



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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Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul, and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of Spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of Spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience.

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For Seventh-day Adventists**

Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

Jerry O'Donnell

I weep not only for those in the nominal Seventh-day Adventist churches, but even for many on our mailing list, or should I say, that used to be on our mailing list.

Quite a few of our readers offer encouragements in various forms, but do not take this as a request for more. That is not the point. But I do wish I had opportunity to contact each one of you and share my appreciation, not just because you support us financially, but in simple emails, letters, etc., with messages that just simply say, "Keep presenting the truth." So, I do not want you to get the wrong impression thinking that few appreciate the message as I share the burden for the souls on our mailing list. Quite a few of you appreciate it, and to God be the glory.

But I can always tell when the beginning of the month is. Emails, letters, and phone calls will come in requesting to be removed from the mailing list. These are from people who have been on the list for over three years. Why, all of a sudden, do they get the courage forty or

more months later to be removed? One probable answer is laziness, and maybe they hope that the mailing will stop, but I am told that "Men and women must be instructed, and ministers and people should feel that the burden of the work rests upon them to agitate the subject, and urge it home upon others." – Testimonies, Vol. 1, pp. 488, 489.

Most readers simply keep it short and simple with their removal request. A number of them state that it is because of death, and that is sad in itself. But let me finally get to the ones that really make me sad. They go along the lines such as, "I have so much material coming to the house, I do not have enough time to read it all." And then they tell me what publications they are still keeping. One is *The Review & Herald*, and other soft content material.

Still, some others that make me sad are the ones that say, "I like the old publication because not only were there several recipes instead of one but the health article was more interesting." The reason it

saddens me is because the point of the publication is completely missed.

This publication is set forth to confirm souls in the faith. To give meat in due season. To prepare an army to go forth on their own hoping to be part of the 144,000. Such an army will take the doctrines seriously and are ready to teach them, unaided by other human efforts to teach to others.

The signs are more than all around us. Such content as this is not found in *The Review & Herald* or *The Sign of the Times* these days. It is all about playing church.

The time for playing church has been over. Rapid succession of events is happening. Real reaction or not, the pandemic swept the world showing how easily governments can and are able to control the masses. Public control over the masses has brought serious hatred upon those who are in the minority view on matters. All kinds of restrictions and censoring have been put in place and continue, and a fake opening up is happening. Following

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

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

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

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

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The First Great Deception

Ellen White (extra article)

With the earliest history of man, Satan began his efforts to deceive our race. He who had incited rebellion in Heaven desired to bring the whole creation to unite with him in his warfare against the government of God. His envy and jealousy were excited as he looked upon the beautiful home prepared for the happy, holy pair, and he immediately laid his plans to cause their fall. Had he revealed himself in his real character, he would have been repulsed at once, for Adam and Eve had been warned against this dangerous foe; but he worked in the dark, concealing his purpose, that he might more effectually accomplish his object.

Employing as his medium the serpent, then a creature of fascinating appearance, he addressed himself to Eve, "Hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" [Genesis 3:1.] Had Eve refrained from entering into argument with the tempter, she would have been safe; but she ventured to parley with him, and fell a victim to his wiles. It is thus that many are still overcome. They doubt and argue concerning the requirements of God, and instead of obeying the divine commands, they accept human theories,

which but disguise the devices of Satan.

"The woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die; 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." [Genesis 3:2-5.] Eve yielded to temptation, and through her influence Adam also was deceived. They accepted the words of the serpent, that God did not mean what he said; they distrusted their Creator, and imagined that he was restricting their liberty, and that they might obtain great light and freedom by transgressing his law.

But what did Adam, after his sin, find to be the meaning of the words, "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die"? Did he find them to mean, as Satan had led him to believe, that he was to be ushered into a more exalted state of existence? Then indeed there was great good to be gained by transgression, and Satan was proved to be a benefactor of the race. But Adam did not so understand the

divine sentence. God declared that as a penalty for his sin, man should return to the ground whence he was taken: "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." [Genesis 3:19.] The words of Satan, "Your eyes shall be opened," proved to be true only in this sense: After Adam and Eve had disobeyed God, their eyes were opened to discern their folly; they did know evil, and they tasted the bitter fruit of transgression.

Immortality had been promised on condition of obedience to the requirements of God. It was forfeited by disobedience, and Adam became subject to death. He could not transmit to his posterity that which he did not possess; and there would have been no hope for the fallen race, had not God, by the sacrifice of his Son, brought immortality within their reach. "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." [Romans 6:23.] In no other way can it be obtained. But every man may come in possession of this priceless blessing if he will comply with the conditions. All "who by patient continuance in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality," will receive eternal life. [Romans 2:7.]

The one who promised Adam life in disobedience was the great deceiver. The first sermon ever preached upon the immortality of the soul was preached by the serpent to Eve in Eden, – "Ye shall not surely die;" and this declaration, resting solely upon the authority of Satan, is echoed from the pulpits of Christendom, and received by the majority of mankind as readily as it was received by our first parents. The divine sentence, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die," [Ezekiel 18:20.] is made to mean, The soul that sinneth, it shall not die, but live eternally. We cannot but wonder at the strange infatuation which renders men so credulous concerning the words of Satan, and so unbelieving in regard to the words of God.

The fruit of the tree of life had the power to perpetuate life. Had man after his fall been allowed free access to that tree, he would have lived forever, and thus sin would have been immortalized. But a flaming sword was placed "to keep the way of the tree of life," and not one of the family of Adam has been permitted to pass that barrier and partake of the life-giving fruit. Therefore, there is not an immortal sinner.

But after the fall, Satan bade his angels make a special effort to foster the belief in man's natural immortality; and when they had induced the people to receive this

error, they led them on to conclude that the sinner would live in eternal misery. Now the prince of darkness, working through his agents, represents God as a revengeful tyrant, declaring that he plunges into hell all those who do not please him, and causes them ever to feel his wrath; and that while they suffer unutterable anguish, and writhe in the eternal flames, their Creator looks down upon them with satisfaction.

Thus the arch-fiend clothes with his own attributes the Creator and Benefactor of mankind. Cruelty is Satanic. God is love; and all that he created was pure, holy, and lovely, until sin was brought in by the first great rebel. Satan himself is the enemy who tempts man to sin, and then destroys him if he can; and when he has made sure of his victim, then he exults in the ruin he has wrought. If permitted, he would sweep the entire race into his net. Were it not for the interposition of divine power, not one son or daughter of Adam would escape.

He is seeking to overcome men today, as he overcame our first parents, by shaking their confidence in their Creator, and leading them to doubt the wisdom of his government and the justice of his laws. Satan and his emissaries represent God as even worse than themselves, in order to

excuse their own malignity and rebellion. The great deceiver endeavors to shift his own horrible cruelty of character upon our heavenly Father, that he may cause himself to appear as one greatly wronged because he will not submit to so unjust a governor. He presents before the world the liberty which they may enjoy under his mild sway, in contrast with the bondage imposed by the stern decrees of Jehovah. Thus he succeeds in luring souls away from their allegiance to God.

How repugnant to every emotion of love and mercy, and even to our sense of justice, is the doctrine that the wicked dead are tormented with fire and brimstone in an eternally burning hell, that for the sins of a brief earthly life they are to suffer torture as long as God shall live. Yet this doctrine has been generally embodied in the creeds of Christendom. Says a learned doctor of divinity: "The sight of hell-torments will exalt the happiness of the saints forever. When they see others who are of the same nature and born under the same circumstances, plunged in such misery, and they so distinguished, it will make them sensible of how happy they are." Another uses these words: "While the decree of reprobation is eternally executing on the vessels of wrath, the smoke of their torment will be eternally ascending in view of the vessels

of mercy, who, instead of taking the part of these miserable objects, will say, Amen, Alleluia! praise ye the Lord!"

Where in the pages of God's word are such sentiments expressed? Those who present them may be learned and even honest men; but they are deluded by the sophistry of Satan. He leads them to misconstrue strong expressions of Scripture, giving to the language the coloring of bitterness and malignity which pertains to himself, but not to our Creator.

What would be gained to God should we admit that he delights in witnessing unceasing tortures; that he is regaled with the groans and shrieks and imprecations of the suffering creatures whom he holds in the flames of hell? Can these horrid sounds be music in the ear of Infinite Love? It is urged that the infliction of endless misery upon the wicked would show God's hatred of sin as an evil which is ruinous to the peace and order of the universe. Oh, dreadful blasphemy! As if God's hatred of sin is the reason why he perpetuates sin. For, according to the received theology, continued torture without hope of mercy maddens its wretched victims, and as they pour out their rage in curses and blasphemy, they are forever augmenting their load of guilt. God's glory is not

enhanced by thus perpetuating continually increasing sin through ceaseless ages.

It is beyond the power of the human mind to estimate the evil which has been wrought by the heresy of eternal torment. The religion of the Bible, full of love and goodness, and abounding in compassion, is darkened by superstition and clothed with terror. When we consider in what false colors Satan has painted the character of God, can we wonder that our merciful Creator is feared, dreaded, and even hated? The appalling views of God which have spread over the world from the teachings of the pulpit have made thousands, yea, millions, of skeptics and infidels.

The theory of eternal torment is one of the false doctrines that constitute the wine of the abominations of Babylon, of which she makes all nations drink. That ministers of Christ should have accepted this heresy and proclaimed it from the sacred desk, is indeed a mystery. They received it from Rome, as they received the false Sabbath. True, it has been taught by great and good men; but the light on this subject had not come to them as it has come to us. They were responsible only for the light which shone in their time; we are accountable for that which shines in our day. If

we turn from the testimony of God's word, and accept false doctrines because our fathers taught them, we fall under the condemnation pronounced upon Babylon; we are drinking of the wine of her abominations.

