



The Four Angels' Messages

A Monthly Magazine

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Before the setting of the sun let the members of the family assemble to read God's word, to sing and pray. There is need of reform here, for many have been remiss. We need to confess to God and to one another. We should begin anew to make special arrangements that every member of the family may be prepared to honor the day which God has blessed and sanctified.

{6T 356.5 }

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Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

Jerry O'Donnell

One of my children came to me one day and asked, "Do you know the riddle of Samson?"; and then it dawned upon me that we are the most knowledgeable people on earth regarding the Bible, but if it is head knowledge only, we are no better than the Pharisees. The sad part is that our church pretty much encourages the head knowledge as opposed to the spiritual, especially these days. I say these days because for the most part we have lost our spiritual identity, and it is up to the faithful to maintain it before it is completely lost.

The fact that we are in danger of completely forgetting our spiritual identity points to the fact that it cannot be much longer before Sunday law, persecution, plagues, and second coming. The Seventh-day Adventist school system does not teach the spiritual application. Rarely is a sermon teaching it. And surely, as a people, we hardly discuss it. In fact, when I try, usually the recipients are clueless as if I am

speaking a foreign language.

The bottom line is that the Seventh-day Adventist church is spiritual Israel. All other denominations are Babylon. And the king of Babylon is the papacy. Yes, that makes us the only right denomination. That may sound cultish, even something to brag about, but Jesus Himself said, "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, [and] one shepherd" (John 10:16). Paul wrote, "[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). The word "one" means,,, well,,, "one", and there are no others. "We as a people profess to have truth in advance of every other people upon the earth" {5T 100.2}.

Claiming to be the only denomination with all

of the truth is not something to brag about but to appreciate, and not only appreciate, but embrace, and want others to embrace it as well. Sure, God's people can be found in all other denominations and sure other denominations have a few of the truths but that does not justify ecumenical thinking towards them.

The thinking that we are Israel while the rest constitute Babylon defines all other aspects of our relationships then. For instance, Babylon cannot teach Israel as Israel is taught of God. Therefore, we ought not be looking at other denominations to learn of their ways, their teachings, or anything. Babylon is in darkness, and we are the ones in the light. The light is physically revealed in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy as those are the primary means of God communicating to Israel – the prophets.

This also defines us as a people in which there is no justification to go and form a new

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

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

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

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

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The Four Angels' Messages (topic 19)

Jerry O'Donnell

Double of Double

Revelation 18:6 states, "Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double."

When people hear the word "reward", they usually think that it is a positive thing. The word "reward" does not always mean a good thing, as in this case, for some times it means "to receive that which is deserved."

The Cup

According to Revelation 17:4, Mystery Babylon has "a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication." On top of having a cup filled with this, "she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication" (Revelation 14:8). It is one thing to commit sin personally, and it is a worse thing to get others to commit the sin as well, but that is what sinners want. They seem more secure in their ways if they can get others to participate in it as well.

Sinners do feel self-condemned when they are all alone. This is why so many stay away from church. This is why so many do not like Chris-

tians, especially the godly ones. But, if they can get these people to participate in sin a little, then somehow their conscience is cleared, and they figure if the supposed "godly" one is now participating in the sin just a little that it then translates to God not destroying so many people, and they too might have a chance. It is either that or figuring that "no one is perfect", as if practicing imperfection people will be going to Heaven. Such is a lie.

In the case of mystery Babylon, she knows what she is doing. She has no desire to convert, and "Rome never changes. She claims infallibility. It is Protestantism that will change. The adoption of liberal ideas on its part will bring it where it can clasp the hand of Catholicism. 'The Bible, the Bible, is the foundation of our faith,' was the cry of Protestants in Luther's time, while the Catholics cried, 'The Fathers, custom, tradition.' Now many Protestants find it difficult to prove their doctrines from the Bible, and yet they have not the moral courage to accept the truth which involves a cross; therefore they are fast coming to the ground of Catho-

lics, and, using the best arguments they have to evade the truth, cite the testimony of the Fathers, and the customs and precepts of men. Yes, the Protestants of the nineteenth century are fast approaching the Catholics in their infidelity concerning the Scriptures. But there is just as wide a gulf today between Rome and the Protestantism of Luther, Cranmer, Ridley, Hooper, and the noble army of martyrs, as there was when these men made the protest which gave them the name of Protestants" {RH, June 1, 1886 par. 13}. At the same time, those drinking from her cup will also receive a portion of her reward, in which, if we truly care about fellow church members and those outside of the church, we cannot stand by and just watch. Despite the ridicule and attack from them, we shall continue to press the urgency and need to convert.

Of course, that is not true of the Protestants of the twenty-first century. That gulf is gone. But what of the Seventh-day Adventist church? Before anyone gets upset and thinks we are attacking the church yet once again, are we not coun-

seled to examine ourselves? A true examination does not consider how to avoid a bad conclusion before the exam. We need an honest exam.

For instance, if a person is feeling very ill but is terrified about having cancer, yet it is at the point they need to actually get some medical tests performed to confirm the illness, when the doctor asks certain questions, would it be right to think, "If I answer with too many yeses, they may order certain tests that may conclude I have cancer, therefore I will answer them as no"? Of course not.

So, if I were to ask, what controls the church practices today, liberalism or holding fast to sound doctrine, an honest answer would be liberalism. It seems that sins are unchecked while a conservative stance is attacked, not only by members but by church leaders. Ever since the church switched from conversion numbers to pew warming numbers, the motivation has been trying to make church comfortable for sinners.

Now the next question: Are there signs of our church growing closer to Rome even Babylon? How often did Ganoune Diop meet with the pope or pope representatives? How often has the church signed docu-

ments that other denominations also signed in friendship with the papacy? How often do our ministers regurgitate the words out of the Vatican? How many of our churches are involved in the climate change movement and saving the earth? If you have a computer or computer access, it does not take long on Google to get the answer. It is appalling about how involved our church is with the ecumenical movement and the actions of Rome. Therefore, like it or not, the gulf between even the Seventh-day Adventist church and Rome is also mostly gone. I say only "mostly" because there are faithful and true Seventh-day Adventists that refuse to go along with the agenda of going back to Rome.

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

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

And this next Bible prophecy is not about other denominations bringing Seventh-day Adventists to trial. This Bible prophecy is about Seventh-day Adventists bring Seventh-day Adventists to trial in light of the preceding quote. "But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues" (Matthew 10:17).

Therefore, once again, we do not take the stance that the solution is to go from another organization or even be a satellite location for speakers that seem to be preaching present truth but simply "If any [man] preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:9), avoid those that "pervert the gospel of Christ" (Galatians 1:7), and "I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them" (Romans 16:17). We are not to place ourselves Sabbath after Sab-

bath under false preachers, false teachers, or any false leader. We simply encourage home churches and “not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching” (Hebrews 10:25). Today, we have the advantage of the Internet that allows us to connect with like believers. But how can this verse be fulfilled if every time you try to exhort church members to live the standards that eleven other members come at you defending the sin or attacking your character? Yes, it is character assassination that liberals resort to because they know they shall lose on the ground of discussing the truth.

And yes, we are hard on the leaders. The reason is in the name. A leader is to lead. And when they are leading people

to accept the LGBTQ+ movement, when they are leading members to the movies, when they are leading members to dancing, when they are leading members to continue in their sins and not seek perfection, when they are leading in the wrong direction, the alarm must be sounded. Sadly, most of the leaders from elders up to conference president are fulfilling Isaiah 56:10-12: “His watchmen [are] blind: they are all ignorant, they [are] all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, [they are] greedy dogs [which] can never have enough, and they [are] shepherds [that] cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. Come ye, [say they], I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, [and] much more

abundant.” While we are obligated by Ezekiel 33:6: “But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take [any] person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.”

What it comes down to is that we personally “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15). Many people who write this ministry, call this ministry will utter the words, “I don’t have the insight like you do”. Then I wonder why not? I am no one special. I simply read and studied the Bible after joining the church, where the truth resides, at least on the books. I then read everything thing that Ellen White penned, and by the power of the Holy Spirit am able to now sense the imbalance of many false theories because if it is that important of an issue, Ellen White would have a lot to say about it. “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world” (1 John 4:1).

“In this closing work of the gospel there is a vast field to be occupied;

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and, more than ever before, the work is to enlist helpers from the common people” {Ed 269.3}.

“The common people are to take their place as workers” {GW 38.1}.

Remember, “In the last great conflict of the controversy with Satan those who are loyal to God will see every earthly support cut off. Because they refuse to break His law in obedience to earthly powers, they will be forbidden to buy or sell. It will finally be decreed that they shall be put to death. See Revelation 13:11-17. But to the obedient is given the promise, ‘He shall dwell on high: his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.’ Isaiah 33:16. By this promise the children of God will live. When the earth shall be wasted with famine, they shall be fed. ‘They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.’ Psalm 37:19. To that time of distress the prophet Habakkuk looked forward, and his words express the faith of the church: ‘Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I

will joy in the God of my salvation.’ Habakkuk 3:17, 18” {DA 121.3}. We must get to the point where we stand, and even stand alone.

Nowhere does the Spirit of Prophecy state that the organized Seventh-day Adventist Church goes through. It is all about the individual person. Yes, the 144,000 are made up of only Seventh-day Adventists, but safe to say, they will not be made up of the current leadership. And if the individual person is not discerning, they will be drinking the cup from Rome through the instruments infiltrated into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

“The days are fast approaching when there will be great perplexity and confusion. Satan, clothed in angel robes, will deceive, if possible, the very elect. There will be gods many and lords many. Every wind of doctrine will be blowing. Those who have rendered supreme homage to ‘science falsely so called’ will not be the leaders then. Those who have trusted to intellect, genius, or talent will not then stand at the head of rank and file. They did not keep pace with the light. Those who have proved themselves unfaithful will not then be entrusted with the flock. In the last solemn work few great men will be engaged. They are self-sufficient, independent

of God, and He cannot use them. The Lord has faithful servants, who in the shaking, testing time will be disclosed to view. There are precious ones now hidden who have not bowed the knee to Baal. They have not had the light which has been shining in a concentrated blaze upon you. But it may be under a rough and uninviting exterior the pure brightness of a genuine Christian character will be revealed. In the day time we look toward heaven but do not see the stars. They are there, fixed in the firmament, but the eye cannot distinguish them. In the night we behold their genuine luster” {5T 80.1}.

