



# The Four Angels' Messages

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## IMAGE REMOVED

In the ark was the golden pot of manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of stone which folded together like a book. Jesus opened them, and I saw the ten commandments written on them with the finger of God. On one table were four, and on the other six. The four on the first table shone brighter than the other six. But the fourth, the Sabbath commandment, shone above them all; for the Sabbath was set apart to be kept in honor of God's holy name. The holy Sabbath looked glorious--a halo of glory was all around it. I saw that the Sabbath commandment was not nailed to the cross. If it was, the other nine commandments were; and we are at liberty to break them all, as well as to break the fourth. I saw that God had not changed the Sabbath, for He never changes. But the pope had changed it from the seventh to the first day of the week; for he was to change times and laws.

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# Dear Friends...

*Jerry O'Donnell*

Although you are reading this in the month of March, I am writing this to start the month-long process that it takes to finally bring this to production all the way back at the end of January.

The governor of New York has just enacted a blatant, murderous piece of legislation regarding abortion. To allow an unborn child to have its life ended simply because the head has not emerged is unbelievable, sick, satanic, and I do not have enough words coming to mind to describe this horrorfulness. There is even legislation that permits the child to be murdered if it survived the attempted abortion.

This world has become so blatant in sin that it is a wonder why we have laws anymore. Life is not regarded at all. It is the ultimate result of selfishness and of God's spirit being withdrawn. And it is not just blatant in sin, it makes sure through legislation that it is acceptable. Just when we thought the passage of same sex marriage was enough for God to say, "Enough is enough", it gets even worse. And it is getting "even worse" at a faster pace.

I cannot even begin to list the immoral laws

that we have, but we know that there is ultimately one more step yet: "Laws enforcing the observance of Sunday as the Sabbath will bring about a national apostasy from the principles of republicanism upon which the government has been founded. The religion of the papacy will be accepted by the rulers, and the law of God will be made void." -7MR 192.

This can mean only one thing. We are getting so close to the final activities, and just like the latter rain will be poured out upon the 144,000 in the future, and even now are there drops falling {TM 507.1}, the same is true on Satan's side. There are souls who are so far removed from God's presence that even blood no longer satisfies their thirst.

"When He leaves the sanctuary, darkness covers the inhabitants of the earth. In that fearful time the righteous must live in the sight of a holy God without an intercessor. The restraint which has been upon the wicked is removed, and Satan has entire control of the finally impenitent. God's long-suffering has ended. The world has rejected His mercy, despised His love, and trampled upon His law. The wick-

ed have passed the boundary of their probation; the Spirit of God, persistently resisted, has been at last withdrawn. Unsheltered by divine grace, they have no protection from the wicked one. Satan will then plunge the inhabitants of the earth into one great, final trouble. As the angels of God cease to hold in check the fierce winds of human passion, all the elements of strife will be let loose. The whole world will be involved in ruin more terrible than that which came upon Jerusalem of old." {GC 614.1}

Therefore, it is time to make haste. Get involved in spreading the gospel message more than just one soul at a time. Blanket the neighborhoods with literature! Help where you can to spread the message! And live like today is your last day! Sure, we can focus upon one or two souls for serious study, but we ought not limit ourselves, if means permit, upon just those one or two. What would you do if Jesus were to announce that He is coming next year? How would you live? How would you share the gospel? And no, that is not a prediction. Though "of

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# The Four Angels' Messages (topic 14)

Jerry O'Donnell

As stated last month, a series of articles that first appeared in *Our Firm Foundation* but never allowed to finish will now appear in this publication. For the first 11 articles and the 13th article (accidental mix up on sequence), refer to the other publication, available online at our website.

## Here Are They !

### Who Are They?

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

### Saint?

If one were to listen to the media, one would believe that a saint is someone who is acknowledged by the Catholic Church to be a special kind of person that receives the title for miraculous activities performed while on earth of which not everyone gets to be rewarded with. On top of the reward of the title, a saint then is someone that people can then pray to for special assistance, implying that Jesus is too busy to be personal with answered prayer.

When Paul wrote “To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse” (Colossians 1:2), these

were people on earth in a particular city already having received the title of “saint”. Paul also wrote “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11), which means if even for yourself if you happen to be sitting in a congregation listening to a sermon with an open heart and mind to live in obedience to the Word, then you are a saint. In fact, reading this material and appreciating it may constitute being a saint as well, not because you are reading it but because you are reading it in a manner of desiring perfection.

One does not have to die to become a saint, in fact, the active title of “saint” applies only to the living. Of course, a saint who sleeps in

Christ would be a dead saint dying with the hope in the resurrection. Further, to receive the privilege of the ability to answer people’s prayers is an abomination because Christ alone is Whom the prayers are to be directed to. Besides, “the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward” (Ecclesiastes 9:5).

### Patience

Here we see that these people, the saints, have patience. They know “that the trying of your faith worketh patience” (James 1:3). So, nothing, except ungodliness, will get these people upset. Take God’s Word in vain and like Jesus, they may get fired up. But, saints having people gossiping about them, things falling apart, things not going their way, will not get them upset. They will see God’s will being done.

“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” (2 Timothy 4:2). That means we are going to be encountering people who are not going to respond as quickly to the truth as we think they should, up to a point. People purposefully dragging their feet is a different matter.

Now when it comes to soul winning, it is “on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep [it], and bring forth fruit with patience” (Luke 8:15). Every door knocked, every person hearing the message, is not necessarily going to receive it. It may take 10 people to tell the message to before someone is actually interested in it. It may take 100 personal contacts; it may even take 1,000. But be patient. The saints eventually find people that are interested in the saving messages. As one brother stated, “Do not get discouraged at the number of doors slammed. Be encouraged that you are one door closer to the person that is open to the message.”

And as we see events

unfold that are a repeat of our past history, the saints recall, “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope” (Romans 15:4). So, when the persecutions restart as in the dark ages, we will bear it with patience.

But the ultimate exercise of patience is about the second coming. Just how much worse is this world going to get before enough is enough? Just how soon is soon? Some have been in the faith working hard at winning souls for years and are growing weary. However, the Bible says, “And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this [is] our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this [is] the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation” (Isaiah 25:9). That event is soon to break forth and we must be patient for it.

### **Shall He find faith on the earth?**

That question is stated in Luke 18:8, which says in context, “When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?” The answer is Revelation 14:12 with

an astounding, “Yes!” But whose faith do the saints have? “The faith of Jesus”, not “the faith in Jesus”.

To have faith *in* Jesus is when people pray to Jesus for something and we have faith that He will grant the answer to our prayer. The faith *of* Jesus is when we exercise the faith that He exercised. It is to be having Christlike faith.

What is Christlike faith? “But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed” (James 1:6).

When Jesus was on the cross, not knowing of the sacrifice was sufficient to have met the demands of the law, Jesus said, “Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit” (Luke 23:46). That is a complete surrender, a complete trust in God.

Too many times we try to control things, have an influence, even some times, after the fact, discover that we were actually working against the will of God. Circumstances may get in our pathway and we alter the path to still try to get to the destination only to have to alter the altered path, maybe several more times. We need to get

to the point that we can discern if the pathway is being blocked by God, maybe even with a hidden angel (Numbers 22:22), or is an allowed challenge from Satan. Weighing the destination usually determines if Satan or Jesus is involved. If the end result is of the world, God may try to be diverting us. If the end result is for God's sake, the devil may actually be allowed to put up a bit of resistance. But the bottom line is that we need to surrender it all in faith as Jesus did.

### **Keep the Commandments of God**

So, is it possible to keep the commandments of God? Yes! The Bible says of those that are living in the last days, "here [are] they that keep the command-

ments of God" (Revelation 14:12). These, as in every generation, have received Peter's salutation. "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2 Peter 1:2-4).

The secret is the "divine power" and partaking in the "divine nature". That is how we avoid the worldliness, even sin.

Here are a few more verses that reveal the ability to keep the commandments: "[There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:1) and "That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:4). "[This] I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16).

It is clear. Those that do not believe in perfection are not receiving of the "divine power", they are not partaking of the "divine nature". They are still giving into the human nature's wants, desires, urges, and so forth. They are walking after the flesh.

When chocolate cake is being served, saints instantly think, "That's not food." They walk after the Spirit and instantly walk away from the cake. Those that stare at it and think, "Oh, that looks good. It isn't going to hurt to have a little piece." Instead of acting like Joseph and fleeing the scene, they stand around like Eve trying to justify their actions because they want it.

Jesus says to all of us

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who truly repent, “Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more” (John 8:11). That is perfection for “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Being cleansed means “to present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy” (Jude 1:24), but though the past is wiped from the records, the future action is obedience.

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect” (Matthew 5:48). “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 5:23). “Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless” (2 Peter 3:14). Jesus wants to “present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish” (Ephesians 5:27).

If we do not believe in perfection, then what shall we do when, “the

temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled” (Revelation 15:8) and “[there was] no intercessor” (Isaiah 59:16). In other words, during the seven last plagues, Jesus is not available through prayer to be confessing our sins. We will have to rely upon “he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still” (Revelation 22:11).

Besides, we often state that “the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32), free from sin of course. If we are free from sin, then we are perfect.

We are supposed to be answering Jesus’ prayer: “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth” (John 17:17). Through the Word of God, we are to become sanctified, holy. Such sanctified and holy people are perfect, for if they were not perfect then they are not sanctified or holy.

Additionally, why study the Bible if we do not believe we can be perfect? The Bible says, “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee”

(Psalms 119:11). If we are not sinning against God, that means we are walking perfectly.

Now perfection is not something we brag about as in having arrived. “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but [this] one thing [I do], forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:13-14). Sanctification is a process. Just like “the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear” (Mark 4:28), we are to “grow in grace, and [in] the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18).

