



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.

Our Present Duty and the Coming Crisis

Ellen White

"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." The very atmosphere is polluted with sin. Soon God's people will be tested by fiery trials, and the great proportion of those who now appear to be genuine and true will prove to be base metal. Instead of being strengthened and confirmed by opposition, threats, and abuse, they will cowardly take the side of the opposers. The promise is, "Them that honor me I will honor." Shall we be less firmly attached to God's law because the world at large have

attempted to make it void?

Already the judgments of God are abroad in the land, as seen in storms, in floods, in tempests, in earthquakes, in perils by land and by sea. The great I AM is speaking to those who make void his law. When God's wrath is poured out upon the earth, who will then be able to stand? Now is the time for God's people to show themselves true to principle. When the religion of Christ is most held in contempt, when his law is most despised, then should our zeal be the warm-

est and our courage the most unflinching. To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few, – this will be our test. At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason. The nation will be on the side of the great rebel leader.

The days of purification of the church are hastening on apace. God will have a people pure

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For Seventh-day Adventists**

Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

Jerry O'Donnell

It is hard to believe that we are in the last two months of 2021 and looking forward to 2022. As events continue to fulfill prophecy at a rapid pace, Sunday law cannot be far behind. It is imperative that we do all we can to get the warning messages out there, at the very least, the crumbs, before the people.

In the general publication that we send as a witnessing tool each month, we are coming down to the end of a series of messages showing that the Ten Commandments were never done away with. It was done through the main article.

In June, part 1 established that the Ten Commandments existed in Heaven before man was ever created, and Lucifer rebelled against them.

In July, part 2 showed that Adam and Eve did not merely eat the forbidden fruit, but ended up breaking all of the commandments in one form or another, allowing Satan to deceive the whole world. We moved down through time to Abraham.

In August, part 3

proved that the Ten Commandments did not exist for Israel alone at Mount Siani but existed prior and that Moses received a copy, broke them, and received another copy.

In September, part 4 displayed the differences between the Ten Commandments and the Book of the Law as well as complete the Old Testament time period.

In October, part 5 revealed the truth of the relationship between Jesus and the Ten Commandments addressing every verse on the matter in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John including being direct with the Sabbath discussions.

In November, part 6 is to reinforce the meaning of Jesus dying on the cross as the Testator and that nothing can be changed in the testament after the fact, addressing the falsehood that by His resurrection on Sunday changed the Sabbath, just like the inability to change a will after one's death.

In December, part 7 will cover the time period of the apostles.

In January, part 8 purposes to show how that the Ten Commandments will continue for eternity.

We also continue the questions and answers section, being straightforward with comments on the news for those items direct from the Bible, with at least a half dozen Bible verses which show that God expects true Christians to live a holy and sanctified life. The publication finishes off with a Bible health article, the same recipe, remedy, and vitamin articles that appear in the Four Angels Messages publication.

We cannot accurately identify how many are reading the newsletter, but after eliminating those people who contacted us because the person was deceased (which was only a few), we have had only about five people contact us asking to be removed from the mailing list because they did not sign up for it, or do not appreciate it, or do not want it coming to their house. From a list of over eighteen hundred subscriptions, it is amazing that only five

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

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

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

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

About The Four Angels' Messages Ministry

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and true. In the mighty sifting soon to take place, we shall be better able to measure the strength of Israel. The signs reveal that the time is near when the Lord will manifest that his fan is in his hand, and that he soon will thoroughly purge his floor.

The days are fast approaching when there will be great perplexity and confusion. Satan, clothed in angel robes, will deceive, if possible, the very elect. There will be gods many and lords many. Every wind of doctrine will be blowing.

With unerring accuracy, the Infinite One keeps an account with all nations. While his mercy is tendered with calls to repentance, this account will remain open; but when a certain limit which God has fixed is reached, the ministry of his wrath commences. The account is closed. Divine patience ceases. There is no more pleading for mercy in their behalf.

The prophet, looking down the ages, had this time presented before his vision. The nations of this age have been the recipients of unprecedented mercies. The choicest of Heaven's blessings have

been given them; but increased pride, covetousness, idolatry, contempt of God, and base ingratitude, are written against them. They are fast closing up their account with God.

But that which causes me to tremble, is the fact that those who have had the greatest light and privileges have become contaminated by the prevailing iniquity. Influenced by the unrighteous around them, many, even of those who profess the truth, have grown cold, and are borne down by the strong current of evil. The universal scorn thrown upon true piety and holiness, leads those who do not connect closely with God to lose their reverence for his law. If they were following the light, and obeying the truth from the heart, this holy law would seem even more precious to them when despised and set aside. As the disrespect for God's law becomes more manifest, the line of demarkation between its observers and the world becomes more distinct. Love for the divine precepts increases with one class, according as contempt for them increases with the other class.

The crisis is fast approaching. The rapidly swelling figures show

that the time for God's visitations has nearly come. Although loathe to punish, nevertheless he will punish, and that speedily. Those who walk in the light will see signs of the approaching peril; but they are not to sit in quiet, unconcerned expectancy of the ruin, comforting themselves with the belief that God will shelter his people in the day of visitation. Far from it. They should realize that it is their duty to labor diligently to save others, looking with strong faith to God for help.

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

In the time when his wrath shall go forth in judgments, the humble,

devoted followers of Christ will be distinguished from the rest of the world by their soul anguish, which will be expressed in lamentation and weeping, reproofs and warnings. While others try to throw a cloak over the existing evil, and excuse the great wickedness everywhere prevalent, those who have a zeal for God's honor and a love for souls will not hold their peace to obtain favor of any. Their righteous souls will be vexed day by day with the unholy works and conversation of the unrighteous. They will be powerless to stop the rushing torrent of iniquity, and hence they will be filled with grief and alarm. They will mourn before God to see religion despised in the very homes of those who have had great light. They will lament and afflict their souls because pride, avarice, selfishness, and deception of almost every kind are in the church.

The class who do not feel grieved over their own spiritual declension, nor mourn over the sins of others, will be left without the seal of God. The Lord commissions his messengers, the men with slaughtering weapons in their hands: "Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house."

Here we see that the church – the Lord's sanctuary – was the first to feel the stroke of the wrath of God. The ancient men, those to whom God had given great light, and who had stood as guardians of the spiritual interests of the people, had betrayed their trust. This shows us that we must not look to men for ex-

ample. We need to stay our faith upon God; for there is just before us a time that will try men's souls. Christ upon the Mount of Olives rehearsed the fearful judgments that were to precede his second coming: "Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars." "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." While these prophecies received a partial fulfillment at the destruction of Jerusalem, they have a more direct application in the last days.

John also was a witness of the terrible scenes that will take place as signs of Christ's coming. He saw armies mustering for battle, and men's hearts failing them for fear. He saw the earth moved out of its place, the mountains carried into the midst of the sea, the waves thereof roaring and

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troubled, and the mountains shaking with the swelling thereof. He saw the vials of God's wrath opened, and pestilence, famine, and death come upon the inhabitants of the earth.

Already the restraining Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the earth. Hurricanes, storms, tempests, fire and flood, disasters by sea and land, follow each other in quick succession. Science seeks to explain all these. The signs thickening around us, telling of the near approach of the Son of God, are attributed to any other than the true cause. Men cannot discern the sentinel angels restraining the four winds that they may not blow until the servants of God are sealed; but when God shall bid his angels loose the winds, there will be such a scene of his avenging wrath as no pen can picture.

We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecy is fast fulfilling. The Lord is at the door. There is soon to open before us a period of overwhelming interest to all living. The controversies of the past are to be revived. New controversies will arise. The scenes to be enact-

ed in our world are not even dreamed of. Satan is at work through human agencies. Those who are making so great efforts to change the Constitution and secure a law enforcing the first day of the week little realize what will be the result. A crisis is just upon us.

But God's servants are not to trust to themselves in this great emergency. In the visions given to Isaiah, to Ezekiel, and to John, we see how closely heaven is connected with the events transpiring upon the earth. We see the care of God for those who are loyal to him. The program of coming events is in the hands of the Lord; the world is not without a ruler. The Majesty of heaven has the destiny of nations, as well as the concerns of his church, in his own hands.

Brethren, it is no time now for mourning and despair, no time to yield to doubt and unbelief. Christ is to us not a Saviour in Joseph's new tomb, closed with a great stone, and sealed with the Roman seal. We have a risen Saviour. He is the King, the Lord of hosts; he sitteth between the cherubim, and amid the strife and tumult of nations he

guards his people still. He who rules in the heavens is our Saviour. He measures every trial. He watches the furnace fire that must test every soul. When the strongholds of kings shall be overthrown, when the arrows of God's wrath shall strike through the hearts of his enemies, his people have the assurance that they are safe in his hands. In patience they are to possess their souls.

Those whom God employs as his messengers are not to feel that his work is dependent upon them. Finite men are not left to carry this burden of responsibility. In Ezekiel's vision, God had his hand beneath the wings of the cherubim. This is to teach his servants that it is divine power that gives them success. He will work with them if they will put away iniquity, and become pure in heart and life. The heavenly messengers seen by Ezekiel, like a bright light going among the living creatures with the swiftness of lightning, represent the speed with which this work will finally go forward to completion. He who slumbers not, who is continually at work for the accomplishment of His designs, can carry forward

His great work harmoniously. That which appears to finite minds entangled and complicated, the Lord's hand can keep in perfect order. He can devise ways and means to thwart the purposes of wicked counselors, and those who plot out mischief.

Those who are called to responsible positions in the work of God often feel that they are carrying heavy burdens, when they may have the satisfaction of knowing that Jesus carries them all. We permit ourselves to feel altogether too much care, trouble, and perplexity in the Lord's work. We need to trust him, believe in him, and go forward. The tireless vigilance of the heavenly messengers, their unceasing employment in their ministry in connection with the beings of earth, show us how God's hand is guiding the wheel within a wheel. The divine In-

structor is saying to every actor in his work, as he said to Cyrus of old, "I girded thee, though thou hast not known me."

Men are not to take credit to themselves for the success of their labors. The clear, sharp thought, the wisdom to plan and execute, are of the ability that God giveth. God is the Master-worker; men are only the instruments in his hand. It is his mind that is working through all who yield themselves to his control. While we are to act our part by improving to the utmost every talent committed to us, we have nothing which we have not received of God, and we should give him all the glory.

