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GENERAL TALLY OF ALL HYMNS

The Golden Harp contained 155 hymns obtained from various sources.

The 1932 edition: dropped 57 of these GH hymns
 kept 98 of these GH hymns
 added 205 new hymns
 for a total of 303 hymns

The 1964 edition: dropped 49 of the 1932's hymns
 kept 254 of the 1932's hymns
 added 3 GH hymns back in
 added 143 new hymns
 for a total of 400 hymns

The 2002 edition: dropped 26 of the 1964's hymns
 kept 374 of the 1964's hymns
 added 7 of the GH or 1932's hymns back in
 added 57 new hymns
 for a total of 438 hymns

This would indicate that 560 different hymns have passed through one or more of the 4 editions of our Christadelphian hymnbook.

Please note the following abbreviations when consulting data:

A anthem
J Jehovah
Y Yahweh
J/Y Jehovah was changed to Yahweh
Y/J Yahweh was changed to Jehovah
*** significant changes in wording

THE GOLDEN HARP

1865

This first Christadelphian hymnbook contained 155 hymns. When the 1932 edition was adopted, only 98 of these were kept and many were shortened significantly.

Only 89 of these original hymns appear in the 2002 hymnbook and about half of these have undergone revision and/or shortening.

Robert Roberts put this hymnbook together. In his words, "The appearance of this hymnbook marks another stage in the progress of the Truth. The Christadelphians, or those who have cast off the doctrines of Romish apostasy, whether embodied in papal or protestant form, and have embraced the revived gospel of the apostolic age and who think it necessary to distinguish themselves from all sects of "Christendom" . . . are numerous enough to require a hymnbook of the present enlarged dimensions . . . Let the hymnbook be as free from orthodox taint as possible. Better to have a small hymnbook with hymns that can be sung with the heart and understanding of a Christadelphian than a large one with many hymns of doubtful character."

All 155 Golden Harp hymns are listed on the following pages.

Title	1865 (Golden Harp)	1932	1964	2002
Hail to the brightness of Zion's ...	#1	#146, J/Y	#231, Y/J	#294, J
How beauteous are their feet	#2	absent	absent	absent
Daughter of Z from the dust	#3	#168, same	#247, same	#313, same
Hear o earth the watchmen cry	#4	#192, same	#304, same	#400, same
The Savior comes, his advent's nigh	#5	#128, same	#221, same	#287, same
Lo he comes with clouds descending	#6	absent	absent	absent
Come thou long-expected Jesus (this hymn has slight changes in every version that are considered relatively insignificant)	#7	#119, same	#202, same	#264, same
All hail the power of Jesus' name	#8	#132, 1 stanza missing	#224, stanza put back in	#290, same
Our Father high enthroned above	#9	absent	absent	absent
We come, O God, to bow before ...	#10	#243, 2 stanzas missing	#117, another stanza missing!	#174, same
Yahweh, give Thy promised blessing	#11	#164, small change, Y	absent	absent
Yahweh Elohim, when shall we see (this is the only occurrence of <i>Yahweh</i> in the 1964 edition)	#12	A#40, same	A#52, same	#308, same
How long, O Lord, our Savior	#13	#120, small changes	#203, same	#265, same
O Lord, how are my foes increased	#14	absent	absent	absent
Rise in thy wrath, Lord, raise thyself	#15	absent	absent	absent
Lord, thee I'll praise with all my heart	#16	#17, 3 stanzas missing	#18, same	#6, same
Peace be to this congregation	#17	absent	absent	absent
Hark, the song of jubilee	#18	#135, J/Y, small change	#232, back, back to J again	#297, same J again
Savior, come, thy saints are waiting	#19	absent	absent	absent
O sing ye praises to the Lord	#20	absent	absent	absent
Help, Lord, because the godly man ...	#21	#13, 2 stanzas missing	absent	absent
God's law is perfect and converts ...	#22	#12, 1 stanza removed	#14, a totally dif. stanza added	#8, same
Who is the man that shall ascend?	#23	absent	absent	absent

Title	1865 (Golden Harp)	1932	1964	2002
To thee I lift my soul	#24	#35, 1 stanza removed	#39, same	#13, same
One thing I of the Lord desired	#25	absent	absent	absent
Son of God, thy people's shield	#26	#126, same	#205, same	#267, 1 stanza removed
Jehovah, full of grace	#27	absent	absent	absent
O send thy servants forth	#28	absent	absent	absent
Soon righteousness shall come	#29	absent	absent	absent
From sea to sea the king of kings ...	#30	absent	absent	absent
God will I bless all times	#31	absent	absent	absent
O children, hither do ye come	#32	#23, 2 stanzas missing	#20, same	#17, same
For evil-doers fret thou not	#33	#6, same	#8, same	#20, same
Rest in the Lord and patiently wait	#34	#20, same	#29, same	#21, same
I waited for the Lord, my God	#35	absent	absent	absent
Like as the hart for water-brooks	#36	absent	absent	absent
O send thy light forth and thy truth	#37	#28, same	#26, same	#25, same
Hark, ten thousand thousand voices	#38	#137, 1 stanza missing, sm. changes	#343, same	#296, same
Father, we thy children bless thee	#39	#230, almost the same	#90, same	#140, same
Hail to the Lord's anointed	#40	#136, 4 lines added	#211, same	#275, same
Hark, 'tis the watchman's cry	#41	#205, minor word changes	#274, minor word changes	#347, same
God is our refuge and our strength	#42	#10, same	#12, same	#26, same
The heathen raged tumultuously	#43	#31, 2 stanzas removed	#31, same	#27, same
Whoe'er they be that in their wealth	#44	absent	absent	absent
The spacious firmament on high	#45	#47, another stanza added, truth changed to news	#79, news changed back to truth	#128, same