And what will the result be? The punishment is to be “double unto her double”. May each of us choose to cease drinking from the cup and simply go about as if we were personally commissioned to “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” (Matthew 28:19) because we were. We do not need church credentials. If a person is born again, go! Do it not as independent atoms, but rather as being subject to one another in the truth. Wait not for church approval to do what we are to be doing, but also expect no assistance from them either, in fact, expect resistance. Our leader is Christ. Is He your leader?



The First Angel's Message

Ellen White

The prophecy of the first angel's message, brought to view in Revelation 14, found its fulfillment in the Advent movement of 1840-1844. In both Europe and America, men of faith and prayer were deeply moved as their attention was called to the prophecies, and, tracing down the inspired record, they saw convincing evidence that the end of all things was at hand. The Spirit of God urged his servants, to give the warning. Far and wide spread the message of the everlasting gospel, "Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his Judgment is come." [Revelation 14:7.]

Wherever missionaries had penetrated, were sent the glad tidings of Christ's speedy return. In different lands were found isolated bodies of Christians, who, solely by the study of the Scriptures, had arrived at the belief that the Saviour's advent was near. In some portions of Europe, where the laws were so oppressive as to forbid the preaching of the Advent doctrine, little children were impelled to declare it, and many listened to the solemn

warning.

To Wm. Miller and his co-laborers it was given to preach the message in America, and the light kindled by their labors shone out to distant lands. The testimony of the Scriptures pointing to the coming of Christ in 1843, awakened wide-spread interest. Many were convinced that the arguments from the prophetic periods were correct, and, sacrificing their pride of opinion, they joyfully received the truth. Some ministers laid aside their sectarian views and feelings, left their salaries and their churches, and united in proclaiming the coming of Jesus. There were but few ministers, however, who would accept this message; therefore it was largely committed to humble laymen. Farmers left their fields, mechanics their tools, traders their merchandise, professional men their positions; and yet the number of workers was small in comparison with the work to be accomplished. The condition of an ungodly church and a world lying in wickedness burdened the souls of the true watchmen, and they willingly endured

toil, privation, and suffering that they might call men to repentance unto salvation. Though opposed by Satan, the work went steadily forward, and the Advent truth was accepted by many thousands.

Everywhere was heard the searching testimony warning sinners, both worldlings and churchmembers, to flee from the wrath to come. Like John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, the preachers laid the ax at the root of the tree, and urged all to bring forth fruit meet for repentance. Their stirring appeals were in marked contrast to the assurances of peace and safety that were heard from popular pulpits; and wherever the message was given, it moved the people. The simple, direct testimony of the Scriptures, set home by the power of the Holy Spirit, brought a weight of conviction which few were able wholly to resist. Professors of religion were roused from their false security. They saw their backslidings, their worldliness and unbelief, their pride and selfishness. Many sought the Lord with repentance and humili-

ation. The affections that had so long clung to earthly things they now fixed upon Heaven. The Spirit of God rested upon them, and with hearts softened and subdued they joined to sound the cry, "Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his Judgment is come."

Sinners inquired with weeping, "What must I do to be saved?" Those whose lives had been marked with dishonesty were anxious to make restitution. All who found peace in Christ longed to see others share the blessing. The hearts of parents were turned to their children, and the hearts of children to their parents. The barriers of pride and reserve were swept away. Heartfelt confessions were made, and the members of the household labored for the salvation of those who were nearest and dearest. Often was heard the sound of earnest intercession. Everywhere were souls in deep anguish, pleading with God. Many wrestled all night in prayer for the assurance that their own sins were pardoned, or for the conversion of their relatives or neighbors. That earnest, determined faith gained its object. Had the people of God continued to be thus importunate in prayer,

pressing their petitions at the mercy-seat, they would be in possession of a far richer experience than they now have. There is too little prayer, too little real conviction of sin; and the lack of living faith leaves many destitute of the grace so richly provided by our gracious Redeemer.

All classes flocked to the Adventist meetings. Rich and poor, high and low, were, from various causes, anxious to hear for themselves the doctrine of the second advent. The Lord held the spirit of opposition in check while his servants explained the reasons of their faith. Sometimes the instrument was feeble; but the Spirit of God gave power to his truth. The presence of holy angels was felt in these assemblies, and many were daily added to the believers. As the evidences of Christ's soon coming were repeated, vast crowds listened in breathless silence to the solemn words. Heaven and earth seemed to approach each other. The power of God would be felt upon old and young and middle-aged. Men sought their homes with praises upon their lips, and the glad sound rang out upon the still night air. None who attended those

meetings can ever forget those scenes of deepest interest.

The proclamation of a definite time for Christ's coming called forth great opposition from many of all classes, from the minister in the pulpit down to the most reckless, Heaven-daring sinner. "No man knoweth the day nor the hour!" [SEE APPENDIX, NOTE 2.] was heard alike from the hypocritical minister and the bold scoffer. They closed their ears to the clear and harmonious explanation of the text by those who were pointing to the close of the prophetic periods and to the signs which Christ himself had foretold as tokens of his advent. Many who professed to love the Saviour, declared that they had no opposition to the preaching of his coming; they merely objected to the definite time. God's all-seeing eye read their hearts. They did not wish to hear of Christ's coming to judge the world in righteousness. They had been unfaithful servants, their works would not bear the inspection of the heart-searching God, and they feared to meet their Lord. Like the Jews at the time of Christ's first advent, they were not prepared to welcome Jesus. Satan and his angels exult-

ed and flung the taunt in the face of Christ and holy angels, that his professed people had so little love for him that they did not desire his appearing.

Unfaithful watchmen hindered the progress of the work of God. As the people were roused, and began to inquire the way of salvation, these leaders stepped in between them and the truth, seeking to quiet their fears by falsely interpreting the word of God. In this work, Satan and unconsecrated ministers united, crying, Peace, peace, when God had not spoken peace. Like the Pharisees in Christ's day, many refused to enter the kingdom of Heaven themselves, and those who were entering in, they hindered. The blood of these souls will be required at their hand.

Wherever the message of truth was proclaimed, the most humble and devoted in the churches were the first to receive it. Those who studied the Bible for themselves could not but see the unscriptural character of the popular views of prophecy, and wherever the people were not deceived by the efforts of the clergy to misstate and pervert the faith, wherever they would search

the word of God for themselves, the Advent doctrine needed only to be compared with the Scriptures to establish its divine authority.

Many were persecuted by their unbelieving brethren. In order to retain their position in the church, some consented to be silent in

regard to their hope; but others felt that loyalty to God forbade them thus to hide the truths which he had committed to their trust. Not a few were cut off from the fellowship of the church for no other reason than expressing their belief in the coming of Christ.

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Very precious to those who bore the trial of their faith were the words of the prophet, "Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified. But he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed." [Isaiah 66:5.]

Angels of God were watching with the deepest interest the result of the warning. When the churches as a body rejected the message, angels turned away from them in sadness. Yet there were in the churches many who had not yet been tested in regard to the Advent truth. Many were deceived by husbands, wives, parents, or children, and were made to believe it a sin even to listen to such heresies as were taught by the Adventists. Angels were bidden to keep faithful watch over these souls; for another light was yet to shine upon them from the throne of God.

With unspeakable desire those who had received the message watched for the coming of their Saviour. The time when they expected to meet him was at hand. They approached this hour with a calm solemnity. They rested in sweet communion with God, an earnest of the peace

that was to be theirs in the bright hereafter. None who experienced this hope and trust can forget those precious hours of waiting. Worldly business was for the most part laid aside for a few weeks. Believers carefully examined every thought and emotion of their hearts as if upon their death-beds and in a few hours to close their eyes upon earthly scenes. There was no making of "ascension robes;" [SEE APPENDIX, NOTE 3.] but all felt the need of internal evidence that they were prepared to meet the Saviour; their white robes were purity of soul,—characters cleansed from sin by the atoning blood of Christ.

God designed to prove his people. His hand covered a mistake in the reckoning of the prophetic periods. [SEE APPENDIX, NOTE 1.] Adventists did not discover the error, nor was it discovered by the most learned of their opponents. The latter said, "Your reckoning of the prophetic periods is correct. Some great event is about to take place; but it is not what Mr. Miller predicts; it is the conversion of the world, and not the second advent of Christ."

The time of expectation

passed, and Christ did not appear for the deliverance of his people. Those who with sincere faith and love had looked for their Saviour, experienced a bitter disappointment. Yet the Lord had accomplished his purpose: he had tested the hearts of those who professed to be waiting for his appearing. There were among them many who had been actuated by no higher motive than fear. Their profession of faith had not affected their hearts or their lives. When the expected event failed to take place, these persons declared that they were not disappointed; they had never believed that Christ would come. They were among the first to ridicule the sorrow of the true believers.

But Jesus and all the heavenly host looked with love and sympathy upon the tried and faithful yet disappointed ones. Could the vail separating the visible from the invisible world have been swept back, angels would have been seen drawing near to these steadfast souls, and shielding them from the shafts of Satan. {*The Spirit of Prophecy Volume Four*, 222-229}



A Word to the "Little Flock."

James White, Ellen White, and Joseph Bates

TO THE REMNANT SCATTERED ABROAD

As God has shown me in holy vision the travels of the Advent people to the Holy City, and the rich reward to be given those who wait the return of their Lord from the wedding, it may be my duty to give you a short sketch of what God has revealed to me. The dear saints have got many trials to pass through. But our light afflictions, which are but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory - while we look not at the things which are seen, for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. I have tried to bring back a good report, and a few grapes from the heavenly Canaan, for which many would stone me, as the congregation bade stone Caleb and Joshua for their report, (Num.14:10.) But I declare to you, my brethren and sisters in the Lord, it is a goodly land, and we are well able to go up and possess it.

While praying at the family altar, the Holy Ghost fell on me, and I seemed to be rising higher and higher, far above the dark world. I turned to look for the Advent people in the world, but could not find them - when a voice said to me, "Look again, and look a little higher." At this I raised my eyes and

saw a straight and narrow path, cast up high above the world. On this path the Advent people were travelling to the City, which was at the farther end of the path. They had a bright light set up behind them at the first end of the path, which an angel told me was the Midnight Cry. This light shone all along the path, and gave light for their feet so they might not stumble. And if they kept their eyes fixed on Jesus, who was just before them, leading them to the City, they were safe. But soon some grew weary, and they said the City was a great way off, and they expected to have entered it before. Then Jesus would encourage them by raising his glorious right arm, and from his arm came a glorious light which waved over the Advent band, and they shouted Hallelujah! Others rashly denied the light behind them, and said that it was not God that had led them out so far. The light behind them went out leaving their feet in perfect darkness, and they stumbled and got their eyes off the mark and lost sight of Jesus, and fell off the path down in the dark and wicked world below. It was just as impossible for them to get on the path again and go to the City, as all the wicked world which God had rejected. They fell all the way along

the path one after another, until we heard the voice of God like many waters, which gave us the day and hour of Jesus' coming. The living saints, 144,000 in number, knew and understood the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake. When God spake the time, he poured on us the Holy Ghost, and our faces began to light up and shine with the glory of God as Moses' did when he came down from Mount Sinai.

