



# The Four Angels' Messages

## A Monthly Magazine

It is the Three Angels Message of Revelation 14 empowered by “another angel” (Revelation 18:1) producing the Loud Cry, which is yet future, but now is the time of preparation, which is the purpose of this publication.

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Heretofore those who presented the truths of the third angel's message have often been regarded as mere alarmists. Their predictions that religious intolerance would gain control in the United States, that church and State would unite to persecute those who keep the commandments of God, have been pronounced groundless and absurd. It has been confidently declared that this land could never become other than what it has been, the defender of religious freedom. But as the question of enforcing Sunday observance is widely agitated, the event so long doubted and disbelieved is seen to be approaching, and the third message will produce an effect which it could not have had before.

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**A Publication By Seventh-day Adventists  
For Seventh-day Adventists**

# Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

*Jerry O'Donnell*

As Seventh-day Adventists, we make a big deal about the Ten Commandments, and rightfully so, for “Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus” (Revelation 14:12). We rightfully make a big deal about the Sabbath, as it is the one main commandment that is broken on a regular basis, and “If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, [from] doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking [thine own] words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken [it]” (Isaiah 58:13-14).

But I would like to submit that there is a bigger concern than comparing the Ten Commandments with the commandments of men. I would like to submit that there is bigger concern than comparing the Seal of God with the Mark of the Beast. It is called selfishness.

It is the personal enemy that we have to deal with and by successfully dealing with it, we will then keep the Ten Commandments and even accept the Seal of God. I submit to your consideration that it is selfishness that makes one think *they* are God, instead of God, because it is selfishness that leads people to think they are just fine as they are. They do not need others to tell them anything spiritually, despite God using people in this manner instead of audibly addressing people. It is selfishness that has people making idols of things they refuse to surrender to God, be it habit, tradition, belief, etc. It is selfishness that has people holding on to to their own thoughts, words, and actions, desecrating the name Christian. It is selfishness that refuses to cease from laboring on the Sabbath as well as using the Sabbath hours for their own purposes instead of what it is intended for, by choosing to sleep it away. It is selfishness that defies authority. It is selfishness that causes people to enter into fights, get their blood boiling, etc., instead of looking for the way to defuse the situation. It is selfishness of personal satisfaction that causes people to cheat on their spouses, or fornicate

prior to marital connection. It is selfishness that causes people to take from others. It is selfishness, for sake of reputation or gain, to mislead people. And it is selfishness that causes people to be unhappy when others succeed, instead of being content.

Get rid of selfishness by the grace and divine power, then commandment keeping is a cinch. And with His commandments no longer being looked upon as grievous, the Sabbath would be properly kept and even looked forward to each week; therefore, one could easily be sealed.

So, “let him deny himself” (Matthew 16:24); “die daily” (1 Corinthians 15:31); “have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts” (Galatians 5:24); “Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with [him], that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin” (Romans 6:6); and “walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” (Romans 8:1, 4); and “Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh” (Galatians 5:16).

“He that endureth to the end shall be saved” (Matthew 10:22).



**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 23)

Jerry O'Donnell

## Silence!

Revelation 18:21-24 says, *“And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast [it] into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft [he be], shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.”*

This is finally our last segment on this series that began in *Our Firm Foundation* in August, 2016, was then put on a delay status before the next article, and then a slower schedule, and eventually dropped completely to be finished off in this publica-

tion. It was just too much meat to be contained in the first publication, which is said with much sadness. This three-and-a-half-year journey, despite the struggles of getting the message out, concludes in this issue, not with a line by line study of the remaining verses, but with a general warning message spoken of by this angel. It is the end of the message that must be spoken to the public under diverse and challenging situations, for remember, this message contained in Revelation 18 as the fourth angel {6T 60.1} is given by those who receive the latter rain {GW92 383.3}, which is only poured upon the purified church {AA 54.2}, {RH, July 21, 1896 par. 2}, which are the 144,000 {1T 59.1}, which appear under the Sunday law crisis {3SM 385}.

It starts out with the reference to “a great millstone” being “cast ... into the sea”. Of all objects to choose and destinations to go to, it is not by coincidence that Jesus had said, “But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged

about his neck, and [that] he were drowned in the depth of the sea” (Matthew 18:6). And little ones have not only been offended with being brought up in a superstitious religion and Christianized paganism, but the little ones have also been abused physically for the sexual pleasures of the leaders in those organizations. Though the angel does not tie the millstone around Babylon’s neck physically, it will have the same result – eternal death.

Now, the future of Babylon, and all those that remain connected to Babylon, will be no more. They will not burn in hell throughout eternity. They will clearly “be no more”. These few words, properly studied, make up yet one more text that teaches the Biblical stance of hell fire being a finite period of time. It is these gems that confirm the faith and are useful to touch upon when studying with others. Once God permanently punishes all of the lost, Babylon and those connected with her will not rise up again. “They shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do [this], saith the

LORD of hosts.” Malachi 4:3. That means, we ought not want any association with Babylon whatsoever. But even more so, it means that we ought to stop trying to bring Babylon into the church, or should I say, we ought to do everything in our power given to us by God to resist the so-called Seventh-day Adventists from bringing it into the brick and mortar churches, for those who do such things are not of the true church of God. Do not take my word for it, read carefully Galatians 5:19-21, which says, “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are [these]; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told [you] in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.” Did you catch it? Let me shorten it up and you will see that my statement is absolutely biblical. “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are [these]; Adultery, lasciviousness, heresies, and such like: that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.” An

argument could actually be made for almost all of them happening widespread among Seventh-day Adventists, but these three key words are sufficient to alert and alarm us as a people. James 4:4 tells us, “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.” Do not most conference churches use worldly methods in evangelism and then use them inside the church to retain them? Of course they do! And to sit in such churches will have a worldly influence upon us, and this is the reason to cease attending such influential places.

On top of that, most, not all, of our ministers are “ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness” (Jude 1:4). Those are harsh words, but a minister is either godly or ungodly. There are no other categories. An ungodly minister promotes a broader grace than is found in the gospel telling people that they shall sin right up to the second coming. What nonsense! What lack of power in the gospel that they preach! They basically are “denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ” (Jude 1:4), be-

cause Jesus “condemned sin in the flesh” (Romans 8:3) and to deny the victory here and now is to deny Jesus Christ’s purpose of coming. Truly they are ungodly, teaching a watered-down message, and to continue to excuse such ministers, or have to interpret the real intent of their message, is treason.

And do we actually have to mention the widespread heresies? Only a willfully blind person will cast it off as acknowledging them as mere problems. When it is widespread, as in just about every conference church, that is not a problem here or there, that is heresy. “God will arouse His people; if other means fail, heresies will come in among them, which will sift them, separating the chaff from the wheat.” {5T 707.3}. And let it be known that since 1844, the verse referring to the “wheat and the tares” has been fulfilled and is being fulfilled, yet is used against true Seventh-day Adventists who separate from the fallen churches: “Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn” (Matthew 13:30). We are told not to get all worked up. The

wheat and the tares will grow together right up to the second coming. Nonsense! That is not what Jesus said. Who are the reapers? We are. Some say that it is the angels that do this. Yes, it is. It is called the Three Angels' Messages! "I then saw the third angel. Said my accompanying angel, 'Fearful is his work. Awful is his mission. He is the angel that is to select the wheat from the tares, and seal, or bind, the wheat for the heavenly garner. These things should engross the whole mind, the whole attention.'" {EW 118.1}. It is under the third angel that the separation of the wheat and tares happens – not at the second coming.

Since 1844, reapers have been binding the tares. What are the tares bound with? "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes" (Deuteronomy 11:18). It is the Word of God that binds the tares, identifying the heresy, apostasy, and even the sins. The work under the third angels is to "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Isaiah 58:1).

The wheat that gather

into barns are true gatherings of God's people, for Hebrews 10:25 says, "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." These may gather in conference churches that have a preacher consecrated to God, even where the majority of the members are pressing towards the mark of our high calling. These may be a handful who gather in homes. These may be simply "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

True Seventh-day Adventists do not use the methods of evangelism that Babylon uses but rather they use the book called *Evangelism* by Ellen White. That means out with the puppet shows. Out with the clowns, for even Ellen White penned, "*I warned you against clownishness in the desk or before the people*" {VSS 275.1}. "*But let no one think that God will approve of a method which will require a man to act the part of a clown, or like a man who has lost his senses. Such methods as these are wholly unnecessary and inappropriate*" {ST, March 19, 1894 par. 2}. Out with the dances.

Out with the competitions, even if they are between our own schools. Out with the modern gospel music. Out, out, out. And if anyone is unable to keep it out, then know full well that a true Seventh-day Adventist cannot stay at that specific church, for it has become the synagogue of Satan, a bedlam of noise. God is not present at a place where devil music is, nor worldliness paraded as acceptable to God.

Speaking of music, "*the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee*" (verse 22). This tells us how much music is involved in the controlling of the people. First, we have history to learn from. Satan, or Lucifer at the time, was a beautiful singer (Ezekiel 28:13) and war broke out in Heaven. Music, though on acceptable instruments, was noted explicitly to be among the rebellious lineage of Cain (Genesis 4:21), otherwise it would not have been mentioned. It was misused among the people. Music was involved in the rebellion at the time of Moses before the golden calf, along with dancing (Exodus 32:19). Music was involved in the worldwide control of the citizens to bow down to a literal idol (Daniel 3:5), symbolic of



the spiritual idol found in Revelation (Revelation 13:15).