A large class to whom the doctrine of eternal torment is revolting are driven to the opposite error. They see that the Scriptures represent God as a being of love and compassion, and they cannot believe that he will consign his creatures to the fires of an eternally burning hell. But, holding that the soul is naturally immortal, they see no alternative but to conclude that all mankind will finally be saved. Many regard the threatenings of the Bible as designed merely to frighten men into obedience, and not to be literally fulfilled. Thus the sinner can live in selfish pleasure, disregarding the requirements of God, and yet expect to be finally received into his favor. Such a doctrine, presuming upon God's mercy, but ignoring his justice, pleases the carnal heart, and emboldens the wicked in their iniquity.

To show how believers in universal salvation wrest the Scriptures to sustain their soul-destroying dogmas, it is needful only to cite their own utterances. At the funeral of an irreligious young man, who was killed instantly by an accident, a Universalist

minister selected as his text the Scripture statement concerning David, "He was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead." [2 Samuel 13:39.]

"I am frequently asked," said the speaker, "what will be the fate of those who leave the world in sin, die, perhaps, in a state of inebriation, die with the scarlet stains of crime unwashed from their robes, or die as this young man died, having never made a profession or enjoyed an experience of religion. We are content with the Scriptures; their answer shall solve the awful problem. Amnon was exceedingly sinful; he was unrepentant, he was made drunk, and while drunk was killed. David was a prophet of God; he must have known whether it would be ill or well for Amnon in the world to come. What were the expressions of his heart? – 'The soul of King David longed to go forth unto Absalom; for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.'

"And what is the inference to be deduced from this language? Is it not that endless suffering formed no part of his religious belief? – So we conceive; and here we discover a triumphant argument in support of the more pleasing, more enlightened, more benevolent hypothesis of ultimate universal purity and peace. He was comfort-

ed, seeing his son was dead. And why so? – Because by the eye of prophecy he could look forward into the glorious future, and see that son far removed from all temptations, released from the bondage and purified from the corruptions of sin, and after being made sufficiently holy and enlightened, admitted to the assembly of ascended and rejoicing spirits. His only comfort was, that in being removed from the present state of sin and suffering, his beloved son had gone where the loftiest breathings of the Holy Spirit would be shed upon his darkened soul; where his mind would be unfolded to the wisdom of Heaven and the sweet raptures of immortal love, and thus prepared with a sanctified nature to enjoy the rest and society of the heavenly inheritance.

"In these thoughts we would be understood to believe that the salvation of Heaven depends upon nothing which we can do in this life; neither upon a present change of heart, nor upon present belief, or a present profession of religion."

Thus does the professed minister of Christ reiterate the falsehood uttered by the serpent in Eden, – "Ye shall not surely die." "In the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods." The vilest of sinners, – the murderer, the thief, and the adulter-

er, – will after death be prepared to enter into immortal bliss.

And from what does this perverter of the Scriptures draw his conclusions? – From a single sentence expressing David's submission to the dispensation of Providence. His soul "longed to go forth unto Absalom; for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead." The poignancy of his grief having been softened by time, his thoughts turned from the dead to the living son, self-banished through fear of the just punishment of his crime. And this is the evidence that the incestuous, drunken Amnon was at death immediately transported to the abodes of bliss, there to be purified and prepared for the companionship of sinless angels! A pleasing fable indeed, well suited to gratify the carnal heart! This is Satan's own doctrine, and it does his work effectually. Should we be surprised that, with such instruction, wickedness abounds? Is there not need of contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints?

The course pursued by this one false teacher illustrates that of many others. A few words of Scripture are separated from the context, which would in many cases show its meaning to be exactly opposite to the interpretation put upon it; and such disjointed

passages are perverted and used in proof of doctrines that have no foundation in the word of God. The testimony cited as evidence that the drunken Amnon is in Heaven, is a mere inference, directly contradicted by the plain and positive statement of the Scriptures, that no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God. It is thus that doubters, unbelievers, and skeptics turn the truth into a lie. And multitudes have been deceived by their sophistry, and rocked to sleep in the cradle of carnal security.

If the souls of all men pass directly to Heaven at the hour of dissolution, then we may well covet death rather than life. Many have been led by this belief to put an end to their existence. When overwhelmed with trouble, perplexity, and disappointment, it seems an easy thing to break the brittle thread of life, and soar away into the bliss of the eternal world.

God has given in his word abundant evidence that he will punish the transgressors of his law. Witness the visitation of his judgments upon the angels who kept not their first estate, on the inhabitants of the antediluvian world, on the people of Sodom, on unbelieving Israel. Their history is placed on record for our admonition.

Let us consider what the Bible teaches further con-

cerning the ungodly and unrepentant, whom the Universalist places in Heaven as holy, happy angels.

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely." This promise is only to those that thirst. None but those who feel their need of the water of life, and seek it at the loss of all things else, will be supplied. "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." [Revelation 21:6, 7.] Here, also, conditions are specified. To inherit all things, we must resist and overcome sin.

"No fornicator, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, which is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God." [Ephesians 5:5, REV. VER.] "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." [Hebrews 12:14.] "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." [Revelation 22:14, 15.]

God has given to men a declaration of his character: "The Lord God, mer-

ciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty." [Exodus 34:6, 7.] The power and authority of the divine government will be employed to put down rebellion; yet all the manifestations of retributive justice will be perfectly consistent with the character of God as a merciful, long-suffering, benevolent being.

God does not force the will or judgment of any. He takes no pleasure in a slavish obedience. He desires that the creatures of his hands shall love him because he is worthy of love. He would have them obey him because they have an intelligent appreciation of his wisdom, justice, and benevolence. And all who have a just conception of these qualities will love him because they are drawn toward him in admiration of his attributes.

The principles of kindness, mercy, and love taught and exemplified by our Saviour, are a copy of the will and character of God. Christ declared that he taught nothing except that which he had received from his Father. The principles of the divine government are in perfect harmony with the Saviour's precept, "Love your enemies." God executes justice upon the wicked, for the good of

the universe, and even of those upon whom his judgments are visited. He would make them happy if he could do so in accordance with the laws of his government and the justice of his character. He surrounds them with the tokens of his love, he grants them a knowledge of his law, and follows them with the offers of his mercy; but they despise his love, make void his law, and reject his mercy. While constantly receiving his gifts, they dishonor the Giver; they hate God because they know that he abhors their sins. The Lord bears long with their perversity; but the decisive hour will come at last, when their destiny is to be decided. Will he then chain these rebels to his side? Will he force them to do his will?

Those who have chosen Satan as their leader, and have been controlled by his power, are not prepared to enter the presence of God. Pride, deception, licentiousness, cruelty, have become fixed in their characters. Can they enter Heaven to dwell forever with those whom they despised and hated on earth? Truth will never be agreeable to a liar; meekness will not satisfy self-esteem and pride; purity is not acceptable to the corrupt; disinterested love does not appear attractive to the selfish. The destiny of the wicked is fixed by their own choice. Their exclusion from Heaven is voluntary; it is just.

Like the waters of the flood, the fires of the great day declare God's verdict that the wicked are incurable. They have no disposition to submit to divine authority. Their will has been exercised in revolt; and when life is ended, it is too late to turn the current of their thoughts in the opposite direction,--too late to turn from transgression to obedience, from hatred to love.

In mercy to the world, God blotted out its wicked inhabitants in Noah's time. In mercy he destroyed the corrupt dwellers in Sodom. Through the deceptive power of Satan, the workers of iniquity obtain sympathy and admiration, and are thus constantly leading others to rebellion. It was so in Noah's day, and in the time of Abraham and Lot; it is so in our time. It is in mercy to the universe that God will finally destroy the rejecters of his grace.

But the doctrine of never-ending torment has no sanction in the Bible. John in the Revelation, describing the future joy and glory of the redeemed, declares that he heard every voice in Heaven and earth, and under the earth, ascribing praise to God. There will be no lost beings in hell to mingle their shrieks with the songs of the saved.

"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God

is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." [Romans 6:23.] While life is the inheritance of the righteous, death is the portion of the wicked. The penalty threatened is not merely temporal death, for all must suffer this. It is the second death, the opposite of everlasting life. God cannot save the sinner in his sins; but he declares that the wicked, having suffered the punishment of their guilt, shall be as though they had not been. Says an inspired writer, "Thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be." [Psalm 37:10.] In consequence of Adam's sin, death passed upon all mankind. All alike go down into the grave. But through the provisions of the plan of salvation, all are to be brought forth from their graves. Then those who have not secured the pardon of their sins must receive the penalty of transgression. They suffer punishment varying in duration and intensity according to their works, but finally ending in the second death. Covered with infamy, they sink into hopeless, eternal oblivion.

Upon the fundamental error of natural immortality rests the doctrine of consciousness in death, a doctrine, like eternal torment, opposed to the teachings of the Scriptures, to the dictates of reason, and to our feelings of humanity. Accord-

ing to the popular belief, the redeemed in Heaven are acquainted with all that takes place on the earth, and especially with the lives of the friends whom they have left behind. But how could it be a source of happiness to the dead to know the troubles of the living, to witness the sins committed by their own loved ones, and to see them enduring all the sorrows, disappointments, and anguish of life? How much of Heaven's bliss would be enjoyed by those who were hovering over their friends on earth? And how utterly revolting is the belief that as soon as the breath leaves the body, the soul of the impenitent is consigned to the flames of hell! To what depths of anguish must those be plunged who see their friends passing to the grave unprepared, to enter upon an eternity of woe and sin! Many have been driven to insanity by this harrowing thought.

What say the Scriptures concerning these things? David declares that man is not conscious in death. "His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish." [Psalm 146:4.] Solomon bears the same testimony: "The living know that they shall die; but the dead know not anything." "Their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion forever in any-

thing that is done under the sun." "There is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." [Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6, 10.]

When, in answer to his prayer, Hezekiah's life was prolonged fifteen years, the grateful king rendered to God a tribute of praise for his great mercy. In this song he tells the reason why he thus rejoices: "The grave cannot praise thee; death cannot celebrate thee; they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. The living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day. The father to the children shall make known thy truth." [Isaiah 38:18, 19.] Popular theology represents the righteous dead as in Heaven, entered into bliss, and praising God with an immortal tongue; but Hezekiah could see no such glorious prospect in death. With his words agrees the testimony of the psalmist: "In death there is no remembrance of thee; in the grave who shall give thee thanks?" "The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence." [Psalm 6:5; 115:17.]