By this time the 144,000 were all sealed and perfectly united. On their foreheads was written, God, New Jerusalem, and a glorious Star containing Jesus' new name. At our happy, holy state the wicked were enraged, and would rush violently up to lay hands on us to thrust us in prison, when we would stretch forth the hand in the name of the Lord, and the wicked would fall helpless to the ground. Then it was that the synagogue of Satan knew that God had loved us who could wash one another's feet, and salute the holy brethren with a holy kiss, and they worshipped at our feet. Soon our eyes were drawn to the East, for a small black cloud had appeared about half as large as a man's hand, which we all knew was the Sign of the Son of Man. We all in solemn silence gazed on the cloud as it drew near-

er, lighter, and brighter, glorious, and still more glorious, till it was a great white cloud. The bottom appeared like fire, a rainbow was over it, around the cloud were ten thousand angels singing a most lovely song. And on it sat the Son of Man, on his head were crowns, his hair was white and curly and lay on his shoulders. His feet had the appearance of fire, in his right hand was a sharp sickle, in his left a silver trumpet. His eyes were as a flame of fire, which searched his children through and through. Then all faces gathered paleness, and those that God had rejected gathered blackness. Then we all cried out, who shall be able to stand? Is my robe spotless? Then the angels ceased to sing, and there was some time of awful silence, when Jesus spoke. Those who have clean hands and a pure heart shall be able to stand, my grace is sufficient for you. At this, our faces lighted up, and joy filled every heart. And the angels struck a note higher and sung again while the cloud drew still nearer the earth. Then Jesus' silver trumpet sounded, as he descended on the cloud, wrapped in flames of fire. He gazed on the graves of the sleeping saints, then raised his eyes and hands to heaven and cried out, Awake! Awake! Awake! ye that sleep in the dust, and arise. Then there was a mighty earthquake. The graves opened, and the

dead came up clothed with immortality. The 144,000 shouted, Hallelujah! as they recognized their friends who had been torn from them by death, and in the same moment we were changed and caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air. We all entered the cloud together, and were seven days ascending to the sea of glass, when Jesus brought along the crowns and with his own right hand placed them on our heads. He gave us harps of gold and palms of victory. Here on the sea of glass the 144,000 stood in a perfect square. Some of them had very bright crowns, others not so bright. Some crowns appeared heavy with stars, while others had but few. All were perfectly satisfied with their crowns. And they were all clothed with a glorious white mantle from their shoulders to their feet. Angels were all about us as we marched over the sea of glass to the gate of the City. Jesus raised his mighty glorious arm, laid hold of the gate and swung it back on its golden hinges, and said to us, You have washed your robes in my blood, stood stiffly for my truth, enter in. We all marched in and felt we had a perfect right in the City. Here we saw the tree of life, and the throne of God. Out of the throne came a pure river of water, and on either side of the river was the tree of life. On one side of the river was a trunk of

a tree and a trunk on the other side of the river, both of pure transparent gold.

At first I thought I saw two trees. I looked again and saw they were united at the top in one tree. So it was the tree of life, on either side of the river of life; its branches bowed to the place where we stood; and the fruit was glorious, which looked like gold mixed with silver. We all went under the tree, and sat down to look at the glory of the place, when brothers Fitch and Stockman, who had preached the gospel of the kingdom, and whom God had laid in the grave to save them, came up to us and asked us what we had passed through while they were sleeping. We tried to call up our greatest trials, but they looked so small compared with the far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory that surrounded us, that we could not speak them out, and we all cried out Hallelujah, heaven is cheap enough, and we touched our glorious harps and made heaven's arches ring. And as we were gazing at the glories of the place our eyes were attracted upwards to something that had the appearance of silver. I asked Jesus to let me see what was within there. In a moment we were winging our way upward, and entering in; here we saw good old father Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Noah, Daniel, and many like them. And I saw a veil with a

heavy fringe of silver and gold, as a border on the bottom; it was very beautiful. I asked Jesus what was within the veil. He raised it with his own right arm, and bade me take heed. I saw there a glorious ark, overlaid with pure gold, and it had a glorious border, resembling Jesus' crowns; and on it were two bright angels - their wings were spread over the ark as they sat on each end, with their faces turned towards each other and looking downward. In the ark, beneath where the angels' wings were spread, was a golden pot of Manna, of a yellowish cast; and I saw a rod, which Jesus said was Aaron's; I saw it bud, blossom and bear fruit. And I saw two long golden rods, on which hung silver wires, and on the wires most glorious grapes; one cluster was more than a man here could carry. And I saw Jesus step up and take of the manna, almonds, grapes and pomegranates, and bear them down to the city, and place them on the supper table. I stepped up to see how much was taken away, and there was just as much left; and we shouted Hallelujah - Amen. We all descended from this place down into the city, and with Jesus at our head we all descended from the city down to this earth, on a great and mighty mountain, which could not bear Jesus up, and it parted asunder, and there was a mighty plain. Then we looked up

and saw the great city, with twelve foundations, twelve gates, three on each side, and an angel at each gate, and all cried out, "the city, the great city, it's coming, it's coming down from God, out of heaven;" and it came and settled on the place where we stood. Then we began to look at the glorious things outside of the city. There I saw most glorious houses, that had the appearance of silver, supported by four pillars, set with pearls, most glorious to behold, which were to be inhabited by the saints; in them was a golden shelf; I saw many of the saints go into the houses, take off their glittering crowns and lay them on the shelf, then go out into the field by the houses to do something with the earth; not as we have to do with the earth here; no, no. A glorious light shone all about their heads, and they were continually shouting and offering praises to God.

And I saw another field full of all kinds of flowers, and as I plucked them, I cried out, well they will never fade. Next I saw a field of tall grass, most glorious to behold; it was living green, and had a reflection of silver and gold, as it waved proudly to the glory of King Jesus. Then we entered a field full of all kinds of beasts - the lion, the lamb, the leopard and the wolf, altogether in perfect union; we passed through the midst of them, and they followed on peacea-

bly after. Then we entered a wood, not like the dark woods we have here, no, no; but light, and all over glorious; the branches of the trees waved to and fro, and we all cried out, "we will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in this woods." We passed through the woods, for we were on our way to Mount Zion. As we were travelling along, we met a company who were also gazing at the glories of the place. I noticed red as a border on their garments; their crowns were brilliant; their robes were pure white. As we greeted them, I asked Jesus who they were? He said they were martyrs that had been slain for him. With them was an innumerable company of little ones; they had a hem of red on their garments also. Mount Zion was just before us, and on the Mount sat a glorious temple, and about it were seven other mountains, on which grew roses and lillies, and I saw the little ones climb, or if they chose, use their little wings and fly to the top of the mountains, and pluck the never fading flowers. There were all kinds of trees around the temple to beautify the place; the box, the pine, the fir, the oil, the myrtle, the pomegranate, and the fig tree bowed down with the weight of its timely figs, that made the place look all over glorious. And as we were about to enter the holy temple, Jesus raised his lovely voice and

said, only the 144,000 enter this place, and we shouted Hallelujah.

Well, bless the Lord, dear brethren and sisters, it is an extra meeting for those who have the seal of the living God. This temple was supported by seven pillars, all of transparent gold, set with pearls most glorious. The glorious things I saw there, I cannot describe to you. O, that I could talk in the language of Canaan, then could I tell a little of the glory of the upper world; but, if faithful, you soon will know all about it. I saw there the tables of stone in which the names of the 144,000 were engraved in letters of gold; after we had beheld the glory of the temple, we went out. Then Jesus left us, and went to the city; soon, we heard his lovely voice again, saying - "Come my people, you have come out of great tribulation, and done my will; suffered for me; come in to supper, for I will gird myself, and serve you." We shouted Hallelujah, glory, and entered into the city.
. And I saw a table of pure silver, it was many miles in length, yet our eyes could extend over it. And I saw the fruit of the tree of life, the manna, almonds, figs, pomegranates, grapes, and many other kinds of fruit. We all reclined at the table. I asked Jesus to let me eat of the fruit. He said, not now. Those who eat of the fruit of this land, go back to earth no more. But in a little while, if faithful, you shall both eat

of the fruit of the tree of life, and drink of the water of the fountain; and he said, you must go back to the earth again, and relate to others, what I have revealed to you. Then an angel bore me gently down to this dark world. Sometimes I think I cannot stay here any longer, all things of earth look so dreary - I feel very lonely here, for I have seen a better land. O, that I had wings like a dove, then would I fly away, and be at rest. TOPSHAM, Me., April 7, 1847.

Dear Brother Bates:- Last Sabbath we met with the dear brethren and sisters here, who meet at Bro. Howland's.

We felt an unusual spirit of prayer. And as we prayed, the Holy Ghost fell upon us. We were very happy. Soon I was lost to earthly things, and was wrapped up in a vision of God's glory. I saw an angel swiftly flying to me. He quickly carried me from the earth to the Holy City. In the city I saw a temple, which I entered. I passed through a door before I came to the first vail. This vail was raised, and I passed into the Holy Place. Here I saw the Altar of Incense, the candlestick with seven lamps, and the table on which was the showbread, etc. After viewing the glory of the Holy, Jesus raised the second veil, and I passed into the Holy of Holies.

In the Holiest I saw an ark; on the top and sides of it was purest gold. On each end of the ark was a lovely Cherub, with their

wings spread out over it. Their faces were turned towards each other, and they looked downwards. Between the angels was a golden censor. Above the ark, where the angels stood, was an exceeding bright glory, that appeared like a throne where God dwelt. Jesus stood by the ark. And as the saints' prayers came up to Jesus, the incense in the censor would smoke, and He offered up the prayers of the saints with the smoke of the incense to His Father. 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 was 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 was not nailed to the cross. If it was, the other nine commandments were; and we are at liberty to go forth and 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.