Now, not all music is evil. We are to be “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” (Ephesians 5:19). But we know that the devil “knoweth that he hath but a short time” (Revelation 12:12) for we moved from very little music being used in personal life up through the 1800s. But, with the invention of the radio, music began affecting people by the masses, and invention after invention after invention now has it that if silence exists, people do not know what to do with themselves. Music sells products and moves emotions. Music is easily accessible with all the different gadgets. Music is constantly playing in stores, in waiting rooms, even at work. All this noise, not only in the form of suggestiveness at every level, also blocks out the voice of God. In other words, it is not by chance that the last 100 or more years have been filled with musical noise, let alone raunchy content, even sinful content. Therefore, we must be on guard at all times. If it does not direct our minds to God, if it is in our power to turn it off, leave the area, or plug

our ears, do so, or continue at the risk of one’s own salvation. It is either for God or Satan. There is no such thing as neutral music.

The description continues that “no craftsman, of whatsoever craft [he be], shall be found any more in thee” (also verse 22). These are the artists and those of occupation. Everything that is called art is not very artful. It may be an expression, which is usually in the form of rebellion, like putting a crucifix in a glass of urine and calling it art, which did happen. Even the occupations are guided by Babylon, even if those seats are occupied by unbelievers. Many are involved in the “green movement” and very supportive of the agenda for Sunday law called “Climate Change”, which is a craft of its own. Discussions on the Internet are even controlled by various occupations. Those at Google, Twitter, Facebook, and many others employ staff usually of a caliber that squashes the opposition while promoting the agenda. Businesses promote “green products”, even if they are not wholly “green”.

As stated, the whole concept of “climate change” has been engineered into existence. The data fed into the computer systems are purposely skewed. They

intentionally ignore all data that points to a different conclusion. They are selective in their sample data. It is a well-crafted, worldwide influencer to control even third world countries, let alone all those kids skipping school to join the climate change march.

Other cunning deceptions include evolution, the necessity to vaccinate, the advantages of participating in sports, the need to consume milk and dairy, and much more. All of these are well-orchestrated lies.

Now, according to Revelation 18:23, not all merchants become connected with Babylon; only the great ones. Interestingly, Ellen White penned, “The work of the people of God is to prepare for the events of the future, which will soon come upon them with blinding force. In the world gigantic monopolies will be formed. Men will bind themselves together in unions that will wrap them in the folds of the enemy. A few men will combine to grasp all the means to be obtained in certain lines of business. Trades unions will be formed, and those who refuse to join these unions will be marked men” --Letter 26, 1903. {2SM 142.2}. So, in parallel with the Bible, the influential merchants will be used

to direct or even control the world.

Despite being separate entities, Google, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and many others, have joined together on key acceptable conversations allowed on their platforms. Pro-vaccine messages surround the anti-vax messages, if the anti-vax messages are even allowed to appear. Some anti-vax testimonies by physicians have been surrounded with “fact check” links to trash the testimony and promote vaccination. In trying to do my best to stay out of politics, it is only a blind fool that believes there is not an agenda where a conservative, mostly Republican, message is squashed while a pro-liberal, mostly Democratic one is made foremost. This is not only true on social media, but the media-bias is just undeniable. Even the once “balanced” Fox News has tilted left.

And just for the record, I have been both a Democrat and a Republican before I knew what Ellen White wrote on the subject. I was even independent until my voting registration expired for lack of voting, as we are counseled not be involved in such things. So please do not be blinded thinking I am favoring one party over another. The point is that the media controls the masses

to promote the continuous rebellion against God. We ought to also thank God for this bias because it has delayed the religious right until now from forming the image to the beast, allowing us to have more time to reach the public with the message. And yes, it is a conflicting life we live. We are to be “Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God” (2 Peter 3:12), while appreciating not only for ourselves, but also for others, that “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

Overall, the point is that the conglomerate known as the media shapes the minds. Run enough negative articles, people tend to believe it. Just look at the craze on climate change.

But the mom and pop merchants just cannot match up. Walmart put many of them out of business. Sports, in general, is a monopoly, distracting all that view it and attend it. And we could go on and on citing numerous other monopolies that Babylon has influence over that is preparing minds even now “to make war with the saints” (Revelation 13:7), “to make

war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Revelation 12:17), to “shed the blood of saints and prophets” (Revelation 16:6). This “us against them” mentality is nothing short of the devil playing both sides, which will catch God’s people in between.

Eventually, a Sunday law will be enacted appeasing the climate changers. They will be getting their weekly “earth sabbath” rest while “The Word of God teaches that these scenes are to be repeated as papists and Protestants shall unite for the exaltation of the Sunday” {GC88 578.2}.

But there is one particular merchant, or monopoly, that is singled out in regard to the merchants, “by thy sorceries were all nations deceived” (Revelation 18:23). As was pointed out in several previous issues, the word “sorceries” is from the Greek word “pharmakeia”, from which we get the words pharmacy, pharmacist, and pharmaceuticals. In other words, it is this particular industry that would influence the world like none other. They are set to do it, and are doing it.

It should be no surprise that there is such a war going on and such a push for vaccine usage.



And we know it to be evil because, regarding the United States, “he spake as a dragon” (Revelation 13:11). As a nation speaks through laws, that means that the United States would use forceful legislative power, and that is where we are today. It has gotten to the point that there is a mass exodus of people leaving one state which has forced vaccinations without exception, to go find another state which is a bit loose with the regulations; but keep in mind, sooner or later they, too, will force it until it becomes the law of the land. The more they falsify medical outbreaks and panic the public, the more legislation will be passed. If vaccines were really that safe, then why would laws be needed to enforce compliance?

On top of that, just in the last twenty years, there has been a vaccine invented for all sorts of reasons. When I was a child, I was vaccinated with a few shots, now there are dozens of them, additionally requiring boosters for teens; and now the push, and soon legislation to pass which will force adults to continue their vaccinations.

Do keep in mind, it is not just a matter of “unsafe” ingredients. Today, the vaccines are loaded with things that God calls

“unclean”. Between extracted cells from human embryos, to pork-laced gelatin, to many other condemned ingredients, one cannot in good conscience accept the vaccine, and then just try detoxing. The sin will have been committed. We must be determined as Daniel.

“Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself” (Daniel 1:8). These stories are not just historical, or a general application message, but a predictive spiritual scenario for the last days. And we are here.

And for that, one day “in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth” (Revelation 18:24), therefore, “the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee” (Revelation 18:23). That pleading that is going on now is that “the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely” (Revelation 22:17).

If you have not escaped from being brainwashed with music, the news media, the social media, the political campaigns, the agendas and much

more, “behold, now [is] the accepted time; behold, now [is] the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2).

May we heed the messages of the Three Angels as well as the messages found here in Revelation 18, the fourth angel, and not only heed them, but know them so that we can be the messengers during the time of Revelation 18. For now, be the messengers of Revelation 14 expecting additional power to join the message from the angel of Revelation 18. Remember, Revelation 18 is a multiplying power, but zero times any power is still zero. If we are not active now under the Three Angels’ Messages, we cannot expect power to be multiplied by the fourth angel in the form of the latter rain.

To God be the glory. “When these things begin to come to pass,” and they are happening right now, “then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh” (Luke 21:28). “Even so, come, Lord Jesus” (Revelation 22:20).

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [be] with you all. Amen” (Revelation 22:21).



# The Sanctuary

Ellen White

The scripture which above all others had been both the foundation and central pillar of the Advent faith was the declaration, "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." [Daniel 8:14.] These had been familiar words to all believers in the Lord's soon coming. By the lips of thousands was this prophecy joyfully repeated as the watchword of their faith. All felt that upon the events therein brought to view depended their brightest expectations and most cherished hopes. These prophetic days had been shown to terminate in the autumn of 1844. In common with the rest of the Christian world, Adventists then held that the earth, or some portion of it, was the sanctuary, and that the cleansing of the sanctuary was the purification of the earth by the fires of the last great day. This they understood would take place at the second coming of Christ. Hence the conclusion that Christ would return to the earth in 1844.

But the appointed time

came, and the Lord did not appear. The believers knew that God's word could not fail; their interpretation of the prophecy must be at fault; but where was the mistake? Many rashly cut the knot of difficulty by denying that the 2300 days ended in 1844. No reason could be given for this position, except that Christ had not come at the time of expectation. They argued that if the prophetic days had ended in 1844, Christ would then have come to cleanse the sanctuary by the purification of the earth by fire; and that since he had not come, the days could not have ended.

To accept this conclusion was to renounce the former reckoning of the prophetic periods, and involve the whole question in confusion. It was a deliberate surrender of positions which had been reached through earnest, prayerful study of the Scriptures, by minds enlightened by the Spirit of God, and hearts burning with its living power; positions which had withstood the most searching criticism and the most

bitter opposition of popular religionists and worldly-wise men, and which had stood firm against the combined forces of learning and eloquence, and the taunts and revilings alike of the honorable and the base. And all this sacrifice was made in order to maintain the theory that the earth is the sanctuary.

God had led his people in the great Advent movement; his power and glory had attended the work, and he would not permit it to end in darkness and disappointment, to be reproached as a false and fanatical excitement. He would not leave his word involved in doubt and uncertainty.

Though the majority of Adventists abandoned their former reckoning of the prophetic periods, and consequently denied the correctness of the movement based thereon, a few were unwilling to renounce points of faith and experience that were sustained by the Scriptures and by the special witness of the Spirit of God. They believed that they had adopted sound principles of interpretation in

their study of the Scriptures, and that it was their duty to hold fast the truths already gained, and to still pursue the same course of Biblical research. With earnest prayer they reviewed their position, and studied the Scriptures to discover their mistake. As they could see no error in their explanation of the prophetic periods, they were led to examine more closely the subject of the sanctuary.

