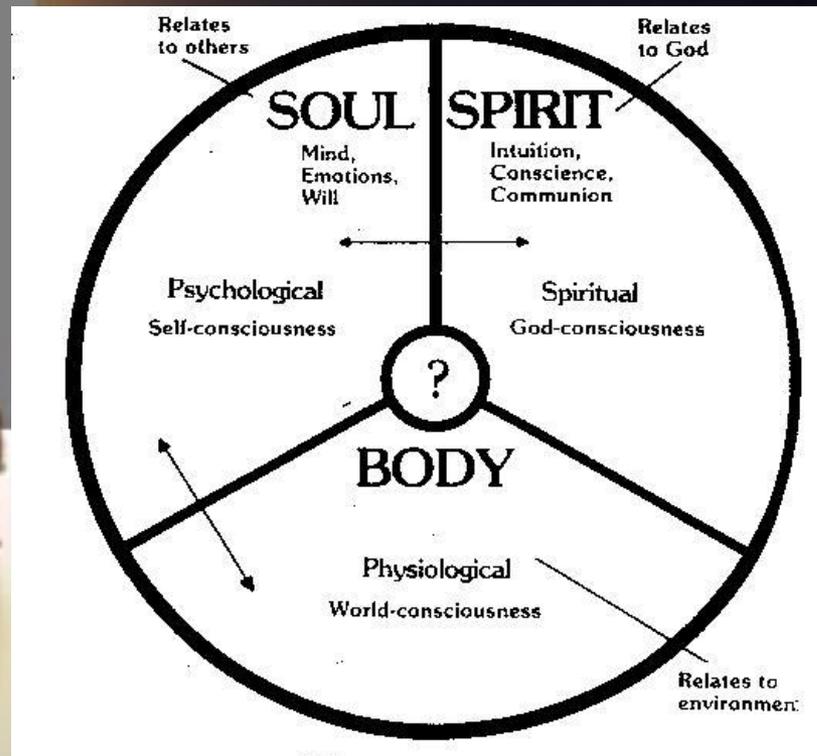
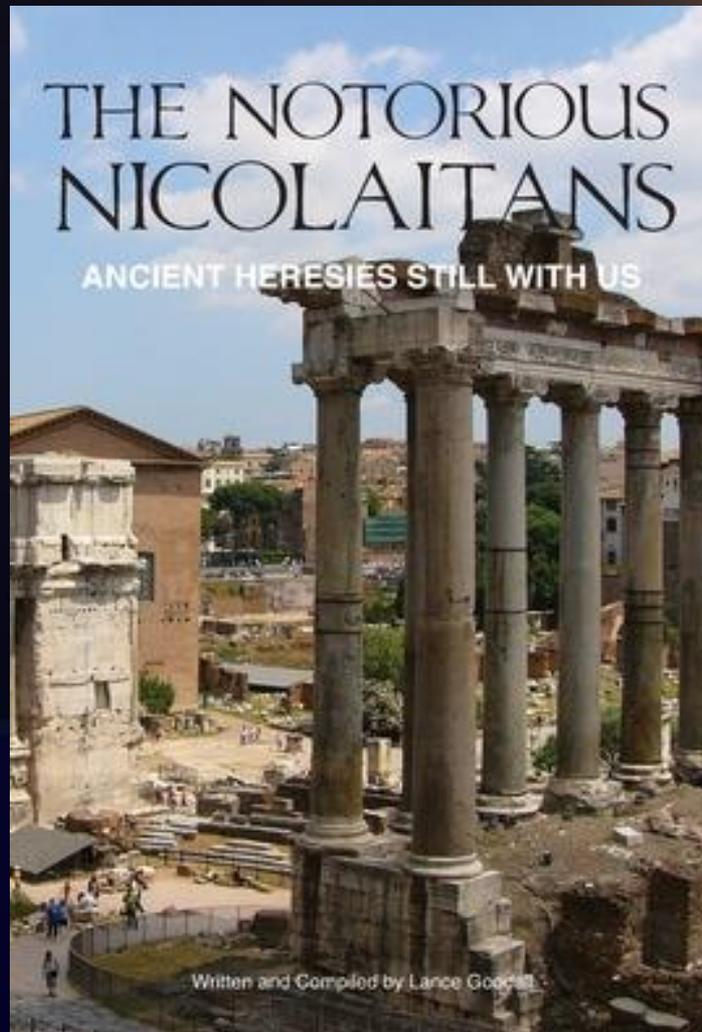
“forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness”  
(2 Peter 2:15)

“Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.”  
(Jude 11)



# Revelation 2:8-11

## Honor God with Your Body



1. Your faith matters particularly in time like this.



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*Part 3. Do Not Renounce Your Faith*

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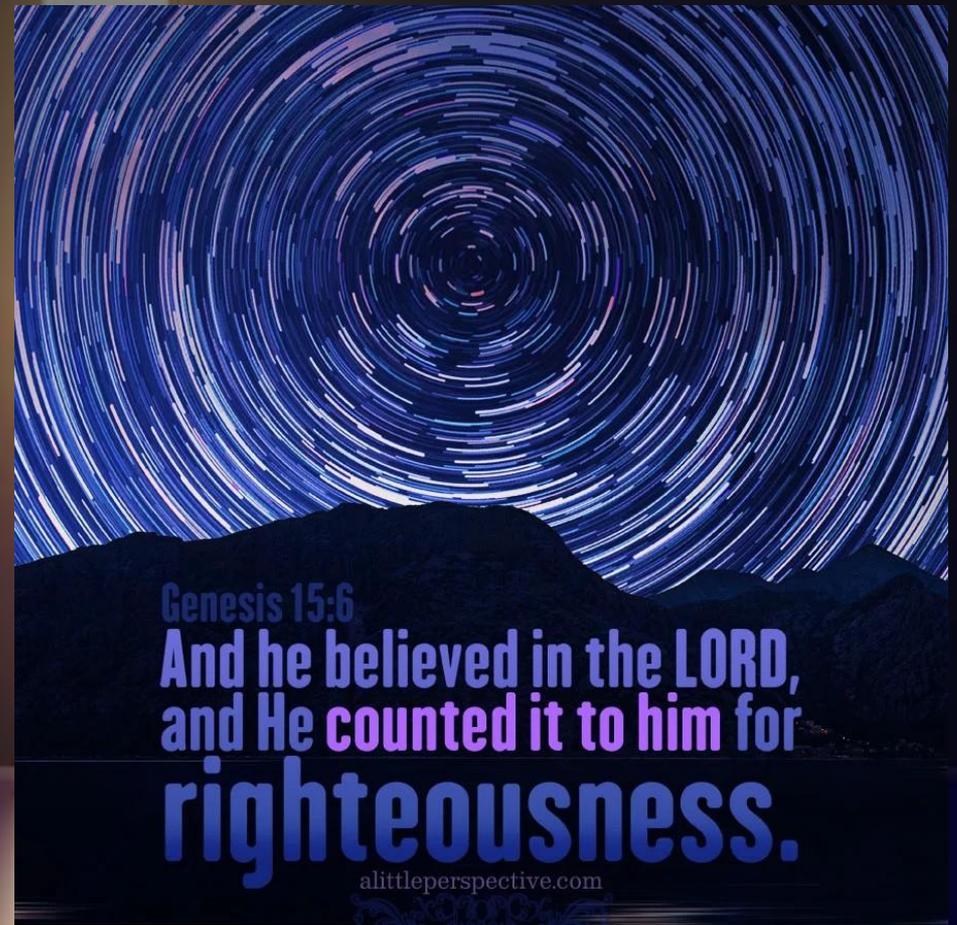
**FAITH**  
DOES NOT MAKE  
THINGS EASY,  
IT MAKES THEM  
**POSSIBLE**

*Luke 1:37*



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*She came behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought,  
"If I **JUST** touch his clothes, I will be  
**healed.**"*

*At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him.*

*Who touched my clothes? ...  
Who touched me? ... Daughter, your faith  
has healed you. Go in peace and  
be freed from your suffering.*

*(Mark 5:30, 31, 34)*

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**Faith is taking  
the first step  
even when  
you don't  
see the  
whole  
staircase.**