And I saw that if God had changed the Sabbath, from the seventh to the first day, He would have changed the writing of the Sabbath commandment, written on the tables of stone, which are now in the ark, in the Most Holy Place of the Temple in heaven; and it would read thus: The first day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. But I saw that it read the same as when written on the tables of stone by the finger of God, and delivered to Moses in Sinai, "But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." I saw that the holy Sabbath is, and will be, the separating wall between the true Israel of God and unbelievers; and that the Sabbath is the great question, to unite the hearts of God's dear waiting saints. And if one believed, and kept the Sabbath, and received the blessing attending it, and then gave it up, and broke the holy commandment, they would shut the gates of the Holy City against themselves, as sure as there was a God that rules in heaven above. I saw that God had children, who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They had not rejected the light on it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth 2 and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. This enraged the church, and nominal Adventists, as they could not refute the Sabbath truth. And at this time,

God's chosen, all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us. And I saw the sword, famine, pestilence, and great confusion in the land. The wicked thought that we had brought the judgments down on them. They rose up and took counsel to rid the earth of us, thinking that then the evil would be stayed.

I saw all that "would not receive the mark of the Beast, and of his Image, in their foreheads or in their hands," could not buy or sell. I saw that the number (666) of the Image Beast was made up; and that it was the beast that changed the Sabbath, and the Image Beast had followed on after, and kept the Pope's, and not God's Sabbath. And all we were required to do, was to give up God's Sabbath, and keep the Pope's, and then we should have the mark of the Beast, and of his Image.

In the time of trouble, we all fled from the cities and villages, but were pursued by the wicked, who entered the houses of the saints with the sword. They raised the sword to kill us, but it broke, and fell, as powerless as a straw. Then we all cried day and night for deliverance, and the cry came up before God. The sun came up, and the moon stood still. The streams ceased to flow. Dark heavy clouds came up, and clashed against each other. But there was one

clear place of settled glory, from whence came the voice of God like many waters, which shook the heavens, and the earth. The sky opened and shut, and was in commotion. The mountains shook like a reed in the wind, and cast out ragged rocks all around. The sea boiled like a pot, and cast out stones upon the land. And as God spoke the day and hour of Jesus' coming, and delivered the everlasting covenant to His people, He spoke one sentence, and then paused, while the words were rolling through the earth! The Israel of God stood with their eyes fixed upwards, listening to the words as they came from the mouth of Jehovah, and rolled through the earth like peals of loudest thunder! It was awfully solemn. At the end of every sentence, the saints shouted, Glory! Hallelujah! Their countenances were lighted up with the glory of God; and they shone with the glory as Moses' face did when he came down from Sinai. The wicked could not look on them, for the glory. And when the never ending blessing was pronounced on those who had honored God, in keeping His Sabbath holy, there was a mighty shout of victory over the Beast, and over his Image.

Then commenced the jubilee, when the land should rest. I saw the pious slave rise in triumph and victory, and shake off the chains that bound

him, while his wicked master was in confusion, and knew not what to do; for the wicked could not understand the words of the voice of God. Soon appeared the great white cloud. It looked more lovely than ever before. On it sat the Son of Man. At first we did not see Jesus on the cloud, but as it drew near the earth, we could behold his lovely person. This cloud when it first appeared was the Sign of the Son of Man in heaven. The voice of the Son of God called forth the sleeping saints, clothed with a glorious immortality. The living saints were changed in a moment, and caught up with them in the cloudy chariot. It looked all over glorious as it rolled upwards. On either side of the chariot were wings, and beneath it wheels. And as the chariot rolled upwards, the wheels cried Holy, and the wings as they moved, cried Holy, and the retinue of Holy Angels around the cloud cried Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty. And the saints in the cloud cried Glory, Hallelujah. And the cloudy chariot rolled upwards to the Holy City. Jesus threw open the gates of the Golden City, and led us in. Here we were made welcome, for we had kept the "Commandments of God," and had a "right to the tree of life."

From your sister in the blessed hope,

E. G. WHITE. {1847 JW, WLF 20.2}

REMARKS. - I do not pub-

lish the above vision thinking to add or diminish from the "sure word of prophecy." That will stand the test of men and wreck of worlds! "It is written that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." Amen.

It is now about two years since I first saw the author, and heard her relate the substance of her visions as she has since published them in Portland (April 6, 1846). Although I could see nothing in them that militated against the word, yet I felt alarmed and tried exceedingly, and for a long time unwilling to believe that it was any thing more than what was produced by a protracted debilitated state of her body.

I therefore sought opportunities in presence of others, when her mind seemed freed from excitement, (out of meeting) to question, and cross question her, and her friends which accompanied her, especially her elder sister, to get if possible at the truth. During the number of visits she has made to New Bedford and Fairhaven since, while at our meetings, I have seen her in vision a number of times, and also in Topsham, Me., and those who were present during some of these exciting scenes know well with what interest and intensity I listened to every word, and watched every move to detect deception, or mesmeric influence. And I thank

God for the opportunity I have had with others to witness these things. I can now confidently speak for myself. I believe the work is of God, and is given to comfort and strengthen his "scattered," "torn," and "pealed people," since the closing up of our work for the world in October, 1844. The distracted state of lo, heres! and lo, theres! since that time has exceedingly perplexed God's honest, willing people, and made it exceedingly difficult for such as were not able to expound the many conflicting texts that have been presented to their view. I confess that I have received light and instruction on many passages that I could not before clearly distinguish. I believe her to be a self-sacrificing, honest, willing child of God, and saved, if at all, through her entire obedience to His will.

At a meeting in Fairhaven, 6th of the last month, I saw her have a similar vision, which I then wrote down. It may be said that I send this out to strengthen the argument of my late work on the Sabbath. I do in the sense above stated. Respecting that work I entertain no fears. There is no scriptural argument to move it.

The above vision can be had by application, post paid, to James White, Gorham, Me., or to the editor. JOSEPH BATES. Fairhaven, Mass.

Some of our friends have seen this last vision and brother Bates' "remarks,"

published on a little sheet; but as that sheet cannot be circulated without considerable expense, I have put the vision with Scripture references and the remarks, into this little work, so that they may be widely circulated among the saints.

Those who have received the little sheet will see by referring to Ex.26:35, that there is a mistake in the 10th and 11th lines from the top of the first column. This mistake is not in the original copy now in my possession, written by the author. I have therefore, corrected this mistake, that I made in hastily copying the vision to send to brother Bates.

It would be gratifying no doubt, to some of the readers of this little work, to know something of the experience and calling of the author of these visions. I have not room to say but very little now, but will make a statement of a few facts well known by the friends in the East. I will first give an extract of a letter from a beloved brother, who has stated I doubt not, his honest views in relation to the visions.

"I cannot endorse sister Ellen's visions as being of divine inspiration, as you and she think them to be; yet I do not suspect the least shade of dishonesty in either of you in this matter. I may perhaps, express to you my belief in the matter, without harm - it will, doubtless, result either in your good or mine. At the same

time, I admit the possibility of my being mistaken. I think that what she and you regard as visions from the Lord, are only religious reveries, in which her imagination runs without control upon themes in which she is most deeply interested. While so absorbed in these reveries, she is lost to every thing around her. Reveries are of two kinds, sinful and religious. Hers is the latter. Rousseau's, "a celebrated French infidel," were the former. Infidelity was his theme, and his reveries were infidel. Religion is her theme, and her reveries are religious. In either case, the sentiments, in the main, are obtained from previous teaching, or study. I do not by any means think her visions are like some from the devil."

However true this extract may be in relation to reveries, it is not true in regard to the visions: for the author does not "obtain the sentiments" of her visions "from previous teaching or study." When she received her first vision, Dec. 1844, she and all the band in Portland, Maine, (where her parents then resided) had given up the midnight-cry, and shut door, as being in the past. It was then that the Lord shew her in vision, the error into which she and the band in Portland had fallen. She then related her vision to the band, and about sixty confessed their error, and acknowledged their 7th month

experience to be the work of God.

It is well known that many were expecting the Lord to come at the 7th month, 1845. That Christ would then come we firmly believed. A few days before the time passed, I was at Fairhaven, and Dartmouth Mass., with a message on this point of time. At this time, Ellen was with the band at Carver, Mass., where she saw in vision, that we should be disappointed, and that the saints must pass through the "time of Jacob's trouble," which was future. Her view of Jacob's trouble was entirely new to us, as well as herself. At our conference in Topsham, Maine, last Nov., Ellen had a vision of the handy works of God. She was guided to the planets Jupiter, Saturn, and I think one more. After she came out of vision, she could give a clear description of their Moons, etc. It is well known, that she knew nothing of astronomy, and could not answer one question in relation to the planets, before she had this vision. {1847 JW, WLF 14.1 to 22.6}

[a Mat.7:14. b Mat.25:6. c Eze.43:2. Joel,3:16. Rev.16:17. d Eze.12:25. Mark,13:32. e John,12:29. f Isa.10:27. g Rev.3:12.]

To be continued...



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, *“Before the setting of the sun let the members of the family assemble to read God's word, to sing and pray. There is need of reform here, for many have been remiss. We need to confess to God and to one another. We should begin anew to make special arrangements that every member of the family may be prepared to honor the day which God has blessed and sanctified.”* {6T 356.5}

Too many families allow the Sabbath to come in unnoticed and only at the infraction of the Sabbath is it brought to mind to others -- “Ahh, you shouldn't do that on the Sabbath....” Or maybe it is simply when turning in for the night that the Sabbath is recognized – “Oh yeah, it's the Sabbath.”

Before the Sabbath officially starts, guarding once again the beginning edge of the Sab-


bath, it ought to be recognized by reading God's Word, singing songs, and prayer. As a suggestion, there are numerous Sabbath or seventh-day verses in the Bible. By reading the verses in greater context, even the whole chapter would be a Sabbath blessing. In our household, we even recall personal blessings of the week to share with all family members revealing God has been with us all week long and that He cares for us. We most enjoy the shared blessings involving witnessing.

The same ought to be done at the conclusion of the Sabbath, in which the end of the day of rest is recognized with some type of gathering. Simply declaring, “Oh, the Sabbath is over” and returning back to regularly scheduled activities is inappropriate recognition of the end of the Sabbath.