In their investigation they learned, that the earthly sanctuary, built by Moses at the command of God, according to the pattern shown him in the mount, was "a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices;" that its two holy places were "patterns of things in the heavens;" that Christ, our great High Priest, is "a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man;" that "Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true, but into Heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." [Hebrews 9:9, 23; 8:2; 9:24.]

The sanctuary in Heav-

en, in which Jesus ministers in our behalf, is the great original, of which the sanctuary built by Moses was a copy. God placed his Spirit upon the builders of the earthly sanctuary. The artistic skill displayed in its construction was a manifestation of divine wisdom. The walls had the appearance of massive gold, reflecting in every direction the light of the seven lamps of the golden candlestick. The table of show-bread and the altar of incense glittered like burnished gold. The gorgeous curtain which formed the ceiling, inwrought with figures of angels in blue and purple and scarlet, added to the beauty of the scene. And beyond the second vail was the holy shekinah, the visible manifestation of God's glory, before which none but the high priest could enter and live. The matchless splendor of the earthly tabernacle reflected to human vision the glories of that heavenly temple where Christ our forerunner ministers for us before the throne of God.

As the sanctuary on earth had two apartments, the holy and the most holy, so there are two holy places in the sanctuary in Heaven. And the ark containing

the law of God, the altar of incense, and other instruments of service found in the sanctuary below, have also their counterpart in the sanctuary above. In holy vision the apostle John was permitted to enter Heaven, and he there beheld the candlestick and the altar of incense, and as "the temple of God was opened," he beheld also "the ark of his testament." [Revelation 4:5; 8:3; Revelation 11:19.]

Those who were seeking for the truth found indisputable proof of the existence of a sanctuary in Heaven. Moses made the earthly sanctuary after a pattern which was shown him. Paul declares that that pattern was the true sanctuary which is in Heaven. John testifies that he saw it in Heaven.

In the temple in Heaven, the dwelling-place of God, his throne is established in righteousness and judgment. In the most holy place is his law, the great rule of right by which all mankind are tested. The ark that enshrines the tables of the law is covered with the mercy-seat, before which Christ pleads his blood in the sinner's behalf. Thus is repre-

sented the union of justice and mercy in the plan of human redemption. This union infinite wisdom alone could devise, and infinite power accomplish; it is a union that fills all Heaven with wonder and adoration. The cherubim of the earthly sanctuary looking reverently down upon the mercy-seat, represent the interest with which the heavenly host contemplate the work of redemption. This is the mystery of mercy into which angels desire to look, – that God can be just while he justifies the repenting sinner, and renews his intercourse with the fallen race; that Christ could stoop to raise unnumbered multitudes from the abyss of ruin, and clothe them with the spotless garments of

his own righteousness, to unite with angels who have never fallen, and to dwell forever in the presence of God.

At the termination of the 2300 days, in 1844, no sanctuary had existed on earth for many centuries; therefore the sanctuary in Heaven must be the one brought to view in the declaration, "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." But how could a sanctuary in Heaven need cleansing? Turning again to the Scriptures, the students of prophecy learned that the cleansing was not a removal of physical impurities, for it was to be accomplished with blood, and therefore must be a cleansing from sin.

Thus says the apostle:

"It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the Heavens should be purified with these [the blood of animals]; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these [even the precious blood of Christ]." [Hebrews 9:23.] To obtain a further knowledge of the cleansing to which the prophecy points, it was necessary to understand the ministration of the heavenly sanctuary. This could be learned only from the ministration of the earthly sanctuary; for Paul declares that the priests who officiated there served "unto the example and shadow of heavenly things." [Hebrews 8:5.]

The ministration of the earthly sanctuary consisted of two divisions: the priests ministered daily in the holy place, while once a year the high priest performed a special work of atonement in the most holy, for the cleansing of the sanctuary. Day by day the repentant sinner brought his offering to the door of the tabernacle, and, placing his hand upon the victim's head, confessed his sins, thus in figure transferring them to the innocent sacrifice.

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The animal was then slain, and the blood or the flesh was carried by the priest into the holy place. Thus the sin was, in figure, transferred to the sanctuary. Such was the work that went forward throughout the year. The continual transfer of sins to the sanctuary, rendered a further work of ministration necessary in order for their removal. On the tenth day of the seventh month the high priest entered the inner apartment, or most holy place, which he was forbidden, on pain of death, to enter at any other time. The cleansing of the sanctuary then performed completed the yearly round of service.

On the great day of atonement, two kids of the goats were brought to the door of the tabernacle, and lots were cast upon them, "one lot for the Lord, and the other lot for the scape-goat." The goat upon which fell the lot for the Lord was to be slain as a sin-offering for the people. And the priest was to bring his blood within the vail, and sprinkle it upon the mercy-seat, and before the mercy-seat. "And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the

uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins; and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness." [Leviticus 16:8, 16.]

"And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness; and the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited." [Leviticus 16:21, 22.] The scape-goat came no more into the camp of Israel, and the man who led him away was required to wash himself and his clothing with water before returning to the camp.

The whole ceremony was designed to impress the Israelites with the holiness of God and his abhorrence of sin, and, further, to show them that they could not come in contact with sin without becoming polluted. Every man was required to

afflict his soul while this work of atonement was going forward. All business was laid aside, and the whole congregation of Israel spent the day in solemn humiliation before God, with prayer, fasting, and deep searching of heart.

Important truths concerning the atonement may be learned from the typical service. A substitute was accepted in the sinner's stead; but the sin was not canceled by the blood of the victim. A means was thus provided by which it was transferred to the sanctuary. By the offering of blood, the sinner acknowledged the authority of the law, confessed his guilt in transgression, and expressed his desire for pardon through faith in a Redeemer to come; but he was not yet entirely released from the condemnation of the law. On the day of atonement the high priest, having taken an offering from the congregation, went into the most holy place with the blood of this general offering, and sprinkled it upon the mercy-seat, directly over the law, to make satisfaction for its claims. Then, in his character of mediator,

he took the sins upon himself, and bore them from the sanctuary. Placing his hands upon the head of the scape-goat, he confessed over him all these sins, thus in figure transferring them from himself to the goat. The goat then bore them away, and they were regarded as forever separated from the people.

Such was the service performed "unto the example and shadow of heavenly things." And what was done in type in the ministration of the earthly, is done in reality in the ministration of the heavenly. After his ascension, our Saviour began his work as our high priest. Says Paul, "Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into Heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." [Hebrews 9:24.] In harmony with the typical service, he began his ministration in the holy place, and at the termination of the prophetic days in 1844, as foretold by Daniel the prophet, he entered the most holy to perform the last division of his solemn work, – to cleanse the sanctuary.

As the sins of the people were anciently

transferred, in figure, to the earthly sanctuary by the blood of the sin-offering, so our sins are, in fact, transferred to the heavenly sanctuary by the blood of Christ. And as the typical cleansing of the earthly was accomplished by the removal of the sins by which it had been polluted, so the actual cleansing of the heavenly is to be accomplished by the removal, or blotting out, of the sins which are there recorded. This necessitates an examination of the books of record to determine who, through repentance of sin and faith in Christ, are entitled to the benefits of his atonement. The cleansing of the sanctuary therefore involves a work of investigative Judgment. This work must be performed prior to the coming of Christ to redeem his people; for when he comes, his reward is with him to give to every man according to his works. [Revelation 22:12.]

Thus those who followed in the advancing light of the prophetic word saw that instead of coming to the earth at the termination of the 2300 days in 1844, Christ then entered the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary,

into the presence of God, to perform the closing work of atonement, preparatory to his coming.

It was seen, also, that while the sin-offering pointed to Christ as a sacrifice, and the high priest represented Christ as a mediator, the scape-goat typified Satan, the author of sin, upon whom the sins of the truly penitent will finally be placed. When the high priest, by virtue of the blood of the sin-offering, removed the sins from the sanctuary, he placed them upon the scape-goat. When Christ, by virtue of his own blood, removes the sins of his people from the heavenly sanctuary at the close of his ministration, he will place them upon Satan, who, in the execution of the judgment, must bear the final penalty. The scape-goat was sent away into a land not inhabited, never to come again into the congregation of Israel. So will Satan be forever banished from the presence of God and his people, and he will be blotted from existence in the final destruction of sin and sinners. {*The Spirit of Prophecy Volume Four*, page 258.1 - 266.3}





# Personality of the Devil

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"Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you." Jas.iv,7.

UNIVERSALISTS deny in toto, that there is now, or ever was, such a spiritual being as the devil, either real or personal; and contend, that all the idea designed to be conveyed by that word, is a personification of the principle of evil, in its various forms. It is applied in a metaphorical sense, they tell us, to various objects, such as human nature, the Roman government, wicked men, such as Judas, the lusts of the flesh, etc., etc., but in every case it is to be understood as a figure of speech, and nothing more.

This figure was known, in days of old, and designated by many titles, expressing his character, attributes, and offices. He was called "Abaddon," "Apolion," "Belial," "Accuser," "The Beast," "The Angel of the bottomless pit," "The great Dragon," "Beelzebub," "Deceiver," "The Evil One," "The God of this world," "A Murderer," "A Liar," "The Prince of this world," "The Prince of the power of the air," "The Old Serpent," "The

Devil," "The Father of lies," "The Tempter," "Satan," and "The Prince of Devils!!" Rev.ix,11; xii,10; xix,19,20; xii,7,9; 1Pet.v,8; Matt.xii,24; John xvii,15; 2Cor.iv,4; John viii,44; 2Cor.vi,15; 1John iii,8; Eph.ii,2; Eph.vi,12; Matt.iv,3.

