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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.

A Peculiar People

Ellen White

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:11-14.

Here is subject matter for several discourses. Our time is limited, so that it will be impossible to deal with all the text contains this evening. We wish to present before you the great sacrifice that has been made in man's behalf, that we might have eternal life.

The object and purpose of Christ's mission is before us—that He might purify us, and make us a peculiar people. Why are this people specified as peculiar? Because they are

not like the world. The world in their aims and pursuits are taken up with their own earthly, temporal things. They are absorbed in seeking to obtain the things of this life. They are so interested in these matters that they have no time to think of their future life and they neglect the all-important work of the salvation of their souls.

Christ has laid out the only safe course for us to pursue. "Seek ye

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Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

Jerry O'Donnell

I am announcing a type of merger, joint effort, a new responsibility. We are looking forward to complementing the gospel work together, as each of us has strengths and weaknesses. And within the joint effort, all involved will be more effective in reaching souls.

What happened is that from July 13 through July 16, as many of you know, Dime Tabernacle invited me to be part of their Camp Meeting along with other guest speakers such as Pastor Bill Hughes from Truth Triumphant. It, not by coincidence, involved myself and Bill Hughes being roommates at the facility that was beautifully prepared for us. The worship time we had with all pastors and staff each morning was a great blessing.

It was during rooming together that Pastor Bill Hughes and I got to know each other more than simply by sermon exchanges. We had wonderful testimonies and other conversation time. I learned that for some time, Truth Triumphant has been looking for another person or two to take

on some of the responsibilities in keeping the ministry going forward. It just so happened that Pastor Bill asked me to join their team, preferably in Florida. All three members had met together initially for this consideration, and it seemed that the offer was planned based upon confirmation of what Pastor Bill expected from me.

Unfortunately, we are challenged by many issues that would delay such a move on our part. A simple sampling of comparable homes reveals at least a \$200.000 increase in property expenses, requiring more debt than what we would like to take on. As to the existing home in Pennsylvania, repairs, including a new roof, will take significant time to save up for but will be required before selling as the roof is now 31 vears old and contains some obvious wetness in the attic that would prevent us from getting to closing on the house without replacement. The inspector will easily discover this issue, informing the potential buyers, and we will have to take care of it

quickly instead of at the pace we can possibly handle. Besides, it was difficult for us to get insurance on the house, a requirement at the time of purchase, because the roof was already 28 years old and hardly an insurance company wanted to touch it. We cannot imagine what the potential buyers would face with a roof that is beyond its life. Although God can work out all of the obstacles, the reality is that it is not happening in a matter of days or a few weeks. It will take time. All in God's timing.

So, the initial plan is that I will be traveling to Florida once a month to be part of the team, a fourteen-hour trip without stops, so probably looking more at sixteen over all. I will be as supportive as I can remotely during the other times, be in constant communications frequently, and there will be an equal invitation for their team to participate in the Four Angels Messages publication if they desire and have the time.

This in no wise should

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The mission of The Four Angels' Messages Minis-

try is to alert as many Seventh-day Adventists as possible to see the need of living the Three Angels' Messages, be wellstudied 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

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

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

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

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vide a donation, we definitely would welcome such and would put it to proper use, including helping to pay for subscriptions of those who cannot afford the cost. The publication is free online in PDF format. (Continued from page 1) first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness." The question comes home to us, Will we save our souls or lose them? If we gain heaven, we gain everything. If we lose heaven, we lose everything. If we appreciate the plan of salvation, and the great sacrifice that has been made for us by the Majesty of heaven that we might be elevated, ennobled, sanctified, then we will reveal by our works that we co-operate with Christ and will seek to do those things that please God. Unless we are constantly striving for purity, meekness, and holiness, we shall not be benefited by the great sacrifice Christ has made in our behalf.

When the plan of salvation was opened up before me and I saw that Jesus had died, the Just for the unjust, I was determined that Christ should not die in vain for me. To think that Christ should leave heaven and His glory and take human nature and come to this earth to save man! What did He do this for? That He might bring to man moral power to overcome temptation and become a partaker of His divine nature. The redemption that was

wrought out for us by our Lord on the cross of Calvary was to bring us to obedience to the law of God, making it possible, through His righteousness imputed to us, to keep the law of God.

Now this is a wonderful subject. No man's work, no matter what his position may be, can bear any comparison with this great work for fallen man. The subject is so great, so important. Then why is it that so few pay attention to it? Men act as though they had no souls to save, no heaven to win, no hell to shun. What does it mean?

Says the apostle Paul, "Who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?" Galatians 3:1. The truth was to the apostle so great, so clear, so important, because eternal interests were involved. that he could only ascribe to the bewitching power of Satan the continued impiety and neglect of this great salvation. Now are there not many who are so bewitched with Satan's wiles that they do not obey the truth? that they do not see

the advantages of obedience? Who is thus unwise? It is those who have not sought the Lord for help that they may cease to longer transgress His law.

There is nothing so offensive to God as sin. Instead of making void the law of God by continuing in sin, every truly converted soul will be walking in the path of humble obedience to all of God's commandments. They will search the Scriptures that they might know the truth. Who hath bewitched the impenitent, the transgressor, that sin is chosen rather than obedience? It is the power of Satan that came to Adam and Eve in Eden, the deceiving, bewitching power of the fallen angel. They believed the lie he brought to them. The natural heart is so perverted that a large class love the lie more than they love the truth.

Satan knows that if men and women accept the truth they are lost to him, they will be on the Lord's side. He does not want that a single soul shall be brought back to his allegiance to God in keeping His commandments. Therefore it is his work to bring about every delusive attrac-

tion to make sin more agreeable to man. Man will follow on in transgression, notwithstanding God has said, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." But who believes God's word before the word of Satan, "Ye shall not surely die"?

The holy God hates sin. He will not tolerate in the Christian that which He condemns in the sinner. Then must the race perish? No. Thank God, we can answer, No. Hope is brought to them through Jesus Christ. A ransom has been provided. Christ has consented to become man's substitute and surety. He will pass over the ground where Adam failed: He will redeem Adam's disgraceful failure and fall, and through His perfect obedience to God's law give man an opportunity to return to his allegiance to God. He will give him moral power that he may have strength to gain the victory over sin.

How few talk about this great sacrifice of the life of Jesus to save the guilty sinner! If we appreciated this love manifested by God for our souls, we would be elevated by taking hold of the merits of Jesus Christ; for without the

righteousness of Christ, man could not give to God perfect obedience. Christ takes upon Himself man's sin. Christ imputes to man His righteousness.

"Surely He hath borne griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:4, 5.

He condescended to this great sacrifice, not that sin in man should become a virtue, not that sin might be made righteousness. He took the steps that man is required to take in conversion. He went forward in baptism, and when He came up out of the water, He kneeled down and offered up such a prayer to His Father as heaven had never heard before. The heavens were opened, and light came from the open heavens like a dove of burnished gold and enshrouded the Son of God, and a voice from heaven was heard, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well

pleased." Matthew 3:17.

How many of us read and appreciate this wonderful transaction? How few ever look at this work as it really is! This demonstration of God was for our benefit that we might have comfort and hope. It tells us that though man has been separated from God by sin, finite man is again connected with God through the merits of Jesus Christ. In Christ a substitute has been furnished for us, that man may have access to the Lord whose law he has transgressed. The gates of heaven are open. Light and power are vouchsafed to men. There is no excuse for us to remain in sin now. The glory of God is to be brought to man that he may overcome sin in the flesh. Christ was our surety and substitute, and God again communicates to man to show man that he is accepted in the Beloved. If we come back to God, we shall have that Eden which Adam lost.

Christ gave Himself for us that He might purify unto Himself "a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Why then do not men accept this great gift of salvation? They do not arouse

themselves to see where they are, that in continued sin is no comfort, no satisfaction, and that the gift of God is eternal life. Why did Christ maintain that long, painful fast? He did it that He might break the power Satan had over man on the point of appetite. He, our substitute, passed over the same ground where Adam fell. He commenced the work of redemption just where the ruin began, that He might gain the victory over Satan's temptation, making it possible for man to overcome in His name. There are three great leading temptations wherewith man is beset—the point of appetite, presumptuous sins, and love of the world. Satan hopes to gain the victory over man in these tempta-

tions. These are carrying thousands of persons down to destruction.

Now we want that men and women should see their weakness in these things. Christ overcame; then there is a possibility that every one of us may overcome. Man, co-operating with divine influence, can stand forth. Now Christ overcame in our behalf. He commenced just where man failed, i.e., appetite. You see wherever you go the effects of indulged appetite. Satan controls the mind and is dragging men and women down to ruin. He knows that he must enslave men if he can hold them from connecting with Christ.