But more importantly, the Sabbath ought not be experienced without making amends between members. Going into the Sabbath with animosity between household members has a direct effect upon the Sabbath experience and affects greatly the spiritual relationship. In fact, by not mending the wounds, it is nearly im-

possible to have the heart open to receiving any of God's intended spiritual blessings. No matter how much effort we put into paying attention to the sermon, with animosity in the heart we will not have the full understanding. Animosity will prevent the Holy Spirit from His duty – “he will guide you into all truth” (John 16:13); “he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment” (John 16:8). Now if you do everything to make amends but the other person refuses to accept it, that is on them. You have done all you can do. Also, keep in mind, the lack of effort to make amends has a negative effect on other members that may not even be involved. It destroys the peace of God for everyone.

Now, remember once again, the Sabbath is to be treated as a blessed and sanctified day. Our unsanctified hearts and actions desecrate the Sabbath. The Bible says, “as he thinketh in his heart, so [is] he” (Proverbs 23:7). If we are thinking wrong thoughts despite having right actions, we break the Sabbath.

May you and your family receive the greatest Sabbath blessings of God. 

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.

On the subject of death, many try to use the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) as proof of immediate Heaven and Hell. Below is a list of items that reveal the flaws in using the verse in that manner.

#1 – To base a belief on a parable is shaky ground. We know this to be a parable because we are told “without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples” (Mark 4:34).

#2 – Jesus was making a prophecy in the parable by actually raising a person named Lazarus from the grave and shewing proof that “If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead” (Luke 16:31) because shortly after the resurrection of Lazarus, Jesus was put to death. Jesus could have easily taught the parable about the rich man and the poor man, but by

naming Lazarus by name, it set up a prophecy. We know that the raising of Lazarus was the death nail for Jesus rejecting even one being raised from the grave because Jesus said in John 11:43, “Lazarus, come forth”, and in John 11:44, we are told, “he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.” Then the reaction followed: “Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him. But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done. Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all [men] will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. And one of them, [named] Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation.” (John 11:45-51).

#3 – The main point of the parable was to contrast a popular belief of who will go to Heaven and Hell. The Jews, specifically the Pharisees, taught that if a person was rich, they were blessed of God and will go to Heaven while a poor man who was reduced to begging was cursed of God and headed to Hell. Spiritually, Jews were well blessed with the truth while non-Jews were not, and Jesus was addressing both the physical and spiritual misunderstandings for Jesus did say, “Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:23), and “He shall come and destroy these husbandmen, and shall give the vineyard to others” (Luke 20:16).

#4 – In Luke 16:21, Lazarus desired to be fed of crumbs. Not by coincidence, “a woman of Canaan” (Matthew 15:22) said, “Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table” making a direct connection between rich representing Jews and Lazarus representing Gentiles.

#5 – According to Luke 16:22, Lazarus did not go to Heaven but to Abraham's bosom, revealing that those represented by Lazarus are treated to be more of a Jew than those represented by the rich man, as Abraham was

held in high regard, so much so that it was said, "We be Abraham's seed" (John 8:33), as if being born in the lineage guaranteed salvation. Now if everyone who dies that is saved ends up in Abraham's bosom, that is going to have to be one big bosom. There is no mention of Heaven at all in the parable.

#6 – According to Luke 16:23, those in hell can see those in Abraham's bosom, which means the reverse is true. If this is what Heaven is like, where we can watch those in hell and communicate with them, it is going to be a lousy eternal life putting up with such neighbors "wailing and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 13:42). But this is not what Heaven will be like pointing again to the fact that it is not to be taken literally because we are told the regarding the wicked, "fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them" (Revelation 20:9).

#7 – According to Luke 16:24, the rich man has his tongue in tact in hell. If the rich man's body

were to be dug up, like anyone's body, we would find that the tongue is still attached and does not go off to Heaven or Hell to feel pain or bliss pointing again that this was just a story not to be taken literally.

#8 – The fact that all the rich man wants is a dip of cool water happens to be ridiculous because being in the fires of hell a dip of cool water would be meaningless. With the body being tormented for eternity, as some propose, there would have to be a whole lot more water to feel any relief. The symbology is meant to reverse the begging now. Look who turned out to be the real beggar – it is the rich man. This is reiterated in Luke 16:25.

#9 – Luke 16:26 states that there is a great gulf separating Heaven and Hell. There would have to be a much larger gulf than that if that is what eternal life is all about. I certainly could not enjoy eternal life with neighbors begging from Hell.

#10 – In Luke 16:29, Jesus has Abraham state, "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear

them". This is in direct revelation of Jesus' ministry. "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27). "These [are] the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and [in] the prophets, and [in] the psalms, concerning me" (Luke 24:44). And yet, the supposed scholars of Moses and the prophets did not understand the prophecies as they rejected Jesus as the Savior.

#11 – And in Luke 16:30, the prophecy is stated plainly – "if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent" (Luke 16:30). Followed by the second prophecy, which would be the reaction as stated earlier, also was stated plainly in the parable – "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead". And sure enough, they were not impressed by the raising of Lazarus but began plotting Jesus' death. 📖

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Healthy Living

Ellen White

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The Importance of Cleanliness

In order to have good health, we must have good blood; for the blood is the current of life. It repairs waste and nourishes the body. When supplied with the proper food elements and when cleansed and vitalized by contact with pure air, it carries life and vigor to every part of the system. The more perfect the circulation, the better will this work be accomplished.

The external application of water is one of the easiest and most satisfactory ways of regulating the circulation of the blood. A cold or cool bath is an excellent tonic. Warm baths open the pores and thus aid in the elimination of

impurities. Both warm and neutral baths soothe the nerves and equalize the circulation.

Exercise quickens and equalizes the circulation of the blood, but in idleness the blood does not circulate freely, and the changes in it, so necessary to life and health, do not take place. The skin, too, becomes inactive. Impurities are not expelled as they would be if the circulation had been quickened by vigorous exercise, the skin kept in a healthy condition, and the lungs fed with plenty of pure, fresh air.

The lungs should be allowed the greatest freedom possible. Their capacity is developed by free action; it diminishes if they are cramped and compressed. Hence the ill effects of the practice so common, especially in sedentary pursuits, of stooping at one's work. In this position it is impossible to breathe deeply. Superficial breathing soon becomes a habit, and the lungs lose their power to expand.

Thus an insufficient supply of oxygen is received. The blood moves sluggishly. The waste, poisonous matter, which should be thrown off in the exhalations from the lungs, is retained, and the blood becomes impure. Not only the lungs, but the stomach, liver, and brain are affected. The skin becomes sallow, digestion is retarded; the heart is depressed; the brain is clouded; the thoughts are confused; gloom settles upon the spirits; the whole system becomes depressed and inactive, and peculiarly susceptible to disease.

The lungs are constantly throwing off impurities, and they need to be constantly supplied with fresh air. Impure air does not afford the necessary supply of oxygen, and the blood passes to the brain and other organs without being vitalized. Hence the necessity of thorough ventilation. To live in close, ill-ventilated rooms, where the air is dead and vitiated, weakens the entire system. It becomes peculi-

arly sensitive to the influence of cold, and a slight exposure induces disease. It is close confinement indoors that makes many women pale and feeble. They breathe the same air over and over until it becomes laden with poisonous matter thrown off through the lungs and pores, and impurities are thus conveyed back to the blood.

Many are suffering from disease because they refuse to receive into their rooms at night the pure night air. The free, pure air of heaven is one of the richest blessings we can enjoy.

Scrupulous cleanliness is essential to both physical and mental health. Impurities are constantly thrown off from the body through the skin. Its millions of pores are quickly clogged unless kept clean by frequent bathing, and the impurities which should pass off through the skin become an additional burden to the other eliminating organs.

Most persons would receive benefit from a cool or tepid bath every day, morning or evening. Instead of increasing the liability to take cold, a bath, properly taken, fortifies against cold, because it improves the circulation;

the blood is brought to the surface, and a more easy and regular flow is obtained. The mind and the body are alike invigorated. The muscles become more flexible, the intellect is made brighter. The bath is a soother of the nerves. Bathing helps the bowels, the stomach, and the liver, giving health and energy to each, and it promotes digestion.

It is important also that the clothing be kept clean. The garments worn absorb the waste matter that passes off through the pores; if they are not frequently changed and washed, the impurities will be reabsorbed.

Every form of uncleanness tends to disease. Death-producing germs abound in dark, neglected corners, in decaying refuse, in dampness and mold and must. No waste vegetables or heaps of fallen leaves should be allowed to remain near the house to decay and poison the air. Nothing unclean or decaying should be tolerated within the home. In towns or cities regarded perfectly healthful, many an epidemic of fever has been traced to decaying matter about the dwelling of some careless householder.

Perfect cleanliness, plenty of sunlight, care-

ful attention to sanitation in every detail of the home life, are essential to freedom from disease and to the cheerfulness and vigor of the inmates of the home.

Teach the little ones that God is not pleased to see them with unclean bodies and untidy, torn garments. Having the clothing neat and clean will be one means of keeping the thoughts pure and sweet. Especially should every article which comes in contact with the skin be kept clean.

Truth never places her delicate feet in a path of uncleanness or impurity. He who was so particular that the children of Israel should cherish habits of cleanliness will not sanction any impurity in the homes of His people today. God looks with disfavor on uncleanness of any kind.

Unclean, neglected corners in the house will tend to make impure, neglected corners in the soul.

Heaven is pure and holy, and those who pass through the gates of the city of God must here be clothed with inward and outward purity.



Healthy And Delicious Recipes

Cashew Mozzarella That Melts (Great for homemade pizza!)

Ingredients:

- 3.5-ounces cashews
- 1 2/3 cups water
- 2 tablespoons psyllium powder
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Preparation:

1. Cover the cashews with water. Let the nuts soak for at least 6 hours.
2. Put the psyllium powder in the water in a bowl and let it soak for two hours, until it has a gelatinous consistency.
3. Drain the cashews

and add them along with the soaked psyllium, lemon juice, and salt in a high-speed blender. Blend on high until the mixture is super smooth and

creamy.

4. Pour into a 2-3 cup bowl, cover, and put it in the fridge for 4 hours or overnight, and it's ready to use.



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In examining Revelation 10:6, we see once again how the different versions are actually anti-Seventh-day Adventists. There is a huge difference between time no longer and simply referring to the verse meaning that there is no more delay. The one can be linked to Daniel 12:4 and 12:9 for a specific end of time prophecy while the other cannot.

King James Bible: And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer.

In Error

American Standard Version: And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created the heaven and the things that are therein, and the earth and the things that are therein, and the sea

and the things that are therein, that there shall be delay no longer:

Berean Literal Bible: And he swore by the One living to the ages of the ages, who created heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, "There will be no more delay!