He must truly have been an extraordinary metaphor, possessing doubly as many names as the Almighty Himself! And I will disprove the existence of God, as a real personal being, upon the same principle, precisely, that Universalists make out the devil nothing but a figure of speech – a personification of a mere principle of evil! If because Judas was called "a devil," [John vi,70,] and Peter "Satan," [Matt.xvi,23,] there is therefore no other devil, except Judas and Peter; then, according to the same logic, because Moses was called "a god," [Ex.vii,1,] and Abraham lord, [Gen. xviii,12,] there is therefore no other Lord God except Abraham and Moses! If, because God is said to perform many wonderful and mighty works, he is therefore a real being, and not a personification of a

good principle; then, according to the same logic, the devil must be a real being, and not a mere personification of an evil principle, for many wonderful works, in the Scriptures, are ascribed to him. He appeared in the presence of God, and they held a conversation together concerning Job. Mark the fact: they both conversed together; and if it be consistent to say that one was a mere principle of evil, the other was nothing but a mere principle of good!

Again: He caused a wind to blow down the house on Job's children, and kill them; brought the Sabeans upon Job's oxen, who took them all away; caused the fire of God to fall from heaven, and burn up all Job's sheep: and finally, he smote Job with sore boils, from the crown of his head, to the soles of his feet. If this was all done by a figure of speech, they must have had rather a savage sort of metaphors in Job's time!! This same figure of speech conveyed the Saviour around from place to place, conversed with him, quoted scripture, fell from heaven like lightning, broke chains and

fetters, had power to cast men into prison, to walk about as a roaring lion, to work miracles, to overcome seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, to bind a woman eighteen years, to possess a herd of two thousand swine, and drive them down into the sea, and drown them, is in possession of a kingdom, is to be judged at the last day, was conscious that there was a time coming, when he had to be punished, confessed Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, is finally to be tormented in the lake of fire and brimstone, which is the second death: and strange to tell, all this is spoken of with reference to an eastern metaphor, a figure of speech; and not any real being, visible or invisible, neither in heaven above, earth beneath, or the waters under the earth! Job i; ii; Matt.iv,6; Rev.xiii,13; Rev.ii,10; 1Pet.v,8; Acts xix,16; Luke x,18; Luke xiii,16; Mark v,12,13; Matt.xii,26; Mark v,4; 2Pet.ii,4; Rev.xx,10; Matt.viii,29.

If the devil, possessing all the foregoing characteristics, and performing all these wonderful exploits, be nothing but a metaphor, a mere principle of evil, then I defy a Universalist to prove, that God is any thing more than a mere principle of good, the

opposite of evil; and that the Bible is any thing more than a mere principle of humbuggery!

God and the devil are always spoken of in the scriptures as exact opposites, just as much so, as are the principles of good and evil. God is the author of truth, and the devil is the father of lies. God is the Father of lights, and the devil is the Prince of darkness. Hence we read: "Ye cannot serve God and mammon;" "In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil." "The things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God." "What concord hath Christ with Belial?" "He that committeth sin is of the devil, - whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God." "If God were your Father, ye would love me - ye are of your father the devil." Matt.vi,24; 1John iii,8-10; 1Cor.x,20; 2Cor.vi,15; John viii,42-44.

All good, as the reader can discover from the foregoing quotations, is ascribed to God; whilst the devil is spoken of as the author of all evil. Now as God is not merely that good principle, of which he is the author, neither is the devil that evil principle of which he is the au-

thor. Is the principle of evil the author of itself? If so, then the principle of good is the author of itself, and consequently all the God there is in the universe! Just as certain as God, the author of good, is a real being, just so certain is Satan, the author of evil, a real being, and not that evil principle of which he is the author. Thus, upon the same principle, that the devil can be philosophized into a figure of speech, or a personification of a bad principle, can the Almighty Jehovah be figured out of existence as a real being, and proved to be nothing more than an Eastern metaphor, or rhetorical flourish.

But let us try some of the real significations of the devil, according to Universalism, such as the wicked Jews, the Roman government, Judas, Peter, human nature, the lusts of the flesh, the carnal mind, etc.

The best plan of testing a doctrine, is to substitute the definition for the word itself, and see what kind of sense it makes. We shall thus give the Universalist theory of no-devil-logic a fair trial. "And his fame went throughout all Syria, and they brought unto him all sick people that were

taken with divers diseases and torments, and those that were possessed with Roman governments, and he healed them." Matt.iv,24. "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, depart from me ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the Roman government and his angels." Matt.xxv,41. "And when he had dipped the sop, he gave to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon: and after the sop, Peter entered into him." John xiii,26,27. Or perhaps Judas entered into himself, since he was as much of a devil as Peter was! and of course before that he was out of himself! "Resist Peter, and he will flee from you." James iv,7. "Be sober, be vigilant, for your adversary, Peter, as a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." 1Pet.v,8. "And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold Peter hath desired to have you, that he might sift you as wheat." Luke xxii,31. "And the God of peace shall bruise Judas under your feet shortly." Rom.xvi,20. "There was given me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Judas to buffet me." 2Cor.xii,7. "And he was casting out a Judas, and it was dumb: and it came to pass, when

Judas was gone out, the dumb spake, and the people wondered. But some of them said: he casteth out Judas through Peter, the prince of Judas." Luke xi,14,15. "Ye are of your father Peter, and the lusts of Peter will ye do. He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth, because there was no truth in him." John viii,44. "And he asked him, what is thy name? And the human nature answered, my name is legion, for we are many: and all the human natures besought him saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave, and the human natures went out and entered into the swine, and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and were choked." Mark v,9-13. "As they went, behold they brought to him a dumb man possessed of a human nature: and when the human nature was cast out, the dumb spake, and the multitude marveled, saying, it was never so seen in Israel." Matt.ix,33.

No wonder the people would marvel, that a man could speak, after his human nature was cast out of him! "Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the

week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven human natures." Mark xvi,9. I wonder how many she had left?! "And the Lord God said unto the carnal mind, because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field, upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life." Gen.iii,14. The carnal mind must surely have a singular mode of traveling, and live upon extraordinary diet!! "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit, and a great chain in his hand; and he laid hold on the lusts of the flesh, that old carnal mind, which is Judas and Peter, and bound them a thousand years." Rev.xx,1,9. "Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the lusts of the flesh: and when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterwards an hungered: and when the lusts of the flesh came to him, they said unto him, if thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered the lusts of the flesh, and said: It is written, man shall not live by bread alone; but by

every word of God. Then the lusts of the flesh taketh him into the holy city, and placeth him on the pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto him: If thou be the Son of God cast thyself down, for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee, and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus answered the lusts of the flesh, It is written, thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the lusts of the flesh taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them, and said unto him, all these things will I give unto thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then said Jesus: get behind me, thou lusts of the flesh, for it is written: thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the lusts of the flesh leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him." Matt.iv,1-11. Had Christ no lusts of the flesh before the devil came to him? And after the devil left him, had he no more lusts of the flesh? If his own lusts, or his own carnal mind, was the devil that tempted, was he not sinful? He

certainly was; "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God. Rom. viii,7. His lusts were most unquestionably sinful, if they were the devil that tempted him; for that which is holy, will not try to tempt any one into wickedness! When the Pharisees told Christ he had a devil, it was looked upon then, and has always been, by professed Christians, in all ages, as sheer blasphemy, until Universalists have recently made the discovery that the Pharisees told the truth, and that Christ had just as big a devil as any body! If the devil which came to Christ, and went away from him, was not a real being - nothing but a figure of speech; then what were the angels, which came to him after the devil left him? If they were nothing but metaphors, then how can any man on earth prove that Christ was a real being? He cannot do it, as we have two metaphors against the idea, and there is just as much reason in supposing that Christ was a metaphor, as either of the others! But if the angels were real beings, and Christ a real being, how can it be supposed, that the devil was nothing but a figure of speech, when he had fully as much to do in the performance as any

of them?

"Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the lusts of his flesh, he disputed about the body of Moses." Jude 9. Thus, according to Universalism, a spirit had a contention with the lusts of his flesh, and the Saviour teaches that "a spirit hath not flesh and bones." Luke xxiv,39, If Universalists, to avoid this absurdity, should prefer the ground, that the archangel did not contend with his own lusts, but with the lusts of Moses' dead body; still it will not help them, for they teach that when the body dies, the lusts of the flesh become extinct, and thus the archangel was found combating some thing that had no existence, and fighting, as Paul says, like one that beats the air!

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon fought, and his angels." Rev.xii,7. As the dragon and his angels were nothing but figures of speech, it is not likely that Michael and his angels were real beings! Thus, we have two mighty armies of figures, meeting in battle array on the plains of heaven, with two great metaphors at their head as com-

manders in chief!

"And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, even the lusts of the flesh are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld the lusts of the flesh as lightning, fall from heaven." Luke x,17,18. "And no marvel, for the lusts of the flesh is transformed into an angel of light." 2Cor.xi,14. "And when the thousand years are expired, the lusts of the flesh shall be loosed out of his prison." Rev.xx,7.

From the foregoing, we discover that the "lusts of the flesh" does not suit exactly, as a definition for the devil; but we shall turn the matter, and try it the other way. If the devil means lust, of course then lust means the devil.

"Now these things were our examples, to the intent that we should not devil after evil things, as they also deviled." 1Cor.x,6. "When the devil has conceived, he bringeth forth sin." James i,15. "You ask and receive not, because you ask amiss, that you may consume it upon your devils." James iv,3. "Abstain from fleshly devils, which war against the soul." 1Pet.ii,11. "All that are in the world, the devil of the flesh, the devil of the eye, and

the devil of life, are not of the Father." 1John ii,16. "The world passeth away, and the devil thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

1John ii,17. "The flesh devils against the Spirit, and the Spirit devils against the flesh, and these are contrary, the one to the other."

