



The Four Angels' Messages

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The messages that we have received from heaven are true and faithful. When one man strives to bring in new theories which are not the truth, the ministers of God should bear clear warning against these theories, pointing out where, if received, they would lead the people of God. Those who have received the light of present truth should not be easily deceived and readily led from the true path into strange paths. The watchmen are to be wide awake to discern the outcome of all specious reasoning, for serious errors will be brought in to lead the people of God astray.

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Dear Friends:

Much has happened in the past month from the date of initially writing this, which you will not get to read yet for another month from now, so it will be two months past that I am going to discuss here since the process of producing each issue takes a month to complete.

As most of you know by now, Dr. Colin Standish, a mighty warrior for God died on October 29, 2018. He was a regular contributor to a publication called *Our Firm Foundation*. It is a magazine that I have been reading for the past several years starting with the very first issue and working forward. Currently, I am in 2001, and I always look for-

ward to his articles because I know it will set a firm foundation for the faith. This task is not first exposure to the magazine but on quest to continue to be solidified in the faith, I chose to read an article a day from the first publication forward.

And that is, or should I say, "was" the main thrust of the publication. It was to solidify a firm foundation as the 1980s revealed the change in our church becoming more visible. That change, through a book of a new order, began in 1957 with the publication *Seventh-day Adventists Answer Questions on Doctrine* but it would take until the 1980s for people to see that the church was being transformed.

Ellen White did pen, "A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders

would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure" {1SM 204.2}.

Now, *Our Firm Foundation* was published through the self-supporting ministry *Hope International* with one of the founders being Ron Spear. Hands changed around 2006 when Joe Olson became president. It was a controversial moment but none would be more controversial behind the scenes as when his brother Dan took the presidency. Dan and his wife, Kaye, basically completed the destruction of the mission of what was once built up. They have fully turned the institution into a type of pharmacy pushing all kinds of "health products" claiming to be health missionaries. At the same time, the publication of *Our Firm Foundation* was changed from a subscription for those of the faith looking to finding Adventist truth, as the conference continued to wa-

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The mission of The Four Angels' Messages Ministry is to alert as many Seventh-day Adventists as possible to see the need of living the Three Angels' Messages, be well-studied in the messages of all four angels, to get ready and be ready very soon to go and preach them, even being active now. It is our belief that not only are we the last generation, but the mark is soon to be forced upon us, and publications like this shall be targeted. So while the presses can run, let us awake to our high calling, despite others who want to remain asleep. Keep in mind, the final movements of the message are described thus:

“Are we hoping to see the whole church revived? That time will never come.” {1SM 122.1}

“We must enter upon the work individually.” {1SM 122.2}

We are not against conference churches as there are some still faithful, but most are not.

About The Four Angels' Messages Ministry

This ministry is founded by Jerry O'Donnell upon the necessity to raise the standard higher and higher. It is a non-profit, Seventh-day Adventist volunteer organization who love God's church and love the people, hating to see a single person deceived.

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nately would welcome such and would put it to proper use, including helping to pay for subscriptions of those who cannot afford the cost. The publication is free online in PDF format.

Apology to David Rehm

Although there remain some differences in understanding between us, there is enough evidence to believe too harsh of treatment was exerted in November, 2018, issue of this magazine. Those differences are more of a minor point instead of the major points that were first reported. Therefore, the regular messages that he conducts on his phone conference are no longer condemned by this publication.

Before I, Jerry O'Donnell, explain the change of mind, let us recap as well as fill in some missing, behind the scenes pieces, and then explain how we arrived at the point we reached in November. David Rehm began a study of Revelation 4 and 5, specifically in dealing with the twenty-four elders. In his opening study, it appeared that long held belief was going to be undermined, but length of time does not make error truth; however, this publication was never meant to be a testing ground. The intention for this publication is to solidify Seventh-day Adventists in the faith by stating truth. I did not have all

of the articles in the series, so I concluded in my mind when discussing the matter with David House that David Rehm was hinting at the representatives of other planets as being the twenty-four elders. Although this was not David Rehm's conclusion, that is what it sounded like to me, by the references in Job. David House did not suggest a conclusion of David Rehm's content, in fact, David House stated that he had no idea where David Rehm was headed on this. David House did provide apparent evidence of what appeared to be supporting the long-held belief of Seventh-day Adventists by declaring the twenty-four elders to be the redeemed from the earth, hence we go back to the understanding that the twenty-four elders were those resurrected at the time of Jesus' resurrection.

That revealed the main concern that David Rehm had questioned, in regarding the elders already being seated when Jesus arrived and cannot be from the earth. How can the twenty-four elders come from earth and

yet be seated prior for the celebration. It was easily refuted by declaring that when Jesus presented Himself to the Father right after departing from Mary Magdalen, there was no celebration because there was yet nothing to celebrate. Jesus was simply going to present Himself before the Father for approval. Jesus then returned to the earth for forty days, and then upon departing after that time, the celebration occurred, and sure, the elders would have already been seated because they were taken to Heaven as the first fruits (1 Corinthians 15:20). To conclude the celebration and having Jesus now seated in position in the sanctuary, the feast of Pentecost occurred with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Now, couple that explanation with the fact that James White wrote "The twenty-four elders were therefore some who had been redeemed from the earth at that time" {November 26, 1861 UrSe, ARSH 204.10} and you have an easy conclusion that David Rehm must be wrong. Unfortunately,

there is no direct statement of Ellen White that declares who the twenty-four elders are.

Further, with my own ears, in October 2017 at David House's camp meeting, I heard David Rehm discredit Josiah Litch's position of Daniel 8 and 9 regarding the sequence of events. He does not believe that they include two time frames of the Ottoman Empires. This I knew was indeed error because Ellen White specifically wrote:

In the year 1840 another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. Two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire. According to his calculations, this power was to be overthrown "in A.D. 1840, sometime in the month of August;" and only a few days previous to its accomplishment he wrote: "Allowing the first period, 150 years, to have been exactly fulfilled before Deacozes ascended the throne by permission of the Turks, and that the 391 years, fifteen days, com-

menced at the close of the first period, it will end on the 11th of August, 1840, when the Ottoman power in Constantinople may be expected to be broken. And this, I believe, will be found to be the case."--Josiah Litch, in Signs of the Times, and Expositor of Prophecy, Aug. 1, 1840. {GC 334.4}

If Ellen White would

Where no counsel [is], the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors [there is] safety.

Proverbs 11:14

not have used "another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy" in this paragraph, we could dismiss it as her simply recording history, but God declared through Ellen White that it indeed is a fulfillment of prophecy.

So, putting all of that together, it was concluded that David Rehm was undermining the pillars of the understanding of prophecy, and if a person removes one peg, it all crumbles.

Now, fast forwarding to today, I received a letter from a pastor that provided some evidence that supported David Rehm. As a

fellow Berean, I sought out more sources and "counsellors" as we are instructed to do (Proverbs 11:14). We are also to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

Although it is true, Ellen White does not directly tell us who the twenty-four elders are, she does identify who they are in a different manner. She identifies one of the twenty-four elders by

stating,

"This roll was written within and without. John says: 'I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon' [verse 4]. The vision as presented to John made its impression upon his mind. The destiny of every nation was contained in that book. John was distressed at the utter inability of any human being or angelic intelligence to read the words, or even to look thereon. His soul was wrought up to such a point of agony and suspense that one of the strong angels had compassion on him, and

laying his hand on him assuringly, said, "Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof" [verse 5]. {12MR 296.4}

But what does the Bible say?

"And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof" (Revelation 5:5).

Ellen White states that a strong angel said to John the words, "Weep not...". The Bible says, "One of the elders" said, "Weep not...". In mathematical terms, if $A = C$ and $B = C$, the conclusion is that A and B are equal. Therefore,

that which even James White stated about the elders being the redeemed of the earth is not correct.

But wait, are angels redeemed? One understanding of Revelation 5:9, which says, "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" is not sung by the elders but are the prayers of the saints. With this possibility of understanding in which we take the word "redeemed" and apply it to the saints instead of the twenty-four elders, there is then no conflict.

As for the Josiah Litch and the Ottoman Empires disagreement, is

David Rehm correct in applying it differently? He is not correct in discrediting Litch, but Ellen White writes this:

"This is the sharpest experience I have ever had in a carriage in a storm. When the blackness deepened, with the clouds in the south, I supposed it would be no ordinary storm that we should have, and I thought of the day when the judgment of God would be poured out upon the world, when blackness and horrible darkness would clothe the heavens as sackcloth of hair. We have no question but our prayers were answered and the angel of God stood by the horses' heads. Nothing was broken. The Lord preserved us, and His name shall be glorified. But I was deeply impressed. My imagination anticipated what it must be in that period when the Lord's mighty voice shall give commission to His angels, 'Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth'" (Rev-elation 16:1). {15MR 219.1}

"Thy right hand, O God, shall dash in pieces Thine enemies. Revelation 6 and 7 are full of meaning. Terrible are the judgments of God revealed. The seven

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angels stood before God to receive their commission. To them were given seven trumpets. The Lord was going forth to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity, and the earth was to dis-

close her blood and no more cover her slain. Give the description in chapter 6." {15MR 219.2}

"When the plagues of God shall come upon the earth, hail will fall upon the wicked about the weight of a talent. The hail had struck Brother Belden. One stone struck him on the back of the head, raising a large lump. Another stone struck him very near the temple. The bruise still shows upon the hands of Sister Belden. But what must it be when the hail shall be so much increased in size, falling upon those who would not care for and obey God but insulted Him and despised all His mercies?" {15MR 220.1}

In the first of the three paragraphs, it is clear

that we are talking about the seven last plagues, especially with reference to Revelation chapter 16. In the third paragraph, it is explicitly stated that we are talking about the seven last plagues. Sand-

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Revelation 5:5

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{12MR 296.4}

wiched between two clear paragraph references to the plagues for us to take the words "judgments of God" represented in the plagues as being applied also to the seven trumpets, meaning Ellen White makes a dual application of the seven trumpets. And if anyone does a comparison between the two pairs of chapters, Revelation 8 and 9 with Revelation 15 and 16, there are numerous

parallels between each individual trumpet and each plague, even down to the words "Great River Euphrates".

So, in conclusion, I personally apologize to

David Rehm for the harshness and leave the minor differing points to conscience, as we ought to according to Ellen White, who is writing for the Author -- God. I hope and pray for forgiveness from this dear brother. I also ask for forgiveness of you, the readers, who should not have been subjected to any of this,

and I hope and pray that we can continue together preparing ourselves and others for the second coming and for what is coming upon the world very soon.

This also further solidifies the decision of the new content for 2019 and beyond with no intended contributions outside of that already stated.

Maranatha!



The New Content

As mentioned in the editorial, many things are going to change, starting with the first issue of 2019. The original purpose of this publication, per our own guidelines, was to solidify Seventh-day Adventists in their beliefs, no matter where they are (in the conference churches or out of them, and in home churches, or in self-supporting churches). Not only that, but this publication is to serve the purpose of preparing each Seventh-day Adventist to go forth able to teach our truths and be brought even before counsels with an answer to what we believe. And if one fears to be able to give a Bible study, pray that you will be put to sleep, for the final people known as Seventh-day Adventists will be very active in preaching the gospel in the form of Bible studies. None will find any other employment except for medical missionary, especially during the time one cannot buy or sell. "I wish to tell you that soon there will be no work done in ministerial lines but medical missionary work" {CH 533}. None will be pew warmers or have some

other "ministry" work. I put quotes around the word "ministry" because many Adventists think that if they give money, attend church, maybe even attend prayer meeting, being ready to give an answer why they are Seventh-day Adventists, and are only trying to use "friendship" evangelism – none of that will be happening in the near future. Under the fourth angel, which simply gives power to the third angel, we will not have years to develop friendship with people. We are going to be actively looking for souls interested in knowing what is going on and honestly having open hearts. We will bypass friends and relatives and go right to the stranger who is asking for true knowledge.

Instead of our publication doing this, we ended 2018 on a sour note as two opposing views were brought forth ending a relationship with one contributor. Realizing that each contributor has their own perspective on different points of prophecy, and even minor points of doctrine for that matter, it

is just a matter of time before another episode happens all over again. We rather have a single focus and if there is any question brought upon one of our positions then we can study it out, but at least there will be a congruency of thought in the articles that appear.