The important future is before us. To meet its trials and temptations, and to perform its duties, will require great faith, energy, and perseverance. But we may triumph gloriously; for

not one watching, praying, believing soul will be ensnared by the devices of the enemy. All heaven is interested in our welfare, and waits our demand upon its wisdom and strength. Neither wicked men nor evil spirits can hinder the work of God or shut out his presence from his people, if they will, with subdued, contrite hearts, confess and put away their sins, and in faith claim his promises. Every opposing influence, whether open or secret, may be successfully resisted, "not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." If the Lord had a company of workers who would rely wholly upon him, he would accomplish a great work through them. One could chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight. God is just as willing now as anciently to work through human efforts, and to accomplish great

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things through weak instrumentalities. We shall not gain the victory through numbers, but through full surrender of the soul to Jesus. We are to go forward in his strength, trusting in the mighty God of Israel.

In the time of trial just before us, God's pledge of security will be placed upon those that have kept the word of his patience. If you have complied with the conditions of God's word, Christ will be to you a refuge from the storm. He will say to his faithful ones, "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee; hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast." The Lion of Judah, whose wrath will be so terrible to the rejecters of his grace, will be the Lamb of God to the obedient and faithful. The pillar of cloud will speak terror and wrath to the transgressor of God's law, but light and mercy and deliverance to those who have kept his commandments. The Arm strong to smite the rebellious, will be strong to deliver the loyal. Every faithful one will surely be gathered. "He shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet,

and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

Brethren, you to whom the truths of God's word have been opened, what part will you act in this momentous time of the closing scenes of earth's history? Are you awake to these solemn realities? Do you realize the grand work of preparation that is going on in heaven and earth? Let all who have received the light, who have had the opportunity of reading and hearing the prophecy, take heed to keep those things that are written therein; "for the time is at hand." Let none now venture to tamper with sin, or remain in a state of lethargy and stupid indifference. Let not the destiny of your soul hang upon an uncertainty. Know for yourselves that you are fully on the Lord's side. Let the inquiry go forth from sincere hearts and trembling lips, Who shall be able to stand? Have you, in the precious hours of probation mercifully granted you, been putting the very best material into your character-building? Have you been purifying your souls from every stain? Have you followed the light? Have

your works corresponded with your profession of faith?

It is possible to be a formal, partial believer, and yet be found wanting, and lose eternal life. It is possible to practice some of the Bible injunctions, and be regarded as a Christian, and yet perish because you are lacking in essential qualifications that constitute Christian character. The destroying angels have the commission from the Lord, "Begin at my sanctuary." And "they began at the ancient men which were before the house." If the warnings which God has given are neglected or regarded with indifference, if you suffer sin to be cherished, you are sealing your soul's destiny; you will be weighed in the balances and found wanting. Grace, peace, and pardon will be withdrawn forever; Jesus will have passed by, never again to come within the reach of your prayers and entreaties. While mercy still lingers, while Jesus is making intercession for us, let us make thorough work for eternity. {*The Review and Herald*, January 11, 1887}



Be In Health

J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH.

JOHN, the beloved apostle, wrote to Gaius these words, "I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2. This wish inculcates the same principle that the apostle Paul taught in his letter to the Romans, when he said: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Rom. 12:1. This thought is also expressed in his prayer for the people of God, even down to this time: "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body [life, mind, and body] be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." 1 Thess. 5:23,24.

The Scriptures speak of that sanctification as being of a very doubtful kind that does not lead its possessor to have the glory of God in view in all that he does; for "whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to

the glory of God." 1 Cor.10:31. Especially is this true when the Lord is about to come. "For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebukes with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many. They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the Lord." Isa. 66:15-17; see also Isa. 65:3-5.

Instead of this spurious sanctification, the Lord delights in a truly sanctified people; but to perfect them and to accomplish his work in them, he hews them by the prophets. Hosea 6:5. This fact understood leads to inquiry concerning what the Lord is now doing through the gift of prophecy in teaching a sanctification that corrects those wrong habits of eating and drinking which tend to build up the carnal nature, instead of mortifying our members. Col. 3:5.

June 6, 1863, at Otswego, Mich., Sister White had the great and wonderful vision on healthful living, disease and its causes, drugs and their evil effects, etc. Regarding the nature of the principles there taught, and the proofs in the vision itself of its divine inspiration, I will quote from the words of Dr. J. H. Kellogg, in the preface in the book called "Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene," published in 1890. He says:

1. At the time the writings referred to first appeared, the subject of health was almost wholly ignored, not only by the people to whom they were addressed, but by the world at large.

2. The few advocating the necessity of a reform in physical habits, propagated in connection with the advocacy of genuine reformatory principles the most patent, and in some instances disgusting, errors.

3. Nowhere, and by no one, was there presented a systematic and harmonious body of hygienic truths, free from patent errors and consistent with the Bi-

ble and the principles of the Christian religion.

Under these circumstances, the writings referred to made their appearance. The principles taught were not enforced by scientific authority, but were presented in a simple, straightforward manner by one who makes no pretense to scientific knowledge, but claims to write by the aid and authority of divine enlightenment.

How have the principles presented under such peculiar circumstances and with such remarkable claims stood the test of time and experience? is a question which may very properly be asked. Its answer is to be found in facts which are capable of the amplest verification. . . . The principles which a quarter of a century ago [written in 1890, now more than thirty-five years ago] were either entirely ignored or made the butt of ridicule, have quietly won their way into public confidence and esteem, until the world has quite forgotten that they have not always been thus accepted. . . . Every one of the principles advocated more than a quarter of a century ago is fortified in the strongest possible

manner by scientific evidence....

It certainly must be regarded as a thing remarkable and evincing UNMISTAKABLE EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSIGHT AND DIRECTION, that in the midst of confused and conflicting teachings, claiming the authority of science. . . . a person making no claims to scientific knowledge or erudition should have been able to organize . . . a body of hygienic principles so harmonious, so consistent, and so genuine that the discussions, the researches, the discoveries, and the experience of a quarter of a century have not resulted in the overthrow of a single principle, but have only served to establish the doctrines taught.

Since 1863, the time when the diet question and healthful living was unfolded to Sister White, the subject of health reform has been classed with the preparatory work for fitting a people to meet the events before us. The Lord is leading his people "back, step by step, to his original design, – that man should subsist upon the natural products of the earth." "The people who are seeking to become holy, pure, refined, that they may be

introduced into the society of heavenly angels [will not] continue to take the life of God's creatures, and enjoy their flesh as a luxury."

She has further said that from what has been revealed to her, the animals whose flesh was used for food would become more and more diseased, until finally it would be unsafe to eat their flesh. The Lord, she said, was in mercy introducing these principles to his people that by practicing them they might be better fitted to meet and resist the increase of disease upon the human family, and stand unharmed amid the seven last plagues. The present increase of disease in the domestic animals is startling the nations of earth. The Lord's people see in this fact the fulfilling of the predictions made thirty-five years ago concerning this very thing. These predictions made through Sister White, as well as many other predictions that might be mentioned, according to rule five show her to be a true prophet of the Lord. RH November 28, 1899.

The Cup of Cold Water

A PLANT, with its bright red berries and dark rich foliage, stood in a

window; it was drooping and withering because its caretaker had forgotten the daily cup of cold water. How helpless it stood! like a picture of despondency, in the sunshine. Really, under the circumstances, clouds would have suited it better. But what a change after the refreshing drink was given! Each little leaf seemed to feel the new impulse, and in a short time it was a thing of beauty again.

Only a cup of cold water! Only a kind word to some one with care pressing on the heart, – just one word, perhaps, to tell of One who will take the care – Jesus. Only a few thoughts sent out, like a dove, to find rest in a troubled life, and to speak of the peace that passeth understanding. Only the mites that, with the Lord's blessing upon them, will bring forth fruits for him, a smile to a weary one, and a little poem or tract in the midst of busy hours to give new hope, or new light, along the way. There are so many "cups of cold water". And he who gives these as he journeys on "shall in no wise lose his reward." – Selected.

Miracles Not a Test of True Prophets

"IF there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, and the

sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spoke unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; thou shalt not harken unto

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the words of that Prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul." Deut. 13:1-3. Comparing 2Chron. 32:24 with the marginal reading, we see that the "sign" to Hezekiah is called the working of a miracle.

It has been affirmed by many theological writers, and stated in commentaries on the Scriptures, that the sign of the true prophet is the working of miracles. This is contrary to Scripture, as no such rule is given in the Bible.

If the working of miracles is proof of a true prophet, then the "false prophet" mentioned in Rev.19:20 would be declared, after all, a true prophet; for of him it is said, "The beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast." The same power is spoken of again in Rev.13:14, as deceiving "them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had POWER TO DO in the sight of the beast." By the same

application of this rule, we would be driven to the conclusion that even Satan is a true prophet. Certain spirits who will do a special work under the sixth of the seven last plagues are called "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." Rev.16:14.

A true Bible vision, in which the prophet talks without breath, and walks about while wholly oblivious to things occurring around him, is indeed a miracle of God's power; but if the proof of a true prophet is to be found in the miracles he performs while out of vision, we would find but few of the Bible prophets who would stand this test; especially if the decision is to rest upon what is recorded concerning their works. It is true that miracles are recorded as being wrought by some of the prophets, as in the case of Elijah, Elisha, and Paul. But who has ever found a record in the Bible of the miracles of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, etc.? Yet these were true prophets of the Lord, and are shown to be such by

the rules the Lord has given as the test of true prophets.

That the working of miracles is not the test of a true prophet is clearly seen by reading the Scripture record of John the Baptist. That he was a prophet is shown by the prediction of Zacharias, the father, in relating the vision God had given him respecting the son that should be born to him: "And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways." Luke 1:76. Our Saviour himself recognized John as that very Prophet who should prepare the way before him; for of John he said, "But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist." Luke 7:26-28.

Here, then, is a plain statement of the Saviour, that John was a prophet. Let us apply the test of miracle-working, and see the result. In the gospel, as

written by John the evangelist, we have these words: "And many resorted unto him [Christ], and said, John did NO MIRACLE: but all things that John spake of this man were true." John 10:41. This statement alone is a complete refutation of the claim that the sign of a true prophet is the working of miracles.

The rule given in the thirteenth chapter of Deuteronomy, which we will designate as rule six in our present enumeration, is to guard against the running after anything wonderful or miraculous until we have first carefully noticed whether its tendency is to a greater nearness to the Lord or to a drawing away from him. This text (Deut. 13:1-3) virtually tells us to apply all the rules, especially to see if it is in harmony with God and his law.