In fact, “Sanctification is not the work of a moment, an hour, a day, but of a lifetime. It is not gained by a happy flight of feeling, but is the result of constantly dying to sin, and constantly living for Christ. Wrongs cannot be righted nor reformations wrought in the character by feeble, intermittent efforts. It is only by long, persevering effort, sore discipline, and stern conflict, that we shall overcome. We know not one day how strong will

be our conflict the next. So long as Satan reigns, we shall have self to subdue, besetting sins to overcome; so long as life shall last, there will be no stopping place, no point which we can reach and say, I have fully attained. Sanctification is the result of lifelong obedience" (AA 560.3).

### We Will Be Targets

Though the statement "here [are] they that keep the commandments of God" (Revelation 14:12) refers to the ability to actually keep the commandments of God, it has the connotation of being targets.

In the context of the United States in prophecy, the Bible says, "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). When forced religious laws are enacted, those siding with the image of the beast, even those enforcing the mark of the beast, will be hunting for the dissenters. "They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service" (John 16:2).

They shall seek after those that remain true to God's commandments. When they find a group of Sabbath keepers, they will be able to say, "Here [are] they that keep the com-

mandments of God! Let's get them and bring them before the courts. Let's lock them up!"

### A Final Word

"[Be] kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality" (Romans 12:10-13).

May you, by the grace of God, be patient, keeping the commandments of God, and having the faith of Jesus.



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# The Seal of God

Ellen White

"He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand."

And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side; and the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house."

Jesus is about to leave the mercy seat of the heavenly sanctuary to put on garments of vengeance and pour out His wrath in judgments upon those who have not responded to the light God has given them. "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of

the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." Instead of being softened by the patience and long forbearance that the Lord has exercised toward them, those who fear not God and love not the truth strengthen their hearts in their evil course. But there are limits even to the forbearance of God, and many are exceeding these boundaries. They have overrun the limits of grace, and therefore God must interfere and vindicate His own honor.

Of the Amorites the Lord said: "In the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full." Although this nation was conspicuous because of its idolatry and corruption, it had not yet filled up the cup of its iniquity, and God would not give command for its utter destruction. The people were to see the divine power manifested in a marked manner, that they might be left without excuse. The compassionate Creator was willing to bear with their iniquity until the fourth generation. Then, if no change was seen for the better, His judgments were to fall upon them.

With unerring accuracy the Infinite One still keeps an account with all

nations. While His mercy is tendered with calls to repentance, this account will remain open; but when the figures reach a certain amount which God has fixed, the ministry of His wrath commences. The account is closed. Divine patience ceases. There is no more pleading of mercy in their behalf.

The prophet, looking down the ages, had this time presented before his vision. The nations of this age have been the recipients of unprecedented mercies. The choicest of heaven's blessings have been given them, but increased pride, covetousness, idolatry, contempt of God, and base ingratitude are written against them. They are fast closing up their account with God.

But that which causes me to tremble is the fact that those who have had the greatest light and privileges have become contaminated by the prevailing iniquity. Influenced by the unrighteous around them, many, even of those who profess the truth, have grown cold and are borne down by the strong current of evil. The universal scorn thrown upon true piety and holiness leads those who do not connect closely with God to lose

their reverence for His law. If they were following the light and obeying the truth from the heart, this holy law would seem even more precious to them when thus despised and set aside. As the disrespect for God's law becomes more manifest, the line of demarcation between its observers and the world becomes more distinct. Love for the divine precepts increases with one class according as contempt for them increases with another class.

The crisis is fast approaching. The rapidly swelling figures show that the time for God's visitation has about come. Although loath to punish, nevertheless He will punish, and that speedily. Those who walk in the light will see signs of the approaching peril; but they are not to sit in quiet, unconcerned expectancy of the ruin, comforting themselves with the belief that God will shelter His people in the day of visitation. Far from it. They should realize that it is their duty to labor diligently to save others, looking with strong faith to God for help. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

The leaven of godliness has not entirely lost its power. At the time when the danger and depression of the church are greatest, the little company who are standing in the light will be

sighing and crying for the abominations that are done in the land. But more especially will their prayers arise in behalf of the church because its members are doing after the manner of the world.

The earnest prayers of this faithful few will not be in vain. When the Lord comes forth as an avenger, He will also come as a protector of all those who have preserved the faith in its purity and kept themselves unspotted from the world. It is at this time that God has promised to avenge His own elect which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them.

The command is: "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof." These sighing, crying ones had been holding forth the words of life; they had reproved, counseled, and entreated. Some who had been dishonoring God repented and humbled their hearts before Him. But the glory of the Lord had departed from Israel; although many still continued the forms of religion, His power and presence were lacking.

In the time when His wrath shall go forth in judgments, these humble, devoted followers of Christ will be distinguished from the rest of

the world by their soul anguish, which is expressed in lamentation and weeping, reproofs and warnings. While others try to throw a cloak over the existing evil, and excuse the great wickedness everywhere prevalent, those who have a zeal for God's honor and a love for souls will not hold their peace to obtain favor of any. Their righteous souls are vexed day by day with the unholy works and conversation of the unrighteous. They are powerless to stop the rushing torrent of iniquity, and hence they are filled with grief and alarm. They mourn before God to see religion despised in the very homes of those who have had great light. They lament and afflict their souls because pride, avarice, selfishness, and deception of almost every kind are in the church. The Spirit of God, which prompts to reproof, is trampled underfoot, while the servants of Satan triumph. God is dishonored, the truth made of none effect.

The class who do not feel grieved over their own spiritual declension, nor mourn over the sins of others, will be left without the seal of God. The Lord commissions His messengers, the men with slaughtering weapons in their hands: "Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: slay utterly old and young, both

maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house."

Here we see that the church--the Lord's sanctuary--was the first to feel the stroke of the wrath of God. The ancient men, those to whom God had given great light and who had stood as guardians of the spiritual interests of the people, had betrayed their trust. They had taken the position that we need not look for miracles and the marked manifestation of God's power as in former days. Times have changed. These words strengthen their unbelief, and they say: The Lord will not do good, neither will He do evil. He is too merciful to visit His people in judgment. Thus "Peace and safety" is the cry from men who will never again lift up their voice like a trumpet to show God's people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their sins. These dumb dogs that would not bark are the ones who feel the just vengeance of an offended God. Men, maidens, and little children all perish together.

The abominations for which the faithful ones were sighing and crying were all that could be discerned by finite eyes, but by far the worst sins, those which provoked

the jealousy of the pure and holy God, were unrevealed. The great Searcher of hearts knoweth every sin committed in secret by the workers of iniquity. These persons come to feel secure in their deceptions and, because of His long-suffering, say that the Lord seeth not, and then act as though He had forsaken the earth. But He will detect their hypocrisy and will open before others those sins which they were so careful to hide.

No superiority of rank, dignity, or worldly wisdom, no position in sacred office, will preserve men from sacrificing principle when left to their own deceitful hearts. Those who have been regarded as worthy and righteous prove to be ring-leaders in apostasy and examples in indifference and in the abuse of God's mercies. Their wicked course He will tolerate no longer, and in His wrath He deals with them without mercy.

It is with reluctance that the Lord withdraws His presence from those who have been blessed with great light and who have felt the power of the word in ministering to others. They were once His faithful servants, favored with His presence and guidance; but they departed from Him and led others into error, and therefore are brought under the divine displeasure.

The day of God's vengeance is just upon us. The seal of God will be placed upon the foreheads of those only who sigh and cry for the abominations done in the land. Those who link in sympathy with the world are eating and drinking with the drunken and will surely be destroyed with the workers of iniquity. "The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil."

Our own course of action will determine whether we shall receive the seal of the living God or be cut down by the destroying weapons. Already a few drops of God's wrath have fallen upon the earth; but when the seven last plagues shall be poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation, then it will be forever too late to repent and find shelter. No atoning blood will then wash away the stains of sin.

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book." When this time of trouble comes, every case is decided; there is no longer probation, no longer

mercy for the impenitent. The seal of the living God is upon His people. This small remnant, unable to defend themselves in the deadly conflict with the powers of earth that are marshaled by the dragon host, make God their defense. The decree has been passed by the highest earthly authority that they shall worship the beast and receive his mark under pain of persecution and death. May God help His people now, for what can they then do in such a fearful conflict without His assistance!

Courage, fortitude, faith, and implicit trust in God's power to save do not come in a moment. These heavenly graces are acquired by the experience of years. By a life of holy endeavor and firm adherence to the right the children of God were sealing their destiny. Beset with temptations without number, they knew they must resist firmly or be conquered. They felt that they had a great work to do, and at any hour they might be called to lay off their armor; and should they come to the close of life with their work undone, it would be an eternal loss. They eagerly accepted the light from heaven, as did the first disciples from the lips of Jesus. When those early Christians were exiled to mountains and deserts, when left in dungeons to die with hunger, cold,

and torture, when martyrdom seemed the only way out of their distress, they rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer for Christ, who was crucified for them. Their worthy example will be a comfort and encouragement to the people of God who will be brought into the time of trouble such as never was.

Not all who profess to keep the Sabbath will be sealed. There are many even among those who teach the truth to others who will not receive the seal of God in their foreheads. They had the light of truth, they knew their Master's will, they understood every point of our faith, but they had not corresponding works. These who were so familiar with prophecy and the treasures of divine wisdom should have acted their faith. They should have commanded their households after them, that by a well-ordered family they might present to the world the influence of the truth upon the human heart.

By their lack of devotion and piety, and their failure to reach a high religious standard, they make other souls contented with their position. Men of finite judgment cannot see that in patterning after these men who have so often opened to them the treasures of God's word, they will surely endanger their souls. Jesus is the

only true pattern. Everyone must now search the Bible for himself upon his knees before God, with the humble, teachable heart of a child, if he would know what the Lord requires of him. However high any minister may have stood in the favor of God, if he neglects to follow out the light given him of God, if he refuses to be taught as a little child, he will go into darkness and satanic delusions and will lead others in the same path.

Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost.

We are too easily satisfied with our attainments. We feel rich and increased with goods and know not that we are "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." Now is the time to heed the admonition of the True Witness: "I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see."