Peter, speaking through the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, said: "Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulcher is with us unto this day."

"For David is not ascended into the heavens." [Acts 2:29, 34.] The fact that David remains in the grave until the resurrection proves that the righteous do not go to Heaven at death. It is only through the resurrection, and by virtue of the fact that Christ has risen, that David can at last sit at the right hand of God.

Paul declares: "If the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised. And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished." [1 Corinthians 15:16-18.] If for four thousand years the righteous had gone directly to Heaven at death, how could they be said to perish, even though there should never be a resurrection?

When about to leave his disciples, Jesus did not tell them that they would soon come to him. "I go to prepare a place for you," he said. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself." [John 14:2, 3.] And Paul tells us, further, that "the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

And he adds, "Comfort one another with these words." [1 Thessalonians 4:16-18.] How wide the contrast between these words of comfort and those of the minister previously quoted. The latter consoled the bereaved friends with the assurance, that, however sinful the dead might have been, he was received among the angels as soon as he breathed out his life here. Paul points his brethren to the future coming of the Lord, when the fetters of the tomb shall be broken, and the "dead in Christ" shall be raised to eternal life.

Before any can enter the mansions of the blest, their cases must be investigated, and their characters and their deeds must pass in review before God. All are to be judged according to the things written in the books, and to be rewarded as their works have been. This Judgment does not take place at death. Mark the words of Paul: "He hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." [Acts 17:31.] Here the apostle plainly stated that a specified time, then future, had been fixed upon for the Judgment of the world.

Jude refers to the same period: "The angels which kept not their first estate,

but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the Judgment of the great day." And again he quotes the words of Enoch: "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all." [Jude 6, 14, 15.] John declares that he "saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened;" "and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books." [Revelation 20:12.]

But if the dead are already enjoying the bliss of Heaven or writhing in the flames of hell, what need of a future Judgment? The teachings of God's word on these important points are neither obscure nor contradictory; they may be understood by common minds. But what candid mind can see either wisdom or justice in the current theory? Will the righteous, after the investigation of their cases at the Judgment, receive the commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," when they have been dwelling in his presence, perhaps for long ages? Are the wicked summoned from the place of torment to receive the sentence from the Judge of all the earth, "Depart, ye cursed, into everlasting fire"? Oh, solemn mockery! shameful im-

peachment of the wisdom and justice of God!

Nowhere in the Sacred Scriptures is found the statement that the righteous go to their reward or the wicked to their punishment at death. The patriarchs and prophets have left no such assurance. Christ and his apostles have given no hint of it. The Bible clearly teaches that the dead do not go immediately to Heaven. They are represented as sleeping until the resurrection. In the very day that the silver cord is loosed and the golden bowl broken, man's thoughts perish. They that go down to the grave are in silence. They know no more of anything that is done under the sun. Blessed rest for the weary righteous! Time, be it long or short, is but a moment to them. They sleep, they are awakened by the trump of God to a glorious immortality. As they are called forth from their deep slumber, they begin to think just where they ceased. The last sensation was the pang of death, the last thought that they were falling beneath the power of the grave. When they arise from the tomb, their first glad thought will be echoed in the triumphal shout, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" {*The Spirit of Prophecy Volume Four*, page 351.1 – 369.1}



Sanctification or Living Holiness (Part 7)

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Four Angels' Messages
Comment: The Bible says, "Follow peace with all [men], and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14), therefore, a series of articles on the subject of sanctification, even holy living is warranted being that we very likely are the last generation who will make up the 144,000 "And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God" (Revelation 14:5). That is being sanctified even living holy.

THE TONGUE (part 2)

We should not indulge in foolish talking and jesting, which, as Paul says, are not convenient, but should rather give thanks. Eph. v, 4. Again he says, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." Chap. iv, 29; Col. iv, 6.

A good remedy for foolish talking and jesting is giving thanks to the Lord. Foolish talking, jesting and joking are generally indulged in, when the

mind is cheerful and feels well; and cheerfulness is good if it is rightly used. If any one has reason to be cheerful it is the Christian; and how appropriate it is to thank the Lord when we feel well. To do this would keep our minds on the Lord and prevent us from talking foolishly. Says James, "Is any merry? let him sing psalms." James v, 13. Singing psalms and giving thanks unto the Lord, and speaking with grace, and in a manner to edify, would be more profitable and would leave a greater and more lasting satisfaction than to engage in a vain, empty, filthy and foolish conversation. Many have had to weep over foolish and trifling expressions; but no rational person was ever known to weep over a pure, elevating, graceful and instructive conversation.

The tongue should be employed in exalting and defending the truth, and in giving a reason of our hope.

In doing this in a proper manner, we can be a blessing to ourselves and to others. "A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth." Prov. xii, 14. Again, "The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life." Chap. x, 11. It invigorates, refreshes and glad-

dens the hearts of many. "A wholesome tongue (or the healing of the tongue, margin) is a tree of life;" and "the lips of the wise disperse knowledge and feed many." Prov. xv, 4, 7; x, 21.

But the tongue should use knowledge aright. Prov. xv, 2. To use knowledge aright, we must speak right words at the right time, in the right manner, with the right spirit and actuated by right motives.

"The tongue of the just is as choice silver." Prov. x, 20. Its words are choice words. They are well chosen. Among the many things that could be said on different occasions, we must speak the proper things, – the things that are needed and that can be understood and appreciated; the things that will glorify God and do others good. Those who speak promiscuously, and say all they know on every occasion, cannot be said to use knowledge aright, and must injure and be a disgrace to any honorable cause in which they may engage. In this way the cause of truth has often been brought into disrepute by its professed friend.

"A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it till afterward."

"He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit (or a cool spirit, margin)." Prov. xxix, 11; xvii, 27. He is swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath. James i, 19. "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise." Prov. x, 19. See also chap. xxix, 20; Eccl. v, 1-7.

Said Christ on a certain occasion, "I have yet many things to say unto you; but ye cannot bear them now." Jno. xvi, 12. We are so weak and our minds are so limited, that we cannot bear the whole truth at once. We must first learn and practice the alphabet of truth, and then we are prepared to understand and learn more truth and more difficult portions of truth. And we should learn from our own weakness and experience and from the dealings of the Lord with us, how we ought to deal out knowledge to others. To deal out difficult portions of truth at first, and present too many new ideas at once, would clog and confuse the minds of our hearers, and perhaps make them conclude that we have a confused mass of ideas, and give them an unfavorable opinion of the truths we advocate.

"A word fitly spoken, is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Prov. xxv,

11. It often operates like a good medicine administered at the right time and in a proper manner. A physician who would be successful in his line of business, must first consider the physical condition of his patients and the nature of their diseases, and then he is prepared to administer unto them the proper kind of medicine. So he who would be successful in doctoring sin-sick souls, should first consider the moral condition of his patients and the nature of their moral diseases, and then he can tell what portions of truths are adapted to their respective cases, and at what time and in what manner they should be presented. And wise and successful is the person that can give to each a portion of truth in due season.

Some are not prepared to bear the same portions of truth that others can. Some can receive at one time and under certain circumstances, what they cannot receive at a different time and under different circumstances. Some need to be cheered and encouraged; others need to be checked. Some cases and circumstances call for sharp (yet meek) rebukes; others for moderate rebukes. Some cases call for open reproofs; others for secret reproofs. But every truth and every case should be handled with love.

There is a time to speak and a time to keep silence. "Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding." Prov. xvii, 28. There are many seasons when we ought to keep silence; and in many instances by speaking when we ought not to speak, we use knowledge wrong.

We use knowledge wrong when we say much about the truth, and yet obey not the truth. It would be wiser to talk less and live better. Those who have much to say about the truth, but whose lives do not agree with their profession, may be compared to a farmer who extols the qualities of a certain apple-tree in his orchard, and immediately presents a basket of miserable apples to those that hear him. If his hearers are not acquainted with him or with the tree he extols, they will say, The tree is bad and his taste is perverted; or he knows the tree is bad and wishes to deceive us. Many, not having an understanding of the truth because they have not examined it, will judge of the truth by the fruit that those bear who profess it; and if the fruit is bad, they will conclude that the profession or theory is also bad. True, this is not a logical conclusion. But we see how necessary it is for

those who talk the truth to live out the truth.

Knowledge is used wrong when the truth is constantly urged upon others, as though all success depended on much urging. In this way, many are wearied and disgusted, and made to feel that too much of one thing is good for nothing. Let us remember that God has something to do in enforcing the truth, that we cannot do. We should give God a chance to work by his Spirit and good angels, and should not get in the way and retard the progress of truth by overacting and going beyond the limits assigned unto us. If a clear presentation of truth, backed up by a consistent life and the spirit of truth, will not convince the honest, and lead them to action, what will?

Knowledge is used wrong when the truth is used as a club, and to get the ascendancy over others. By this course, honest souls are driven away from the truth and oppose it, who would otherwise ponder and receive it. We must not feel like a certain class whom David represents as saying, "With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own; who is lord over us?" Ps. xii, 4. It is not those who whip and drive souls who are accounted wise. The wisest of men says, "He that winneth souls is wise."

Knowledge is used wrong when the truth is spoken from selfish motives, to get wordly gain, or to receive the praise of men, etc. Those who speak the truth from such motives, and with such objects in view, may prosper with those who love smooth things, as long as they keep in a popular channel, and dwell upon truths that are generally acknowledged, and that have no special cross connected with them; but let them leave this popular channel, and speak the whole truth, with the glory of God and the good of souls in view, whether men will hear or whether they will forbear, and many will lose their worldly support and the praise and honor of men, to receive the salary of those who have not shunned to declare the whole counsel of God; viz., persecution, reproach, want, privation, the honor and praise that come from God, with the promise of eternal life in the world to come. Doubtless if all who now profess to preach the truth were shut up to this salary, not a few would leave off preaching to adopt some other avocation.