Please take note of our new Ellen White quote on our Table of Contents page as we include the entire context here:

"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work. There must be earnest effort to obtain the blessing of the Lord, not because God is not willing to bestow His blessing upon us, but because we are unprepared to receive it. Our heavenly Father is more willing to give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him, than are earthly parents to give good gifts to their children. But it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance, and earnest prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us His

blessing. A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer. While the people are so destitute of God's Holy spirit, they cannot appreciate the preaching of the Word; but when the Spirit's power touches their hearts, then the discourses given will not be without effect. Guided by the teachings of God's Word, with the manifestation of His Spirit, in the exercise of sound discretion, those who attend our meetings will gain a precious experience, and returning home, will be prepared to exert a healthful influence." {1SM 121.1}

"The old standard bearers knew what it was to wrestle with God in prayer, and to enjoy the outpouring of His Spirit. But these are passing off from the stage of action; and who are coming up to fill their places? How is it with the rising generation? Are they converted to God? Are we awake to the work that is going on in the heavenly sanctuary, or are we waiting for some compelling power to come upon the church before we shall arouse? Are we hoping to see the whole church revived? That time will never

come." {1SM 122.1}

"There are persons in the church who are not converted, and who will not unite in earnest, prevailing prayer. We must enter upon the work individually. We must pray more, and talk less. Iniquity abounds, and the people must be taught not to be satisfied with a form of godliness without the spirit and power. If we are intent upon searching our own hearts, putting away our sins, and correcting our evil tendencies, our souls will not be lifted up unto vanity; we shall be distrustful of ourselves, having an abiding sense that our sufficiency is of God." {1SM 122.2}

"We have far more to fear from within than from without. The hindrances to strength and success are far greater from the church itself than from the world. Unbelievers have a right to expect that those who profess to be keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, will do more than any other class to promote and honor, by their consistent lives, by their godly example and their active influence, the cause which they represent. But how often have the pro-

fessed advocates of the truth proved the greatest obstacle to its advancement! The unbelief indulged, the doubts expressed, the darkness cherished, encourage the presence of evil angels, and open the way for the accomplishment of Satan's devices." {1SM 122.3}

This pretty much is the original thrust, so with that in mind, we present to you the new intended content:

[Main Article](#) – For now, it will be the study of the end of the third angel's message followed by Revelation 18, primarily the fourth angel. The first two and the beginning of the third angel in twelve other messages are found in the magazine *Our Firm Foundation* off and on from August 2016. [Not found in this month's publication due to space.]

[Ellen White Article](#) – We personally do not accept her as a mere prophet. "Because in these days many who boldly claim that they are prophets are a reproach to the cause of Christ; and because my work includes much more than the word "prophet" signifies" {1SM 32.4}. So, since our stance is

greater than that of the 2015 General Conference session, we want to make sure her words continue to speak.

[Pioneer Article](#) –

“When men come in who would move one pin or pillar from the foundation which God has established by His Holy Spirit, let the aged men who were pioneers in our work speak plainly, and let those who are dead speak also by the reprinting of their articles in our periodicals. Gather up the rays of divine light that God has given as He has led His people on step by step in the way of truth. This truth will stand the test of time and trial” {MR760 10.5}. What more needs to be said? Ellen White tells us to reprint the pioneer articles. Of course, that does not mean every article is acceptable as many pioneers had conflicting thoughts. Therefore, those that support the established truths shall be printed.

[KJV](#) – Of course we shall defend the faith by continuing our KJV versus all other versions of the Bible which are all influenced by the Catholic Church. We will be explaining how the different ver-

sions that are being used are anti-Seventh-day Adventist versions of the Bible; this will become especially evident after this month’s content.

[Health Article](#) – The health message is the right arm of our message. The two (medical and teaching doctrine) cannot be separated.

[Recipes](#) – Sure, they will not have the tried and tested, 'available for purchase' recipes that many have grown accustomed to reading, but to make an exception to allow one contributor, though pretty safe as it is hard to indoctrinate through recipes, it still was necessary to stop the contribution.

[Questions & Answers](#) – Most definitely this will continue as this serves as a great resource of learning.

[News & Comments](#) – This keeps us in present truth.

[Bible Study](#) – This is the marking up of one’s own Bible in a manner of learning how to give concise studies to people. This is an excellent tool to prepare us to reach the people door to door.

[How Do You Resolve It?](#) – This is a new section in which teaches

how to deal with apparent contradictions of thoughts and even verses in the Bible. This is a tool to teach us to not skip over the difficult verses but to be ready with an answer.

[Keep the Sabbath Holy](#)

– We are to be Sabbath keepers, but are we? Oh, we know not to be accepting Sunday as the Sabbath. We are quite aware of avoiding the Mark of the Beast, but what about accepting the Seal of God? If anybody was brought into the church as I was, we were invited through the Word of God out of a prior life and into the Bible life. But what does that mean regarding the Sabbath? Many Seventh-day Adventists make sure they attend church service but still do not keep the rest of the Sabbath hours holy. Some preachers have tried to fill in different points of what it means to keep it holy, but just like Sunday preachers, even they contradict each other. No one is given a list of the dos and don’ts of keeping the Sabbath. In avoiding becoming like the Pharisees, we are not about to do the same thing either by creating a list of rules of which Jesus spent much of His time upending, but

we are going to allow the prophet of God tell us some dos and don'ts, and that includes the preparation for it. So, we plan each month to have an article to remind us of how to keep the Sabbath holy, for if we keep the Sabbath holy, we shall then successfully avoid the Mark of the Beast and also be sealed, which is a requirement for entering into Heaven.

[Church Watch](#) – This section is not intended to keep pointing out what the conference is doing wrong, but rather it is to protect the sheep from getting caught up and deceived. Seasoned Adventists who hate seeing the church under attack have no problem in seeing truth under attack. This section is not only going to point out, for the sake of preventing the deception, but will provide why and the proper stance on the matter. For those not seasoned and hate to see such discussed, do keep in mind that when you signed up to be a Seventh-day Adventist, you invited the devil's attack. And his greatest attack is to lull people to sleep. People do not realize that they are being lulled to sleep, otherwise they would

be awake. In either case, please read this section with the proper intent. It is to help us realize, as some in the past have indicated, that they thought something was a bit 'off' but could not put their finger on the matter until they saw it in print in this publication. It is again, for the sake of preventing deception. And if people are not seeing that our leadership, as Ellen White stated, would be no different than the leadership in Christ's day and count things as simple mistakes or typical church problems, the deception has already been sprung. Wake up! If Jesus is coming in the next few, or even possibly a couple years from now, apostasy in this church needs to fully take hold, otherwise, Ellen White would be a liar. And what are we told about apostasy? "I am instructed to speak plainly. 'Meet it,' is the word spoken to me. 'Meet it firmly, and without delay.' But it is not to be met by our taking our working forces from the field to investigate doctrines and points of difference. We have no such investigation to make. In the book Living Temple there is presented the alpha of deadly

heresies. The omega will follow, and will be received by those who are not willing to heed the warning God has given" {1SM 200.1}. And if one does not think the apostasy is happening yet, again, the deception is already sprung for Ellen White predicted several specific items to take place right before the close of probation, and they are not only here, but are well established. So, I caution, be careful and in self-control if one hates to see their church revealed for the apostasy that we are in. We hate seeing the church doing the apostasy. Which is worse? The one that reveals the apostasy or the one that is doing it? God help us to care more for the souls being deceived than what is exposed about our church!

The new appearance is not limited to the above content, but that serves as a starting point of our intentions. May God have a people prepared now for the final conflict.



The Foundation of Our Faith

Ellen White

At this time--the last days of this earth's history--we are to make the book of Revelation a special study. Why? Because it depicts the scenes that we are to meet. We need to understand what we are to meet, and how we are to meet it. We must know what efforts we are to make, so that, in this perilous time, we shall not be taken by the enemy's devices. We know that the last great conflict will be Satan's most determined effort to accomplish his purposes. He will come, not only as a roaring lion, but as a seducer, clothing sin with beautiful garments of light, that he may take human beings in his snare. {1SAT 340.1}

The Lord desires us to realize that it is of great importance that we stand in these last days upon the platform of eternal truth. Those who think that the church militant is the church triumphant make a great mistake. The church militant will gain great triumphs, but it will also have fierce conflicts with evil, that it may be firmly established upon the platform of eternal truth. And every one of

us should be determined to stand with the church upon this platform. {1SAT 340.2}

[Revelation 1:1-3, 9-13, 17-20 quoted.] {1SAT 340.3}

Thus Christ instructed John. It is the word of God that you will find in the book of Revelation. There are those today who call the Revelation a sealed book. But it is a mystery unfolded. We need to understand what it tells us in regard to the scenes that are to take place in the last days of this earth's history. The enemy will bring in everything that he possibly can to carry out his deceptive designs. Are they not lacking in wisdom who have no desire to understand in regard to the things that are to take place on this earth? {1SAT 340.4}

I am so sorry that Living Temple came out as it did, and was circulated, and the worst of it--that which struck right to my heart--was the assertion made regarding the book: "It contains the very sentiments that Sister White has been teaching." When I heard this, I felt so heartbroken that it seemed as if I could not say any-

thing. Had I said anything, I would have been obliged to speak the truth as it was. {1SAT 341.1}

Representations had been shown me that some danger was approaching, and that I must prepare for it. I must write out the things God had given me in order to prepare for it. {1SAT 341.2}

I did not read Living Temple, though I had it in my library. At last my son said to me, "Mother, you ought to read at least some parts of the book, that you may see whether they are in harmony with the light that God has given you." He sat down beside me, and we read the paragraphs to which he referred. When we had finished I turned to him and said, "These are the very sentiments against which I was bidden to speak in warning at the very beginning of my public work. When I first left the State of Maine, it was to go through Vermont and Massachusetts, to bear a testimony against these sentiments. Living Temple contains the Alpha of these theories. The Omega would follow in a little while. I tremble

for our people. These beautiful representations are similar to the temptation that the enemy brought to Adam and Eve in Eden. {1SAT 341.3}

When but a girl I went to New Hampshire to bear warning against these same doctrines. There was a man by the name of Billings and another by the name of Bennet who were preaching a higher spirituality. I was asked to meet these men, and I did so, giving them the light that God had given me. In the meeting a great distress came upon me. I was taken off in vision. The men began to triumph, thinking that things were going their way. When I got up to bear my testimony, they began to shout. I stopped and did not say a word until they had finished. Then I went on and told them plainly where the doctrines they were advocating would lead to. {1SAT 341.4}

I met these same doctrines in Dorchester, Mass., where for a time I made my home. In one meeting held there a man arose and after making a confession, said, "I have listened today to the testimony of Ellen Harmon, and I feel as if I had been partaking of the richest feast ever set before

me." In the past this man had been a model of piety, but these seductive theories came before him--theories teaching that men and women could live above all sin--and he accepted them. What was the result? He left his wife and children and went to live with another woman. {1SAT 342.1}

I was at this time nothing but a girl, and I said, "Why am I left to bear this testimony?" Said the one in whose house I was staying, "God knows why. The men advocating these doctrines have a strong influence as being very pious men, and if we were to say anything against them, they would put us in prison. But you are a minor, and they cannot touch you." {1SAT 342.2}

We met these theories again in Topsham, Maine. A brother there, who had accepted them, was very sick, and he wanted me to pray for him. I said, "I cannot pray for you so long as you and these sisters are so free with one another." He sent for Elder James White, who, when he came, asked him, "What are you going to do?" "Do!" he said, "Do you ask what I am going to do? I am going to cut loose from all these evils. I am going to take my stand

in harmony with what Sister Ellen Harmon has been presenting to me. I accept what she has said as the word of the Lord." Thus the company with which he was connected was broken up. And many more such companies were broken up by the light that God gave me. {1SAT 342.3}

Thus I worked and suffered in my girlhood. And all through my life I have had the same errors to meet, though not always in the same form. In Living Temple the assertion is made that God is in the flower, in the leaf, in the sinner. But God does not live in the sinner. The Word declares that He abides only in the hearts of those who love Him and do righteousness. God does not abide in the heart of the sinner; it is the enemy who abides there. {1SAT 343.1}

There are some things upon which we must reason, and there are other things that we must not discuss. In regard to God – what He is and where He is – silence is eloquence. When you are tempted to speak of what God is, keep silence, because as surely as you begin to speak of this, you will disparage Him. {1SAT 343.2}

Our ministers must be very careful not to enter into controversy in regard to the personality of God. This is a subject that they are not to touch. It is a mystery, and the enemy will surely lead astray those who enter into it. We know that Christ came in person to reveal God to the world. God is a person and Christ is a person. Christ is spoken of in the Word as "the brightness of His Father's glory, and the express image of His person." {1SAT 343.3}

I was forbidden to talk with Dr. Kellogg on this subject, because it is not a subject to be talked about. And I was instructed that certain sentiments in Living Temple were the Alpha of a long list of deceptive theories. {1SAT 343.4}