This sixth rule teaches that if a miracle is wrought by a pretender, there will be seen with it, when carefully tested, a departure from the sacred truths of God's word, and a lowering of the standard to meet a heart inclined to shun the way of self-denial. The Lord permits such a pretender to arise, and his course is a test to the true child of God, giving him an opportunity to weigh carefully the tendency or motive of said miracle-wonder. Those who cling to God's word, instead of being captivated by the false miracle-workers, come forth strong in God as the result of such experience.

In these evil days when many are claiming to be "faith-healers," "divine healers," or "Christian-science healers," etc., it would be well to apply closely

the Scriptural rules; for it will need divine rules, and the illumination of the Holy Spirit, to enable us clearly to discern the intent and purpose of some of these "healers," so subtle is their work; while on the other hand are those who openly disregard God's law and his truth for this time. In some instances these pretended "healers" have raged like men filled with madness at even a mention of the law of God. As surely as the Lord has a message proclaiming his holy law, so surely are the men destitute of the movings of the Holy Spirit who rail against his law, and thrust from their presence those who even mention it. RH December 5, 1899.

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Isaiah 58, Our Marching Orders (part 3)

Jerry O'Donnell

Isaiah 58:8 Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward.

Let us take this piece by piece.

THEN SHALL THY LIGHT BREAK FORTH AS THE MORNING

David penned, “Thy word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psalms 119:105). And Solomon penned, “the commandment [is] a lamp; and the law [is] light; and reproofs of instruction [are] the way of life: To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman” (Proverbs 6:23-24).

There is no other group of people who have been given as much light as that of Seventh-day Adventists. Unfortunately, not everyone appreciates the light and further, many work to make us appear equal with all other denominations.

We, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, are Israel, keeping in mind that “they [are] not all

Israel, which are of Israel” (Romans 9:6), meaning, it is one thing to sign up to be a Seventh-day Adventist and another thing to *be* a Seventh-day Adventist. Still, all who make up the Seventh-day Adventists make up Israel, though most of Israel will be lost, just as it was in Jesus’ day. We have published many times these themed quotes in the past and do not want to reprint them here, for the point is, if we do not know that we are the only true church with the last day mission to save people in the last days, the battle is over and we would be on the losing side. This notion of distancing oneself from what appears as being cultish by declaring ourselves as the only true church is ridiculous. “There are true Christians in every church, not excepting the Roman Catholic communion” {4SP 281.2}. That does not mean their denominations are to be worked with and treated as being of God. They once had light, but are dead now. Our mission is to tell the members in those denominations, “Come out of her, my people, that ye be not

partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues” (Revelation 18:4).

“The term Babylon, derived from Babel, and signifying confusion, is applied in Scripture to the various forms of false or apostate religion. But the message announcing the fall of Babylon must apply to some religious body that was once pure, and has become corrupt. It cannot be the Romish Church which is here meant; for that church has been in a fallen condition for many centuries. But how appropriate the figure as applied to the Protestant churches, all professing to derive their doctrines from the Bible, yet divided into almost innumerable sects. The unity for which Christ prayed does not exist. Instead of one Lord, one faith, one baptism, there are numberless conflicting creeds and theories. Religious faith appears so confused and discordant that the world know not what to believe as truth. God is not in all this; it is the work of man, – the work of Satan” {4SP 232.2}.

So, plainly spoken, the

Seventh-day Adventist Church is the only true church which contains the fullest light known as Israel, as other denominations have some light and constitute Babylon, are even considered pagan. On the commandments and the proper understanding of the Word of God, none matches the light given to us. This does not mean more light and understanding will not come, it is just that we need not turn to other denominations for that light, for they, once again, are Babylon. The nation of Israel was forbidden to mingle with the other nations for that example to us. "If God has any new light to communicate, He will let His chosen and beloved understand it, without their going to have their minds enlightened by hearing those who are in darkness and error" {EW 124.2}. So no, we cannot learn anything from any other denomination and we ought to stop trying. Yes, God can use people outside of our denomination as He used King Nebuchadnezzar, but that is not for us to be paying attention to and learning from. The king was in no wise an example of a Christian, yet he was used mightily.

Now, since God has given the Seventh-day Adventists the most amount of light, this is why we refuse to go and be part of some man-made creation that claims to be practicing the true teachings: "The Lord has declared that the history of the past shall be rehearsed as we enter upon the closing work. Every truth that He has given for these last days is to be proclaimed to the world. Every pillar that He has established is to be strengthened. We cannot now step off the foundation that God has established. We cannot now enter into any new organization; for this would mean apostasy from the truth. – Manuscript 129, 1905" {2SM 390.1}. And that was stated at the height of the alpha apostasy with Kellogg. Why would we think that it is alright to form a new organization under the omega apostasy? That would be pure selfishness. First, there is the selfish desire to worship with believers that are as near pure as ourselves to the exclusion of those that are not. Second, there is the selfishness of wanting to hear sermons to digest that do not have to be scrutinizing with every sentence spoken because it

may contain error. Third, there is a desire for new leadership, just like the days of the corrupt judges, and finally the rejection of Samuel as the prophet, for he had to be told of God, "for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them" (1 Samuel 8:7).

The final prophecy regarding this church is that we are to enter into the omega apostasy. "Be not deceived; many will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. We have now before us the alpha of this danger. The omega will be of a most startling nature" {1SM 197.4}. Please note, the departure is from the "faith" and not physically from the church. That means that the majority of Seventh-day Adventists will be caught up in the apostasy but that gives no reason to then form or join a different organization containing the name "Seventh-day Adventist" on it. We say "majority" because if it is only a few, that is not considered apostasy. That would be members being deceived, which is different than apostasy.

If one were to draw twenty boxes in four

rows of five and color nineteen green and one blue, a person would not declare the boxes to be blue in general. They would be green in general, with the exception of one box. But while in apostasy, "It is a solemn statement that I make to the church, that not one in twenty whose names are registered upon the church books are prepared to close their earthly history, and would be as verily without God and without hope in the world as the common sinner. They are professedly serving God, but they are more earnestly serving mammon. This half-and-half work is a constant denying of Christ, rather than a confessing of Christ. So many have brought into the church their own unsubdued spirit, unrefined; their spiritual taste is perverted by their own immoral, debasing corruptions, symbolizing the world in spirit, in heart, in purpose, confirming themselves in lustful practices, and are full of deception through and through in their professed Christian life. Living as sinners, claiming to be Christians! Those who claim to be Christians and will confess Christ should come out from among them

and touch not the unclean thing, and be separate..." {ChS 41.1}.

What we are to do is be part of preaching the "straight testimony". "I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God's people" {EW 270.2}.

"The light given me has been very forcible that many would go out from us, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. The Lord desires that every soul who claims to believe the truth shall have an intelligent knowledge of what is truth. False prophets will arise and will deceive many. Everything is to be shaken that can be shaken. Then does it not become everyone to understand the reasons of our faith? In place of having so many sermons there should be a more close search-

ing of the Word of God, opening the Scriptures, text by text, and searching for the strong evidences that sustain the fundamental doctrines that have brought us where we now are, upon the platform of eternal truth" {2SM 392.2}.

Again, even this quote, carefully studied, does not mean the lost Seventh-day Adventists physically leave the church. They go out from our teachings living the lives as if they were influenced and brainwashed by the teachings of Babylon, especially from the leadership. In fact, that is exactly what has happened to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They went out spiritually to these other denominations and have brought in the errors.

"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}.

Regarding the leadership and serving a warning for everyone who trusts in popular conference teachers and preachers, “The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. The observance of the false sabbath will be urged

upon us. The contest will be between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. Those who step by step have yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will then yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment and death. At this time the gold will be separated from the dross. True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it. Many a star that we have admired for its brilliance will then go out in darkness. Those who have assumed the ornaments of the sanctuary, but are not clothed with Christ's righteousness, will then appear in the shame of their own nakedness” {RH, November 20, 1913 par. 14}.

Again, how can this last quote be fulfilled if we are part of some purer organization. What utter deception is upon all those who have physically abandoned one organization to join another. Your trust is in man and not God!

Now, that does not mean we have to attend conference churches or are forbidden to leave physically and be part of home churches. Since we have brought the ways of teaching and preaching into the church, this quote intended for Seventh-day Adventists not to attend external education is applicable now for ministers who use those errors. “We have been instructed again and again that the character of the education that has long been current, can not stand the test of the Word of

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God. The subject of education is one that should interest every Seventh-day Adventist. The Lord says to us, Seventh-day Adventists are not to place themselves under the counsel and instruction of teachers who know not the truth for this time. The molding and fashioning of minds should not be left to men who have not comprehend the importance of a preparation for that life which measures with the life of God" {RH, March 12, 1908 par. 1}. "The time has come for the Lord's people to be sure that they are engaged in a work that produces as well as consumes. Those who have united themselves with the church are to situate themselves in such a way that their spiritual power will not diminish, but increase. They are not to place themselves where they will have no opportunity to grow in grace. — MS. 84, 1903" {MM 308.1}.

Keep in mind, "It is to them the power of God unto salvation. But unless the truth is enthroned in the heart, and a thorough transition takes place from darkness to light, those who handle sacred responsibilities are ministers of darkness, blind leaders of the blind. "Clouds they are with-

out water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots." God requires that every soul that names His name shall have the truth enthroned in the heart. The time in which we live demands it. Eternity demands it. Pure religion demands it" {14MR 119.2}.

That is not a new organization. We are not to sit under darkness. And we have heard how ineffective it has been among us people to share the "straight testimony". Hardly anyone wants to hear it. In fact, almost all other members really do not want to hear it themselves. They just want to happily play church and go through the formality of things.

The bottom line is that any such move to join an organization that formed without any direct prophetic insight from God through a prophet, being careful of false prophets, is usurping the final prophecies regarding the church. Here is one particular one of many that cannot take place in a "purer organization":

"O that the Lord might guide you. You should never in a single instance allow hearsay to

move you to action, and yet you have sometimes done this. Never take action to narrow and circumscribe the work unless you know that you are moved to do so by the Spirit of the Lord. Our people are doing work for foreign missions, but there are home missions that need their help just as much as these foreign missions. We should make efforts to show our people the wants of the cause of God, and to open before them the need of using means that God has entrusted to them to advance the work of the Master both at home and abroad. Unless those who can help in New York are roused to a sense of their duty, they will not recognize the work of God when the loud cry of the third angel shall be heard. When light goes forth to lighten the earth, instead of coming up to the help of the Lord, they will want to bind about his work to meet their narrow ideas. Let me tell you that the Lord will work in this last work in a manner very much out of the common order of things, and in a way that will be contrary to any human planning. There will be those among us who will always want to control the work of God, to

dictate even what movements shall be made when the work goes forward under the direction of the angel who joins the third angel in the message to be given to the world. God will use ways and means by which it will be seen that he is taking the reins in his own hands. The workers will be surprised by the simple means that he will use to bring about and perfect his work of righteousness. Those who are accounted good workers will need to draw nigh to God, they will need the divine touch. They will need to drink more deeply and continuously at the fountain of living water, in order that they may discern God's work at every point. Workers may make mistakes, but you should give them an opportunity to learn caution by leaving the work in their hands" {PC 381.1}.

