



# The Four Angels' Messages

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**That thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave  
thyself in the house of God — 1 Timothy 3:15**

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For Seventh-day Adventists**



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Dear Reader,

The Lord has blessed me through my employment to pay for one more month of a free issue for all of you. Those that are already sending in a subscription will receive this issue for free as well.

To several people, though, this publication comes as a surprise. Rest assured that we have no intention in creating competition with Prophecy Again, Path Way To Peace, Hope International, Hartland Institute, Amazing Facts, or any other personal ministry people. Our intent is simply to continue the encouragement to live a holy life and help others to be aware of the times we live in, as several of you also indicated through

phone calls and e-mail and even postal mail.

But not everyone sees it that way. People have their favorite person or organization that they want to follow and no one can speak or even print content on the same level. This should not be so, my friends.

"For ye are yet carnal: for whereas [there is] among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I [am] of Apollos; are ye not carnal? Who then is Paul, and who [is] Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, [ye are] God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise

masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire" (1 Corinthians 3:3-15).

It is not good to get only one perspective of these days. The Bible says, "In the multitude of counsellors [there is] safety" (Proverbs 11:14). "Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established" (Proverbs 15:22).

And commenting on the reference in 1 Corinthians, Ellen

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**The mission of The Four Angels' Messages Ministry** is to alert as many Seventh-day Adventists as possible to see the need of living the Three Angels' Messages, be well studied in the messages of all four angels, and get ready very soon to go and preach them. 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.

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# Where Is Your Church Membership?



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Jesus prays in John 17:17-19, "17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. 18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." The main theme of Christ's last prayer for His people before He went to the cross of Calvary was for His church to be sanctified or made holy through

His truth. Not only does truth sanctify His church, but it is only His TRUTH that unites His church.

Jesus is the center of TRUTH that unifies ALL true believers to Him regardless of status, wealth, nationality, or fame. Colossians 3:11, 14, 15 says, 11 "Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." This "one body" the one true church of Jesus Christ in which all His people are unified under the banner of TRUTH. Unity among the believers of Christ is always based on the truth of God's Word.

According to Strong's Greek Dictionary, the New Testament word

"church" means a "calling out" or assembly. Dictionary.com has multiple definitions of "church" such as "a building for public Christian worship; public worship of God or a religious service in such a building; the whole body of Christian believers; any division of this body professing the same creed and acknowledging the same ecclesiastical authority (a Christian denomination); that part of the whole Christian body, or of a particular denomination, belonging to the same city, country, nation, etc; or a body of Christians worshiping in a particular building or constituting one congregation; or an ecclesiastical organization, power, and affairs, as distinguished from the state." Do these definitions of a "church" automatically reveal that a "church" is a part of God's true church of the Bible? Of course not. A church denomination or group may call themselves a

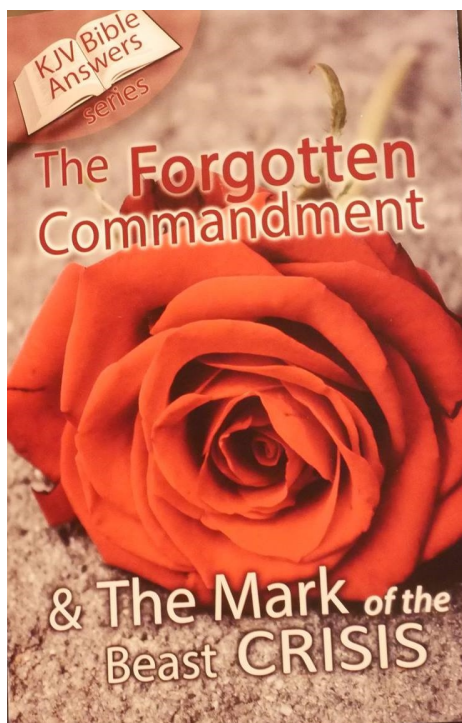
church, but how do you know if they are part of God's true church? The Bible clearly reveals the true church of Christ and its standards and how to be a member of His true church.

The Bible reveals that God only has one true church. Ephesians 4:4-6, says 4 "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all,

and through all, and in you all." Jesus is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence, according to Colossians 1:18. Jesus the "way, the truth, and the life," does not need assistance from man to be the head of His one true church. The one true church of Jesus was not established, built, or founded by a church denomination or man. The one true

church of Jesus is built on Himself, the Rock, and established by Himself. Jesus is the head and He is in charge - not a pastor, "head" elder, conference president, or church official; Jesus and only Jesus.

Remember, God only has ONE true church, not multiple churches with various opposing views. Yes, it is true that there are multiple physical church assemblies, but a church assembly is connected to



## The Forgotten Commandment and the Mark of the Beast Crisis

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the true church of Jesus only if it is sanctified through the truth. This unites all true believers. All those who are unified in the one true church of Jesus Christ are “members” of the one body of Christ.

Romans 12:4, 5 says, “4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and

every one members one of another.”

The word “member” in the Greek means “limb or part of the body.” In other words, all

who are members are limbs of the spiritual body of Christ, in which He is the head. Those who are a “limb” of the body are submissive to the brain. They are obedient to the brain, the head. Like a physical body, each limb receives the blood that provides oxygen and nourishment for every limb. As a result, they are active and alive. There are NO inactive limbs of the one body

of Christ! All limbs of Christ’s one body have an important role to play, they all work! Jesus does not have dead inactive limbs on His body that do not receive the blood. Why can’t Jesus afford to have inactive limbs on His body? Like a physical body, inactive limbs that don’t receive blood will lead to gangrene. Gangrene is a condition in which a

limb in Christ’s one true spiritual church. All members, the limbs, must be obedient and in harmony with the Head in order to remain in the body. This includes church denominations, church ministers, pastors, bishops, deacons, and elders.

Jesus says in John 15:1, 2, “1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every

branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth

*“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every [branch] that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.”*

*John 15:1-2*

limb of the body dies as a result of not receiving blood. If that limb is not cut off, gangrene will spread damaging other limbs. If it is allowed to spread it can kill the entire body. Christ will not allow His one true church to die. He will cut off all inactive limbs to maintain the health of the entire body. A mere profession that you know the truth does not automatically make you a

more fruit.” “Purgeth” means to cleanse or to prune. In John, chapter 15, Jesus equates the one body of Christ to a grape vine with many branches. Like one church body with many limbs, Jesus clearly reveals in John 15:1 that He is the true vine and God the Father is the farmer. In verse 2, Jesus says that every branch that is not bearing fruit will be cut off by God. In other words,



Jesus here reemphasizes that there are no inactive members in His one true church. Jesus continues in verse 2 that those branches who are active will bear fruit, but the Farmer cleanses those active branches through the process of pruning so they can grow even more fruit.

How does Jesus cleanse His one true church

and keep it active? In John 15:3, 4, Jesus says, "3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 Abide in me, and I in

you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me."

"Abide" means to stay, endure, or remain. Those in God's one true church are cleansed through the Word. Who is the Word? John 1:1 and 14 says, 1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 14 And

the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." Jesus is the Word, but you must be in the Word, the Holy Bible, in order to be cleansed by the Word, Jesus Christ.

In order to remain in the one true church of Christ you must remain

without me ye can do nothing." It is Christ that gives you the power and strength to remain in Him, the Truth, daily. Philippians 2:13 says, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

Those who were at one time in Christ, but have mixed the worldly with the holy and yielded to sin without re-

pentance "disconnect" themselves from the true VINE. They no longer have "remnant" status no matter what their profession. Ezekiel

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*John 1:1, 14*

in Jesus and Jesus will remain in you. This is true "remnant" status. Remnant, meaning "remaining one". Remaining in who? Christ, the Vine, daily. It is literally impossible to bear the fruit of Christ without remaining daily in the vine of Christ. He says in John 15:5, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for

33:12, 13 says, "12 Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth. 13

When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.” What is the result of a professed “remnant” who has disconnected himself from the vine, the ONE true spiritual body of Christ? John 15:6 says “If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.”

