



EVERYBODY SAVED? NO!

NO!

EVERYSPIRIT SAVED? YES!

YES!

Ultimately our GOD is going to reconcile ALL of the SPIRITS that have ever been on this earth.

Our GOD will not save all of the SOULS.

Our GOD will not save all of the BODIES.

ALL SPIRITS SAVED? YES!

ALL SOULS SAVED? NO!

ALL BODIES SAVED? NO!

The next time someone waves a tract under your nose and says, "Are you saved?" sweetly ask that person, "Which part?"

You might win a convert.

1. SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY.

"ALL MEN"

Here are seven verses about "ALL MEN" that just do not make any sense if we try to apply them to the WHOLE man. But when we see the difference between 1.) SPIRIT, 2.) SOUL and 3.) BODY, then we can see that the reference to "ALL MEN" refers to the "SPIRIT," the eternal part of man.

It really is a welcome relief to see that there is no conflict in the scriptures when we apply them to the right part of man.

"ALL MEN"

1. Who is the Saviour of ALL MEN, specially of those that believe. I Tim. 4:10.
2. Who gave Himself a ransom for ALL, to be testified in due time. I Tim. 2:6.
3. Who will have ALL MEN to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth. I Tim. 2:4.
4. I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw ALL MEN unto me. John 12:32

5. For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to ALL MEN. Titus 2:11.

6. Therefore as by the offense of one, judgment came upon ALL MEN to condemnation, even so by the righteousness of One, the free gift came upon ALL men unto justification of life. Romans 5:18

7. For as in Adam ALL die, even so in Christ shall ALL be made alive. I Cor. 15:22.

SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY.

"ALL MEN"

The salvation, ransom, drawing, appearing, gift, and life referred to in the above seven scriptures can only refer to the "SPIRIT" of "ALL MEN." These scriptures do not refer to the "SOULS" and/or BODIES of ALL MEN.

But they do refer to the SPIRIT, SOULS and BODIES of ALL MEN (PERSONS both male and female) who will be alive and remain unto the coming of the LORD.

In other words, Christians who have died in the past have lost their SOULS (minds, will, emotion, attitudes), and lost their BODIES (self explanatory), but their SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST took (or will take, see I Cor. 5:5) their "SPIRITS" to heaven.

That is the only way (I can find) to understand, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us (SPIRIT? SOUL? or BODY?) to God, being put to death in the FLESH (BODY), but quickened by the SPIRIT: By which also He went and preached unto the "SPIRITS" (not SOULS, not BODIES) in prison." I Peter 3:18-19.

Many hellfire and brimstone preachers do wish that these scriptures were not in the Bible and one that especially troubles their doctrine bears repeating: "Who is the Saviour of ALL MEN specially of those that believe." I Tim. 4:10.

I believe that the only way to bring harmony between the widely divided camps of 1.) the hellfire and brimstone preachers and 2.) the ultimate reconciliationist preachers, - is to introduce the difference between the SPIRIT, SOUL and BODY. After that difference is noticed, then there is no more argument.

2. SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY. "ALL THINGS"

In addition to "ALL MEN" here are seven more scriptures about "ALL THINGS" that predict the same future. There is no way to address the issues raised by these scriptures without applying them either to the 1.) SPIRIT or to the 2.) SOUL or to the 3.) BODY. Inability to see these differences produces arguments among denominations.

"ALL THINGS"

1. Thou hast created ALL THINGS, and for thy pleasure they are created. Rev. 4:11.
2. And having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile ALL THINGS unto Himself. Col. 1:20
3. Behold I make ALL THINGS new. Rev. 21:5.
4. The times of the restitution of ALL THINGS, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His prophets since the world began. Acts 3:21.
5. That in the dispensation of the fulness of times, He might gather in one ALL THINGS in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him. Eph. 1:10.
6. For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are ALL THINGS. Rom. 11:36.
7. And when ALL THINGS shall be subdued unto Him, then shall the Son Himself also be subject unto Him that put ALL THINGS under Him, that God may be ALL in ALL. I Cor. 15:28.

SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY. "ALL THINGS"

In the realm of the "SOUL" there are MANY THOUGHTS that work against the cause of Christ; and in the "BODY" many crimes have been against God and man; but in "SPIRIT" eventually all "SPIRITS" shall be subject to GOD again, as they were in the first place. "ALL THINGS" refers to the realm of the "SPIRIT."

All of the scriptures that are used by ultimate reconciliationist ministers do refer to the "SPIRIT" of man.

The scriptures used by hellfire and damnation preachers do refer to the "SOUL" and/or "BODY" of man.

Blindness to this difference has produced much sorrow and loss in the body of Christ.

3. SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY. "IN CHRIST"

Here are seven scriptures about the expression "IN CHRIST" that show that "JESUS CHRIST" is the person, the force, and/or the power that will eventually bring "ALL THINGS" and/or "ALL MEN" back into a perfect relationship with our GOD. Remember also that the word "CHRIST" means "ANOINTING" and/or "LIFE GIVING FORCE."

"IN CHRIST"

1. ALL THINGS were created by Him and for Him. Col. 1:16.
2. The fulness of Him that filleth ALL in ALL. Eph. 1:23.
3. That in ALL THINGS He might have the preeminence. Col. 1:18.
4. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of THINGS in heaven, and THINGS in the earth, and THINGS under the earth. And that every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2:10.
5. His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of ALL THINGS. Heb. 1:2.
6. For in that He put ALL in subjection under Him, He left nothing that is not put under Him. Heb. 2:8.
7. For God hath put ALL THINGS under His feet. But when He sayeth ALL THINGS are put under Him, it is manifest that He is excepted who did put ALL THINGS under Him. And when ALL THINGS are subdued under Him, then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him that put ALL THINGS under Him. I Cor. 15:28.

SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY. "IN CHRIST"

SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY, "IN CHRIST"

All "SOULS" are not subject to CHRIST. Neither have all "BODIES" been obedient to JESUS. But eventually ALL "SPIRITS" will be saved by JESUS CHRIST - even the "SPIRIT" of the incestuous man.

"To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the FLESH (Body), that the "SPIRIT, SPIRIT, SPIRIT" may be SAVED in the day of the Lord Jesus Christ." I Cor. 5:5.

I do not believe that there is a person on the face of this earth who can explain this verse without showing the difference between the 1.) SPIRIT, 2.) the SOUL and 3.) the BODY. And hellfire and brimstone preachers completely ignore this verse because it does not fit their theology of an eternal punishment and torment in hell. An honest inquiry into this argument must notice that there are smart people on both sides - but the solution does not lie in smartness or in powerful persuasiveness. The solution is in the division between SPIRIT, SOUL and BODY.

4. SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY. "THE WORLD"

Following are seven scriptures about "THE WORLD" that will only make sense when they are applied to the SPIRIT. If we apply these to the SOUL and/or to the Body, then that will conflict with the scriptures about God's JUSTICE.

Someone said, "MERCY kissed JUSTICE in JESUS CHRIST."

MERCY scriptures are about the SPIRIT.

JUSTICE scriptures are about SOUL and/or BODY.

"THE WORLD"

1. For God so loved THE WORLD that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16.
2. For God sent not His Son into THE WORLD to condemn THE WORLD but that THE WORLD through Him might be saved. John 3:17.
3. Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of THE WORLD. John 1:29.
4. God was in Christ, reconciling THE WORLD unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. II Cor. 5:19.
5. I am the light of THE WORLD. John 8:12.
6. That they all may be one; as Thou Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us; that THE WORLD may believe that thou hast sent Me. John 17:21.
7. The kingdoms of THIS WORLD are become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. Rev. 11:15

SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY. "THE WORLD"

There is no way to apply these scriptures to the rebellious "SOUL" of man. Neither can they apply to the sinful "BODIES." But when we realize that God is "SPIRIT," then we see that these verses apply to the "SPIRIT" of man.