Those who have an undue anxiety to fill the place of teachers while they overlook the necessary qualifications to teach the truth, would do well to consider the following injunction of

James. "My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation," or judgment, margin. James iii, 1. Mr. Whiting's translation reads as follows: "My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that as such we must receive greater condemnation."

"The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth knowledge to his lips." Prov. xvi, 23. If we are careful to think before speaking, and with reference to speaking, we shall have more knowledge and know how to use it. We shall know when to keep silence, and when, what and how to speak, and will keep our souls from troubles. "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soul from troubles." Prov. xxi, 23. "He that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile." 1 Pet. iii, 10.

Dear reader, if so much depends on the right use of the tongue, let us see to it that we weigh our words.

Let us keep our mouths as with a bridle, and take heed to our ways that we sin not with our tongues. {1864 DTB, SLH 66.2 – 72.1}

To be continued



Who Accepts the Counsel (part 8)

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As another reminder (repeating for the third time), John pictures the seventh church period, which started in 1844, as: "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my

throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches" (Revelation 3:14-22).

In part 1, we focused upon the introduction of Jesus. In part 2, we focused upon verses 15 and 16 dealing with the indifferent attitude that is prevalent among us. In part 3, we addressed the fact that Jesus will (not might) spue out the last church and is not a mere warning that will eventually sink in and awaken the church nor is there another church to follow. In part 4, we realized that our church has become so closed to preaching the truth because of growing numbers, through compromise, and expansion of buildings. In part 5, we find that the counsel stated is not corporately addressed but rather individually fulfilled. In part 6, we investigated the true love of God. In part 7, we see Jesus knocking at the door. In part 8, we see the individual, not corporate, call.

Jesus says, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in

his throne." (Revelation 3:21).

Here, we clearly see that as in all of the other six church periods prior, we are saved individually and not corporately. Though the General Conference will be around, it will not ever be spiritually ready. It is an individual call, an individual appeal. Men in the conferences can come up with one program after another but none replaces the personal readiness and the personal work in the field.

"The old standard bearers knew what it was to wrestle with God in prayer, and to enjoy the outpouring of His Spirit. But these are passing off from the stage of action; and who are coming up to fill their places? How is it with the rising generation? Are they converted to God? Are we awake to the work that is going on in the heavenly sanctuary, or are we waiting for some compelling power to come upon the church before we shall arouse? Are we hoping to see the whole church revived? That time will never come" {1SM 122.1}.

"There are persons in the church who are not converted, and who will not unite in earnest, prevailing prayer. We must en-

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

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

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

It is individually that we chose to obey the doctrines found in the Seventh-day Adventist Church as directed of God in the pioneer days, primarily under the influence of the prophetic gift given to Ellen White. It is not the church itself that will ever become pure. If that were ever to happen, how can the following prophecy be fulfilled?

"As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position, and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in

nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbath-keepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them" {GC88 608.1}.

Do we see now why we, who are trying to stay true to God, are upset with all of the worldliness permitted in the church? All of it is preparing for every soul that sees "nothing wrong with it" to be lost. As more and more souls accept teaching through puppets, magicians, superheroes, referencing TV programs during children stories, retaining

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people through sports and movies, becoming more praise song oriented and less Bible oriented, having dances, encouraging youth to “hookup” with the opposite gender even though it is not in the adult form of “hookup”, having pizza night for vespers, and overall lightly regarding the Sabbath, to just keep the list short as there is so much more that could be itemized, the likelihood any can be pulled from these mesmerizing effects is slim to none, though we continue to try.

And as for the attacks on the standardbearers, they are already under way. We, as a church denomination, have accepted the easy gospel. Most of the messages come from Romans and Galatians, or in general, are no different than Sunday church sermons. The strict Sabbath keeping is under attack. We have more than one preacher calling for the rewording of the Bible, getting rid of the “clobber texts” against the homosexual community, attacking the Spirit of Prophecy either directly or indirectly, and most of all, any that stand in the way are so misaligned by these liberal preachers that hardly anyone who does not check to see if these things are so would ever choose to support the standardbearers, let alone listen to them. The Spirit of

Prophecy, Ellen White specifically, has been and continues to be demoted to simply being useful for devotional material, or her writings are misrepresented to present the wrong conclusion. That is the direct and indirect attacking.

Now back to our focus, and that is that only the individual overcomer shall get to sit with Jesus. An overcomer is not one that plays ping pong – sin, confess, sin, confess, ... – We are called to repentance (Mark 2:17).

Though the truth has been deposited into the Seventh-day Adventist church, though it is confirmed to be the last church, it does not mean the church itself shall be saved. In fact, we are told in numerous places that it will not be. When God grabs the reigns, it is said of the 144,000, “These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth” (Revelation 14:4). That is not referring to walking around in Heaven or on the New Earth. That is in reference to the 144,000 during the time starting after Sunday law and not being dictated to by the Conference of what they are and are not allowed to do. Their approval will come directly from God.

“Thus the message of the third angel will be proclaimed. As the time comes for it to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through

humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to His service. The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the training of literary institutions. Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. The sins of Babylon will be laid open” {GC 606.2}.

“I have been shown the high and responsible position which God's people should occupy. They are the salt of the earth and the light of the world, and they must walk even as Christ walked. They will come up through great tribulation. The present is a time of warfare and trial. Our Saviour says in Revelation 3:21: ‘To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.’ The reward is not given to all who profess to be followers of Christ, but to those who overcome even as He overcame. We must study the life of Christ and learn what it is to confess Him before the world” {1T 303.1}.

“In order to confess Christ, we must have Him to confess. No one can truly confess Christ unless the mind and spirit of Christ are in him. If a form of godliness, or an acknowledgment of the

truth, were always a confession of Christ, we might say: Broad is the way that leadeth unto life, and many there be that find it. We must understand what it is to confess Christ and wherein we deny Him. It is possible with our lips to confess Christ yet in our works deny Him. The fruits of the Spirit manifested in the life are a confession of Him. If we have forsaken all for Christ, our lives will be humble, our conversation heavenly, our conduct blameless. The powerful, purifying influence of truth in the soul, and the character of Christ exemplified in the life, are a confession of Him. If the words of eternal life are sown in our hearts, the fruit is righteousness and peace. We may deny Christ in our life by indulging love of ease or love of self, by jesting and joking, and by seeking the honor of the world. We may deny Him in our outward appearance by conformity to the world, by a proud look or costly apparel. Only by constant watchfulness and persevering and almost unceasing prayer shall we be able to exhibit in our life the character of Christ or the sanctifying influence of the truth. Many drive Christ from their families by an impatient, passionate spirit. Such have something to overcome in this respect" {1T 303.2}.

"The present enfeebled condition of the human family was presented before me. Every generation has been growing weaker, and disease of every form afflicts the race. Thousands of poor mortals with deformed, sickly bodies, shattered nerves, and gloomy minds are dragging out a miserable existence. Satan's power upon the human family increases. If the Lord should not soon come and destroy his power, the earth would ere long be depopulated" {1T 304.1}.

"I was shown that Satan's power is especially exercised upon the people of God. Many were presented before me in a doubting, despairing condition. The infirmities of the body affect the mind. A cunning and powerful enemy attends our steps and employs his strength and skill in trying to turn us out of the right way. And it is too often the case that the people of God are not on their watch, therefore are ignorant of his devices. He works by means which will best conceal himself from view, and he often gains his object" {1T 304.2}.

Again, it is time to stop playing church and be a church, even if you are the only one in a large area that holds to the true doctrines. As we near the end of time, which events tell that just about all of us could

see Jesus in our lifetime except for those he mercifully lays to sleep, our fellowship with those who are believers in name only, will become more and more trying and impossible. Shall we continue to submit to Sunday sermons in the guise of Seventh-day Adventist preachers? Shall we continue to be lulled to sleep and not get so excited about the events unfolding around us? Shall we listen to sermons that go against the original doctrines? If that is what you and I are subject to Sabbath after Sabbath, your soul, my soul, is going to be in jeopardy.

"I would encourage those who assemble in little companies to worship God. Brethren and sisters, be not disheartened because you are so few in number. The tree that stands alone upon the plain, strikes its roots deeper into the earth, spreads out its branches farther on every side, and grows stronger and more symmetrical while wrestling singly with the tempest or rejoicing in the sunshine. So the Christian, cut off from earthly dependence, may learn to rely wholly upon God, and may gain strength and courage from every conflict" {ST, January 12, 1882 par. 10}.



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, **“In establishing new churches, ministers should give careful instruction as to the proper observance of the Sabbath. We must be guarded, lest the lax practices that prevail among Sunday-keepers shall be followed by those who profess to observe God's holy rest day. The line of demarcation is to be made clear and distinct between those who bear the mark of God's kingdom and those who bear the sign of the**

kingdom of rebellion” {6T 353.1}.

Attention ministers! But those who are not ministers do not ignore this. Sitting down Friday night and staying up late developing from scratch a sermon to be preached for the morning is a lax practice. It is one thing to have a sermon ready, be impressed of God to change the sermon to the new content, and stay up late for that sake, and it is another to stay up late because of the deadline of preaching is in the morning. There has to be a clear and distinct behavior between the work of a minister and not working when it comes to Sabbath allowances.

Attention Sabbath school teachers! But those who are not teachers do not ignore this. Studying the lessons or generating a study for the morning

that requires staying up late burning Sabbath hours is a lax practice. “Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work” (Exodus 20:9). That does not mean personal work for six days, and then spiritual work is on Sabbath hours. Guard the Sabbath. Be with the family during the hours. Do not do that which can be done the other six days.

The same holds true for those that may be conducting Sabbath afternoon Bible studies. All of the notes should be ready to go. Staying up late, once again, to construct a Bible study from scratch and pushing late hours because there is Sabbath school in the morning, followed by church service, followed by the study in the afternoon is a lax practice.