What will Christ, as the head of His church, do if a local church assembly or conference that is mixing the holy with profane and refuses to repent? What did Jesus tell the church of Ephesus in Revelation 2:5, “Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will

remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.” What did Jesus tell the church of Pergamos in Revelation 2:16 - “Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.” Are the standards of Jesus as Head of His one true church still the same today as it was then? Of course.

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*John 15:6*

God’s last day “remnant” people do not get a “special” pass because of their affiliation and knowledge of Bible truth and end time prophecy. We all must remain in the Vine daily reflecting the character of Jesus Christ in our lives. All profane things of the world that threaten to cut off your branch from the vine must be removed. Remember, you cannot be a part of God’s true church with

just a profession or association. You cannot be voted into God’s true church. You must remain in Christ’s true church daily by faith. ALL those in God’s one true church will reflect the character of Christ.

Ephesians 5:25-27, 30 says, 25 “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he

might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a

glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.”

Satan hates God’s one true church and the Ten Commandments, especially the seventh-day Sabbath. He hates the Head of the Church and all of His members. Satan is attacking the professed “remnant” people of God relent-



lessly. A cocktail mixture of truth and error has crept into many local and conference church assemblies with the philosophies of man to detach people from the head, Jesus Christ. Colossians 2:8 says, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." "Spoil" in this context means "to lead away from the truth and subject to one's sway" according to the Thayer's Greek Dictionary. Beware! Many are detached from the Head of Christ, because they allowed themselves to be mesmerized and deceived by the philosophies, vanities, and traditions of men rather than holding on to the Truth of God's Word. They become worldly, but still claim to be a part of God's true church. They rely on self and the "human spirit" rather than having faith in God. They have detached themselves from the Head of Christ and become members of Satan's false church system.

Colossians 2:18, 19 warn, 18"Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God." Friends, hold on to the Head, Jesus Christ, and don't let go!

Having your name on the church roll as a "member" of a large or small local Seventh day Adventist congregation or group is not an automatic ticket to heaven. Your name must be in the Lamb's book of life covered by the blood of the Lamb. Only those who remain in the "TRUTH" abiding in the "TRUTH" daily will have a faith that is genuine and a character that is pure, holy, and like Jesus will be members whose names are written in the book of life. There will not be one blemish or worldliness or sin that stains

the robes of the members of the one true church of Jesus Christ.

"God has a church. It is not the great cathedral, neither is it the national establishment, neither is it the various denominations; it is the people who love God and keep His commandments. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Where Christ is even among the humble few, this is Christ's church, for the presence of the High and Holy One who inhabiteth eternity can alone constitute a church." The Upward Look, p. 315, Ellen White

Where is your membership? Have you severed ALL tainted and profane relationships of the world? Are you holding on to Jesus with a tenacious faith? Are you truly a member of Christ's one true church by faith? If not, join today.

# No Slowing Down For Pope Francis in 2017



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Pope Francis celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in December and has just completed an extremely active 2016, more active than any other Pope, visiting many countries, including the United States wherein he delivered an unprecedented speech to a joint session of congress, campaigning for issues important to Roman Catholicism, meeting with Hollywood A-listers, CEOs of

major social media networks, convening meetings with religious leaders, politicians and a wide array of other influential, and well-known individuals from various sectors of society. A headline from the Jesuit-run magazine, *America*, reads, "No slowing down" in which the following is written, "When a close friend recently suggested that he should slow down, Francis calmly responded that at his stage of life one has to move even faster..."

What is known already confirms his intention to continue at high speed over the coming 12 months. As pope, he has made 17 foreign trips outside Italy, vis-

horizon."<sup>1</sup> Could it be that Satan has informed his chief vicegerent, the anti-Christ, the Pope that he must work quickly and decisively because his time is short as stated in Revelation 12:12? "Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

Pope Francis was chosen for a specific reason at this particular time to accomplish the strategic agenda of propelling Roman Catholicism to reemergence of world

dominance. Thus far, he has done a great job of drastically revolutionizing the representation of Roman Catholicism,

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iting 26 countries as well as the European Parliament and Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France, and there are more on the

though she remains unchanged, and the popular perception of this entity, so that individuals do not see it as a threat to their lives

and liberties. The previous initiatives and policies set in place over the past years of Pope Francis' papacy have set the stage for the Roman Catholic Church to again assume supreme authority and have her decrees enforced by law, to the utter disannulment of civil and religious liberties, beginning in the United States and extending worldwide. It must here be noted that according to research, Roman Catholics currently comprise one-third of the House and one-quarter of Senate<sup>2</sup>, not even men-

tioning the overwhelming majority of Roman Catholics in the Supreme Court and the absence of Protestants on the bench. Satan is capitalizing on the atmosphere of United States politics combined with the general admiration of Roman Catholicism, the widespread ambiance of fear in the world, coupled with the falling away and falling asleep of God's professed people, and will bring about the Mark of the Beast crisis in just such an hour.

Let it never be for-

gotten that "The papacy is just what prophecy declared that she would be, the apostasy of the latter times. 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4. It is a part of her policy to assume the character which will best accomplish her purpose; but beneath the variable appearance of the chameleon she conceals the invariable venom of the serpent... Shall this power, whose record for a thousand years is written in the blood of the saints, be now acknowledged as a part of the church of Christ? It is not without reason that the claim has been

## Tell It To The World



- Young adults hitting the streets evangelizing with 5 minute interviews on hot religious topics.
- Interviewees leave with a bag of contents for further reading including the *Great Controversy*, *National Sunday Law*, usually a health article, and other literature.
- Find snippets of their interviews on YouTube.com.

put forth in Protestant countries that Catholicism differs less widely from Protestantism than in former times. There has been a change; but the change is not in the papacy. Catholicism indeed resembles much of the Protestantism that now exists, because Protestantism has so greatly degenerated since the days of the Reformers. As the Protestant churches have been seeking the favor of the world, false charity has blinded their eyes. They do not see but that it is right to believe good of all evil, and as

the inevitable result they will finally believe evil of all good. Instead of standing in defense of the faith once delivered to the saints, they are now, as it were, apologizing to Rome for their uncharitable opinion of her, begging pardon for their bigotry.”<sup>3</sup>

As the Jesuit Pope Francis and the Church he heads are showing no signs of slowing down, so must the people of God be all the more zealous for the proclamation of the Three Angels’ Messages, which entails exposing Satan’s agencies of evil, particularly, the

anti-Christ, Roman Catholicism. “God’s word has given warning of the impending danger; let this be unheeded, and the Protestant world will learn what the purposes of Rome really are, only when it is too late to escape the snare. She is silently growing into power. Her doctrines are exerting their influence in legislative halls, in the churches, and in the hearts of men. She is piling up her lofty and

ple of God should be fortifying their minds with the truths of God’s Word, allowing each passage to sanctify them and develop the faith that they will need to endure the present and coming days of distress and anguish. If we would be victorious during the great time of trouble such as never was, we must find ourselves, through the Divine aid of Jesus Christ, passing the tests that daily

come our way allowing these trials to burn off the dross from our characters, so that the Lord can point with approbation and

make the final declaration upon our cases:

“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.americamagazine.org/issue/no-slowing-down>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2017/catholics-in-congress-one-third-of-house-one-quarter-of-senate.cfm>

<sup>3</sup> White, Ellen. The Great Controversy (1911), page 571

<sup>4</sup> White, Ellen. The Great Controversy (1911), page 581

*“God’s word has given warning of the impending danger...”*

*The Great Controversy (1911), page 581*

massive structures in the secret recesses of which her former persecutions will be repeated. Stealthily and unsuspectedly she is strengthening her forces to further her own ends when the time shall come for her to strike. All that she desires is vantage ground, and this is already being given her. We shall soon see and shall feel what the purpose of the Roman element is. Whoever shall believe and obey the word of God will thereby incur reproach and persecution.”<sup>4</sup>

It is now that the peo-

# Quotes And Tidbits



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## **January 20, 2017**

ALL TRUE obedience comes from the HEART. It was HEART work with CHRIST. And IF we CONSENT, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims, so blend our hearts and minds into conformity to HIS WILL, that when obeying Him we shall be but carrying out our OWN IMPULSES. The will, refined and sanctified, will find its HIGHEST DELIGHT in doing His service. When we know GOD as it is our privilege to know Him, our life will be a life of CONTINUAL OBEDIENCE. Through an appreciation of the character of CHRIST, through communion with GOD, SIN will

become HATEFUL to us.  
(Desire of Ages Page 668 Paragraph 3 Ellen White)

JESUS revealed NO qualities, and exercised NO powers, that men may not have through FAITH in HIM. His PERFECT humanity is that which ALL His followers may possess, IF they will be in subjection to GOD as He was.