"Then (at death) shall the dust (BODY) return to the earth as it was; and the "SPIRIT" shall return to God, who gave it (in the first place)." Ecc. 12:7

And that means every "SPIRIT" that ever came into the WHOLE WORLD. It does not mean SOULS and it does not mean BODIES.

5. SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY. "ALL CREATION"

Here are seven more scriptures, this time about "ALL CREATION." Like the others, they cannot make sense if we force them on the SOUL and/or BODY. There are too many contrary scriptures about judgment and punishment. But they can be applied to the SPIRIT, and then they will make sense.

"ALL CREATION"

1. For by Him were ALL THINGS CREATED, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: ALL THINGS were CREATED by Him and for Him. Col. 1:15.
2. Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of EVERY CREATURE. Col. 1:15.
3. For we know that the WHOLE CREATION groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. Rom. 8:22.
4. For the earnest expectation of the CREATURE waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. Rom. 8:19
5. Because the CREATURE itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. Rom. 8:21
6. If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to EVERY CREATURE which is under heaven. Col. 1:23
7. And EVERY CREATURE which is in heaven and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them heard I saying, Blessing and honor,

and glory, and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever. Rev. 5:13

SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY. "ALL CREATION"

Our GOD created EVERYTHING for His own purpose. He even created the devil for His purpose.

"I make peace and create evil: I the Lord do all these things." Isaiah 45:7

"I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal." Deut. 32:39

"Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy." Isaiah 54:16

Concerning the destroying waster - JESUS said, "And fear not them which kill the "BODY," but are not able to kill the "SOUL": but rather fear him which is able to destroy both "SOUL" and "BODY" in hell." (not SPIRITS) Matt. 10:28.

Bad "BODIES" go to hell. Bad "SOULS" go to hell. But Satan has no power over any "SPIRITS."

Since (after) the cross and resurrection of our Saviour JESUS CHRIST, I cannot find one scripture about "SPIRITS" in hell. "SOULS," yes. "BODIES," yes. "SPIRITS," no. Can you find an exception?

The part of CREATION that shall be saved is "ALL SPIRITS."

The part of CREATION that shall be destroyed in hell is "SOUL" and "BODY" (not "SPIRIT").

But even that needs to be qualified. The Bible refers to a generation of people who will overcome the last enemy - death. Those people are the exception to the rule. They will enter the millennium, perfect in SPIRIT, SOUL and BODY.

6. SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY. "EVERY ONE"

Here are seven scriptures about "EVERY-ONE." Notice, that I did not say everyBODY. I have hundreds of letters in my file which say erroneously, "You said that everyBODY is going to be saved." To me, this shows that American Christians cannot tell the difference between 1.) EVERY MAN or 2.) EVERY or 3.) ALL or 4.) everyBODY. When

people notice the difference between SPIRIT, SOUL and BODY, then they quit arguing.

"EVERY ONE"

1. That was the true Light, which lighteth EVERY MAN that cometh into the world. John 1:9

2. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour: that He by the grace of God should taste death for EVERY MAN. Heb. 2:9.

3. But I would have you to know that the head of EVERY MAN is Christ. I Cor. 11:3.

4. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, EVERY knee shall bow to Me, and EVERY tongue shall confess to God. Rom. 14:11

5. And He said unto them, Go ye into the world, and preach the gospel to EVERY creature. Mark 16:15.

6. That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, though He be not far from EVERY ONE of us. Acts 17:27.

7. For as in Adam ALL MEN die, even so in Christ shall ALL be made alive. I Cor. 15:22.

SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY. "EVERY ONE"

Many, many scriptures in the Bible seem to contradict these verses until the student notices that these scriptures refer to the SPIRIT of man. The verses that seem to contradict refer to the SOUL and/or BODY of man.

Don't expect very many evangelical, Pentecostal or charismatic leaders to explain any of these verses to you because they have been taught the old-fashioned hellfire and brimstone gospel. Few of those people have an answer for I Cor. 5:5, "To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the FLESH (BODY), that the "SPIRIT" may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."