Berean Study Bible: And he swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and everything in it, the earth and everything in it, and the sea and everything in it: "There will be no more delay!

Christian Standard Bible: He swore by the one who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it: "There will no longer be a delay,

Contemporary English Version: He made a promise in the name of God who lives forever and who created heaven, earth, the sea, and every living creature. The angel said, "You won't have to wait any longer.

Darby Bible Translation: And swore by him that lives to the ages of ages, who created the heaven and the things that are in it, and the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be no longer delay;

English Standard Version: And swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, that there would be no more delay,

GOD'S WORD® Translation: He swore an oath by the one who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and everything in it, the earth and everything in it, and the sea and everything in it. He said, "There will be no more delay.

Good News Translation: And took a vow in the name of God, who lives forever and ever, who created heaven, earth, and the sea, and everything in them. The angel said, "There will be no more delay!

Holman Christian Standard Bible: He swore an oath by the One who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it: "There will no longer be an interval of time,

International Standard Version: He swore an oath by the one who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and everything in it, the earth and everything in it, and the sea and everything in it: "There will be no more delay.

NET Bible: and swore by

the one who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, and the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, "There will be no more delay!

New American Standard 1977: And swore by Him who lives forever and ever, WHO CREATED HEAVEN AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT, that there shall be delay no longer,

New American Standard Bible: And swore by Him who lives forever and ever, WHO CREATED HEAVEN AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT, that there will be delay no longer,

New Heart English Bible: And swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there will no longer be delay,

New International Version: And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, "There will be no more delay!

New King James Version: And swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things

that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer,

New Living Translation: He swore an oath in the name of the one who lives forever and ever, who created the heavens and everything in them, the earth and everything in it, and the sea and everything in it. He said, "There will be no more delay.

Weymouth New Testament: And in the name of Him who lives until the Ages of the Ages, the Creator of Heaven and all that is in it, of the earth and all that is in it, and of the sea and all that is in it, he solemnly declared,

World English Bible: And swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there will no longer be delay,

Young's Literal Translation: And did swear in Him who doth live to the ages of the ages, who did create the heaven and the things in it, and the land and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it -- that time shall not be yet,

Correct This Time:

Aramaic Bible in Plain English: And he swore by him who lives to the eternity of eternities, him who created Heaven and that which is in it, and

The Earth, and that which is in it: "Time shall be no more."

Douay-Rheims Bible: And he swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things which are therein; and the earth, and the things which are in it; and the sea, and the things which are therein: That time shall be no longer.

English Revised Version: And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created the heaven and the things that are therein, and the earth and the things that are therein, and the sea and the things that are therein, that there shall be time no longer:

Jubilee Bible 2000: And swore by him that lives for ever and ever, who created the heaven and the things that are therein, and the earth, and the things that are therein, and the sea and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer;

Webster's Bible Translation: And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that are in it, and the earth, and the things that are in it, and the sea, and the things which are in it, that there should be time no longer:



Go Ye Therefore, And Teach

INTRODUCTION RE-PEATED: 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: Dealing with the topic of cults

Ask them, “Is teaching doctrines different from what the majority of Christianity accepts as a sign of belonging to a cult?” And then take them to Mark 7:5, focusing upon the fact that Jesus taught differently than what was taught among the mainstream Jews in His day. And ask, “Would you say then, that Jesus was a cult leader?”

Ask them, “Is being part of a small numbered size or-

ganization a sign of belonging to a cult?” And then take them to Matthew 10:1 and Acts 1:15, focusing upon the small number of followers Jesus had. And ask, “Would you say then, that Jesus was a cult leader?”

Ask them, “Is teaching about calamities a sign of belonging to a cult?” And then take them to Matthew 24:29, seeing that this is but one of many examples of Jesus frequently talking about such. And ask, “Would you say then, that Jesus was a cult leader?”

Ask them, “Is teaching about the second coming a sign of belonging to a cult?” And then take them to Matthew 24:30, in which Jesus referred to the second coming. And ask, “Would you say then, that Jesus was a cult leader?”

Ask them, “Is operating under cover, in

secret, a sign of belonging to a cult?" And then take them to John 7:1-12 and see how Jesus operated sometimes. In fact, Jesus told the people who He healed to keep the healing quiet. Of course, many did not adhere to that request, but nonetheless, it certainly points to a quiet or under-cover operation as opposed to being blatant about His movements. And ask, "Would you say then, that Jesus was a cult leader?"

Ask them, "Is teaching differently than how God commanded people to teach a sign of belonging to a cult?" And then take them to Isaiah 8:20 shewing that anyone that teaches differently than the Ten Command-

ments and the Bible is actually a real test, which points out almost all denominations are nothing more than cults, for they teach the law has been abolished or changed.

Ask them, "Is the use of signs and wonders as a focus point a sign of belonging to a cult?" And then take them to Deuteronomy 13:1-4, stressing the point that if those signs and wonders are to be used to convince the followers that whatever they teach, even contrary to God's way, is to be followed. That is truly a test, and if such is the case, that is a sign of belonging to a cult, of which many Pentecostal churches are guilty.

Ask them, "Is pro-

moting human solutions to the coming world crisis a sign of belonging to a cult?" And then take them to Isaiah 55:6-9, to see that it is a sign of belonging to a cult because God's solution is a spiritual solution.

Ask them, "Is claiming to be God a sign of belonging to a cult?" And then take them to 2 Thessalonians 2:4, and see that it is a sign of belonging to a cult. Do clarify that according to many prophecies of the Bible (approximately 300), there was to be one, and only one, exception, and that exception was Jesus. So, although Jesus claimed to be God, He was not a cult leader.



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Questions And Answers

QUESTION: Regarding your 6,000-year theory, are you not going against "There will never again be a message for the people of God that will be based on time. We are not to know the definite time either for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit or for the coming of Christ." 1SM 188.1

And Ellen White is not making an exact statement of 4000 years. Note this: "...the world is now only about 6000 years old." LHU 52.6

"The continual transgression of man for over six thousand years has brought sickness, pain, and death as its fruit." CTBH 154.2

"For six thousand years the great controversy has been in progress;..." GC 656.1

There are many other quotes that use the exact term of "six thousand years." Here again this is not an exact time statement, but it shows that the 6,000 years was about over by 1911.

But notice this: "More than six thousand years of continual practice has greatly increased his skill to deceive and allure." HS 133.3 Maybe this goes to before creation?

Also: "And for more than six thousand years, in its form of beauty and gifts for sustenance, the earth has borne witness of the Creator's love." SJ 183.3 The earth was not beautiful before creation, right?

ANSWER: The 6,000-year theory, that technically ends in 2031, is not definite time for those that truly believe in such for we are not saying that at that time is when Jesus is returning or some other great event is going to happen, for Jesus shall cut it short in righteousness. We have no clue how short it will be. So, we have no test for the people on the 6,000-year belief using DEFINITE time, therefore, we are not in violation of Ellen White's writings.

To your comment of 1911, I would have to disagree because that contradicts the Bible pattern of six days for labor and the seventh day for rest (Exodus 20:8-11). We have six years of field growth and the seventh year for rest (Exodus 23:10-11). And there are other 'six versus seven' comparisons stressing

that God has a definite time table. Therefore, we have 6,000 years of sin and 1,000 years of rest (which is mentioned in Revelation and combination of other prophets declaring all of the cities being broken down). So that's Bible describing the seventh millennium, which is a definite period of time between the second coming and the New Jerusalem coming to earth. What we are saying is that it makes no sense to have a specific time of rest for earth lasting 1,000 years if the prior 6,000 years, though cut a bit short, did not exist and especially do not exceed the period.

The one quote supplied was concerning however. The one that states "The continual transgression of man for over six thousand years" because the thought is that the 6,000-year clock began at the moment of transgression. This quote appears to state that such time has passed. However, if one actually searches Ellen White's quotes on a word-for-word basis, we find things work out. In 1913, the quote states, "The continual transgression of man

for nearly six thousand years has brought sickness, pain, and death as its fruit" {CT 467.2}. In fact, between 1872-1875, the quote is repeated not once but twice: "The continual transgression of man for six thousand years has brought sickness, pain, and death as its fruits" {3T 491.3} {HR, August 1, 1875 par. 17}. Additionally, we find in compilations included, a total of thirteen times the words being used and only once in those thirteen is the word "over" placed, the one you supplied. Therefore, from the evidence of Ellen White's writings, we conclude that the word "over" was not supposed to be there.

Now, as for the use of "about 6,000 years", that means we are not quite there yet. So again, no contradiction on our part believing 2031 is the 6,000th year for we are ABOUT there but not quite yet and we were about there in the 1800's as well. As one public speaker stated, using a 100-yard field, in Ellen White's day, her "about" would be a time-frame of being two and a half yards away from the goal line. In our day, we are almost to the half foot line. In both cases, be-

ing inside the ten-yard line, we can use the word "about". So, there is no contradiction.

Basically, the Great Controversy started in Heaven, so, yes, it has been lasting for over 6,000 years. Again, no contradiction for the 6,000-year theory as the theory is based upon earth, not when the controversy started in Heaven. And the quote does tell us that the great controversy is not all that long. In other words, from the rebellion in Heaven until earth was formed and fell into sin was relatively short. It is not like Satan had thousands of years of rebellion before getting kicked out, but he certainly had more than a month or two. He had years, in fact, possibly a few hundred years until it completely formed to the point of being in open rebellion. He may have rebelled in his heart figuring out how to overthrow God for years before he spoke to the first angel about it. Only God knows how long that was.

And yes, from day one of creation, the earth bore the witness of the Creator's love. The 6,000-year theory begins at sin and not creation. That accounts

how we can be over 6,000 years on earth and still here because we do not count the years before the fall. Basically, sin shall reign for 6,000 years and rest during the millennium.

And I love how God works. Upon the day your e-mail arrived questioning the theory, which we ought to do with everything in the right spirit, I had read this quote that confirms the prior statement of when the clock began: "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" {CCh 298.2}. As you see, the 4,000-year counter started from the time the lambs were sacrificed

creating clothing for Adam and Eve, when they left the garden at that time until 4,000 years later at the cross with the true Lamb. Adding another 2,000 years is 2031.

So how many years from the creation of man and woman until being expelled from the garden expired, God only knows that answer. But from that moment until the cross was 4,000 years, which ended in 31 AD, per Ellen White. Then 2,000 years later is 2031.