In this life we must meet fiery trials and make costly sacrifices, but the peace of Christ is the reward. There has been so little self-denial, so little suffering for Christ's sake, that the cross is almost entirely forgotten. We must be partakers with Christ of His sufferings if we would sit down in triumph with Him on His throne. So long as we choose the easy path of self-indulgence and are frightened at self-denial, our faith will never become firm, and we cannot know the peace of Jesus nor the joy that comes through conscious victory. The most exalted of the redeemed host that stand before the throne of God and the Lamb, clad in white, know the conflict of overcoming, for they have come up through great tribulation. Those who have yielded to circumstances rather than engage in this conflict will not know how to stand in that day when anguish will be upon every soul, when, though Noah, Job, and Daniel were in the land, they could save neither son nor daughter, for everyone must deliver his soul by his own righteousness.

No one need say that his case is hopeless, that he cannot live the life of a Christian. Ample provision is made by the death of Christ for every soul. Jesus is our ever-present help in time of need. Only call upon Him in faith,

and He has promised to hear and answer your petitions.

Oh, for a living, active faith! We need it; we must have it, or we shall faint and fail in the day of trial. The darkness that will then rest upon our path must not discourage us or drive us to despair. It is the veil with which God covers His glory when He comes to impart rich blessings. We should know this by our past experience. In that day when God has a controversy with His people this experience will be a source of comfort and hope.

It is now that we must keep ourselves and our children unspotted from the world. It is now that we must wash our robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. It is now that we must overcome pride, passion, and spiritual slothfulness. It is now that we must awake and make determined effort for symmetry of character. "Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." We are in a most trying position, waiting, watching for our Lord's appearing. The world is in darkness. "But ye, brethren," says Paul, "are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." It is ever God's purpose to bring light out of darkness, joy out of sorrow, and rest out of weariness for the waiting, longing soul.

What are you doing, brethren, in the great work of preparation? Those who are uniting with the world are receiving the worldly mold and preparing for the mark of the beast. Those who are distrustful of self, who are humbling themselves before God and purifying their souls by obeying the truth these are receiving the heavenly mold and preparing for the seal of God in their foreheads. When the decree goes forth and the stamp is impressed, their character will remain pure and spotless for eternity.

Now is the time to prepare. The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God—candidates for heaven. Go forward, my brethren and sisters. I can only write briefly upon these points at this time, merely calling your attention to the necessity of preparation. Search the Scriptures for yourselves, that you may understand the fearful solemnity of the present hour. {5T 207-216.2}



# The Great Commandment

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IN Matt. 22:35-40, we have the record of an interview between Christ and a certain lawyer who came to him tempting him, and saying, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

The words, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart," etc., are quoted from Deut. 6:5; and the words, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," from Lev. 19:18. The first, Christ calls the "first and great commandment;" and the other, the "second" commandment; and these are commandments "in the law;" but because Christ does not quote from the decalogue, some would argue that therefore the decalogue is not in any pre-eminent and special sense the "law of God."

"The lawyer asked only one question, namely, "which is the great commandment in the law?"

In his answer, Christ goes beyond the question, and thus gives us to understand that he covers the whole subject involved therein. Thus he tells which is the "great" commandment, and then imparts the additional information that this is the "first," and that to the system there belongs another which is the "second;" and that this second is like unto the first; namely, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself;" that is, it embraces the same great principle of love, only giving it another direction. In the first, our love is directed toward God; in the second, our love is directed toward our neighbor. And these two principles embrace the whole of the law of which he speaks; for if there had been a third, the logic of the situation would have compelled him to state it.

The duty of loving God, therefore, and loving our fellow men, is the subject which he treats in answering the lawyer's question. But in stating these principles he does not quote from the decalogue? Very true; but have they therefore no connection with the decalogue? - No, says the objector,

they are quoted from the law of Moses. But the law of Moses was abolished at, and by, the death of Christ. Were these principles abolished? Could they for a moment cease to exist? How any one could ever suppose these principles were nailed to the cross, is a mystery to us; and why they should so claim is equally strange. Think of it! nailing to the cross the principles of love to God and love to man, and blotting them out as something "against us," "contrary to us!" Col. 2:14. The idea is preposterous.

What, then, is the relation of these principles to the decalogue? - They are simply a summary of the two tables. Take the principle of love to God, and let any man try to formulate this into specific commandments, and we challenge him to do it with anything less than the first four commandments of the decalogue, or to show that anything more is required. We are to give to God the supreme position, caricature him by no images or idols, hallow his sacred name, and devote his time, the holy Sabbath, to such uses as he specifies. When we love him with

all the heart, we shall do these things. To do less is to come short, and it is not within the range of possibility to do more. And, conversely, when we do all these things from the heart, in that spirit which alone constitutes true obedience, then we love him with all the heart. And so with the second principle - love to our neighbor; the moment we try to carry that out into specific duties, we find ourselves writing down the last six commandments of the decalogue. We cannot do less, and we cannot go beyond them; for these cover all the social relations and duties of life.

We have, then, before us these two great facts: 1. When we attempt to enunciate the primary duties involved in the two great principles of "love to God" and "love to man," by inexorable necessity we are confined to an enunciation of the ten commandments; for nothing else will express them; and, 2. Having stated the ten commandments, there we are compelled to stop; for these higher duties, comprehending all lesser ones of the same kind, cover the whole ground.

Here love has a field which is all its own. It may be illustrated by

the following diagram:-

( TO GOD. - First Four Commandments.

LOVE (

( TO MAN. - Last Six Commandments.

The principles evolved into these commandments, cover every relation and every obligation possible to the human family, outside of those duties and services which have been made necessary by the advent of sin. Why men - we will not say, cannot - but why they will not, see that here is a class of relations and obligations as different in their nature, and as distinct, from the secondary duties growing out of man's changed relation to God when he became a sinner, as light is from darkness, is something we will not attempt to explain, but so it is.

Now when God came down upon Sinai to declare his will in the ears of men, he did not limit himself to a statement of the two great principles of love to God and love to man, but stated the specific duties involved in those principles. But the principles, clad in the panoply of eternal immutability, lay back of them, and existed with them in their

high position of honor and authority throughout the Mosaic dispensation, as they had existed before. This being the case, is it anything strange that Moses should have occasion to mention them frequently in connection with the system of which he was minister? It would be strange if he had not. But such mention did not make them a part of his system, did not transform them into shadows, to meet their substance in Christ (Col. 2:17,) did not render them weak and unprofitable principles which it was necessary for Christ to annul. Heb. 7:18. It makes no matter, therefore, from what portion of the Old Testament Christ quoted his statements. That does not change their nature, nor destroy the fact that they are but an embodiment of the ten commandments themselves.

But further, our Lord was careful to state the relation which these principles bear to the commandments, by immediately adding, "On these two commandments hang all the law." the word *kremanumi* being defined "to hang upon, to be referable to," as an ultimate principle. Matt. 22:40. - Bagster.

We ask the reader now to consider what an-

swer Christ could have given, other than he did, to the lawyer's question. The question called for a statement of the highest and most sacred principle involved in law. This at once takes us into the realm of moral duties, which stand first in the list of obligations, and into those duties which we owe to God, which are the highest of this class. But, says the anti-nomian, if the ten commandments are the law of God, why did not Christ quote from the decalogue? - For the very obvious reason that it would be entirely wrong to discriminate between laws which come under the same principle; but, as we have seen, there are four which come under the principle of love to God, and six which belong to the principle of love to man. To quote any one of these alone would be but a partial and imperfect presentation of the subject. What does he do? - He takes the four commandments which specify our duty to God, sums them up into the grand principle out of which they all grow, and to which they all equally belong, - love to God, - and says that this is the first and great commandment. Then he takes the last six, sums them up into the principle, love to our neigh-

bor, secondary only to the other, and says that that is the second. This covers the whole ground, and includes just the decalogue, nothing more. How beautiful and sublime was Christ's answer! It was a tenfold stronger testimony for the decalogue than it would have been if he had confined himself to any one of its single precepts.

The typical services of the Mosaic system, and of all ages before Christ, were only secondary duties growing out of a violation on man's part of his moral obligations. All the duties peculiar to the gospel are of the same nature. And in one sense the prophecies also hang upon these two great principles, as they are but a declaration of the ways in which God has purposed to work to bring all things into harmony with these at last, gathering out and removing all things which are contrary to them, as offenses which cannot be tolerated in his kingdom.

That Christ had no reference to the law or Moses is evident from the order in which he brings these principles to view, calling love to God the first, and love to man the second. In the books of Moses they are not so given, and have no such enu-

meration. There, the declaration, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," was given first, and thirty-nine years before the other words, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God," etc., were spoken. This shows that these words were only a commentary through Moses to Israel upon the moral law, which God had given them, or a summing up of their principles, just as Christ mentions them. But Christ gives their order and relative importance.

James comments upon this same subject, and says that the law, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," is the royal law; and then he shows that this law consists of particulars, two of which he quotes: "Do not commit adultery," and "Do not kill," thus demonstrating the fact that he refers to the decalogue, by bringing forward two of its precepts. James 2:8, 11. This law is to judge men at the last, however much they may seek to evade it now. Verse 12. And when face to face with that law, before the bar of God, they seek to plead the excuses by which they now justify a violation of its claims, the guilt of their course and the despair of their souls will make them speechless.





# 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 that do not know how to apply certain statements.

Ellen White writes regarding the Sabbath, *“Keep holy the Sabbath day at whatever sacrifice to yourself. Never allow the holy day of the Lord to be disregarded by yourselves or by your children. All through the week keep the Lord’s holy Sabbath in view; for that day is to be devoted to the service of God. It is a day when the hands are to rest from worldly employment, and when the soul needs to receive special attention”* [BEcho, February 13, 1899 par. 4].

We may understand about the employment ceasing but what about keeping the Sabbath in mind during all six laboring days? And what about the children?