**THINE HEALTH SHALL
SPRING FORTH**

SPEEDILY

Of all people on earth, we ought to be the healthiest. "And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I [am] the LORD that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26).

We have more light than any people on earth, especially regarding health. Unfortunately, our hospitals have given up that light and turned to vaccines and the ways of the world, but individually, we should be the healthiest. With that in mind, do keep in mind that we can do everything right and still get sick. It is a guilty feeling when that happens because we ought not ever show a poor representation of the health

message, however, there are things we cannot control, and we must trust in God to deal as He will.

Those employed through the only employment possible, fulfilling the responsibilities that are God-ordained as well; if a person is a coal miner, he ought to expect lung cancer still. Those who have noise disturbances through the night, despite being in the country, ought to expect headaches. Air quality and every food item purchased these days is tainted with poisons that build up.

But, while not focusing on the exception, "The body must be kept in a healthy condition in order that the soul may be in health. The condition of the body affects the condition of the soul. He who would have physical and spiritual strength must educate his appetite in right lines. He must be careful not to burden the soul by overtaxing

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his physical or spiritual powers. Faithful adherence to right principles in eating, drinking, and dressing is a duty that God has laid upon human beings” {Ev 261.1}.

When one becomes a Seventh-day Adventist, one also enrolls in the health program as a good soldier. In the military service, there is no catering to one’s likes and dislikes. If you like your meat, it is about time to get on the meatless program. You like junk food, it is time to become junk free. Of course, there is more to it than just eating right. Get the lazy bums off the couches and exercise, getting the air, sunshine, and drinking plenty of water as well. We are to be made fit for the trials of the day.

Let us be like Daniels: “But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself” (Daniel 1:8).

THY RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL GO BEFORE THEE

Ellen White comments on this by stating, “It is the righteousness of Christ that goes before

us, and this is the glory of the Lord which is to be our rearward. Ye churches of the living God, study this promise, and consider how your lack of faith, of spirituality, of divine power, is hindering the coming of the kingdom of God. If you would go forth to do Christ’s work, angels of God would open the way before you, preparing hearts to receive the gospel. Were every one of you a living missionary, the message for this time would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to every people and nation and tongue. This is the work that must be done before Christ shall come in power and great glory. I call upon the church to pray earnestly that you may understand your responsibilities. Are you individually laborers together with God? If not, why not? When do you mean to do your heaven-appointed work?” {6T 438.2}.

THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE THY REReward

For those that are taken aback by the word “rereward”, it refers to “the rear guard of an army”. In reference to God being “the captain of the LORD’S host”, we are on the front line

fighting the physical and even spiritual warfare, but we are not alone. He supports us through the use of angel forces. When it appears that “With men this is impossible”, He tells us that “with God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26). We simply march forward despite the odds “For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter” (Romans 8:36).

All of this assumes that we are part of the movement. If we are merely content being called a Seventh-day Adventist and not partaking in the battle of sharing the gospel, then there is nothing for God to support.

Everyone has a role to play in the controversy. Everyone who becomes a Seventh-day Adventist is to realize they are part of the Lord’s host to primarily further the message “to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people” (Revelation 14:6).

So, what are you doing with the tremendous light you have been given? How much do you support the troops of the Lord’s host?



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.

Did God Perform an Abomination?

Proverbs 12:22, “Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord.”

1 Kings 22:23, “The Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the Lord hath spoken evil concerning thee.”

It is clear from the Bible that “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour” (Exodus 20:16). Even Proverbs 12:22 brings out the abomination of the matter. But then 1 Kings 22:23 brings forth God’s activity of what appears, at a glance, to be God putting into the prophets a lying spirit.

This appears to be not only two verses contradicting each other, but seems to show God participating in an abomination! Obviously, that cannot be so.

To unpack the apparent contradiction, let us place 1 Kings 22:23 in proper context. 1 Kings 22:20 states, “And the

LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab...”. 1 Kings 22:39 states, “Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, [are] they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?” What we have established is that the prophets were to support the desires of King Ahab.

We also know that “Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that [were] before him” (1 Kings 16:30). “Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword” (1 Kings 19:1).

Further, we know that acts of God are not always received well, for “he hardened Pharaoh’s heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said” (Exodus 7:13). God did not arbitrarily cause Pharaoh’s heart to be hardened. That was simply the result of

the plagues. If Pharaoh would have acknowledged God right away or after the first few plagues, it would not have taken ten plagues and a drowning to cause Pharaoh’s heart to become unfeeling.

There is a saying, “the same sun that melts wax hardens clay”. Even David experienced this: “my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels” (Psalms 22:14).

We also know that God has stated, “My spirit shall not always strive with man” (Genesis 6:3). So, by Ahab’s continual desire towards evil, the prophets surrounding Ahab being Baal worshippers, that means not one had the Holy Spirit within him. That means that another spirit inhabited them all. Obviously, a spirit of lying.

Now, God did not commission an angel from Heaven to go and fill the mouths of these prophets with lies, as that is an abomination. What God did was to allow that which is

found in a parable spoken much later by Jesus: “When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth

[it] empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last [state] of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked gener-

ation” (Matthew 12:43-45).

Now, since God created all angels, 1 Kings 22:23 simply says God is taking responsibility for the waywardness of the evil ones. That is all that 1 Kings 22:23 is stating.



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 wrote, **“We should not provide for the Sabbath a more liberal supply or a greater variety of food than for other days. Instead of this the food should be more simple, and less should be eaten, in order that the mind may be clear and vigorous to comprehend spiritual things. Overeating befores the brain. The most precious words may be heard and not appreciated, because the mind is confused by an improper diet. By overeating on the Sabbath, many have done more than they think to dishonor God”** {6T 357.2}.

Yet, many churches put out a spread of food

like it was Thanksgiving Day meal. Everyone just has to sample a little of this and a little of that and before everyone knows it, they have all overeaten. But wait! There are the many deserts that are brought out afterwards. And if the quantity of food was successfully held in check, the sugar contents of the deserts will certainly throw a wrench into the digestive process, even if a small quantity is sampled.

This is far different than fellowship meal in Ellen White’s day: “Our meeting-house was well filled Sabbath morning with earnest listeners to the reading, ‘The End of All Things Is at Hand.’ In the afternoon I spoke for half an

hour, and then we had a social meeting. Church-members, students, and visitors testified freely, and all were blessed. We were glad that we had exerted ourselves to encourage old and young, believers and unbelievers, to come to the meeting. Knowing that the notice was short, and that some might come without lunch, we had provided abundance of plain food; and after some had been invited to the homes of our people, there were about forty who gathered under the broad-spreading gum-trees, and ate their food with thanksgiving and friendly conversation. After the meetings, our horses and carriages were

again brought into service to carry some to their homes” {RH, October 18, 1898 par. 3}.

People brought their lunches to church. They basically brown-bagged it as much as one could brown-bag in the day. For those that are concerned about visitors, please take note that a bit extra was brought for that purpose.

The meal is to be sufficient to remove the hunger pains, but not sufficient that an afternoon message would be incomprehensible.

The meal is to be simple, and in our day, that simple means should be easier to obtain with the variety of choices we have to put such a meal together, along with ice packs, if necessary, to keep certain foods from spoiling, especially in the heat of summer.

Many nationalities have formed an important bond through food and have exploit-

ed it so much that it is expected that a simple visit turns into the sampling of five to ten food items, even if one was not hungry. The pressure and expectation are heavily put upon such people to participate in. This has found its way into the church turning our simple meal into a major project, especially for the hands that make it so. Most preparers either miss part of the sermon or the sermon itself. Sure, many churches have equipped their dining area and kitchens with speakers to pipe the sermon to the faithful workers, but that does not replace the ability to follow along with the sermon with open Bibles.

Is it time, then, to re-think what people do for potluck, I mean, fellowship meal? Do we fear what visitors may think if we do not offer a freshly boiled and then cooked pot of spaghetti as an option instead of a mere sand-

wich or two? And that activity is also considered Sabbath-breaking where re-heating is the allowed expectation and not cooking from scratch.

Let us not treat food as a god, an idol, or the determining factor for people to see if they want to come back to our church. The focus should be on the message. If people return because they like the food, that makes you no different than a restaurant.

“Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed” (John 6:26-27).