Daniel would not defile himself with the king's meat. He refused to eat of it, or to drink of his wine. Why? Because they would weaken him for God's work. He purposed in his heart that he would not yield. He was tried, yet he was firm to his principles. He used every effort in his power to keep from defiling himself. He was brought before the king, that he might be examined. How did he appear? Why, his appearance was much more favorable than that of those who had indulged in eating the king's meat and drinking his wine.

How is it with the human race today? God will give you help. If we are true to the principles of truth the Lord will give us the victory in carrying out these principles. Some think that it is no matter what we believe if we are honest in our be-

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lief. This is a mistake. We may believe a lie like Adam. We have a Bible, and we have souls which must be lost or saved. Every one of us must stand before God in judgment. We want that our deeds shall be such that they will stand in that day. Satan knows that if he can get men to use tobacco that their powers will be weakened. It is weakening to moral power. Indulging in the use of strong drink constantly drains the physical powers, which lessens the capacity for comprehending God's truth.

Satan is carrying the world with him. Such will not stand under Christ's bloodstained banner. What are you doing to save your own souls? I ask you what is it that leads men to be so paralyzed? Nadab and Abihu are examples to us of those who are self-willed and who fight against God. They come before the Lord with strange fire and are consumed by Him whom they did not fear. God is no respecter of persons now any more than He was then.

Christ was so interested in us that He fasted forty days that He might bring light to the world on overcoming appetite. Who appreciates it? It is, "What shall I eat?" and "What shall I drink?" When Sunday comes, where is our life? The mind is beclouded by an overburdened stomach, and we have no freedom in prayer. In this meeting are two parties. Here are Christ and His angels. They are here to help the truth find our hearts. Here are Satan and his angels to rob us of the blessings we might receive. In the morning evil angels will try to cause you to lose all these things. How important it is that we be under Christ's banner, that we may have more than human strength to overcome. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with My Father in His throne." Revelation 3:21. What does this little life amount to? This earth will soon pass away. If we build on hay and stubble, the fires of the last days will consume our work. But if we build on gold and precious stones, all will stand in that day.

The apostle says of Christ, "Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar

people, zealous of good works." We are to be a peculiar people. Not a people who are using tobacco, but a people who are purified and zealous of good works. I want to be with that people. In order to do this I must keep my body pure from these defilements. How do we expect we can lift up the human race? How can we expect Christ can do this work for us?

We must give an account of our money. Take that which is spent upon our bodies, that which we spend to please the perverted appetite, and how far could the gospel go in the land! Ignorance is parent to all vice.

If Christ has done so much for us, why should not we do our part? May God help us to overcome! Somebody is going into the city of God. It is those who are pure. The prophet Isaiah says, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18. Will He do this work for us if we defile ourselves? "Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit,

which are God's." 1
Corinthians 6:19, 20.
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Here are God's commandments. Will we obey them and put ourselves in God's hands? "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they ... may enter in through the gates into the city." Revelation 22:14. In the city we shall not find tobacco on the tree of life. There will be no need of this narcotic. Its effects unfit men for a place in the kingdom. It stimulates and raises men up above par, but when the stimulating effect is gone, they fall further below par than they were raised above that point. The mind is lowered by this stupefying narcotic until the tobacco devotee must resort to something

stronger to satisfy the cravings of the depraved appetite. Oh, let us arouse and put off this soul- destroying poison! Then you may stand and say, Here Lord, I have done what I can do. I ask for Thy help that I may resist evil. You must place your will on the side of God's will. We want to seek for God's help.

I see charms in Jesus. I want to partake of His love. I want that Jesus shall dwell in me here, and that all who are around me shall bear His name.

There was a great excitement in London last week. The Queen was coming. All wanted to see their sovereign. But there is One greater than the Queen coming. "The glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Can we not get up an excitement on this subject? Jesus will bring the dead from their graves,

and they shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. They shall enter into the city of God. There they shall see the gates open wide to receive them, and shall eat of the tree of life. There are angels there, who never fell. The saints of all ages are to be there, and take the kingdom, and it shall be theirs. Why cannot we make some excitement on this subject? "In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:2, 3.

Now there is a great reward to be given to the saints. It is eternal life. Is it not enough to cause gladness in our hearts?{Ms25-1887}

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One Evil of the Common Theory of Endless Being in Sin and Suffering, Is,

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It sustains the mischievous practice of mystifying, or making the Scriptures to have a secret or hidden meaning, in the plainest texts.

This mischievous practice was brought into the church, almost as soon as the Apostles had left the world. The converts from heathenism seemed intent on uniting heathen philosophy with Christianity. Hence they must find an abundance of mysteries in the Scriptures: and the practice of allegorizing, i.e. making the language to contain something that does not appear in the words, commenced and generally prevailed, before the third century. This was done, doubtless, with a view to lead heathen philosophers to embrace Christianity, as affording them a fruitful field for their researches. But it led the church astray into the wild fields of conjecture; and every lively imagination could find hidden wonders in the Bible; while the plain literal meaning of the text was disregarded. That fatal practice increased from age to age, till the simplicity of the gospel was totally eclipsed, and the obscuration has not wholly disappeared to this day.

This practice has given occasion to honest people, as well as to infidels, to say, "You can make any thing out of the Bible," or "play any tune upon it". And this is true, if men are to be allowed to take texts which have a plain, obvious, and literal signification, and call them mystical or figurative, when there is not a clear necessity for doing so. The Scriptures themselves often notify us when the language is to be understood figuratively; and frequently those figures are explained, and the literal interpretation given.

The common method of making the terms life and death mystical, or figurative, i.e. to mean something more, and far different from what appears in the literal and obvious signification of the words, I conceive is unwarranted by the Scriptures, and tends only to

throw confusion upon the plainest subjects of the Bible, and also to take away the force and beauty of very many otherwise clear and intelligible portions of God's word.

Let me now call your attention to texts, the beauty and force of which are greatly weakened and obscured by such a course.

Deut.30:15, "I have set life and death before you, therefore choose Life, that both thou and thy seed may live."
Again, Ps.16:11, "Thou wilt show me the path of life; in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures forever more."

Now let us contemplate some portions of the New Testament, in view of the theory I oppose, and the one I advocate, and see on which they have most force and the clearest meaning. Look at the young man who came to our Saviour with an important inquiry, Matt.19:16 - What does he say? Is it his inquiry, "What shall I do to escape endless misery or suffering?"

No: but, "What shall I do that I may have eternal life?" How plain the question, on the theory I advocate, and how appropriate the answer, "If thou wilt enter into life," etc. Not, - if thou wilt escape endless life in torments, - not, if thou wilt have a "happy eternal life," but simply, - If thou wilt enter into life. What simplicity, beauty, and force! all is natural, and easy to be understood.

Again, John 3:15,16, "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him might not perish, but have everlasting life." All here, again, is natural, easy, and forcible, on the theory that the wicked are actually to die or perish if found rejecting Christ, who only has eternal life to give. But on the theory I oppose, we must have a whole sermon to explain the meaning of the term perish, and make it appear that it does not mean "extinction of being", but eternal life in sin and misery! I once heard a Doctor of Divinity in New York city preach a whole sermon on that one point; and

that, too, after he had admitted that the primary meaning of the term is "extinction of being". It seems to me it is taking quite too much pains to make obscure the meaning of a word, that of itself is easy to be understood.

In the same chapter, at the 36th verse, it is said: "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." He is already condemned to death, and is dying; eternal life is offered in the Son of God, he that will not accept it, through him, shall not possess life, but the wrath of God shall abide on him to the full execution of the penalty, which is "death, the wages of sin." Again, John 5:28,29, - "The hour is coming in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth: they that have done good to the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation," or condemnation: but to what? not to eternal life in sin and misery, but to death – for that is the wages sin has earned. Here the language is natural and forcible, on the view I advocate, and the contrast of life and death is perfect; but I ask any

candid man if it is so on the view I oppose?

Again, at the 39th and 40th verses: "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they that testify of me; and ye will not come to me, that ye might have life."

They were looking not for eternal happiness merely, or an escape from eternal torments, but for eternal life. Yet when the only physician who could give that priceless blessing calls them to come to him for it, they would not come; and, as a matter of course, they are not saved "from death". Look at the following texts, in the 6th chapter of John: "Labor for the meat that endureth unto everlasting life. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life, unto the world. I am the bread of life. And this is the will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son and believeth on him may have everlasting life. I am that bread of life. This is that bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. If any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever. The words

I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life "

That simple life and death are put in opposition, or clearly implied in these texts, is too plain not to be seen by any person of common attention. "Not die - eternal life." Now, a man shall "not die," if the theory I oppose is true, whether he come to Christ or not; and it would have been just as easy to have expressed the doctrine of eternal being in sin and suffering by unequivocal language, as in that, the literal interpretation of which must necessarily lead astray, if that doctrine be true.