(Desire of Ages Page 664 Paragraph 4 Ellen White)

## **January 26, 2017**

The fate of humanity TREMBLED in the BALANCE. CHRIST might even now refuse to drink the cup apportioned to guilty man. It was NOT YET TOO LATE. He might wipe the bloody sweat from His brow, and leave man to perish in his iniquity.

But now the history of the human race comes up before the world's Redeemer. He SEES that the transgressors of the law, if left to themselves, must PERISH. He SEES the

helplessness of man. He SEES the power of sin. The woes and lamentations of a doomed world RISE BEFORE him. He BEHOLDS its impending fate, and His decision is made. He will save man at ANY COST to Himself. He accepts His baptism of blood, that through Him perishing MILLIONS may gain everlasting life.

(Desire of Ages Page 609 Ellen White)

## **January 27, 2017**

It was through infinite sacrifice and inexpressible suffering that our Redeemer placed redemption within our reach. He was in this world unhonored and unknown, that, through His wonderful condescension and humiliation, He might exalt man to receive eternal honors and immortal joys in the heavenly courts.

(Selected Messages Book 1 Page 321 Paragraph 4 Ellen White)

During His thirty years of life on earth His



heart was wrung with inconceivable anguish. The path from the manger to Calvary was shadowed by grief and sorrow. He was a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, enduring such heartache as no human language can portray. He could have said in truth, "Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow" (Lamentations 1:12).

(Selected Messages Book 1 Page 321 Paragraph 4 Ellen White)

become man's substitute. Though the guilt of sin was not His, His spirit was torn and bruised by the transgressions of men, and He who knew no sin became sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

(Selected Messages Book 1 Page 321 Paragraph 4 Ellen White)

when the difference will be APPARANT. Let opposition arise, let bigotry and intolerance again bear sway, let persecution be kindled, and the halfhearted and hypocritical will WAVER and YIELD the faith; but the true Christian will stand firm as a rock, his faith stronger, his hope brighter, than in days of prosperity.

{Darkness Before Dawn Page 39 Paragraph 3 Ellen White}

#### January 30, 2017

When the testing time shall come, those who have made GOD'S WORD their rule of life will be revealed. In

While others try to throw a CLOAK over the existing evil, and EXCUSE the great wickedness

#### January 27, 2017

Hating sin with a perfect hatred, He yet gathered to His soul the sins of the whole world. Guiltless, He

bore the punishment of the guilty. Innocent, yet offering Himself as a substitute for the transgressor. The guilt of every sin pressed its weight upon the divine soul of the world's Redeemer. The evil thoughts, the evil words, the evil deeds of every son and daughter of Adam, called for retribution upon Himself; for He had

*"Christ was the originator of all the ancient gems of truth."*

*{The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials page 524.2}*

summer there is no noticeable difference between evergreens and other trees; but when the blasts of winter come, the evergreens remain UNCHANGED, while other trees are stripped of their foliage. So the falsehearted professor may not now be distinguished from the real Christian, but the time is just upon us

EVERYWHERE prevalent, those who have a ZEAL for God's honor and a love for souls will NOT hold their peace to

obtain favor of any. Their righteous souls are VEXED day by day with the unholy works and conversation of the unrighteous. They are POWERLESS to stop the RUSHING TORRENT of INIQUITY, and hence they are filled with GRIEF and ALARM.

(Testimonies to the Church Volume 5 Page 210 Paragraph 3 Ellen White)



# Satan An Accuser of the Brethren



Ellen White

- A messenger of God, more than a prophet
- One of the founders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

[SERMON DELIVERED  
SABBATH AFTERNOON,  
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“And he showed me  
Joshua the high priest

standing  
before the  
angel of the  
Lord, and  
Satan standing  
at his right  
hand to resist  
him. And the  
Lord said unto  
Satan, The  
Lord rebuke

thee, O Satan; even the  
Lord that hath chosen  
Jerusalem rebuke thee:  
is not this a brand  
plucked out of the fire?  
Now Joshua was  
clothed with filthy  
garments, and stood  
before the angel.”  
Zechariah 3:1-3. {HS  
154.1}

Here we find a  
representation of the

people of God of today.  
As Joshua stood before  
the Angel, “clothed  
with filthy garments,”  
so we stand in the  
presence of Christ,  
clothed in garments of  
unrighteousness.

Christ, the angel before  
whom Joshua stood, is  
now interceding for us  
before his Father, as he  
is here represented as  
interceding for Joshua  
and his people who  
were in deep affliction;  
and Satan now, as  
then, stands by to  
resist his efforts. {HS  
154.2}

Ever since his fall, it  
has been the work of

thus become  
weakened, and that he  
can then the more  
easily lead them to  
commit other sins. And  
when they have taken  
step after step in the  
wrong direction, he  
turns and begins to  
accuse them of the  
very sins which he has  
led them to commit. He  
thus causes them to  
become discouraged,  
and to lose confidence  
in themselves and in  
the Lord; and after they  
have separated from  
God, dishonored his  
name, and broken his  
law, he claims them as  
his captives, and

contests the  
right of Christ  
to take them  
from him.  
Pointing to  
their sins, as  
he did to the  
filthy  
garments of  
Joshua, he  
says: “They

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even the LORD that hath chosen  
Jerusalem rebuke thee: [is] not  
this a brand plucked out of the  
fire?” -- Zechariah 3:2*

Satan to oppose  
Christ's efforts to  
redeem the race. In the  
Bible he is called an  
accuser of the  
brethren. It is said that  
he accuses them before  
God day and night.  
Every time he leads  
them into temptation,  
he rejoices; because he  
well knows that their  
power of resistance will

profess to be thy  
children; but they do  
not obey thee. See the  
traces of sin upon  
them. They are my  
property.” {HS 154.3}

This is the argument  
that he employs  
concerning God's  
people in all ages. He  
pleads their sinfulness  
as the reason why  
Christ's restraining

power should not hold him back from exercising his cruelty upon them to its fullest extent. But to the accuser of his people the Saviour says, "The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan. Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Have I not thrust my own hand into the fire to gather this brand from the burning?" {HS 154.4}

So long as the people of God preserve their fidelity to him, so long as they cling by living faith to Jesus, they are under the protection of heavenly angels, and Satan will not be permitted to exercise his hellish arts upon them to their destruction. But those who separate themselves from Christ by sin are in great peril. If they continue to disregard the requirements of God, they know not how soon he may give them over to Satan, and permit him to do to them according to his will. There is, therefore, the greatest necessity of keeping the soul free from defilement, and the eye single to the glory of God; of thinking soberly and watching unto prayer

continually. {HS 154.5}

Satan is now more earnestly engaged in playing the game of life for souls than at any previous time; and unless we are constantly on our guard, he will establish in our hearts, pride, love of self, love of the world, and many other evil traits. He will also use every possible device to unsettle our faith in God and in the truths of his word. If