Now, there is also a difference between reviewing both a sermon

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Exodus 20:8-11 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates: For [in] six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

and Bible study notes Friday night and creating them from scratch. Of course, both the minister and the Bible teacher will want to have the material fresh in the mind, and nothing wrong with a little review.

So, you may not be a minister; you may not be a Sabbath school teacher; you may not even be conducting Bible studies; but what other practices may be conducted personally that treat the Sabbath in a lax manner? Ministers, once we get past personal examples as outlined above, are to “give careful instruction as to the proper observance of the Sabbath.”

Too many times Sabbath keepers think they know how to keep the Sabbath holy, yet, if a survey on each point were conducted, we would get numerous and inconsistent responses. Between the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, there are numerous specifics given regarding proper Sabbath keeping. Sure, some of the practices are left to personal decisions, but a lot are not.

Here are a few to consider, and please realize the list is both positive and negative, so read carefully. Not all that is

listed or questioned is breaking the Sabbath, likewise, not everything is permissible either. Some of these we already covered, but if you go to bed Friday night with 80+ degree weather, but wake up to a day of below 50 and plunging, do you light a fire if that is your only heat source? [And in many states, this is a true situation, even personally experienced.] Do you bathe (shower) during Sabbath hours or prior to the Sabbath? Do you boil and cook on the Sabbath? Do you reheat meals on the Sabbath? During fellowship meals, do you wash the pots and pans? As messes occur throughout the Sabbath, like simply getting out of bed where the blankets are in disarray, do you make the bed, fold away your night clothes, leave cereal boxes on the table? Do you watch TV programming that is not wholly secular on the Sabbath but certainly not holy? Do you take afternoon naps? Do you relax in a pool? Do you have a large crowd over to your house and play host? Do you play games on the Sabbath? Do you engage in regular meeting up with non-Sabbath keeping people during the Sabbath?

These are but a few of hundreds of questions.

Of course, many of the questions may need clarifications, for instance, some may say that there is nothing wrong with an hour or less nap in the afternoon but a five-hour nap would be an issue. Others may say regarding naps that none are permitted except in the case of fighting off an ailment.

As you see, with the differences of thought, this is one reason we are given the writings of Ellen White, which is to make plain that which is confusing. It is to make specific what the Bible declared in a general manner, especially since the Sabbath is so important to us in the last days. And this is why we monthly agitate, agitate, agitate the topic, but at the same time, offer only suggested thought as we at the ministry are not prophets and are subject to influences when it comes to application. This by no means opens up dismissing the contents, but rather encouraging each of us to make sure we are keeping the Sabbath truly holy and that no lax practices are found among us.



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.

Is Jesus the Son of God or an Angel?

1 John 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

First, some may not know that Michael refers to Jesus, just in a different name. This is concluded by scripture comparison. One power Michael has over other beings is that of raising the dead, as in the case of Moses. "Yet Michael the archangel, when

contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee" (Jude 1:9). Angels do not have that power.

The Bible also states, "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels" (Revelation 12:7). Satan, the dragon, has his angels. If Michael were pointing to just another angel, it would not make sense, for the controversy would not be between Christ and Satan, but between Michael and Satan. But since Michael refers to Jesus, then Revelation 12:7 makes sense in light of the battle between Christ and Satan.

Further, we are told that "at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book" (Daniel 12:1). Here, we see Michael referred to as "the great

prince". There is only one Great Prince: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). And a mere angel standing up means nothing, but when our High Priest stands up, it is for the approval of the saints: "But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God" (Acts 7:55). And when Jesus stands at the end of time, Isaiah "saw that [there was] no man, and wondered that [there was] no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance [for] clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke" (Isaiah 59:16-17).

And the power that the archangel has that we are told, "the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout,

with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). And compare that voice of the archangel with John 5:27-29: “And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.” Clearly the voice of Jesus and the voice of the archangel both have the power to raise the dead and both transpire at the same time can only draw to be one conclusion – the archangel is Jesus.

But does that make Jesus an angel then? Not at all. Jesus is the “Son of God” as the Bible states. One does not have to be an angel to be an archangel, which simply means a leader of the angels. According to the dictionary, the term means “chief, leader, ruler”. Presidents Clinton, Obama, and now Trump, all are examples of being the Commander

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in Chief, but unlike other presidents, these three never served in the military. This shows that a person does not have to be a military person to lead the military. Like-

wise, Jesus does not have to be an angel to lead the angels.



Healthy Living

Ellen White

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

The Importance of Ventilation

The effects produced by living in close, ill-ventilated rooms are these: The system becomes weak and unhealthy, the circulation is depressed, the blood moves sluggishly through the system because it is not purified and vitalized by the pure, invigorating air of heaven. The mind becomes depressed and gloomy, while the whole system is enervated; and fevers and other acute diseases are liable to be generated. Your careful exclusion of external air and fear of free ventilation leave you to breathe the corrupt, unwholesome air which is exhaled from the lungs of those staying in these rooms, and which is poisonous, unfit for the support of life. The body becomes relaxed, the skin becomes sallow, digestion is retarded, and the system is peculiarly sensitive to the influence of cold. A slight exposure produces serious diseases. Great care should be exercised not to sit in a draft or in a cold room when weary, or when in a perspiration. You should so accustom yourself to the air that you will not be under the necessity of

having the mercury higher than sixty-five degrees. {1T 702.3}

Those who have slept in an ill-ventilated room awake feeling feverish and exhausted. This is because the vital air was excluded, and the whole system suffers in consequence. Whoever occupies beds which have not been freely exposed to the air and sunlight, does so at the risk of health, and often even of life itself. There should be a circulation of air and an abundance of light through every apartment of the house for several hours each day. If you have God's presence, and possess earnest, loving hearts, then a humble home, made bright with air and sunshine, and cheerful with the welcome of unselfish hospitality, will be to your family and the weary traveler a heaven below. {CTBH 106.3}

When severe sickness enters a family, there is great need of each member's giving strict attention to personal cleanliness and diet, to preserve himself in a healthful condition, thus fortifying himself against disease. It is also of the greatest

importance that the sick-room, from the first, be properly ventilated. This is beneficial to the afflicted, and highly necessary to keep those well who are compelled to remain a length of time in the sickroom. . . . {CH 61.1}

Rooms that are not freely ventilated daily, and bedding that has not been thoroughly dried and aired, are not fit for use. We feel confident that disease and great suffering are brought on by sleeping in rooms with closed and curtained windows, not admitting the pure air and the rays of the sun. {HR, February 1, 1874 par. 4}

It is a practice of many mothers to cover their infant's heads while sleeping, and this, too, in a warm room, which is seldom ventilated as it should be. This alone is sufficient to greatly enfeeble the action of the heart and lungs, thereby affecting the whole system. While care may be needful to protect the infant from a draught of air, or from any sudden and too great change, especial care should be taken to have the child breathe a pure invigorating atmosphere. No

disagreeable odor should remain in the nursery, or about the child. Such things are more dangerous to the feeble infant than to grown persons. {2SM 465.2}

Every room in the house should be thoroughly ventilated every day, and in damp weather should be warmed by fires. {HR, February 1, 1874 par. 5}

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

ens the entire system. It becomes peculiarly sensitive to the influence of cold, and a slight exposure induces disease. It is close confinement indoors that makes many women pale and feeble. They breathe the same air over and over until it becomes laden with poisonous matter thrown off through the lungs and pores, and impurities are thus conveyed back to the blood. {MH 274.1}

In the construction of buildings, whether for public purposes or as dwellings, care should be taken to provide for good ventilation and plenty of sunlight. Churches and schoolrooms are often faulty in this respect. Neglect of proper ventilation is responsible for much of the drowsiness and dullness that destroy

the effect of many a sermon and make the teacher's work toilsome and ineffective. {MH 274.2}

So far as possible, all buildings intended for human habitation should be placed on high, well-drained ground. This will ensure a dry site and prevent the danger of disease from dampness and miasma. This matter is often too lightly regarded. Continuous ill-health, serious diseases, and many deaths result from the dampness and malaria of low-lying, ill-drained situations. {MH 274.3}

In the building of houses it is especially important to secure thorough ventilation and plenty of sunlight. Let there be a current of air and an abundance of light in every room in the house. Sleep-

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ing rooms should be so arranged as to have a free circulation of air day and night. No room is fit to be occupied as a sleeping room unless it can be thrown open daily to the air and sunshine. In most countries bedrooms need to be supplied with conveniences for heating, that they may be thoroughly warmed and dried in cold or wet weather. {MH 274.4}

Here the few hours of our stay were not spent in useless labor, nor in doing that which could be done as well at some other time; but were occupied in a pleasant and profitable manner, restful alike to mind and body. The house was a model of comfort, although not extravagantly furnished. The rooms were all well lighted and ventilated, and every one, including the bed-rooms, was furnished with an open grate that the occupants might enjoy the healthful warmth and glow of an open fire, which is of more real value than the most costly adornments. The parlors were not furnished with that precision which is so tiresome to the eye, but there was a pleasing variety in the articles of furniture: The chairs were mostly rockers or easy-chairs; not all of the same fashion, but adapted to the comfort of the different members of the family. There were low, cushioned rocking-chairs, and high, straight-backed ones; wide, capacious lounging-chairs, and

snug little ones; there were also comfortable sofas; and all seemed to say, Try me, Rest in me. There were tables strewn with books and papers. All was neat and attractive, but without that precise arrangement that seems to warn all beholders not to touch anything for fear of getting it out of place. {HR, December 1, 1876 par. 6}

The student of physiology should be taught that the object of his study is not merely to gain a knowledge of facts and principles. This alone will prove of little benefit. He may understand the importance of ventilation, his room may be supplied with pure air; but unless he fills his lungs properly he will suffer the results of imperfect respiration. So the necessity of cleanliness may be understood, and needful facilities may be supplied; but all will be without avail unless put to use. The great requisite in teaching these principles is to impress the pupil with their importance so that he will conscientiously put them in practice. {Ed 200.2}

