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Here is given a lesson for all Christ's followers. The gospel makes no compromise with evil. It cannot excuse sin. Secret sins are to be confessed in secret to God; but, for open sin, open confession is required. The reproach of the disciple's sin is cast upon Christ. It causes Satan to triumph, and wavering souls to stumble. By giving proof of repentance, the disciple, so far as lies in his power, is to remove this reproach.

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For Seventh-day Adventists**



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Dear Reader,

The Bible says, "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).

Ellen White comments, "The word of God declares that the followers of Christ will be called upon to endure trials for the sake of truth. Says Paul, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution; for "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." Said our Lord, "These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service." With what zeal will the workers of iniquity pursue their Satanic purpose! They will put light for darkness, and dark-

ness for light, until they will sincerely believe they are servants of God, and doing him service by persecuting his children. It has been so in the conflicts of the past; and in the closing work of God the same spirit will be manifested" (*The Review and Herald*, May 8, 1888 par. 6).

With the application being at the end of time, those that deny that the General Conference is in apostasy, how can such be said? Ted Wilson along with other GC leaders have been attempting to shut down world renowned evangelist David Gates for some time now over contradictory church terms and unbiblical requirements. Recently, Randy Skeete, a conference pastor, was banned from speaking at conference churches. Even Doug Batchelor has been forbidden from time to time, and now Doug is separating to be "autonomous", instructing his followers to pay tithe to Amazing Facts without marking it as tithe so Amazing Facts does not have to turn it over to the conference, which is teaching his followers to lie. Yes, Amazing Facts as of 2019 will not be under conference or division dictation, which, in essence, he has become independent of the organized church while still supporting it through baptisms. One of the reasons stated is that the conference is required to follow all of the

rules of 501(c)3, which includes not discriminating against women as being ordained ministers, welcoming in the homosexuals in good and proper standing, and much more, all of which Doug has taken a stand against.

Now, we, as self-supporting ministries, have done much the same thing as Amazing Facts but we are condemned while Amazing Facts has the conference blessing. Many members are confused because they think the prophecy states, "It is the lost who depart from the church not the true Seventh-day Adventists!" Go find that quote and share it with us because there is no such quote about the physical church. The quote actually is, "The enemy will bring in false theories, such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary. This is one of the points on which there will be a departing from the faith."--Ev 224 (1905). One can leave the church physically and still not depart from the faith while a whole bunch of people can remain physically in the church and depart from the faith, for faith is what one believes and not where they attend. It is those in darkness, convinced by the General Conference on down, that faith equates to the organized church and to leave it is to leave the boat of safety. There

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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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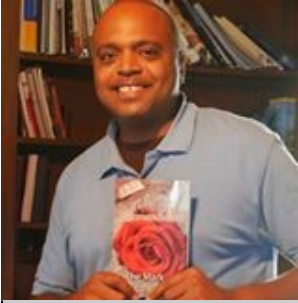
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Are You Watching and Praying?

Prophecies Are Rapidly Being Fulfilled!



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Bible prophecy is quickly being fulfilled in rapid succession. End time prophecies are being fulfilled one after another. Jesus is urgently letting His people know how soon His coming will be. "Soon" is no longer just a hope or a distant reality, it is right upon us. Even though it is impossible to know the exact day and hour of Jesus coming at this time, we are instructed by Jesus that we need to carefully "watch and pray" and when know His coming is "even at the

doors." (see Luke 21:35 & Matthew 24:33).

"Though no man knoweth the day nor the hour of His coming, we are instructed and required to know when it is near. We are further taught that to disregard His warning, and refuse or neglect to know when His advent is near, will be as fatal for us as it was for those who lived in the days of Noah not to know when the flood was coming." - Ellen White, Great Controversy, p. 370

The progression and convergence of all the fulfilled end time prophecies in our current generation is not by coincidence. This fast progression and convergence of fulfilled prophecy is revealing to us that we can appropriately say that we are extremely close to the mark of the beast crisis, intense persecution of the true remnant, the loud cry, and the latter rain experience.

Let us highlight the progression and convergence of fast-fulfilling Bible prophecies in the past four years, 2015 to 2018. This will be an

excellent study reference to keep handy. Make sure you study the Bible and current events references to this article in their entirety to get a full understanding and clarity of fulfilled Bible prophecy.

Increase and Acceptance of Homosexuality (LGBTQ) - In Ezekiel chapter 8 God exposed the abominations that the priests and church leaders were doing in the temple of God in Jerusalem to the prophet Ezekiel. These abominations included idol worship, women weeping for Tammuz, and the greatest abomination was sun worship in the house of God (see Ezekiel 8:5 - 16). The idol worship that Israel celebrated involved very lewd sexual behavior including homosexuality. Based on the Biblical historical examples of Sodom, Gomorrah, and other Canaan nations, an increase and boldness of homosexuality was followed by God's judgments that destroyed them. (see also Leviticus 18:22 - 30)

In the last days there will be an increase of

homosexuality before sun worship, the greatest abomination. In other words, before the enforcement of Sunday laws, the abomination of homosexuality (LGBTQ) will become more prominent and accepted by society and mainstream church denominations in which "God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly..." - Romans 1:25 – 27 (also see Jude 1:7).

The following are cur-

rent events that point to an increase and acceptance of homosexuality (LGBTQ). On June 26, 2015 same sex marriage was deemed legal in the United States by the Supreme Court. After that many nations followed the lead of the United States. In 2015 throughout 2018 the homosexual (LGBTQ) movement has grown exponentially around the world and in many church denominations including the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Over recent years the Adventist church has become more supportive of homosexuality. For example, since 2012, LGBTQ propaganda films, such as "Seventh Gay Adventist" by Stephen Evers and Daneen Akers, were shown in

many SDA venues and churches through North America with over 60 screenings.^{1, 2} This film was designed to affirm, normalize, and accept homosexuality (LGBTQ) within Adventism. It received support and rave reviews by prominent Adventist such as the former editor of the "Adventist Review" and "Adventist World," William G. Johnsson.³ October 2015, General Conference's Biblical Research Institute, and theological seminary at Andrews University, North American Division, and Michigan Conference endorsed the seminary's position paper, "An Understanding of Biblical View on Homosexual Practice and Pastoral Care," which said that "non-