These sentiments have had an effect on our people everywhere. Some think it strange that I write, "Do not send your children to Battle Creek." I was instructed in regard to the danger of the worldly influence in Battle Creek. I have written hundreds of pages regarding the danger of having so large a sanitarium, and of calling so many young people together in one place. The young people in Battle Creek

are in danger. They will come in contact with error. Years ago I did not think that they would meet these errors right in the Sanitarium; but when Living Temple came out, and some of our ministers told me that there was in it nothing but what I had been teaching all my life, I saw how great the danger was. I saw that blindness had fallen upon some who had long known the truth. I pray that the Lord will open the eyes of these ministers, that they may see the differences between light and darkness, and between truth and error. {1SAT 343.5}

In a representation which passed before me, I saw a certain work being done by medical missionary workers. Our ministering brethren were looking on, watching what was being done, but they did not seem to understand. The foundation of our faith, which was established by so much prayer, such earnest searching of the Scriptures, was being taken down, pillar by pillar. Our faith was to have nothing to rest upon – the sanctuary was gone, the atonement was gone. I realized that something must be done. {1SAT 344.1}

The battle nearly killed

me. I saw what was coming in, and I saw that our brethren were blind. They did not realize the danger. Our young people, especially, were in danger. They delighted in the beautiful representation--God in the flower, God in the leaf, God in the tree. But if God be in these things, why not worship them? {1SAT 344.2}

The reason I have published anything in regard to the medical missionary work, was that the errors that were coming in must be met. I did not design to meet them, but in the visions of the night I saw a large ship far out at sea. Suddenly the man on the lookout cried, "Iceberg ahead!" Without hesitation the command rang out, "Meet it." The engines were put on at full force, and the vessel crashed into the iceberg. There was a tremendous shock, and the ship quivered from stem to stern; but she rebounded from the shock unhurt, and went safely on her way. After seeing this representation. I knew what work I must do. I knew that I must meet the errors that were coming in among us. {1SAT 344.3}

I have been hoping that there would be a thorough reformation, that

the principles for which we fought in my girlhood, and which were brought out in the power of the Holy Spirit, would be maintained. Night after night in our early experience our brethren studied out the truths which we now hold. When they came to something that they could not understand, they would get down on their knees, and would remain there for hours sometimes. Sometimes the sun would rise before they would give up the struggle. At times, when they said, "We can do nothing more," the power of God would come upon me, I would be taken off in vision, and instruction would be given me. Then I could explain what they could not understand. I would read the Scriptures to them, never looking at the printed page. Thus light was given in regard to Christ, His mission, and His priesthood, and the great points of our faith were firmly established. {1SAT 345.1}

But during this period of our experience, my mind was locked to an understanding of the Scriptures. It was one of the greatest sorrows of my life. Thus it was every point of our faith was established in harmony with the Word of God. {1SAT 345.2}

At this time I was living in the house of Father Andrews. He was helpless with rheumatism, and was constantly in great suffering. I knelt by his side and, laying my hands on his head, asked Jesus to make him whole. The power of God came upon him and he walked back and forth across the room, praising the Lord. {1SAT 345.3}

Soon after this I was instructed by the Lord that I should no longer mourn in regard to my inability to understand the Scriptures. God unlocked my mind and ever since, whenever I read His Word, a flood of light comes into my mind. {1SAT 346.1}

Thus the work went on and we were shown where we must stand. Do you wonder that I have something to say when I see the pillars of our faith beginning to be moved? Seductive theories are being taught in such a way that we shall not recognize them unless we have clear spiritual discernment. I will stand firmly with everyone who will stand for the truth. But I do not want our young people to flock into Battle Creek. They would better not go there. Anyone who can be so utterly deceived as to place the misleading sentiments

contained in Living Temple before our people, cannot be trusted as a teacher of the youth until he is converted. {1SAT 346.2}

I have the tenderest sympathy for the physicians associated with Dr. Kellogg. But I have no sympathy for their failure to pass over the mistakes that they see made by Dr. Kellogg, saying nothing about them. God will hold them accountable for letting matters go without saying, "Doctor, you did not do right that time." The poor man has loaded himself down until the enemy finds him a very easy prey. Unless he changes his course, and takes an entirely different course, he will be lost to the cause of God. And his associate physicians will be guilty before God unless they take their position and stand free from every error. {1SAT 346.3}

I have lain awake night after night, studying how I could help Dr. Kellogg. His father and mother, before they died, begged me not to give him up, but to stand by him till the last. I said, "I will try, if he will listen to me." I have spent nearly whole nights in prayer for him. Week after week I have not slept till twelve o'clock, and then

for weeks I have not been able to sleep past twelve o'clock. I wrote constantly, until my left eye gave out. And at last my brain became so weary that I could not use it. My son would come up to my room and ask if he might read some letters that had come. "No, Willie," I would say, "not a word." I was in this condition for several weeks. Just before Willie left home last winter for Washington, I saw that his eyes were troubling him, and I offered to read some manuscripts to him. This brought on the old trouble. After Willie had gone, I had to give up entirely for a time. I felt that I was worn out. My brain had ceased to work. My mental suffering was intense. I had a great deal of pain at the base of the brain. I knew that for a time my mind was at a standstill. {1SAT 346.4}

Willie expected me to go to Washington in the spring, but it seemed to me that I could not go. I got up one morning and it seemed to me as if I had come to the place where I could not go another step. I said, "Lord, if it is Thy will for me to go into the grave, take away my life, but do not take away my life and allow me still to live." Over and over again I offered this

prayer, and all at once I seemed to be shut in by a canopy of light. Every particle of pain had left my head, and the next day I wrote twenty pages before dinner. {1SAT 347.1}

I feared that when I started for Washington, the difficulty would come on again, but it did not. I wrote something every day during my stay in Washington, and spoke three times. Every time I entered the pulpit it was in fear and trembling, but the Lord sustained me and helped me. {1SAT 347.2}

My brethren, the Lord calls for unity, for oneness. We are to be one in the faith. I want to tell you that when the gospel ministers and the medical missionary workers are not united, there is placed on our churches the worst evil that can be placed there. Our medical missionaries ought to be interested in the work of our conferences, and our conference workers ought to be as much interested in the work of our medical missionaries. {1SAT 347.3}

It is time that we stood upon a united platform. But we cannot unite with Dr. Kellogg until he stands where he can be a safe leader of the flock of God. Until he stands in this position,

we have no right to sustain him. {1SAT 348.1}

I have taken my position, brethren. I am not going to enter into controversy over anything that may be presented. Last night I woke at ten o'clock and remained awake for several hours. During that time the whole matter was laid open before me, and I was instructed that I must bear the testimony given me and then leave matters with the Lord. It is not my work to try to make people believe the message given me. When the assertion is made, "Someone has told her," I am to make no response. On that point the conflict is over for me. I shall tell you the truth as it is in Jesus. And when anyone comes to me to know about this thing or that thing, I shall point them to the One who has said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).-- Ms. 46, 1904. (MR 900.1) {1SAT 348.2}



The Laodicean Church

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We believe that this state of the church exists, and that it is composed of second advent ministers and people, who have backslidden and become "lukewarm."

When and where did this state of the church commence? We believe that it commenced in 1845, at the conference in the city of Albany, N. Y., with the two leading teachers in the advent cause, as chairman and secretary pro tem., viz: William Miller and J. V. Himes, and sixty-one acting ministers and delegates. See *Advent Herald*, May 14, 1845, page 105.

This organization proceeded by a series of conferences in the cities of Philadelphia, Baltimore and Boston. Page 112, Col.3. The result was most cheering to their hearts, particularly to J. V. Himes and S. Bliss. See Col.2 of the same page; also the *Herald* for May 21. We think that this organization was completed April 5, 1846, in the city of Rochester, N. Y. See *VOICE OF TRUTH*, April 22, page 25; also page 29, Col.1, "Conference Address:" "Our brethren, east,

west, north and south, are harmoniously, (with a few exceptions,) united in the faith and hope of the gospel, and well engaged in extending their benign influence and blessings to others. They are making preparations for going to work the PRESENT SEASON understandingly, and effectually, for the SALVATION of PERISHING THOUSANDS around them."

The editor of the *Voice of Truth* was not ready to unite at the first conferences; for he, with some others, adhered strenuously to the *Cry at Midnight*. See his article on this point, in the *Voice of Truth* for June 11, 1845, and then his decided change in Nov. 11, 1846. Here we see the perfect union with the advent editors and their adherents. See the view of the Laodicean church by the editor of *V. T. Aug. 13, 1845*, published since in the *Advent Review Extra*. This shows the decided change and departure from the Philadelphia state of the church, where they all professed to be, at the tenth day of the seventh month, 1844. See the "Advent Re-

view," of 48 pages, published at Auburn, N. Y., containing their thrilling testimonies.

Undoubtedly they were then in the right state of the Church, and holding fast that to which they had attained, viz: the change from Babylon, or the Sardis state of the church, to the Philadelphia state.

When they changed from the Philadelphia to the Laodicean state, we believe they influenced hundreds of honest souls to go with them. - These are the ones we are trying to seek out, by this article, and every other possible way, and show them their perilous and helpless condition, and utter destruction, if they do not forsake them and turn back immediately to the open door in the Philadelphia church; for there is no promise, or hope for them where they are. See *Rev.iii:16,19*.

Let us just take a general retrospect of the downward progress of the Laodiceans. For six successive years, viz: from the fall of 1844 to the spring and fall of 1850, the most of these

leading members have been aiding and assisting each other in changing the chronology, i.e. the world's history; to prove that they were on the true position. What have they gained? Answer, nothing but disappointment and confusion. This, too, in direct opposition to their standard work. (Advent Shield.) It has not proved to be their shield, that is clear. Six times, did we say? yes, more. Some have moved the time for the termination of the 2300 days, from fall to spring, for six years in succession, and thus they have almost finished a circle, (if seven years would make one,) instead of gaining one inch the right way. 1

The Advent Herald for March 2, 1850, at last came out and proved to a demonstration that the position of the tenth day of the seventh month, relative to the end of the 2300 days was right. But, said one of them to

me; nothing was accomplished. Daniel was told that the sanctuary should be cleansed; but nobody knew anything about it, NO, NOT EVEN HIMSELF! In 1844, it moved the whole church to change their position into the open door, in the Philadelphia state of the church, and to sacrifice their houses, lands, and personal characters to the God of Israel, because they believed it, and that the Lord Jesus also was coming. In the Laodicean state now, the opposite is the case. If proof is wanted, read the Advent Herald, the HIGHEST PROFESSED STANDARD published in the world, to enlighten and prepare the church of God for the great and dreadful day of the Lord, right upon them.

What is the matter? Answer - personal character is at stake. Who is in the wrong? The greatest difficulty is to ascertain who among them is right. Just call

at the city of Boston, where, in 1844, the citizens trembled under their thrilling appeals, to be ready for the coming of Jesus. What now? The reverse. Slandering and devouring one another with their Extras, Vindicators, etc. etc. Is this the true church? God forbid! Why, methinks the very angels in heaven would shudder to see them appear there in their present state. Will they grow any better? If the past is a criterion by which to judge, we answer, never, no, never. Then you that hope for salvation, flee quickly, flee, I say, for your lives! You have not one moment to spare. Utter destruction awaits every soul that is found in this Laodicean state.

To get a right understanding of the Laodicean state of the church, let us examine a few things concerning the seven states of the churches. The first, second and third chapters

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of Revelation present to our view seven distinct and different states of the church under the gospel. Some have supposed that these churches described in the second and third chapters of Revelation were literal, because there were seven literal churches in Asia Minor, bearing the same names. - But we think the bible definitions of these names describe the spirit and qualities of the seven states of the churches. They cannot be literal, for several reasons. First, this is a revelation, or prophecy of the future. "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants, things that must SHORTLY COME TO PASS, Rev.i,1. John had his vision, A. D. 96, but the literal churches existed A. D. 60, 36 years before. Second: "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches," etc. Ch.xxii, 16. This brings us down to the close of time. Nothing has been known of those literal churches for hundreds of years. More may be said on this point, if necessary; let this suffice now.

As the first four states of the church were in the past, (about A. D.

1798,) let us confine our exposition relative to the last three, which are all in an organized state, at the present time.

Fifth state, Sardis, signifies "that which remains, that are ready to die." Rev.iii,2. "Her works are not perfect before God." - v.2. Jesus warns them to get ready before he comes upon them. v.3. "Thou hast a few names, even in Sardis, which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy. He that overcometh the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life; but I will confess his name before my Father," etc. verses 4,5.

This, we understand to be the present nominal church, the Babylon, which God's people came out from under the second angel's message, which closed up at the tenth day of the seventh month, 1844. They were then "about to die," and are now spiritually DEAD.