In the early education of children, many parents and teachers fail to understand that the greatest attention needs to be given to the physical constitution, that a healthy condition of body and brain can be secured. It has been the custom to encourage children to attend school when they are mere babies, needing

a mother's care. Children of a delicate age are frequently crowded into ill ventilated school rooms, to sit upon poorly-constructed benches, and the young and tender frames have, through sitting in wrong positions, become deformed. {HR, December 1, 1872 par. 1}

Fashionable mothers clothe their little girls as unhealthfully as they do themselves. Their waists are compressed at an early age, and the limbs are left with but slight protection, when the forces of nature need every advantage to enable them to perfect the physical frame. The limbs were not formed to endure exposure, as was the face. Children who are clothed according to fashion cannot be outdoors much, unless the weather is mild. Therefore they are kept in ill-ventilated rooms, for fear of the cold; and well they may be, with their fashionable style of clothing. But if they were comfortably clothed, it would not harm them to exercise freely in the open air summer or winter. Unhealthy dress brings many a child to a state of invalidism, or, which in many cases may be preferable, to an early death. Thus fashion fills the homes of its slaves with invalids, and our cemeteries with little graves. {CTBH 90.2}



Healthy And Delicious Recipes

Cream of Asparagus Soup

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Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons vegan butter
- 1 medium size onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2-pounds asparagus, ends trimmed, cut into 1-inch pieces (2 bundles)
- 4 cups vegetable broth
- 1 heaping cup soaked cashews, soaked overnight

- 1 handful spinach
- Salt as needed
- 2 tablespoons nutritional yeast [optional]

Preparation

1. In a heavy pot over medium heat, melt the vegan butter. Add the onion and cook for 4-5 minutes on low/medium heat.
2. Add the garlic and cook for 2 minutes.
3. Add asparagus, season with salt, and cook for another 5 minutes.

4. Add broth and bring to a boil.
5. Reduce to a simmer, and cook until asparagus is very tender but still green, 10 to 15 minutes.
6. In a blender add the cashews, asparagus soup, and spinach, blend until smooth. You can add more spinach to achieve desired color. Return to pot and warm over low heat.



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Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible

If you are using anything but the KJV, you are using a Catholic influenced Bible, which strategically twists and leaves out key words and verses so as to make even the ecumenical movement between religions outside of Christianity possible. And Ellen White does identify not to use them for reliability:
“Wycliffe's Bible had been translated from the Latin text, which contained many errors.” {GC 245.1}. *Latin is Catholic or which most modern versions rely upon.*

The verse of concern this time is **Acts 8:37**. What is wrong with that verse? It is the fact that the NIV and many other versions leave it out, so if you do not see your version mentioned in the list, it is probably because they do not want people thinking they have to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and acknowledge Him to be the Son of God. Having a verse in the footnotes does not count. And this conversation happens right before the eunuch is baptized by Philip.

King James Bible: And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Correct This Time:

American Standard Version: And Philip said, If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

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may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”]

New American Standard Bible: And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

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New King James Version: Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

Webster's Bible Translation: And Philip said, If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Young's Literal Translation: And Philip said, 'If thou dost believe out of all the heart, it is lawful;' and he answering said, 'I believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God;'



Go Ye Therefore, And Teach

REPEATED: *We have been presenting this series that ends, God willing, at the end of this year or very shortly thereafter as we have a specific number of lessons. Quite a few deem this section as not important, but Ellen White states, "If God has ever spoken by me, the time will come when you will be brought before councils, and every position of truth which you hold will be severely criticized. The time that so many are now allowing to go to waste should be devoted to the charge that God has given us of preparing for the approaching crisis" {5T 716.4}. Are you personally ready to defend the faith before counsels? It is coming very soon. Sure, "when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in*

that same hour what ye shall speak" (Matthew 10:19), but the Holy Spirit will not pull out of us what is not in us during this time we have to study.

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: The Image of God

Ask, before Jesus shows up (Revelation 14:14), what is one of the warning messages given? Read Revelation 14:7 and focus upon the words "give glory to Him".

Ask, how do we give glory to God? Read 3 John 1:2, 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, and 1 Corinthians 6:20 and focus upon the word "body" as well as God's command to be healthy.

Ask, is smoking giving glory to God, treating the body healthfully? Read Deuteronomy 29:18, 20 and Revelation 8:11 understanding that wormwood is a deadly, not only bitter, poison. Therefore, purposefully putting poison, like tobacco, into our bodies is sinful, and that includes

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the hard drugs as well.

Ask, is drinking alcohol giving glory to God, treating the body healthfully? Read Proverbs 20:1, 23:29-33, Isaiah 5:20-22, 24 bringing out that wine in the Bible is simply referring to the liquid of the grape and not the alcoholic content as in Isaiah 65:8.

Ask, what was God's original diet? Read Genesis 1:29 and find out that it was a meatless diet.

Ask, what classes of animals did God create before there was ever a Jew? Read Genesis 7:1-2 and find out that clean and unclean distinction existed before Jews existed.

Ask, what are the guidelines in eating animals? Read Leviticus 11:2-8 and find out that pigs are

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not eatable.

Ask, what are the guidelines in eating fish? Read Leviticus 11:9-12 and find out that shell fish is not eatable.

Ask, what are the guidelines in eating birds? Read Leviticus 11:13-20 and find out that chicken and turkey are not on the forbidden list, so they would be considered on the allowed list.

Ask, what was Peter actually told in vi-

sion? Read Acts 10:9-19, 28 and find out that the vision was not about diet, but about the label used towards non-Jews or Gentiles.

Ask, who does God destroy at the second coming? Read Isaiah 66:15-17 and find out that the Asian delicacy of eating rodents and the western world of eating pigs will both be dealt with alike.



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Questions And Answers

Question: Should Seventh-day Adventists vote?

Answer: People argue that it is the responsibility of a citizen to share their position by participating in the process. If that were so, then does a person register under a party so as to influence who will be the candidates in the November elections? In other words, to vote in primaries a person must choose between being a Democrat or a Republican to participate. But then does that in itself not go against counsel, especially if one votes according to party lines?

Others argue that if we do nothing, we allow evil to gain the ascendancy. And which party is evil? Are they not both evil? Do they not both have good qualities? And, if one goes so far as to register as a party member, how does one witness to those that are staunch in another party? And this is especially true in this day and age where voting is no longer based on ideas but stark agendas! As soon as a person learns that you are not one of them, everything else is held suspect.

Getting counsel from God through Ellen White ought to address these issues.

“The Lord would have His people bury political questions. On these themes silence is eloquence. Christ calls upon His followers to come into unity on the pure gospel principles which are plainly revealed in the word of God. We cannot with safety vote for political parties; for we do not know whom we are voting for. We cannot with safety take part in any political scheme. We cannot labor to please men who will use their influence to repress religious liberty, and to set in operation oppressive measures to lead or compel their fellow-men to keep Sunday as the Sabbath. The first day of the week is not a day to be revered. It is a spurious sabbath, and the members of the Lord's family cannot participate with the men who exalt this day, and violate the law of God by trampling upon His Sabbath. The people of God are not to vote to place such men in office; for when they do this, they are partakers with them of the sins which they commit while in office” {GW 391.2}.

That quote alone should settle everything. First off, it is clear that none of us should associate with one party or the

other. That means, at best, if people are registered to vote, a position that is not for a particular party, like independent or unaffiliated, ought to be chosen.

Secondly, all political questions should be buried. Therefore, if a person is voting because of “social justice”, be careful. Voting against certain biblically immoral tendencies though socially accepted may require to vote for other positions of lesser importance, but not lesser in God's eyes when it comes to morals. Voting for candidates that are more tolerable may be allowing abortion on demand. Voting for candidates that support the lower class may be allowing more freedoms for the homosexual agenda. Voting against candidates that are for vaccines may be welcoming anti-homeschool candidates. And the voting of the lesser of two evils is still evil. Social justice today is not what the Bible teaches. Additionally, we may be looking for peaceful means to draw attention to social justice, but when the leadership at the top are not peaceful, by participating in the demonstrations, we are supporting the unpeaceful demonstrations as well. Remem-

ber, "Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!" (Matthew 18:7).

By Christ calling people into unity on the gospel is to do things as Jesus did. He changed people at the level of the personal basis. Trying to change things in the voting booth is simply playing the game. It is all rigged anyways. All the political bantering is but a mere show. In fact, one can think of it as a soap opera. The pendulum swings to the left and then to the right. Neither side gets all they want, and with each swing, more extremes are brought in. Finally, Protestants will get the upper hand, which appears to be on the Republican side, and usher in Sunday. If that is not the case, the other side seems to be worshipping the document known as *Laudato Si*, a climate solution document from the pope that ushers in Sunday. But again, we cannot come in unity if we are politically at odds.

And when a person does vote for a political candidate, we are told in that quote that we really do not know who we are voting for. Those who are engaged in politics know full well that most politicians say one thing

and do another, even the opposite. They look good leading up to the election and then for three or so years, they do whatever they want knowing full well that the voters have short term memories. Therefore, we cannot safely participate in their political scheme or agenda.

Speaking of schemes, it has been nothing but schemes under this president, Trump, on both sides. If a person hates Trump, all kinds of "gotcha" moments have been transpiring for three years, but all proving to be a waste of time as none of it stuck, though it achieved the goal by using it to rile up the base to be anti-Trump. Likewise, the Republicans now have the upper hand where they have evidence to show the FBI agenda against Republicans who actually broke laws, specifically against Trump, the involvement of certain leading Democrats in interfering with investigations, and so forth; all of which, in normal circumstances, yield to shortly having a bunch of them end up in jail. Those "schemes" riled up the Republicans only to now hear that there will be a delay in the investigations, that certain outspoken Republicans are just that – outspoken but no action. Therefore, just as Trump had nothing sticking, the

personnel on the Democratic side will probably see nothing serious against them stick either. It is all schemes to keep the bases riled up but achieve nothing -- a big waste of taxpayer funds and time.