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practicing gay persons should be welcomed into membership and church office.” The document was a mixture of truth mixed with abominable error. They wrote that “we strongly affirm that homosexual persons have a place in the Seventh-day Adventist Church” and that “recent literature denies the possibility that gay and lesbian persons can be changed, and even claims that change attempts are harmful.”⁴ By the way, there is no such thing as a “nonpracticing” homosexual, that is an oxymoron. The Adventist seminary’s document has opened up a flood gate of openness and acceptance of homosexuality and transgenderism among Adventist churches and its universities over the past four years. For example, in December 2015, Hollywood SDA Church proudly and publicly announced its first transgender ordained elder and Sabbath school teacher.⁵ In the same month the pastor of Palm Springs SDA church coordinated a concert that featured the Palm Springs Gay Choir.⁶ The SDA church officials, leaders, and popular Adventist preachers did not even blush nor

speak out against these abominations. Instead of speaking up against it many have chosen to support it! Why? Like the vision given in Ezekiel 8, many of the leaders and church officials are involved in homosexuality and the LGBTQ lifestyle in the “dark.”⁷

EU and BREXIT - The Bible in Daniel 2:43 prophesied that Europe, the iron mixed with clay on Nebuchadnezzar’s image, will unify as one, but will not be able to “cleave one to another.” Not long after they began breaking up, verse 44 says, “And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.”

The following are the current events that point to the fulfillment of Daniel 2:43, 44. The unity described in Daniel 2:43 between the European nation has happened in our modern times known as the European Union (EU). The constitutional basis of the EU came into force in 2009. The EU is a political and eco-

nomic union with an open trade, a legislative body, common currency, and open borders between 28 member nations that cover about 2 million square miles with an estimated population of over 510 million people.⁸ In the 2000’s, the EU grew into a great world power. The EU’s parliament building in Strasbourg, France intentionally mimics the unfinished tower of Babel. In one of their promotional posters it has a picture of an unfinished tower of Babel and says “Europe, many tongues one voice.” This was an obvious mockery of Genesis 11:6-9. The EU thought they were going to defy God and His Bible prophecy! It looked like the EU would never crumble anytime soon. BUT in June 2016, the EU shook greatly and started cracking. The citizens of the largest member of the EU, the United Kingdom, voted to break away known as BREXIT. Since then, other EU member nations are making some of the same rumblings. The major BREXIT EU breakup is due to be officially complete by March of 2019.

Covenant with the Abomination of Desolation - Jesus says in Matthew 24:15, “When

ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)" The abomination of desolation is referring to the Papacy. "Stand" in this context according to Strong's Greek dictionary is referring to a covenant or agreement. "Holy place" in the Greek context is referring to a sacred or ceremonially consecrated spot. In the Hebrew, "holy" here is referring to a ceremonially consecrated feast day involving a victim. Passover, the 14th day of Nisan (Hebrew Calendar), stands as a monument of the everlasting covenant of Jesus. The following were all on this self-same day: Abraham officially received the everlasting covenant from God (Genesis 17:1-7; Exodus 12:40, 41; Galatians 3:16-18); Israel was set free from Egyptian bondage (Exodus 12:51); the sanctuary service began in the wilderness (Numbers 9:1-5, 15, 16); Israel entered into the Canaan land (Joshua 5:10-12); and Jesus was crucified (Matthew 26:2). Jesus is the Passover Lamb that died for the sins of the world. The Passover type, met the Pass-

over anti-type, Jesus. Even though Passover has been fulfilled at the cross and its services ceased, it stands as a consecrated day that commemorates the innocent Lamb, Jesus Christ and His everlasting covenant to the world.

The abomination of desolation spoken by Daniel in Matthew 24:15 refers us back to Daniel 12:11. The Papacy will be set up over a worldwide governing body that will later enforce Sunday laws and persecute God's true remnant.

The following are current events that point to the fulfillment of Daniel 12:11 and Matthew 24:15. In May of 2015, Pope Francis released his solution to climate change with the release of the much anticipated encyclical entitled *Laudato Si'*, *On Care For Common Home*. Its release was designed to have a direct impact on the United Nation's international meeting on climate change in Paris, France.^{9,10} As a solution to climate change and worldwide poverty, Francis' encyclical zealously promotes the papacy's blasphemous Eucharist (mass) and Sunday sacredness with "one authoritative

source of oversight and coordination" to lay "down rules for the admissible conduct in the light of the common good."¹¹ Copies of the *Laudato Si'* went to world leaders and the negotiators of the Paris Agreement. The *Laudato Si'* was used as one of the main sources in the negotiation and the formation of the Paris Agreement.

The once elusive climate change deal of the century was reached in Paris at the 21st Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on December 12, 2015. On April 22, 2016, 175 nations signed the Paris Agreement at a signing ceremony at the UN Headquarters in New York.

What makes this Paris Agreement signing ceremony prophetically significant is that April 22, 2016 was also Passover (The 14th day of Nisan). It was the exact same day, 1,985 years ago, that the Passover Lamb, Jesus Christ, ratified the true covenant with His blood. The Paris Agreement led by the papacy, the abomination of desolation, was "covenanted", officially agreed upon, on a ceremonially consecrated day, Passover.

Another word for “agreement” is covenant. The Paris Agreement is more than just an “agreement” or “pledge”. It is a legally binding and “spiritual” covenant led by the abomination of desolation in defiance of God’s everlasting covenant. The Secretary-General of the UN at the time of the signing, Ban Ki-moon, told all nations during the signing ceremony, “Today we are signing a new covenant for the future.”¹²

On August 10, 1793 the new revolutionary French government totally rejected the God of Heaven and His everlasting covenant during the French Convention in Paris and enthroned the Goddess of Reason. On April 22, 2016, in Paris the world rejected God’s Word and His everlasting covenant and enthroned the doctrines of the abomination of desolation.