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Healthy Living

Ellen White

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

Every Man That Striveth for the Mastery is Temperate in All Things (1 Corinthians 9:25)

"In referring to these races as a figure of the Christian warfare, Paul emphasized the preparation necessary to the success of the contestants in the race – the preliminary discipline, the abstemious diet, the necessity for temperance. "Every man that striveth for the mastery," he declared, "is temperate in all things." The runners put aside every indulgence that would tend to weaken the physical powers, and by severe and continuous discipline trained their muscles to strength and endurance, that when the day of the contest should arrive, they might put the heaviest tax upon their powers. How much more important that the Christian, whose eternal interests are at stake, bring appetite and pas-

sion under subjection to reason and the will of God! Never must he allow his attention to be diverted by amusements, luxuries, or ease. All his habits and passions must be brought under the strictest discipline. Reason, enlightened by the teachings of God's word and guided by His Spirit, must hold the reins of control." {AA 311.1}

"Very many families are living in a most unhappy state because the husband and father allows the animal in his nature to predominate over the intellectual and moral. The result is that a sense of languor and depression is frequently felt, but the cause is seldom divined as being the result of their own improper course of action. We are under solemn obligations to God to keep the spirit pure and the body healthy, that we may be a benefit to humanity, and render

to God perfect service. The apostle utters these words of warning: "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof." He urges us onward by telling us that "every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." He exhorts all who call themselves Christians to present their bodies "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." He says: "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." {2T 381.2}

"We must educate, educate, educate, pleasantly and intelligently. We must preach the truth, pray the truth, and live the truth, bringing it with its gracious, health-giving influences within the reach of those who know it not. As the sick are brought into touch

with the Life-giver their faculties of mind and body will be renewed. But in order for this to be, they must practice self-denial, and be temperate in all things. Thus only can they be saved from physical and spiritual death and restored to health.” {MM 262.3}

“If men would become temperate in all things, if they would touch not, taste not, handle not, tea, coffee, tobacco, wines, opium, and alcoholic drinks, reason would take the reins of government in her own hands, and hold the appetites and passions under control.” {CTBH 36.3}

“Some feel as though they would like to have somebody tell them how much to eat. This is not as it should be. We are to act from a moral and religious standpoint. We are to be temperate in all things, because an incorruptible crown, a heavenly treasure, is before us.” {CTBH 153.2}

“We should educate ourselves, not only to live in harmony with the laws of health, but to teach others the

better way. Many, even of those who profess to believe the special truths for this time, are lamentably ignorant with regard to health and temperance. They need to be educated, line upon line, precept upon precept. The subject must be kept fresh before them. This matter must not be passed over as non-essential; for nearly every family needs to be stirred up on the question. The conscience must be aroused to the duty of practicing the principles of true reform. God requires that his people shall be temperate in all things. Unless they practice true temperance, they will not, they cannot, be susceptible to the sanctifying influence of the truth.” {CTBH 117.1}

“I consider that one reason why I have been able to do so much work both in speaking and in writing, is because I am strictly temperate in my eating. If several varieties of food are placed before me, I endeavor to choose only those that I know will agree. Thus I am enabled to preserve clear mental faculties. I refuse to place in my stomach knowingly anything that will

set up fermentation. This is the duty of all health reformers. We must reason from cause to effect. It is our duty to be temperate in all things.” {CD 493.3}

“The Christian will be temperate in all things, – in eating, in drinking, in dress, and in every phase of life. “Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.” We have no right to indulge in anything that will result in a condition of mind that hinders the Spirit of God from impressing us with the sense of our duty. It is a masterpiece of satanic skill to place men where they can with difficulty be reached with the gospel.” {RH, August 29, 1907 par. 19}

“Another cause, both of ill health and of inefficiency in labor, is indigestion. It is impossible for the brain to do its best work when the digestive powers are abused. Many eat hurriedly of various kinds of food; this causes war in the stomach, and confuses the brain. The use of unwholesome food, and overeating of

even that which is wholesome, should alike be avoided. Many eat at all hours, regardless of the laws of health. Then gloom covers the mind. How can men be honored with divine enlightenment when they are so reckless in their habits, so inattentive to the light which God has given in regard to these things? Brethren, is it not time for you to be converted on these points of selfish indulgence? "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." Study these words earnestly." {RH, June 20, 1912 par. 11}

"The intelligent Christian physician has an increasing knowledge

of the connection between sin and disease. He is constantly striving to perfect his knowledge of the relation between cause and effect. He sees the necessity of educating those who are taking the nurse's course to be strictly temperate in all things, because carelessness in regard to the laws of health, a neglect to properly care for the body, is the cause of much of the disease on our world. A failure to care for the living machinery is an insult to the Creator. There are divinely appointed rules which, if observed, will keep human beings from disease and premature death. . . ." {MM 49.2}

"He who strives for the mastery must be temperate in all things. Daniel's clearness of mind and firmness of purpose, his power in acquiring knowledge and in resisting temptation, were due in a great degree to the plainness of his diet, in connection with his life of prayer." {MYP 242.2}

"The mind does not wear out nor break down so often on ac-

count of diligent employment and hard study, as on account of eating improper food at improper times, and of careless inattention to the laws of health. The diet question deserves careful study, and students can do more for themselves than teachers can do for them by prescribing strict rules and regulations. Let students preserve a conscience void of offense toward God and man." {YI, May 31, 1894 par. 2}

"God requires that His people shall be temperate in all things. Unless they practice temperance, they will not, cannot, be sanctified through the truth. Their very thoughts and minds become depraved. Many of those looked upon as hopelessly depraved, will, if properly instructed in regard to their unhealthful practices, be arrested with the truth. Then they may be elevated, ennobled, sanctified, fit vessels for the Master's use. Go with your hands full of proper reading matter, and your heart full of the love of Christ for their souls, reaching them where they are." –

Manuscript 1, 1875.
{Te 252.1}

“God requires that his people should be temperate in all things. The example of Christ, during that long fast in the wilderness, should teach his followers to repulse Satan when he comes under the guise of appetite. Then may they have influence to reform those who have been led astray by indulgence, and have lost moral power to overcome the weakness and sin that has taken possession of them. Thus may Christians secure health and happiness, in a pure, well-ordered life and a mind clear and untainted before God.” {ST, January 6, 1876 par. 25}

“We are to be temperate in all things. Not only should we be careful to exercise judgment in the selection of proper food, but strict temperance in eating and in drinking is essential to the healthy preservation and vigorous exercise of all functions of the body. But intemperance in eating, even of healthful food, will have an injurious effect upon the system, and will blunt the men-

tal and moral faculties.” {ST, September 1, 1887 par. 7}

“Christ is not dead. He has proclaimed over the rent sepulcher of Joseph, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). Satan has thrown his dark shadow across our pathway, but let not our faith falter. Rather, let it cleave through the shadows to the place where Christ sits as our Intercessor. Satan is trying to hide the light of heaven from us, but he cannot do this if we will cling to the mighty One. Call upon the Lord, and He will answer, "Here am I." Cooperate with God in striving against the enemy. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and be determined that you will be temperate in all things.” {1SAT 323.2}

“The Lord is about to punish the world for its iniquity. He is about to punish religious bodies for their rejection of the light and truth which has been given them. The great message, combining the first, second, and third angel's messages, is to be given to the world. This is to be the burden

of our work. Those who truly believe in Christ will openly conform to the law of Jehovah. The Sabbath is the sign between God and His people, and we are to make visible our conformity to the law of God by observing the Sabbath. It is to be the mark of distinction between God's chosen people and the world. It means much to be true to God. This embraces health reform. It means that our diet must be simple, that we must be temperate in all things. The many varieties of food so often seen on tables is not necessary, but highly injurious. Mind and body are to be preserved in the best condition of health. Only those who have been trained in the knowledge and fear of God should be chosen to take responsibilities. Those who have been long in the truth, yet who cannot distinguish between the pure principles of righteousness and the principles of evil, whose understanding in regard to justice, mercy, and the love of God is beclouded, should be relieved of responsibility.” {KC 105.3}



Healthy And Delicious Recipes

Ranch Dressing

Ingredients

- 1 cup raw cashews
- ½ cup water
- ⅓ cup peeled and diced cucumber
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon onion powder

- ½ teaspoon sea salt, or to taste
- ¼ teaspoon dried dill
- Chives, for garnish

Instructions

- In a high-speed blender, place the cashews, water, cucumber, lemon

juice, garlic powder, onion powder, salt, and dill and blend until completely smooth and creamy.

- Season to taste with salt, if desired. Sprinkle with fresh chives and serve.



Natural Remedies

COMMENT: *In these times we live in, even access to natural supplements will become increasingly difficult to access, so we are going to try our best to use the most natural means possible to deal with health situations.*

Lemon/Garlic drink

Most of us seem hesitant to include much garlic in our meals due to the effect it has on our breath, therefore, interaction with other people. Unfortunately, by avoiding garlic we are cheating ourselves out of its wonderful anti-viral benefits. Here is a quick and easy way

to incorporate more garlic in our diet while eliminating the "bad breath" by blending it with lemon.

- 2 small cloves of garlic
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1/2 cup of water

Blend all together until smooth and drink it down. If you are already infected with a bug, have this drink three or four times a day. For prevention, once a day.



Natural Vitamins

Burdock root

Burdock is a vegetable with deep roots that are very long and vary in color from beige to

brown and nearly black on the outside. It can be ingested fresh in recipes, as a tea, dried

powder or as an oil or extract. Burdock Root has been used to treat a variety of different

conditions most commonly used as a diuretic and a digestive aid.

Burdock Root is a powerhouse of antioxidants which protect cells in the body from damage due to free radicals and reduce inflammation.

Burdock Root also removes toxins from the blood. This is actually one of the most common uses for Burdock Root. Studies have shown that it detoxifies the blood and promotes increased circulation in the surface of the skin. Some research has actually shown that not only does it purify the blood, but also may inhibit certain types of cancer like pancreatic carcinoma. Of course,

more research is needed.

Burdock Root has been used to treat skin conditions like acne and eczema. The root's anti-inflammatory and antibacterial properties can help resolve skin issues when applied topically. It may also help treat topical burns.

There are some potential risks and side effects to watch for.

It should not be used on children unless under the supervision of a healthcare provider. Supplements should be taken in moderation. It is considered safe to eat, but make sure you get it from a reputable seller/grocer and never should it be collected from the wild as it re-

sembles Belladonna, which is highly toxic and the plants often grow together.

Burdock Root is a natural diuretic, so you shouldn't take it if you're dehydrated or if you're also taking other diuretics or water pills, as it can increase dehydration.

If you are allergic to chrysanthemums or daisies, you may be at an increased risk of having an allergic reaction to Burdock Root and should avoid it.

And as always, pregnant women or women trying to become pregnant should not take Burdock Root or supplements.



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.

John 6:47 seems to be a simple verse but very specific, if you have the right version. There is a difference between believing in something in general and believing in Jesus. To believe in Jesus is to believe He is the Son of God Who can provide power over every temptation and every

sin (1 Corinthians 10:13), is able to keep us from falling (Jude 24), and provide forgiveness of our sins upon the asking (1 John 1:9), allowing us the opportunity to have eternal life. Belief is not just that Jesus exists, but a whole lot more. When we take Jesus out of the equa-

tion though, as some popular versions do, that allows people to believe in anything they want and still expect to have eternal life. The fact that Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6) means that Jesus is to

be referenced in the verse and not left out, rather than just being vaguely implied, if even that.

King James Bible: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

In Error

American Standard Version: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth hath eternal life.

Berean Literal Bible: Truly, truly, I say to you, the one believing has eternal life.

Berean Study Bible: Truly, truly, I tell you, he who believes has eternal life.

Christian Standard Bible: "Truly I tell you, anyone who believes has eternal life.

English Revised Version: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth hath eternal life.

English Standard Version: Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.

Godbey New Testament: Truly, truly, I say unto you, the one believing has eternal life.

GOD'S WORD® Translation: I can guarantee this truth: Every believer has eternal life.