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we have not a deep experience in the things of God, if we have not a thorough knowledge of his word, we shall be beguiled to our ruin by the errors and sophistries of the enemy. False doctrines will sap the foundations of many, because they have not learned to discern truth from error. Our only safeguard against the wiles of Satan is to diligently study the Scriptures; to have an intelligent understanding of the reasons of our faith;

and to faithfully perform every known duty. The indulgence of one known sin will cause weakness and darkness, and subject us to fierce temptation. {HS 154.6}

Joshua is represented as pleading with the Angel. Are we engaged in the same work? Are our supplications ascending to God in living faith? Are we opening the door of the

heart to Jesus, and closing every means of entrance to Satan? Are we daily obtaining clearer light and greater strength, that we may stand in Christ's

righteousness? Are we emptying our hearts of all selfishness, and cleansing them, preparatory to receiving the latter rain from heaven? {HS 155.1}

Now is the time when we are to confess and forsake our sins that they may go beforehand to judgment and be blotted out. Now is the time to "cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of

God.” It is dangerous to delay this work. Satan is even now seeking by disasters upon sea and land to seal the fate of as many as possible. What is the defense of the people of God at this time? It is a living connection with heaven. If we would dwell in safety from the noisome pestilence, if we would be preserved from dangers seen and unseen, we must hide in God; we must secure the protecting care of Jesus and holy angels. In these days of peril, the Lord would have us

walk before him in humility. Instead of trying to cover our sins, he would have us confess them, as Joshua confessed the sins of ancient Israel. We profess to be the depositaries of God's law. We profess to be building up “the old waste places,” and to be raising up “the foundations of many generations.” If this great and solemn work has indeed been committed to us, how important that we depart from all iniquity! {HS 155.2}

We may be followed with testimony after testimony of reproof;

but if we do not overcome the disposition in us to do evil, if we do not respond to the light, we shall be in a state of condemnation before God. If, on the other hand, we live up to all the light that shines upon us, that light will continue to increase, and we shall have a clean record in heaven. The third angel's

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message is to lighten the earth with its glory; but only those who have withstood temptation in the strength of the Mighty One will be permitted to act a part in proclaiming it when it shall have swelled into the loud cry. {HS 155.3}

As the intercession of Joshua was accepted, the command was given to those that stood by, “Take away the filthy garments from him.” And unto Joshua the Angel said, “Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe

thee with change of raiment.” “So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments.” Even so will all those who come to Jesus in penitence and faith receive the robe of Christ's righteousness. {HS 155.4}

As we approach the perils of the last days, the temptations of the enemy become stronger and more determined. Satan has come down in great power, knowing that his time is short; and he is working

“with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish.” The warning comes to us through God's word, that, if it were possible, he would deceive the very elect. {HS 155.5}

Wonderful events are soon to open before the world. The end of all things is at hand. The time of trouble is about to come upon the people of God. Then it is that the decree will go forth forbidding those who keep the Sabbath of the Lord to buy or sell, and threatening them with punishment, and

even death, if they do not observe the first day of the week as the Sabbath. {HS 156.1}

“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great Prince which standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.” By this we see the importance of having our names written in the book of life. All whose names are registered

there will be delivered from Satan's power, and Christ will command that their filthy garments be removed, and that they be clothed with his righteousness. “And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.” {HS 156.2}

In the time of trouble, Satan stirs up the wicked, and they encircle the people of

God to destroy them. But he does not know that “pardon” has been written opposite their names in the books of heaven. He does not know that the command has been given, “Take away the filthy garments” from them, clothe them with “change of raiment,” and set “a fair mitre” upon their heads. {HS 156.3}

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The promise made to Joshua is made to all the remnant people of God: “If thou wilt walk in my ways [not in your own ways], and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.” Who are these that stand by? They are the angels of God. Could our eyes be opened, as were those of the servant of Elisha at Dothan, we should see evil angels all

around us, urging their presence upon us, and watching for an opportunity to tempt and overthrow us; we should also see holy angels guarding us, and with their light and power pressing back the evil angels. {HS 156.4}

If we could only see the many dangers from which we are daily

preserved by the holy angels, instead of complaining of our trials and misfortunes, we would talk continually of the mercies of God. How precious in the sight of God are his

people! If Satan had his way, whenever an effort is made to bring souls into the truth, both the minister and those who come to hear would be made to suffer in body and in mind. But angels of God are commissioned to accompany his servants, and to protect them and their hearers. Satan pleads for the privilege of separating these angels from them, that he may compass their destruction; but Jesus forbids it. If it were not for the constant

guardianship of these angels, we would not be able to live on the earth and present the truth. {HS 156.5}

There have been times since the third angel's message was first proclaimed, when angels in the form of human beings have appeared to men, and conversed with them as they did with Abraham of old. When the complaints of Satan are entered against the servants of God, angels are often sent down to investigate their course, sometimes conversing with men unbeknown to them. They sometimes question those in error, until they tell all that is in their hearts, and then these angels bear their report back to heaven, relating things just as they exist. {HS 156.6}

Jacob, in his vision of the ladder whose base rested upon the earth, and whose topmost round reached to the highest heaven, saw the God of heaven standing above this ladder of glorious brightness, and angels of God constantly ascending and

descending upon it. This fitly represents the love and care of God for his children, and the constant communication there is between earth and heaven. It is also intended to impress us with the importance of walking circumspectly before God. Oh that I could say something to impress you with the offensive character of

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sin in God's sight! {HS 157.1}

There are many today who profess to serve God, but who are not doing so in reality. But when Christ comes it will be known who are the chosen of God. "Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not. For, behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." {HS

157.2}

The exhortation of the prophet is, "Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you." "Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have

wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's

anger." {HS 157.3}

In view of what is soon to come upon the earth, I entreat you, brethren and sisters, to walk before God in all meekness and lowliness of mind, remembering the care that Jesus has for you. All the meek of the earth are exhorted to seek him. Those who have wrought his judgments are to seek him. Let self break in pieces before God. It is hard to do this; but we are warned to fall upon the rock and be broken, else it will fall upon us, and grind us to powder. It is to the humble in heart that Jesus speaks; his

everlasting arms encircle them, and he will not leave them to perish by the hands of the wicked. {HS 157.4}

All heaven is interested in the salvation of the human race; what are you doing for yourselves, brethren? While from the light of the cross of Calvary you obtain a view of the great love of God for man, do not build

yourselves up in self-esteem; but in humility of soul stand before God as prisoners of hope. Why not be in

earnest in your efforts for eternal life? Why not manifest a perseverance and an intensity of desire proportionate to the value of the object of which you are in pursuit? Instead of doing this, many now engage in the work of God at will, and let it alone at pleasure. They thus invite Satan to come in and take possession of their hearts. {HS 157.5}

What is it to be a Christian? It is to be Christ-like; it is to do the works of Christ. Some fail on one point, some on another. Some are naturally impatient. Satan

understands their weakness, and manages to overcome them again and again. But let none be discouraged by this. Whenever little annoyances and trials arise, ask God in silent prayer to give you strength and grace to bear them patiently. There is a power in silence; do not speak a word until you have sent up your petition to

prepared to dwell in peace here, they are not prepared to dwell in the family that shall gather around the great white throne. Sin always brings darkness and bondage; but right-doing will bring peace and holy joy. {HS 158.1}

The work of overcoming is a great work. Shall we take hold of it with energy

and perseverance? Unless we do, our "filthy garments" will not be taken from us. We need never expect that

these will be torn from us violently; we must first show a desire to rid ourselves of them. We must seek to separate sin from us, relying upon the merits of the blood of Christ; and then in the day of affliction, when the enemy presses us, we shall walk among the angels. They will be like a wall of fire about us; and we shall one day walk with them in the city of God. {HS 158.2}

When tempted to sin, let us remember that Jesus is pleading for us in the heavenly sanctuary. When we put away our sins and come to him in faith, he takes our names in his

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the God of heaven. If you will always do this, you will soon overcome your hasty temper, and you will have a little heaven here to go to heaven in. {HS 157.6}

God wants his people to cleanse their hands and purify their hearts. Will it make them unhappy to do this? Will it bring unhappiness into their families if they are kind and patient, courteous and forbearing? Far from it. The kindness they manifest toward their families will be reflected upon themselves. This is the work that should be carried forward in the home. If the members of a family are not



lips and presents them to his Father, saying, "I have graven them upon the palms of my hands; I know them by name." And the command goes forth to the angels to protect them. Then in the day of fierce trial he will say, "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee; hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast."