Both parties repress religious liberties. The Democratic party is known for touting religious tolerance as long as it is not Christian, though they do not say it that way. The Republican party is very strong on tolerance as long as it is mainstream. And therefore, according to the quote, neither side should be voted for.

So, with both parties pushing for a Sunday solution ever so slowly or subtly, how can we safely vote for either candidate or a group of candidates? Further, we are partakers in the sins they commit in office. So, all who voted for Clinton in the 90s, are guilty of adultery. All who voted Obama into office are guilty of homosexuality as he is responsible for the allowance of such that we have today. Those who voted George Bush Senior into office, also are guilty of adultery. Those who voted Trump into office are guilty of his offensive ways, despite even being correct, but Christian fruit includes "gentleness". And George W. is guilty of

ripping into the constitution after 9-11.

Does this mean we are not to vote at all? In many cases that is correct, however, the states that allow for referendums, vote upon the issues. If a candidate represents the correct side of the issue, do not be misled. We are not to vote for candidates. Issue and referendum voting are based upon the penning of these words: “The advocates of temperance fail to do their whole duty unless they exert their influence by precept and example – by voice and pen and vote – in favor of prohibition and total abstinence. We need not expect that God will work a miracle to bring about this reform, and thus remove the necessity for our exertion. We ourselves must grapple with this giant foe, our motto no compromise and no cessation of our efforts till the victory is gained” {RH, November 8, 1881 par. 12}. However, there is a restriction: “Whatever the opinions you may entertain in regard to casting your vote in political questions, you are not to proclaim it by pen or voice. Our people need to be silent upon questions which have no relation to the third angel's message” {2SM 336.1}. “Keep your voting to yourself. Do not feel it your duty to urge everyone to do as

you do” {2SM 337.1}. Therefore, if the issue or referendum has nothing to do with the Three Angels' Messages, do not write about or speak about it to anyone.

“I call upon my brethren who are appointed to educate, to change their course of action. It is a mistake for you to link your interests with any political party, to cast your vote with them or for them. Those who stand as educators, as ministers, as laborers together with God in any line, have no battles to fight in the political world. Their citizenship is in heaven. The Lord calls upon them to stand as a separate and peculiar people. He would have no schisms in the body of believers. His people are to possess the elements of reconciliation” {GW 393.2}.

“Intemperate men should not by vote of the people be placed in positions of trust” – Signs of the Times, July 8, 1880. Just about all politicians drink, therefore, by alcohol alone they should not be voted into office.

Question: Some elements of the seven last plagues seem to be in motion now. How can that be?

Answer: Revelation 16:13-14 states, “And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [come] out

of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.” Of course, Revelation 16:16 tells us the name of the battle: “Armageddon”. At the same time, we are told that when the seven last plagues begin, every case is decided. This comes from the fact that “no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled” (Revelation 15:8), which includes confessing through prayer to the Most Holy Place as Jesus will no longer be there to hear those prayers. With that said, verse 15 says, “Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed [is] he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame”, which implies that there is a possibility of still choosing to switch sides in the question of salvation.

Though Revelation 16:13 is penned in the middle of the plagues, it actually is simply stating the result of the working. In other words, Revelation 16:13 is reference to a time prior to the plagues along with

verses 14 and 15, contrasting the two sides. Then we return to the event that happens during the plague – it is the battle of Armageddon. If verses 13 through 15 were in some other chapter, we would not understand the battle, but because it is inside the plague chapter, right before the Armageddon reference, we know the battle is not with guns, nuclear weapons, military forces, not even sticks and stones. The battle is over doctrines, beliefs, and overall, the mind.

With Satan, the dragon, using the antichrist beast power, the papacy, and inspiring the false prophet or Protestants foremost in the United States, the teachings are not holy as they are unclean creatures known as frogs. These unclean spirits find their connection in 1 Timothy 4:1-2, which says, “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; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.” These “working miracles” is the same group found in Matthew 7:22, which says, “Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name

have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?”, as well as in 2 Thessalonians 2:8, which says, “And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: [Even him], whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.”

The fact that these false teachings “go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world” (Revelation 16:14), explains the current events where “all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies” (Revelation 18:3), as leaders of every country and merchants of the world are deceived in helping the papacy achieving its goals. Even the show that is put on by a few countries that are anti-papacy, there are behind the scene deals happening.

So, in short now, Revelation 16:13-15 is a description of current events while verse 16 is the fulfillment during the seven last plagues. This explains how protestants have ceased their protest, signed the end of the protest document, and have agreed with the papacy over the matter of what sparked the division in the first place. That division was over following the Bible and the Bible alone rejecting doing things simply based upon tradition and commandments of men. The papal power has not changed – protestants have! Every protest denomination was founded during the fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, and even into the eighteen hundreds acknowledging the papacy as the antichrist, of which just about all of them have recanted, enjoy the fellowship, and are strongly encouraging all denominations and religions of the world to follow the papacy for “Who [is] like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?” (Revelation 13:4) since he is such a nice man and doing really nice things including having a solution to fix the climate change issue affecting every human being.



Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth

March 2—San Martin Magazine

San Martín hosted the Blessing of the Fruits

The entrance of the Virgen de la Carrodilla gave a break in artistic development to make way for the liturgy. At that time, the Mendoza Interreligious Council, headed by members of the Catholic, Jewish, Adventist, Mormon, Evangelical, Hare Krishna, and native communities, blessed according to their respective beliefs. "It is an opportunity to celebrate the providence of God that is manifested in the fruits of the earth and in the work of man," said Marcelo Colombo, Archbishop of Mendoza, after blessing the fruits arranged on stage with water.

Bible: "And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel." (Numbers 25:3)

Comment: This a modern day version of what happened in Numbers 25. We have joined in feasting and worshipping together with the pagans. Alcohol was flowing along with many other condemned activities.

May 19—ZOOM Meeting

Michael Polite, Chaplain Andrews University

Summary: Advocates getting in touch with spiritualists, mysticism, and much more.

EGW: "Spiritual darkness

has covered the earth and gross darkness the people. There are in many churches skepticism and infidelity in the interpretation of the Scriptures. Many, very many, are questioning the verity and truth of the Scriptures. Human reasoning and the imaginings of the human heart are undermining the inspiration of the Word of God, and that which should be received as granted, is surrounded with a cloud of mysticism. Nothing stands out in clear and distinct lines, upon rock bottom. This is one of the marked signs of the last days." {1SM 15.2}

June—Seventh-day Adventist Churches

Summary: There are too many of our churches posting rules that are not according to God that we cannot include them here, but in summary, we have the acceptance into many of our churches the "no singing rule", "social distancing", "mask wearing", but worse of all, working on the Sabbath. Immediately after Sabbath services, and sometimes prior to the service for extra precaution, a physical cleansing is being performed wiping every door handle, bathroom, church pew, and more so that the "virus" does not spread. Supposedly, this has to be conducted immediately after the service because we certainly do not want the virus to

have hours to remain on the surface until it can be addressed after sunset. And of course the excuse is that between services, for churches that offer more than one service, have no choice.

Bible: Exodus 20:10 – "But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates."

June 12—North American Division Press Release

NAD Asks Members to Join in a Special Day of Prayer for Racial Justice and Equality

EGW: "The regulations that God established were designed to promote social equality." {PP 534.3}

Comment: Why are we wasting time praying for the world to have social equality when the only solution involves following God's principles? On this side of the second coming, this prayer is never going to be answered. It is like praying for someone to be healed of cancer as they smoke a carton of cigarettes per day. The issue is not the cancer but the moral choice to stop smoking so God's healing can begin. As long as society are opposed to God's princi-

ples, there will never ever be social equality, which then means there will not be racial justice or any of the social concerns.

June 26—Adventist News Network

An Inter-Faith, Multi-Conference “Virtual Freedom Ride” Champions Prayer and Activism

Faith leaders, government officials, and activists advocated for prayer, social justice, and community empowerment in response to the national outcry over the death of George Floyd by law enforcement through a “virtual freedom ride”.

Bible: Exodus 34:14-15
“For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name [is] Jealous, [is] a jealous God: Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and [one] call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice.”

Comment: Allowing other religions, even other denominations to offer prayer when we do not worship the same god is an abomination. We worship God who commands the Sabbath day to be kept holy. We do not worship Allah, the Roman Catholic trinity, or any other god. We have no business doing interfaith anything.

June 26—Newsweek

Pence To Mark ‘Freedom Sunday’ At Dallas Church As Texas Halts Reopening

On Sunday, Vice President Mike Pence, Texas Governor Greg Abbott and U.S. Housing Secretary Ben Carson will attend "Celebrate Freedom Sunday,"

EGW: “We are to be as men waiting for their Lord, not in idle expectancy, but in earnest work, with unwavering faith. It is no time now to allow our minds to be engrossed with things of minor importance. While men are sleeping, Satan is actively arranging matters so that the Lord's people may not have mercy or justice. 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.” 2T 152

Comment: We should avoid every appearance of sanctioning even the mild actions of the Sunday movement. Ben Carson speaking before the Baptist is fine, but the fact that Sunday is being lifted up is the issue. Carson should not be participating in “Freedom Sunday”. “Freedom Sunday” is not just a title of an event but is a united effort “All around the world” to “come together as a united, hope-filled, justice-driven communi-

ty” and “is a movement of hope”. Truly Christian in appearance but tending to the highest of all abominations – Sunday movement support.

June 26—Samoa News

Controversial Church Pastor Taken Off Air In Samoa

A commercial TV station in Samoa says it will no longer screen sermons by Pastor Willie Papu, the leader of the Samoan Independent Seventh-Day Adventist Church. The pastor is alleged to have made statements, during his paid programme, vilifying other Christian denominations in Samoa as well as the Prime Minister.

Comment: Praise God for the message. Not sure where Willie Papu completely stands on our doctrines but suffering censorship is admirable.