And don't expect very many ULTIMATE RECONCILIATIONISTS to explain any of these verses to you because they have been erroneously taught that the whole SPIRIT and SOUL and BODY will be saved (or reconciled).

If you camp with the evangelicals you will have to ignore about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Bible about the salvation of "ALL SPIRITS" in order to feel comfortable with them.

But if you decide to camp with the Ultimate Reconciliationists you will have to ignore about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Bible which describes punishment and destruction in hell for SOULS and BODIES.

The only way to keep the whole Bible that I know of is to apply each passage individually to either the 1.) SPIRIT or the 2.) SOUL or the 3.) BODY.

A preacher recently attacked my ministry by telling his congregation that I am too technical. That attack against my personality concerned me a lot for a while until I noticed that he was trained in a seminary and I was trained in a school of engineering technology.

It may be that our GOD can use us both.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly DIVIDING the word of truth.
II Tim. 2:15

It is wise to DIVIDE the passages into SPIRIT, SOUL and/ or BODY.

SPECIAL PEOPLE

WHO IS THE SAVIOUR OF
"ALL MEN", SPECIALLY OF
THOSE THAT BELIEVE.

I TIM. 4:10.

YOU ARE QUITE "SPECIAL"
YOU KNOW.

This ministry does not exist apart from the prayers and gifts of our students and friends.

THE KEY

TO THE BOOK OF



The following information about CHERNOBYL was recently added to our book, THE KEY TO REVELATION. You need to have it, now. Your friends do too.

CHERNOBYL IS IN THE BIBLE

In August 1986, we found that the word "CHERNOBYL" is in the book of REVELATION.

A whole edition of our monthly, *The Monarch*, was devoted to the ATOMIC ACCIDENT at Chernobyl in Russia.

The Monarch is a free publication of the David Ebaugh Bible School and it is available by written request.

The following information has been edited from *The Monarch*.

CHERNOBYL MEANS WORMWOOD

Yes. The Ukranian word "CHERNOBYL" does mean "WORMWOOD" in the Bible.

It is not a Russian word.

CHERNOBYL is a Ukranian word, spelled several ways.

According to a professor of the Russian language, the Ukranian word "CHERNOBYL" does mean "BITTER AND DRY GRASS." The word CHERNOBYL appears in the APOCALYPSE (APOCALYPSE is the same as our Book of REVELATION) of the Ukranian Bible.

CHERNOBYL ATOMIC ACCIDENT DETAILS ARE IN REVELATION

The source also said that there was much discussion and study of the APOCALYPSE right now by many Russian people because of the similarity between the APOCALYPTIC description of destruction and the actual details of the CHERNOBYL accident.

Revelation 8:11 says, "And the name of the star is called 'WORMWOOD-CHERNOBYL'."

So we need to see the word "WORMWOOD-CHERNOBYL" in its whole context.

"And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell on the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; and

the name of the star is called "WORMWOOD-CHERNOBYL"; and the third part of the waters became WORMWOOD-CHERNOBYL; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter." (Revelation 8:10-11).

Our English Bible uses the word "WORMWOOD" but the Ukrainian Bible uses the word "CHERNOBYL" in the same place where I wrote the word "WORMWOOD-CHERNOBYL". Either word is correct. But "CHERNOBYL" is starting to make more sense after the recent RUSSIAN ATOMIC ACCIDENT at Chernobyl.

The word "WORMWOOD" that appears in our Bible is translated by the word "CHERNOBYL" in the Ukrainian Bible (but the Russian Bible uses a different third word).

This is the only reference to "WORMWOOD-CHERNOBYL" in the New Testament.

There are seven references to "WORMWOOD" in the Old Testament: Deut. 29:18, Prov. 5:4, Jer. 9:15 and 23:15, Lam. 3:15, 19, Amos 5:7; but they are inconclusive concerning our subject, though quite interesting.

If the third trumpet angel of Revelation 8:10-11 does really refer prophetically to the infamous CHERNOBYL ATOMIC ACCIDENT, then we must update and upgrade several ideas about the interpretation of the book of REVELATION.