<u>Title</u>	<u>1865 (Golden Harp)</u>	<u>1932</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>2002</u>
Shine, mighty God, on Zion shine	#46	#149, same	#240, same	#304, same
Great God! Whose universal sway	#47	#134, minor word changes	#230, same	#293, same
Jesus shall reign whene'er the sun	#48	#147, same	#234, same	#299, same
O render thanks to God above	#49	#59, same	#69, same	#114, small word change
All powerful self-existent God	#50	#37, J/Y	#42, Y/I	#77, J/Y again
O thou, my light, my life, my joy	#51	absent	absent	absent
Great God, we sing thy mighty hand	#52	#50, same	#50, same	#420, same
Praise to God, immortal praise	#53	absent	absent	absent
Praise to Him by whose kind favor	#54	absent	#338, some word changes	#438, same
Thy goodness, Lord, our souls confess	#55	#52, same	#83, same	#131, same
Our God shall come and shall no more	#56	absent	absent	absent
After thy loving kindness, Lord	#57	#1, 1 stanza missing	#1, same	#29, same
O, that I, like a dove, had wings	#58	absent	absent	absent
O, thou fount of every blessing	#59	absent	absent	absent
Be merciful to me, O God	#60	#3, 1 stanza missing	#4, same	#32, same
Come, let us raise a joyful song	#61	absent	absent	absent
My soul with expectation depends ...	#62	absent	absent	absent
Hark, the glad sound, the Savior comes	#63	absent	#212, ***	#276, improved
Hark, what mean those holy voices	#64	#86, same	#133, same	#192, same
Lord, thee my God I'll early seek	#65	#18, small word change	absent	#33, same
The race that long in darkness sat	#66	#90, same	#137, same	#196, same
Lord unto us be merciful	#67	absent	absent	absent
See from on high a light divine	#68	absent	absent	absent
O Lord, thy judgments give the king	#69	#25, 2 stanzas missing	#25, another stanza missing	#39, same

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The true Messiah now appears	#70	#110, some word changes	#342, same	#262, *** word changes
Thou, Lord, with counsel while I live	#71	absent	absent	absent
Beyond where Kedron's waters flow	#72	#100, same	#163, same	#216, same
O God, why hast thou cast us off	#73	absent	absent	absent
Tis finished! - so the Savior cried	#74	absent	absent	absent
O God, the heathen entered have	#75	absent	absent	absent
Sing praise, the tomb is void	#76	#104, same	#193, same	#252, same
Turn us again, O Lord, our God	#77	#36, 1 stanza missing	absent	#40, same
Prophetic era, blissful day	#78	absent	absent	absent
O Lord, thou hast been favourable	#79	absent	absent	absent
Now let our humble faith behold	#80	#109, same	#200, same	#261, same
Joy cometh! O, that it were come	#81	#121, slight word changes	#214, same	#395, same
Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place	#82	#19, 1 stanza missing	#19, same	#45, same
Thy people, Lord, who trust thy word	#83	#114, 1 stanza missing	#208, same	#271, same
To render thanks unto the Lord	#84	absent	absent	absent
When gathering clouds around I view	#85	absent	absent	absent
Lord, from the ill and froward man	#86	absent	absent	absent
O Lord, thou art my God and King	#87	#26, same	#24, same	#69, small word changes
The Lord our God most gracious is	#88	#33, same	#35, same	#70, same
The eyes of all things, Lord, attend	#89	#29, 2 stanzas missing	#32, same	#71, same
O speed thee, brother, on thy way	#90	absent	absent	absent
Blow ye the trumpet, blow!	#91	#166, 1 stanza missing	#246, same	#311, same
O, thou that dwellest in the heavens	#92	absent	absent	absent

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When Zion's bondage God turned back	#93	absent	absent	absent
The Lord in truth to David sware	#94	#32, same	absent	#64, word change
Inspirer of the ancient seers	#95	#215, small word changes	#120, same	#183, same
A time shall come when constant faith ...	#96	absent	absent	absent
Come, Jesus, Israel's king	#97	absent	absent	absent
O how love I thy law! It is ...	#98	#24, 2 stanzas missing	#22, same	#59, same
Remember, Lord, thy gracious word	#99	absent	absent	absent
<u>Not to the hills I lift mine eyes</u> <u>(Unto, Though)</u>	#100	#21, same	#40, <i>not to</i> changed to <i>unto</i>	#60, <i>unto</i> became <i>though</i>
Behold the mountain of the Lord	#101	#145, 2 stanzas missing	#227, same	#288, same
God is love, His mercy brightens	#102	#48, same	#93, same	#141, same
Hallelujah, Yahweh's name	#103	#14, 1 stanza missing	#16, same	#72, same
Brethren, let us walk together	#104	absent	#268, same	#341, same
Most glorious things are spoken	#105	#240, 1 stanza missing, Y	#289, word chngs.***, Y	#379, same, Y
Lift now your voice and sing	#106	#122, 1 stanza missing	#215, same	#280, same
On the mountain top appearing	#107	#173, same	#254, same	#322, same
Give praise and thanks unto the Lord	#108	#9, I/Y	#10, Y/J, note- stanza removed	#54, same
The right hand of the mighty Lord	#109	absent	absent	absent
Blessed are they that undefiled	#110	#5, same	#6, same	#58, same
Jesus, thou sun of righteousness	#111	#108, 2 stanzas missing	#198, same	#366, same
Glory and blessing be ever ascribed ...	#112	#60, same	#49, Y/J	#83, kept J
Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing	#113	#64, same	#336, same	#436, same
The Lord our God is merciful	#114	absent	absent	absent
God doth remember man is dust	#115	#11, changes	absent	absent

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Lov'd of God in sorrow mourning	#116	#234, minor word changes	#346, same	#378, phrase change
The Gentile nations have beheld	#117	absent	absent	absent
Light of those whose dreary dwelling	#118	absent	absent	absent
All people that on earth do dwell	#119	#2, same	#2, same	#50, same
Thou, O Jehovah, shall endure	#120	#34, J/Y	#38, Y/J	absent
The glory of the mighty Lord	#121	#30, J/Y, 1 stanza missing	#30, Y/J	#53, kept J, <i>vile men</i> became <i>evil</i>
How few receive with cordial faith	#122	#101, 2 stanzas missing	#164, same	#217, same
Behold my servant, see him rise	#123	#85, J/Y, 4 stanzas missing	#140, Y/J	#198, Jehovah again
Ho, ye that thirst, approach the spring	#124	#239, 4 stanzas missing	#258, same	#329, same
Long hath the night of sorrow reign'd	#125	#233, same	#217, *** deity changes	#282, kept changes
O come, let us sing to the Lord	#126	absent	absent	absent
O sing a new song to the Lord	#127 (1st version)	absent	absent	absent
O sing a new song to the Lord	#128 (2nd version)	#27, same	#28, <i>heathen</i> became <i>people</i>	#49, same
O happy is the man who hears	#129	#238, same	#278, same	#351, same
While others crowd the house of mirth	#130	#242, same	absent	absent
Why pourest thou forth thy anxious ...	#131	#55, 2 stanzas missing	absent	absent
Naked as from the earth we came	#132	absent	absent	absent
How still and peaceful is the grave	#133	#179, 1 stanza missing, improved phrasing	absent	absent
Few are thy days and full of woe	#134	absent	absent	absent
By what means shall a young man ...	#135	absent	absent	absent
Teach me, O Lord, the perfect way	#136	absent	absent	absent
O praise God in His holiness	A#1	A#1, same	A#26, same	#74, same