Those that came out of Babylon under the cry, in obedience to the call from heaven. Rev.xviii:4; and overcome, i.e. continue in the third and other angel messages, Jesus will

acknowledge before his Father, and their names will not be blotted from the book of life. Six years ago, there were thousands that did witness to the above state of things, of whom the greater part are alive unto this day, and the greatest portion are now in the seventh, or Laodicean state of the church. How did they get there? Answer - they passed into the sixth, or Philadelphia state of the church, in the fall of 1844; and staid there long enough to prove to their entire satisfaction that they had changed their position, to one which was true and clear. For proof, please read their own statements once more, in the "Advent Review" of 1850.

Symptoms of uneasiness were soon discovered in our leader. It was evident that his sphere of action was too limited to remain with those who had entered the open door in the Philadelphia church.

He sends forth an article in the "Morning Watch," for January 16, 1845, headed, "IN THE FIELD AGAIN;" and says "we have put the press in full operation again, our work - is to the saints, and re-arouse

the slumbering churches.

We should AGITATE, AGITATE, AGITATE! until they see the falsity of their position." On he goes with conferences in Waterbury and other places in Vermont, and Western New York. See pages 21, 22. This strengthened him and others, so that the call for the Albany conference was made, to convene April 29, 1845. Hence we see the sudden change from a true position, to another. But, says the reader, what of that? Answer, he is the leader, and when he moves the others follow. You may ask again why confine this work for the whole church right here, in this country? Because the great burden for the advent labor has moved out from this continent; something, no doubt, is doing in other countries; but this is the great field for the three Advent Messages. It is in vain, however, to attempt to prove that J. V. Himes has not been the leader and leading editor in the Advent cause, for ten years past. This does not prove that he has taken one right step since January, 1845. He has led on others to fulfill prophecy, to their utter destruction. I pity him,

and really wish that his many, and deep trials had have driven him to God.

Sixth state, Philadelphia signifies brotherly love. This is the state that all advent believers were merging into, when that united thrilling cry was rushing through the land, like many waters, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him." Babylon's Sectarian organizations (in the Sardis state) were shaken in every direction, and their most pious and efficient members were led and moved directly to the state of brotherly love. Not an advent believer went any where else, until the dispersion, after the cry ended. Chap.iii,7, shows the shut door, and the open door, that no man can shut.

The Master of the house, our Great High Priest, in the Sanctuary in heaven, [Heb.viii,1,2; ix,1-5,] rose up and shut the outer door of his daily ministrations with the world, and no man can open it, and opened the door into the holiest of all; where the ten commandments are seen, [Rev.xi,19,] and "no man can shut it." This was done when the 2300 days ended, on the tenth day of the

seventh month, 1844, and no where else. Here was the perfect harmony of shadow and substance. Aaron once a year in the shadow; Jesus, in the substance at the end of 2300 years. This proves the day and year that the door was shut; and that the last, and only safe one was then opened for the overcomers in the Philadelphia church. The Philadelphia church kept the Saviour's word and have not denied his name. Those that left this state, and became Laodiceans, took the opposite, i.e, they did not hold fast his word, and hence they denied his name. See Rev.iii,8.

Jesus, in verse 10, promises to keep all from the hour of temptation, or trial that have kept the word of his patience. That is, all that are patient waiters, in this state of the church, he will keep, when the decree goes forth from the Dragon [Rev.xiii,15] to kill them.

Then Jesus is to come quickly, and the true church is exhorted to hold fast their experience in the past, verse 11. If they do not some one will take their crown. See what befalls those that give up their experience. Verse 9. In verse 12, is the pre-

scious overcoming promise to all in this church. They are to be pillars in the temple of God, and have the name of God, the Holy City, and Jesus' own new name written upon them. Here we see that all the precious promises are made to this church that believe in the shut door, and keep in the open door. They cannot be claimed by those remaining in the Sardis, or Laodicean state of the church.

Seventh state, Laodicea signifies, the judging of the people, "These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true Witness." "I know thy word, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot so then, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Verses 16,17. This state neither cold nor hot, represents their unsettled state for six years past while they have been continually changing the chronology to prove the end of the 2300 days in the future, which they had acknowledged did end in the fall of 1844.

Jesus would have them either believe their true position or stop, and let the chronology alone; for as often as their calculations failed it

caused their own and others faith to wane: and thus they have been continually sinking into a lukewarm state, neither one thing nor yet another. In this state it is impossible for them to be saved; for Jesus says that he will spue them out of his mouth, or destroy them.

"Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased in goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked" verse 17. If you want the truth on any point of doctrine, especially, any thing relative to the second coming of the Lord, the Advent Herald and Harbinger are the professed standards. They are professedly rich in Biblical knowledge. Their continued reading and writing on the subject of the advent, and all subjects connected with it, in the Bible, make them rich. And yet they know not that they are "wretched and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." How? Answer, spiritually; because they would certainly know it, if they were literally in this state. Then with all their Bible knowledge, they have not got the meet in due season. At

their general conference last May, a question arose about their declaration of principles for the future. It was finally settled that the Address that they sent forth from the Mutual Conference of Adventists at Albany, N. Y., April 29, 1845, should be their principles of faith for this present 1850. It is true they have given the right view in the general, that was to guide them to the end of the 2300 days; but as they are to proceed on in their course of action, in their proclamation of an open door for Babylon, and all the world, just as they came from the Albany Conference in 1849, they prove clearly that they have gained nothing; made no progress. They have only run almost round a circle, in a five years race, beating the air, and now they declare their starting point from April 29, 1845, to be the best they can give for May, 1850. It looks clear that they have acknowledged their Laodicean state of neither cold nor hot. They have neither one position nor yet another. How unlike the path of the just, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

It is in vain for them to apply the Laodicean

state of the church, now existing, (and must exist before Jesus comes,) to any other class of believers on earth. The shut door believers are in the Philadelphia church. The nominal church, are back of 1844, in the Sardis state, spiritually dead. "I counsel of thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, [present truth, that has stood the trial of six years opposition, and now is shining brighter and brighter,] that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment that thou mayest be clothed, [righteousness, or righteous acts of the saints,] and eye-salve that thou mayest see." [See the present truth.] Verse 18. Jesus counsels no one to buy of him earthly riches, etc., no; it is the present truth that the Laodiceans must have to be saved. "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous, therefore, and repent." Verse 19. Jesus still loves some that are in the Laodicean church, and calls on them to repent. If they were deceived by false teachers, they must leave them as soon as possible, and be "zealous" and "repent;" for every one that is found in that state

when Jesus leaves the Sanctuary, and ceases to plead for the honest ones among them, will be destroyed. They must get back into the open door in the Philadelphia church that no man can shut, where they came from; for that is the only true church, or place of safety. Read, in verse 20, the last, loving message of Jesus to you, - "Behold I stand at the door, and knock. If any man hear my voice, and open the door, [the door of the heart,] I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Jesus will commune with you if you will open your heart and receive the truth. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne." Thus the promise is extended from verse 18th to the 22nd. Now is the time to repent and turn to the truth. Be quick! Hasten for your life!!

Jesus is cleansing the Sanctuary, or is blotting out the errors of the house of Israel. When this work is finished, he will take his place on the great white cloud. Then, the seven Angels will pour out the seven last plagues. This will begin the "great day of his wrath," Rev.vi,17. This is the day of Babylon's plagues. Her

plagues will come in one prophetic "day, death, and mourning, and famine, and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her." Rev.xviii,8.

"In all the land saith the Lord; TWO PARTS therein shall be cut off, and die; but the THIRD shall be left therein. God says he will bring the THIRD PART through the fire, and refine them. They shall call upon him, and he will hear them. He will say IT IS MY PEOPLE; and they shall say the LORD IS MY GOD." First part, SARDIS, the nominal church or Babylon. Second part, Laodicea, the nominal Adventist. Third part, Philadelphia, the only true church of God on earth, for they ask to be translated to the city of God. Rev.iii,12; Heb.xii,22-24. In the name of Jesus, I exhort you again to flee from the Laodiceans, as from Sodom and Gomorrah. Their teachings are false and delusive; and lead to utter destruction. Death! DEATH!!!* eternal DEATH!!! is on their track. Remember Lot's wife.

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Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible

If you are using anything but the KJV, you are using a Catholic influenced Bible [see June 2017 issue for details], which strategically twists and leaves out key words and verses so as to make even the ecumenical movement between religions outside of Christianity possible.

Besides the King James Version being the Protestant's Bible, the true version, built into the King James Version is a dictionary. True Seventh-day Adventists follow Isaiah's directions and take a little here and little there. In other words, we let the Bible interpret itself, as compared to most preachers and teachers today that get caught up in all kinds of Greek and Hebrew and tenses and basically taking the understanding right out of the average Christian's hands. We ought not need to run to theologians to get the right understanding of verses. We ought to be able to get the right understanding through the scriptures. But with the modern versions, that built-in dictionary has become corrupted and even lost.

Compare Revelation 12:17 to 19:10. Most versions will not provide the identifying mark of Seventh-Day Adventists.

King James Version:

12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See [thou do it] not: I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

CONCLUSION: "The testimony of Jesus Christ" in 12:17 is defined by 19:10 "The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy".

These versions do not support the Spirit of Prophecy being an identifying mark of the remnant church.

New International Version

12:17 Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring--those who keep God's commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.

19:10 At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God!

For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus."

New Living Translation

12:17 And the dragon was angry at the woman and declared war against the rest of her children--all who keep God's commandments and maintain their testimony for Jesus. [18] Then the dragon took his stand on the shore beside the sea.

19:10 Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said, "No, don't worship me. I am a servant of God, just like you and your brothers and sisters who testify about their faith in Jesus. Worship only God. For the essence of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus."

Contemporary English Version

12:17 This made the dragon terribly angry with the woman. So it started a war against the rest of her children. They are the people who obey God and are faithful to what Jesus did and taught. 18 The dragon stood on the beach beside the sea.

19:10 I knelt at the feet of the angel and began to worship him. But the angel said, "Don't do that! I am a servant, just like you and everyone else who tells about Jesus. Don't worship anyone but God. Everyone who tells

about Jesus does it by the power of the Spirit."

Good News Translation

12:17 The dragon was furious with the woman and went off to fight against the rest of her descendants, all those who obey God's commandments and are faithful to the truth revealed by Jesus. 18 And the dragon stood on the seashore.

19:10 I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "Don't do it! I am a servant together with you and with other believers, all those who hold to the truth that Jesus revealed. Worship God!" For the truth that Jesus revealed is what inspires the prophets.

World English Bible

12:17 The dragon grew angry with the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep God's commandments and hold Jesus' testimony.

19:10 I fell down before his feet to worship him. He said to me, "Look! Don't do it! I am a fellow bondservant with you and with your brothers who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God, for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy."

Though it may appear correct, the word "about" is not the same as "of" and no one would compare scripture and find the definition. The

word "about" is like a story or profile, while "of" denotes ownership; it is a possession that Jesus is willing to share.

Christian Standard Bible

12:17 So the dragon was furious with the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring--those who keep the commands of God and hold firmly to the testimony about Jesus. The dragon stood on the sand of the sea.

19:10 Then I fell at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers and sisters who hold firmly to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God, because the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Holman Christian Standard Bible

12:17 So the dragon was furious with the woman and left to wage war against the rest of her offspring--those who keep God's commands and have the testimony about Jesus. [18] He stood on the sand of the sea.

19:10 Then I fell at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow slave with you and your brothers who have the testimony about Jesus. Worship God, because the testimony about Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

International Standard Version

12:17 The dragon became angry with the woman and went away to do battle against the rest of her children, the ones who keep God's commandments and hold on to the testimony about Jesus. Then the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore.

19:10 I bowed down at his feet to worship him, but he told me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who rely on what Jesus is saying. Worship God, because what Jesus is saying is the spirit of prophecy!"

NET Bible

12:17 So the dragon became enraged at the woman and went away to make war on the rest of her children, those who keep God's commandments and hold to the testimony about Jesus. And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore.

19:10 So I threw myself down at his feet to worship him, but he said, "Do not do this! I am only a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony about Jesus. Worship God, for the testimony about Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Weymouth New Testament

12:17 This made the Dragon furiously angry with the woman, and he went elsewhere to make war upon her other children--those who keep God's commandments

and hold fast to the testimony of Jesus.

19:10 Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he exclaimed, "Oh, do not do that. I am a fellow bondservant of yours and a fellow bondservant of your brethren who have borne testimony to Jesus. Worship God." Testimony to Jesus is the spirit which underlies Prophecy.