Too many people get surprised Friday afternoon in preparing for the Sabbath. Some forget to make sure there is enough food in the house. Others forget to make sure their vehicles are gassed. Still others forget to make sure their clothing will be in proper

condition, especially if dry cleaning is involved. Just because God has given us six days to take care of all of our non-Sabbath related things does not mean we wait hours before to begin the preparation for it. We need to keep the Sabbath in view from the beginning of the first day of the week and intensify that focus as we draw closer to it. That means if we accidentally stained our Sabbath suit at fellowship meal and it needs dry cleaned, first thing Monday [such places of business are usually closed Sunday, otherwise, do make use of Sunday then] we are making arrangements to get it dry cleaned so as to allow enough time to get it back in time for the Sabbath.

If we are planning a special meal for the Sabbath, prior to the time we go to make it, we make sure earlier in the week that all the ingredients are in the house. Thursday ought to be the day we top off the vehicle with gas, if possible.

By waiting until the preparation day, we permit Satan to throw challenges at us. Maybe there is an accident causing a detour around the usual fill-up spot for our vehicle. Maybe if we wait until Tuesday afternoon for the dry cleaners, they might have it ready for pick up after 3:00pm on Friday. That is cutting it too close, espe-

cially in the winter. If we wait later in the week to get the food ingredients, those in snow country could get an unexpected storm.

And then there are our children, where too many with children expect as adults to have a Sabbath break. Therefore, the children are left to tend to themselves as long as they are quiet, and this is wrong, especially if all that the adults want to do is sleep away the Sabbath or get together with other adults to converse among themselves, allowing even a larger number of kids to simply occupy their own time. Sabbath is for parents to teach their children not only in book form or sermons, but in nature as well. There ought to be a distinction in their activity that sets the Sabbath apart from the other days.

And of course, Sabbath is not just the day we go to church. It is to be spiritually fulfilling all the day. Sabbath school ought to be attended. Sabbath afternoon, if not out in nature, ought to be spiritually educational as well.

So, let us make sure we are not caught by surprise regarding the Sabbath nor let children desecrate it in any form.



# 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.

Again, we see how the

modern versions are actually anti-Adventist by looking at Revelation 14:12. There is a difference between these words or phrases: "being faithful", "faith in Jesus", "faith of Jesus". Being faithful is doing that which has been entrusted to us to do. Having faith in Jesus is believing that He exists and believe He will do as promised. Having faith of Jesus is to exercise the same faith that He exercised, and that is what we are going to need to stand without a Mediator one day.

**King James Version:** Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

**These versions have the wrong phrase and therefore wrong meaning:**

**Christian Standard Bible:** This calls for endurance from the saints, who keep God's commands and their faith in Jesus.

**Contemporary English Version:** God's people must learn to endure. They must also obey his commands and have faith in Jesus.

**English Standard Version:** Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

**GOD'S WORD® Translation:** In this situation God's holy people, who obey his commands and keep their faith in Jesus, need endurance.

**Good News Translation:** This calls for endurance on the part of God's people, those who obey God's commandments and are faithful to Jesus.

**Holman Christian Standard Bible:** This demands the perseverance of the saints, who keep God's commands and their faith in Jesus."

**International Standard Version:** Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, who keep the commandments of God and hold fast to their faithfulness in Jesus:

**NET Bible:** This requires the steadfast endurance of the saints-- those who obey God's commandments and hold to their faith in Jesus.

**New American Standard Bible:** Here is the perseverance of the

saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

**New International Version:** This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.

**New Living Translation:** This means that God's holy people must endure persecution patiently, obeying his commands and maintaining their faith in Jesus.

**These versions have the correct phrase this time:**

**American Standard Version:** Here is the patience of the saints, they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

**Aramaic Bible in Plain English:** Here is the patience of The Holy Ones, those who keep the commands of God and the faith of Yeshua."

**Berean Study Bible:** Here is a call for the endurance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

**Darby Bible Translation:** Here is the endurance of the saints, who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

**Douay-Rheims Bible:** Here is the patience of the saints, who keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

**English Revised Version:** Here is the patience of the saints, they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

**Jubilee Bible 2000:** Here is the patience of the saints; here are those that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

**New Heart English Bible:** Here is the patience of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God, and the faith of

Jesus."

**New King James Versions:** Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

**Webster's Bible Translation:** Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

**Weymouth New Testament:** Here is an opportunity for endurance on the part of God's people, who carefully keep His commandments and the faith of Jesus!"

**World English Bible:** Here is the patience of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

**Young's Literal Translation:** Here is endurance of the saints: here are those keeping the commands of God, and the faith of Jesus.



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# 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.

## Does the spirit return to God upon death?

Understood by those that think a spirit is released upon death and goes to Heaven Ecclesiastes 12:7 becomes very twisted. "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."

So, the answer is "Yes". The spirit does go back to God upon death, however, the question is, "What spirit?"

First, please note that

for something to return somewhere that it has to originate from there. Do we originate from there? No. We are born on earth (Genesis 6:1). Therefore, since we do not start in Heaven, come to earth, and return, it cannot be us in spirit form. That means

primary method that is used for staying alive, we breathe the breath of life.

Therefore, the spirit that returns to God is nothing more than the breath that He gives to us originating from Heaven. Genesis 2:7

states this by saying, "And the LORD God formed man [of] the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

So, that means, yes, a spirit returns to God at death, but it is simply the breath of life. It is much like the light bulb.

Electricity flows from a power plant to a light bulb and it lights up. If the light bulb burns out, that portion of electricity is no longer flowing from the power plant to the light bulb. In essence, that electricity destined for the light bulb returns to the power plant.



Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

*Ecclesiastes 12:7*

All the while my breath [is] in me, and the spirit of God [is] in my nostrils;

*Job 27:3*

And the LORD God formed man [of] the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

*Genesis 2:7*

the word "spirit" refers to something else.

Let us find out where the spirit is then. Job 27:3 tells us, "All the while my breath [is] in me, and the spirit of God [is] in my nostrils." That is not the Holy Spirit. That is not even who we are. But as the verse tells us and as the

# Go Ye Therefore, And Teach

INTRODUCTION REPEAT-ED: 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 and 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: With so much evil in the world, what has God done, and what is He now doing, for us?**

Ask, “What was the first promise made after Adam and Eve sinned?” Then take them to Genesis 3:15 and focus upon the word “enmity” and the fact that this enmity comes through the seed (offspring) of the woman, which is not literally Eve but the church.

Ask, “How can we be sure that Genesis 3:15 is really not just Eve?” Then take them to Revelation 12:1-6 focusing upon the child that is born but mentioning that there was no literal dragon that waited to eat a child and that there was never a woman literally having the sun, moon, and stars about her.

Ask, “What has God done for us in light of these verses?” Then take them to John 3:16-17 focusing upon the fact that God gave up His Son not only to die for us but to be like one of us.

Ask, “How did the dragon or Satan try to devour the child at His birth?” Then take

them to Matthew 2:16 focusing upon the death decree.

Ask, “What was the purpose of the coming of the Son of God?” Have them turn to Matthew 1:20-21 focusing upon the fact that Jesus came to save us FROM our sins.

Ask, “What enmity are we born with?” Direct them to Romans 8:7-9 and focus upon the fact that naturally we are against God and His ways.

Ask, “What then must cease to be for God and against Satan instead?” Then take them to Matthew 16:24 focusing upon “self”. Self must die.

Ask, “How often is self to die?” Have them turn to 1 Corinthians 15:31 and focus upon the word “daily”.

Ask, “How does one die to self every day?” Then take them to Romans 8:1, 4 and focus upon the phrase “who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” in both verses.

Ask, “What do we receive from God each day to be able to die to self and walk after the spirit?” End by taking them to 2 Peter 1:3 and focus upon God’s divine power.



# Healthy Living

Ellen White

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 *Signs of the Times*, March 24, 1887.

## Religion and Health

"Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick; and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease. But the angel of the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? Now therefore thus saith the Lord, Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die." 2 Kings 1:2-4.

In this narrative we have a most striking display of the divine displeasure against those who turn from God to Satanic agencies. A short time previous to the events here recorded, the kingdom of Israel had changed rulers. Ahab had fallen under the judgment of God, and had been succeeded by his son Ahaziah, a worthless character, who did only evil in the

sight of the Lord, walking in the ways of his father and mother, and causing Israel to sin. He worshiped Baal, and provoked the God of Israel to anger, as his father Ahab had done. But judgments followed close upon the sins of the rebellious king. A war with Moab, and then the accident by which his own life was threatened, attested the wrath of God against Ahaziah.

In his father's time this wicked king of Israel had heard and seen much of the wondrous works of the Most High. What terrible evidence of his severity and jealousy had God given his apostate people! And yet Ahaziah acted as though these awful realities, and even the fearful end of his own father, were only an idle tale. Instead of humbling his heart before the Lord, he ventured upon the most daring act of impiety which marked his life. He commanded his servants, "Go, inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease."

This idol was supposed, through the medium of

its priests, to give information concerning future events. It had obtained such general credence that it was resorted to by large numbers from a considerable distance. The predictions there uttered, and the information given, proceeded directly from the prince of darkness. It is he who instituted, and still maintains, the worship of idols, as a means of diverting the minds of men from God.

The story of Ahaziah's sin and punishment contains a lesson of warning which none can disregard with impunity. The very spirit of heathen idolatry is rife today, though under the influence of science and education it has assumed a more refined and attractive form. Though we do not pay homage to heathen gods, yet thousands in civilized and Christian countries are worshiping at Satan's shrine as verily as did the king of Israel. Every day adds sorrowful evidence that faith in the sure word of prophecy is decreasing, and that in its stead superstition and Satanic witchery are captivating the minds of

men. All who do not earnestly search the Scriptures, and submit every desire and purpose of life to that unerring test, all who do not seek God in prayer for a knowledge of his will, will surely wander from the right path, and fall under the deception of Satan.