Title	1865 (Golden Harp)	1932	1964	2002
The Lord shall comfort Zion	A#2	A#2, same	absent	absent
Thou hast loved us and has washed us	A#3	A#3, same	absent	absent
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem	A#4	A#4, same	A#35, same	#61, same
Our Father who art in heaven	A#5	A#5, same	A#32, same	#161, same
The Lord shall inherit Judah, his portion	A#6	A#6, same	absent	absent
Blessed and holy is he that hath part	A#7	A#7, same	absent	absent
Thine, O Lord, O Lord, is the greatness	A#8	A#10, same	A#44, same	#127, same
O praise the Lord, all ye nations	A#9	A#11, same	A#27, same	#57, same
Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob	A#10	A#9, same	A#46, same	#386, same
O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing	A#11	absent	absent	absent
How beautiful upon the mountains	A#12	A#12, small word changes	A#19, same	#367, same
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts	A#13	A#14, same	A#30, same	#92, same
The Lord bless thee and keep thee	A#14	A#19, same	A#37, same	#166, same
God be merciful unto us	A#15	A#15, same	A#15, same	#37, same
Blessed, blessed be Jehovah	A#16	A#21, J/Y	A#38, Y/J	#167, same, J
I was glad when they said unto me ...	A#17	absent	absent	absent
Worthy is the lamb that was slain	A#18	A#20, some changes	A#51, same	#307, same
Behold, I show you a mystery	A#19	A#25, same	A#7, same	absent

This completes the comparison of the 155 Golden Harp hymns with the newer hymnbook editions. Almost half of these original hymns are no longer being used.

THE 1932 EDITION

The 1932 edition changed all occurrences of Jehovah to Yahweh. It contained 303 hymns (251 songs, 52 anthems).

The 1932 hymnbook is still used exclusively in a small number of ecclesias worldwide.

This edition kept 98 of the Golden Harp's originals and added 205 more. These hymns new to the 1932 are listed on the following pages.

Title	1865 (Golden Harp)	1932	1964	2002
Behold how good a thing it is		#4	#5, same	#65, same
Eternal God, thou only just		#7	#7, same	#56, same
From Zion shall thy rod proceed		#8	#9, same	#55, same
Oh, Yahweh reigns, He dwells in light		#15	#17, Y/J	#47, Jehovah
Lord, pity us, behold the grief		#16	absent	absent
O blessed is the man whose trust		#22	absent	#22, wording changed
Oh, Yahweh dwells alone		#38	#54, Y/J	#96, Jehovah
Let all the world rejoice		#39	#58, Y/J	#97, Jehovah
Everlasting, changing never		#40	#45, same	#81, ***
Father and friend, Thy light, Thy love		#41	#46, same	#80, same
Hallelujah, raise, oh raise		#42	#47, same	#87, same
Lord, thou hast searched and seen us ...		#43	#60, same	#101, same
Oh, worship the king all glorious above		#44	#68, 2 stanzas added	#113, same
Thou, the great eternal God		#45	#82, same	#130, same
Where can we hide or whither fly		#46	#86, same	#67, same
O give thanks to Him who made		#49	#64, same	#107, same
Though by sorrows overtaken		#51	#113, same	#169, same
God is my strong salvation		#53	#11, same	#14, same
Thou hidden love of God whose height		#54	#112, 1 stanza added	#170, same
Thy way, not mine, O Lord		#56	#115, same	#172, same
If thou but suffer God to guide thee		#57	#97, 1 stanza added	#147, same
The Lord is king, lift up thy voice		#58	#78, phrase changes	#124, same
Father supreme, whose wondrous love		#61	#91, same	#138, same
Heavenly Father to whose eye		#62	#95, same	#145, same

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O God in highest heaven		#63	#179, same	#238, same
Our heavenly Father, hear the prayer ...		#65	#110, same	#162, same
Lord, when we bend before Thy throne		#66	#102, same	#152, same
Thou art, O God, the life and light		#67	#80, same	#129, same
Lord, teach us how to pray aright		#68	#340, same	#149, same
Praise the Lord, ye heavens, adore Him		#69	#71, same	#115, same
God of mercy, God of grace		#70	#13, same	#38, same
O praise our great and gracious Lord		#71	#67, same	#112, same
Sing praise to Him who reigns above		#72	#76, same	#121, same
O God of Bethel, by whose hand		#73	#108, same	#157, same
Rejoice today with one accord		#74	#74, same	#120, same
(<u>my soul</u> – 1964, 2002)				
Praise <u>we now</u> the king of heaven		#75	#70, same	#116, same
Now thank we all our God		#76	#63, same	#105, same
O Lord of heaven and earth and sea		#77	#66, same	#111, same
When all thy mercies, O my God		#78	#85, same	#133, same
O God, the fathers unto Thee		#79	absent	absent
Praise, O praise our God and King		#80	#72, same	#117, same
O God, our help in ages past		#81	#21, same	#46, same
The Lord my shepherd is, I shall be well-supplied		#82	#34, same	#11, same
The Lord of life went up on high		#83	#126, same	absent
Our Lord, what time his last he breathed		#84	absent	absent
The sons of God did rejoice at creation		#87	absent	absent
Earth has many a noble city		#88	absent	absent
Conquering kings their titles take		#89	absent	absent
Thus saith God of His anointed		#91	absent	absent
We saw thee not when thou didst come		#92	#162, 1 stanza missing	#215, same