These may have it correct regarding the two sections of text being compared, but we still question the modern language in other details of the verses, implying that there is more than one denomination, as "remnant" implies singular, but the word "offspring" or "children" implies multiples.

English Standard Version

12:17 Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

19:10 Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Berean Study Bible

12:17 And the dragon was enraged at the wom-

an, and went to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore.

19:10 So I fell at his feet to worship him. But he told me, "Do not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who rely on the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

New American Standard

12:17 So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

19:10 Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

New Heart English Bible

12:17 The serpent grew angry with the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

19:10 I fell down before his feet to worship him. He said to me, "Look. Do not do it. I am a fellow servant with you and

with your brothers who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God, for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy."

GOD'S WORD® Translation

12:17 The serpent became angry with the woman. So it went away to fight with her other children, the ones who keep God's commands and hold on to the testimony of Jesus. The serpent stood on the sandy shore of the sea.

19:10 I bowed at his feet to worship him. But he told me, "Don't do that! I am your coworker and a coworker of the Christians who hold on to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God, because the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy!"

New King James Version

12:17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Reasonably Correct:

Aramaic Bible in Plain English

12:17 And the Dragon raged against the woman

and went to make war with the remnant of her Seed, these who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Yeshua.

19:10 And I fell before his feet and worshiped him, and he said to me, "No! I am your fellow Servant and of your brothers who have the testimony of Yeshua. Worship God, rather, for the testimony of Yeshua is the spirit of prophecy."

Jubilee Bible 2000

12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow-servant and with thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus; worship God; for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Douay-Rheims Bible

12:17 And the dragon was angry against the woman: and went to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

19:10 And I fell down before his feet, to adore him. And he saith to me: See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren, who have the testimony of Jesus. Adore God. For the testi-

mony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

American Standard Version

12:17 And the dragon waxed wroth with the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, that keep the commandments of God, and hold the testimony of Jesus:

19:10 And I fell down before his feet to worship him. And he saith unto me, See thou do it not: I am a fellow-servant with thee and with thy brethren that hold the testimony of Jesus: worship God; for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Darby Bible Translation

12:17 And the dragon was angry with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, who keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus.

19:10 And I fell before his feet to do him homage. And he says to me, See [thou do it] not. I am thy fellow-bondman, and [the fellow-bondman] of thy brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Do homage to God. For the spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus.

English Revised Version

12:17 And the dragon waxed wroth with the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and hold the testimony of Jesus:

19:10 And I fell down before his feet to worship him. And he saith unto me, See thou do it not: I am a fellow-servant with thee and with thy brethren that hold the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Webster's Bible Translation

12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, who keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said to me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Young's Literal Translation

12:17 and the dragon was angry against the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, those keeping the commands of God, and having the testimony of Jesus Christ.

19:10 and I fell before his feet, to bow before him, and he saith to me, 'See – not! fellow servant of thee am I, and of thy brethren, those having the testimony of Jesus; bow before God, for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of the prophecy.'



Go Ye Therefore, And Teach

INTRODUCTION REPEATED: This article is intended to train Seventh-day Adventists to be able to quickly “[be] ready always to [give] an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” (1 Peter 3:15). These are topics that Adventists should know, but we find that many cannot teach it to others. Now, we do not want to provide every verse possible to share because first, an Adventist cannot easily commit such to memory, plus this generation that we will be sharing the message with, no matter how old they are, are only looking for snippets of information, not a session, if they are even open to being taught. Therefore, you may have a verse in mind that would be great to share, but do not be surprised if it is not included because all of us have our favorite verses on a given subject. It will not hurt if you would like to include it, though.

With that said, make sure you have a Bible that permits placing notes in it. A wide margin Bible with note pages in the back is perfect for this. On one of the note pages, jot down the information we are going to share, then throughout the Bible, chain link

each of the verses together. For instance, on the first verse I share with someone, I circle the verse number, and write in the margin the next verse to go to, plus I write some key words to share.

TOPIC: What Does Daniel 2 Reveal?

Though this does not have to be the second lesson you give someone, this next topic will help people understand prophecy, maybe develop an interest in it, and hopefully see that God’s Word is “sure”.

1) We begin in Daniel 2:26 to introduce into the minds of students a little more detail than mere prophecy. Today’s argument is that the Bible is made up of content by human writers and has no more special quality than any other book with paper and ink.

2) Link to the very next verse of Daniel 2:27 and bring out how we ought not be wasting time or energy being on the devil’s playground with astrologers (horoscopes), magicians, or other modern-day instruments that are not of God.

3) What did Daniel not claim to have? Link to the very next verse of Daniel 2:28 and notice that Daniel does not

claim a special power to make known dreams, or for that matter, prophecy.

4) What makes the Bible different from any other book? Link to 2 Peter 1:21, to reveal the special contents of the words in the Bible. Each contributor to the Bible was a mere writer. The actual Author is God, Who, through the power of the Holy Spirit caused people to proclaim a message.

5) Let us study a Bible prophecy. Link back to Daniel 2:29 and take notice that the dream that is about to be revealed is a prophecy that tells about every world-influencing kingdom from the time of Daniel all the way until the end of time without missing anything in between. The words “what shall come to pass” means from this point forward. Make sure that point is clear because many Christians believe there is a pause in the prophecy that is about to be provided.

6) Again, what did Daniel not claim? Link to the next verse of Daniel 2:30 and reaffirm that the Bible is not a human construction. In fact, most contributors did not know what exactly they were recording, but they still recorded it because it is for us to understand,

and not even for the prophet back then.

7) What is prophecy? Link to Daniel 2:31-36 concluding with the fact that Daniel is going to provide from God the meaning of all those symbols.

8) What does the head of gold represent? Link to Daniel 2:37-38 and recognize that the head of gold is symbolic of King Nebuchadnezzar and the kingdom of Babylon.

9) What follows Babylon? Link to the first half of Daniel 2:39 which states, "And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee". As we stated, the objects are actually kingdoms. Now, Daniel 2 does not tell us the name of the kingdom, but Daniel does reveal the name elsewhere.

10) In Daniel 5, what kingdom is still ruling? Link to Daniel 5:2 to establish that Babylon is still reigning at this point by Belshazzar being related to "father Nebuchadnezzar", keeping in mind that 'father' is a generic reference to any male blood-member in a line of succession. In this case, it is actually grandfather.

11) What happened during this drinking party? Link to Daniel 5:5 to reveal the incident that happened during this party.

12) Who assists in reading the writing on the

wall? Link to Daniel 5:13 to reveal that Daniel once again is brought before a ruler to explain things.

13) What did the message say? Finally, link to Daniel 5:25-31 to find out that Babylon is followed by the Medes and Persians.

14) What happens after the Medes and Persians? Link back to Daniel 2:39 for the rest of the verse, which says, "and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth." Again, we are not told here what the name of the third kingdom is, so we link to a prophecy still in the Book of Daniel that reveals the third kingdom.

15) What happens to Daniel in chapter 8? Link to Daniel 8:2 to establish that there indeed is a vision.

16) What did Daniel see? Jump down to Daniel 8:4-7 to find out that he sees two animals fighting to the death.

17) What do these animals mean? Jump down to Daniel 8:20-21 to find out that Medes and Persians fell to Greece.

18) What happens after Greece? Link back to Daniel 2:40 to see the establishment of a fourth kingdom.

19) What is the fourth kingdom? Daniel does not reveal such, so realizing this kingdom likes to

break things, we link to John 11:47-48 to see that it is the Roman power that is next in line.

20) What happens after Rome? Link back to Daniel 2:41, 42 and find out that the fourth kingdom separates into ten pieces, which makes up, according to history, what we call Europe today.

21) What is notable about these ten kingdoms? Jump to Daniel 2:43 and find out that there will be many attempts, even through marriage, to unify Europe but every method will fail and has failed.

22) What is after the Ten kings? Jump to Daniel 2:44 to find out that God sets up His kingdom that will last throughout eternity.

23) What should we remember about the prophecy? Finish up with Daniel 2:45 noting the words "God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter". That means the evangelical understanding is not correct in which they believe in a unification of Europe and that the prophecy paused after Rome and we are waiting for the united ten kingdoms before prophecy picks up again. The word "hereafter" means from the time of Babylon, without missing any periods of time, all has been shown in one continuous timeline. 

News And Comments

November 1

Common Dreams

The American Taliban

Comment: The article states, "Our equally extreme evangelical vice president Mike Pence also believes our laws should be based on the bible."

"And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Revelation 13:15). A nation speaks through laws and if those laws are said to be based upon the Bible, at least their interpretation of the Bible, we have an image to the beast using unbiblical doctrines to influence the government.

November 8

CNN

Nancy Pelosi plans to push for revival of climate change committee in new Congress

Comment: Do we see that Republicans alone will not be bringing in Sunday law? The people demand on the right to shut commerce down on Sundays to return to life like the 1950's and on the left, they demand doing what it takes to help deal with climate change by giving the planet a rest

one day a week. Either way, the people are demanding action from both sides of the isle exactly as Ellen White wrote: "The dignitaries of church and State will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. In the soon-coming conflict we shall see exemplified the prophet's words: 'The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.'" [Revelation 12:17.] {GC88 592.3}

November 3

Yahoo News

Supreme Court Rejects White House Move To Block Teens' Climate Change Lawsuit

Comment: This case, as many, may have an attempt to be settled out of court. Will that settlement or even the result of

the court case force the pope's solution to climate change? "Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance" (GC88 592.3).

November 1

CruxNow

Bible has power to transform lives, pope says

Comment: In usual fashion while speaking in favoritism of the Bible, they themselves consider themselves above the Bible.

"A day of great intellectual darkness has been shown to be favorable to the success of popery. It will yet be demonstrated that a day of great intellectual light is equally favorable for its success. In past ages, when men were without God's Word, and without the knowledge of the truth, their eyes were blindfolded, and thousands were ensnared, not seeing the net spread for their feet. In this generation there are many whose eyes become dazzled by the glare of human speculations, 'science falsely so-called;' they discern not the net, and walk into it as readily as if blindfolded. God designed that

man's intellectual powers should be held as a gift from his Maker, and should be employed in the service of truth and righteousness; but when pride and ambition are cherished, and men exalt their own theories above the Word of God, then intelligence can accomplish greater harm than ignorance. Thus the false science of the nineteenth century, which undermines faith in the Bible, will prove as successful in preparing the way for the acceptance of the papacy, with its pleasing forms, as did the withholding of knowledge in opening the way for its aggrandizement in the Dark Ages." {GC88 572.3}

November 8

Yahoo News

J.K. Rowling Channels George Orwell to Speak Out Against Jim Acosta's White House Suspension

Comment: Evidence of "giving heed to seducing spirits" (1 Timothy 4:1). "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" (Luke 24:5).

November 9

Yahoo News

Harvard scientists say Oumuamua may be probe sent by "alien civilization"

Comment: It is a distraction of Satan. How do I know? Because sin came to this planet and isolated her from interaction with the rest of the universe,

from the unfallen worlds. Further, if other worlds are also fallen then Christ would have to have had visited their planets, die, and rise again as well, and the Bible does not teach such. It teaches that we are the only fallen world.

"With His human arm Christ encircled the race, while with His divine arm He grasped the throne of the Infinite, uniting finite man with the infinite God. By transgression the world had been divorced from heaven. Christ bridged the gulf, and connected earth with heaven. In human nature He maintained the purity of His divine character. He lived the law of God, and honored it in a world of transgression, revealing to the worlds unfallen, to the heavenly universe, to Satan, and to all the fallen sons and daughters of Adam that through His grace humanity can keep the law of God! He came to impart His own divine nature, His own image, to the repentant, believing soul." {8MR 40.4}

November 7

AL

Ten Commandments amendment overwhelmingly approved

Comment: This is a huge step towards Sunday law. Just as state by state homosexual approval became law of the land, Alabama has begun the process with the Ten Commandments. And of course they push Sunday as the Sabbath command-

ment. "The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. In this time the gold will be separated from the dross in the church."--5T 81

November 13

Catholic Herald

Despite being overwhelmingly Lutheran, Finland has opened its heart to Catholicism

Comment: According to the article, Lutherans used to refer to the Catholic Church as the anti-christ, but now refer to her as the "mother church". "His deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 13:3). "And upon her forehead [was] a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Revelation 17:5).

November 18

Newsweek

Number of Witches Rises Dramatically Across U.S. As Millennials Reject Christianity

Comment: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils" (1 Timothy 4:1).



Periodically, we need reminded that our bodies are not our own. And sometimes we need to get back to the basics. We need to hear from the words of inspiration, the Spirit of Prophecy. The following is found in a book called *Healthful Living*, published in 1897.