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

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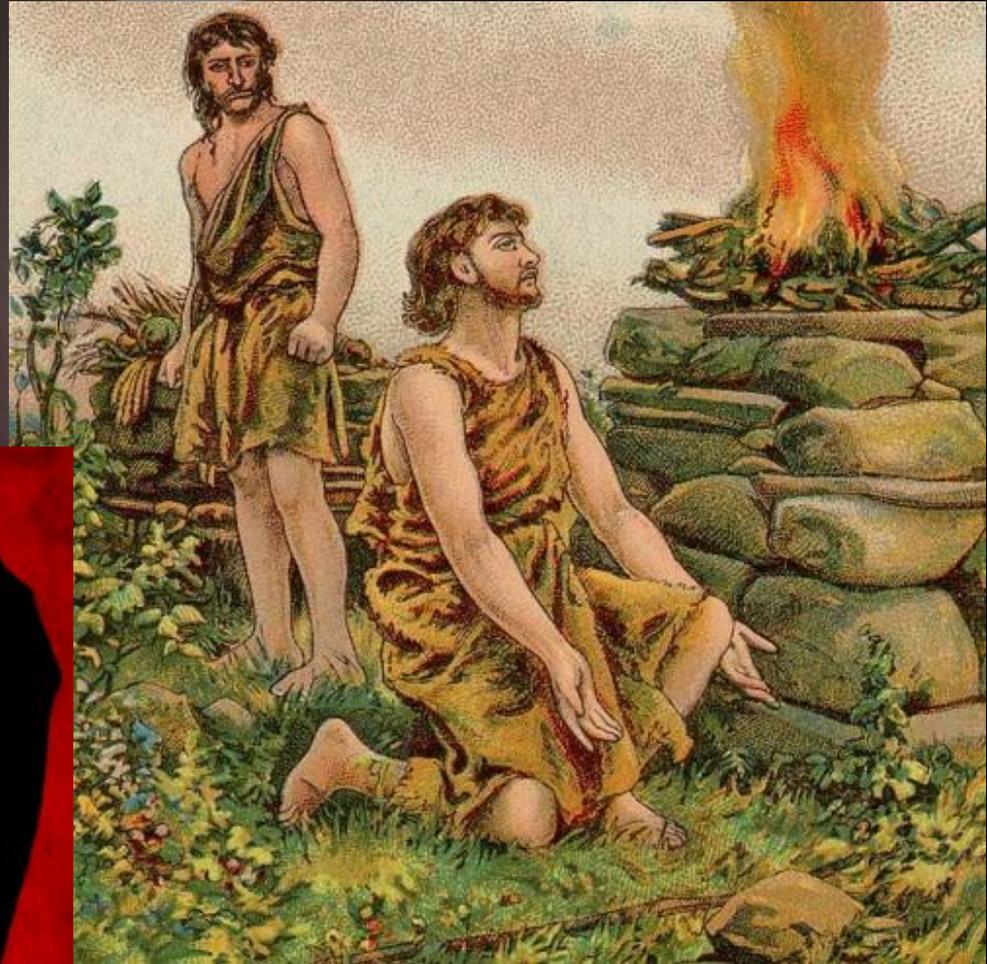
1. Your faith matters particularly in time like this.
2. Do not put stumbling blocks before the sons of Israel.



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2. Do not put stumbling blocks before the sons of Israel.



THE WAY OF  
**CAIN**

*Genesis 4*

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2. Do not put stumbling blocks before the sons of Israel.



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- 1. Your faith matters particularly in time like this.*
- 2. Do not put stumbling blocks before the sons of Israel.*
- 3. Come and take hidden manna prepared for you.*



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3. *Come and take hidden manna prepared for you.*



*The Israelites in the wilderness (of Zin)*

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3. *Come and take hidden manna prepared for you.*



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3. *Come and take hidden manna prepared for you.*

I will give  
you hidden  
treasures,  
riches stored  
in secret places,  
so that you  
may know that  
I am the Lord ,

the God of Israel,  
who summons you  
by name.

-Isaiah 45:3

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