The mystic voices that spoke at Ekron and Endor are still, by their lying words, misleading the children of men. The prince of darkness has but appeared under a new guise. The heathen oracles of ages long past have their counterpart in the spiritualistic mediums, the clairvoyants and fortune-tellers of today. The mysteries of heathen worship are replaced by the secret associations and seances, the obscurities and wonders, of the sorcerers of our time. And their disclosures are eagerly received by thousands who refuse to accept light from the word or the Spirit of God. They speak with scorn of the magicians of old, while the great deceiver laughs in triumph as they yield to his arts under a different form.

These Satanic agents claim to cure disease. They attribute their power to electricity, magnetism, or the so-called "sympathetic remedies," while in truth they are but channels for Satan's electric currents. By this means he

casts his spell over the bodies and souls of men.

God has made it our duty to preserve our physical powers in the best possible condition, that we may render to him acceptable service. He has placed it in our power to obtain a knowledge of the laws of health. Those who refuse to make use of the knowledge that has been mercifully placed within their reach, are rejecting one of the means which God has granted them to promote spiritual as well as physical life.

Many are unwilling to put forth the effort that is necessary in order to obtain a knowledge of the laws of life, and the simple means to be used for the restoration of health. They do not place themselves in right relations to life. When sickness comes as the result of their transgressions of natural law, they do not seek to correct their errors, and then ask the blessing of God on their course.

Not a few, in this Christian age and Christian nation, resort to mediums rather than trust to the power of the living God. The mother, watching by the sick-bed of her child, exclaims, "I can do no more. Is there no physician who has power to restore my child?" She is told of the wonderful cures performed by some clair-

voyant or magnetic healer, and she trusts her dear one to his charge, placing it as verily in the hands of Satan as though he were standing by her side. And in how many instances is the future life of the child controlled by a Satanic power which it seems impossible to break!

Again: I have heard a mother pleading with some infidel physician to save the life of her child; but when I entreated her to seek help from the Great Physician, who is able to save to the uttermost all who come unto him in faith, she turned away with impatience. Here we see the same spirit that was manifested by Ahaziah. The Lord our God assures us that he is waiting to be gracious; he invites us to call upon him in the day of trouble. How can we turn from him to trust in an arm of flesh?

Ahaziah sent his servants to inquire of Baalzebub at Ekron; but instead of a message from the idol, he heard the awful denunciation from the God of Israel: "Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die." The Lord had cause to be greatly displeased at Ahaziah's impiety. What had he not done to win the hearts of sinful men, and to inspire them with unwavering confidence in his care and affection?

For ages he had visited his people with manifestations of the most condescending kindness and unexampled love. From the times of the patriarchs, he had shown that his "delights were with the sons of men." He had been a very present help to all who sought him in sincerity. "In all their afflictions he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and in his pity he redeemed them." Yet Israel had revolted from God, and the king turned for help to the Lord's worst enemy.

The Hebrews were the only nation favored with a knowledge of the true God. And when the king sent to inquire of a pagan oracle, he proclaimed to the heathen that he had more confidence in their idols than in the God of his people, the Creator of the heavens and the earth. In the same manner do those who profess to have a knowledge of God's word dishonor him when they turn from the Source of strength and wisdom to ask help or counsel from some agent of the power of darkness.

Why is it that men are so unwilling to trust Him who created man, who can, by a touch, a word, a look, heal all manner of disease? Who is more worthy of our confidence than the One who made so great a sacrifice

for our redemption? If the professed followers of Christ would exercise an intelligent, consistent faith in the promises of God, instead of placing so much confidence in deceitful agencies, they would realize in soul and body the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit.

There is danger in departing in the least degree from the Lord's instruction. When we deviate from the plain path of duty, a train of circumstances will arise that seems irresistibly to draw us farther and farther from the right. Needless intimacies with those who have no respect for God will seduce us ere we are aware. Fear of offending worldly friends will deter us from expressing our gratitude to God or acknowledging our dependence upon him. We must keep close to the word of God. We need its warnings and encouragements, its threatenings and its promises. We need the perfect example that we find only in the life and character of our Saviour.

Angels of God will preserve his people while they walk in the path of duty; but there is no assurance of such protection for those who deliberately venture upon Satan's ground. An agent of the great deceiver will say and do anything to gain his object. These workers of iniquity are not few; and

their path is marked by desolated homes, blasted reputations, and broken hearts. But of all this the world knows little; and Satan exults in the ruin that has been wrought.

Those who give themselves up to the sorcery of Satan may be able to boast of great benefit received thereby; but does this prove their course to be wise or safe? What if life should be prolonged or temporal gain secured? Will it pay in the end to disregard the will of God? Oh, no; all such apparent gain will at the last prove an irrecoverable loss.

No man can serve two masters. Light and darkness are no more opposites than are the service of God and the service of Satan. The prophet Elijah presented the matter in the true light when he appealed to apostate Israel: "If the Lord be God, serve him; but if Baal, then serve him."

We cannot with impunity break down a single barrier which God has erected to guard his people from Satan's power. Our only safety consists in preserving the ancient landmarks. "To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."





## Healthy And Delicious Recipes

### *Almond Loaf*

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- 2 cups sliced almonds whizzed in blender with 2 cups water (until chopped consistency).
  - Combine with following ingredients-
  - 1 bunch of green onions chopped (can substitute with 1 large onion)
  - ½ cup chopped celery
  - ¼ tsp. Thyme
  - ½ cup chopped fresh parsley
  - 1 tsp. Basil
  - 2 cups seasoned bread crumbs
  - salt to taste
- Pack lightly into loaf pan and bake 350 degrees for 1 hour.

### *Spelt Nut Bread*

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- 2 cups of well ground spelt flour
  - ½ cup of ground flax seed
  - ½ cup of dry rolled oats/quick oats work fine
  - ½ cup ground walnuts
  - ½ teaspoon of salt (optional)
  - 6 teaspoons of Rumford's baking powder (it contains no aluminum)
  - ¼ cup honey, or another sweetener of your choice
  - ¼ cup olive oil (optional)
  - 2 cups water
- Preheat your oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease an iron skillet well with coconut oil. Mix all dry ingredients together well. Now mix all wet ingredients together. Next pour all the liquid into the dry and mix very quickly. There is no second chance. Do not over stir. If it is over mixed, it will begin to fall rather than rise. It should have a wet thick pancake-dough-like consistency. Quickly pour the mixed ingredients into the greased skillet.
- Now place the skillet or pan into the oven and set the timer for 25 minutes. After the bread is baked, take it out of the oven and leave it sit for a few minutes. Then take a table knife and go around the edges. Lay a dish over the top and turn it upside down. The bread should come out of the pan and be ready to cut. After the bread has cooled, it should be covered or placed in a zip lock bag to prevent it from drying out. It is best served warm, and can be reheated.

# Questions And Answers

**QUESTION:** This question will try to summarize multiple letters that we received in a type of defense of *Hope International*. No question shall actually be posed but items shall be addressed.

**ANSWER:** To all that have quoted the benefits of the items ordered at *Hope International*, by all means continue to buy them. We would rather see the funds somehow go to even a group in spiritual apostasy instead of given over to corporate greed in the secular world, or worse, other religions, especially of the Eastern kind, which many outlets happen to be of such. The article that appeared to attack *Hope International* was all about the spiritual relationship they have in conducting the business and spiritual leadership influence that they express through their publications, now just a publication. The things that are sold through *Hope International* have benefits, so yes, the “cool” was kept while reading some of the letters received because we are comparing apples and

oranges. Apples of spiritually and oranges of the product they sell.

Others stated that it was unfair to provide such a personal opinion against them since they appear to do a wonderful work in the area of health. Remember though, the health message is not to be separated from the Three Angels’ Messages nor is the Three Angels’ Messages to be separated from the health message. Unfortunately, that was not just an opinion. Facts were stated and even more facts can be provided. True Seventh-day Adventists watch both hands. And in this case, the benefits of what they appear to do, by providing natural remedies, seems to distract from the fact that it is a policy not to disturb people with the Three Angels Messages, present truth, or hard-hitting doctrine because that could cause a decline in repeat business. In other words, the business of selling product has become more important than preaching the message. We need to be looking at the “weightier matters”,

the saving gospel message. “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins” (Isaiah 58:1).

The fact that *Hope International* has become better known as *Hope for Health* means nothing. That is simply a blatant way of taking something that was started to save God’s remnant people from the apostasy and transforming it into a money machine. The name changing just shows completeness to the transformation. Another sign of the completeness of the transformation is that the lead magazine of self-supporting ministries (more than one ministry at the onset), *Our Firm Foundation*, became squashed. It is being passed off as a merging of their publications into a new magazine which reluctantly shares the name Ellen White, as was pointed out by another champion for right over profit. And a third aspect of the transformation was that of coming under the umbrella of the conference.

And that is the disturbing goal. The funds are not used to spreading the present truth but is like any corporation that has stockholders -- it is for gain. And again, this is first hand observation (myself) confirmed by another over years of time and not an incident or two. Additionally, during that time, many of the readership also have expressed great disappointment in the ministry on the spiritual basis, on lack of championing the truth, on the lack of being the lighthouse in time of great darkness as it once was.

**QUESTION:** Several ministries, even several preachers have condemned the need for receipts, even among self-supporting ministries, and condemned individuals who claim their giving on their taxes. What is truth and error on this point?

**ANSWER:** We had addressed something similar to this before but since it is tax season, let us use Spirit of Prophecy to settle the matter.

“The minister who receives funds for the Lord’s treasury should give the donor a written receipt for the same, with the

date” {GW 141.2}.

“I send this matter to you so that you shall not make a mistake. Circumstances alter cases. I would not advise that anyone should make a practice of gathering up tithe money. But for years there have now and then been persons who have lost confidence in the appropriation of the tithe, who have placed their tithe in my hands, and said that if I did not take it they would themselves appropriate it to the families of the most needy ministers they could find. I have taken the money, given a receipt for it, and told them how it was appropriated” {2MR 100.2}.