Chapter I. – Our Bodies, Temples of the Holy Ghost.

God's Workmanship.

1. God is the owner of the whole man. Soul, body, and spirit are his. God gave his only begotten Son for the body as well as the soul, and our entire life belongs to God, to be consecrated to his service, that through the exercise of every faculty he has given, we may glorify him. – Y. I., Sept. 7, 1893. {HL 9.1}

2. From the first dawn of reason the human mind should become intelligent in regard to the physical structure of the body. Here Jehovah has given a specimen of himself; for man was made in the image of God. – U. T., Jan. 11, 1897. {HL 9.2}

3. The living organism is God's property. It belongs to him by creation and by redemption; and by a misuse of any of our powers we rob God of the honor due him. – U. T., Aug. 30, 1896. {HL 9.3}

4. We are God's work-

manship, and his word declares that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." He has prepared this living habitation for the mind; it is "curiously wrought," a temple which the Lord himself has fitted up for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. – S. T. on E., p. 33. {HL 9.4}

5. The very flesh in which the soul tabernacles, and through which it works, is the Lord's. – U. T., Oct. 12, 1896. {HL 10.1}

Creation's Crown.

6. Man was the crowning act of the creation of God, made in the image of God, and designed to be a counterpart of God. . . . Man is very dear to God, because he was formed in his own image. This fact should impress us with the importance of teaching by precept and example the sin of defiling, by the indulgence of appetite or by any other sinful practice, the body which is designed to represent God to the world. – R. and H., 1895, No. 25.

{HL 10.2}

7. The wonderful mechanism of the human body does not receive half the care that is often given to a mere lifeless machine. – G. W., p. 175. {HL 10.3}

Personal Rights.

8. Have I not the right to do as I please with my own body?--No, you have no moral right, because you are violating the laws of life and health which God has given you. You are the Lord's property,-- his by creation and his by redemption. Every human being is under obligation to preserve the living machinery that is so fearfully and wonderfully made. – U. T., May 19, 1897. {HL 10.4}

9. The physical organism should have special care, that the powers of the body may not be dwarfed, but developed to their full extent. – Y. I., July 27, 1893. {HL 10.5}

10. The health should be as sacredly guarded as the character. – C.

T., p. 83. {HL 10.6}

11. Jesus did not ignore the claims of the body, He had respect for the physical condition of man, and went about healing the sick, and restoring their faculties to those suffering from their loss.

How incumbent, then, is it upon us to preserve the natural health with which God has endowed us, and to avoid dwarfing or weakening our powers. – H. R. {HL 10.7}

Mind Supreme.

12. As they more fully understand the human body, the wonderful work of God's hand, formed in the image of the divine, they will seek to bring their bodies into subjection to the noble powers of the mind. The body will be regarded by them as a wonderful structure, formed by the Infinite Designer, and given into their charge to be kept in harmonious action. –

H. R. {HL 11.1}

13. The obligation we owe to God in presenting to him clean, pure, healthy bodies is not comprehended. – U. T., May 19, 1897. {HL 11.2}

Christ in Man.

14. Christ is to live in his human agents, and work through their faculties, and act through their capabilities. – M. of B., p. 128. {HL 11.3}

15. When human agents choose the will of God, and are conformed to the character of Christ, Jesus acts through their organs and faculties.--S. T., No. 3, p. 49. {HL 11.4}

16. The Spirit of Christ is to take possession of the organs of speech, of the mental powers, of the physical and moral powers. – S. T., No. 6, p. 53. {HL 11.5}

Service.

17. Our very bodies are not our own, to treat as we please, to cripple

by habits that lead to decay, making it impossible to render to God perfect service. Our lives and all our faculties belong to him. He is caring for us every moment; he keeps the living machinery in action; if we were left to run it for one moment, we should die. We are absolutely dependent upon God.--U. T., Oct. 12, 1896. {HL 11.6}

18. It was a wonderful thing for God to create man, to make mind. He created him that every faculty might be the faculty of the divine mind. The glory of God is to be revealed in the creating of man in God's image, and in his redemption. One soul is of more value than a world. The Lord Jesus is the author of our being, and he is also the author of our redemption; and every one who will enter the kingdom of God must develop a character that is the counterpart of the character of God. None can dwell with God in a holy heaven but those who bear his likeness. Those who are redeemed will be overcomers; they will be elevated, pure, one with Christ.– S. T., May 31, 1896. {HL 12.1}



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Healthy And Delicious Recipes

Vegetarian Shepherd's Pie

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3 lbs Potatoes
1 Medium Onion
1 1/2 cups Lentils
2 Cloves of Garlic
2 tsp Fresh Thyme
4 cups Vegetable Stock
3 tbsp vegetarian Butter
Mixed veggies (peas, carrots, green beans, celery)
Touch of Salt

POTATOES: Slice them in half, place in a large pot and fill with water until just covered. Bring to a low boil using me-

dium high heat, cover and cook for 20-30 minutes, drain, put into a mixing bowl, mash until smooth, add 3 tbsp of vegetarian butter, and season with salt to taste. Loosely cover and set aside.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F and prepare 2-quart baking dish.

In a large saucepan over medium heat, Sauté onions and garlic until lightly browned. Then add lentils, stock, and thyme and stir. Bring to a low boil. Then reduce heat to simmer. Continue cooking until lentils are ten-

der (35-40 minutes).

In the last 10 minutes of cooking, add the veggies, stir, and cover allowing the flavors to mix together.

Transfer to your prepared oven-safe baking dish and carefully top with mashed potatoes. Smooth down with a spoon or fork and season with a little salt.

Bake for 10-15 minutes or until potatoes are lightly browned on top.

Let cool briefly before serving. The longer it sits, the more it will thicken.

Homemade Ketchup Without the Vinegar

3/4 cup water
2 tablespoons juice from fresh lemon
2 tablespoons honey
1/3 cup tomato paste
1 teaspoon soy sauce

Blend all ingredients together.

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Keep the Sabbath Holy

This regularly scheduled column is to enlighten us to proper keeping of the Sabbath through the writings of Ellen White and then additional comments by us, the publishers of this publication since we have so many surface readers as well as those who do not know how to apply certain statements.

Ellen White writes regarding the Sabbath, "On Friday let the preparation for the Sabbath be completed. See that all the clothing is in readiness and that all the cooking is done. Let the boots be blacked and the baths be taken. It is possible to do this. If you make it a rule you can do it. The Sabbath is not to be given to the repairing of garments, to the cooking of food, to pleasure seeking, or to any other worldly employment. Before the setting of the sun let all secular work be laid aside and all secular papers be put out of sight. Parents, explain your work and its purpose to your children, and let them share in your preparation to keep the Sabbath according to the commandment." {6T 355.3}

The following is a focus on each of the points she states.

#1 When Ellen White stated that Sabbath preparation was to be completed on Friday, that does not include the hours after sunset. Everything should

be done Friday morning and afternoon. In the winter, that means mid-afternoon. Too many Adventists are running around the house minutes before the Sabbath comes in making sure the homes ready, if at all. Some treat the Sabbath as nothing to prepare for, which discredits the name of the day before the Sabbath found in the Bible – "preparation day" (Mark 15:42).

#2 Having clothing in readiness means to have them picked out ahead of time so there are no surprises in the morning. No missing buttons, no tears, no stains, and making sure all the other articles of clothing match. If socks are worn, it is time to know the appropriate socks are ready. If a tie will be selected, select it beforehand to make sure it is in a condition to be used. If a certain shirt is to be worn with the outfit, to make sure it is available as well and not in the laundry. All of these activities regarding the simple selection of clothing are to be in the mode of avoiding the "what shall I wear" waste of time on God's holy day.

#3 All cooking done prior to the Sabbath means that all we ought to have to do is either just eat it if it is meant to be eaten at room temperature, or reheat it. All the boiling, mixing, chopping, etc. should be done ahead of

time on the preparation day or even earlier.

#4 Boots being blacked also includes, in modern times, a quick wipe down of dress shoes removing dust and possible dirt that may have been collected since last Sabbath. Too many Sabbath keepers get dressed for church and then remember, "Oh, that's right. It was muddy last Sabbath and some mud splashed up on the side of my shoes. Let me get a damp cloth and wipe that quickly." That is breaking the Sabbath. And yes, *"God is particular, and his angels who are sent forth to do his will are grieved with your lack of spirituality, pureness, and godliness. You must bring yourself under strict discipline, and reform in life, or your labors will prove a curse instead of a blessing"* {RH, August 0, 1862 par. 5}. Now, if such happens on the way to church, that is a different story in which you may have to use the restroom, but on the way home, it is best to remember some time during the week to clean them. Keep in mind, it is not the activity, but it is the motive. Specifically for ladies, once again it comes down to avoiding wasting God's time with, "What shoes match my outfit?", assuming you have just so many to choose from.

#5 Baths ought to be taken prior to the Sabbath,

which is a controversial topic among Adventists. If you work on a farm and have to feed the chickens in the morning, and the horses, and... sure, removing the farm stench is necessary, but most of us should be able to take a bath or shower Friday afternoon or evening before the Sabbath instead of racing around the house during Sabbath hours treating the Sabbath like any other day. No, this not to be dismissed by declaring "back in her day, it was a lot of work to bathe with having to boil the water, getting the washtub out, hanging a curtain, etc. Did you know that showers were common by the 1880s? We do not see Ellen White later writing, "now that showers are available, we no longer have to be careful about bathing on the Sabbath." And if anyone has little children to bathe, clean up afterwards is a real chore. Besides, Sabbath evening is meant to be spent together, but having a nice size family of four or five means hours apart instead as each one takes turns Friday night during Sabbath hours taking baths or showers. And if the same family takes such in the morning instead, what chaos occurs as each is pressed for time before running out the door go get to church. Besides, the biggest thing that Seventh-day Adventists are guilty of is making sure the letter of the law is kept when the spiritual is left dragging in the dust. In this case we

are told, "your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost" (1 Corinthians 6:19). Would the temple in Jesus' day be dusted and cleaned during Sabbath hours? Of course not. Preparation for temple services included preparing the temple on the preparation day, so we ought to be doing the same with our bodies. To dismiss this because it is so much easier today to bathe is missing the principle. Easiness does not permit breaking God's commandments.

Would you be caught buying food on the Sabbath using self-checkout as an excuse since no "servant" is involved, and it is so easy to do so? If one says, "In your example, you ought not buy anything on the Sabbath", I would say again you are missing the point, especially when the Friday afternoon or morning purchases you may have gone out for and used plastic to pay for are actually not processed until after Sabbath hours. Most stores do not perform instant charging but simply pinging the card and then they are bulk processed late that day. That means that the money is actually being transacted over the Sabbath. So again, would you go through self-checkout on the Sabbath since it is so much easier to pick up food now as compared to Ellen White's day? Of course not! Then why does water falling inside an enclosed room called a shower be any different?

#6 Pleasure seeking, which includes treating the Sabbath as a recreation day, is forbidden. The Sabbath is not a recreation day. That means tossing the ball around in the yard or shooting hoops is not appropriate for Sabbath, nor is roller blading, racing on bicycles, etc. Sure, being raised Catholic ingrained the thought that Sunday was a relaxing day and used for activities like that of gardening and light yard work as well as hobbies does not mean such transfers over to God's Sabbath. God's Sabbath is not a relaxation day to work on hobbies and around the house. It is a spiritual day. A day where we get to know our Creator like no other day. Yes, we may enjoy the outdoors but done in God's way.