Good News Translation: I am telling you the

truth: he who believes has eternal life.

Holman Christian Standard Bible: "I assure you: Anyone who believes has eternal life.

Literal Emphasis Translation: Truly, truly I say to you, the one believing has life eternal.

NET Bible: I tell you the solemn truth, the one who believes has eternal life.

New American Standard Bible: Truly, truly, I say to you, the one who believes has eternal life.

New Heart English Bible: Truly, truly, I tell you, he who believes has everlasting life.

New International Version: Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life.

New Living Translation: I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life.

Weymouth New Testament: "In most solemn truth I tell you that he who believes has the Life of the Ages.

Worrell New Testament: Verily, verily, I say to you, he that believes has eternal life.

Correct This Time:

A Faithful Version: Truly, truly I say to you, the one who believes in Me has eternal life.

Amplified Bible: I assure

you and most solemnly say to you, he who believes [in Me as Savior— whoever adheres to, trusts in, relies on, and has faith in Me— already] has eternal life [that is, now possesses it].

Anderson New Testament: Verily, verily I say to you, He that believes on me has eternal life.

Aramaic Bible in Plain English: "Timeless truth I speak to you: 'Whoever trusts in me has eternal life.'"

Bishops' Bible of 1568: Ueryly veryly I say vnto you, he that putteth his trust in me, hath euerlasting lyfe.

Catholic Public Domain Version: Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me has eternal life.

Contemporary English Version: I tell you for certain that everyone who has faith in me has eternal life.

Coverdale Bible of 1535: Verely verely I saye vnto you: He that beleueth on me, hath euerlastinge life.

Darby Bible Translation: Verily, verily, I say to you, He that believes [on me] has life eternal.

Douay-Rheims Bible: Amen, amen I say unto you: He that believeth in me, hath everlasting life.

Geneva Bible of 1587: Verely, verely I say vnto

you, hee that beleeueth in me, hath euerlasting life.

Haweis New Testament: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

International Standard Version: Truly, I tell all of you emphatically, the one who believes in me has eternal life.

Lamsa Bible: Truly, truly, I say to you, He who believes in me has eternal life.

Literal Standard Version: Truly, truly, I say to you, he who is believing

in Me has continuous life;

Mace New Testament: I declare unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

New King James Version: Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

Smith's Literal Translation: Truly, truly, I say to you, he believing in me has eternal life.

Tyndale Bible of 1526: Verely verely I saye vnto you he that beleveth on me hath everlastinge lyfe.

Webster's Bible Translation: Verily, verily, I say to you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

World English Bible: Most certainly, I tell you, he who believes in me has eternal life.

Worsley New Testament: He hath seen the Father. Verily, verily, I declare unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

Young's Literal Translation: 'Verily, verily, I say to you, He who is believing in me, hath life age-during;



Questions And Answers

QUESTION: You use an Ellen White quote quite often regarding the structure would be swept away. You do know that the quote is conditional?

ANSWER: Yes, we are quite aware that the quote is conditional but if all of the conditions are met, which they are, then the conclusion will happen. The structure that we call the General Conference is clearly going to be swept away.

Let us look at the quote as one large paragraph and then, piece by piece, to dissect it.

“The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take

place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual

philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure” {1SM 204.2}.

THE ENEMY OF SOULS

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Only those who are true to God's Word and uplift the Spirit of Prophecy can tell that a false reformation has been for some time grabbing hold of the Seventh-day Adventist church in general. In other words, if one does not know what the church used to be, they can easily not see the changes that have occurred, almost imperceptibly, leading us into a different look and feel. Those who are just playing church are not going to see what we point out and will demand concrete evidence before agreeing with us, and that is sad. Too many have the Roman Catholic view of being a Seventh-day Adventist by simply putting in their time in at church, fulfilling an obligation. Any religious activity outside of Sabbath hours is usually frowned upon attending. Go to the scriptures and go to the Spirit of Prophecy to study them properly, not looking for a quote to support your side, but gathering all of the material on the subject matter and see where the bulk of evidence resides.

True Seventh-day Adventists are considered

the troublers of Israel. What used to be taught from our pulpits is no longer taught, but is replaced by an ecumenical effort with other denominations, even joining in counsels with other denominations and trying to distance ourselves from what has made us unique seems to be the goal. Apologies are quickly made by the General Conference when real Seventh-day Adventist literature is distributed, and even condemnations are placed upon those who are just doing what we are told to do when it comes to distributing *The Great Controversy*, etc.. Overall, there has been a very successful attempt to turn our church from what appears to be legalistic in their eyes with commandment keeping, diet restrictions, dress reform, etc., into something more entertaining, similar in appearance to all other churches and other practices just to look more friendly.

AND THAT THIS REFOR-
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There should be no surprise that this, too, has been fulfilled. We have distanced ourselves from 1844. We have gone as far as believing it was a mistake. We

have been distancing ourselves from Ellen White as a prophet and when Pope Francis condemned Ellen White as a heretic, there was no outrage from the General Conference. The church has gone as far as not knowing really what the Mark of the Beast is, in fact, we have distanced ourselves from identifying the Beast and from calling all other denominations "Babylon". The Sabbath is not held in as high regard. Dietary messages are seldomly spoken of. Our people are being fed the same sermons as Sunday keepers.

AND ENGAGING IN A
PROCESS OF REORGANI-
ZATION.

I had the privilege of sitting on a conference board and heard all of the gruesome details shortly after joining the church. Instead of churches and their church boards being in control, pastors were given plans as to how to oust the old regime and make it so that the churches are pastor-driven instead, which is a Catholic organizational structuring. By finding fault with certain members – usually exaggerated – they would be disqualified from the board and replaced by handpicked replacements of the pastor. Other offices would be created that were not in

existence before and would have pastor supportive people put in place that would also be made members of the board without the church voting on the assignments, resulting in an outnumbering of the old regime.

And in the late 1990s, I was able to participate in a General Conference representative meeting where we were to select delegates to attend the General Conference of the 2000 meeting. The election was rigged. We were to select two people as delegates, as the usual quantity, but one had to be a conference person and the other had to be female. Needless to say, male, non-conference church members could not be part of the delegation. It is a known fact that conference personnel are usually supportive of the conference and, in many times, women seem to be sympathetic to the conference as well. Please do not take offense. This is not meant to be sexist, but evidently that was how the conference was believing and rigged the process in that direction, otherwise there would have been no need for such a rule. The old rule of picking two delegates without restriction would have remained in place.

WERE THIS REFORMATION TO TAKE PLACE, WHAT WOULD RESULT?

And that is just it. This is conditional, but the above conditions have already taken place and are in place. Now let us look how far we have gone down that pathway to see if the final conclusion is set up to take place.

THE PRINCIPLES OF TRUTH THAT GOD IN HIS WISDOM HAS GIVEN TO THE REMNANT CHURCH, WOULD BE DISCARDED.

The truth is, "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination" (Leviticus 20:13), and yet, many Seventh-day Adventist churches have welcome messages for the LGBTQ+ movement placed on their websites. The truth is, "the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him" (Daniel 7:13) which occurred in 1844, yet Seventh-day Adventist churches want to teach that Jesus ascended directly to the Most Holy Place as the NIV teaches instead of the KJV, which places Jesus in the proper place of being in the Holy Place. The truth is that Ellen White is a prophet, in fact, "more than a prophet", yet Seventh-

day Adventist leadership teaches that she is simply a good source of inspirational material and not for doctrinal consideration.

Another truth is, " In chapter 13 (verses 1-10) is described another beast, 'like unto a leopard,' to which the dragon gave 'his power, and his seat, and great authority.' This symbol, as most Protestants have believed, represents the papacy, which succeeded to the power and seat and authority once held by the ancient Roman empire. Of the leopardlike beast it is declared: 'There was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies. . . . And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.' This prophecy, which is nearly identical with the description of the little horn of Daniel 7, unquestionably points to the papacy" {GC 439.1}. However, many of the Seventh-day Adventist churches are opening up the thought that it may be someone out of the Muslim countries instead, just like the Evan-

gical churches promote.

Additionally, “As the sign of the authority of the Catholic Church, papist writers cite, ‘the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which Protestants allow of . . . because by keeping Sunday strictly they acknowledge the church's power to ordain feasts, and to command them under sin.’ [‘ABRIDGMENT OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE.’] What then is the change of the Sabbath, but the sign or mark of the authority of the Romish Church—‘the mark of the beast’?” {GC88 448.2}. However, Ted Wilson, for most of his leadership so far, has been declaring that it is any day but Saturday. Only recently, because of the pressures, did he come out and declare what the Mark of the Beast is. Will he also correct the printed material that has been well distributed presenting the error in his book and referenced as a positive thing in the Review and Herald?

OUR RELIGION WOULD BE CHANGED.

The number of churches that I enter into and speak most often greet me afterwards with the awareness that they have not heard these things for years. Our denomination used to do everything to avoid

the use of drugs by natural means, and yet today, even the Seventh-day Adventist churches are locations for getting the injections, hospitals serve unclean meats in the cafeteria, sponsor worldly events, and more. Seventh-day Adventist churches seem to be caught up in social issues that neither Jesus nor Ellen White would be involved in, including marching with Black Lives Matter rallies, furthering the LGBTQ+ movement, participating in government programs, and more.

THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES THAT HAVE SUSTAINED THE WORK FOR THE LAST FIFTY YEARS WOULD BE ACCOUNTED AS ERROR.

Ever hear that Ellen White’s rhetoric on the papacy was influenced by the attitudes towards the papacy in the 1800s but since then, attitudes have changed? That is a simple way of stating that anything and everything of Ellen White’s writings that deal with the papacy, Protestants as part of Babylon, and even the Mark of the Beast, is error. Even Hiram Edson, along with many of the pioneers, are considered in error because they really did not understand the proper manner of Bible study, using the method of the Bible being its own interpreter. By the way, that is the only way

to properly study the Bible, and God told us that through the prophet Isaiah according to Isaiah 28:9-10.

A NEW ORGANIZATION WOULD BE ESTABLISHED.

We are not talking about changing the name, filing new papers with the government, or anything like that. A new organization includes how things operate. The original organization started with a person coming to Christ, gathering with like believers and becoming a church, then connected with other churches of like belief, and established the movement. The current organization comes from Rome, in which the leaders tell the subordinates the agenda who plan out how to execute the agenda and then equip the pastors to bring the members in line with the agenda. As stated earlier, it has been organized.

BOOKS OF A NEW ORDER WOULD BE WRITTEN.