But I don't think that it is wise to pound the pulpit and demand that everybody believe these prophetic ideas. If the following ideas are right, then SPIRITUAL CHRISTIANS will eventually believe them. If they are wrong, we don't want to preach them.

But they sure are fascinating.

LATER THAN WE THINK?

If the meaning of "WORMWOOD" is the CHERNOBYL ATOMIC ACCIDENT, then we are much further into the chronological order of things than I have believed up to this date. I have taught that we were in the period of the close of the fifth and the opening of the sixth seal.

THIRD TRUMP, VIAL,

This new opinion would indicate that we are in the time of the third trumpet angel. That means that the Battle of Jehoshaphat of the sixth seal has already occurred. As you may remember, I do believe that it has already started, but this news indicates that it may be near the end of the ARAB-ISRAEL conflict.

SEALING OF THE TRIBES

The sealing of the tribes then must have already started and perhaps now be complete. The members of the tribes may not have as yet come into all truth, but at least they should now have SPIRITUAL SENSITIVITY and SPIRITUAL CURIOSITY. In other words, this event may be the reason that you have an interest in reading this kind of literature. I believe that the sealing of the tribes could easily refer to you.

AIDS EPIDEMIC First Trump, Vial,

The first trumpet angel could then predict the AIDS EPIDEMIC. You might not easily see that connection when you read the first angel in Rev. 8:7. But after you have read my book THE KEY TO REVELATION and/or heard my tape REVELATION MAKES SENSE, then you will see that the first vial in Rev. 16:2 is the same thing. You will then read, "And the first went, and poured a out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men, which had the mark of the beast, and, upon them which worship-

ped his image." And AIDS could fulfill that prediction. If that be so then the mark of the beast could be sodomy. Phallic worship is described by many writers concerning the account of the golden (phallic) image of Daniel chapter 3. Remember that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to bow down and worship the the image. If this opinion be right, then that would be a homosexual act and that explains why it was so noxious to the three.

MOUNTAIN TRIP Second Trump, Vial,

It is not readily apparent what the prophecy of the second trump, vial might mean. Several ideas have been advanced.

Rev. 8:8, And the second angel sounded, as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea:

Rev. 16:3, And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea

JESUS taught us about the mountain and the sea in Mark 11:22, "whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed . . . and cast into the sea."

And so it is possible that the mountain that was cast into the sea was like the mountain or the fig tree that JESUS taught Christians to curse. If that be the case then a good Christian believer could be the one who will remove an obstacle from our way. Some have said they thought that the obstacle was the gospel of circumcision. Others think it could be the love of money.

Let's keep our eye out for the effective removal of some kind of impediment to our Christian walk. The removal process could be nearing completion right now.

CHERNOBYL Third Trump, Vial,

The third trumpet angel is the one affecting CHERNOBYL, if the opinion is correct.

The name of the "STAR" is CHERNOBYL. That fits, because the "STARS" were "cities" in Revelation 1:20 (Technically, the stars are messengers; the candlesticks are churches in seven cities.)

REVELATION 8:11, And the name of the star (city) is called WORMWOOD-CHERNOBYL; and the third part of the WATERS became wormwood-CHERNOBYL; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

We may have to adjust our idea about the third part. If the mideast is 1/3, then Europe would be 1/3 and Russia would be 1/3 of the then known world. In that case, the 1/3 would fit if it was applied to Russia.

The star (city) was burning like a lamp. News reports cite CHERNOBYL as so.

It fell on the rivers and fountains of waters. That's the thing that strikes fear in the hearts of the Russians right now. They are afraid that the deep waters will carry the radiation to other parts and poison whole city water supplies.

This indicates that the Russian attempts to contain the radiation damage of the CHERNOBYL ATOMIC ACCIDENT will not work. Many more people will die of secondary effects.

It is unwise for anyone to think that our government will keep us apprised of the ugly horribleness of the CHERNOBYL ATOMIC ACCIDENT because our government is dedicated to the erroneous idea that ATOMIC REACTORS ARE SAFE. They are no safer than the drunk, or the inept, or the untrained, or the disgruntled employee who operates them. Pray that some reporter will find and report the truth in spite of our government.