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Blest are the pure in heart		#93	#141, same	#199, same
O love, how deep, how broad, how high		#94	#155, same	#211, same
All glory, laud, and honor		#95	#139, same	#197, same
O Master, it is good to be		#96	#156, same	#210, same
Forty days and forty nights		#97	#144, same	#201, same
Fierce was the billow wild		#98	#143, same	#202, same
Ride on, ride on in majesty		#99	#167, same	#220, same
Now, ye saints, new anthems raise		#102	#192, same	#253, same
Jesus lives! Thy terrors now		#103	#190, same	#250, same
The first-begotten from the dead		#105	#195, same	#256, same
Loving shepherd of thy sheep		#106	#165, same	#218, same
A great high priest is come		#107	#197, same	#258, same
Lord, we wait the time of blessing		#111	#204, same	#266, same
The vision tarrieth not, at the appointed time		#112	#207, last stanza changed	#268, same
Watchmen, tell us of the night		#113	#344, same	#269, same
The days are quickly flying		#115	#219, same	#284, same
We would see Jesus, for the shadows lengthen		#116	absent	#270, many word changes
Behold, he comes! Your leader comes		#117	#209, minor phrase change	#272, same
Come, Lord, and tarry not		#118	#201, 1 stanza added	#263, same
Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious		#123	#218, same	#279, same
Lord Jesus, come, for here		#124	#206, same	absent
Our Lord will come but not the same		#125	#220, note phrase changes	#404, same
Wake, awake, for night is flying		#127	#223, same	#286, same
Light of them that sit in darkness		#129	#216, same	#281, same
When shall we join our cheerful songs		#130	#242, same	#306, same

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Rejoice! The Lord is King		#131	#239, same	#302, same
Exalt, O God, Thy glorious son		#133	#229, same	#292, same
Lo! He comes, the king of glory		#138	#235, same	#300, same
O Thou everlasting Father		#139	#236, same	#301, same
His kingdom comes, ye saints rejoice		#140	#233, Y/J	#298, J changed to Lord God
Thy kingdom come, O God		#141	#222, same	#285, same
When shall the voice of singing		#142	#241, same	#305, same
Zion's king shall reign victorious		#143	#244, <i>papa!***</i> changed to <i>worldly</i>	#309, same
A rose shall bloom in the lonely place		#144	#225, same	#289, same
Palms of glory, raiment bright		#148	#237, same	absent
Who are these like stars appearing		#150	#243, same	#310, same
See the Lamb upon Mount Zion		#151	#238, same	#303, same
According to thy gracious word		#152	#172, 2 stanzas missing	#224, same
By Christ redeemed, in Christ restored		#153	#174, same	#226, same
'Twas on that dark and mournful night		#154	#183, 1 stanza missing	#243, <i>brake</i> became <i>giv'n</i>
Bread of heaven, on thee we feed		#155	#173, same	#225, same
Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness		#156	#176, same	#228, same
Wherever, Lord, thy people meet		#157	#185, 1 stanza added, word chng.	#244, same
Oh, how is Zion's glory gone!		#158	absent	absent
O House of Jacob, come		#159	absent	absent
Father of faithful Abram, hear		#160	absent	absent
O Thou, to whom all prayer must rise		#161	#252, Y/J, 1 stanza missing	#319, <i>mighty Y</i> became <i>God of Israel</i>
Oh, why should Israel's sons, once blest		#162	absent	absent
O! mourn ye for Zion, her beauty has faded		#163	#347, Y/J	#320, same, J

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Oh, Yahweh, listen while we dare		#165, Y	#253, 1 stanza missing, Y	#321, same, Y
Come, thou glorious day of promise		#167	absent	#312, changes
Daughter of Zion, awake from thy sadness		#169	#248, same	#314, same
For Zion's sake I will not rest		#170	#249, same	#315, same
Great God of Abram, hear our prayer		#171	#250, same	#316, same
Hear what God, the Lord, hath spoken		#172	#251, same	#317, same
O Yahweh, full of grace		#174	absent	absent
Wake, harp of Zion, wake again		#175	#255, same	#323, same
Awake, awake, Zion, awake		#176	#245, Y/J	absent
Almighty Maker of my frame		#177	#294, same	#391, same
Change is our portion now		#178	#296, Y/J	#393, J became <i>God</i>
Life is the time to serve the Lord		#180	#297, same	#396, same
See the leaves around us falling		#181	absent	absent
Short is the measure of our days		#182	#300, same	#397, same
Earth to earth and dust to dust		#183	#298, same	absent
There is a calm for saints who weep		#184	#302, 1 stanza missing	#398, same
Oh! weep not for the dead		#185	absent	absent
Blessed be Yahweh, Israel's God		#186	#295, Y/J*** see changes	#392, more changes***
Great God, we own Thy sentence just		#187	absent	absent
I know that my Redeemer lives		#188	absent	absent
My life's a shade, my days . . .		#189	#299, same	absent
There is an hour when I must part		#190	absent	absent
Who is this that comes from Edom?		#191	absent	absent
In the sun and moon and stars		#193	#305, same	#401, <i>awful</i> became <i>glorious</i>
Arm of the Lord, awake! Awake!		#194	#303, same	#399, *** note changes

<u>Title</u>	<u>1865 (Golden Harp)</u>	<u>1932</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>2002</u>
The highest and the holiest place		#195	absent	absent
O quickly come, great Judge of all		#196	#307, same	#403, same
The Lord will come and not be slow		#197	#36, same	#42, same
Lord, Thy judgments now are waking		#198	#306, same	#402, same
The water and the blood, O Lord!		#199	#263, same	#333, same
We praise Thee, heavenly Father		#200	#184, same	#335, same
With Christ we share a mystic grave		#201	#265, same	absent
Father, whose depth of love unknown		#202	#260, same	#332, same
Oft in danger, oft in woe		#203	#280, same	#353, same
Ye saints in Christ, his brethren		#204	#284, phrase changes	#361, same
O speed thee, brother, on thy way		#206	#279, same	#352, same
Begone, unbelief! Our Savior is near		#207	#267, same	#340, same
Few in number, little flock		#208	#345, same	#344, same
Fight the good fight with all thy might		#209	#272, same	#345, same
O happy band of pilgrims		#210	#290, 1 stanza rearranged	#381, same
Thou the night be dark around us		#211	#293, same	#389, same
Ye servants of the Lord		#212	#285, same	#359, same
Lift up your heads, ye saints		#213	#213, same	#376, same
O God, who didst Thy will unfold		#214	#122, same	#180, same
God's servants who once bore the light		#216	#119, same	#178, same
The earth, O Lord is one great field		#217	#123, same	#368, same
Come, let us anew our journey pursue		#218	#348, same	#421, same
Come, ye thankful people, come		#219	#323, same	#424, same
Lord, in Christ's name Thy servants plead		#220	absent	absent
Glory to Thee, my God, this night		#221	#315, same	#409, same
For Thy mercy and Thy grace		#222	#325, same	#423, same
Fair waved the golden corn		#223	#324, same	#425, same