This one should be something everyone can agree on. Putting out the stripped-down version of *The Great Controversy* and calling it *The Great Hope* is a blatant example. Other examples include a significant change in the quarterly contents where servants of Rome

are allowed to write in it along with known atheists and people from other denominations. Who are they to be able to come from Babylon and teach Israel?

A SYSTEM OF INTELLECTUAL PHILOSOPHY WOULD BE INTRODUCED.

These same quarterlies also uplift psychologists, philosophers, and other people of sciences not realizing that Ellen White penned, "The days are fast approaching when there will be great perplexity and confusion. Satan, clothed in angel robes, will deceive, if possible, the very elect. There will be gods many and lords many. Every wind of doctrine will be blowing. Those who have rendered supreme homage to "science falsely so called" will not be the leaders then. Those who have trusted to intellect, genius, or talent will not then stand at the head of rank and file. They did not keep pace with the light. Those who have proved themselves unfaithful will not then be entrusted with the flock. In the last solemn work few great men will be engaged. They are self-sufficient, independent of God, and He cannot use them. The Lord has faithful servants, who in the shaking, testing time will be disclosed to view. There are precious ones now hidden who

have not bowed the knee to Baal. They have not had the light which has been shining in a concentrated blaze upon you. But it may be under a rough and uninviting exterior the pure brightness of a genuine Christian character will be revealed. In the day time we look toward heaven but do not see the stars. They are there, fixed in the firmament, but the eye cannot distinguish them. In the night we behold their genuine luster" {5T 80.1}.

A critical method of Bible study has replaced the pioneer method of comparing scripture with scripture allowing the Bible to be its own interpreter. This new style demands a pastor to help understand the Bible.

THE FOUNDERS OF THIS SYSTEM WOULD GO INTO THE CITIES, AND DO A WONDERFUL WORK.

And this is why the new theology, the new organization, the new Seventh-day Adventism is able to be so effective. Who can argue with such kindness and care and love? Unfortunately, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is not exempt from fulfilling this part of the quote. They do a wonderful work. The people associated with ADRA are wonderful

people. But there have been a number of questionable associations and methodologies used. Even the government tells ADRA how to operate.

And much effort is placed upon friendship evangelism with programs in place to participate in, usually of an ecumenical nature, to interact and show the friendlier side. Yes, we are to interact in a friendly way with the world to draw trust, but we need to remember that time is running out. We cannot afford to be trying to build such relationships using ten, twenty, or more years.

THE SABBATH OF COURSE, WOULD BE LIGHTLY REGARDED, AS ALSO THE GOD WHO CREATED IT.

Yes, it is an old example, but there was a case where a church gathered their members and went to a needy person on the Sabbath and painted the entire house, and this was reported in church publications, primarily a quarterly study, during the 90s as being a model church.

We have reported in our Church Watch section where a whole church was invited to show up at the movie theatre to watch the movie *Black Panther*, requiring those who were attending the movie to be driving to

the location during Sabbath hours. The announcement of attendance at the movie was made during the church service. Yes, the movie began minutes after the Sabbath, but guarding the edge of the Sabbath and the Sabbath itself was dismissed.

NOTHING WOULD BE ALLOWED TO STAND IN THE WAY OF THE NEW MOVEMENT.

Those who oppose the new theology have been pushed out, forbidden to use the pulpit, have been made out to look like troublemakers, have been spiritually beaten up. The congregations are kept in darkness to the truth, especially regarding the topic of perfection, and therefore join in with the condemnation of those standing on the original standards.

THE LEADERS WOULD TEACH THAT VIRTUE IS BETTER THAN VICE

And this is how Ted Wilson remains president. They teach or use the words that make people believe one thing when reality does not support it. Saying that the Three Angels' Messages were preached to the gathering in 2016, a virtuous thing, when only the words Three Angels' Messages were stated in a message is completely in the context of teaching one thing and doing another.

The acts of kindness and gentleness are uplifted as caring while duty and responsibility are looked upon as arrogant, uncaring, and very much unloving. Again, the book *The Great Controversy* is viewed as abrasive, coarse, and hurtful while *The Great Hope* is considered to be gentle, more receptive, and a kinder approach.

BUT GOD BEING REMOVED, THEY WOULD PLACE THEIR DEPENDENCE ON HUMAN POWER, WHICH, WITHOUT GOD, IS WORTHLESS.

Again, we have become an organization that comes from the top down to the people when it is supposed to be from the people up. The churches have become pastor dependent instead of God dependent.

THEIR FOUNDATION WOULD BE BUILT ON THE SAND

There is no justification to remove the "clobber texts" from the Bible but that seems to be the chant of pastors that are supportive of making church more welcoming to the LGBTQ+ community. This is an example of the doctrine built upon the sand instead of the Rock. Not having Ellen White truly supportive, finding only obscure texts to justify even women's ordination, and much more, shows where they have built

the new Adventism.

AND STORM AND TEMPEST WOULD SWEEP AWAY THE STRUCTURE.

Therefore, when Sunday law comes in, the structure will be swept away. We are no longer thinking that this is conditional. We are already well past the word "if" or, according to the quote, "Were this reformation to take place". No longer is it "were to take place" it "is taking place", and the end result will be that the structure will be removed, hence why we are told, "There will be those among us who will always want to control the work of God, to dictate even what movements shall be made when the work goes forward under the direction of the angel who joins the third angel in the message to be given to the world. God will use ways and means by which it will be seen that He is taking the reins in His own hands. The workers will be surprised by the simple means that He will use to bring about and perfect His work of righteousness. Those who are accounted good workers will need to draw nigh to God, they will need the divine touch" {TM 299.2}.



Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth

This section is not about revealing the apostasy and creating ill feeling towards the conference. It is to make sure that no one is caught up in those that participate in the apostasy. That is what it means to “Declare What I See” because God says, “When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand” (Ezekiel 3:18). We have enough to worry about our own life; we do not need your (in general) blood to be on us too.

Sept. 3—Diocese Forlì-Bertinoro

Saturday 4 September, appointment in Pieveacquedotto to celebrate the Day of Creation

On the occasion of the 16th National Day for the Custody of Creation on the theme “Walking in a new life. The ecological transition for the care of life”, the diocese of Forlì-Bertinoro proposes for tomorrow, Saturday 4 September, an event that will take place at the parish of Pieveacquedotto. From 5 pm the meeting “For a true ecological transition / conversion in families and parishes” will take place organized by Social Pastoral, Caritas, Migrantes Service and Missionary Office, with testimonies and reflections of associations, movements, businesses, parish groups, religious communities, exponents of other faiths who in recent years have been involved in various ways on the theme of the environment with the presence also of the Orthodox, Adventist and Muslim communities. The event, It will also be possible to visit the exhibition “Laudato si’”. Itinerary on the encyclical of

Pope Francis “which can also be set up in parishes. On Sunday 5 September, the day will be celebrated during the festive masses.

Comment: Why are Adventists specifically identified when only the Orthodox church is being the only other denomination that was not Catholic mentioned? Yes, the Muslim community, but where are the Evangelicals, Protestants in General, other denominations? It is because we are cooperating with Rome more so than all of them.

EGW: While we are to be kind and courteous to all, we are not to connect with those who we know are acting in opposition to God. {ST, November 26, 1896 par. 11}

Sept. 10—Fulcrum 7

Texas Conference: There Are NO Religious Exemptions

The Bad news is that the Conference will not be providing any religious exemptions. We are at a loss as to why the Texas Conference wants to discourage members from asserting conscientious objections to this vaccine,

and from asking a local pastor for help with a letter asserting a religious exemption, but legally it is none of their business.

EGW: As religious aggression subverts the liberties of our nation, those who would stand for freedom of conscience will be placed in unfavorable positions. For their own sake, they should, while they have opportunity, become intelligent in regard to disease, its causes, prevention, and cure. And those who do this will find a field of labor anywhere. There will be suffering ones, plenty of them, who will need help, not only among those of our own faith, but largely among those who know not the truth. {MM, December 1, 1892 par. 7}

Sept. 12—Orlando Sentinel

Faith leaders: Vaccination is a grace of God | Commentary

We’re a coalition of Seventh-Day Adventists, Pentecostals, Baptists, Roman Catholics, Episcopalians and nondenominational ministries. We’ve opted to rethink our beliefs, and joined this mission to

awaken all others.

EGW: The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. {1SM 204.2}

Sept. 22—Advent Messenger

An Adventist Division, a Conference, the Pathfinders, Adventist Academies and Churches Commemorate Arbor Day with Tree Planting, Tree Hugging and Lessons on Sustainability

Bible: Romans 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator.

Sept. 13—Fulcrum 7

Mid America Union Joins Columbia and Pacific Unions In Rebellion Over WO

He said there have been three votes on WO at the General Conference Session level (90, 95, 2015). He said that the opposition to WO was diminishing with each vote, and the support for it was increasing, so it was inevitable to occur eventually.

Comment: Is this the way Jesus would operate? Wear them down until they give in?

EGW: This was a season of refreshing to many souls, but it did not abide upon some. Just as soon as they saw that Sister White did not agree with

all their ideas and harmonize with the propositions and resolutions to be voted upon in that conference, the evidence they had received had as little weight with some as did the words spoken by Christ in the synagogue to the Nazarenes. Their hearts were touched by the Spirit of God. They heard, as it were, God speaking to them through His Son. They saw, they felt, the divine influence of the Spirit of God and all witnessed to the gracious words that proceeded from His mouth. But Satan was at their side with his unbelief and they admitted the questioning and the doubts, and unbelief followed. The Spirit of God was quenched. In this madness they would have hurled Jesus from the precipice had not God protected Him that their rage did not harm Him. When Satan once has control of the mind he makes fools and demons of those who have been esteemed as excellent men. Prejudice, pride, and stubbornness are terrible elements to take possession of the human mind. {1888 207.2}

Sept. 23—Advent Messenger

The same Adventist Artist who Creates Church-themed Sculptures for our Institutions also Creates Nude Sculptures for the World

Bible: Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love

the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Sept. 27—Bakersfield News

Bakersfield woman sues Adventist to force ivermectin COVID treatment

A local woman is suing Adventist Health to force the hospital to treat her husband with ivermectin, a medication for parasitic diseases that some have proposed as a treatment for COVID-19.

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

Comment: We are not sure if the couple are Seventh-day Adventists or not, but Sunday laws is looming. A large class would include most of our medical institutions. They have abandon the position of believing the

truth, even the writings of Ellen White along with scripture. They have joined the ranks of those opposing us who do not want the injections. They have united with the world's agenda of pushing the vaccines. It is so easy to just go along with the agenda.