Bible: “Then Peter and the [other] apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.” (Acts 5:29)

June 27—Samoa Observer

Seventh-Day Adventist Church distances itself from offensive sermons, preacher

The President of the Seventh-Day Adventist (S.D.A.) Church in Samoa and Tokelau, Kenneth Fuliese, has distanced themselves from the controversy sparked by the worldwide leader of the Samoa Independent Sev-

enth-Day Adventist Church (S.I.S.D.A.C). S.D.A existed in Samoa for more than 129 years. They have held their services on Sunday, ever since Samoa changed its time zone.

Bible: “Then began he to curse and to swear, [saying], I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.” (Matthew 26:74)

Comment: Like Peter, the SDA Church know not the message, even worse, they keep Sunday now!

July 11—Agencia Belem

Funpapa promotes cultural activity for Warao indigenous

In order to integrate more and more Venezuelan indigenous people of the Warao ethnic group into Brazilian culture, the Pope John Paul XXIII Foundation (Funpapa) promoted this Friday, 10, a cultural activity with the indigenous people sheltered in the Tapanã shelter. The program included presentations of typical and contemporary dances, typical games and drawing and painting workshops.

The space spent the week decorated with flags, campfire and clothesline with drawings. The program also included parallel activities such as a food workshop, presentations by Warao mimes, presentation of contemporary dance by young people, typical dances such as carimbó and quadrilha. The NGO Ad-

ventist Development and Assistance Resources Agency (ADRA), which is a worldwide humanitarian organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, in partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) held the food workshop.

“We have been partners of Funpapa for six months and we have already held workshops with teenagers and mothers. Today we are doing the corn porridge workshop, a typical Brazilian food. They use a lot of purple corn in Venezuelan cuisine. They have already taught us how to make 'chicha' which is an indigenous drink and 'cachapa' which is a very good corn pancake. And now we are showing how we use corn in our cuisine,” says Valceni Marques, nutritionist and technical coordinator at ADRA - Unicef. “This is a challenging job due to the difficulty of the language. But when we win their trust it is very pleasant”, he added.

Comment: And this is where ADRA funds are going? What are we doing in assisting the pope in his agenda?

EGW: “There are amusements, such as dancing, card playing, chess, checkers, etc., which we cannot approve because Heaven condemns them.” {1T 514.1}

July 14—Adventist Today Southern California Conference Churches Organize “Adventists For Black

Lives Matter” Demonstration

Participants wore custom shirts with “seek justice” printed on the front, based on Isaiah 1:17, and “Adventists for Black Lives Matter” on the back.

The moment he became aware of the demonstration, SCC president Velino Salazar committed himself to participate.

“I consider that we as a church need to have more interest in social issues without losing the essence of the gospel within the context and frame of the three angels’ messages,” Salazar said.

Bible Promoting Social Justice: (silent)

Ellen White’s Writings Promoting Social Justice: (silent)

Comment: Social justice is not our calling.

Bible: “For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.” (Mark 14:7)

Comment: Today, we still have the poor, but substitute any social issue and the same is true. And in the form of Jesus, our time is to be spent on the Three Angels’ Messages. If these students would be passing out literature instead of being spent with the socialist movement to overthrow the government in the disguise of sympathy for “black lives”, it would be God-approved time.



News And Comments

June 30

The Guardian

Fauci doubts effectiveness of coronavirus vaccine in US due to anti-vaxxers

They are already conditioning forced vaccination. "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon" (Revelation 13:11). Laws (nation speaking) will override any and all objections. It does not matter if there are contents in the vaccine against religious conscience like pig, aborted fetuses, etc.

June 30

BBC

Flu virus with 'pandemic potential' found in China

Luke 21:26 says, "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." And so, we are being conditioned for another planned release of a pandemic. When Jesus said, "pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places" (Matthew 24:7), there was no clarification of it being man-made or natural, therefore, all these pestilences count no matter the source.

July 2

CNN

New York county issued subpoenas to force party-goers to speak with coronavirus contact tracers. It worked.

"He had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.' Though professing to be followers of the Lamb of God, men become imbued with the spirit of the dragon. They profess to be meek and humble but they speak and legislate with the spirit of Satan, showing by their actions that they are the opposite of what they profess to be." {14MR 162.1}

July 5

Times of India

Covid-19: Karnataka imposes complete lock

"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" {5T 452.1}. Though this does not look like darkness, it is when people are blind to the fact that of all of the days of the week to shutdown and rest, Sunday is chosen. In other words, a potential solution to the virus is Sunday keeping.

July 6

Fox News

Outrage after California bans singing in churches amid coronavirus pandemic

"Pastors call Gov. Newsom's order 'completely discriminatory' after weeks of protests." "Few who are professedly of Israel, and whose minds have been enlightened by the revelations of divine wisdom, dare to come boldly forward, as did Caleb, and stand firmly for God and the right. Because those whom the Lord has chosen to conduct His work will not be turned from the course of integrity to gratify the selfish and unconsecrated, they become the target for hatred and malicious falsehood. Satan is wide awake and working warily in these last days, and God calls for men of spiritual nerve and stamina to resist his artifices" {4T 155.2}. These people are not the actual targets as they are Sunday keepers, but they are an example of what is coming. If we do not think that Sabbath keepers will eventually become a targeted group above all other groups, think again! If governors are able to dictate law targeting Christianity in general, it is an easy step to target Sabbath keepers. We live

in a day where the constitutional rights have been repudiated. No governor, even under a crisis, has the authority to enact draconian laws, yet they are, and the forces they have (judges and police) are going along with it.

July 8

Religion News

Black Lives Matter is ‘a spiritual movement,’ says co-founder Patrisse Cullors

"Calling out the names of the victims that they advocate for in protests and demonstrations. It's kind of a way to invoke their spirits." Ephesians 6:12 "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places]".

July 9

News 4 San Antonio

TEXAS: You should consider wearing a mask even when you're in your own home

These governments continue to speak "as a dragon" (Revelation 13:11), making up rules that are beyond reasonable.

July 14

The World View

Chicago is threatening to bulldoze a church, CA Gov. shutting down all churches in 80% of state, Price of silver is up

Mark 13:13 "And ye shall be hated of all [men] for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

July 14

Stanford Medicine

Anthony Fauci discusses challenges of COVID-19, reasons for hope during Stanford Medicine event

Fauci said, "We know from countries throughout the world that you can physically separate people to the point of not allowing the virus to transmit, and the only way to do that is by Draconian means of essentially shutting down a country." Revelation 13:11 says, "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." Dragon is being revealed.

July 14

Yahoo News

It's OK to Yell at Strangers Who Don't Wear Masks

This is simply training to turn the citizens against those that will not go along with the government mandate of the Mark of the Beast. If

people can pounce on non-mask wearing citizens, what else are they capable of? "Soon the Sunday laws will be enforced, and men in positions of trust will be embittered against the little handful of God's commandment-keeping people." – 4MR 278 (1909).

July 15

Yahoo News

A run on cents: Why coins are disappearing from cash registers across the country

Somewhere along the lines of news clips, it was stated that the constitution prevents a cashless society in the United States. It does not matter if that is accurate or not. What matters is that there is always a way to get around things. If all of the businesses scare people into going cashless, the result is the same. They will then be able to control the buying and the selling in the future (Revelation 13:17). But remember, there is a separation between the Mark of the Beast and the tracking system. The tracking systems used are not the candidates for the Mark of the Beast. They are just tracking methods.

July 15

Fox News

Arkansas National Guard transporting COVID-19

patients to isolation facility

Does the phrase "internment camps" mean anything? That is pretty much what is being readied. "If we are called to suffer for Christ's sake, we shall be able to go to prison trusting in Him as a little child trusts in its parents. Now is the time to cultivate faith in God." – OHC 357 (1892).

July 21

The Weekly Journal

Puerto Rico Gov Orders Closure for Most Businesses Next Sunday

Again, the day chosen for "resting" is Sunday revealing the preparedness to accept a global Sunday law. "The whole world was converted and in harmony with the Sunday law." – 3SM 427, 428

July 22

News Week

Narcissists and Psychopaths Are More Likely to Refuse to Wear Masks, Says New Research

"Now is our time of peril. Our only safety is in walking in the footsteps of Christ, and wearing his yoke. Troublous times are before us. In many instances, friends will become alienated. Without cause men will become our enemies. The motives of the people of God will be misinterpreted, not only by the

world, but by their own brethren. The Lord's servants will be put in hard places. A mountain will be made of a molehill to justify men in pursuing a selfish, unrighteous course. The work that men have done faithfully will be disparaged and underrated, because apparent prosperity does not attend their efforts. By misrepresentation these men will be clothed in dark vestments of dishonesty because circumstances beyond their control made their work perplexing. They will be pointed to as men that can not be trusted. And this will be done by members of the church. God's servants must arm themselves with the mind of Christ. They must not expect to escape insult and misjudgment. They will be called enthusiasts and fanatics. But let them not become discouraged. God's hands are on the wheel of his providence, guiding his work to the glory of his name." {SpM 370.2}

July 22

The Washington Times

Florida fake, false coronavirus positives just another reason to distrust numbers

It is an agenda to retain power and implement more draconian restrictions, to keep the people in fear, and those that get their news in snippets, to keep them

as sheep turning people in to authorities, pressuring the innocent, and much more. "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before [it hated] you" (John 15:18).

July 28

CNN

Social media giants remove viral video with false coronavirus claims that Trump retweeted

So much for freedom of the press. The "big brother" with controlled media is very active. Hyping people up against those coming out with the truth is also alive and well. The agenda of global control of the citizens is well under way. "When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near." {5T 451.1}



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that is the exploitation of racism that is now leading to warlords taking over parts of cities. Civil unrest is here. Political corruption is spilling out everywhere with the FBI, activities of those in the fringes of the respective parties, etc. Many small shops have given way to monopolies. The financial markets are held up like a tinder box ready to be ignited. Sunday is coming in from both parties. In fact, there is so much going on as never before that there is no human solution to resolve all of these issues

as quickly as they need resolution.

What more do we need to have happen to realize that these serious times call for serious messages? May God help us to truly be

awake, and may we be willing to allow those who fall to fall and move on to seek other souls to win.



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