#7 The reference to no worldly employment is obvious. Sabbath is the time that people ought to tell their employers that they are not able to work for them. This includes "mandatory" work days, even though infrequent, it includes emergency projects as well. It is understandable regarding the animal in the ditch where if you are the only one that can take care of something job related, you cannot tell everyone to wait until after the Sabbath. Personally, I am a programmer and technically the only one, as I am self-employed. If I release new code for a client into the system and during the Sabbath hours thousands upon thou-

sands of users can no longer use the application, I would then treat it as an animal in the ditch and deal with it. I would go in, resolve the issue, get out, and even though I many notice “while I am at” situations, I will return to the Sabbath immediately after just doing the fix. Some may disagree with that, however, with what I have said I would do, I plan wisely to avoid such. I have a rule – No new code release on the preparation day. That includes Thursday night and Friday. In fact, new code is released after the Sabbath. In the many years I have been self-employed as a programmer and planning ahead, not once have I had to deal with the animal in the ditch. For those that broaden the situation to allow for other excuses to be as the animal in the ditch, do keep in mind, if the animal falls in the ditch on a regular basis, it is time to sell or kill the animal – definitely fill in the ditch. Further, if one knows that a situation is coming up where Sabbath breaking is expected, seek out the employer and make arrangements to not participate well ahead of time instead of waiting to closer to the moment creating a crisis situation. Many times, it can be avoided. Now, ending employment over the Sabbath also includes needing to be excused earlier on Fridays during the winter. Employment restriction also includes, as far as possible, doctors, nurses, police officers, fire

fighters, etc. which are all to do their best to avoid employment on that day. There is much counsel regarding our health workers in the way they treat the Sabbath that especially doctors and nurses and other health facility workers, including janitors, need to read before getting irked about the statement of needing to avoid the Sabbath work as much as possible. Too many use the excuse, “Well, Jesus healed on the Sabbath” to justify regular employment in health facilities. There is no justification for regular employment. People get sick over the Sabbath and such personnel do need to deal with the sickness right away, which is different than participating in regularly schedule appointments and even routines. Besides, counsel from Ellen White’s pen, but the Author being God, states that all such funds collected during Sabbath hours ought to be offered to God in addition to tithes and normal offerings. Like I said, before a health care worker gets irked, please read the many counsels on the subject. Your argument will not be with me – it will be with God. I state this because every time this is brought up, many health professionals turn around and attack the presenter of the material instead of accepting the truth of the matter.

#8 Putting things out of sight and secular work aside includes all the tidy-

ing around the home. We are not to go about the Sabbath day putting things in their places. We are to go through the house on the preparation day and make sure everything is in order. Sure, when we, on the Sabbath, get things out of order, it is proper to put them back in order on the Sabbath. We do not just cast our sleepwear on the floor stating that it is the Sabbath.

#9 Sabbath is not only a time to be kept holy, but it is a teaching time. Teaching our children about the Sabbath and the Creator of it is one of the grand responsibilities as parents, but too often parents are stressed on the preparation day to get the house in order that they set their children aside in some form of entertainment while the parents go about preparing for the Sabbath. Nonsense. If it is that stressful, somebody needs to get started earlier in preparing. The children are to be involved. For instance, on the preparation day, we make sure every little trashcan in various rooms throughout our house contains a fresh bag for the Sabbath. At the age of 2, I had one of my children carry replacement bags as the more than half-dozen cans were changed out. Starting as early as five and even four, our children ran the vacuum cleaner. Yes, we followed up in most cases, but the point is, children involvement! 📖

How Do You Resolve It?

It is one thing to know some verses that help a person stay in the faith, but it is another thing to know the Word in such a way that when a verse seems contradictory to know how to resolve it. True Seventh-day Adventists do not ignore verses. It is our hope that this section will help answer some of those challenges that we may come across personally, or be used by others against our beliefs.

Should a wife be subject to her husband in all cases?

“Ye wives, [be] in subjection to your own husbands” (1 Peter 3:1). “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord” (Colossians 3:18). “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord” (Ephesians 5:22).

Now, when presented with obedience to the commandments, should a wife obey the dictates of her husband if the husband declares that either she is not allowed to do something in compliance with the commandments, or she is to do something that is contrary to the command-

ments. A real specific example is that of regarding the Sabbath. A wife and her son faithfully attended meetings, believed everything including the Sabbath, and when it was time for baptism, they ceased attending. Eventually contact was made with the wife and her reason was that her Sunday keeping husband forbade her and their son from keeping the true Sabbath. She used these verses as her justification of disobeying the fourth commandment.

And looked upon in an extreme situation, it becomes very clear that a wife is not subject to her husband in all cases, for instance, if her husband told her to rob a bank or commit murder or become a prostitute, how many would tell the wife to be subject to her husband? None! At least we hope none.

How is this resolved?

Although it is true that a woman is subject to her husband, it is not a slave relationship nor is it a dictatorial one. “As it is fit in the Lord” means that a wife is subject as in agreement with God and not simply saying, “I must be

subject to my husband because any insubordination, even for a godly reason, is not tolerated or fit in God’s eyes.” No. The “fit in the Lord” is about the reason to be subject to a husband. If the husband makes a godly request and she simply does not feel like fulfilling it, that is when she ought to be subject to her husband; but if the husband makes an ungodly request, she has no obligation whatsoever. Besides, it is a two-way street. Husbands and wives ought to consider Ephesians 5:21, which says, “Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.”

Further, a wife is not to be waiting on her husband hand and foot, either. The Bible is quite clear: “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it” (Ephesians 5:25). Jesus said, “Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for [so] I am. If I then, [your] Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another’s feet” (John 13:13-14). Therefore, the husband ought to be making the wife’s job easier and not adding *undo extra*

burdens upon her.

The bottom line is that a wife is subject to her husband when the two disagree on a matter but the husband is acting godly at the time; otherwise, subjection comes into question. For instance, an inheritance comes in and the husband wants to buy literature to dis-

tribute while the wife wants to take a vacation to an exciting resort. The wife ought to be subject to her husband.

Likewise, if that same inheritance occurs and the husband wants to throw an alcoholic party to celebrate with the wife making the food for the guests, she

ought to be very careful in being subject to her husband as her actions would then be supporting sin. This does not mean to be disrespectful. There is a difference.

So, like Peter said, “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29).



Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth

This new section of the newsletter is not to be read as *Four Angels Messages* just looking for things to attack or slam the church with. If any have the attitude, “Yet another attack on the church. I know we have problems but this is not the way to deal with them”, you need to change your attitude. These things do show more than problems as these come from our leadership who are to lead. Many average Adventists know better and if they know better, our leaders ought to know more, hence the role of leadership. But more importantly, the purpose of this subject is to have those Adventists that are unaware of these things

being error and to avoid them. For instance, a pastor who teaches that it is okay to have sex on the Sabbath is actually teaching people to break the Sabbath. Jesus said, “Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach [them], the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:19). That means the pastor that is in error is least, but we have the responsibility then to undo their error. And when the error is made public, “Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may

fear” (1 Timothy 5:20).

November 3, 2018

ADVENTIST TODAY: A New Interpretation of the Little Horn of Daniel 7

We have advanced the interpretation that the beast with ten horns is the United States of America. Horns represent kings, which is what the prophet, from his viewpoint, would call presidents. What United States president can be described as having “a mouth that spoke boastfully”? No POTUS in history has been the braggart that the current officeholder is. No president has been as self-important, nor as self-centered, nor as regardless of the

needs of others.

Thus we posit that the little horn of Daniel 7 is none other than Donald J. Trump. There has never been a United States president like him; of him could the prophet accurately say, "After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones" (24).

(<https://atoday.org/a-new-interpretation-of-the-little-horn-of-daniel-7/>)

COMMENT: This is one of our leading magazines and they do not know who the real anti-christ is? This is sad. It breaks all prophetic understanding. For instance, it breaks the connection between Daniel 2 and Daniel 7. It breaks the sequential succession of prophecy as it was revealed from King of Babylon until the end of time. By re-interpreting it, that means there is a gap between the fall of Greece and the rise of the United States. That stinks of being teachings from Evangelicals in which they throw the ten toes of the statue into the future as well.

November 11, 2018

In Fulcrum (<http://www.fulcrum7.com/blog/2018/11/11/>)

[former-chico-sda-pastor-becomes-pastor-at-united-church-of-christ](#)), it was announced, "Former Chico SDA Pastor Becomes Pastor At United Church of Christ."

EGW: "As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position, and join the ranks of the opposition" {GC88 608.1}.

COMMENT: It is not yet a large class, but this is not the first pastor to appear to be ordained of God and make such a switch. And yet, one has to wonder about the congregation. Have they become liberal on other points of theology because a pastor cannot be strict in all other areas and then make this time of switch. Oh, that is right. They made headline news February 2017: "Married Lesbian Couple Baptised Into Chico Seventh-day Adventist Church."

November 13, 2018

Loma Linda University

An article published that is also available online (<https://news.llu.edu/clinical/>)

[do-s-and-don-ts-survive-healthfully-through-holidays](#)), tells us the *do's and don'ts to survive healthfully through the holidays*. For being our leading health institute, they should know better, but as our institutions continue to go the way of the world, they lack that leadership role. Here is a list of items that are contrary to the Spirit of Prophecy and even specifically against the Word of God:

"Many people during the upcoming holiday season are likely to have stressors in their lives, which include keeping bank accounts steady, stress levels low and waistlines under control."

EGW: "Let there be no great ambitious stress to buy presents for Christmas and New Year's. Little presents for the children may not be amiss, but the Lord's people should not spend His money in buying costly presents." {UL 367.2}

"During the holidays, we're in celebration mode, making it very easy to gain a few pounds,' Moses says. 'The problem is we often never lose the excess weight, and year after year, we continue with the same routine.'

The goal for the holidays is to celebrate AND keep your health in mind, Moses says.”

EGW: “Tremendous evils have come into the world through forgetfulness of God, and through the coming holidays Satan will gather a large harvest of souls, and reap a large revenue of means through enticing men to gratify the desires of the unrenewed heart. Many souls will be led into false paths from which they will never recover. Earnest Christian endeavor should be put forth to establish a new order of things, so that the professed people may work in harmony with his plans, and thus glorify God and bless humanity.” {RH, November 13, 1894 par. 10}

COMMENT: We are not to be in celebration mode!

“Celebrate with their family and friends. ‘You don’t need to sit there with a salad while everyone is indulging on wonderful holiday food,’ Moses says.”

EGW: “Let parents and children teach the world by self-denial how they may honor the birth of Christ.” {RH, November 13, 1894 par. 10}

“If you know you’re going to have a Thanks-

giving meal at your family’s house, only indulge at that one Thanksgiving meal,” Moses says. “Before and after that, try to eat healthy at every other get-together or work event.”

EGW: “We are rapidly approaching the season of the holidays, and many conscientious ones are now questioning what course they may pursue that will be pleasing in the sight of God. By the world the holidays are spent in frivolity and extravagance, gluttony and display.” {RH, December 11, 1879 par. 2}

COMMENT: There is to be no indulgence!

“While it might be tempting to have that extra mug of hot chocolate or apple cider, you can greatly reduce your total calories consumed during the holiday season by limiting juices, sodas and other calorie-filled beverages.”

EGW: “There is danger to health in the use of even sweet cider as ordinarily produced. If people could see what the microscope reveals in regard to the cider they buy, few would be willing to drink it. Often those who manufacture cider for the market are not careful as to the condition of the

fruit used, and the juice of wormy and decayed apples is expressed. Those who would not think of using the poisonous, rotten apples in any other way, will drink the cider made from them, and call it a luxury; but the microscope shows that even when fresh from the press, this pleasant beverage is wholly unfit for use.” {CD 436.2}

COMMENT: Not only is cider against health principles, but we are not to be consuming chocolate with its caffeine contents nor are we to be only cutting back on sodas. Sodas ought to be eliminated!

April 20, 2018

Florida SDA Hospital
(<https://www.facebook.com/hospitalchurch/videos/1979703445396044/>)

“From the people that brought you their own version of Twinkies, bacon, coffee and Boys and Girls Clubs [Scouts] of America comes the latest in Adventist improvement. Introducing the Adventist Book Center’s ‘Ellen.’ It’s more than an Alexa. ... This is a satirical video and does not reflect any connection with the Adventist Book

Center (ABC).”

COMMENT: If Nadab and Abihu were struck dead by fire from the Lord (Leviticus 10:1-2), should such satirical content that attacks the Reform diet (not to be confused with what is called a Vegan diet for such permit things that the Reform diet does not), keeping the Sabbath holy, belief that angels are not present in theaters, that promiscuity is not a Christian character, be conducted for the world to see? To laugh along is to be in agreement.

years as if Pope Francis coined it and the world is promoting it. The definition of “common good” in the Catholic Catechism is keeping Sunday. Further, President Trump may have declared such, however the earliest that the United States can pull out is November 4, 2020 (*National Catholic Reporter*, April 30, 2018), therefore, we

year) plus approximately 15 ‘holidays’ where cumulatively there would be a cessation of all productive activity for approximately 70 days, or about 20% of the year. These days of ‘non-activity’ would help achieve the shared goal outlined in the Paris Climate Conference (COP21) of a 20% reduction of pollution globally by 2050, with

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{GC88 608.1}.

the aim of keeping global warming below 2°C.”

SUMMARY:
We are being lied to. These people are too smart to not see it, which leaves being blinded by ecumenical activity or Jesuit infil-

November 15, 2018

Mark Finley attacks David Gate’s video via his own video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BDkP2c2rq8>) declaring that Sunday law is not incorporated inside the Paris Agreement. Further, he declared that President Trump has pulled us out of the agreement.

FACT: The Paris agreement contains the Catholic words “common good” that is spoken global for at least these past few

are still under the agreement until the lengthy process is completed to withdraw. We cannot dismiss this as simple ignorance but ought to expect our leaders to be on top of this otherwise they are no leader.