After the Paris Agreement was ratified it went into force on November 4, 2016. There are those in the legal sector that have studied the Paris Agreement and conclude that it is a legally binding worldwide governing body.¹³ In Obama’s last speech to the UN on September 20,

2016, before the Paris Agreement went into force said, “We’ve bound our [USA] power to international laws and institutions.”¹⁴

Also, the Paris Agreement is a strong arm of the United Nations in which the papacy also has control. They have a direct link through the election of the new Secretary-General Antonio Guterres at the end of 2016. Guterres is a devout Roman Catholic who has very close ties to Francis and the Vatican.

Since Papal Rome is set up through the Paris Agreement, Sunday laws will follow first in the US and then around the world to unite the world to the common good as a major solution to deal with the devastating disasters caused by “climate change”.

Beast Deadly Wound Healed – Revelation 13:3 reveals that the papacy’s wounded head that ended their 1260 reign from 538 to 1798 will be healed and all the world will worship the beast.

The following are some current highlight of events to show how much the papacy’s wounded head has healed: Leaders of many nations and multi

billion dollar companies are frequently meeting with the papacy’s first Jesuit pope, Francis, throughout his tenure since 2013. World leaders from super-power countries such as the United States, France, Germany, Canada, Russia, and the United Kingdom have met with Francis. No human leader, religious or state, has that type of demand and worldwide influence as does Francis at this present time. He has been called, “The people’s pope,” “A new world pope,” and “Pope for a new world.”

World media outlets are picking up on the clues that the papacy wants to lead the world both spiritually and politically. On September 15, 2015 just prior to Pope Francis’ historic visit to the United States, Time magazine had a picture of Francis on its cover holding up a golden monstrance used for mass with the title “New Roman Empire: The global reach of Pope Francis.” Howard Fineman of Huffington Post on September 24, 2015 wrote an article entitled “Pope Wants To Be President Of The World.” Fineman writes that Francis “is running to become president of the planet.” He continues,

“Francis is also campaigning to lead the public, secular, political discourse worldwide.”

The papacy has successfully positioned themselves to be known as world leaders of peace. In September of 2014 “Former Israeli President Shimon Peres has said that Pope Francis is more powerful than the United Nations when it comes to advocating peace.”¹⁵

On September 24, 2015, Pope Francis was the first pope to publicly address U.S. Congress lawmakers. He promoted the climate change agenda before the December 2015 talks in Paris. In front of the west end of the U.S. Capital is the Washington Monument which is a very large obelisk. An obelisk is a pagan monument that commemorates sun worship and is often found at the entrances of pagan temples. The U.S. Capital dome and Washington monument obelisk are very similar to the Saint Peter Basilica’s dome in Vatican with an obelisk in front of them. When Francis was introduced to the Catholic Church as pope, he walked out on the balcony of the Basilica facing the obelisk. It is not coincidence to mention that

after Francis’ address to Congress, the speaker of the house, John Boehner, brought Francis out on the U.S. capital’s balcony facing the Washington Monument to make a public address to a large audience below.¹⁶ Also, the capital’s balcony that Francis spoke on was right above where U.S. presidents since Ronald Reagan have been inaugurated. Francis’ gesture and position on the balcony reveals his power and position in the United States.

After Francis spoke to U.S. Congress, the next day on September 25, 2015 he addressed the UN General Assembly on their 70th year anniversary. At that time, it was the largest gathering of presidents and world leaders at the United Nations General Assembly to hear a pope speak.

The “Iron curtain” of Church and State Comes Down – Revelation 13:11 reveals that the beast with two horns like a lamb will make an image of the beast, apostate Protestants. The United States was founded on religious freedom, the separation of church and state. Prophecy reveals that the U.S. government will merge church and state together in order to make

an image of the beast. The beast and the image of the beast will have tremendous power to influence the legislation of Sunday laws.

In 2016 President Barack Obama appointed Thomas J. Reese, a Jesuit priest as the chair over the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom. Remember the papacy’s “religious freedom” centers on Sunday sacredness and the Eucharist. They believe that no one is truly free unless they are under the banner of the papacy. The papacy hates the separation of church and state, liberty of conscience. Pope Pius IX in his August 15, 1854 Encyclical calls it “a most pestilential error, a pest of all others.”¹⁷

Not long after President Trump’s inauguration as the 45th president of the United States in 2016, he opened up the White House to a score of evangelical apostate protestants as counselors and advisers to him and his administration such as popular TV evangelist Paula White, Kenneth Copeland, Franklin Graham, Pat Robertson, and many others. Trump zealously says that he will give the church its voice back in Washington.

Trump has given the church ability to endorse and support political candidates by striking down the Johnson Amendment in May 2017 by an Executive order without penalties or loss of their non-profit status.

In May 2018 Trump established a faith-based office within administration through an Executive order known as the "Establishment of a White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative" which gives church and faith-based organizations access to government grant and contract money for various church sponsored community projects.

From July 24 – 26, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo hosted the first ever Ministerial Summit on Religious Freedom which was attended by high-level representative from 82 nations around the world and others from Trump's administration such as Vice President Mike Pence, key adviser Jared Kushner, and U.S. Ambassador to UN Nikki Haley.

In February 2018, Sam Brownback was appointed by Trump and confirmed as U.S. Ambassador for International Religious Freedom. Brownback converted from an evan-

gelical Protestant to Catholicism in 2002. On July 28, 2018, Crux reported that while speaking at a religious freedom meeting in D.C., Brownback insisted that he sees an "Iron Curtain moment" right around the corner. "It's like we busted through the gate, we've busted the barrier down, but now you've got to keep running," Brownback said. "We just have to keep the pressure up." The "iron curtain" that Brownback is talking about is the separation between church and state.¹⁸

On July 30, 2018, U.S. Attorney General, Jeff Session and the Department of Justice established a "religious liberty task force." One of their "expert" advisers on "religious liberty" was Archbishop Joseph Kurtz. He was one of the main speakers during the task force's media public announcement. He says, "At the heart of all the Church's [Catholic] efforts is a vision that we uphold that serves the common good. We propose this vision with passion for the good of individuals and of the nation, and religious freedom means that we are free to propose this vision."¹⁹

The iron curtain that

separated church and state in America has been totally dismantled. To celebrate, on August 27, 2018, Trump had a "State-like" dinner for 100 evangelical pastors that is usually preserved for heads of state. The event was compared to a prayer filled camp meeting. In Trump's speech he told them, "We are here today to celebrate America's heritage of faith, family and freedom." "As you know in recent years, the government tried to undermine religious freedom but the attacks on communities of faith are over. We've ended it."²⁰

"The Protest is Over!" - Revelation 13:4 reveals that those who worship the dragon and the beast will declare "Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" In other words, apostate Protestants will declare their protest, or war with the papacy, to be over.