Again, John 8:12, "He that followeth me shall have the light of life." And at the 51st verse, "If a man keep my sayings he shall never see

death." Again, in 10th chapter, "I am come that they might have life. My sheep hear my voice and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life, - and they shall never perish," etc. Does not this language clearly imply, that those who do not follow Christ will perish? Yes, says the objector, their happiness will perish! But I ask, if such an interpretation is not forced and unnatural? Our Saviour says no such thing. Perish is put in opposition to life. By the simple and natural meaning of the terms, there is great beauty and force in the language. Besides, to admit of a departure from the literal meaning of the term perish, throws us into the regions of uncertainty; and if one man may say it means his happiness shall perish, another may say it means his sins shall

perish, and so on. But if it signifies simply what the word imports – a destruction of being – then his happiness and his sins perish with him, as a matter of course, and there is no obscurity about it.

Again, John 11:25,26, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." How forcible and full of power are these words, literally understood! But say, to die, means loss of happiness, though the person still lives, and you at once strip the expression of our Lord of the energy which it possesses in its plain and obvious meaning.

Again, John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

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Also, Rom.5:17, "If by one man's offence, death reigned by one, much more they which receive abundance of grace, and of the gift of righteousness, shall reign in life by one Jesus Christ; therefore, as by the offence of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation, [i.e. unto death;] even so, by the righteousness of one, the free gift came upon all men, [i.e. in its offer,] unto justification of life. That as sin hath reigned unto death, [i.e. unto condemnation to death,] even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."

That the death spoken of, here, is a literal death the context clearly shows; it was that death that came into the world by one man's sin (verse 12,) and which "reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression:" (verse 14.) If then the death is literal so is the

life offered, and promised; and that life is only to be obtained "through righteousness," or becoming righteous, and "by Jesus Christ."

Now look at such expressions as the following: "The crown of life, The word of life, – The grace of life. He that hath the Son hath life, – he that hath not the Son of God hath not life, – The water of life, - Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life, -This do and thou shalt live, - Because I live ve shall live also, - We shall also live with him, - Be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live, – God sent his Son, that we might live through him, - If one died for all, then were all dead," i.e., dying, doomed to die; as the body is dead, because of sin, i.e., doomed to die, though not yet actually dead. "Who died

for us, that we should live together with him." These, and a multitude of other texts of Scripture, all speak in plain and unequivocal language, if the view I take of the final destiny of the wicked is correct: otherwise, and if figurative, the imagination must be employed to explain them; and then we find ourselves let loose in the wild fields of fancy; and who shall decide where we shall stop?

In these sermons I have endeavored to show that man by sin lost all title to immortality; and had it not been for the "seed of the woman" the race would have utterly perished, or ceased to be, and would have been as though they never had been. There is not a particle of evidence that the original threatening embraced a state of eternal sin and suffering, that idea has puzzled our greatest and most learned divines, to tell how an atonement could be made adequate to redeem men from such a

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punishment. To meet the case, they have gone to the idea that God, himself, suffered to make the necessary atonement; and then they have started back from that position, as being impossible that the Godhead could actually suffer, and so have substituted the "human body and soul" of Jesus Christ, as united with the Godhead, and the human nature of Christ only suffering. This has led others to deny an atonement altogether, as they have contended that the man Christ Jesus. while the Godhead did not suffer, could not, by any sufferings he might endure, give an equivalent for endless torments in the fire of hell. Pressed with this difficulty, the advocates of the endless sin and suffering theory have been led to say, it was not necessary to an atonement that the sufferer should endure the very same punishment that the guilty were liable to, but only such as should show that God would not let sin go unpunished. Others have taken advantage of this admission to deny the necessity of an atonement at all, and hence have opposed the idea of one. This has resulted in a still further departure from truth, and they have taken the position, that if man suffers for his sins, himself, that is all sufficient; and that his sufferings are bounded by this life, or at most, to a very limited period in a future state, after which he will have an eternity of happiness.

Now all this confusion and conjecture, for I can give it no higher name, I conceive, arises from not clearly understanding what man lost by the fall, for himself and posterity. In order to understand this subject I shall conclude these discourses, with general remarks on Adam's state, trial and failure.

The extravagant manner in which Adam's knowledge and holiness has been insisted on by nearly all theologians, I am disposed to think, is not sustained by either the works or words of God. Adam has been represented as the very perfection of knowledge and holiness at his creation. The facts stated in regard to his creation are so few, that from those alone we might be left in doubt as to Adam's perfection as an intelligent and moral being; yet we shall find by observing God's order in his works in connection with revelation the real state of Adam at creation.

{1855 George Stores, "Six Sermons on the Inquiry 'Is There Immortality in Sin and Suffering?", pages 131.1 to 138.2}

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The NIV is Anti-Seventh-day Adventist

Jerry O'Donnell

First, this is a sermon that was delivered at the Huntsville, AL Camp Meeting back on July 15th, 2022 hosted by Dime Tabernacle, This is available on YouTube, but seeing that over 90% of our subscribers are not Internet connected and not social media familiar, we are providing the message now in printed form because we feel it to be a very serious issue in the church as well as being a satanic agenda. For those who may dismiss the article because they already heard the message, there are some added details in the article that were not mentioned in the sermon.

Yes, we have an entire section dedicated to the comparing of multiple versions of the Bible, but we still have Seventh-day Adventists today who do not see the satanic agenda, do not see how serious the matter happens to be, think we are exaggerating the matter, and overall, some are idolizing the NIV as a viable alternative to the archaic language of the KJV.

Not all versions of the Bible are created the

same. Unfortunately, the White Estate is misleading people when they say that Ellen White did not condemn modern versions of the Bible. As a reminder, she did pen that "Wycliffe's Bible had been translated from the Latin text, which contained many errors." {GC 245.1}. This means, any and all versions that are derived from the Latin text are condemned, of which the NIV is one of the many that come from the Latin text.

Now, our intent is to show beyond the missing verses, the dropping of the name Jesus, and other usual arguments against the use of the NIV that in reality, to be pushing the NIV in any form is actually an action considered to be the work of the enemy and therefore are agents of Satan.

We begin with Revelation 1:1, where the KJV states, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John", and the NIV tells us, "The

revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John". If people do not realize that the book of Revelation is "signified", "symbolized", "having objects representing reality", then they are easily persuaded to believe that after chapter three, with no more mention of the word church, that a secret rapture occurs; that the words "Jews" and "tribes" are literal last day Jews with the last day messages, etc.; when the Seventh-day Adventists are the spiritual Jews, all other denominations make up Babylon, and we have the last day message. Also, that explains why they think Moses and Elijah will physically return, when we understand Revelation 11 to mean the Old and New Testaments as the witnesses that "have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will" (Revelation 11:6).

In Hebrews 9:12, the KJV states, "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" while the NIV states, "He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption." If Jesus went to the Most Holy Place, the 1844 message is done away with; the ministry of Jesus does not exist; the act of Jesus fulfilling each of the feast days makes no sense; the purpose of the Jews to perform the sanctuary practices means nothing; and overall it destroys all kinds of reasons for our existence as a people, mission, purpose of God, etc.

Colossians 2:14 is important in explaining why verse 17 does not do away with the Ten Commandment Sabbath despite using the words "Sabbath days". The KJV says, "having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross", while the NIV states,

"having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross." The words "legal indebtedness" is too vague and easily connected with the word "sin" as the Lord's prayer uses the word "debt" in that manner. Logically, sin is then connected to the commandments, hence, the confusion. Seeing the phrase "handwriting of requirements" is a lot easier to point out because that points to the Book of the Law (Deuteronomy 28:58).

Philippians 3:15 states in the KJV, "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you", while the NIV tells us, "All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too, God will make clear to you." Using the word "mature" as opposed to the correct word of "perfect" undermines the teaching that our church has been distancing itself from for decades – the concept of perfection. The NIV just aids in that distancing.

Philippians 3:12 tells us in the KJV, "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus", while the NIV says, "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." To reach a goal is no different than setting a weight loss goal, a cutting back on a habit goal, of increasing the amount of exercise goal, etc. In other words, if we miss the goal, it is no big deal. We just alter our goal for next time. Striving for perfection is much more than a goal.

1 Timothy 4:13 tells us in the KJV, "Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine", while the NIV simply gives us the fluffy feeling, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching." Listening to message and scripture readings has its place, but if we are not calling people to live a better lifestyle, it is nearly ineffective. Sure, we are not to choke people with exhortation, but this is why pastors teach that, "Don't worry about people wearing jewelry. They'll eventually hear some scripture and the Holy Spirit will convict them." God uses converted, soul loving Christians to encourage the better lifestyle in each other step-by-step.

Jude 24 tells us in the KJV, "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy", while the NIV states, "To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy". Although the Greek does suggest "stumbling" as a possible usage for "falling", the fact that the NIV chooses a lighter usage of "stumbling" makes sin not appear so serious. It is as if sin is something that a person may stub their toe on. The word "fall" on the other hand is more serious, hurtful, and even implies severe injury to the soul. It also shows the mighty power of God to keep us.