Sept. 29—Adventist News

Adventist Church in Puerto Rico Showcases First Major Evangelistic Film

EGW: Sin is gilded over by church sanctity. These various forms of amusement in the churches of our day have ruined thousands who, but for them, might have remained upright and become the followers of Christ.

Wrecks of character have been made by these fashionable church festivals

and theatrical performances, and thousands more will be destroyed; yet people will not be aware of the danger, nor of the fearful influences exerted. Many young men and women have lost their souls through these corrupting influences. {RH, November 21, 1878 par. 16}



News And Comments

Sept. 1—Fox News

One alcoholic drink raises risk of irregular heartbeat, study suggests

Alcoholics will quickly refute this study by claiming other studies that have positive effects upon people. Everything has positive and negative effects. We accept the items that we appreciate the positives of knowing we need to deal with the negatives, if they are tolerable. What it actually comes down to, though, is what God declares – "Wine [is] a mocker, strong drink [is] raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1). Only unwise people will defend the use of alcohol. Therefore, if one were to draw a list of positives and negatives about alcohol and that list showed 95%

positive, it does not matter. God says to not use alcohol.

Sept. 7—News Directory

The rain made the girls naked to please the gods; Video out

"Six five-year-old girls are seen walking naked. The girls also have a wooden stick tied to the frog. The video also shows a group of women marching behind them." But people say, "We all serve the same God!" The true God says to cover up – not become naked. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). True Christianity is the only true religion. All others are pagan. We can coexist as it is not Jesus' way to kill unbelievers, but that does not mean we

accept their gods.

Sept. 4—Times of Israel

Virus czar calls to begin readying for eventual 4th vaccine dose

Sept. 5—News Break

For scientists, path to COVID-19 endgame remains uncertain

There is a saying about someone who keeps doing the exact same thing expecting a different result, of course we are not referring to Elijah's prayer for rain. We are talking about man-made solution that is not a solution. The vaccines were only recently developed and released this year. To have four shots and some of them being "booster" shots means that a person is being jabbed every other month already. When will the madness end? "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the

wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived" (Revelation 18:3, 23). With the nation's leaders along with the merchants and along with the sorceries or "pharmakeia" that leads to the all of the "pharm-" words being used to deceive, it will never end. This is the end games.

Sept. 5—NBC News

No major organized religion objects to Covid vaccines. Will religious exemptions hold?

That is not how our constitution works! But then we are told, "our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government" {5T 451.1}.

Sept. 7—MSN

We treat COVID patients. Here's why the

'pandemic of the unvaccinated' narrative is wrong.

That means that all of the mistreatment, singling out, the pressures upon the unvaccinated, is uncalled for and actually mimics the activities of Germany of old, turning the people against another group. The hospitals that refuse to treat unvaccinated, the flights and cruise ships that forbid unvaccinated, shops refusing to serve the unvaccinated, employers pressuring the unvaccinated, are all acting out of hysteria, unfairly, and just downright mean. The spirit that will lead to "And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (Revelation 13:17) is all in place. Wait until the Mark actually shows up.

Sept. 8—Yahoo News

Sorry, Night Owls: The Sleep You're Missing Before Midnight Is Crucial—Here's Why

"There are young men and young women who are very much opposed to order and discipline. They pay no heed to rules for rising and retiring at regular hours, but burn the midnight oil, and then lie in bed in the morning for one or two hours after daylight. At night they de-

pend upon artificial light; for they regard the expenditure of money for artificial light as a trivial matter, and break up all the precious habits of order. They idle away their time in the morning hours, and thus make it necessary to stay up at night, and use fuel and light for which there must be extra expense, when, had they properly employed the early hours, there would have been no need of late hours. It is true they will make the excuse for their late hours, that they cannot get through their work. They will say, 'There are things that I must do before I can retire for the night.' Would it not be well to break up the habit of turning the precious morning hours into night, and turning the hours of night into day by the use of artificial light?" {YI, September 7, 1893 par. 4}

Sept. 12—Vatican Press
Apostolic Journey of the Holy Father Francis

"As I look out at you, my brothers and fellow Christians, I bless your continuing journey towards full communion." The Bible says, "and all the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 13:3) as being "THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS" (Revelation 17:5). "These records of the past clearly reveal

the enmity of Rome toward the true Sabbath and its defenders, and the means which she employs to honor the institution of her creating. The word of God teaches that these scenes are to be repeated as Roman Catholics and Protestants shall unite for the exaltation of the Sunday." {GC 578.2}

Sept. 9—Market Watch

Opinion: Millions are dying unnecessarily from COVID because of selfishness, greed and a perverse misunderstanding of human freedom

This is a lie, and exaggeration on all parts. Yahoo news made this an actual news article when it is an example of someone being brainwashed. The implication is that the United States are losing millions of people. We only have a little over 300 million total with children under 12 being exempt from the vaccine causing that number to be significantly lower than 300 million. Now, is that daily, weekly, monthly? If it is from the beginning, it is still a lie, especially since the "unnecessary" part of avoiding the vaccine did not start until this year and was not available to everyone right away. So, counting only the past four months (May

to August), millions did not die. Many have supposedly contracted the virus, but at a death rate by the CDC of less than 1%, there is no way millions have died. The more they push this narrative, the more it reveals that there is a bigger picture where "the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication" (Rev-elation 17:1-2). It is to hate those that are not participating in the hidden factors of the vaccine, and that is no kooky conspiracy theory. It is biblical prophecy.

Sept. 14—Reuters

Indian study finds big drop in COVID antibodies within four months of vaccination

What utter nonsense. A vaccine that loses effectiveness within a short period of time! Just how many boosters will it take and will they always be free? Just more of the agenda that people continue to give power to. "My dear friends, instead of taking a course to baffle disease, you are petting it and yielding to its power. You should avoid the use of drugs and carefully observe

the laws of health. If you regard your life you should eat plain food, prepared in the simplest manner, and take more physical exercise. Each member of the family needs the benefits of health reform. But drug-ging should be forever abandoned; for while it does not cure any malady, it enfeebles the system, making it more susceptible to disease" {5T 311.1}.

Sept. 15—Market Watch

Requests for religious exemptions grow after new COVID-19 vaccine mandates

"The administration acknowledges that a small minority of Americans will use — and some may seek to exploit — religious exemptions". As the exploitations increase, expect this exemption to be more challenging, if not taken away. No matter what, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

Sept. 16—Washington Examiner

'Don Lemon says unvaccinated people should be 'shunned' or 'left behind'

This is the attitude shared with many and the agenda to create the attitude, which eventually leads to the

point of fulfilling Revelation 13:16-17: "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

Sept. 20—The Conversation

A giant space rock demolished an ancient Middle Eastern city and everyone in it – possibly inspiring the Biblical story of Sodom

No. God inspired the story. Moses is the one the recorded it being over 400 years after the event and given in such detail as if it was voiced to Moses or given in a vision. It is also too coincidental that the wicked city was hit by a space rock. For Moses to pen, "Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven" (Genesis 19:24) when it was just a space rock would be a lie, an exaggeration. And that principle goes against the godliness of taught in the Bible. So, no, there was no space rock involved. And Jesus, of all people, would not have referred to such an event if it was just a random story. What idiocracy that

even Christians get caught up into thinking that such might be possible. No wonder this is called "oppositions of science falsely so called" (1 Timothy 6:20). Either we believe in the Bible accuracy and God, or we are an atheist. We cannot believe in atheistic ideas while claiming to believe in God. That would be mammon, worthlessness. Remember, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Luke 16:13).

Sept. 22—The Daily Beast

Retiree Planted Bombs Around Michigan in Insane Anti-Porn Crusade, FBI Says

Jesus said, "And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet" (Matthew 10:14). He did not command destruction, murder, or even crusades.

Sept. 26—USA Today

Some say COVID-19 vaccine is the 'mark of the beast.' Is there a connection to the Bible?

The vaccine is not the Mark of the Beast. If one believes the physical vaccine is the Mark, then the problem is that it does not physically go to the hand or the fore-

head. Most get the shot in their left arm. Another reason is that one needs to know who the beast is and why they would use the vaccine. Most do not know who the beast is and hence they are guessing. We know who the beast is because there are over 50 points in the Bible that give aspects to identify the beast. Most denominations knew as well, especially after one reads 2 John 1:7-10, but since most denominations have abandoned the strong use of the Bible, they no longer believe it. Finally, the Mark involves worship (Revelation 14:9, 11). And Daniel and Revelation both describe the activity of the antichrist where they match on 4 out of 5 items identically using synonyms. The one they do not match on is where John calls the activity the "Mark of the Beast" while Daniel says that the antichrist would "think to change times and laws" (Daniel 7:25). We believe that since worship is involved with the Mark, that John's Mark is the altered commandments, especially that dealing with time (Exodus 20:8-11). Do we follow God or do we obey the beast or nation that thinks they can change it? That is what you have to decide.



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requested to be removed from the mailings. In fact, we have had a number of people on the list donate, and contact us when they miss an issue due to a mix up in the postal system, and just in general, show much appreciation.

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Ellen White Abbreviations In this Issue

1888—The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials

1SAT—Sermons and Talks Volume One

1SM—Selected Messages Book 1

2SM—Selected Messages Book 2

2T—Testimonies for the Church Volume Two

4SP—The Spirit of Prophecy Volume Four

5T—Testimonies for the Church Volume Five

6T—Testimonies for the Church Volume Six

14MR—Manuscript Releases Volume
Fourteen

CD—Counsels on Diet and Foods

ChS—Christian Service

CTBH—Christian Temperance and Bible
Hygiene

EW—Early Writings

EV—Evangelism

GC—The Great Controversy (1911)

GC88—The Great Controversy (1888)

KC—The Kress Collection

MM—Medical Ministry

MYP—Messages to Young People

PC—The Paulson Collection of Ellen G. White
Letters

RH—The Review and Herald

ST—The Signs of the Times

Te—Temperance

TM—Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel
Workers

YI—The Youth's Instructor

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postal system and not us.

If you are impressed to add someone, by all means, please do so, though we ask for the same \$19 contribution to help defray our costs. Speaking of which, the Seventh-day Adventist version seems to have cost more than we anticipated. How long this has been, we are not sure, but after we checked in July, we chose to wait until 2022 to add \$6 more dollars to the annual subscription. If you already paid for your subscription, as always,

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