Millions of Christian individuals, denominations, groups, and Protestants, and non-Christian religions and beliefs have been seduced by the Papacy's aggressive ecumenical movement to unite them as one big worldwide family. As a result, many protestant

churches in recent years have declared their “war” or protest against the papacy to be over. Many such as the Lutherans, Methodist, Christian Orthodox and scores of other “evangelical” protestants no longer protest but have embraced Papal Rome.

In 2014, a delegation of popular evangelical churches and leaders such as Kenneth Copeland and James and Betty Robison and others who have a combined reach of over 700 million people worldwide officially declared their protest with Papal Rome was over.²¹ In 2016, a year leading up to 500th year celebration of Martin Luther’s nailing of the 95 theses outside the church in Wittenburg on October 31, 1517, the majority of protestant denominations around the world had declared that their protest is over with Papal Rome.

Even though the General Conference SDA Church (GC) has not made an official statement that their protest with Papal Rome is over, their actions speak louder than any statement. They have participated and led out in ecumenical meetings with the papacy over the years. In October 2016, Gannone Diop, the Public Affair and Religious Liberty Director of the Adventist, went to Vatican along with the Christian World Communities ecumenical group which he chairs.^{22, 23} They listened to Pope Francis speak and had opportunity to meet with him and take pictures with him.²⁴ Does this look like true protestant activity? No. Instead of protesting against the beast, they have united with the papacy on many fronts by their actions. This is the reason why the papacy as the beast and the mother of Babylon has

been eliminated in many Adventist publications such as *The Great Hope* an abridged version of *The Great Controversy*, by Ellen White.

On October 31, 2017, GC SDA president Ted Wilson and other SDA officials met with interfaith leaders from the Lutherans, Pentecostals, Russian Orthodox Church, Roman Catholic, Muslims, and others in Moscow, Russia to celebrate the 500th year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.²⁵ Do you think the papacy would feel comfortable attending an event in which churches were still openly and truly protesting against them? No. To show their acceptance of the papacy, Papal Rome had representatives from Vatican who spoke at the event with warm wishes from Pope Francis. This event was not a true celebration of the Protestant Reformation but a mockery.

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This event that Wilson participated in was truly an ecumenical movement celebration that was disguised as a 500th year celebration of the Protestant Reformation.

Fire From Heaven – Revelation 13:13, 14 says that the United States, the lamb-like beast will make “fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.”

In Acts 2:1 – 4, on the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit appeared to the apostles and about 120 others in the same place as “cloven tongues like as of fire” that “sat upon each of them.” This was the true fire experience represented as the Holy Spirit. At the end of time Satan will mimic this with a false “fire” experience that represents a false holy spirit that comes down from heaven to deceive others by its “miracles”.

Kenneth Copeland, a White House evangelical adviser to President

Trump, gives him a direct link to the beast with two horns like a lamb that is part of the merger of church and state. This merger unites them as one in “mind and spirit”. In October 2017, Copeland was a key note speaker at an ecumenical gathering of various church denominations, evangelicals, and Catholics in Kansas City, Missouri known as Kairos 2017. During his sermon, he emphatically declares again that the Protestant Reformation was over. Referring to the meeting with Francis in 2014, Copeland continues, “one of the favorite days in my life, was with Pope Francis. What a man. He’s one of my heroes.”

Copeland a “proclaimed prophet” said during the sermon, “I just heard the Lord say this just two days ago, 2018 is the year of the Holy Ghost and fire.” He later continues, “The time is now for the unity of the faith.” Near the end of his sermon he made the following proclamation, “I release, by the authority invested in me as a prophet of God, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I release the fire of God! Burn the chaff! Burn...”²⁶ After this proclamation many

said they felt the presence of the Holy Spirit and that miracles of healing took place. Also, this was done in the sight of men and the beast.²⁷ Many of the papacy’s clergy were present and it was reported that Pope Francis saw Copeland’s sermon and fire proclamation by video.²⁸

Do not be surprised to hear about more “fire” proclamations like these along with miracles during this false “holy ghost” revival of Christian unity with the lamb-like beast in America that “speaks as a dragon” (Revelation 13:11). In addition to this, many in this false movement use “fire flame” in their logos to represent the Holy Spirit.

Bison National Symbol

– In Revelation 13:11, the United States is depicted as a beast with two horns like a lamb that speaks as a dragon. For centuries, thousands of bison freely roamed in the central plains of the United States. Because of the popularity of the American bison and its two horns as a lamb, it was used as a graphic in many Bible prophecy presentations to represent the United States in Revelation.

On June 20, 1782, the American bald eagle

was chosen as the official emblem of the United States. In 2016, President Obama also officially declared the bison to be represented as the United States' national symbol. Do you think that is by chance? What is God trying to tell us? "Watch and pray" time is coming to an end. Jesus will come and will not tarry.

The recent 2018 massive sexual child abuse scandals and cover up perpetrated by the clergy of the papacy reveals to the world that Papal Rome is still lewd, demonic, and false. It has been that way for over a thousand years and now the world can see the true nature of that "man of sin", "the son of perdition" revealed as prophesied in 2 Thessalonians 2:3.

In addition to these highlights of current events and fulfilled Bible prophecy there is a steadily increase in wild weather, mega fires, earthquakes, volcanoes, massive animal and marine life deaths by the thousands, and other natural disasters. God declares in Isaiah 24:3, 4 that "The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word. The earth mourneth

and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish." This "climate change" is not due to global warming, verse 5 says that "the earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." This is the true cause for "climate change." That is the reason why the Paris Agreement is a great offense to God because the world government would rather put their trust in the abomination of desolation rather than the truth of God's Word and His everlasting covenant.