Isaiah 28:18 states in the KJV, "And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it", while the NIV says, "Your covenant with death will be annulled; your agreement with the realm of the dead will not stand. When the overwhelming scourge sweeps by, you will be beaten down by it." The NIV just created the "realm of the dead" when the Bible teaches sleeping is the state of the dead instead. No wonder such Christians are open to spirits and souls wandering around.

John 14:15 says in the KJV, "If ye love me, keep my commandments", while the NIV generically tells us, "If you love me, keep my commands." There is a big difference between simple commands and the commandments.

Revelation 10:6 states the Millerite movement message in the KJV, "And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer", while the NIV does not by simply saying, "And he swore

by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, 'There will be no more delay!"" "Time no longer" is quite different from a simple "delay". One tells us that time has run out, like the fact that Jesus is soon to appear, and the other is no different from a plane not showing up on time.

2 John 1:6 in the KJV says, "And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it", while the NIV says, "And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love." Again, there is a difference between general commands and the commandments. No wonder people that use the NIV think Jesus has a different set of rules as opposed to the Ten Commandments and that those rules are what makes a true Christian as opposed to those trying to keep the commandments.

Daniel 8:14 is a direct attack. The KJV clearly states, "And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed" pointing to Jesus' ministry, while the NIV states, "He said to me, 'It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated'", pointing to the future third temple theology.

Numbers 14:34 has the KJV telling us, "After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise" from which we get the "day for a year prophetic time" application, while the NIV is saying, "For forty years – one year for each of the forty days you explored the land you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.", giving a specific ancient application taking away from seeing that "each day for a year" principle. It is simply not clear. In fact, when the implied principle is pointed out, the argument is that it was a specific application back then and not applicable for any other purpose.

Revelation 14:12 identifies God's last day peo-

ple, who, according to the KJV states, "Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus", while the NIV tells us about those general commands again by stating, "This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus."

Revelation 12:17 compared to 19:10 gives credence to modern day prophets, specifically, Ellen White's writings as we read in the KJV both verses defining one another, "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See [thou do it] not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." The NIV breaks that link with other wording and cannot be used like a self-defining book or dictionary as God intended: "Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went

off to wage war against the rest of her offspring those who keep God's commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus. At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus."

Isaiah 14:12 is where we know the name of Satan. "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!" The NIV does not reveal the name of Satan: "How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!"

Revelation 3:21 states in the KJV, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne", while the NIV tells us, "To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne."

To overcome ought to bring to mind that "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, [even] our faith" (1 John 5:4). The focus is not on the victory as it is on the overcoming part. Besides, as the NIV reads, it looks like only one person gets to win the seat of Jesus. We are all in competition for that seat according to the NIV.

Matthew 9:13 tells us in the KJV, "But go ye and learn what [that] meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." The NIV simply states, "But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." So, the NIV encourages people to remain as sinners and not repent because only sinners and not the righteous are called.

Ephesians 3:9 says in the KJV, "And to make all [men] see what [is] the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ", while the NIV tells us, "and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things." The NIV just undermined Jesus' role in creation.

Revelation 8:13 tells us, "And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabiters of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!", while the NIV says, "As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: 'Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!" There is a big difference between an eagle and an angel. Besides, in the NIV, it ends up comparing the eagle to "the other three angels", so why is not the first message delivered by an angel instead of an eagle?

Daniel 3:25 takes away the presence of Jesus in the Old Testament, and in fact, allows a pagan interpretation in the NIV. According to the KJV, it says, "He answered and said, Lo, I

see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God", while the NIV tells us, "He said, 'Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.'"

Revelation 16:16 states in the KJV, "And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon", which "he" points to Jesus in the prior verse, while the NIV says, "Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon", which "they" points to the group of the spirits of devils in verse 14. So, instead of Jesus gathering God's people into the place called Armageddon, the spirit of devils are gathering into a place to battle out the final war, typically taught as Mount Megiddo. The versions are complete opposites.

Revelation 22:14 tells us in the KJV, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city", while laundry is being

done in the NIV by stating, "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city." So, if you wash the robes really brightly, one enters the gates, while the other is more restrictive to those who live in obedience to the Ten Commandments and do not bring sin into Heaven.

Exodus 20:10 makes a stark difference between the specific reference to the Sabbath as opposed to the seventh day being "a Sabbath" implying that the Muslims have "a sabbath" on Friday and Christians may have "a sabbath" on Sunday as the seventh day is also "a sabbath" but not "The Sabbath". The KJV specifically words the verse as, "But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates", while the NIV generically states, "but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor

your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns." God does not have more than one Sabbath day!

Romans 8:1 clarifies who is condemned. The KJV is restrictive with, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit", while the NIV is broad by dropping the ending in stating simply, "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus". One has a change of life by walking after Spirit, while the other allows people to claim the name Jesus as they continue in their fleshly pursuits. Just remember, "broad [is] the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat" (Matthew 7:13).

Finally, in Acts 3:26, the KJV tells us, "Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities", while the NIV simply states, "When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked

ways." One is specific in identifying who God works through – Jesus – , while the other is simply any servant.

These are but 26 points that are not just a little different but very much anti-Seventh-day Adventist doctrine. Anyone promoting the NIV, especially of the leadership, is nothing short of what Ellen White states – traitors. "The days in which we live are days of peril. Carelessness, levity, love of pleasure and selfish gratification, are seen in the lives of very many professed Christians. Is this the time for Seventh-day Adventists to lose their faith and grow cold and formal? God forbid! Shall we turn traitor at the very moment when God would be most glorified by our steadfast adherence to principle? Shall we turn from the heavenly attractions now, when we can almost see the glories on the other shore? We are living in the most important period of earth's history. By maintaining our allegiance to God, we may bear the noblest testimony for Christ and the truth" {RH, November 29, 1881 par. 12}.

How Do You Resolve It?

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

Does Everyone Die or Not?

The Bible verses in question that appear to state the opposite are:

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

John 8:51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

These verses are actually not talking about the same thing. That is how it is resolved.

Before tackling the verses, one must realize that there are two types of deaths mentioned in the Bible. There is what is known as "the second death" (Revelation 2:11, 20:6, 20:14, 21:8), implying that there must be a first, and what is known as the sleep of death to be

resurrected from. David penned, "I sleep the [sleep of] death" (Psalms 13:3). And then there is the conversation between the disciples and Jesus: "These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead" (John 11:11-14).

Romans 5:12 is stating that because of sin the first death, or the one that refers to a sleep, passed upon all human beings. Adam and Eve were made to live eternally. When they sinned, it brought the curse of death upon every human being that would be inclusive those born thereafter. The only ones that will not see death are they who are alive when Jesus returns. Of

course, "Enoch walked with God: and he [was] not; for God took him" (Genesis 5:24) and "[there appeared] a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven" (2 Kings 2:11) are two other individuals not tasting of death.

John 8:51 on the other hand is not referring to the death of sleep, the first death. We know this to be true by the evidence that all those of the past that kept Jesus' sayings are dead. Therefore, it must refer to the second death, of which, when eternity begins, such keepers of Jesus' words will never see death. Eternal life is eternal with God never changing His mind.

So, Romans 5:12 refers to the first death, while John 8:51 refers to the second death.

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.

Keeping the Conversation on Sabbath Appropriate When Traveling Out of Necessity

Ellen White penned, "When compelled to travel on the Sabbath we should try to avoid the company of those who would draw our attention to worldly things. We should keep our minds stayed upon God and commune with Him. Whenever there is opportunity we should speak to others in regard to the truth. We should always be ready to relieve suffering and to help those in need. In such cases God desires that the knowledge and wisdom He has given us should be put to use. But we should not talk about matters of business or engage in any common, worldly conversation. At all times and in all places God requires us to prove our loyalty to Him by honoring the Sabbath" {6T 360.1}.

Although all unnecessary travel ought to be avoided on the Sabbath, there are times that such is necessary.

Many may think that this refers to traveling on a train, while today it may apply to planes and buses, too. Although the application is properly extended to modern times, simple transportation is also inclusive.

When traveling long distance, frequent visits to rest areas probably will occur. Most people have no conversation at all for most want to do their business and get back on the road as quickly as possible, however, there are times that we may encounter chatty people. They may bring up the current political issues of the day, or worse, try to strike up a conversation regarding sports, maybe even a hit movie or television show.

Nonetheless, the conversation needs to be pulled into being Sabbath appropriate and not let it drift into worldly conversation. This may be difficult without appearing to be rude. Giving an answer of "I'm sorry but I'm not into idolatry

like sports, TV, or the movies" would definitely be rude. Likewise, "I'm sorry, but today is the Sabbath of the Lord, and I don't talk about such things on the Sabbath" would, believe it or not, still be rude and also misrepresent one's true opinion. Does that mean on the other days of the week they are watching sports, TV, and movies and are able to discuss them then? Further, today people's reactions to hearing the words, "Today is the Sabbath of the Lord", is not as effective as it once was. Today, the reaction is, "Whatever!" Though we want the conversation to be Sabbath appropriate, like Jesus and what Ellen White penned, our goal is not to shut down the conversation but seek an opportunity to share a nugget of truth in the few moments we have with them by redirecting the conversation.