Gal.v,17. "But they that will be rich, fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful devils, which drown men in destruction and perdition." 1Tim.vi,9. "That ye put off, concerning the former conversation, the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful devils."

Eph.iv,22. "For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women, laden with sins, led away with divers devils." 2Tim.iii,6. "The time will come, when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own devils shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears." 2Tim.iv,3. "How that they told you, that there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly devils." Jude 18. "Flee also youthful devils."

2Tim.ii,22. "And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thou-

sand men, all devilish, and all men of valor." Judg.iii,29. Thus, according to Universalism, we have divers kinds of devils, such as "foolish devils," "ungodly devils," "deceitful devils," "fleshly devils," "hurtful devils," "youthful devils," and as all positive adjectives imply their opposites, we must also have another class, such as "wise devils," "godly devils," "spiritual devils," "peaceable devils," "old devils," etc., etc., and the Lord only knows how many more kinds of devils there are, if Universalism be true! Thus Universalists defeat their own object; for in trying to oppose the existence of ONE devil, they make out almost as many devils as there were frogs in Egypt! They thus out orthodox old orthodoxy herself!

I wish here to answer a very common objection, which Universalists almost universally urge upon this subject.

"Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lusts, and enticed." "Christ was tempted in all points, like as we are." James i,14; Heb.iv,15. Hence, the conclusion is, that the devil which tempted Christ was his own lusts. But we have examined Christ's temptation, and have found that the devil which

tempted him, could not possibly have been his lusts; for it is most absurd to suppose that his lusts were away from him forty days, came to him, stood before him, got behind him, and finally left him for good and all!! Hence this objection cannot be well founded. But, says one, how will you dispose of it? Easily enough! "Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lusts and enticed." But who is the tempter? Who is the enticer? Not his own lusts, certainly; for they are the principle by which he is induced to partake of the temptation, after it is presented! But who presents it? That's the point. The answer is, the devil! Is he who presents the temptation, and that principle, which leads you to partake of it, after presented, one and the same thing? Not exactly! James does not say, that a man's lust is the tempter. Here is where Universalists mistake the whole matter. Let us illustrate it. Suppose, reader, a worthless and abandoned spendthrift comes to you, and lays every possible inducement before you, to entice or tempt you to leave your work, and go with him to the "grog-shop." You resist at first, knowing that such

a course of conduct is utterly repugnant to your profession as a Christian. But "your adversary, the devil," through that wicked agent, (as all wicked men are agents for the devil,) still persists in his devices, and taxes the last coffer of his sagacity, in order to lure you from the path of duty. Your old contracted love for ardent spirits – that lust of the flesh, which you had once overcome, is now excited and roused, and finally you yield the point, and are led away captive by the devil at his will! Now any man, with half an ounce of perception, can see that lust is not the tempter, or enticer; yet, when the temptation is presented by the devil, either personally, or by human agency, and we give way to it, then is the time that we are "drawn away of our own lusts and enticed." Thus would the Saviour have been tempted, had he yielded to the proposals of the adversary - he would have been "drawn away [not tempted] of his own lusts;" but "tempted of the devil!!" The fact that Christ had all the lusts of the flesh before the devil came to him that he ever had, and that he retained them all after the adversary left him, ought to be of

itself sufficient to convince any man, that the devil which tempted him was not his lusts; and this being so, it follows that the scriptural doctrine of the devil is against Universalism; although the devil himself may be in favor of it!!

In conclusion we remark, that there is not a text in the Bible, which speaks of the devil as being the lusts of the flesh; no, not one! But suppose there were a text, which figuratively applied the term devil to the lusts of the flesh, if this proves that there is no real personal devil, and that the lusts of the flesh is all the devil there is, then it follows, according to the same logic, because Paul says concerning some fellows, who were the enemies of the cross of Christ, "Whose god is their belly," [Phil.iii,19,] that there is therefore no other God in the universe except the belly! If this was all the God the Bible held out, methinks that Atheists among Universalists, would be scarce! – Universalism against Itself pp.252-261. {June 26, 1856 UrSe, *The Adventist Review and Sabbath Herald*, 65.4 - 66.8}





# 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, **"Great blessings are enfolded in the observance of the Sabbath, and God desires that the Sabbath day shall be to us a day of joy. There was joy at the institution of the Sabbath. God looked with satisfaction upon the work of His hands. All things that He had made He pronounced 'very good.'" Genesis 1:31. Heaven and earth were filled with rejoicing. "The morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." Job 38:7. Though sin has entered the world to mar His perfect work, God still gives to us the Sabbath as a witness that One omnipotent, infinite in goodness and mercy, created all things. Our heavenly Father desires through the observance of the Sab-**

**bath to preserve among men a knowledge of Himself. He desires that the Sabbath shall direct our minds to Him as the true and living God, and that through knowing Him we may have life and peace."** {6T 349.1}.

That means we have responsibility to show the Sabbath as a joyful day and not a drudgery. Even the Bible says, "call the sabbath a delight" (Isaiah 58:13).

Too many of us show the Sabbath as anything but delightful or joyful. It becomes a day of can'ts – I can't go to the store. I can't work in my garden. I can't wash the car. I can't watch regular TV. I can't... I can't... I can't.

For the employed, it should be a day to look forward to in which a weekly separation from the office is done. In this "on call" society, even when people leave the workplace, emails, texts, and even phone calls continue. And depending upon the type of job, having to remote into the office and take care of things electronically is considered normal activity during the "off hours". However, un-

like other denominations that claim to keep Sunday, we can tell our employers that we are not available for a whole 24 hours.

For everyone who looks upon the care of the house, the Sabbath is a day to not have to worry about the dishes, mopping, laundry, cleaning bathrooms, etc.

But it is more than that. It is a spiritual feeding day. There is nothing to distract from having a welcoming-of-the-Sabbath service, including singing a couple songs. In this electronic age, it is easy to have a personal vesper service using numerous YouTube preachers as a Friday night message. There is Sabbath school followed by sermon times. Nothing wrong with gathering in the afternoon for Bible study or having a good solitary session, and then having closing time as a group once again. And for those who do not have access to the electronic means, by choice even (which is wise), simply join with others, or do things privately. There are plenty of messages available to be ordered and studied from CDs

or DVDs. Just be selective of which preachers you are being fed from.

The challenge comes in with young children. To bring them up in drudgery where they cannot go out and play with their friends, they cannot ride their bikes, they cannot attend secular places, etc., and not replace these activities with something joyful, something to look forward to, ingrains austerity in their minds to such depths, that when they get older, they will reject the loving boundaries of the Sabbath, or even the Sabbath as a whole. Simply preventing children from engaging in their regular activities is not the whole of keeping the Sabbath.

Though I personally do not have all of the answers, here are a few things we do. When it is dark and the sun sets early enough, we go out on clear (or not so cloudy) nights on Friday and stargaze. On Saturday afternoons, we ex-

plore numerous places to enjoy nature; choosing one place, or two at most, each Sabbath and rotating them. There is story time. We color together and talk about the pictures we are coloring. The fact that the children get undivided attention for the day is thrilling to them.

Do keep in mind that there is good counsel in selecting activities the children get involved in all week long. The more exciting the week, the more of a crash for Sabbath. So be careful of what they indulge in all week long, for anything that one proposes for a Sabbath activity will seem boring after an exciting week no matter how much a person may build it up to be otherwise.

As adults with children, avoid sleeping away the Sabbath and letting the children entertain themselves; it should be avoided at every cost. In fact, Ellen White states that such

is considered Sabbath breaking. Having children to do their thing while parents find it time to spend in more feeding on the Word of God, actually should be avoided as well, though admirable that people want to spend time in God's Word. Leaving children to just keep the day quiet while they play with their normal toys, hold normal conversations, etc., is Sabbath breaking for the parents. {RH, March 28, 1893 par. 10}.

The key is to show both strangers and one's own children that Sabbath is a joyful day and not a restrictive day. Remember, "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath" (Mark 2:27). Treating solely as a non-work day and nothing more is an injustice towards keeping the Sabbath holy.

"Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest" (Hebrews 4:11).



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# How Do You Resolve It?

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

## **Does “forever and ever” mean “throughout eternity”?**

Many Christians believe in an eternally burning hell because of Revelation 20:10, which says, “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet [are], and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.” Despite numerous other texts that state that the wicked will be devoured (Revelation 20:9), reduced to ashes that we can walk upon (Malachi 4:3), have Satan never be a terror again (Ezekiel 28:18-19), they still hang on

to the concept that “forever and ever” equates to an eternally burning hell.

Before directly addressing “forever and ever” in the Bible, place other doubts in the mind of the questioner. Start off with John 3:16, as most Christians love to refer to it as it is so popular at sporting events. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” Couple that with John 3:15, which says, “That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.” Now, how can the saved get eternal life, and the lost soul burn in hell eternally, too, for then the lost would have eternal life as well, just in a different experience, even a painful one. Then point out that the lost perish, and that it was said twice. To “perish” is to cease in existence. Both verses use a finite version of the word “perish”. They do not use the word “perishing”, which indicates continuous activity and would be a form of

eternal life, or never coming to the completion of having perished. Also, the scriptures about the saved being promised eternal life and everlasting life do not contain the qualifying words “in Heaven”, while the lost have it positively in torment. We are simply told “eternal life” and “everlasting life”, which means the lost do not get such in any form.