Those who are waiting for the General Conference churches to revive and teach these fast fulfilling prophecies to their congregations are going to be sadly disappointed and lost in a sea of confusion. If you have been studying and watching you can clearly see that the General Conference churches are in very deep apostasy. Sadly, they are neither blushing nor have remorse of their current apostate position. So very sad! But you, my friend, have a personal responsibility to study these things

for yourself. Remember in the book of life in Heaven are names of individuals, not churches. "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" and "give diligence to make your calling and election sure." - Mark 13:29 & 2 Peter 1:10.

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The 24 Elders



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Who are the 24 Elders? This is a fascinating topic. There are various interpretations and understandings but can we definitely pinpoint who they are? We must keep in mind though that this is not a salvational issue – so there is no need to fuss and fight over it, but at the same time, it does not mean we cannot study and talk about it. Starting this month, we will spend multiple articles dedicated to who the 24 Elders are and along the way we will learn other important points of truth as well. Our opening text is Revelation 4:4.

“And round about the throne were four and twenty seats (or thrones): and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.”

Note: The Greek word for

“seat” is “thronos” which means throne.

What we have so far is that they are sitting on thrones, they have white garments, and they have gold crowns on their heads.

Would this description make the 24 Elders kings? They have to be because they are seated on thrones and they have gold crowns on their heads.

The standard Seventh-day Adventist interpretation of who the 24 Elders are is that they are those who resurrected with Jesus at his resurrection. There are even variations of this which include Moses, Elijah, and Enoch as three of the Elders and the other 21 being those who resurrected with Jesus. How this is determined is beyond me, but the 24 Elders cannot be those who resurrected with Jesus because the 24 Elders are already present in heaven even before Jesus arrives back to heaven from planet earth.

Jesus does not arrive until chapter 5, but the 24 Elders are already there in chapter 4 waiting for Jesus to return from his earthly mission. This is a clear indication that the 24 Elders are not those who Jesus brought with him because (again) they (the 24 Elders) are there before He brings the resurrected ones with Him to heaven.

The Story of Job

In chapters 1 and 2 of Job, he has lost everything – that is the context for what we are going to look at. Beginning in chapter 3 through chapter 37, Job is whining and complaining and he is asking the Lord to give him an explanation as to why all this stuff has happened to him. How does God answer Job? He answers him with silence until chapter 38. Let us notice what the Lord says to Job.

“Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.” (vs. 1-3)

In other words, God says, “It’s my turn to ask the questions and now Job you answer me.”

“Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;” (vs. 4-6)

God is describing creation, and notice that something happened at creation.

*“When **the morning stars sang together, and all **the*****

sons of God shouted for joy?” (vs. 7)

The morning stars would be the angels, but who are the “sons of God” mentioned in this verse?

Now I have heard some say that the sons of God are the angels. In other words, they say verse 7 is what is known as synonymous parallelism. Job 38:7 is not synonymous parallelism; they are synthetic parallelism – where the second line is adding information to what you find in the previous line.

In the Hebrew language there are three types of parallelism:

Synonymous Parallelism:
The second line says the same thing as the first line but only in different words.

Antithetical Parallelism:
What is said in the second line is the opposite of what is in the first line.

Synthetic Parallelism: The second line adds to the thought of the first line and completes the thought of the first line.

Again, verse 7 is not synonymous parallelism but synthetic parallelism. Let us allow the Bible to tell us because Job uses this terminology in another place.

But first – where do the angels live? They live in the presence of God. That is obvious, but notice about the sons of God in Job 1.

“Now there was a day

when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord...” (vs. 6)

Do the “sons of God” live in the presence of the Lord? No, because it says, “there was a day when...” the sons of God came and presented themselves before God. If they came to God then that means they were somewhere else before. They must live somewhere else and not in the presence of the Lord. And then it says...

“...and Satan came also among them.” (6)

Did Satan claim to have the right to belong to this group called “the sons of God” which are presenting themselves before the Lord? Apparently, he does. He would not come with this group unless he felt he had a right to belong to the group. But now the question is – where did Satan, who claims to have a right to belong to this group – where did he come from?

“And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.” (vs. 7)

Satan came from a planet – planet earth. And he claims to belong to this group called “the sons of God.” So, if Satan comes from a planet – where must the other sons of God come from? Must it be a planet, too?

If we take our time, it is

not as difficult as we think sometimes to figure subjects such as this out. Let us just allow the Bible to explain itself. But now notice that it gets even more interesting when we get to chapter 2.

“Again (that means another time) *there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord...” (Job 2:1)*

Did the sons of God leave and go back to where they came from after the first meeting we read about in chapter 1? It is pretty obvious – how could they come again to present themselves before the Lord unless they had left from the presence of the Lord after the first meeting?

“...and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord.” (vs.1)

Did the Devil come back to planet earth after that first meeting? He must have and what did he do when he came back to earth? Job 1:12 clearly says he went back to earth to afflict Job.

“And the Lord said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.” (Job 2:2)

If we read the Bible for what it says and allow the book of Job to explain the book of Job – it lets us know who the sons of God are. We are allowing

Scripture to interpret
Scripture – Sola Scriptura.

Why did Satan claim to have the right to belong to this select group called “the sons of God”? And who should have been there in place of Satan (who was now claiming to represent planet earth)? It should have been Adam – he was the one that was supposed to be there.

At the mount of temptation, the Devil says to Jesus, “I’ll give you all the kingdoms of this world (meaning planet earth).” We usually read this temptation from Matthew 4 but notice how Luke puts it.

“And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the

*kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: **for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.**” (Luke 4:5, 6)*

Satan says the kingdoms of planet earth were delivered unto him. In other words, somebody gave these kingdoms to Satan. Who was it? Who delivered the kingdoms of planet earth unto Satan? It was Adam.

Adam: The son of God

The genealogy of Jesus is recorded in Luke 3. Let us read the conclusion of it...

“Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the

*son of **Adam, which was the son of God.**” (Luke 3:38)*

What was Adam? It says he was the “son of God”. That is the same expression as in Job. The original “son of God” at creation is Adam.