When conversations about sports, TV, or movies occur, an intent to express that "My schedule does not pro-

vide time to be following those things" may be a better option. Though it may be implied that if a person had more time that they would be involved in watching those things, it actually opens up the potential conversation to know what is using up the time. And that is the opportunity to turn the conversation into discussing the Sabbath as well as other godly activities that one may be involved in while avoid-

ing secular work references.

If the conversation is political, one ought to bring to mind a Bible verse or thought. If someone were to say, "I can't believe that they are suggesting to mask up again with all of the viruses coming about", then talk about the prophecies in the Bible that state that in the last days there would be pestilences and a conditioning of the people to prepare them to receive the

Mark of the Beast. Curious people may want to know more of these prophetic items.

Overall, we may not have the right tact to turn conversations; we may not be quick on the feet, as they say; but just keep in mind that the next time we step out of the vehicle and someone begins to speak, be watchful not to be caught up in the worldly conversation.

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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.

Overtaxing the Mind

The student who desires to put the work of two terms into one, should not be permitted to have his own way in this matter. To undertake to do double work means with many, overtaxation of the mind, and a neglect of proper physical exercise. It is not reasonable to suppose that the mind can grasp and digest an oversupply of mental food, and it is as great a sin to overfeed the mind as it is to load the digestive organs, giving the stomach no periods of rest. The brain is the citadel of the whole man, and wrong habits of eating, dressing, or sleeping, affect the brain, and prevent the attaining of that which the student desires,--a good mental discipline. Any part of the body that is not treated with consideration will telegraph its injury to the brain. There should be exercised much patience and perseverance in instructing the youth

how to preserve their health. They should become well informed on this matter, that every muscle and organ may be so strengthened and disciplined that in voluntary or involuntary action, the best of health may result, and the brain be invigorated to sustain the taxation of study. {CE 124.2}

The idea that those who have overtaxed their mental and physical powers, or who have broken down in body or mind, must suspend activity in order to regain health, is a great error. In a few cases, entire rest for a time may be necessary; but such instances are rare. In most cases the change would be too great to be beneficial. {CTBH 100.1}

Sometimes the teacher carries into the school-room the shadow of darkness that has been gathering on his soul. He has been overtaxed and is nervous, or dys-

pepsia has colored everything a gloomy hue. He enters the schoolroom with quivering nerves and irritated stomach. Nothing seems to be done to please him; he thinks that his pupils are bent on showing him disrespect; and his sharp criticisms and censure are given on the right hand and on the left. Perhaps one or more of the students commits errors or is unruly. The case is exaggerated in his mind, and he is severe and cutting in his reproof of the one whom he thinks at fault. And the same injustice afterward prevents him from admitting that he has taken a wrong course. To maintain the dignity of his position, he has lost a golden opportunity to manifest the spirit of Christ, perhaps to gain a soul for heaven. {CT 301.1}

It is the duty of each teacher to do all in his power to present his body to Christ a living sacrifice, physically perfect, as well as morally free from defilement, that Christ may make him a co-worker with Himself in the salvation of souls. {CT 301.2}

Christ's words of compassion are spoken to His workers today just as surely as they were spoken to His disciples. "Come ye yourselves apart, . . . and rest awhile," He says to those who are worn and weary. It is not wise to be always under the strain of work and excitement, even in ministering to men's spiritual needs; for in this way personal piety is neglected, and the powers of mind and soul and body are overtaxed. Self-denial is required of the disciples of Christ, and sacrifices must be made; but care must also be exercised lest through their overzeal Satan take advantage of the weakness of humanity, and the work of God be marred. {DA 362.1}

Every worker should labor intelligently, with an eye single to the glory of God. He should take special care not to abuse any of his Godgiven faculties. {Ev 658.5}

The Lord would have you, my brother, reform in your method of

labor, that you may have a well-balanced mind, a symmetrical character, and spiritual strength to counsel wisely. Men who have experience in the knowledge of the truth are too few for you to be sacrificed. You are almost constantly overtaxing both your physical and mental powers, because you allow yourself to feel too intensely. You have a vivid imagination, and put much intensity into your preaching, which keeps the mind on a constant strain, with the voice raised to a high pitch, and not only are you wearied, but the people are annoyed and their interest lessened. The reaction is sure to come; for you do not know how to let yourself down gradually from such a strain, and the poor mortal body feels the wear. A corresponding depression follows the high pressure. {Ev 658.6}

I saw that we should encourage a cheerful, hopeful, peaceful frame of mind, for our health depends upon our doing this. I saw that it was duty for everyone to have a care for his health, but especially should we turn our attention to our health, and take

time to devote to our health that we may in a degree recover from the effects of overdoing and overtaxing the mind. The work God requires of us will not shut us away from caring for our health. The more perfect our health, the more perfect will be our labor. {5MR 105.2}

But if the body is neglected, if unsuitable hours are consumed in study, if the mind is overtaxed, if the physical powers are left unemployed and become enfeebled, then the human machinery is trammeled, and matters that are essential for our future welfare and eternal peace are neglected. Bookknowledge is made allimportant, and God is dishonored. The student forgets the words of inspiration, and does not follow the instruction of the Lord when He says: "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. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." The minds of many need to be renewed, transformed, and molded after God's plan. Many are ruining themselves physically, mentally, and morally, by over-devotion to study. They are defrauding themselves for time and eternity through practicing habits of intemperance in seeking to gain an education. They are losing their desire to learn, in the school of Christ, lessons of meekness and lowliness of heart. Every moment that passes is fraught with eternal results. Integrity will be the sure result of following in the way of righteousness. {FE 351.2}

Change in lines of study in the schools is essential, and an intelligent growing knowledge.
The mind must not be overtaxed with long application in one special lesson. It is not beneficial to the teach-

er, neither is it beneficial to the student. It becomes monotonous. Some can bear this concentrated effort: others become nervous, but do not understand the reason; but variety in daily studies is more restful to the brain than one monotonous line of study. Break it up: divert the mind: change it to different subjects, lest the monotony of one line of work disqualify the person for meeting the exigencies that will arise. {10MR 302.2}

Those who make great exertions to accomplish just so much work in a given time, and continue to labor when their judgment tells them they should rest, are never gainers. They are living on borrowed capital. They are expending the vital force which they will need at a future time. And when the energy they have so recklessly used is demanded, they fail

for want of it. The physical strength is gone, the mental powers fail. They realize that they have met with a loss, but do not know what it is. Their time of need has come, but their physical resources are exhausted. Everyone who violates the laws of health must sometime be a sufferer to a greater or less degree. God has provided us with constitutional force, which will be needed at different periods of our lives. If we recklessly exhaust this force by continual overtaxation, we shall sometime be the losers. {CG 397.3}

Those who put their whole souls into the medical missionary work, who labor untiringly, in peril, in privation, in watchings oft, in weariness, and painfulness, are in danger of forgetting that they must be faithful guardians of their own mental and physical powers.

WANT A RECEIPT?

We will be happy to provide you with a receipt but please indicate that you would like to receive one. Many give without claiming it on their taxes.

Personally, I would so as to have more to give. But for us to mail a receipt to those that do not use such would be a waste of God's funds. So do not hesitate to ask, and even if you already gave, we have record of it, so if you still want a receipt, just ask.

They are not to allow themselves to be over-taxed. But they are filled with zeal and earnestness, and they sometimes move unadvisedly, putting themselves under too heavy a strain. Unless such workers make a change, the result will

be that sickness will come upon them, and they will break down. {Ev 550.2}

We have no right to overtax either the mental or the physical powers so that we are easily excited and led to speak words which dishonor God. The Lord desires us to be always calm and forbearing. Whatever others may do, we are to represent Christ doing as He would do under similar circumstances. {Te 168.1}

Healthy And Delicious Recipes

Pistachio Oat Squares

Ingredients

- 1 cup raw shelled pistachios
- 1 cup rolled oats
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- ¼ cup maple syrup, more for drizzling on top
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ⅓ cup unsweetened coconut flakes
- additional handful of chopped pistachios for the topping

Instructions

 Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and

- line an 8-inch square pan with parchment paper. In a food processor with the S blade attached, process the pistachios, oats, and salt for about 30 seconds, until a meal begins to form.
- Drizzle in the maple syrup and olive oil while the motor is still running and the meal begins to come together into a crumbly, almostwet dough.
- Press the dough evenly into the pan and cover it with coconut flakes and remaining pistachios.
- Bake for 10 to 12 minutes until the

- coconut is nice and golden brown and the dough is cooked through. You want the squares to still be a little soft do not overbake these. Carefully lift the cooled dough out of the pan by lifting up two sides of the parchment paper. Cut it into squares.
- Drizzle a little
 maple syrup over
 the top for extra
 sweetness, if you
 like. Store the
 squares in a sealed
 container for up to
 a week.