<u>Title</u>	<u>1865 (Golden Harp)</u>	<u>1932</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>2002</u>
Son of God, our Savior		#224	#160, same	#213, same
Again the Lord's own day is here		#225	absent	absent
Awake, my soul, and with the sun		#226	#309, same	#417, same
We plough the fields and scatter		#227	#332, same	#426, same
The evening and morning we see the Lord making		#228	#291, same	#382, same
At even ere the sun is set		#229	#312, stanza added	#407, same
Oh, blessed are the eyes		#231	#281, same	#354, same
Brief life is now our portion		#232	#287, 1 stanza missing	#375, <i>passionless</i> became <i>glorious</i>
O, comfort to the dreary		#235	absent	absent
Let him that heareth say		#236	#259, same	#331, same
Behold th' amazing gift of love		#237	#286, same	#374, same
Thou art the Way, by thee alone		#241	#159, same	#214, same
Who was saved when heaven's vast fountains		#244	absent	#390, 1 stanza gone, word changes***
In the hour of my distress		#245	absent	absent
Be careful for nothing, the Lord is at hand		#246	#266, Y/I	#337, Jehovah
Prayer is the soul's sincere desire		#247	#341, same	#164, same
Take my life and let it be		#248	#111, same	#163, same
Hush'd was the evening hymn		#249	#96, same	#146, same
I heard the voice of Jesus say		#250	#257, same	#330, same
Now may He who from the dead		#251	#339, same	#437, same
Christ, our Passover		A#8	absent	absent
Now unto Him		A#13	A#24, same	#106, same
Praise the Lord, o my soul		A#16	absent	absent
Be patient, brethren		A#17	absent	absent
I know that my redeemer liveth		A#18	absent	#394, same
Behold the Lamb of God		A#22	absent	absent
Blessed are those servants		A#23	absent	absent

<u>Title</u>	<u>1865 (Golden Hymn)</u>	<u>1932</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>2002</u>
Amen, blessing, and glory		A#24	A#3, no halleluyah	#78, same
Come unto Me		A#26	A#11, same	#326, shorter
The redeemed of the Lord		A#27	A#42, same	#384, same
Awake, awake		A#28	A#5, same	absent
Blessed are the people		A#29	A#8, same	#44, same
O love the Lord		A#30	A#25, same	#15, same
Whom have I in heaven but Thee?		A#31	A#50, same	absent
I will extol Thee, my God O King		A#32	A#20, same	#68, same
Search me, O God		A#33	A#36, same	#66, same
Our soul waiteth		A#34	A#33, same	#16, same
The righteous shall be glad		A#35	A#43, same	#34, same
The Lord is in His holy temple		A#36	A#39, same	#168, same
O Thou that hearest prayer		A#37	A#28, same	#35, same
Out of the depths		A#38	A#34, same	#63, same
The Lord will be a refuge		A#39	A#41, same	#7, same
Erect your heads		A#41	absent	absent
The Lord is merciful		A#42	A#40, same	absent
Cast thy burden on the Lord		A#43	A#10, a totally different anthem	#31, same
Great and glorious		A#44	A#17, same	#144, same
Incline thine ear to Me		A#45	absent	absent
The Lord is my shepherd		A#46	absent	#10, same
Cry out and shout		A#47	A#13, same	#28, same
Thoroughly wash me		A#48	A#47, same	#30, same
All they who in the Lord confide		A#49	A#1, Y/J	#62, Jehovah
Comfort, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant		A#50	A#12, same	#43, same
If I regard iniquity in my heart		A#51	A#21, same	#36, same
When, as returns this solemn day		A#52	A#49, same	absent

THE 1964 EDITION

The 1964 edition contained 400 hymns. Changes from the 1932 edition included adding Christmas songs for the first time and some very popular typically christian songs such as *Abide With Me* and *The Church's One Foundation*. Before 1964, our hymns tended to steer clear of lyrics sung by churches, though many of the same tunes were used.

Most occurrences of *Yahweh* were replaced by *Jehovah* in this edition. Quite a few of the hymns about Israel/Zion were removed. And credits to various members of apostasy (Wesley, "St." Cecelia, Francis of Assisi, etc.) were prominently displayed next to lyrics so that those singing could hardly fail to notice them. The Golden Harp and the 1932 hymnbooks did not contain credits and the 2002 edition put them in the back.

Some ecclesias worldwide never adopted this hymnbook because of these changes.

The 1964 hymnbook kept 254 of the 1932's, dropped 49, added 3 GH hymns back in, and added 143 new hymns. Hymns new to the 1964 edition are listed on the following pages.

A study will now be made of hymns new to the 1964 edition – none of these appeared in the GH or 1932.

Title	1865 (Golden Harp)	1932	1964	2002
As pants the hart for cooling streams			#3	#23, same
High in the heavens, eternal God			#15	#19, same
O Lord, our Lord, how excellent			#23	#5, same
O praise ye the Lord			#27	#75, same
The King of love my Shepherd is			#33	#9, phrase changes
The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want			#37	#12, same
Ye boundless realms of joy			#41	#73, same
All creatures of our God and King			#43	#76, slight word change
Bright the vision that delighteth			#44	#79, same
Fill Thou my life, O Lord, my God			#48	#82, same
Hark, my soul, how everything			#51	#90, 1 stanza missing
High over lashing waves our God is			#52	#91, same
Infinite God, to Thee our voice we raise			#53	#95, same
Immortal, invisible, God only wise			#55	#94, word change
King of glory, King of peace			#56	#98, same
Let all the world in every corner sing			#57	absent
Lift up to God the voice of praise			#59	#99, same
My God, how wonderful Thou art			#61	#102, same
My God, I thank Thee who hast made			#62	#103, same
O God of Israel, unto Thee			#65	#108, same
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (#22 on Favorite Hymns of the Church list)			#73	#118, same
Sweet is the work, my God, my King			#75	#119, 1 stanza missing
The God of Abraham praise			#77, Y	#125, same
The Lord is good, in earth and sky			#81	#126, same