So, we see receipt is to be given and if there is no purpose other than personal records, a receipt would not be needed. Receipts are usually used regarding taxes. As a side note, please also note that tithe money does not have to go through “normal channels”, as the conference is not the store house – Heaven is. It is intended to be given to any minister that is preaching present truth, not error. There are several present truth preachers among the conference churches, but each giver ought to go to God and question, how re-

sponsible am I with paying tithe? Do I blindly give it to the “normal channels” hoping it reaches the right ministers (which is not how that works), or do I give to a person who is believed to be preaching present truth until knowing better? That is a personal choice, but do keep in mind, God does call people to be responsible stewards.

Returning back the question, those ministries, those ministers who criticize the deduction allowed on taxes simply do not understand taxes and/or are bad at math. Using a round number and not a realistic number, let us say that someone earned \$100,000 during the tax year. God would receive \$10,000 in tithe. The IRS may, at a tax rate of 20%, receive \$20,000. If I report to the IRS that I have a receipt for \$10,000 in tithe, the IRS may then state that I only owe \$18,000 because instead of taking \$100,000 times the 20% tax rate, now, I am allowed to first take \$10,000 off of my \$100,000 of income, which is now only \$90,000 of income. Then \$90,000 would be multiplied by 20% yielding \$18,000. I now do not have to give the government \$2,000 in

taxes! I get to keep \$2,000! Further, I do not have to pay tithe on it, even in the form of a refund, because that is still part of the original amount that I already paid tithe on, however, because I now have an extra \$2,000, I may want to use it for buying literature and distributing it in my neighborhood. In other words, anyone that does not claim donations, tithe, etc. on their income taxes is actually misusing God's money. God still received the \$10,000. Tithe is still completely paid. Now, there is one thing to consider before everyone starts requesting receipts. Many times, people do not have enough mortgage interest, medical bills, donations, etc. that are all allowed to be deducted from one's taxes, so the government gives an automatic deduction amount. In 2018, as an individual, you will automatically be given \$12,000 as a personal deduction. So, unless your total personal allowable expenses exceed that amount, your donations, your tithe is already covered by such. Therefore, few people will actually need receipts. A couple, by the way, is given \$24,000 as minimum deduction.

But again, addressing the issue: no, it is not against God's statutes to claim a deduction for tithes and offerings on your taxes.

**QUESTION:** To leave the conference churches is to miss out on the expected pouring out of the Holy Spirit. Why would anyone want to risk that?

**ANSWER:** "The great outpouring of the Spirit of God, which lightens the whole earth with His glory, will not come until we have an enlightened people, that know by experience what it means to be laborers together with God. When we have entire, wholehearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God. God cannot pour out His Spirit when selfishness and self-indulgence are so manifest; when a spirit prevails that, if put into words, would express that answer of Cain,--'Am I my brother's keeper?'"--R. & H., July 21, 1896.

"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. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren" {FLB 336.7}.

"It is a solemn statement that I make to the church that not one in twenty whose names are registered upon the church books are prepared to close their earthly history, and would be as verily without God and without hope in the world as the common sinner. They are professedly serving God, but they are very earnestly serving mammon. This half and half work is a constant denying of Christ rather than a confessing of Christ. So many have brought their own unsubdued spirit, unrefined, their spiritual taste is perverted by their own immoral, de-

basing corruptions, symbolizing the world in spirit, in heart, in purpose, confirming themselves in lustful practices, and are full of deception through and through in their professed Christian life; living as sinners claiming to be Christians. Those who claim to be Christians and will confess Christ, should come out from among them and touch not the unclean thing and be separate. There is a Satanic policy that is practiced by those who are spirit-blind, that they can mingle safely with the worldly element, confederate with them, be in cooperation with them, but it will not require a great length of time to discern that they are no longer with Christ, or place the least value upon living one with their brethren" {PC 347.5}.

"The Lord will work to purify His church. I tell you in truth, the Lord is about to turn and overturn in the institutions called by His name. Just how soon this refining process will begin I cannot say, but it will not be long deferred. He whose fan is in His hand will cleanse His temple of its moral defilement. He will thoroughly purge His floor"-Lt 4, 1895.

"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}.

Because people still cannot understand the plain testimony, let us make a present-day application. We have not received the blessing of the latter rain, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit because the vast majority are in apostasy. Self-indulgence is not only among those in the pew, but many ministers are leading congregations that way with drum-beating instruments, movie night at the actual theaters, sporting events, parties, and much more. It is one thing to have the whole congregation be worldly, but it is another when the minister on up through the conference level is also leading the way.

Now, with that as our leaders, though there be a few (like an estimate of less than 1%) faithful ministers, anyone sitting under such ministers are being deceived and misled. Even those that believe themselves able to tolerate the constant bombardment of falsehoods, the subtle error is still sneaking in. Therefore, it is prideful to think one will not be deceived in such a conference church.

In fact, everyone ought to know that they are being deceived and that the leaders are very active at deceiving by this one fact: we are to have an "enlightened people". How many pew warmers are enlightened? How many sermons teach the actual Three Angels' Messages? How many sermons teach the sanctuary message? How many sermons identify the image, Babylon, the beast, even the mark of the beast? And here is the test: How many people sitting in the pew can teach any of those subjects thoroughly to unbelievers? In all honesty? Hardly anyone. Therefore, they are all being deceived into simply playing church. Deception is not just teaching error, like we are saved in

our sinning, which is actually being taught, but it is also not teaching what a Seventh-day Adventist ought to be educated in: to give the loud cry!

As we see, the proper action of a true Seventh-day Adventist is to separate physically, but not spiritually, from the group. In other words, by home churching, by joining other groups Sabbath morning that are not conference approved, is not leaving “the church”. The church is “the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15). Unfortunately, whenever a person reads the word “church” in the Spirit of Prophecy, they automatically connect it to the organization. The organization exists simply for relational reasons and as the organization uplifts the truth, we ought to follow, but when it teaches apostasy, we need to be separate from the “unclean thing”. For

instance, attending a church that has movie gatherings is being connected to an unclean thing, even if they speak against it and do not participate in it.

So, in this apostasy time, God is purifying His church. He does not send angels or come down in bodily form to do it. As usual, God uses people. That is His chosen method to call people. Specifically, He is using those that are preaching the present truth, even the straight testimony. People will either line up with the proper message or fight against it. And one way to fight against it is to label all self-supporting workers, those of “irregular lines”, as being offshoots, fanatics, or simply those that have “left the church”. It is the organized church that has “left the church”, the pillar and ground of the truth.

The conference claims

that they do not want to be “commanding over the people” yet they do everything to squash “present truth”, squash those that call people away from sinful practices, all the while continuing to empower women in pastor roles, opening the doors to the LGBTQ+ movement, shaking hands and bowing before the pope, engaging in relationships with both the United Nations as well as the US government, participating in ecumenical movements, and lying to the people about all of this.

So, to actually be a vessel to receive the drops of the latter rain that is falling even now, it is a matter of simply doing the work of spreading the gospel, and not getting caught up in all of that “in and out of the church” business. If you choose to stay in a conference church, go about the work. If you choose to leave and home church, go about the work. Just do not condemn those that want to be fed properly for leaving.



## **NEED A RECEIPT?**

We will be happy to provide you with a receipt but please indicate that you would like to receive one. Many give without claiming it on their taxes. Personally, I would so as to have more to give. But for us to mail a receipt to those that do not use such would be a waste of God’s funds. So do not hesitate to ask, and even if you already gave, we have record of it, so if you still want a receipt, just ask.

# News And Comments

January 4

## America Magazine

### Jesuit priest remains House Chaplain in new Congress

**Comment:** "Under various disguises the Jesuits worked their way into offices of State, climbing up to be the counselors of kings, and shaping the policy of nations. They became servants, to act as spies upon their masters. They established colleges for the sons of princes and nobles, and schools for the common people; and the children of Protestant parents were drawn into an observance of popish rites. All the outward pomp and display of the Romish worship was brought to bear to confuse the mind, and dazzle and captivate the imagination; and thus the liberty for which the fathers had toiled and bled was betrayed by the sons. The Jesuits rapidly spread themselves over Europe, and wherever they went, there followed a revival of popery" {GC88 234.3}.

And what does Pelosi suggest in a relationship with the pope? To have a close relationship, which is a rise of popery.

January 8

## Market Watch

### The Russian Orthodox Church says smartphones

### will bring on the Antichrist

**Comment:** According to the Bible, antichrist is a future being but we are told "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work" (2 Thessalonians 2:7) and that "even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time" (1 John 2:18). Antichrist is not a future person but an organization that began in apostolic times and is even with us today. However, we do agree that smart phones are a potential controlling factor.

January 9

## Fox News

### DC Comics to release controversial 'Second Coming' of Jesus

**Comment:** To depict Jesus as a bungling idiot and that the crucifixion was a mistake at the first coming forcing Jesus to come again to learn how to do things right is utter blasphemy. This is part of "iniquity shall abound" (Matthew 24:12). "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny [him], being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate" (Titus 1:16). They know nothing of Jesus yet claim to understand matters regarding Jesus' first coming mission.

A further abomination is that Jesus would have to learn through another super hero known as "Sun-Man". And here we see the contrast between Jesus the "Lord even of the sabbath day" (Matthew 12:8) and the mark of the beast through paganism, specifically that of sun worship!

January 11

## Catholic News Service

### Pope will go to Romania calling for unity, focus on the common good

**Comment:** "Common good" is against the principles of the constitution ... it encourages majority rule, and in the end, Sunday rule. Remembering that the pope is a Jesuit, "The Jesuits rapidly spread themselves over Europe, and wherever they went, there followed a revival of popery" {GC88 234.3}.