Natural Vitamins

Peanuts

Keep in mind that peanuts are not related to tree nuts but are in the family of beans, lentils, and soy as they are a legume. They contain many health nutrients, may help with weight loss, and potentially help reduce heart disease. They are high in fat but it is the good fat. They are also a good source of protein while being low in carbohydrates. They are rich in antioxidants. They may also reduce

the likelihood of developing gallstones.

The vitamins and minerals found in peanuts include:

- Biotin
- Copper
- Niacin
- Folate
- Manganese
- Vitamin E
- Thiamine
- Phosphorus
- Magnesium

The antioxidants include:

- P-Coumaric acid
- Resveratrol
- Isoflavones
- Phytic acid
- Phytosterols

Adding one and half tablespoons of peanut butter or about sixteen raw peanuts to the diet, for those that do not have allergies to them, may be quite beneficial.



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.

A Young Lady or Virgin

There is a big difference between a young lady giving birth and a virgin giving birth. One is a miracle while the other was common practice as it was common for twelve yearolds to become pregnant. Isaiah 7:14 is the prophetic verse that is

being called to question.

King James Version:

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

In Error:

Good News Translation: Well then, the Lord himself will give you a sign: a young woman who is pregnant will have a son and will name him 'Immanuel.'

JPS Tanakh 1917:

Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: behold, the young woman shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

NET Bible: For this reason the sovereign master himself will give you a confirming sign. Look, this young woman is about to conceive and will give birth to a son. You, young woman, will name him Immanuel.

Correct, This Time:

A Faithful Version:

Therefore, the LORD Himself shall give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel.

American Standard Version: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Amplified Bible: Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Listen carefully, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and she will call his name Immanuel (God with us).

Berean Study Bible:

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel.

Bishops' Bible of 1568:

Therefore the Lorde hym selfe shall geue you a token: Beholde, a virgin shall conceaue and beare a sonne, and shall call his name Emmanuel.

Brenton Septuagint

Translation: Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold, a virgin shall conceive in the womb, and shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Emmanuel.

Catholic Public Domain

Version: For this reason, the Lord himself will grant to you a sign. Behold, a virgin will conceive, and she will give birth to a son, and his name will be called Immanuel.

Christian Standard Bi-

ble: Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: See, the virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel.

Contemporary English

Version: But the LORD will still give you proof. A virgin is pregnant; she will have a son and will name him Immanuel.

Coverdale Bible of

1535: And therfore the LORDE shal geue you a token of himself: Beholde, a virgin shal

coceaue and beare a sonne, and shal call his name Emanuel.

Darby Bible Transla-

tion: Therefore will the Lord himself give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and shall bring forth a son, and call his name Immanuel.

Douay-Rheims Bible:

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign. Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

English Revised Ver-

sion: Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

English Standard Ver-

sion: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Geneva Bible of 1587:

Therefore the Lorde himselfe will giue you a signe. Beholde, the virgine shall conceiue and beare a sonne, and she shal call his name Immanu-el.

GOD'S WORD® Trans-

lation: So the Lord himself will give you this sign: A virgin will be-

come pregnant and give birth to a son, and she will name him Immanuel [God Is With Us].

Holman Christian Standard Bible: Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel.

International Standard Version: "Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Watch! The virgin is conceiving a child, and will give birth to a son, and his name will be called Immanuel.

Lamsa Bible: Therefore the LORD himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Literal Standard Version: Therefore the Lord Himself gives a sign to you, "" Behold, the virgin is conceiving, "" And is bringing forth a Son, "" And has called His Name Immanuel,

New American Standard Bible: Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and she will name Him Immanuel.

New International Version: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

New King James Version: Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

New Living Translation: All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').

Peshitta Holy Bible Translated: Because of this, LORD JEHOVAH God will give you a sign; behold, the virgin has conceived and she gives birth to The Son and his Name shall be called Ammanuyel

Smith's Literal Translation: For this, Jehovah he will give to you a sign Behold, the virgin conceiving, and she will bare a son, and call his name Immanuel.

Webster's Bible Translation: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

World English Bible:

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin will conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Young's Literal Translation: Therefore the Lord Himself giveth to you a sign, Lo, the Virgin is conceiving, And is bringing forth a son, And hath called his name Immanuel,

Questions And Answers

Allow at least three (3) months before your question may appear.

QUESTION: What is your explicit, not implied, position on COVID and the vaccine?

ANSWER: Revelation 18:23 states, "for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived", where "sorceries" we

know is the Greek word "pharmakeia", so the pharmaceutical industry would be involved in a worldwide decep-

tion and continue to deceive.

With that in mind, I know for a fact that Bill Gates and others performed a scenario situation involving COVID a couple years prior to the outbreak. This was reported in regular news articles as if this was a great thing that Bill was doing for study purposes. At the time, it was not newsworthy. In hindsight, it is now significant. He also ran a smallpox outbreak scenario recently prior to the monkeypox situation developing. The link between these two tests and others is that what was scenario testing is now reality. Therefore, we conclude that although COVID and the the pox are real, it is the purposeful exploitation of these things by either exaggeration or purposeful injection into people, or combination, that brought on the plandemic. Yes, the pandemic was planned. And according to the scriptures, reveals that the one responsible for "the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth" (Revelation 18:24) is none other than the beast, or antichrist. Therefore, the ultimate planning hierarchy reaches Rome at the top.

Not by coincidence, Bill and Melinda Gates along with all of the social media giants met with Pope Francis and a few years later we have all social media giants shutting down the usage of negative-speak against COVID and other speech restrictions; Bill experimenting with COVID and then it being released as a worldwide concern; Bill pushing a vaccine; and much more.

It was most definitely an exaggeration to force the agenda when illnesses and even deaths were no worse and even far less than the annual flu, which had appeared to disappear during the COVID lockdown.

Further, during the vaccine releases, different articles popped up from reputable sources, dismissed, and never discussed again. Japan, for instance, discovered metallic content in a batch of their vaccines. It was dismissed as being tainted. No, tainted is when something is spoiled, becomes ineffective, etc. Having microscopic metallic objects in addition to the vaccine is a purposeful agenda using the vaccine excuse to push another purpose.

All of it is an agenda because a person does not change his religious stance on something when other options are available, yet, the longstanding position of the Catholic Church being against abortion and the use of aborted fetuses was changed by the Pope, who declared to all that even if aborted fetuses may be in the vaccine, take it anyways. This shows how important it is for the agenda to be completed.

Although people are to make choices for themselves, please be aware that going along with the mandates and accepting of the vaccine receives scriptural condemnation where we are to "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5:22). A vaccine in general, in which not spoken in favor of in the Spirit of Prophecy including the annual flu shots, is of itself not evil, but the fact that this vaccine is associated with the papal agenda using the pharmaceutical industry to push the agenda is what now makes this particular vaccine evil and should be avoided. Further, masking up for personal reasons and staying away from church due to illnesses is not evil, but doing those actions now in

regards to COVID is actually in support of showing compliance to the government of which is all a lie to begin with and is what makes such activities evil. They have numerously announced that masks do more harm to health as opposed to the risk of not wearing a mask and contracting COVID.

So, our position is that COVID is the agenda of Rome to push the vaccine and worldwide compliance to control the populous.

QUESTION: Are you saying that we ought not share the truth with those of other denominations and that we are to stay to ourselves?

ANSWER: No. We do not have to participate in the ecumenical involvement between churches to accomplishing our witnessing to others. Further, using "friendship evangelism" does not need to cease but should be played down as being the only means of witnessing. The primary activity is to tell as many people as possible the messages entrusted to us, and using the excuse that we are "witnessing" by simply being friendly to the

neighbors is just that – an excuse.

We are to limit our exposure to those of the world. Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy are quite clear on that matter. Being in the presence of anyone who is unconverted who undermines our relationship with God, ought to be greatly limited.

Now, not everyone has the means or physical ability, especially when many are very much up in age, to be distributing literature and conducting Bible studies in the homes and therefore, we cannot dictate the plan of action nor is it our intent to make such people feel guilty. But those who do have the time, means, and physical ability, get active, get active, get active!

QUESTION: Do only the 144,000 give the loud cry?

ANSWER: We will answer this question by asking a series of questions and get Bible and Spirit of Prophecy responses.

What is held back until all 144,000 are sealed? "I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads" (Revelation 7:1-3). The answer is the four winds.

What are the four winds? "I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues" {EW 36.2}. Upon the last of the 144,000 being sealed, the seven last plagues are unleashed.