What are the chambers in which they are to hide? They are the protection of Christ and holy angels. The people of God are not at this time all in one place.

They are in different companies, and in all parts of the earth; and they will be tried singly, not in groups. Every one must stand the test for himself. {HS 158.3}

There has never been a time when the people of God have

had greater need to claim his promises than now. Let the hand of faith pass through the darkness, and grasp the arm of infinite power. While we speak of the necessity of separating from sin, remember that Christ came to our world to save sinners, and that "he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him." It is our privilege to believe

you not to grieve his Spirit by continuing in sin. If you fall under temptation, do not become discouraged. This promise comes ringing down along the line to our time: "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." I feel that for this one promise a continual song of thanksgiving ought to go forth from the lips

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of mortals. Let us gather up these precious jewels of promise, and when Satan accuses us of our great sinfulness, and tempts us to doubt the power of God to save, let us

repeat the words of Christ, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." {HS 158.4}

{Historical Sketches of the Foreign Missions of the Seventh-day Adventists (1886)}

## SACRILEGE FROM THE WHITE ESTATES!

With the blessings of the Trustees, who apparently cannot be trusted, In the book *Christ Triumphant*, published in 1999, there is a Bible quote as a lead in from the NSRV that they used instead of the KJV, which states, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine **after the guests have become drunk....**" John 2:10

How can they be drunk when In the Ellen White quotations she writes, "Unfermented wine was used as a beverage" {CTr 229.4}? What carelessness or agenda!

# Health To Live By



## **Genobia Simpson**

Wife and mother to 5 children. Works with two other ministries:

- ItsHighTime
- Advent Rest

Desire to live a healthy lifestyle came after studying the health message through the Bible and the Spirit Of Prophecy, where I believe true health principles are outlined perfectly. Little by little has the Lord given me understanding and I praise Him for that.

Being a full time wife and mother, my duty has always been in the kitchen. But now, as the Lord has given me a greater understanding of what it means to live a healthy lifestyle, I am able to supply nutritious meals for my family and natural remedies whenever it is necessary.

I now have a great passion to share this wonderful truth with others who may not know where to start.

## Health Benefits Of Fenugreek

Fenugreek (also known as methi) is an herb with light green leaves and white flowers and is also a member of the bean family. The plant reaches a height of 0.3 to 0.8 meters and has trifoliate leaves. It has a bitter taste but leaves you smelling sweet like maple syrup (this happened to me!). Its leaves and seeds are not only used to cure disease, but also to maintain optimum health. It can be taken by mouth or made into a paste to apply externally.

Fenugreek has been known for its positive effects. From heart health to increasing breast milk in a lactating mother. Although, popular for its excellent galactagogue for nursing mothers, fenugreek contains a range of health benefits such as: relief from anemia, loss of taste, fever, dandruff, stomach disorder, biliousness, eczema, gout, relief from heartburn and reflux, respiratory disorders, mouth ulcers, sore throat, diabetes,

inflammations, wounds, insomnia, helps to increase breast milk, helps with discomfort from menstrual cycle, supports kidney health, helps to prevent cardiovascular disease, prevents colon cancer, aids in constipation and diarrhea, helps alleviate type 2 diabetes, and reduces cholesterol and blood sugar levels.

Fenugreek is also rich in nutrients, vitamins, and minerals. Such as fiber, B6, iron, protein, folate, manganese, calories, thiamin, copper, carbohydrates, riboflavin, and magnesium. Fenugreek can be purchased as a tea, in vegetable capsules, as a powder, as leaves, or in seed form and is NOT recommended for pregnant women as it can induce uterine contractions.

“The use of certain herbs that the Lord has made to grow for the good of man, is in harmony with the exercise of faith.” –MS 31, 1911

# Healthy And Delicious Recipes



**Renee Bushor**, wife, mother of 4 adult children, grandmother of 5.

Work part-time for a company my son owns, called Inmate Scribes. Helps prisoners to communicate with the outside world, and provide them with Christian literature and sign them up for Bible studies.

For the last 25 years, been studying the subject of health. In several years, have had extensive training and became a Medical Missionary so to help people get to the root of their health issues without masking symptoms. Enjoy teaching people different methods for healing such as diet, water treatments, essential oils, herbs, charcoal, etc.

Also have 25 years of experience in teaching healthful cooking from scratch so as to show people how they are still able to prepare their favorite meals, but in a new way, without sacrificing taste. Everything is plant based, including all condiments,

## Apricot Bites

1 cup dried apricots  
½ cup almonds  
½ cup coconut flakes  
3 t. grated orange zest  
½ t. finely grated ginger  
1 T. orange juice  
½ t. cinnamon, homemade  
4 T. crushed almonds and/or coconut flakes for rolling

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1. Pulse the almonds in a food processor until they break down into small pieces. Remove.
2. Pulse the dried apricots in the food processor to break them down also.
3. Add the rest of the ingredients except the 4 T. crushed almonds and coconut into the food processor with the apricots. Process until the mixture sticks together and forms a ball.
4. Take a small amount of mixture and roll it into a small ball. Repeat this process until you have used all of the mixture. You may wish to put a little water on your hands to prevent too much sticking.
5. Roll each ball in the crushed almond and/or coconut flakes to coat.
6. Serve on a plate.

## Armenian Lentil Loaf

Bring to boil and then simmer 20-25 minutes:  
½ c. lentils  
3 c. water

**Add:**  
¾ c. bulgur wheat  
1 ½ t. real salt  
2 t. onion powder  
½ t. garlic powder

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Bring to another boil and then simmer 20 minutes or until water is all absorbed.

**Sauté:**  
4 c. onions, sliced or chopped  
½ c. olive oil  
¾ c. water  
¼ t. real salt

Put lentil mixture in baking dish and cover with onion mixture. Cover and bake 350° for 45 minutes.

# Converting the Soul



## ConvertingTheSoul.com

A website dedicated to doing what Daniel did:

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. (Daniel 6:10)

The following is a sample of the mid day daily post, one of three done each day on Facebook as well as at our website: [www.convertingthesoul.com](http://www.convertingthesoul.com) and [www.convertingthesoul.org](http://www.convertingthesoul.org). The audience is everyone and placed into a level that non-SDA's might understand by taking extra time to explain the understanding. The mid day post is a random thought while the morning post is a sequential verse-by-verse study found in the Old Testament and the evening post is a sequential verse-by-verse study found in the New Testament.

### January 1, 2017

In a rare moment, today is the first day of the new week, first day of the new month, and the first day of the new year. How you treat this triple first day event may set the tone for the rest of the year. So, how are you treating it?

### January 11, 2017

How strong are you? Able to lift heavy things? Able to hold things for a long time? Able to walk great distances without needing a break? Are you able to refrain

from retaliating? That's where the real strength is. It is weak of a person to throw themselves into a rage because someone else upset them. So, how strong are you?

### January 14, 2017

Do you read only half verses? How do you read John 8:11? Do you hear only, "Neither do I condemn thee" or do you hear "Go, and sin no more". The two go together to make up the full verse. If a person goes and does the same sin, they condemn themselves. We ought to be helping people out of their sins. We ought not make it easier, especially in the church, to continue in their sins, yet so many churches open their doors saying, "Come as you are." So, are you a discourager or an encourager of sinning?