January 11

## Crux Now

### Pope Francis builds on odd-couple match between the Vatican and the UN

**Comment:** The article states, "The Catholic Church was global long before anyone thought to coin the term 'globalization,' and has always seen national differences relative and

subordinate to the common good and a shared humanity." To this, Ellen White states, "God's word has given warning of the impending danger; let this be unheeded, and the Protestant world will learn what the purposes of Rome really are, only when it is too late to escape the snare. She is silently growing into power. Her doctrines are exerting their influence in legislative halls, in the churches, and in the hearts of men. She is piling up her lofty and massive structures in the secret recesses of which her former persecutions will be repeated. Stealthily and unsuspectedly she is strengthening her forces to further her own ends when the time shall come for her to strike. All that she desires is vantage ground, and this is already being given her. We shall soon see and shall feel what the purpose of the Roman element is. Whoever shall believe and obey the word of God will thereby incur reproach and persecution." {GC 581.2}

## January 15

### Yahoo Lifestyle

**Mom shocked when security camera appears to show ghost of late son: 'I felt like he was letting me know he is happy in heaven'**

**Comment:** Spiritualism is a dangerous phase of infidelity, and we should not go into the assemblies of Spiritualists

prompted by motives of curiosity. In so doing we are placing ourselves on Satan's ground, and cannot expect help from God unless he has a work for us to do to speak some message to those who are ignorant and deceived, and immediately leave the assembly. "They are of the world; therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them." The erroneous doctrine that the soul is immortal is almost universally received by the world, and the belief that the dead go immediately to heaven gives Spiritualism a deep hold upon the people. Believing this doctrine men have nothing with which to shield themselves from the errors of Spiritualism. Through evil spirits they receive communications, and accept them as messages from their lost loved ones. Satan and his agents personate their dead friends, and thus impart to them Satanic delusions. But God has given us a rule whereby to test what is truth. The prophet says: "To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." "He that is of God heareth God's word." "We are of God; he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error." "But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know

them, and they follow me." "If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God; and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God; and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world" {ST, September 3, 1894 par. 6}.

## January 10

### Breaking Israel News

**Sanhedrin's Noahide Court: Messiah Revealed When Nations Keep the Sabbath**

**Comment:** Rabbi Schwartz is looking forward to a universal Sabbath to welcome in the Messiah, and the Sabbath as he understands it is a different day other than the one that Israel has known. And according to the rabbi, it would be welcomed and accepted into Israel as two sabbaths back to back.

From the article, Rabbi Schwartz based his call for non-Jews to keep the Sabbath on a simple read-



ing of the Bible in conjunction with a close reading of the Ten Commandments. He first cited the Talmud (Shabbat 118b) which states, "Were Israel to keep two Sabbaths as commanded, they would be immediately redeemed." He explained that the simple reading implies two Sabbaths in a row establishing a level of regular observance. The rabbi also explained that an alternative reading might be two different Sabbaths: one of 'remembering the Sabbath', what the rabbi calls a 'universal Sabbath', and another of 'observing the Sabbath', what the rabbi calls a Sabbath for the Jews.

"History will be repeated. False religion will be exalted. The first day of the week, a common working day, possessing no sanctity whatever, will be set up as was the image at Babylon. All nations and tongues and peoples will be commanded to worship this spurious sabbath. This is Satan's plan to make of no account the day instituted by God, and given to the world as a memorial of creation" {ST, May 6, 1897 par. 14}.

## January 14

### Yahoo News

#### **New York Pastor's Son Charged with Raping His Teenage Daughter**

**Comment:** 1 Timothy 3:1, 4-5 states, "This [is] a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he de-

sireth a good work. One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) "

## January 20

### WHO

#### **Ten threats to global health in 2019 - Vaccine hesitancy**

**Comment:** This is prepping the world for forced vaccinations as predicted in Revelation 18:23, which says, "And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived." The Greek word for sorceries is "pharmakeia", which is where we get all the related pharmacy words: pharmacist, pharmaceuticals, etc.

## January 15

### Catholic Philly

#### **All Americans urged to 'stand together' to reject religious bigotry**

**Comment:** "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird" (Revelation 18:2). Primari-

ly, the beast will gather every religion and even non-religion under her and she has. Therefore, the image of the beast will do the same and this article states so. We are not to antagonize anyone, but all other religions, all other denominations, all non-religious, are wrong. "[There is] one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who [is] above all, and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:4-6). We do not hold this knowledge for ego, but rather for responsibility. We are responsible for telling everyone.

## January 22

### Fox News

#### **Ocasio-Cortez calls climate change 'our World War II,' warns the world will end in 12 years**

**Comment:** As expected, the "new democrats" have the same agenda of climate change. It is a matter of time that either people demand Sunday shutdown for saving the planet or from the Republican view of the "religious right", a demand to get back to the old days when Sunday shopping was band. But here is the interesting thing: Ocasio-Cortez stated that if nothing is done, the world will end in 12 years, which, from 2019 is 2031. Not by coincidence, Ellen White wrote:

"In the midst of the week He shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease.' In A.D. 31, three and a half years after His baptism, our Lord was crucified. With the great sacrifice offered upon Calvary, ended that system of offerings which for four thousand years had pointed forward to the Lamb of God. Type had met antitype, and all the sacrifices and oblations of the ceremonial system were there to cease." {GC 327.3}

"Christ was standing at the point of transition between two economies and their two great festivals. He, the spotless Lamb of God, was about to present Himself as a sin offering, that He would thus bring to an end the system of types and ceremonies that for four thousand years had pointed to His death. As He ate the Passover with His disciples, He instituted in its place the service that was to be the memorial of His great sacrifice. The national festival of the Jews was to pass away forever. The service which Christ established was to be observed by His followers in all lands and through all ages." {DA 652.2}

Take 31 AD and add another 2000 years brings us to 2031, keeping in mind that "he will finish the work, and cut [it] short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth" (Romans 9:28).

Is Ocasio-Cortez revealing prophecy that Satan is

quite aware of? It is a good possibility, for any year could have been picked, especially 2030, a nice round number. To pick 2031 is not by chance.

## January 1

### Nash Country Daily

#### Hayley Orrantia Carves Her Own Path in Music City

**Comment:** Yet another singer promoting the future Mark of the Beast with her song, "Give Me Back Sunday". "The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the undercurrent is tending. Its professions are mild and apparently Christian, but when it shall speak it will reveal the spirit of the dragon. It is our duty to do all in our power to avert the threatened danger. We should endeavor to disarm prejudice by placing ourselves in a proper light before the people" {5T 452.1}.

## January 29

### Yahoo News

#### Trump boosts bills to teach his favorite book — the Bible — in public schools

**Comment:** The article states, "A September poll from the Public Religion Research Institute found Trump's approval rating from white evangelicals

holding firm at 71 percent, and Monday's tweet probably won't change that." Ellen White writes, "When the early church became corrupted by departing from the simplicity of the gospel and accepting heathen rites and customs, she lost the Spirit and power of God; and in order to control the consciences of the people, she sought the support of the secular power. The result was the papacy, a church that controlled the power of the state and employed it to further her own ends, especially for the punishment of "heresy". In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the state will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends" {GC 443.2}. This is definitely under the umbrella of acting like church and state conjoining.

## January 31

### Yahoo News

#### Sarah Sanders Tells Christian TV Network That God 'Wanted Donald Trump to Become President'

**Comment:** "The church appeals to the strong arm of civil power, and in this work papists and Protestants unite."--GC 607 (1911).



# Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth

The purpose of this section of the newsletter is “Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear” (1 Timothy 5:20). “If thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand” (Ezekiel 33:8). We want to have those Adventists who are unaware of these things being error to avoid them. And “whosoever shall do and teach [them], the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:19).

“And when they succeed in bringing together a large number of people they must bear messages of a character so out of the usual order that the people will be aroused and warned. They must make use of every means that can possibly be devised for causing the truth to stand out clearly and distinctly. The testing message for this time is to be borne so plainly and decidedly as to startle the hearers and lead them to desire to study the Scriptures” {9T 109.2}.

**January 23, 2019**

**Advent Messenger**

## **Southwestern Adventist University's 1950s Swing Dance Party**

**Article:** While the 10-days of prayer were being conducted, Southwestern Adventist University decided to throw a 1950's Swing Dance party on January 12, 2019, during the middle of the prayer event.

**EGW:** “It is impossible to estimate too largely the work that the Lord will accomplish through His proposed vessels in carrying out His mind and purpose. The things you have described as taking place in Indiana, the Lord has shown me would take place just before the close of probation. Every uncouth thing will be demonstrated. There will be shouting, with drums, music, and dancing. The senses of rational beings will become so confused that they cannot be trusted to make right decisions. And this is called the moving of the Holy Spirit” {2SM 36.2}.

**Bible:** Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away (2 Timothy 3:5).

**January 16**

**NAD News Articles  
(NADAdventist.Org)**

**NAD Hosts First Reli-**

## **gious Freedom Prayer Breakfast**

Article: Today, on Religious Freedom Day (Jan. 16, 2019), local faith and civic leaders gathered at the North American Division (NAD) headquarters in Columbia, Maryland, for the NAD's first Religious Freedom Prayer Breakfast. They celebrated the freedoms enjoyed in the United States and prayed for guidance in further fostering and sharing it with others.

“We were just really hoping to bring together a lot of religious groups to pray together as a faith-based community — not worrying about what day we worship [on] or what type of house of worship that we're in,” said Orlan Johnson, director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and one of the event organizers. “Just the idea that we should all pray together and to seek the best that we can seek for our nation, for our community, for all of our loved ones and we think we accomplished that today.”

Zainab Chaudry, Maryland outreach director for the Council on American-Islamic Rela-

tions, said, “I feel like it is very important to have these kind of events, especially on days like today — Religious Freedom Day — because it is a reminder of the work that needs to be done to continue to protect religious freedom and religious pluralism in our country, especially when so many houses of worship and so many faith communities are being targeted by hatred, bigotry and intolerance. ... It is an affirmation of our shared values towards one another’s liberty and existence and security.”

Leaders plan to make the breakfast an annual event.