THE FUTURE? Fourth Trump, Vial,

If all of this be so, then we are now entering the time of the fourth trumpet angel, Revelation 8:12-13 which is the same as the fourth vial, Revelation 16:8.

REVELATION 8

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

REVELATION 16

8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

COULD THIS BE STAR WARS? OR THE OZONE HOLE?

All of that means that we might be a lot closer to the end of the END TIMES than we ever thought we were before.

The good part is that we might be a lot closer to the beginning of the NEW AGE wherein dwelleth righteousness than we ever dreamed of before.

The Fourth Trumpet-Angel could be STAR WARS, or it could be the OZONE HOLE.

The Fifth Trumpet-Angel is the manifestation of the anti-Christ.

The Sixth Trumpet-Angel is the Battle of Armageddon.

The Seventh Trumpet-Angel starts the KINGDOM OF GOD on the earth.

SCAREY BUT FASCINATING

The following press release came from the Berkeley Campus of the University of California on 9/9/86.

Berkeley — More than a million people exposed to fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear accident will develop cancer as a result, and half of these cancers will be fatal, a University of California scientist from Berkeley predicted today (Tues., Sept. 9) at the 192nd national meeting of the American Chemical Society.

From exposure to radioactive cesium alone, 424,300 people in the Soviet Union and 526,700 in Europe and elsewhere will develop cancer, Dr. John Gofman said in a research paper and accompanying press conference in Anaheim, California.

Another 19,500 will develop cesium-caused leukemia, while an unknown number will develop thyroid and other cancers from additional radioactive substances in the fallout, said Gofman.

Gofman, professor of medical physics, emeritus, at U.C.-Berkeley, is an expert on the health effects of low-level radiation and the author of *Radiation and Human Health*, a

major research work. He is also a physician and lecturer in the Department of Medicine at U.C.-San Francisco.

"These numbers from a single event CERTIFY CHERNOBYL AS THE WORST ACCIDENT IN HISTORY," said Gofman, who has been studying the effects of low-level radiation on health for more than 20 years.

Gofman noted the discrepancy between his estimates of Chernobyl's cancer toll and previous, lower counts, and explained that a number of reports have been based on false assumptions about radiation and cancer risk, drawn from studies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

According to Gofman, these A-bomb studies have not taken into account many cases of breast and lung cancer that are just now developing—and will continue to develop—among Japanese who were children when their cities were bombed.

As a result, estimates of increased cancer risk from low level radiation, including from Chernobyl, have generally been too low, he said.

Another problem in estimating Chernobyl's true cancer toll has been obtaining accurate dose information from various countries, Gofman added.

He called for a concerted, international program to measure radioactive cesium-134 residues, which will be present for at least the next five years in soil and pavement in exposed areas.

"There can be no doubt that a correct final assessment of the cancer consequences from the Chernobyl accident can be validated if the will for such assessments exists," he asserted.

The persistence of 50 per cent of Chernobyl's radioactive fallout, long after the accident, is also significant because it will increase the risk of cancer and leukemia even among children conceived or born after Chernobyl, Gofman said.

And it is well established that youngsters are most vulnerable to radiation-induced cancer, though their disease may not develop until they are adults.

Gofman strongly criticized both scientific and news reports suggesting that some people exposed to the fallout would face no increased risk of cancer or leukemia because they received too low a dose of radiation.

He cited a number of epidemiological studies showing that even the most minimal levels of radiation led to increased cancer among those persons exposed.

He also offered new biophysical proof, from his own analyses of low-level radiation effects on individual cells, that no "safe" threshold exists for radiation.

"Though it is accurate that the smaller the radiation dose the smaller the cancer risk, there is no dose so small that the body can perfectly repair all resulting damage to DNA and the chromosomes," Gofman said.

He also emphasized that persons exposed to small radiation doses over an extended period would face no less cancer risk than those who received an equivalent total dose in a single exposure.

Gofman's paper was scheduled for presentation at a symposium on low-level radiation.