### January 18, 2017

Ever play the game, "What does not belong?" Usually a person finds the odd item thinking that the majority of objects are correct. For instance, if I were to show you six food items with one being an apple and the rest being cookies, which does not belong? The apple of course. But did you know that the apple is more nutritious than any cookie? The cookies should be discarded for the apple. Likewise, a group of six people with one of them being a true Christian should not have the Christian being the odd one, it is the other five people going against God that should be considered odd. So, are you trained to think that the majority are correct or the principled one being correct?

### **January 19, 2017**

Ever commit a sin and don't feel worthy to come to God and ask for forgiveness right away? Unless you are glad you committed the sin, unless you are looking for the next time to be placed into the sinful situation so you can "oops" your way into it again, unless you are justifying why it was alright to sin in the first place, get on your knees, confess your sin for "he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Not only will He forgive us but if we really are serious about our confession, He will make it so that we do not want to commit it again. Cleansing from all unrighteousness is not removing consequences of the sin; it is the removal of the guilt as well as the desire. And crucifying the desire is what prevents it from happening again. So, what are you waiting for?

### **January 20, 2017**

Who is greater? Christ or Satan? Christ of course. Who is greater? You or Christ? Christ of course. Which is greater? Christ or sin?

Christ of course. Which is greater? Christ or the world? Christ of course. Then why do so many Christians believe that sinful, worldly, selfish, satanic actions will continue in a Christian when we are Christ's possession? Such teachers basically are teaching that Christ left this planet, withholds His Holy Spirit, and we are on our own until Jesus returns. Do you believe that? Or do you believe that Jesus is real in your life? If so, then let Him really remove all your sins.

### **January 29, 2017**

Paganism is no longer looked at as paganism but as tradition. And every church has traditions. Some are weird but some are very close to being biblical. Take for instance the notion of gathering to worship God on Sunday. Started by a pagan ruler, Constantine, so many Christians continue the paganism worship and even try to defend their tradition with calling it the "Lord's day" when it is not, referring to the resurrection yet Jesus spoke nothing about changing it (Hebrews 4:8), and

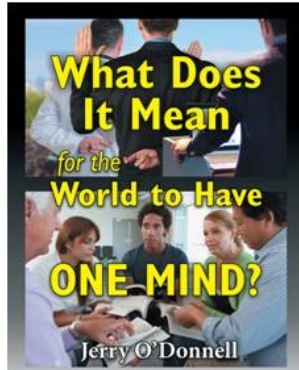
even go as far as saying the apostles kept it despite the numerous gatherings on Sabbath (Acts 13:14, 27, 42, 44; 15:21; 16:13; 17:2; 18:4). Jesus even said, "Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition" (Mark 7:9). So, will you keep to tradition worshipping on Sunday, or will you worship according to God's commandment, the seventh day of the week, which is Friday night to Saturday night?

### **January 24, 2017**

Saving the animals from abuse is a great cause but not something Christians ought to get caught up in. Although God granted us responsibility over the animals in Genesis chapter 1, our work is in the last day gospel for if Jesus would return in 1, 2, 5, even 10 years from now, why would we spend a moment to try and save animals when they will all be destroyed in a few years, but what will last are saved souls. So, where is your energy spent?



# News And Comments



## HaveOneMind.com

A website promoting the witnessing book, *What Does It Mean for the World to Have ONE MIND?*, as well as posting relevant news and comments associated with the topics covered in the book.

Full articles and links available at the website.

**January 10, 2017: YAHOO HEADLINE: Climate change could trigger collapse of major ocean current**

**HIGHLIGHT:** In the study, Liu and his colleagues corrected for the bias in climate models favoring a stable AMOC, to see the effects of an unstable current.

**COMMENT:** Can anyone else see the agenda going on? And when climate change scares enough people, the Mark of the Beast as the solution steps in. First of all, the article states that it COULD

happen, not WILL happen. But so many take this as what the future holds and demand that we take action now.

On top of that, since when does one lone computer model dictate the direction of climate change results? Why not use the computer models that state that there is no climate change crisis at all? They are dismissed as being the odd results because they do not further the agenda and so many people would be unemployed. So, how can we dismiss those few models that state nothing is wrong and yet highlight this new single model, that is also odd, as being our future? Oh, that is because there is an agenda.

And the next point makes it clear. Right in the article it clearly states that the humans had to make an adjustment to compensate for the fact that supposedly things are not stable. Basically, all the models that point to climate change issues are nothing more than human tweaking to get a desired result. That is not science. That is an agenda. Even in my own science fair years, I was not allow to tweak the

results for any reason. No wonder my experiments received no awards. But today, the professionals are allowed to tweak things for the sake of agenda.

**January 8, 2017 WASHINGTON POST HEADLINE: Pope on Europe's identity crisis: Rediscover your roots**

**HIGHLIGHT:** VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis urged Europe on Monday to rediscover its true identity as the continent copes with refugee waves, Britain's exit from the EU and the "homicidal madness" of religious-inspired violence.

**COMMENT:** When the pope calls for a rediscovering of their roots, implied is the thought process of when they first became nations, shortly after the fall of Rome (476 AD). But it was not long after that they unified by 538 A.D. around the papacy. So the real roots called for then must be a coming back to papal Rome. The Bible predicts that they will eventually come back, for "all the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 13:3), and "she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of



her fornication"  
(Revelation 14:8).

**January 18, 2017 YA-HOO HEADLINE: Yet another health benefit of coffee has been revealed**

**HIGHLIGHT:** Whoever told you that caffeine is 100% bad for you has been proved wrong yet again, according to the findings of one recent study.

**COMMENT:** Do you actually fall for this stuff? The article starts off saying, "Whoever told you that caffeine is 100% bad for you has been proved wrong yet again, according to the findings of one recent study." We, who oppose the use of coffee, never stated that it is 100% bad for you. In fact, the devil wants you to focus on good attributes so as to get you hooked. There are

many benefits to drinking coffee. We admit that. But the problems it causes are not justified by these benefits. So they set up a straw man's argument where there is either the group that says it is 100% bad for you, or a group in favor of the use of coffee. That is not the case. It may be 95% good and only 5% seriously bad.

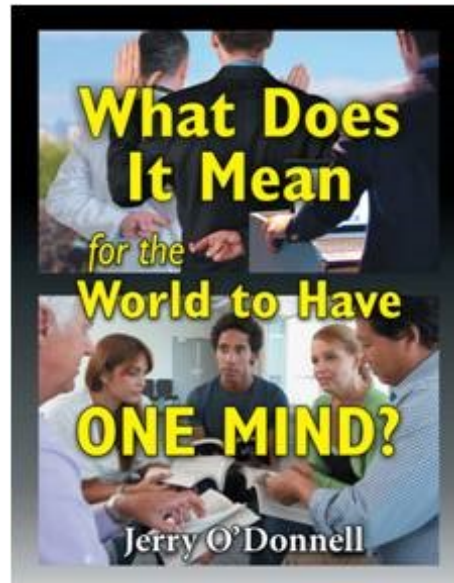
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take. We admit that there are health benefits to the use of coffee, however, just because caffeine is legal does not mean that it is any less of a drug that God disapproves of. The fact of the matter is that it alters the mind, affects the nerves in a negative way, and is detrimental to one's heart. In other words, God's way is not to grant the permission of some good qualities and then excuse other bad qualities. That which we can avoid that is evil, we are responsible for.

So, if the devil can prove 95 attributes of coffee that are beneficial and we can only name 5 serious negative effects, it is still wrong to use. And those that

pat themselves on the back for drinking decaf, be careful. Most decaf drinks only contain ingredients that offset the caffeine. In other words, the caffeine is still in the product.