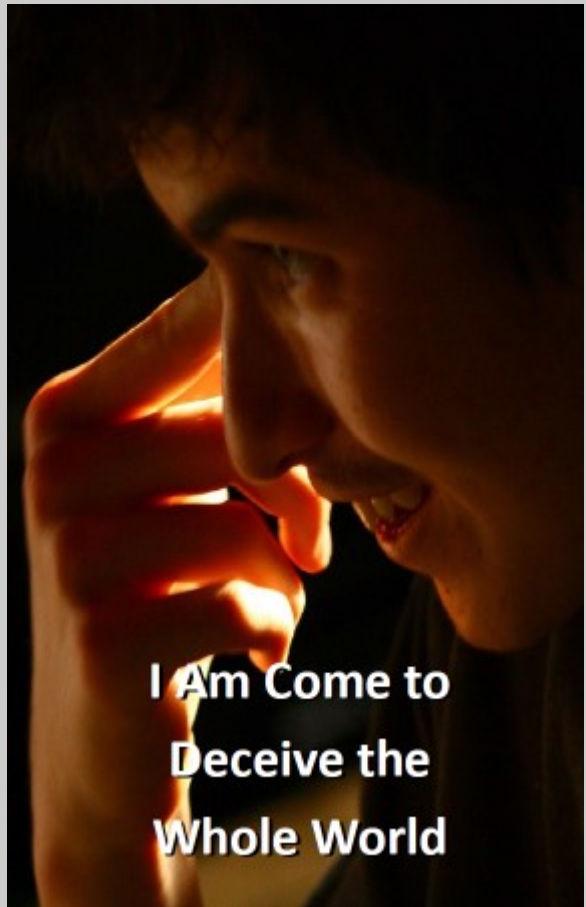
Personally, I would be surprised if we make it to 2025, but only God knows if we will or not. All I know is that there is no contradiction nor date setting happening in the belief of the 6,000-year theory. There is no test of time, unlike all the preachers using Daniel 12 literally. That is pure testing on time where they think this is the year of Sunday law and Jesus should be back next year or probation closes next year at least. As the dates are passing from the literal Daniel 12 interpretation, newer and updated time frames are being suggested, of which Satan is enjoying because all those caught up in the literal interpretation of Daniel 12 are causing a falling away when the

dates pass. It is very sad.

QUESTION: Frequently our churches, magazines, and such promote how much fun

they have. In fact, most Friday night youth gatherings are about pizza and fun. Then there is the Pathfinders that always show the fun activities they do. Is this right? Is this how we are to keep the chil-

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dren interested in our message?

ANSWER: From the pen of Ellen White, “A number have embraced the truth within a few months at the Health Institute. If there is a right influence there, we shall see of the salvation of God, I believe. Oh what means of advancing the truth have those who are connected with the cause of God at Battle Creek! We feel deeply because there is so little appreciation, with some, of these advantages. If all would do what they can, and what they should do, they would be a power in the world. Last night we spoke of the influence one has upon another in letter writing. Letters are exchanged full of fun and nonsense, scarcely a serious, candid religious sentiment contained in them, and yet the writers are professed Christians. All these letters full of nonsense and exaggeration and fun will not bring any honor to the writers when they are examined at the tribunal of God.” {Lt44-1875}

“The influence of letter writing is a power for good or for evil. My soul is sick and disgusted with the contents of

very many letters. I hope that all our household will have an eye single to the glory of God in the letters they write as well as the testimonies which they bear in meeting.” {Lt44-1875}

“Let not one sentence appear upon the pure paper to soil its purity. Let every word traced be of a character to elevate, ennoble, and lead upward to heaven and the better life. Let our influence in every respect, and all our actions, be of a high, elevated character that shall meet the approval of Him whose servants we profess to be, whose work we profess to be doing.” {Lt44-1875}

If she was sick and disgusted with the contents of a letter expressing fun that means it is appalling to God to have our magazines promoting it and definitely would be against the clubs promoting it as a primary tool.

When we promote “fun”, not that all fun is sin, but when it is the item to be promoted to grab the attention, we are basically incorporating the interests of the world and embracing the methods of the world. We are in essence not helping the

child spiritually as compared to simply making sure they warm a seat at church. A church full of pew-warming, fun-loving people is simply an organization, even a social club. We are a movement with a specific message in which most of such youth have no clue about. Many students graduate from our schools not knowing there is even an antichrist, which means that they are not even taught what the Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast happen to be nor what the image is. The schools simply teach the love of Jesus and what the rest of the world teaches: math, science, history, social studies, etc.

The focus upon “fun” does not prepare our students for reality. The reality is that a Christian life is full of discipline and challenges and even persecution. When on our own, we are faced with all kinds of temptations by just simply entering a grocery store, none of which these youth activities prepare our children for.

Therefore, this obsession with “fun” is of the devil, which leads into the next question.

QUESTION: It seems we baptize people on a few basic points and hope that they pick up the pertinent points over time while attending church. We seem to be baptizing on knowledge and not character, though reading the heart is still something left to God. However, there are plenty of outward signs that show a candidate is not ready, such as, purposely dying their hair an unnatural color for baptism, wearing jewelry, wearing worldly clothing, talking of worldly activities and events and being silent on religious and godly things. Is this a method of successful preparation for Heaven to baptize and hope for the best?

ANSWER: “The very first work to be done is the work of reform. Pray with them, talk with them, but do not allow them to unite with God’s people in church relationship until they give decided evidence that the Spirit of God is working on their hearts.” Review and Herald, May 21, 1901.

QUESTION: In your answer, please include

the following quote that shows despite the apostasy, those in the organized body certainly cannot be in Babylon, therefore, being called out of the Seventh-day Adventist church into a purer organized environment would be a wrong message, right?

ANSWER: This seems to be a very continuous topic as more and more faithful Seventh-day Adventists grow more and more frustrated with the apostasy that is simply going unchecked and even being promoted and defended from the very top.

The quote is: “The Lord has faithful servants who in the shaking, testing time will be disclosed to view. There are precious ones now hidden who have not bowed the knee to Baal. They have not had the light which has been shining in a concentrated blaze upon you. But it may be under a rough and uninviting exterior the pure brightness of a genuine Christian character will be revealed. In the daytime we look toward heaven but do not see the stars. They are there, fixed in the firmament, but the eye cannot distinguish them. In the night we behold their genuine

luster.” --5T 80, 81 (1882).

The activity of Baal in the church is representative of apostasy. Those that are hidden in the organized body have not bowed down to the apostasy. We do not know who they are for they are hidden, but you are correct, however, come crisis time, they will be revealed.

In the “purer” bodies, that is not the case. Everyone has the freedom to shine because there are no consequences. Those that want to talk of Ellen White’s writings have the freedom to do so. Those that want to talk about the pioneer days have the freedom to do so. They are not hidden.

So, yes, the quote does show that God’s people are still in the organized body and not to be called out, although being called out of specific churches in the conference that are fully handed over to Satan is a different matter. We ought not attend dead Seventh-day Adventist churches.



Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth

Watch Out Saints!

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 that are unaware of these things being error and 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}.

“There are today many who pursue a similar course. Like Saul, they are blinded to their errors. When the Lord seeks to correct them, they receive reproof as insult, and find fault with the

one who brings the divine message.” {2BC 1014.7 }

June 2019

Signs of the Times

How to Celebrate Sabbath - avoid a perfectionist attitude

Article: To gain a sense of peace during the Sabbath, you will find that it’s best to prepare as much as possible before sunset Friday—cleaning the house, ironing and setting out clothes, preparing food and snacks, and doing other things that create a restful environment. However, your pre-Sabbath preparations may fall short as, Ladine says, “you feel the challenge of the deadline, and sometimes you can’t get everything done ahead of time.” Remember that the Sabbath was not meant to be burdensome; it was created for our benefit. As Jesus stated when questioned about healing on the Sabbath, “Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath” (Mark 2:27).

EGW: “The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human

power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure” {1SM 204.2}.

Bible: Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy (Exodus 20:8).

Comment: In addition to teaching to lightly regard the Sabbath, the phrase “celebrate Sabbath” is the wrong motivation. We are told to keep it holy not “celebrate” it.

June 1

Adventist Today

Hong Kong Adventist College Student Uses Fashion And Dance to Combat Racism

EGW: “There are amusements, such as dancing, card playing, chess, checkers, etc., which we cannot approve because Heaven condemns them” {AH 498.2}. “Satan, the instigator and prime mover in the ever-changing, never-satisfying decrees of fashion, is always busy devising something new that shall prove an injury to physical and moral health” {CTBH 85.2}.

June 9

Bible Answers Live (Doug Batchelor)

Shortened Question: Is Sunday law coming in the next 3 months from the Trump Administration?

Doug’s Summary Answer:

He admits being at the White House receiving a Religious Liberty briefing. “There is nothing on the horizon that I heard of where they are making a Sunday law that is coming out of the current administration. I would not worry about that. It may come some day but I do not see it on the horizon imminently. A matter of fact, it is more happening in Europe right now.”

Ellen White: “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” {5T 452.1}.

Ellen White: “The dignitaries of church and State will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance” {GC88 592.3}.

Comment: We agree with Doug Batchelor that in June, July, August, and even September, we probably will not see a

Sunday law as it would be a time setting and unnecessary fear support, but we disagree with Doug greatly when he stated that it is not on the horizon. The fact that he received a Religious Liberty briefing means he is accepting of what he is being told instead of looking at activities. We had already reported in the July 2019 issue of this publication that “Although Republicans are pretty much against enacting any actions to combat climate change, they have declared that they would be willing to concede a bit to secure votes. So, here we have scaled-down version of the demands. Sooner or later something is going to give, and finally the solution, as suggested by the papacy, will take effect.” The New Green Deal is connected, admittedly by Representative and author Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, to Laudato Si, which is pope’s solution document of Sunday law. And we know legislation can pop up, be voted upon, and passed in a matter of hours, at most, days if they have a rapid agenda to complete. And simply having Evangelicals influencing the White House also makes it imminent. It is on the Horizon. What is sad is that in the past few years, Doug was putting out videos on “papacy updates” on a regular basis revealing the nearness of time and even urgency of events, but now he has been growing silent. An honest question is, “Is the General Conference putting pressure

upon him to tone it down?”

June 5

Adventist Review

In the United Kingdom, Adventist Youth March Against Knife and Gun Crime

Bible: No example of participating in marches. Teaching and preaching to those who are willing to hear is all the means to be used.

EGW: “Avoid politics; shun contention” {5T 339.2}. “The side issues are not for us to meddle with. The burden of the work is, Preach the word” {TM 331.2}.