Title	1865 (Golden Harp)	1932	1964	2002
To God, ye choir above, begin			#84	absent
Dear Lord and Father of mankind			#87	#135, <i>Father became Maker</i>
Father, hear the prayer we offer			#88	#136, same
Father, I ask that all my life			#89	#137, same
God moves in a mysterious way			#92	#142, same
God livest still, Soul, why takest thought of ill			#94	#143, same
In the bud of early springtime			#98	#377, same
Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us			#99	#148, word changes
Lord, impart to us Thy wisdom			#100	#150, same
Lord of all being, throned afar			#101	#151, same
Lord, when we meet to worship Thee			#103	#153, same
Lord, who has set our mortal feet			#104	#154, same
Lord, who Thyself hast bidden us to pray			#105	#155, same
My God, my Father, make my strong			#106	#156, same
My spirit longs for Thee			#107	absent
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness			#109	#159, same
Through all the changing scenes of life			#114	#171, same
We give Thee but Thine own			#116	#175, same
Father of mercies, in Thy word			#118	#177, same
Lord, Thy word abideth			#121	#179, same
The heavens declare Thy glory, Lord			#124	#184, same
The Lord a gift of love foretold			#125	#185, same
Angels o'er the sleeping earth			#127	#188, same
Angels did sing on Bethl'em's hill			#128	#187, same
Bethlehem, thou little city			#129	#190, same
As with gladness, men of old			#130	absent

<u>Title</u>	<u>1865 (Golden Harp)</u>	<u>1932</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>2002</u>
Brightest and best of the sons			#131	#189, same
Earth was waiting spent and restless			#132	#191, same
It came upon the midnight clear			#134	#194, some words changed
O come, all ye faithful			#135	#195, same
O little town of Bethlehem			#136	absent
While shepherds watched their flocks by night			#138	#193, same
Christ, whose glory fills the skies			#142	#200, same
From fisher's net, from fig-tree's shade			#145	#203, same
How sweet the name of Jesus sounds			#146	#204, same
Jesus, priceless treasure			#147	#205, same
Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts			#148	#232, same
Jesus, thou boundless love to me			#149	absent
Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult			#150	#324, same
Jesus! Name of wondrous love			#151	#206, same
Jesus, the very thought of thee			#152	#207, same
Lord Jesus, I have promised			#153	#209, same
Lord, speak to me that I may speak			#154	#208, same
O Son of man who walked each day			#157	#212, same
On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry			#158	absent
The Church's one foundation			#161	absent
O Savior, where shall guilty man			#166	#219, same
There is a green hill far away			#168	absent
Was it for me thy flesh was wounded sore			#169	#221, same
When I survey the wondrous cross			#170	#223, same
When my love to God grows weak			#171	#222, same
Bread of the world in mercy broken			#175, A#9	#227, same
Father of lights, all blessings flow from Thee			#177	#229, same

Title	1865 (Golden Harp)	1932	1964	2002
Lord Jesus Christ, our living head			#178	#234, same
O God, unseen yet ever near			#180	#239, same
Savior, we meet in thy dear name			#181	#240, same
Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face			#182	#231, same
All the toil and sorrow done			#186	#245, same
Christ the Lord is risen again			#187	#249, same
Hallelujah, halleluyah, hearts to heaven			#188	#246, same
Jesus Christ is risen today			#189	absent
Lone Mary comes at early morn			#191	#251, same
Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness			#194	#254, same
The strife is o'er, the battle done			#196	#255, same
Let saints with one accord			#199, J	#259, J, same
Christ is coming! Let creation			#210	#273, slight phrase change
Hills of the north, rejoice			#213	#277, same
(H)Alleluyah, sing to Jesus			#226	#295, to became of
Crown him with many crowns			#228	#291, same
Come unto me, ye weary			#256	#327, same
Savior, who thy flock art feeding			#261	absent
Stand, soldier of the cross			#262	absent
We gave ourselves to thee, O Lord			#264	#334, same
(ever) Christian <u>brother</u> , faithful be			#269	#342, word change
Christian, walk carefully, danger is near			#270	#343, same
Come, labor on, who dares stand idle			#271	#362, same
Give to the winds thy fears			#273	#346, 1 stanza added
He who would valiant be			#275	#348, same

Title	1865 (Golden Harp)	1932	1964	2002
Ho! Reapers of life's harvest			#276	#365, same
Make haste, O man, to live			#277	#349, same
Take up thy cross, the Savior said			#282	#358, same
Soldiers of Christ, arise			#283	#355, same
Lift up your heads, ye saints			#288	#376, same
We shall be like Him			#292	#388, same
The wintry winds have ceased to blow			#301	absent
Shall we behold the promised land?			#308	#405, same
New every morning is the love			#310	#418, same
Once more the sun is beaming bright			#311	#419, same
Abide with me, fast falls the eventide			#313	#406, same
Father, again, to Thy dear name we raise			#314	#408, same
Lord, keep us safe this night			#316	#410, same
O God of love, Thy name we bless			#317	#414, same
O holy Father, mid the calm			#318	#411, same
Sun of my soul, thou Savior dear			#319	#412, same
The day is past and over			#320	#413, <i>Jesus became Father</i>
The day thou gavest, Lord, has ended			#321	#415, same
The duteous day now closeth			#322	#416, same
O God of love, to Thee we bow			#326	#431, same
O Father, all creating			#327	#430, same
O perfect love, all human thought transcending			#328	#432, same
O Thou, whom neither time nor space			#329	absent
Our Father, through the coming year			#330	#422, same
This is the day of light			#331	absent
Come in, thou blessed of the Lord			#333	#428, same
Father, give us now Thy blessing			#334	#433, same

Title	1865 (Golden Harp)	1932	1964	2002
God be with you till we meet again			#335	#435, same
Lord, our parting do Thou brighten			#337	#434, same
Although the fig tree shall not blossom			A#2	#134, same
As the hart panteth after the waterbrooks			A#4	#24, same
Be ye steadfast, immovable			A#6	#339, same
God be in my head			A#14	#139, same
God so loved the world			A#16	#328, same
Honor and glory, dominion and pow'r			A#18, J	#93, same
Lead me, Lord			A#22	#3, same
My voice shalt thou hear			A#23	#4, same
O worship the Lord			A#29	#48, same
Open ye the gates			A#31, J	#283, same
Thou hast loved us			A#45	#385, same
We bow in prayer			A#48	#173, same

THE 2002 EDITION

One can see that a great deal of thought and effort has gone into this most recent hymnbook. The credits were put in the back so that one is not distracted. There is an accompanying concordance which is very helpful and which also contains a convenient comparison with the 1964 edition. An index of scriptural references is contained in the back and Christadelphian sources are also noted.