What closes right before the seven last plagues? "These plagues are not universal, or the inhabitants of the earth would be wholly cut off. Yet they will be the most awful scourges that have ever been known to mortals. All the judgments upon men, prior to the close of probation, have been mingled with mercy. The pleading blood of Christ has shielded the sinner from receiving the full

measure of his guilt; but in the final judgment, wrath is poured out unmixed with mercy" {GC 628.2}. "And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled" (Revelation 15:8). Probation closes right before the plagues making it ineffective to do any preaching as all cases will have been decided.

Therefore, no is the answer. Not only are the 144,000 the only ones to give the loud cry as it is the responsibility of everyone, but the 144,000 will stop giving the loud cry when Heaven identifies who they all are. The reason is because probation will be closed at that time. "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be

holy still" (Revelation 22:11). Everyone will have decided to be on one side or the other.

Therefore, the 144,000 are simply the saved at the end of time, who end the loud cry.

"The truth for this time, the third angel's message, is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, meaning with increasing power, as we approach the great final test. . . . The present truth for this time comprises the messages, the third angel's message succeeding the first and the second. The presentation of this message with all it embraces is our work. We stand as the remnant people in these last days to promulgate the truth and swell the cry of the third angel's wonderful distinct message, giving the trumpet a certain sound. Eternal truth, which we have adhered to from the beginning, is to be maintained in all its increasing importance to the close of probation. The trumpet

is to give no uncertain sound..." {9MR 291.1}. Basically, when Sunday law is passed and the restrictions tighten up, the loud cry, the fourth angel of Revelation 18 empowers the third angel to give the final cry. Between Sunday law and just before the seven last plagues is the loud cry sounded by all sho have the truth of which many will be martyred as the 144,000 are being numbered to be prepared for translation. Once the 144,000 are numbered, the seven last plagues fall, "the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

Prophecy Made Plain

In this new article, as requested by our readership, we will address one last day event at a time and try to put it into plain speak.

One Hour with One Mind Revelation 17:12-13 states, "And the ten horns which thou

sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but

receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast."

There are a number of prophetic items in these two verses and we are going to try our best to address the three big ones without coming short of making the prophecies simple to understand. In other words, we are going to try and make all three simple to understand.

According to Revelation 17:3, the seven headed beast is referred to having ten horns. Revelation 17:12 states that these are ten kings that have not received their kingdoms as of yet. This is a future prophecy. We do not believe these are ten nations that lead all other nations of the world nor are they the top ten nations that will join forces with the antichrist against all other nations. It has been suggested that there will possibly be ten divisions in the world in the future but at this time, that would be speculation. It is also possible that "ten" is symbolic of "all-inclusiveness", however, the seven heads are literal world empires from Babylon forward with one of the heads, antichrist, being wounded and being healed to rule again (Revelation 17:11). Time will reveal reality at some point. So, our first of three prophecies plainly states that there are ten kings that will rule with the beast or antichrist at some future point coming soon.

The second prophecy that we shall try to make plain from these verses is that they will rule for a mere hour, however, that is not literal as we already see that horns do not literally rule but represent kings. The beast does not rule but is representative of the antichrist. Therefore, an hour is not literal either. Using God's "day for a year" principle regarding prophecy (Numbers 14:34, Ezekiel 4:6), one hour is a period of one-twentyfourth of a day as there are twenty-four hours in a day, therefore, that means one-twentyfourth of a year is the literal time. With threehundred and sixty days in a biblical year, the math being done comes out to a mere fifteen days (360 divided by 24). So, all the effort of the world to get the nations to give power unto the antichrist will indeed be achieved but will last for merely fifteen days.

What causes the end of that period is revealed in the plagues. So, the second piece of the prophecies is that the time-frame for the nations to rule with the antichrist is but fifteen days.

So, the third prophecy is in Revelation 17:13, which states that they all have "one mind". That means that there is a unifying item that brings all nations together. No, it is not the United Nations being referenced here. To have one mind is to individually think alike. There is something that the world would be involved in together and agree upon to enforce along with the beast, or antichrist specifically, the Mark of the Beast. Right now, it seems that all nations are unified in the Climate Change agenda, COVID plandemic, and inflation crisis. Eventually, they will be unified on other things including enforcing the Mark of the Beast. That means that all nations will agree "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). So, the third piece of the prophecies is that all nations will have an agreed agenda to enforce upon their

people respectively getting that agenda from the antichrist.

Now, we tackled all three prophecies in one article because they actually make up one grand prophecy, where ten unknown rulers of the future will agree upon a particular resolution to an issue that they believe the antichrist is best at leading the world at resolving the crisis with, and the union of effort will last only a mere fifteen days.

Thank God that Jesus Christ cuts this union short and in a quick manner. Those fifteen days will be excruciating enough. Thank you, God, for your mercy.

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.

July 13—Fulcrum 7

LLU's Richard Hart: Christ Calls us to Celebrate Pride Month

"When Loma Linda University Health participates in months of recognition, we are working to heal and restore relationships, as I believe Christ calls us to do. May each of us open our hearts to all those around us who are deserving and in need of this love and acceptance."

EGW: ""For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." Christ never invited the wicked to come to him to be saved in their sins, but to be saved from

their sins. Oh, what hope does this give the sinner, for there is a way whereby he may return to his Father's house! The bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness shine upon his pathway, making it the royal path of holiness. The scribes and Pharisees can be saved only by entering in at the door of the sheepfold, – through faith in Jesus Christ." {ST, January 22, 1894 par. 3}

July 25—Advent Messenger

Alcohol, Music, Dancing, Disney, and AdventHealth: When Will the General Conference Finally Put an End to this Abomination in

the Church?

According to Disney, the AdventHealth Waterside Stage is an "open-air" entertainment venue for "special events and live performances" that take place "each day and evening," including on the sacred hours of God's Sabbath.

EGW: "This scripture pictures the work of those who manufacture and who sell intoxicating liquor. Their business means robbery. For the money they receive, no useful equivalent is returned. Every dollar they add to their gains has brought a curse to the spender." {ST, November 27, 1907 par. 2}

News And Comments

June 29—The Daily Beast

A Trans Character Buys Menstrual Pads in Disney Kids' Series 'Baymax'

"Conservative idiots are losing their minds over a scene in "Baymax" that includes a transmasculine character shopping in the tampon aisle. The rest of the internet is celebrating." So, conservatives are idiots, and this is not journalism because it is opinion passed off as news facts. Statistics on social media shows that of all viewers of this and similar material by the millions that only a few thousand give it "thumbs up". Further, only about .5%, less than 1% in case you missed the decimal point, are transgender or support transgender movements. This is nothing short of Disney pushing the agenda on 2 year-olds and up. "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto [them that are] wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!" (Isaiah 5:20-21).

July 2—Business Insider

Florida offers new training for teachers that says it was a 'misconception' that 'the Founders desired strict

separation of church and state': report

"In the movements now in progress in the United States to secure for the institutions and usages of the church the support of the state, Protestants are following in the steps of papists. Nay, more, they are opening the door for the papacy to regain in Protestant America the supremacy which she has lost in the Old World" (GC 573.1). We do not hear such a cry from the left, hence we have always maintained that the only way to fulfill the prophecies about church and state uniting is by the "right" side as opposed to the left. Now, that does not leave the "left" out of the equation. Both are necessary to see this through, but we once again see the expected call for breaking down those two pillars of Protestantism (church) and Republicanism (representative government) to the point they will join to speak as a dragon (Revelation 13:11).

July 2—People

Elon Musk Breaks Twitter Silence to Post Photo of Himself and 4 of His Sons with Pope Francis

On January 20, 2022, Knox News states: "On celebrity websites, Musk is often described as an atheist or agnostic." So, why is an atheist taking his children to visit the world's most recognized religious leader? "Satan is working to the utmost to make himself as God, and to destroy all who oppose his power. And today the world is bowing before him. His power is received as the power of God. It seems that the whole human creation has wondered after the beast. The kings and rulers of the earth, those who are called noblemen, think themselves altogether too great to submit to the yoke of Christ. But they are willing to bow at Satan's bidding" {PH004 12.1}.

July 6—The Guardian

Revealed: US water likely contains more 'forever chemicals' than EPA tests show

"Forever chemicals" are chemicals known to cause cancer. "'The EPA is doing the bare minimum it can and that's putting people's health at risk,' said Kyla Bennett, policy director at the advocacy group Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility." Once again, we see that the government cannot be trusted and yet, they tell us to trust them in other crucial matters. "[As for] God, his way [is] perfect: the word of the LORD is

tried: he [is] a buckler to all those that trust in him" (Psalms 18:30).
"Every word of God [is] pure: he [is] a shield unto them that put their trust in him" (Proverbs 30:5).

July 5—Money Wise

Bill Gates just won legal approval to buy 2,100 acres of North Dakota farmland worth \$13.5M — and people across the state are 'livid' about it

"Having amassed nearly 270,000 acres of farmland across dozens of states, Gates is already the largest private owner of farmland in America." This clearly is what was seen for our day: "A few men will combine to grasp all the means to be obtained in certain lines of business" {2SM 142.2}.