Now, let us then address the phrase “forever and ever”. 1 Samuel 1:22 tells us, “But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, [I will not go up] until the child be weaned, and [then] I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever.” According to this, Hannah dedicated Samuel to serve the Lord forever. Is Samuel still serving God today? No, of course not. Then, how long is forever? It is stated a couple of verses later in 1 Samuel 1:28, which says, “Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.” The qualifier for

the phrase “forever and ever” is as long as Samuel lived.

Let us be more practical. How long does a spouse love his or her mate? Forever, of course, but actually, it is only until one dies. Remember, the dead

know nothing and their love perishes. (Ecclesiastes 9:6).

Let us get another example from the Bible on the use of the word “forever”. How long was Jonah in the belly of the fish? Jonah 1:17 states, “Now the LORD

had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.” How long did Jonah think he was there? Jonah 2:6 says, “I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars [was] about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.” In this context, “for ever” was just three days.

Again, practically speaking, people use the word “forever” quite often and it does not mean the ceaseless ages of eternity. For instance, as a child it felt like “forever” until summer break would finally arrive. It felt like “forever” sitting in the doctor’s office. It is like the word “tall” – tall for a man may be seven feet. Tall for a tree is definitely not seven feet.

As we see, the term “forever” is relative to that to which it is applied. In the two Bible examples above, “forever” was finite. When applied to God and His law, it is the ceaseless ages of eternity because of other verses qualifying as such.



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# Healthy Living

Ellen White

*Periodically, we need reminded that our bodies are not our own. And sometimes we need to get back to the basics. We need to hear from the words of inspiration, the Spirit of Prophecy.*

## Fruits and Vegetables to Be Eaten Separately

It is not well to eat fruit and vegetables at the same meal. If the digestion is feeble, the use of both will often cause distress, and inability to put forth mental effort. It is better to have the fruit at one meal, and the vegetables at another. {PHJ, July 1, 1905.13}

When students combine physical and mental taxation the objection to the third meal is to a great extent removed. Let the students have the third meal, prepared without vegetables, but with simple, wholesome food, such as fruit and bread. {8MR 372.1}

Fruit and vegetables taken at one meal produce acidity of the stomach; then impurity of the blood results, and the mind is not clear because the digestion is imperfect. You should understand that every organ of the body is to be treated with respect. In the matter of diet, you must reason from cause to effect. {CD 112.6}

I advise the people to give up sweet puddings or custards made with

eggs and milk and sugar, and to eat the best home-made bread, both graham and white, with dried or green fruits, and let that be the only course for one meal; then let the next meal be of nicely prepared vegetables. {HL 82.6}

If we would preserve the best health, we should avoid eating vegetables and fruit at the same meal. If the stomach is feeble, there will be distress, the brain will be confused, and unable to put forth mental effort. Have fruit at one meal and vegetables at the next. {YI, May 31, 1894 par. 7}

But while we would recommend simplicity in diet, let it be understood that we do not recommend a meager diet. Let there be a plentiful supply of fruits and vegetables that are in a good condition. Overripe fruit or wilted vegetables ought not to be used. Vegetables and fruit should not be eaten at the same meal. At one meal use bread and fruit, at the next bread and vegetables. Thus we may have all the variety that we need to desire, and if we must have

puddings and custards, let bread and these articles form the meal. {ST, September 30, 1897 par. 6}

Too great a variety of food at one meal causes a disturbance in the digestive organs. Weakly children who eat vegetables and fruit at the same meal often become fretful and peevish. These children are regarded as having a very bad disposition, when the real cause of their irritability is the food that is provided for them by their parents. {18MR 84.1}

The diet question should receive careful consideration. Suffering and disease are to be avoided, and parents should exercise judgment for their children, not allowing them to eat a variety of food at one meal. If fruit is eaten, it may be best not to eat vegetables, for fruit and vegetables often quarrel in the stomach. Parents must exercise good sense in selecting the child's diet, else it will form habits that will lay the foundation for invalidism. {Lt145, 1901}



# Healthy And Delicious Recipes

## Egg-less Foo Young

# IMAGE REMOVED

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups soaked red lentils
- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon chicken-like seasoning
- ½ green bell pepper
- ½ red bell pepper
- 10 snow peas
- 3 green onions
- 1 carrot
- ½ onion
- 1 cup mung bean sprouts

### PREPARATIONS:

- Process first 7 ingre-

dients in a blender until smooth.

- Shred or slice vegetables julienne-style into thin 1 ½-2 inch strips.
- Combine all ingredients and mix well.
- Drop by ¼ cup portions onto sprayed griddle or skillet, heated to medium-low.
- Cook well to a golden-brown color on the bottom before turning and browning other side.

### *Almond Butter Sauce*

**This is a good Asian peanut sauce replacement—only tastier and healthier.**

### INGREDIENTS:

- ½ cup smooth almond butter

- ½ cup hot filtered water
- 1 teaspoon fresh lime juice
- 1 ½ tablespoons maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons cilantro, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon Bragg's Liquid Aminos (or soy sauce, if simply made from soy beans, wheat, water and salt)

### PREPARATIONS:

- Combine all ingredients, and stir together until everything is well combined.
- You can store in the refrigerator in an airtight container for 3-5 days.





# Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible

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

The verse of concern this time is Zechariah 13:6, in which is described the wounds of Jesus and people asking where He got them. The wounds to be shown are rightly displayed in His hands, but modern translations locate such wounds everywhere else on the body instead. Some versions go further into their distortion by changing friends into "lovers".

**King James Bible:** And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

## In Error:

**American Standard Version:** And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds between thine arms? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

**Berean Study Bible:** If someone asks him, 'What are these wounds on your chest?' he will an-

swer, 'These are the wounds I received in the house of my friends.'

## Brenton Septuagint

**Translation:** And I will say to him, What are these wounds between thine hands? and he shall say, Those with which I was wounded in my beloved house.

## Christian Standard Bible:

If someone asks him: What are these wounds on your chest?--then he will answer: I received the wounds in the house of my friends.

## Contemporary English

**Version:** And if any of them are asked why they are wounded, they will answer, "It happened at the house of some friends."

## Douay-Rheims Bible:

And they shall say to him: What are these wounds in the midst of thy hands? And he shall say: With these I was wounded in the house of them that loved me.

## English Revised Version:

And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds between thine arms? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

## English Standard Version:

And if one asks him, 'What are these wounds on your back?' he will say, 'The wounds I received in the house of my friends.'

## GOD'S WORD® Translation:

"When someone asks him, 'What are these scars on your chest?' he will answer, 'I was hurt at my friend's house.'

## Good News Translation:

Then if someone asks him, 'What are those wounds on your chest?' he will answer, 'I got them at a friend's house.'"

## Holman Christian Standard Bible:

If someone asks him: What are these wounds on your chest?--then he will answer: I received the wounds in the house of my friends.

## JPS Tanakh 1917:

And one shall say unto him: 'What are these wounds between thy hands?' Then he shall answer: 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.'

## NET Bible:

Then someone will ask him, 'What are these wounds on your chest?' and he will answer, 'Some that I received in the house of my friends.'

## New American Standard

**1977:** "And one will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your arms?' Then he will say, 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.'

## New American Standard Bible:

"And one will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your arms?' Then he will say,

'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.'

**New Heart English Bible:**

One will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your hands?' Then he will answer, 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.'

**New International Ver-**

**sion:** If someone asks, 'What are these wounds on your body?' they will answer, 'The wounds I was given at the house of my friends.'

**New King James Version:**

And one will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your arms?' Then he will answer, 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.'

**New Living Translation:**

And if someone asks,

'Then what about those wounds on your chest?' he will say, 'I was wounded at my friends' house!'

**Webster's Bible Transla-**

**tion:** And one shall say to him, What are these wounds in thy hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

**World English Bible:** One

will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your arms?' Then he will answer, 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.'

**Distorted ending implying illicit activity:**

**Young's Literal Transla-**

**tion:** And one hath said unto him, 'What are these wounds in thy hands?' And he hath said,

'Because I was smitten at home by my lovers.'

**Correct this time:**

**Darby Bible Translation:**

And one shall say unto him, What are those wounds in thy hands? And he will say, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

**International Standard**

**Version:** "Someone will say to him, 'What are these injuries to your hands?' "He will reply, '... what I received at my friend's house.'

**Jubilee Bible 2000:** And they shall ask him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.



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# 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: Who is the Antichrist**

Ask, what does the Bible say about the term, 'antichrist'?

- First, read 1 John 2:18-19 and bring out the facts that someone prior to John taught of the existence of antichrist, that presently antichrist existed in John's day, that there were many, not just one person, and that they were of the Christian fold at one point, but perverted the message instead.
- Second, read 1 John 2:20-22 and bring out the facts that there is a con-

trast between lies and truth in which false doctrines are of antichrist, and that it matters to have the correct truthful doctrines; and that antichrist rejects both the Father and the Son, not that they deny the existence, but express a different form of them, instead, as will be clarified in a moment.

- Third, read 1 John 4:2-3 and bring out that the denial of Jesus means that they deny that Jesus came in human flesh, able to be tempted like we are, and not as God merely walking on the earth; and that it is affirmed that antichrist began back in John's day.
- Fourth, read 2 John 1:7-9 and bring out that once again it is important to know that Jesus came in human flesh, which is human nature and not godly nature; and that doctrines matter so much that to believe a single false doctrine is to un-

knowingly be following antichrist.

Ask, what other term means 'antichrist'?

- Then read Daniel 7:25 and bring out the fact that there would be a power that would “speak [great] words against the most High”, and to be against the most High is to be against God or against Christ, which would be antichrist.
- Couple that with reading Daniel 8:25, bringing out that to be “against the Prince of princes” is to be against Christ, which is antichrist.
- Then add on Daniel 11:36, and again, to “speak marvelous things against the God of gods” is to be against God, even against Christ, being antichrist.