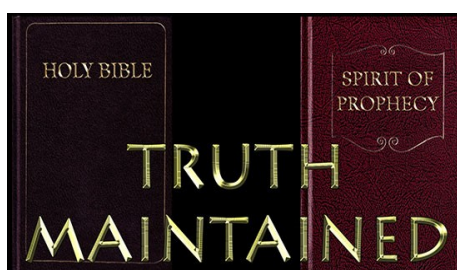
“The genealogy of our race, as given by inspiration, traces back its origin, not to a line of developing germs, mollusks, and quadrupeds, but to the great Creator. Though formed from the dust, Adam was “the son of God.”” (PP 44)

Notice she puts “the son of God” in quotations because she is quoting from Luke 3:38.

“He (Adam) was placed, as God’s representative,

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Was Adam a son of God in a different sense than we are? Yes, we are sons of God by pro-creation. There is only one who is a son of God by creation (other than Jesus that is).

Both Adams come into the human race in unusual ways. The first Adam came by a miracle and the second Adam also by a miracle. With that in mind could Jesus, the one who came through a miracle the second time, take the place of the one who came through a miracle the first time? Absolutely! This is why the Bible speaks of the two Adams.

We will stop right here in our study and pick up from here next time. What we will look at then is whether or not Adam was a king and we will look at how Adam is garbed. Remember our main subject is the identity of the 24 Elders. We will slowly and steadily build our case using the Bible with the aide of the Spirit of Prophecy as to who this group is. Go read Rev. 4:4 again.



Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible



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

[We have decided to limit the number of versions to the popular ones. If you have an interest in another Bible version not listed below, do let us know and we will make an adjustment.]

This month we will look at 1 John 3:9. For simplicity, we will only quote Revelation 3:21 for if "victorious" is there, it is in all seven verses.

King James Version:
Whosoever is born of

God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

These versions are incorrect because they word it in such a way that still permits sin by avoiding the regular practice thereof but just simply cutting back on sinning is acceptable:

New International Version - No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.

New Living Translation - Those who have been born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they are children of God.

English Standard Version - No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed

abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

New American Standard Bible - No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

These versions are correct this time:

New King James Version - Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

Douay-Rheims Bible - Whosoever is born of God, committeth not sin: for his seed abideth in him, and he can not sin, because he is born of God.

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No Compromise



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God gave Nebuchadnezzar, the king of the empire of Babylon, a dream. This dream would become renowned because it was a prophecy of the kingdoms of this world till God sets up His everlasting kingdom. God gave Daniel a night vision of Nebuchadnezzar's dream and its interpretation. In the dream God showed the kingdoms of the world in an image that had a head of gold, chest and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, legs of

iron, and feet of iron and part clay. Then Daniel told the king, "in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed" "it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever" (Daniel 2:44).

"The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth *it is*, that your God *is* a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret" (Daniel 2:47). But Nebuchadnezzar, now unconverted, would dare to defy the dream God had given him. In the dream Babylon was the head of gold which was to pass away with all the other kingdoms on the image, and the stone kingdom, God's everlasting kingdom, was only one to last forever. Nebuchadnezzar in his pride said, "Babylon will last for ever!" And as a symbol of this he commanded a mighty image of all gold, contrary to the dream, to be made.

"King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and

the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon" (Daniel 3:1). To this image Nebuchadnezzar had a dedication in which the image would be consecrated as a pagan god to be worshiped. To this dedication "the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces" had to come. Many of these people were taken captive from many different countries by the kingdom of Babylon.

"Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up." Then the decree went out that when they heard "the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick," they were to "fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar

the king hath set up:" and that those who did not fall down and worship, "shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace" (Daniel 3:3-6).

God gives all the freedom of choice for He says, "choose you this day whom ye will serve". He does not force the disobedient to worship Him, but with tender entreaty says, "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). He says, "behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20). But, Satan and his followers use cunning allurements such as money, "peace" through compromise, positions of honor, and influence to have the follower of Christ compromise with evil; but, if all this fails he uses force and cruelty, to secure the worship of man.

Among this big crowd were three Jews named by Nebuchadnezzar; Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These three young men were Daniel's companions. They were taken as captives when still

young, and brought into heathen Babylon. But these youths were taught by their God fearing parents to worship only God who "made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters" (Revelation 14:7) and rules over all; also they were taught to not compromise with evil. They had heard the warnings of the prophets and the judgments that would befall the nation for their rebellion against God. What they had learned they applied to their heart. They were "rooted and built up in him [Jesus Christ], and stablished in the faith, as" they had "... been taught abounding therein with thanksgiving" (Colossians 2:7).

When in Babylon they purposed in their heart to not defile themselves with the king's meat and the wine which he drank, that was unclean or sacrificed to idols. They did not compromise even in this matter, which to some seemed small.

These three youth had to make a choice if they would stay faithful to God, or worship the image that was set up. It had been commanded that all must bow and worship the image. A death decree had

also been made for all who did not worship the image.

". . . At that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down *and* worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up" (Daniel 3:7). But Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego chose to be faithful to God, and did not worship the image. "Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews. They spake and said to king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever. Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image: And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, *that* he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not

thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up" (Daniel 3:8-12).

"Then Nebuchadnezzar in *his* rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king" (Daniel 3:13). And he spake to them and said, "Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?" (Daniel 3:15). But they knew of the power of God and said, "... O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up" (Daniel 3:16-18).

Then Nebuchadnezzar was "full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against" them (Daniel 3:19). Then these three young men were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. But God delivered His servants who were faithful to Him. God walked with them in the fire. "... The fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them" (Daniel 3:27). The knowledge of the true God went far and wide. God and his truth were vindicated.

This will be repeated, but this time all the world will be involved. All the world will be commanded by force to worship the beast and his image. How will they worship them? It will be through the enforcement of the false Sunday sabbath, which was instituted by the Papacy. God has given us the seventh-day sabbath by His authority, while Sunday as the sabbath was established by man's authority. When someone keeps the first day, when the light of the true seventh-day sabbath has been given, they have exalted man in the position of God

and they are worshipping the authority by which it has been set up – the Papacy.