FACT 2: Sunday is embedded not with the word “Sunday” but an understanding that it is there. According to *A Modest Proposal for a Day of Rest*, January 29, 2018, “Dr. Smadja’s daring plan calls for an international day of rest (about 53 days per

tration.

2018 Adventist Health Website [Multiple SDA health websites in various states and countries are promoting it]

“Yoga is a 5,000-year-old discipline from India. It was developed as a practice to unite the mind and body. There are many branches of yoga. All yoga styles can help balance your body, mind, and spirit, but they achieve it in various ways. Some yoga

styles are intense and vigorous. Others are relaxing and meditative. No matter which type you choose, yoga is a great way to stretch and strengthen your body, focus your mind, and relax your spirit."

COMMENT: First, India was not around 5,000 years ago! The flood happened approximately 4500 years ago. Secondly, body, mind, and spirit activity in this manner is spiritualism. Third, what religion is India? Hindu. Is that Christian? No! And it does not matter if one does not believe in the religion but when one performs the motions that are connected to paganism to relax the body, mind, and spirit, it is no different than accepting the Mark of the Beast in action (right hand) without accepting it in the mind (forehead) [referring to Revelation 13]. Satan accepts either or. In other words, if I do not use foul language and yet wave my hand in front of someone with only one finger sticking up in the middle, it is in action that I am still using foul language. According to a leading yoga guru, all of this activity is to "release the power of the serpent" (<https://www.yogajournal.com/>

[yoga-101/safe-awaken-snake](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xY_Seaj18Vw)).

EGW: "The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism..." {GC 588.1}.

BIBLE: Deuteronomy 18:10-13 "There shall not be found among you [any one] that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, [or] that useth divination, [or] an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things [are] an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God."

Random Older Concerning Content:

2011: John Carter declares Allah is the same God as the Christian God (<https://www.carte-report.org/media-library/2013/are-allah-and-yahweh-same-deity>).

2010: Dwight Nelson declares Allah is the

same God of the Christians (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xY_Seaj18Vw).

BIBLE: "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, [even] by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:10-12).

PIONEER: The devotee, who punctually pays his vows to some idol god, the papist who invokes daily his patron saint, and counts his beads; the Mussulman who with daily, and sincere and persevering prayer calls on Allah, and Mahomet his prophet, all are devoted; but these all fail from ignorance and error. [Jos. Clarke.] {June 6, 1865 UrSe, ARSH 5.5}



Questions And Answers

QUESTION: I do not mean to judge, but I am concerned for the truth sake. Our church, yes, a conference church, is pretty active in getting out there. I am just taken back by the worldliness being presented. The sacred truths do not seem to be handled properly. There is much jesting, carrying on, and even inappropriate attire. What counsel do we have regarding this?

ANSWER: "All those who are not converted, whose

thoughts are corrupt, who will leave the taint of their imperfections upon everything they touch, should refrain from handling the truth of God." – Review and Herald, May 20, 1890

QUESTION: We are told not to drink with our meals, which affects digestion, but what about non-dairy milk on cereal and vegetarian broth in soups?

ANSWER: One of the quotes you may be referring to is "Food should not be washed down; no drink is need-

ed with meals. Eat slowly, and allow the saliva to mingle with the food. The more liquid there is taken into the stomach with the meals, the more difficult it is for the food to digest; for the liquid must be first absorbed" {HL 90.1}.

Therefore, it is recommended that milk be

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*Review and Herald,
May 20, 1890*

used to just wet the cereal and not use so much that there is milk still in the bowl after the cereal has been consumed. The dryer the better of course, but things like oatmeal should absorb all of the water into the grain.

Dry cereals are intended to contain a bit of milk, so you may want to pour a little milk into the bowl, scoop from the bottom, drain the excess milk from the spoon, and consume it. When the amount of milk has dissipated from the bowl and there remains more

cereal yet, add a little more milk.

As for broth, again, try to use a scooper that has drain holes to allow the broth to fall back into the pot. What broth that does make it into the bowl, see if other solid foods such as proper crackers or even bread can sop it up a bit by dipping or crumbling them up into the bowl.

It is not a sin if you try to drain such liquid and you end up still consuming some. The stress will be more damaging than the

amount of liquid consumed. The goal is to avoid as much as possible that which enters into the stomach that can harm it as well as help with being able to digest as much of the nutrients as possible.

If people would treat their bodies more like they treat the operation of a car, we would not have as many health pains, need for cures, and especially the want for popping pills, chewables, etc. that the world has to offer.

QUESTION: Can Seventh-day Adventists be breaking the second commandment regarding idols and not even know it?

ANSWER: The 2nd commandment is one that we should further examine especially considering the prevalence of the breaking of this commandment that is witnessed amongst us as a people. It says, "Thou **shalt** not make unto thee any **graven** image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that

is in the water under the earth."

A Graven image is anything resembling a statue that is carved out of wood, or made out of plastic, porcelain, glass, metal, or cement that is reflecting something that God has made. Most of us do not make these things ourselves, but we make the mistake of bringing these items into our homes and therefore give allowance for demonic activity to take place in our homes. I know of SDAs that have been visited by what appears to be their

dead loved ones and this is often due to the idols that have been brought into the home. When a person has idols in their home that the Bible condemns, it gives Satan and his angels the authority to be there in that home because the individual is knowingly breaking God's commandments. Modern day idols would consist of but not limited to:

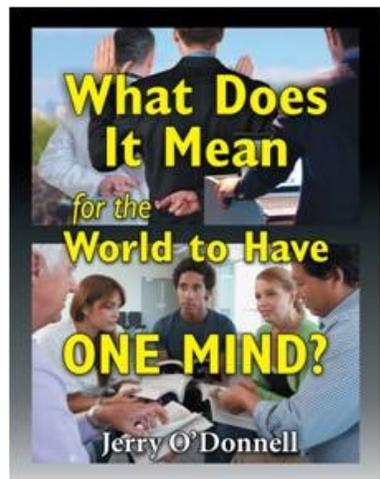
Putting statues in the yard or in the home resembling angels or even the apostles watching over,
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rines, especially encouraging idolizing them or wishing to have such ability, etc., but in many cases, some figurines are truly pagan when it comes to superhero figurines or amalgamations figurines like from *Star Wars*; which at the very least is a financial support of Hollywood, a pagan mecca,

Even stuffed animals that are given the

'ability' to offer comfort, trust, protection, etc., in time of need when the child should know more of Jesus and His angels watching

and protecting them, Statues of other beings, like Buddha; even though we know it not to be a god, gives a wrong impression of which we are not to put a stumbling block before others,

And pretty much anything that is an image of something that God created and made.

Pictures would not fall in this category because Ellen White makes it clear that it is not a sin to take a picture and we have evidence that she took pictures. Now, the danger with pictures is falling into the vanity of

self by taking too many pictures. This we see being carried out by the multitude of selfies that this generation is indulging in.

Regarding knickknacks, although Ellen White did not link owning such with the second commandment, she did write, "When you are tempted to spend money for knickknacks, you should remember the self-denial and self-

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [come] out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

Revelation 16:13

sacrifice that Christ endured to save fallen man" (AH 383.1).

Lately there have been many statues of Virgin Mary that have been crying or weeping blood, Olive oil, and various substances.

This is a manifestation of spiritualism which one will fall into if they believe that it is OK to have idols or graven images in their home. One sin always leads to another sin and thousands are being deceived by these crying Virgin Mary statues all over the world. This manifestation of satanic power will grow as

we near the end of time, but the safeguard for us is to keep the commandments of God. Satan is combining his forces of spiritualism, Catholicism, and apostate Protestantism to garner in his harvest. Revelation 16:13, 14 says, "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon (spiritualism), and out of the mouth of the

beast (Catholicism), and out of the mouth of the false prophet (apostate Protestantism). For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles."

Let us unite with Jesus Christ in sharing the Three Angels' Messages to combat the three unclean spirits that are deceiving the nations. Will you discard the idols and graven images in your home? Will you remove the figurines, knickknacks, and small statues from your home?

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12). 📖

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ter down the message and even bring in evangelical messages, into just a random 'on and off' mailing list being just an ordinary publication with no special purpose and then to it finally dying at the end of 2018. Supposedly in 2019 the publication continues on under a new name merging with another publication but it does not carry the God-given weight that it ought to.

It is these events that have caused some serious concerns for the *Four Angels* publication as well, which is not affiliated with Hope International in any way. For instance, before there was a *Four Angels* publication, I had personally visited with Joe Olson in North Carolina. At that time, he invited me to be part of the team in the capacity of setting up a booth in a store with the health supplements. I felt uncomfortable with that position and now know why. The end result is that the concern for healthy living being but the right arm has now become the entire body, and it is not even the true health message. As stated, it is an SDA version of a pharmacy.

Later I had volunteered to be Hope's Bible worker instead of a sales person doing so in e-mail correspondence, computer chatting, and even snail mail. I had to beg Hope to place an advertisement in their publication and it appeared only twice, maybe three times. If they were interested in soul saving, it would be placed in their generic publication to the public on a monthly basis, but it was not.

I was then invited to write an article for *Our Firm Foundation*. Having in the past read some articles from the magazine, I thought the type of articles were about establishing a firm foundation in our faith. So, not only did I decide to write an article but to start a series, which was welcomed at first. It was called the *Four Angels' Messages*. And I would go verse by verse through Revelation 14:6-14 as well as Revelation 18 taking more than just four separate articles. In fact, twelve have been published dealing with the first three angels. [As a side note, numbers 1 through 11, and 13 were published.]

At some point, jealousy kicked in and the

monthly article became every other month appearance. Then it became every three months and even less frequent. Finally, when I had started Revelation 18, well over a year ago, under Dan's leadership, month after month the article was rejected from appearing in the magazine. So, for those that were following the article series that is why it got cut off, but I was holding out hope that some day we could move forward, but what has been fulfilled is as Ellen White states, "I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen, and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God's people" {EW 270.2}. And this is very sad because when I met with Dan and Kaye for an entire weekend back when Joe was president, I felt that Dan was actually more conservative

than his brother Joe. But it is under Dan's presidency that the action of returning to the conference, rejecting the "straight testimony" thinking it is too harsh, and quashing the magazine entirely that has transpired.

Now, how does that impact this publication? We are going to continue with the Fourth Angel articles beginning with the missed one, number twelve, and then jumping to fourteen in a subsequent issue. On our website, we do have all the prior articles that were published in *Our Firm Foundation* for those who have access to the internet and want to catch up or refresh. With that said, there is not enough room to be accepting so many articles from all of our normal contributors. In fact, until the article of mine appeared just recently, I had been tabling that article since August, 2017, deeming others more important to be published than my own. My article only appeared recently because of the controversy we had with David Rehm, freeing up a bit of space.

It is not only the space

that has pushed out the contributors, but in all honesty, the original thought of *Four Angels* publication was to develop it into a unifying movement among self-supporting ministries, and setting a firm foundation has, unfortunately behind the scenes, not accomplished this. All the contributors were not holding to the same foundation and have well dug their heels in their own understanding of things, and if we rightly addressed one contributor only because of their content slipping into publication, how can I allow others with similar beliefs to continue therein as well? Although we are counseled by Ellen White not to take a position that every minor belief is to be unified, there are quite a few major ones that are in great contrast and concerning allowing only time before it would be submitted. So, before that day happens, after much prayer and thought on the matter, this is the decision that was made. And just because the contributors have not published their own understanding contrary to our firm foundation does not mean I ought to move forward with publish-

ing other content with a blind eye. These subject matters include some of our contributors believing in the 2520 prophecy and it being a salvation issue while others condemn it as heresy. The same with Turkey being fulfillment of Daniel 11 while others declare it to be the papacy, while others yet see ISIS involved. Some believe the Ottoman Empire I and II are in the book of Revelation while others do not. Some take Daniel 12's three time lines as literally being applied at the end of time while others do not. The understanding of seven and even eighth head of Revelation 17:10-11 are not in full agreement. Some are involved in certain political aspects while others shun all political involvement. Some read into prophecy and the application of it a bit deep making others uncomfortable while others condemn such activity.

After a month of taking it to the Lord and seeing sign after sign suggesting that this is the pathway that I must now follow, it is my hope and prayer that none be offended or even saddened by the new content. I also am not trying to create any

controversy if you happen to enjoy the materials from other resources of our contributors. We are simply to judge the messages, progress forward being sanctified by God's truth through His Word, and being active in sharing the gospel with others on our march forward.

Please read the message regarding the new content before making any judgments and even formulating any decisions, and may God bless and keep each one of you.



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