Because people don't drop dead within a week from drinking coffee, people seem content in their ways, not realizing time is just building and when they start having heart problems later in life, they will be the ones wondering why such has come upon them.

"Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil" (Ecclesiastes 8:11).

**January 20, 2017 ECO-WATCH HEADLINE: CDC knew its vaccine program was exposing children to dangerous mercury levels since 1999**

**HIGHLIGHT:** Uncovered documents show that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) knew that infant vaccines were exposing American children to mercury far in excess of all federal safety guidelines since 1999. The documents, created by a FDA consulting toxicologist, show how federal regulators concealed the dangerous impacts and lied to the public.

**COMMENT:** Revelation

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*Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. (Daniel 6:10)*

Let's face it, if we are serious about getting through Babylon, we need to take Daniel's example and also be praying at least three times a day.

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Tailored more for the non-Adventist, we do keep it all Bible based, but do have to admit, inspiration does come from the writings of Ellen White.

18:23 tells us that the world would be deceived from "sorceries", but when one looks at the Greek word, it says, "pharmakeia", which is where we get all related words to "pharmacy". So we ought not be surprised at agendas at the CDC and FDA which have been uncovered. What we should be sad about is all the people who still put their trust in these products. Sure, there is some good – for if it were all evil it would not deceive anyone. So thank God for anesthesia and Novocaine, but if we are trusting vaccine after vaccine after vaccine, we are deceived.

**January 26, 2017 YAHOO HEADLINE:**  
**Doomsday Clock Moves Closer to Midnight, in Part Because of Trump, Scientists Announce**

**HIGHLIGHT:** The minute hand of the Doomsday Clock, which indicates how close the world's leading scientists think we are from destroying the planet, has moved forward to two and a half minutes to midnight, scientists announced today in Washington, D.C.

**COMMENT:** Although citing many reasons for the move to the new position on the clock, the timing is mostly as-

sociated with the workings against climate change by Trump. So the world's leading scientists, most of whom are funded to prove the existence of climate change, are using this object to scare the people, who will eventually become the grass roots looking for the solution already set by the pope, which is Sunday rest.

**January 22, 2017 HEADLINE:**  
**Is the New Star Really a Sign of a Messiah for Israel?**

**HIGHLIGHT:** In 2022, approximately five years from now, a new star will appear in the night sky. Scientifically speaking, the appearance of this nova is the product of the collision of two other astral bodies. And for six months this new star will—to the naked eye—be the brightest in the heavens. Given that this is the first time that people will be able to witness a moment like this without technology, it's a significant event in human history, but it may be much more than that. According to one rabbi, this new star is a sign of the coming of the Messiah.

**COMMENT:** Excuse me Mr. Berger, but the Messiah already came. You missed it, or at

least your nation did. If you would remove the curse from reading Daniel 9:24-27 and realize that the Messiah was to show up in 27AD, be crucified in 31AD, and your country forsaken in 34AD for their continued rejection of Christ, then you would not be looking for a future Messiah.

**January 29, 2017 HEADLINE:**  
**'Looks as if the world is preparing for war,' says former Soviet president Gorbachev**

**HIGHLIGHT:** "Politicians and military leaders sound increasingly belligerent and defense doctrines more dangerous. Commentators and TV personalities are joining the bellicose chorus. It all looks as if the world is preparing for war," Gorbachev stated in an opinion piece in Time magazine on Thursday. He added that the most pressing challenge we face today is reversing the "militarization of politics."

**COMMENT:** "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet" (Matthew 24:6).

# Questions And Answers



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## QUESTION:

I'm studying with an individual who insists on keeping to Sunday by Colossians 2:16. Do you have any insight in providing evidence that this verse does not mean what it looks like?

## ANSWER:

There are multiple ways to approach this. First, is the context. According to Colossians 2:14, it says, "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross." The Sabbath of the Ten Commandments was not written by Moses' hand, not an ordinance; nor was it

against or contrary to the people. It appears that Paul was indirectly referring to Deuteronomy 31:24-26, which says, "And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying, Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee."

Second, have them look at the list of what not to be judged upon. Is "meat" in the Ten Commandments? No. Is "drink" in the Ten Commandments? No. Is there a reference to a "holy day"? No. And to use the phrase "keep it holy" in Exodus 20:8 is not the same thing. There is no reference to the words "holy day". Is there mention of "new moon" in the Ten Commandments? No. Now for someone to say that now there is an exception to the list and apply "sabbath days" to the Ten Commandments would be going against the

pattern. If the first four answers were 'no', that makes the fifth one very likely 'no' as well.

Third, have them look at the phrase "sabbath days". It is plural. If Paul was referring to the fourth commandment, it would read "Sabbath day" instead. Now that argument may be weak as the word "days" is actually not present in the Greek, but is an added word by the translators, however, the translators added the word because evidently they understood the reference to Sabbath was not the same as that of the Exodus 20:8-11 commandment.

Fourth, Colossians 2:17 states, "Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body [is] of Christ." A shadow in this context is a representation of something that is practiced that once the real appears there is no need for the item provided. We use the term 'type' meeting 'antitype'. So there was something instituted that was to be practiced as a type of Christ but once Christ showed up as the antitype, it was no

longer needed to be practiced. We know that all of the Ten Commandments were not instituted as such because it was wrong to murder before Christ showed up, and we know it is wrong after Christ showed up. The same is true with adultery, lying, stealing, obeying parents, and coveting. God would also not allow us to now have other gods before Him or even idols or objects. And all Christians know not to be taking God's name in vain either. So how could anyone, without erroneous influence, even consider that one lone commandment, the Sabbath one, would be considered a shadow? A reasonable person would not.

Fifth, show them in Leviticus 23:24, 32, and 39 that the floating days, like "In the seventh month, in the first [day] of the month", is not always on the same day of the week and is known as a sabbath day. The same is true with "the ninth [day] of the month" and "the fifteenth day of the seventh month". Just as one's birthday is not always on the same day of the week, these are the sabbath days Paul was referring to and not the weekly one. Do be careful

though and do not be caught by surprise. Moses uses the weekly Sabbath as a pattern for keeping the Sabbath feast days by stating, "Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day [is] the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work [therein]: it [is] the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings" (Leviticus 23:3). Many anti-Sabitarrians try to link this with the feast days and say, "See, even Moses knew it was temporary to keep the weekly Sabbath." Nonsense! Leviticus 23:4 clearly states that the list of feast days is after verse 3 by writing, "These [are] the feasts of the LORD". Although Leviticus 23:2 also states such, evidently verse 3 pulls in a known example and then verse 4 reiterates that what follows are the feast days keeping the Sabbath commandment separate.

#### **QUESTION:**

How do you reach fellow Adventists who refuse to see that the church is well into apostasy?

#### **ANSWER:**

Prayer. There is no amount of evidence

anyone can provide that will change their minds, or should I say, hearts. We are in the very end of days and the final scenes include all kinds of doctrines.

*Many know so little about their Bibles that they are unsettled in the faith. They remove the old landmarks, and fallacies and winds of doctrine blow them hither and thither. Science, falsely so-called, is wearing away the foundation of Christian principle; and those who once were in the faith drift away from the Bible landmarks, and divorce themselves from God, while still claiming to be his children. But are they?--No; no. The relation they sustain to God is truly represented in Matthew 7:22, 23: "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." {RH, December 29, 1896 par. 10}*

And by the way, for those that think that such Adventists are part of God's church, please read closer that



quote. They may "claim to be His children", which implies that they are not. Since they are not His children, even though 99% of the Adventists are claiming the name but are not, these are not part of God's church.