"History will be repeated. False religion will be exalted. The first day of the week, a common working day, possessing no sanctity whatever, will be set up as was the image at Babylon. All nations and tongues and peoples will be commanded to worship this spurious sabbath. This is Satan's plan to make of no account the day instituted by God, and given to the world as a memorial of creation." {Signs of the Times, May 6, 1897 par. 14}

It will be commanded that those who do not worship the beast will not be able to buy or sell. And eventually a death decree will be made. It will be commanded "... that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Revelation 13:15). There will be all-out war against God's people.

Even while all the world is bowing down to the beast, through Sunday enforcement, God will have a remnant "which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus

Christ" (Revelation 12:17). They will not compromise and accept false religion when they are not able to buy or sell, imprisoned, and when even in the face of death.

In this great test many will compromise and bow down to the great image of worship. They will do it so they can eat, and keep "peace". They will yield to the pressure of the world and worship the beast.

We must now stand and be rooted in truth, and established in the faith. We must not compromise with the world; in truth, diet, dress, music, etc. If you compromise now, when the great test comes, you will compromise then.

"The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. The mark of the beast will be urged upon us. Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death. The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. In this time the gold will be

separated from the dross in the church. True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it. Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will then go out in darkness. Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind, even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat. All who assume the ornaments of the sanctuary, but are not clothed with Christ's righteousness, will appear in the shame of their own nakedness."

{Testimonies for the Church Volume Five p. 81.1}

In order to stand in this great test we must "watch and pray" (Matthew 26:41). We must "... continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel," grounded in the rock Christ Jesus (Colossians 1:23). We must have on Christ's robe of righteousness, and Jesus says, "... Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame" (Revelation 16:15). We cannot trust ourselves, for if we depend on self we would fail and receive the mark of the beast no matter how much you know about

this. We must, in humility, fully depend upon the strength of Christ Jesus. If we, through Christ's power, have and do this, we shall be able to stand in the great test.

In this great test "when thou passest through the waters," says God, "I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee" (Isaiah 43:2).

In this time of crisis, we must not compromise, like the three Hebrew young men. We must say, "the God of my rock; in him will I trust: *he is* my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence" (2 Samuel 22:3). And God says, "because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him" (Psalms 91:14-15).



Lemon Balm



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What is Lemon Balm?

This perennial plant, native to southern Europe, the Middle East, Central Asia, and now naturalized in the Americas, is a member of the mint family and could quite easily be mistaken for oversized mint (due to its serrated heart-shaped leaves) if not for its mild lemon aroma and flavor.

Regarded mainly as a "calming" herb, lemon balm has been traditionally used throughout the ages as a combatant of anxiety, insomnia, lack of appetite, hormonal moodiness, and stress. Due to its anti-fungal, anti-bacterial, and anti-viral properties, lemon balm is also used to treat wounds, skin problems, and a great variety of ailments.

Lemon Balm Throughout History

For several millennia, lemon balm has been treasured as a medicinally-dynamic plant. A renowned herbalist in 1098 C.E. once claimed, "Lemon balm contains within it the virtues of a dozen other plants." Indeed, from apiculture to holistic medicine, this plant has managed to consistently live up to its own reputation as both versatile and effective.

Often referred to as "she" because of the medicinal benefits it offers women especially, lemon balm has many names: "Sweet Mary," "Honey Plant," "Balm Mint," and "Cure-All." More commonly, however, it is known as "Melissa" by the herbal and aromatic communities.

The name Melissa

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stems from the Greek word “μέλισσα”—a marriage of the words “meliso” and “phyllon,” together meaning “honeybee leaf.” From this, the Romans learned to call lemon balm “APIASTRUM,” simply meaning “bee.” It is only fitting, considering how lemon balm drives honey bees wild every summer with its nectar-rich white flowers. In fact, farmers have been using this plant for centuries to attract bees to certain fields in need of pollination, while beekeepers have grown it near their bees to discourage them from moving their colonies elsewhere. Melissa’s versatility does not end with agriculture or apiculture.

Note: Too often, people mistake lemon balm with the “bee balm” Monarda plant because of the connection to bees.

Lemon Balm Uses Throughout Antiquity

Lemon balm tea bath
(ancient Azerbaijani practice to support heart and skin health)

Stomach-calming, mood-balancing teas and topical balms
(ancient Indian and Chinese methods for healing)

Wine-infused liniment

(1st-century topical balm to treat skin irritations, wine-infusion no longer necessary)

“Eau des Carmes” or “Carmelite Water” (14th-century distilled alcoholic digestive tonic that is available today without alcohol, containing lemon balm, lemon peel, nutmeg, and angelica root)

Electuary (17th-century “mood-lifting” syrup/paste of dried lemon balm flavored with honey for palatability) mistakenly as a “magic” potion for healing broken hearts and luring romantic love interests (romance success rate: 0%).

Thousands of years have passed but this quick-growing plant’s uses and accolades have only multiplied. Throughout antiquity, lemon balm was cultivated as a culinary and medicinal component in promotion of health and happiness. Not much has changed in that regard, but with the supplemental, herbal, and essential oil movements becoming more prominent and available today, further applications have been discovered.

Lemon Balm Uses Today

—for the purpose of:

improving mood
treating infections and maladies caused by fungi, bacteria, and viruses (colds, flus, herpes, HIV-1, etc.)

preventing and treating nervous disorders (depression, vertigo, dementia, anxiety, insomnia)

soothing inflammation (topically and internally)

relieving spasms

boosting digestive processes

relieving bloat

promoting sweating

reducing fevers

lowering blood pressure

promoting overall good health

treating menstrual-related problems

treating headaches

Note: While lemon balm is available fresh, dried (i.e. tea), ground, in pre-made commercial pastes (such as topical skin applications and toothpaste), and encapsulated powder form, one of the more potent applications is through the use of essential oils, which is what will be discussed

here for the sake of brevity.

Melissa Essential Oil (for the purpose of):

Calming

Quantity: 1 drop (1:1 ratio carrier oil optional).

Apply to: palms, massage together. Cup hands over nose/mouth, breath in deeply/slowly.

Frequency: Up to 30sec. at a time. Repeat if needed.

Cold

Quantity: 1–2 drops (1:1 ratio carrier oil, optional).