The 2002 edition dropped 26 of the 1964's hymns, including the very offensive (to some) *The Church's One Foundation*. But it kept 374 of the 1964 hymns and only added 7 of the Golden Harp or 1932 hymns back in, in spite of rumors that many of the old songs would be reinstated. There are 57 new hymns in the 2002 for a total of 438 hymns, the largest Christadelphian hymnbook in our history.

It seems that the hymnbook committee sought to please a wide range of opinions and one can only imagine what a difficult task it was to attempt to please 50,000+ believers from all over the world.

Only about half of the Golden Harp hymns are contained in this edition and about one sixth of the 1932 hymns are missing. It is felt that this represents a significant loss of Christadelphian history that will in all likelihood never be regained. The hymns, of course, are not inspired or particularly sacred; but the Golden Harp hymns were carefully chosen by Robert Roberts as fitting and appropriate for our community and one can only wonder why *half* of them no longer meet our needs.

The following hymns are new to the 2002 hymnbook. They were not in any previous editions.

- #1 Blessed are they who listen not to evil counsel
- #2 Give ear to my words, O Lord
- #18 O taste and see how gracious the Lord is
- #41 How lovely is your dwelling place
- #51 O Thou, Jehovah, shalt endure
- #52 Good is our God and full of kind compassion
- #84 God is love, His the care, tending each everywhere
- #85 God who cheered the faithful Joseph
- #86 God of glory, truth, and splendor
- #88 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
- #89 Halleluyah, God be honored
- #100 Lord of the circling earth
- #104 My heart rejoices in the Lord
- #109 O God whose voice of thunder
- #110 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
- #122 Sing to the Lord who triumphed
- #123 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
- #132 To God be the glory, great things He has done
- #158 O Lord above, look down in love
- #160 Our Father, hear as now we pray
- #165 Teach me Thy way, O Lord
- #176 We look to Thee, O Thou who changest not
- #181 God's word alive and active
- #182 O God, who from the ages past
- #186 Thy word, O Lord, has been to us
- #230 Father, we seek Thy blessing now
- #233 Jesus said, "Share this meal ..."

- #235 Lord, thy death and resurrection
- #236 Lord, as we break this bread
- #237 O Father, hear our grateful prayer
- #241 The bread and wine we take, O Lord
- #242 "This is my body," Jesus the Savior said
- #247 Jesus Christ from death is raised
- #248 Jesus, born of David's line
- #257 Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son
- #260 At sundry times God spoke by seer and prophet
- #274 Christ the King is coming to set up his throne
- #278 Joy to the world, the Lord has come
- #318 O God of Abraham, we pray to Thee
- #325 Come to me, all you who are weary
- #336 We thank Thee, Lord, of heav'n and earth
- #338 A new commandment I give unto you
- #350 He that shall endure to the end
- #356 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
- #357 Take courage, my brother
- #360 We come around God's word to learn
- #363 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go
- #364 God's word went forth, the heavens were ...
- #369 O for a thousand tongues to sing
- #370 The Lord gave the word and his servants ...
- #371 We know not if this wayside ground
- #372 Who is on the Lord's side?
- #373 And the peace of God that passeth ...
- #383 Rejoicing in hope and the joy of salvation
- #387 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceaseth
- #427 Grant, Lord, Thy blessing on this place
- #429 Maker of all things we earnestly pray

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN WORDING

Most word changes were trivial and seemed to have the intent of making the hymn "flow" better. Of the 560 hymns studied, only 8 had changes that were felt to be important enough to detail below:

1. 2002's hymn #282 (1964/217, 1932/233, GH/125) – in 1964 the deity titles were changed from *God* to *Christ* and *Jesus*.
2. 2002's hymn #262 (1964/342, 1932/110, GH/70) – in 2002 the words of this hymn were changed from "the offering and the priest" to "redeemer, priest, and king" AND from "he was made sin in flesh" to "he was made sin for us". There are other word changes also.
3. 2002's hymn #379 (1964/289, 1932/240, GH/105) – in 1964 this hymn's 2nd stanza was changed from: "Who shall receive the pebble, the raiment pure and white, the holy name of Ail, the change to spirit light?"
to: "Who shall, the white stone bearing, His secret name behold,
And robes of whiteness wearing, come forth as purged gold?"
4. 2002's hymn #81 (1964/45, 1932/40) – in 2002 this hymn was changed from: "we poor weak ones, we poor sinners, would not in our poorness stay" to "we poor weak ones, once poor sinners, would not in our weakness stay".
5. 2002's hymn #309 (1964/244, 1932/143) – in 1964 the word *papal* was changed to *worldly*, definitely a less specific term.
6. 2002's hymn #392 has gone from:
1932 – "Blessed be Yahweh, Israel's God" (hymn #186) to:
1964 – "Blessed be Jehovah, Israel's God" (hymn #295) to
2002 – "Blessed be the everlasting God"
7. 2002's hymn #399 (1964/303, 1932/194) – in 2002 this hymn was changed in 3 different lines:
"triumphs of vengeance" became "great acts of judgment"
"Mahomet's great imposture end" became "the days of heathen rulers end"
"let Gentile powers before Thee fall" became "let every power before Thee fall". Were these changes considered more politically correct?
8. 2002's hymn #390 (1964/absent, 1932/244) – in 2002 this hymn was changed:
"only Noah, only Noah" became "only Noah and his family"
"Lot the faithful, Lot the faithful" became "Lot the faithful and his daughters"
AND this entire stanza was removed:
"Who was saved when desolation fell on Salem's guilty head?
When the accursed abomination all the holy place o'erspread?
Friends of Jesus, friends of Jesus, they alone to Pella fled!"

THE JEHOVAH / YAHWEH DEBATE

Most hymns in all editions used terms such as *God, Lord, Maker, Almighty,* etc. But there was a clear and continuing tug-of-war over time concerning *Jehovah* and *Yahweh*.

The Golden Harp used *Yahweh* 2 times and *Jehovah* 8 times.

The 1932 edition changed all *Jehovahs* from the GH to *Yahweh* and added another 11 new hymns which used *Yahweh*.