Couple that with the following quote:

*"Zion said, Jehovah hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands." [Isaiah 49:14-16.] The Lord of hosts has said, "He that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of his eye." [Zechariah 2:8.] {GC88 626.2}*

*Though enemies may thrust them into prison, yet dungeon walls cannot cut off the communication*

*between their souls and Christ. One who sees their every weakness, who is acquainted with every trial, is above all earthly powers; and angels will come to them in lonely cells, bringing light and peace from Heaven. The prison will be as a palace; for the rich in faith dwell there, and the gloomy walls will be lighted up with heavenly light, as when Paul and Silas prayed and sung praises at midnight in the Philippian dungeon. {GC88 626.3}*

And who does the imprisoning? "They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service" (John 16:2). "But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues" (Matthew 10:17). It will be those that have taken over the church, just like in

Jesus' day.

*"We have far more to fear from within than from without" {RH, March 22, 1887 par. 4}.*

As it appears, there are true Seventh-day Adventists that make up the church.

Unfortunately, over time "false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravaging wolves" (Matthew 7:15). They had spread their erroneous ways appealing to "itching ears" (2 Timothy 4:3). Added to the church were the unconverted, especially as the requirements for membership kept being attacked as legalistic. These then helped rapidly to further spread these errors to the point that "There is not one in one hundred who understands for himself the Bible truth on this subject that is so necessary to our present and eternal welfare" {1SM 359.2}, hence the 99% from above. These are not part of God's church but have stolen the name to wear.

So until the fellow Adventist can see that what he or she has latched onto is not God's teachings, prayer is the only means at this point.

### **What Is the Most Popular Discussions You Have With Non-Adventists?**

Please share at least the question, if not the answer, too, so that none of us are blindsided by the latest anti-truth arguments.



# Primary Focus Does Not Mean Only Focus



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Last month in my short, one page article, I made the statement that we ought to be primarily focused upon encouraging the saints to live and teach the Three Angels' Messages. And seeing that publications and public speaking making such a call are soon to be restricted, we ought to be even readying ourselves and others with the Fourth Angel's Message, because when Sunday comes we are to hit the ground running.

But the word 'primarily' does not mean 'only'. It also does not mean 90% or more of our energy ought to be absorbed in encouraging

the saints. Although "The Lord does not now work to bring many souls into the truth" {*Testimonies for the Church Volume Six*, page 370.3}, we still have a responsibility towards those that do not know the truth. It is called seed planting. When we do go forth with the loud cry, people will join quickly because they were exposed to the truth even though they made no effort at that time to do anything about it. As Jesus said, "And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe" (John 14:29); we ought to also be willing to look like fools to the world warning them about things they do not understand, or have great doubt about, so that when they see the things we have told them actually happening, they, too, will believe and be saved. One of the greatest doubts is the church and state unification. Hardly anyone believes this could ever happen, but the Bible says it will. If we tell as many people as possible that it is going to be significant when this unification does occur,

hopefully, they will recall what you shared with them and want to learn more, and will come out of Babylon.

*Again, the command is given, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." It is not the wicked world, but those whom the Lord designates as "my people", that are to be reprov'd for their transgressions. {The Great Controversy 1888, page 452.2}*

Although that is our work, we must also remember it is not the only work, for Jesus said, "Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come" (Matthew 10:23). So taking this spiritually, every Seventh-day Adventist will not be reached with the rebuking and direct testimony, especially when not everyone will have a favorable reaction to it to begin with.

*"I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Wit-*

*ness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God's people."* {Early Writings, page 270.2}

At the same time, some in the church do not want to hear any bad things mentioned; they dismiss apostasy as mistakes or errors, and cannot see that all kinds of contradictory doctrines are blowing. These members focus only upon those that are not Seventh-day Adventists, but worse, they focus upon those that are not attending anywhere. Even worse, many just do not care about the salvation of others.

We are hoping that we are creating a balance between working within the church and working with those outside of the church. As Jesus is our example, He said, "Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into [any] city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matthew 10:5), so the focus is the

church. However, He also worked the Gentile area a bit making it easier for later converts after Stephen was stoned by going to the "country of the Gergesenes" (Matthew 8:28) and other places, even working directly with the Gentiles within Israel. This tells us that we ought to be planting seeds of truth to make it easier for them to join during the crisis.

Therefore, we highly encourage getting literature and distributing it personally. We highly recommend engaging non-Adventists. It is just that we ought not expect high results because God is not going to work against His principle. He told us that He wasn't going to add many to the truth, even into the church, because the church is not reflecting Christ as they ought. But that should not prevent us from going forth and teaching as we are commissioned to do. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all

things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, [even] unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:18-20).

Simultaneously, we need to be caring about our fellow Adventists. So many are wearing the name as an entitlement to Heaven, which will end only in a great disappointment.

*"Righteousness within is testified to by righteousness without. He who is righteous within is not hard-hearted and unsympathetic, but day by day he grows into the image of Christ, going on from strength to strength. He who is being sanctified by the truth will be self-controlled, and will follow in the footsteps of Christ until grace is lost in glory. The righteousness by which we are justified is imputed; the righteousness by which we are sanctified is imparted. The first is our title to heaven, the second is our fitness for heaven."* {The Review and Herald, June 4, 1895 par. 7}

So instead of leaving brothers and sisters in darkness, enlighten them. And if you estimate that they probably will not receive the straight testimony, find

a better way to deliver it. It is not for us to decide for another if they will receive it or not. Ours is to "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:2).

In light of this information, will you now, if you are not already doing so, make an effort to equally be planting seeds and calling fellow Adventists up to the higher standard? Do you really love your brothers and sisters? This is the difference between a person who is indifferent and is unaffected by the ultimate tragedy called hell fire. This is the difference between that person and one who simply likes condemning others so they can feel better about themselves. And this is the difference between those two and the one who would be willing to show "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

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White wrote:

*"God's servants do not all possess the same gifts, but they are all His workmen. Each is to learn of the Great Teacher, and is then to communicate what he has learned. God has given to each of His messengers an individual work. There is a diversity of gifts, but all the workers are to blend in harmony, controlled by the sanctifying influence of the Holy Spirit. As they make known the gospel of salvation, many will be convicted and converted by the power of God. The human instrumentality is hid with Christ in God, and Christ appears as the chiefest among ten thousand, the One altogether lovely." {AA 274.2}*

*"Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." Verses 8, 9. In this scripture the apostle compares the church to a cultivated field, in which the husbandmen labor, caring for the vines of the Lord's planting; and also to a*

*building, which is to grow into a holy temple for the Lord. God is the Master Worker, and He has appointed to each man his work. All are to labor under His supervision, letting Him work for and through His workmen. He gives them tact and skill, and if they heed His instruction, crowns their efforts with success.*

*"God's servants are to work together, blending in kindly, courteous order, "in honor preferring one another." Romans 12:10. There is to be no unkind criticism, no pulling to pieces of another's work; and there are to be no separate parties. Every man to whom the Lord has entrusted a message has his specific work. Each one has an individuality of his own, which he is not to sink in that of any other man. Yet each is to work in harmony with his brethren. In their service God's workers are to be essentially one. No one is to set himself up as a criterion, speaking disrespectfully of his fellow workers or treating them as inferior. Under God each is to do his appointed work, respected, loved, and encouraged by the*

*other laborers. Together they are to carry the work forward to completion." {AA 275.1,2}*

*"These principles are dwelt upon at length in Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church. The apostle refers to "the ministers of Christ" as "stewards of the mysteries of God," and of their work he declares: "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing by*

*myself; yet I am not hereby justified: but He that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God." 1 Corinthians 4:1-5.*

*"It is not given to any human being to judge between the different servants of God. The Lord alone is the judge of man's work, and He will give to each his just*

*reward." {AA 276.1,2}*

The only things we ought to judge are the messages themselves. If Apollos taught error, that would have been a different message from Paul regarding "another gospel" (2 Corinthians 11:3-4), but just because Apollos taught a different topic or perspective gives no one reason to resist another preacher.

So it is in Christian love our hope to work with other fellow standardbearers; and may God ultimately receive the glory by our presence on the sea of glass.