Ask, what does Daniel see this power do?

- Reread Daniel 7:25 and bring out that the power would fight against God’s people, and make the appearance of having changed God’s law, the Ten Commandments. In fact, in the Ten

Commandments, at least two changes would be made to the one dealing with time by using the verse containing the term “times”, of which only the Sabbath commandment deals with time. And then bring out that the power would last a time (1 year), times (2 years because of the plural without a number in front of it), and dividing of time (½ a year), which is 1,260 days.

- Then read Daniel 8:12 and bring out that it would cast down the truth making it unimportant to possess.

Ask, how does God use the term “days” in prophecies? Then read both Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:6 to bring out that each day represents a period of a year. Therefore, no human being can be antichrist, as antichrist is to exist for 1,260 years.

Ask, what other name is given to the antichrist? Then read Revelation 13:1-4 bringing out the term “beast”. Also,

point out that antichrist would cease to exist after the 1,260 years are completed, but then re-emerge to influence the whole world this time.

Ask, what are people to avoid regarding the beast? Read Revelation 14:9-11 bringing out the word “worship”, hence the reason for changing the day of the week for worship, as well as the time that a day begins and ends to specify the time of a worship day.

What is the start time and end time of God’s day? Then read Genesis 1:5 bringing out the phrase “evening and morning” as being God’s time of sunset to sunset. And also read Genesis 1:14, which tells us to use the sunsets to tell the beginning and start of a day. Therefore, antichrist would teach a different schedule, such as midnight to midnight instead.

What is the day of worship for God? Then read Exodus 20:8-11 bringing out the seventh day, which is Friday sundown to Saturday sundown.



# Questions And Answers

**Question:** Can you go deeper into self-supporting ministries, irregular lines, regular lines, etc.? And is self-supporting work a separation when we ought to be more supportive of the movement together as a church?

**Answer:** Self-supporting ministries simply means that the person ministering receives no direct funds from the conference and has to provide their own funds. Whatever they can raise by their own work or is directly given to them is what they depend upon for funding. These ministries can be of a regular nature or irregular nature.

Now, self-supporting ministry is not an evil thing or unblessed of God. "It is at Thessalonica that we first read of Paul's working with his hands in self-supporting labor while preaching the word" {AA 347.2}. In fact, it is actually encouraged. "There is a large field open before the self-supporting gospel worker. Many may gain valuable experiences in ministry while toiling a portion of the time at some form of manual labor, and by this method strong workers may be developed for important service in needy fields" {AA 355.2}. I would say that everyone ought to have a self-supporting ministry and

not depend upon funds through conference channels.

So, the question comes down to irregular lines versus regular lines. It is another way of saying, "approved by the conference" or "without conference approval". We must keep in mind that to wait for conference approval is to be Catholic. On the other hand, not all irregular activity is of God either. There is a balance of which I believe that if we "seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). In other words, we will be able to discern if the work is out of pride or actual love for souls. We will be able to discern also how to go about doing things God's way instead of just plowing forth in our own strength.

The Catholic comment was made because too many people worship the structure. When a good message comes to town through a visiting preacher, everyone that I have met always asks, "At what conference church are you pastor?" And when I say that I am not paid by the conference, I see them gasp, as if I just said something horrifying. Ellen White pens, "It is time that church members understood that everywhere

there is a work to be done in the Lord's vineyard. No one is to wait for a regular process before they make any efforts. They should take up the work right where they are. There should be many at work in what are called "irregular lines". If one hundred laborers would step out of the "regular lines", and take up self-sacrificing work, such as Brother Shireman has done, souls would be won to the Lord. And the workers would understand by experience what it means to be laborers together with God" {SpM 195.5}.

We need to stop seeking conference approval and simply go about teaching and preaching the Three Angels' Messages ourselves. We have lost the fact that as soon as a person joins the church of God, accepts the Seventh-day Adventist's beliefs, which is a true interpretation of the Bible, such people become missionaries to the public, taking the truth to them. There is no degree needed. If we do it by knocking on doors and inviting to conduct Bible studies, that is great. If people rather go door to door with literature, that works, too. If communities are closed to door-to-door activity, to which soliciting rules do not apply, then resort to

mailing if necessary, as one is able to afford it.

And not everyone has to do the same work. Just as there are specialists in every given field, focus your exercised talents in that direction. No test is necessary. No questionnaire required. Just go forth and let God lead in the right paths.

**Question:** Where is our tithe supposed to go? I am told that Ellen White taught that it ought to go to the conference but our offerings can support where necessary.

**Answer:** Although Ellen White encouraged giving to the conference, she also encouraged giving to those that are simply doing the work, specifically, those faithful to the Word going about spreading it.

As stated in March 2019 issue of our publication, "I send this matter to you so that you shall not make a mistake. Circumstances alter cases. I would not advise that anyone should make a practice of gathering up

tithe money. But for years there have now and then been persons who have lost confidence in the appropriation of the tithe, who have placed their tithe in my hands, and said that if I did not take it they would themselves appropriate it to the families of the most needy ministers they could find. I have taken the money, given a receipt for it, and told them how it was appropriated" {2MR 100.2}.

Ellen White was not the conference. She was not a conference employee, either. Therefore, the "storehouse", which is "God's treasury", is not the conference. We are told to "lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:20). Just as literal Israel was the forerunner to spiritual Israel, so the literal treasury, storehouse, etc. has become spiritual as well, especially since there was not a single literal Seventh-day Adventist prior to 1863, the date of the official name of our movement. Now, when I say spiritual storehouse, it is with physical funds,

and no, the tithe cannot be kept personally to go about doing God's work. Even tithe-receiving people are to tithe to others. "Every church member should feel under obligation to consecrate his tithe to God" {5T 481.2}. From the cross to 1844, simply paying tithe to support ministers was acceptable to God. From 1844 to the present, supporting those who preach the Three Angels' Messages is now more acceptable to God, while others, ignorant of the message who faithfully pay tithe, it is still acceptable to God.

Paying tithe out of formality to support a pastor who is placed over the tithe payer's church, preaching anti-Bible (referring to those that like to remove certain texts from the Bible), promoting drums, promoting women's ordination, promoting homosexual acceptance, promoting sinning until the second coming, is being irresponsible with God's tithe. However, knowing full well that not all of one's tithe stays in the

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local church, we have to be careful about going around and convincing everyone to pull out their tithe, for there are faithful ministers throughout the conference, though number as very few. Further, unconverted souls that think

they can direct their tithe anywhere could end up supporting preachers calling the church Babylon, supporting those independent (different from self-supporting work) of the church becoming a church unto themselves, or worse,

supporting Babylonian preachers and worldly causes. Therefore, only those that can truly discern who is rightly dividing the Word of truth can know who to support with their tithe.

Now, with that said, we

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read also who should be paid from the tithe, which does not match the current distribution system.

“Men and women brought their tithes and offerings unto God, and as means filled the treasury, men were sent out to advance the work” {TM 204.2}.

“The tithe should go to those who labor in word and doctrine, be they men or women” {1MR 263.3}.

Now, some support our ministry with tithe, and to the people who ask if the tithe is acceptable, the answer is “yes”, unless someone can prove that we are not doing God’s work. With that said, to those who think we are after the tithe, as stated above, if one has lost confidence in the conference system, such people are looking to place their tithe elsewhere and trust that it would stay out of the system. To turn around and hand it secretly over to the conference would be a lie. And those who think we are simply making a living off such funds, that is laughable. After three years in this self-supporting ministry, we have not come close to that ever happening. This is why I am personally a very busy person, living the life of Paul as a tentmaker – minister during the day, employed secularly through the night. This affords my ability to do mass mail-

ings of my book from town to town. I now digress from hopefully getting tithe hate mail by addressing as many sides of the issue as possible, saving everyone time and money, including the stamp.

**Question:** How do you get husbands to mean governments from your article? [Referring to September 2019 main article.]

**Answer:** First, let us define the family of antichrist. Antichrist is “THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH” (Revelation 17:5). Keeping in mind, “she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow” (Revelation 18:7). So, she sits as a queen.

Her only children are daughters: “‘Babylon is said to be ‘the mother of harlots.’ Her daughters must be symbolized churches that cling to her doctrines and traditions, and follow her example of sacrificing the truth and the approval of God, in order to form an unlawful alliance with the world” {GC88 382.3}. “I saw that the two-horned beast had a dragon’s mouth, and that his power was in his head, and that the decree would go out of his mouth. Then I saw the Mother of Harlots; that the mother was not the daughters, but separate and distinct

from them. She has had her day, and it is past, and her daughters, the Protestant sects, were the next to come on the stage and act out the same mind that the mother had when she persecuted the saints. I saw that as the mother has been declining in power, the daughters had been growing, and soon they will exercise the power once exercised by the mother” {SpM 1.4}.

Then what do we see her other influence upon? “The woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth” (Revelation 17:18). “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” (Revelation 18:3). A union between a queen and a king equates to marriage, which equates to the kings being her husbands. Yes, she practices polygamy. And do keep further in mind that “the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast” (Revelation 17:12), which refer to the governments of the earth.

And that is how “husbands” refers to the governments of the earth, married to antichrist.



# 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}.

**September 20**

**Adventist Review**

**Why I’m Striking for Climate Change**

A 14-year-old Seventh-day Adventist from Australia shares her rationale for climate action.