Comment: We are not to deal with political issues through marches but on individual basis. Converting of the soul or souls is to be our focus. We are not to spend our energy, means, or whatever other resources taking up political issues.

June 5

Spectrum Magazine

Adventist LGBT+ Film “Philip & Alberto” Selected for the Unlonely Project Film Festival — And More News Shorts

Bible: “Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it [is] abomination” (Leviticus 18:22).

EGW: “Let nothing of a theatrical nature be permitted, for this would spoil the sacredness of the work” {Ev 137.2}.

June 13

Advent Messenger

AdventHealth Promotes the Homosexual Agenda

AdventHealth is pushing the homosexual agenda by selling a special edition coffee called “49 Blend Coffee” to commemorate the 49 members of the LGBT+ community who were killed in a gay nightclub in Orlando, FL back in 2016. AdventHealth is selling the special LGBT+ edition coffee at its Orlando Campus Market Place Gift Shop. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to The One Orlando Alliance— a gay organization dedicated to promoting the LGBT+ agenda in Central Florida.

Bible: Leviticus 18:22
Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with woman-kind: it [is] abomination.

Comment: Advent Heath supports an abomination.

June 14

Spectrum Magazine

PSALMS 23 (MODIFIED FOR THOSE WHO LIKE ICE CREAM)

Comment: The title says enough. We shall not repeat the abomination of making a joke of scripture promoting sinful lusts.

Ellen White: Large quantities of milk and sugar eaten together are injurious. They impart impurities to the system. . . . Sugar clogs the system. It hinders the working of the living machine. {CH 149.1}

June 20

NAD Ministerial

NextGen Pastor Pin Collection for Chosen International Pathfinder Camporee

PIN #4—CHOSEN TO LEAD - WOMEN PASTORS SPECIAL EDITION (PINK) -

If you are a girl, young woman, desiring to become a pastor in the future or considering this option, even if you have not made your mind up yet, you will receive this pin as a gift. You can claim this gift at the North American Division Ministerial Association Booth (Booth #513 in Hangar A).

There you will also be able to visit with the North American Division Ministerial Team. These are your Pastors’ Pastors, who will be available to pray with you and encourage you as you contemplate the possibility of serving God as a pastor in the future.

Current women clergy, who are present at the Camporee can also claim a pin at the North American Division Ministerial Booth.

PIN #6—CHOSEN - DISCIPLINE LIMITED EDITION (MULTICOLOR, COMBINATION OF THE COLORS OF ALL THE OTHER 5 PINS)

Bible for PIN #4: 1 Timothy 3:1 - This [is] a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. 1 Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of

the woman [is] the man; and the head of Christ [is] God.

Comment for PIN #4: A bishop is also a pastor as well as an elder all of which is reserved to the role being fulfilled by a man, a male. It has nothing to do with men being superior but the symbolism of pointing to Jesus Christ, the head of the church. No lamb with a blemish could be used in the sacrifices despite some lambs with blemishes being superior in ability. Likewise, Cain deviating from the expected sacrifice found out quickly what was pleasing to God. Deviating from the male role has its consequences.

Bible for PIN #6: 1 Thessalonians 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

Comment for PIN #6: Why are there six colors on this pin when it is the combination of the prior background colored pins, which there are only 5. Therefore, Pin #6 should only be 5 colors for the background. In comparison to the LGBTQ+ movement rainbow flag, this pin nearly represents it. Why could they not use a stark change in color instead of nearly representing the homosexual colors? They could have used black, white, dark brown, something. But first glance looks too closely to be resembling the anti-biblical position of homosexuality.



News And Comments

June 1—NY Times

United Nations Says 80 Countries May Ramp Up Climate Pledges

"UNITED NATIONS — About 80 countries want to increase their climate pledges ahead of schedule under the Paris climate accord, the United Nations said Tuesday, signaling that some of them would do so at a summit of world leaders in September." Ellen White penned, "The agencies of evil are combining their forces, and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones." --Testimonies, vol. 9, p 11.

June 5—Good

Scotland just became the first country to declare a climate emergency

Climate emergencies, as even suggested by politicians in the United States, allow for Martial Law, executive orders, etc. "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon" (Revelation 13:11). Countries are getting ready for the US to take the lead.

June 1—Insider

America's First Post-Christian Generation Rises—but There's Hope

The article states that Generation Z is basically atheist in large quantities as no generation before it. "The fool hath said in his heart, [There is] no God" (Psalms 14:1). "[There is] a generation, whose teeth [are as] swords, and their jaw teeth [as] knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from [among] men" (Proverbs 30:14), keeping in mind that "the poor in spirit" are God's people.

June 8—Crux Now

Power of prayer helps spell victory for youth in national tournament

To reduce prayer into win competition is an abomination towards God. When the Bible says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13) and "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26), it referred to gaining victory over sin and living a righteous life. It is not about spelling the words correctly, scoring points, or winning in any competition. It is a mockery when we use prayer in that manner.

June 12—Catholic New Agency

Unity is first sign of true Christian witness, pope says

Now that Protestants and

Catholics are considered unified, they are waiting for "fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men" (Revelation 13:13). Unfortunately, it will be used to "deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by [the means of] those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast" (Revelation 13:14).

June 14—The Guardian

Pope Francis declares 'climate emergency' and urges action

The article states "Addressing energy leaders, pope warns of 'catastrophic' effects of global heating". Once again, "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Revelation 18:3).

June 16—Climate Emergency Declaration (.org)

Climate emergency declarations in 623 jurisdictions and local governments cover 83 million citizens

"623 jurisdictions in 13 countries have declared a climate emergency. Populations covered by jurisdictions that have declared a climate emergency amount to 83 million

citizens, with 35 million of these living in the United Kingdom. This means in Britain roughly 53 per cent of the population lives in areas that have declared a climate emergency, 49 per cent in New Zealand, 32 per cent in Canada, and around 15 per cent in New Zealand, Switzerland, and Spain." That just marks 13 countries waiting for the papacy solution -- Sunday rest for the planet. "And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name" (Rev. 14:9-11).

June 24—NRDC

Leading Labor Unions and Environmental Groups Join Forces to Act on Climate

"The trades unions will be one of the agencies that will bring upon this earth a time of trouble such as has not been since the world began."--Letter 200, 1903.

June 25—SBS

'For the sake of generations to come': Faith leaders unite on climate change

"More than 150 religious leaders issued an open letter to Mr Morrison." "The wide diversity of belief in the Protestant churches is regarded by many as decisive proof that no effort to secure a forced uniformity can ever be made. But there has been for years, in churches of the Protestant faith, a strong and growing sentiment in favor of a union based upon common points of doctrine" {GC88 444.1}

June 27—CNN

New York City declares a climate emergency, the first US city with more than a million residents to do so

Although there is no legislation to mandate anything at this time, we as a people have believed that legislation will be progressive. "Any movement in favor of religious legislation is really an act of concession to the papacy, which for so many ages has steadily warred against liberty of conscience. Sunday observance owes its existence as a so-called Christian institution to "the mystery of iniquity," and its enforcement will be a virtual recognition of the principles which are the very cornerstone of Romanism. When our nation shall so abjure the principles of its government as

to enact a Sunday law, Protestantism will in this act join hands with popery; it will be nothing else than giving life to the tyranny which has long been eagerly watching its opportunity to spring again into active despotism" {5T 711.4}. One may ask, "Is this actually a religious legislation? I can't see it." It is a step because the pope declared climate change to be a religious issue. Legislators do not have to blatantly state that it is religious act. Going along with the progression of climate change legislation is a step in that acknowledgment.

June 27—Metro

UK becomes first country in world to commit to ending climate change by law

The UK is ripe for the US to dictate the Sunday law climate change answer. This is not going to just start in the US with Sunday mandatory law and then take years to enforce around the world, but rather, the nations are already getting ready for it to be sprung. "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 of Babylon. All nations and tongues and peoples will be commanded to worship this spurious sabbath. . . . The decree enforcing the worship of this day is to go forth to all

the world."--7BC 976 (1897).

June 27—Catholic Philly

When you watch TV, your TV may be watching you

Picture this... you are called to court to give a reason for your faith. And when testifying, the opposing party brings out evidence of what you were watching and your reaction to it like in a split screen manner. May our motto be instead of watching TV, "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; [it] shall not cleave to me" (Psalms 101:3).

June 28—Vatican News

Pope: Orthodox and Catholics joining forces to meet present challenges

"Patriarch Bartholomew, said the Pope, has 'inspired' him with his attention for the protection of creation. Given the alarming ecological crisis that we are experiencing, promoting care for our common home is not only, for us believers as for all others, a pressing need that can no longer be deferred, but also a concrete way to serve our neighbour in the spirit of the Gospel."

"As we approach the last crisis, it is of vital moment that harmony and unity exist among the Lord's instrumentalities. The world is filled with storm and war and variance. Yet

under one head--the papal power--the people will unite to oppose God in the person of His witnesses. This union is cemented by the great apostate" {7T 182.2}.

June 29—Crux Now

Farm documentary shows 'Laudato Si' put into practice

Movies sell. And in this case, showing that Laudato Si works is simply furthering the agenda. "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" {5T 452.1}.

OTHER ARTICLES:

June 1—Catholic News Agency

Leave divisions behind, embrace fellowship, pope says at Marian shrine

June 10—Catholic News Agency

Holy Spirit 'brings order to our frenzy,' pope says

June 25—Yahoo News

These commonly prescribed medications may increase your risk of dementia, study finds



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organization. Even at the height of apostasy in Israel, where people were actually executed for staying true to the true God, no other nation was formed. And the notion that they say that the Conference is the one that left is absurd. All of Ellen White's writings declare that apostasy and damnable heresies would enter. That is it.

On the other hand, this concept of "staying in the boat", incorrectly understood, to apply to having to stay under conference leadership and attend conference churches is equally absurd. Staying in the boat is staying in the truth. What goes through to the end is not the structure of the church but the truth. And if one looks at Israel of old, Jeremiah stated, "O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel" (Jeremiah 31:7), and Paul wrote, "Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved" (Romans 9:27). Therefore, the vast majority of the leadership and vast majority of the pew warmers are wrong, deceived, and misled or misleading. I say this, again,

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not to brag, but to “weep between the porch and the altar” and cry, “Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where [is] their God?” (Joel 2:17).

May the “very elect”, very studied and submissive, not only have a head knowledge but see the spiritual application so that it is not actually possible to be deceived (Matthew 24:24).



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