The 1964 edition changed most of the *Yahwehs* back to *Jehovah* and also added several new hymns containing *Jehovah*.

The 2002 edition only rarely reinstated *Yahweh*, choosing in most cases to continue with *Jehovah*, and sometimes changing *Yahweh* to *God*. *Yahweh* could only be found in 6 out of 438 hymns. The 1932 had over 20 occurrences of *Yahweh* in 303 hymns.

HYMNS ABOUT ZION AND ISRAEL

In the 1932 hymnbook there was a section of songs about Zion and Israel with 19 songs and 6 anthems. The 2002 edition contains only 15 of these. The argument is that Israel is a nation now and the hymns about the forlorn Jewish people no longer seem to apply. This reasoning does seem to have some validity as some lines such as "receive Thy ancient people home" and "outcasts from Zion's hallowed ground" no longer are applicable.

However, it should be noted that even today only about 40% of the Jews have returned to Israel and many glorious promises and prophecies made about them are still awaiting fulfillment. It is also important that an attitude of affection and connection be maintained by the Christadelphians toward the Jewish people and hymns are an important part of this early training.

The 2002 hymnbook did add two new hymns emphasizing Israel/Zion: #85 and #405 (this lovely hymn is by Islip Collyer). But since most Christadelphians have grown up using the 1964 book, it is likely that they have never seen such hymns as the following:

Also #51

O house of Jacob, come and walk with us in light,
No more bewildered roam like wanderers in the night.
The hope of Israel calls you near
 And Abraham's shield and Isaac's fear.

Though thou art filled, alas! And drunk with misery,
The cup begins to pass to them that hated thee,
And now we honor Israel's name,
 Our God and Abram's is the same.

Rise, Jacob, from thy woes, thine own Messiah see.
He who thy fathers chose waiteth to pardon thee.
At His command we bid thee come,
 Lost Israel, hasten to thy home.

1932's hymn #159

It's a shame there wasn't room for it in the 2002 hymnbook.

HYMNS ABOUT VENGEANCE, JUDGMENT, AND DEATH

Have many hymns about vengeance, judgment, and/or death been removed from the 1964/2002 hymn books so that only "smooth things" are emphasized?

Hymns removed which emphasized vengeance/judgment/death/warfare:

1932's #11, 13, 16, 91, 148, 179, 181, 185, 187, 188, 190, 191, 201, 235, 242 (mentions *Romish error*), A18, A41

New hymns added with a vengeance/death theme to the 1964 or 2002:

2002's #1, 89, 91, 104, 308, 349, 355 (most were mild mentions and were not the hymn's main theme)

This seems to be a legitimate complaint. When beholding the goodness and severity of God, we must not forget the severity. Apostasy often creeps in, not by putting 1st principles in jeopardy, but by first making the more unpleasant aspects fade slowly into oblivion as more comforting things come to be emphasized exclusively. We must beware of such a trend. It's not all about God helping us in this life, but preparing to do angels' work in the kingdom.

Most battles/warfare mentioned in the 2002 seem to be about our own struggles with sin, not about judgment upon nations at Christ's return. Is there a growing unawareness about the way God has appointed for the earth to be subdued as spoken of in almost every book of the Bible?

Even more noteworthy was the number of hymns removed which spoke of our deaths and the urgency to be wise with our time because it will soon be gone. Words about decay, dust, ashes, worms feeding on the dead, etc. were removed.

It seems that most hymns added in 1964 or 2002 emphasize the comforts of God, praising Him, extolling creation, love of Jesus. These are fine themes but a balance may be lacking. And these are themes on which we agree with christianity, bringing us ever nearer to having much in common with them.

Rarely do any hymns in the 2002 hymnbook mention:

- that immortal saints will carry out warfare in subduing the earth
- that many will not be accepted at the judgment seat
- death in general, with the exception of Christ's death

FAVORITE HYMNS of APOSTATE CHRISTIANITY

This list is difficult to construct because we don't know most of the hymns sung in Protestant, Catholic, and other churches. But a few that are easily recognized include:

- Abide With Me (2002's #406)
- The Church's One Foundation (1964's #161 but absent in 2002)
- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (2002's #118) - #22 on internet list of "America's 25 Favorite Hymns"
- To God Be the Glory (2002's #132) - #25 on internet listing of "America's Favorite Hymns"
- How Great Thou Art (2002's #110, listed in our hymnbook as "O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder) - #1 on internet list of "America's Favorite Hymns" AND on a recently televised Billy Graham special, he declared this hymn "my perennial favorite". It is his well-known theme song.
- O little town of Bethlehem (1964's #136 but absent in 2002), xmas song
- O come, all ye faithful (2002's #195), xmas song
- It came upon a midnight clear (2002's #194), xmas song
- Joy to the world (2002's #278), xmas song

While many of the lyrics of these above hymns are inoffensive, it was their association with the apostate system which had kept them out of our hymnbooks previous to 1964 and 2002.

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF HYMNS CONTAIN 1ST PRINCIPLES?

Some of our hymns could never be sung in a Baptist or Catholic Church because the lyrics contain doctrines which they do not believe. But many of our hymns *could* be sung by those churches because they do not contain specific defining Christadelphian principles. This does not necessarily make them inappropriate; rather, they are usually emphasizing some common theme such as the greatness of God, nature, or the saving work of Christ.

In the 1932 hymn book 45% of the hymns would not have been acceptable in other churches. But in the 2002 hymn book only 30% would be found unacceptable. This is a disturbing trend which bears watching.**

Example of a hymn which contains strongly Christadelphian principles:

2002's #396

Life is the time to serve the Lord,
To do His will, to learn His word;
In death there is no power to know,
Far less in wisdom's way to go.

The living know that they must die,
But all the dead unconscious lie;
Their memory and their senses gone,
Alike unknowing and unknown.

Then, what your thoughts design to do,
Let willing hands with zeal pursue;
Since no device nor work is found,
Nor faith, nor hope, beneath the ground.

Example of a hymn which contains more universally acknowledged principles:

2002's #207

Jesus, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Savior of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart!
O joy of all the meek!
To those who fall, how kind thou art!
How good to those who seek.

But what to those who find? Ah, this
No tongue, no pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is,
None but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou,
As thou our crown wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now,
And through eternity.

**Based on what the writer thought would be acceptable or unacceptable in many local churches in the area known as the "Bible Belt" – southeastern USA.