**EGW:** “There are many, even of those engaged in this movement for Sunday enforcement, who are blinded to the results which will follow this action. They do not see that they are striking directly against religious liberty. There are many who have never understood the claims of the Bible Sabbath and the false foundation upon which the Sunday institution rests. 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}

**October 1**

**Advent Messenger**

**Adventists, Witches, Pagans, Catholics and Protestants Engage in Interreligious Unity and Solidarity**

**EGW:** “The line of distinction between professed Christians and the ungodly is now hardly distinguishable. Churchmembers love what the world loves, and are ready to join with them; and Satan determines to unite them in one body, and thus strengthen his cause by sweeping all into the ranks of Spiritualism. Papists, who boast of miracles as a certain sign of the true church, will be readily deceived by this wonder-working power; and Protestants, having cast away the shield of truth, will also be deluded. Papists, Protestants, and worldlings will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world, and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium.” {GC88 588.3}

**October 3**

**Spectrum**

**STOP HATING EVERYTHING THE POPE LIKES**

Seventh-day Adventists should have been at the forefront of calling for

proper environmental stewardship all along. But just because we haven't been doesn't mean we ought to disparage the efforts of others who are calling for action. Even if one of them is the Pope.

**EGW:** "The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the undercurrent is tending. Its professions are mild and apparently Christian, but when it shall speak it will reveal the spirit of the dragon. It is our duty to do all in our power to avert the threatened danger. We should endeavor to disarm prejudice by placing ourselves in a proper light before the people. We should bring before them the real question at issue, thus interposing the most effectual protest against measures to restrict liberty of conscience. We should search the Scriptures and be able to give the reason for our faith. Says the prophet: "The wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand."" {5T 452.1}

**October 6**

**Advent Messenger**

**Florida Hospital Adventist Church Makes a**

### **Mockery of the Bible During their Children's Program**

This musical production made a mockery of the Bible and portrayed the Prophet Daniel as the head-banging leader of a rock band. The Prophet Daniel also raps and dances to Hip-hop music after being delivered from the lions – lions who were singing 1950s Boogie Woogie music. Not only was the story of the Bible drastically changed but music featuring hard rock, Latin rhythms, Hip-hop, Boogie Woogie and others were also featured. With the occasional jokes that were given throughout the performance you got the feeling that you were in a secular comedy theater show or in some night club concert. In the Bible, Daniel refused to contaminate himself with the king's meat. But at Florida Hospital Seventh-day Adventist Church there is no need to reject the king's meat. It was announced by female children's Pastor Vivian Cook at the end of the performance that "a lot of Chick-fil-A" (chicken) and "ice-cream" would be made available for both the kids and parents (video minute 53:52). This is just another mockery of the biblical account of the Prophet Daniel.

**EGW:** "I have a message for those in charge of our work. Do not encourage the men who are to en-

gage in this work to think that they must proclaim the solemn, sacred message in a theatrical style. Not one jot or tittle of anything theatrical is to be brought into our work. God's cause is to have a sacred, heavenly mold. Let everything connected with the giving of the message for this time bear the divine impress. Let nothing of a theatrical nature be permitted, for this would spoil the sacredness of the work." {Ev 137.2}

**Comment:** It is sad to see the church acting like the Israelites around the golden calf, but again, where is the General Conference response to this? There is none, which means, they condoned this when they should condemn this.

**October 22**

**Star Tribune**

**Secular groups decry Carson's church and state comment**

An opening prayer at Monday's Cabinet meeting by Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson, who said the separation of church and state "doesn't mean that they cannot work together", has drawn sharp criticism from secular groups who say his words infringe on the principle of separation itself.

**EGW:** "Let the principle once be established in

the United States that the church may employ or control the power of the state; that religious observances may be enforced by secular laws; in short, that the authority of church and state is to dominate the conscience, and the triumph of Rome in this country is assured.” {GC 581.1}

**Comment:** In this late hour, with the world calling for climate change action, with a strong religious board influencing the White House, with immorality seeking a moral solution as per the religious right, Ben Carson, a Seventh-day Adventist, should be more of an ally, knowing the future instead of supporting church and state unification even in the slightest. In other words, do not look towards Ben Carson being an insider for us while appearing to be working like the Pharisees of old to crucify Christ.

**October 31**

**Mt Rubidoux SDA Church Facebook Page**

[See image on thispage]

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

**Comment:** A church [or even specific Seventh-Day Adventists] does not have to physically leave

to depart from the faith. Further, those that physically leave conference churches, like this one, and choose to home church have not departed from the faith nor have left the church. Be careful what the eyes see.

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To blame past violations of Christian principles on one specific denomination is not an accurate representation of either history or the concerns of Bible prophecy. We recognize that at times Protestants, including Seventh-day Adventists, have manifested prejudice and even bigotry. If, in expounding on what the Bible teaches, Seventh-day Adventists fail to express love to those addressed, we do not exhibit authentic Christianity. Adventists seek to be fair in dealing with others. Thus, while we remain aware of the historical record and contin-

ue to hold our views regarding end-time events, we recognize some positive changes in recent Catholicism, and stress the conviction that many Roman Catholics are brothers and sisters in Christ.

**EGW:** “On every hand they hear the plottings of treason, and see the active working of rebellion; and there is aroused within them an intense desire, an earnest yearning of soul, that this great apostasy may be terminated, and the wickedness of the wicked may come to an end. But while they plead with God to stay the work of rebellion, it is with a keen sense of self-reproach that they themselves have no more power to resist and urge back the mighty tide of evil. They feel that had they always employed all their ability in the service of Christ, going forward from strength to strength, Satan's forces would have less power to prevail against them.” {GC88 619.2}



# News And Comments

## **October 1—National Catholic Reporter**

### **Vatican-U.S. ties benefit humanity, ambassador says**

"No two governments can agree on everything, but thankfully, we are aligned on a number of our most pressing issues," she said. The Vatican symposium, Gingrich said, is a sign that faith communities and faith-based organizations "are critical partners on a number of our shared priorities, like advancing religious freedom, combating human trafficking and delivering humanitarian assistance." And Revelation 13:12 says, "And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed."

## **October 1—Physics World**

### **Brain waves detected in mini-brains grown from stem cells**

Genesis 3:5 says, "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." Now if humans can create humans outside of the intended means of husband and

wife, we have taken one more step to trying to be like God, not in character, but in ability, which is what Satan try to obtain: "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High" (Isaiah 14:14).

## **October 1—Christian Today**

### **When Sundays stopped being sacred**

Again, this article also tries to call Sunday the seventh day. It is the *first* day! And the call is "Maybe it is time to resurrect the idea of putting a day aside to rest, and redrawing the lines between work and leisure." "There are many, even of those engaged in this movement for Sunday enforcement, who are blinded to the results which will follow this action. They do not see that they are striking directly against religious liberty. There are many who have never understood the claims of the Bible Sabbath and the false foundation upon which the Sunday institution rests" {5T 711.4}.

## **October 1—EIN Press Wire**

### **Religions Unite in the Name of Peace**

1 Thessalonians 5:2-6 – "For yourselves know

perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as [do] others; but let us watch and be sober."

## **October 2—Daily Wire**

### **British Court In Transgender Case: Bible Belief Is 'Incompatible With Human Dignity'**

On Tuesday, a British court ruled that belief in the Bible was "incompatible with human dignity." But "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

## **October 1—Times Union**

### **Churchill: The importance of slowing down -- Reconsidering the idea of blue laws**

The article states: "On the seventh day, Paramus rests." So, they are adding confusion of days to the mix for the article



speaks of keeping Sunday and not what is truly God's seventh day. Paramus rests on the first day is the point. "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20).

#### **October 5—USA Today**

##### **Diseases like West Nile, EEE and flesh-eating bacteria are flourishing due to climate change**

Luke 21:11 says regarding diseases or pestilences, "And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven."

#### **October 3—Catholic New York**

##### **U.S. Officials Seek Greater Cooperation With Vatican on Religious Freedom**

The article states, "Pompeo met with Pope Francis Oct. 3 and the secretary's spokesperson, Morgan Ortagus, said, 'they reaffirmed the United States and Holy See commitment to advancing religious freedom around the world, and in particular, protecting Christian communities in the Middle East.' The secretary and pope also discussed 'the continued efforts of the

United States and the Holy See to promote democracy and human rights globally.' But Revelation 13:12 says, "And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed."

#### **October 9—Politico**

##### **'Render to God and Trump': Ralph Reed calls for 2020 obedience to Trump**

"Heretofore those who presented the truths of the third angel's message have often been regarded as mere alarmists. Their predictions that religious intolerance would gain control in the United States, that church and State would unite to persecute those who keep the commandments of God, have been pronounced groundless and absurd. It has been confidently declared that this land could never become other than what it has been, the defender of religious freedom. But as the question of enforcing Sunday observance is widely agitated, the event so long doubted and disbelieved is seen to be approaching, and the third message will produce an effect which it could not have had before." {GC88 605.3}.

#### **October 23—The Guard-**

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##### **Cult of Beyoncé: how the star inspired a new wave of Christian worship**

Isaiah 8:20 says, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, [it is] because [there is] no light in them." Basically, it is emotionally driven.

#### **October 26—Western Journal**

##### **Fed-Up Christian Tears Down Pagan Idols in Vatican, Throws Them in River**

Those are not the only idols. Everything that has been Christianized ought to go too. Exodus 20:4 says, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness [of any thing] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth beneath, or that [is] in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments." Stop kissing the statue of Jupiter thinking it is Peter, bowing down to Marian shrines that were once used by pagans, etc.

**OTHER NEWS:**

**October 1—Right Wing Watch**

Robert Jeffress: There's No Constitutional Separation of Church and State and Thank God Trump Understands That

**October 1- Business Insider**

Kanye West has a new song called 'Closed on Sunday' that heavily references Chick-fil-A

**October 1—Time**

At the U.N., Trump Focuses on Religious Freedom not Climate



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