July 8-Fox News

Democratic Party leadership silent on teachers union plan to replace 'mother' with 'birthing parent'

The science is lacking on the part of this agenda. In the push to make all genders one, as in, there are no genders, by replacing all terms that separate the genders with more generic terms is an abomination before God. Like David, let us pray, "In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion" (Psalms 71:1). This also proves that evolution is a farce because

evolution teaches that it is the survival of the fittest, evolving into something better, more intelligent. This shows great lack of intelligence, even idiocy prevailing!

July 9—Business Insider

Conservatives argue that kids should be adopted in place of abortion. But a psychologist says adoption can be a 'traumatic event' for everyone involved.

So, let us understand that according to junk science, it is better to kill an unborn child giving it no chance for survival than to have the child experience a bit of trauma, become healed of that trauma, and survive. Truly this is "profane [and] vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called" (1 Timothy 6:20).

July 11—Business Insider

Expert on civil wars says the US is heading toward insurgency — the 21st-century version of civil war

"The monied men, because they have the power, control the market. They purchase at low rates all they can obtain, and then sell at greatly increased prices. This means starvation to the poorer classes, and will result in a civil war" {Ms114-1899}.

July 12—The Week

Could this SCOTUS case push America toward one-party rule?

Although we try to report only actual news items that have happened, we will make an exception as this article points to a future that will happen at some point, if not now. We know that the lamb like horns of church and state, Protestantism and Republicanism (representative government), will be abandoned and then speak as a dragon (Revelation 13:11). "When Protestant churches shall unite with the secular power to sustain a false religion, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution, then will the papal sabbath be enforced by the combined authority of church and state. There will be a national apostasy, which will end only in national ruin." - Manuscript 51, 1899 (Ev 235.1). The far left churches do not seem to be interested in forcing religious dogma, are not united, and do not have to appeal to the government for their beliefs; it is the Religious Right of the Republican Party.

July 18—The Times

Ferry breakdowns 'a rebuke from God' for sailings on Sabbath

"Men in responsible positions will not only ignore and despise the

Sabbath themselves, but from the sacred desk, will urge upon the people the observance of the first day of the week, pleading tradition and custom in behalf of this man-made institution. They will point to calamities on land and sea--to the storms of wind, the floods, the earthquakes, the destruction by fire as judgments indicating God's displeasure because Sunday is not sacredly observed. These calamities will increase more and more, one disaster will follow close upon the heels of another; and those who make void the law of God will point to the few who are keeping the Sabbath of the fourth commandment as the ones who are bringing wrath upon the world. This falsehood is Satan's device that he may ensnare the unwary" {ST, January 17, 1884 par. 12}.

July 20—Star Telegram

There's confusion about abortion and ectopic pregnancy, but much of it is dishonest politics

"The Lord would have His people bury political questions. On these themes silence is eloquence. Christ calls upon His followers to come into unity on the pure gospel principles which are plainly revealed in the word of God. We cannot with safety vote for political parties; for we do not know whom we are voting for. We

cannot with safety take part in any political scheme" {GW 391.2}. Stop picking political parties and being involved by voting for them. All of the parties scheme to get their way. We are to keep our eyes on the mission, and that is all. Yes, we may vote on referendums and surveys, but not choosing politicians.

July 21—The Hill

Nation's largest nurses union calls on Biden administration to tighten COVID-19 restrictions

"And the trade unions will be one of the agencies that will bring upon this earth a time of trouble such as has not been since the world began." – Letter 200, 1903, p. 3. (To Elder G. I. Butler, September 10, 1903.) {4MR 88.1}

July 22—Charlotte Observer

Why is NC spending millions in taxpayer money on centers that mislead pregnant people?

Please set aside the politics and focus on what is about to be presented. We defend freedom of speech even if we disagree with it, even if it were satanic because taking away another's freedoms undermines our own. With that said, here is the latest tactic to push the immoral activity of society. Call it misleading and throw science

into the argument. Science is worthless in the argument. There are scientists that will show evidence of global warming and others that show it is simply cyclical stages of the earth. There are even scientists that still tout how smoking is healthful, while others do not. So, there are medical professionals that can show "links abortion to breast cancer, psychological disorders, and extreme complications" while the article states "all of which is not supported by medical evidence." It all depends upon the ones a person chooses to listen to. But the point is, to restrict the free exercise of the rights of these anti -abortion clinics, which is expanding to becoming any speech that one side disagrees with, it is labeled as "misinformation". Look at all of the "factchecking" on social media. Most of those "facts" are actually opinions. So, be careful of the schemes that one side or the other are playing to achieve their way at the cost of taking away freedoms. "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn" (Proverbs 29:2).

July 23—The Washington Post

WHO declares monkeypox a global health

emergency as infections soar

"There shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places" (Matthew 24:7). Jesus did not clarify that the pestilences would be man-made, manexaggerated, etc. They would just appear. But understand this - to best control people is to keep them in fear. Reuters pushes the narrative further by running the article, "Monkeypox emergency could last months, with window closing to stop spread, experts say".

July 27—Gainsville

Supreme Court rulings, DeSantis antics threaten the separation of church and state

We do not hear of a threat between uniting church and state from the left. The fear from some, not religious, in society is that which is from the right. Those who are religious are what bring on the worship as described in Revelation 13. "he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed" (verse 12).

July 24—Newsweek

Marjorie Taylor Greene to GOP: 'We Should Be Christian Nationalists' It is this political game and agenda on the religious right that is housed inside the Republican party that appears to fulfill that the immoral liberal left, even of the liberal churches cannot fulfill with their gay pastors, welcoming of LGBQ+ lifestyle, etc. They are part of the immoral problem.

"Yet this very class put forth the claim that the fast-spreading corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so -called "Christian Sabbath," and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society. This claim is especially urged in America, where the doctrine of the true Sabbath has been most widely preached. Here the temperance work, one of the most prominent and important of moral reforms, is often combined with the Sunday movement, and the advocates of the latter represent themselves as laboring to promote the highest interest of society; and those who refuse to unite with them are denounced as the enemies of temperance and reform. But the fact that a movement to establish error is connected with a work which is in itself good, is not an argument in favor of the error. We may disguise poison by mingling it with wholesome food, but we do not change its nature. On the contrary, it is ren-

dered more dangerous, as it is more likely to be taken unawares. It is one of Satan's devices to combine with falsehood just enough truth to give it plausibility. The leaders of the Sunday movement may advocate reforms which the people need, principles which are in harmony with the Bible, yet while there is with these a requirement which is contrary to God's law, his servants cannot unite with them. Nothing can justify them in setting aside the commandments of God for the precepts of men" {GC88 587.1}.

July 27—Miami Herald

Gov. DeSantis files a complaint about a Wynwood drag show performed in front of kids

Such acts of flaunting are just getting bolder and bolder and without regard for the influence upon children. Actually, that is exactly what they focus upon. Getting children confused at a young age to swell the ranks of the indecent. It ought to remind us of the sexual flaunting that happened so boldly and blatantly right before Moses' eyes without regard to law and authority. "And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who

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negatively impact this existing ministry or their ministry but only help each other in the presenting of the messages of truth, the Three Angels' Messages. We have been encouraged that Four Angels' Messages should continue without interruption and not become a one ministry only.

May God continue to open opportunities and use each one of us as time is seriously running out for this dying world to hear the last day messages and be warned.

[were] weeping [before] the door of the tabernacle of the congregation" (Numbers 25:6).

July 27—Metro Voice News

Judge rules in favor of Canadian pastor jailed for holding services during lockdown

It is wonderful to have legal fees and fines reimbursed, but jail time, humiliation, harassments should also be compensated, but overall, it showed yet another government overreaching with the excuse of COVID. That pastor also should be an example to all churches that shut down during the man-

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CE - Christian Education

CG - Child Guidance

CTBH - Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene

DA - The Desire of Ages

Ev - Evangelism

EW - Early Writings

FE - Fundamentals of Christian Education

GC - The Great Controversy (1911)

GC88 - The Great Controversy (1888)

GW - Gospel Workers

Ms25 - Manuscript 25

Ms114 - Manuscript 114

PH004 - Pamphlet 004

RH - The Review and Herald

ST - The Signs of the Times

Te - Temperance

dates. "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

July 28—Yahoo

Stylist Maeve Reilly brought back the naked dress. How the revealing look made one celebrity feel 'the hottest she's ever felt' Nakedness is not about empowerment, but rebellion! They were naked around the calf (Exodus 32:25-28), Adam and Eve discovered their nakedness as their robes of light disappeared due to their rebellion (Genesis 3:7).



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.

Thyme

Thyme is considered an herbal disinfectant because of the substance thymol. To boost oral health, add 2 to 3 drops of thyme essential oil

to 1/2 cup distilled water and use as a mouthwash every morning before brushing your teeth. This should help fight bacteria and virus-

es, banish bad breath, and bring relief to swollen tonsils.

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