**Comment:** The Israelites were never to make friends with the pagans, the enemies of righteousness, and yet, this is how time and time again the Israelites fell into paganism. And here we are again. Our church is being drawn into evangelical beliefs by squashing who the antichrist is, mark of the beast is, and even who Babylon is. We try to quiet the use of Ellen White, the heavenly sanctuary, and even 1844. We have been doing this for years but now it is blatant. Why? Because the people are asleep and think, “Oh, neat idea. Through rubbing el-

bows, we may be able to evangelize to even the Islamic presence there.” Nonsense! What it is actually doing, and has been doing for at least since the 1950’s, is compromising the church. This was agreed upon in the 1970’s, and has increased in activity to the present day while claiming observance status.

**Bible:** “Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee” (Exodus 34:12). “For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name [is] Jealous, [is] a jealous God: Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and [one] call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice; And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods” (Exodus 34:14-16). By praying with Islamists, Hindus, even Catholic priests, we are praying to pagan gods! As they do not serve the same God that we do. That means, during that meeting and future annual meetings, we were,

and will be, praying to pagan gods!

**EGW:** “It is a backsliding church that lessens the distance between itself and the Papacy” {ST, February 19, 1894 par. 4}. “The restrictions which God had given, forbidding intermarriage between His people and the heathen, and prohibiting Israel from joining in the idolatrous practices of surrounding nations,…” {PK 708.1}.

**January 8**

**Fulcrum**

**Oregon Conference to Host LGBT Meeting in Portland**

**Article:** One of the presenters is Bill Henson—author and non-Adventist speaker of “Guiding Families of LGBT+ Loved Ones” (GFLGBT+LO). He is giving this advice to Adventist educators, pastors, and family members through his NAD-endorsed book.

**Comment:** Why are we going to Babylon to learn anything? They are “fallen”. And here is the lying part — They say that the meeting was for the purpose of learning how to call people out of that lifestyle when in fact the book used is actually teaching people how to cope with having a person as LGBT+; how to

love them and accept them. This is simply drinking the wine of Babylon. Ancient Israel got reprimanded every time they tried learning anything from the pagan nations around them.

**EGW:** If God has any new light to communicate, He will let His chosen and beloved understand it, without their going to have their minds enlightened by hearing those who are in darkness and error. {EW 124.2}

The Protestant churches are in great darkness, or they would discern the signs of the times. (GC, 565)

The Lord says to us, Seventh-day Adventists are not to place themselves under the counsel and instruction of teachers who know not the truth for this time. The molding and fashioning of minds should not be left to men who have not comprehended the importance of a preparation for that life which measures with the life of God. {CT 401.1}

**2018 and Older:**

**December 31, 2018**

**Mt. Rubidoux SDA Church**

**Times Square Adult New Year's Eve Party**

**Church Facebook Page:**

"Backyard" is our young adult social ministry, where our young adults get to play and have fun together. Come ring in the new year with us New York City-style with food, entertainment, mocktails, and a Ball drop at midnight! We hope to see you there.

**Comment:** Social ministry is to be in conversation, not using worldly socializing. We do not see Jesus partying. We do see him attending meals where He was invited to evangelize. He never attended a gathering where He could not speak.

**EGW:** "It is impossible to estimate too largely the work that the Lord will accomplish through His proposed vessels in carrying out His mind and purpose. The things you have described as taking place in Indiana, the Lord has shown me would take place just before the close of probation. Every uncouth thing will be demonstrated. There will be shouting, with drums, music, and dancing. The senses of rational beings will become so confused that they cannot be trusted to make right decisions. And this is called the moving of the Holy Spirit" {2SM 36.2}. Please note the direct statement of "dancing", even "music", "shouting", and "drums" too, all of which was present

for the party.

**December 30**

**Adventist Today**

**Halloween Retailer Helps Calm Young Loma Linda Patients' Treatment Anxiety**

**Article:** Loma Linda University Health has recently profiled seasonal retailer Spirit Halloween that has donated significant funds to help calm the anxieties that patients at Loma Linda Children's Hospital have while facing treatment.

**EGW:** "The gospel of Christ Jesus is of heavenly force. The message for this time is a most decided one. I call upon those to whom God has entrusted his work not to link their arms in the arm of Satan. Do not allow him to make a confidant of you. Keep away from his specious devices. We have great and solemn truths to give to the world, and they are to be proclaimed in no hesitating, limping style. The trumpet is to give a certain sound. Some will come to hear the strange message out of curiosity; others, with a longing to receive true knowledge, asking the question, 'What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?'" {RH, August 11, 1903 par. 10}.

"I speak to the men in responsible positions,

warning you of the dangers of negligence. Bear in mind that Satan is playing the game of life for your souls. Holy and perfect trust in the Lord is your only safeguard. Satan is working through agencies that you little suspect” {19MR 66.1}.

“There are many who shrink with horror from the thought of consulting spirit mediums, but who are attracted by more pleasing forms of spiritism” {PK 210.3}.

**Bible:** “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).

**Comment:** What part should Seventh-day Adventists play on a day or activity that celebrates spirits of the deceased? None.

## March 30

### Adventist Today

#### Wrong About the Antichrist

**Article Summary:** Basically, the conversational style of the article depicts that Adventists who call the Roman Catholic Church antichrist are just “picking” on Catholics. The article then defends Catholics in general.

**EGW:** “The Lord has

pronounced a curse upon those who take from or add to the Scriptures. The great I AM has decided what shall constitute the rule of faith and doctrine, and he has designed that the Bible shall be a household book. The church that holds to the word of God is irreconcilably separated from Rome. Protestants were once thus apart from this great church of apostasy, but they have approached more nearly to her, and are still in the path of reconciliation to the Church of Rome. Rome never changes. Her principles have not altered in the least. She has not lessened the breach between herself and Protestants; they have done all the advancing. But what does this argue for the Protestantism of this day? It is the rejection of Bible truth which makes men approach to infidelity. It is a backsliding church that lessens the distance between itself and the Papacy” {ST, February 19, 1894 par. 4}.

## January 25

### Adventist Today

#### Progressive “Present Truth” in Daniel 8-12

**Article:** “Daniel 8 describes the cleansing of the sanctuary and the 2300 days. We under-

stood this in the 1840s—it was present truth for that time. However, Daniel 8 does not extend to God’s kingdom, so it is not complete, or end-time, present truth. Because we have not understood this, we have erroneously presented Daniel 7, 8 and 9 as present truth. As a result, our prophetic message has grown stale and lost momentum, as shown by loss of interest in that message by many of our youth, members, and the community we seek to reach. The old truths are still true, but they are not present truth. They do not gain and hold the attention of people today. The third and final conflict between Islam and Christianity happens just before the end of the world. I believe it is now beginning in the Middle East.”

**EGW:** “The enemies of the present truth have been trying to open the door of the holy place, that Jesus has shut, and to close the door of the most holy place, which He opened in 1844, where the ark is, containing the two tables of stone on which are written the ten commandments by the finger of Jehovah” {EW 43.1}.

**Comment:** The 2300 days is not simply a fixed date in time but

rather points to the beginning process of the judgment that is so much present truth that it is found in the first angel's message: "for the hour of his judgment is come" (Revelation 14:7). We basically have a heretic, maybe even a Jesuit who authored this article, because of the subtle form of attacking one of the messages, the sanctuary, as predicted by Ellen White.

**EGW:** "In the future, deception of every kind is to arise, and we want solid ground for our feet. We want solid pillars for the building. Not one pin is to be removed from that which the Lord has established. The enemy will bring in false theories, such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary. This is one of the points on which there will be a departing from the faith. Where shall we find safety unless it be in the truths that the Lord has been giving for the last fifty years?" -- Review and Herald, May 25, 1905.

## July 2017

### Biblical Research Institute

#### Reflections

**Article:** *Roman Catholicism Continuity and Change* article states, "Today's Roman Cathol-

icism is also different from the late medieval church, a church whose life and teaching Martin Luther wanted to reform."

**Summary:** It basically removes the finger pointing from the Roman Catholic Church as fulfilling the description of the antichrist of the last days.

**EGW:** "It is a backsliding church that lessens the distance between itself and the Papacy" {ST, February 19, 1894 par. 4}.

## September 2015

### Spectrum

#### Viewpoint: Antichrist Fever - The Pope in the US

**Article Summary:** Not only does the article lift off the finger identification point to Rome but attacks all forms of proper interpretation of Revelation 13 or prophecy in general by stating, "Revelation 13 probably does not predict entities and powers". The article attacks Ellen White for "canonizing interpretations by Uriah Smith and John Andrews when she admittedly copied and pasted them in The Great Controversy".

**Comment:** Basically, the article attacks the pioneers, the prophet, and the truth all in one quick article. Ellen White has

been reduced to a copyist of prejudiced rhetoric from the pioneers of which does not apply to today's Roman Catholic Church.

**EGW:** "The pacific tone of Rome in the United States does not imply a change of heart. She is tolerant where she is helpless. Says Bishop O'Connor: 'Religious liberty is merely endured until the opposite can be carried into effect without peril to the Catholic world.' . . . The archbishop of St. Louis once said: 'Heresy and unbelief are crimes; and in Christian countries, as in Italy and Spain, for instance, where all the people are Catholics, and where the Catholic religion is an essential part of the law of the land, they are punished as other crimes.' . . ." {GC 565.1}.

"In the movements now in progress in the United States to secure for the institutions and usages of the church the support of the state, Protestants are following in the steps of papists. Nay, more, they are opening the door for the papacy to regain in Protestant America the supremacy which she has lost in the Old World" {GC 573.1}.



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that day and hour knoweth no [man], no, not the angels of heaven" (Matthew 24:36), I do not think we know the month or year either.

So, let us live like we really believe the saving message, crying and weeping for those that do not see it, especially those that have been exposed to the message and simply warm a seat in church every Sabbath.

Maranatha, Lord Jesus, come quickly.



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