Apply to: feet (or any symptomatic area), massage well.

Frequency: Repeat as needed.

Cold Sores

Quantity: a small dab.

Apply: directly on impending sore.

Frequency: Repeat several times throughout the day.

Coughs

Quantity: 1–2 drops (1:1 ratio carrier oil, optional)

Apply to: throat and chest, massage.

Frequency: Repeat up to 3 times daily.

Dementia (see: Journal of Clinical Psychiatry article)

Quantity: 1 drop (1:1 ratio carrier oil optional).

Apply to: palms, massage together. Cup hands over nose/mouth, breath in deeply/slowly.

Frequency: Up to 30sec. at a time. Repeat if needed.

Note: If applying to someone else, the “Coughs” application method (above) might be best.

Depression

Quantity: 1 drop (1:1 ratio carrier oil optional).

Apply to: palms, massage together. Cup hands over nose/mouth, breath in deeply/slowly.

Frequency: Up to 30sec. at a time. Repeat if needed.

Eczema

Quantity: 1 drop (3:1 ratio carrier oil).

Apply: directly to affected area.

Frequency: 1–3 times daily.

Emotional Support

Quantity: 1 drop (2:1 ratio carrier oil).

Apply to: chest and stomach, massage well.

Frequency: As needed.

Energy

Quantity: 1 drop if applying to hands (1:1 ratio carrier oil, optional); >4 drops if using diffuser (no carrier oil).

Apply to: 1. Palms, massage together. Cup hands over nose/mouth, breath in deeply/slowly. Or, 2. Diffuse about the living space.

Frequency: As needed.

Flu

Quantity: 1–2 drops (1:1 ratio carrier oil, optional).

Apply to: feet (or any symptomatic area), massage well.

Frequency: Several times throughout each day of the ailment.

Hand-Foot-Mouth Disease

Quantity: 1 drop (4:1 ratio carrier oil).

Apply to: any symptomatic area, massage well.

Frequency: Several times a day until ailment dissipates.

Headaches and Migraines

Quantity: 2 drops (1 teaspoon carrier oil).

Apply to: forehead, temples, cheekbones, and neck.

Frequency: At the start

of pain. Repeat every 2–3 hours if migraine persists.

Herpes (see: Phyto-medicine article)

Quantity: 1 drop (1:1 ratio carrier oil, optional).

Apply: directly to outbreak area.

Frequency: Repeat 3 times daily and continue use, regardless of visible outbreaks.

Hopelessness

Quantity: 1 drop (1:1 ratio carrier oil, optional).

Apply to: chest or inhale from palms.

Frequency: As needed.

Hypertension

Quantity: N/A

Application: Inhale directly from the bottle or use topically (1:1 ratio carrier oil, optional) over any symptomatic area.

Frequency: Repeat up to 3 times daily.

Indigestion

Quantity: 4 drops (1 tablespoon carrier oil, 4 drops grapefruit e.o., 2 drops peppermint e.o.).

Apply to: abdomen, massage clockwise.

Frequency: As needed.

Overwhelmed

Same quantity, applica-

tion, and frequency as “Hopelessness.”

PMS

Quantity: Up to 4 drops (1:1 ratio carrier oil, optional).

Apply to: bottom of feet or abdomen, massage well.

Frequency: As needed.

Note: For a soothing bath, consider adding a blend of 4 drops Melissa e.o., 4 drops bergamot e.o., 4 drops fennel e.o., and 1 tablespoon carrier oil to hot water. Soak in the water until it becomes cool.

Skin Issues

Quantity: 1 drop (2:1 ratio carrier oil, optional).

Apply to: affected area, massage well.

Frequency: 1–3 times daily.

Stomach Issues (pain, discomfort, or even loose skin)

Quantity: 1 drop (1:1 carrier oil, optional)

Apply to: abdomen, massage clockwise.

Frequency: 1–3 times daily.

Stress

Same quantity, application, and frequency as “Calming,” “Dementia,” “Hopelessness,” and

“Overwhelmed.”

Vertigo (see:

Quantity: N/A

Application: Inhale directly from the bottle or use 1 dab topically (1:1 ratio carrier oil, optional) on the forehead.

Frequency: As needed.

Viral Infections

Quantity: 1–2 drops (1:1 ratio carrier oil, optional).

Apply to: feet (or any symptomatic area), massage well.

Frequency: 3 times daily.

Warts

Quantity: 1 dab on a Q-tip or 1 drop.

Apply: directly to wart.

Frequency: 1–2 times daily until wart falls off.

How to Grow Your Own Lemon Balm Plant

While considering the health benefits of Melissa, be mindful that its high appeal oftentimes makes lemon balm products costly—especially as an essential oil. In addition, the more reputable the commercial source, the longer the wait is to receive their product on a first-come, first-served basis.

One of the more prominent essential oil companies, for example, experiences long periods wherein their Melissa oil is “out-of-stock.” At one point, the waiting period lasted over a year. This is because, like with any industry, the more trustworthy sources refuse to do business that is unethical to the laborers or dishonest to the consumer. While that is an excellent and Godly standard by which the consumer, producer, and seller should buy, make, sell, and live by, the truth of the matter is that growing your own lemon balm plant saves everyone the hassle and saves you money in the long run.

Growing your own lemon balm takes very little effort because it is both a hardy and quick-growing perennial. As a perennial, it will last just a little over 2 years but, because of its rapid growth, it will yield a surprising amount of lemon balm leaves throughout its lifetime.

The plant itself is about 2 feet tall, consisting of thin branches, and what always appears to be innumerable leaves. The leaves are what should be harvested for medicinal use, but the plant should periodical-

ly be cut down to ground level, as this—strangely enough—keeps it healthy, more attractive, and permits more abundant growth in the face of drought, insects, or other stressors.

When purchasing lemon balm seeds or starter plants, do your research, find a reputable source, and be absolutely sure they are not trying to sell you “bee balm” Monarda or regular mint (it can happen purely by accident).

Because lemon balm is a warm-weather plant, do not plant the seeds or starters until all danger of frost has passed. Seeds and starters should be placed 20 to 24 inches apart in a sunny area that receives shade for at least 1/3 of the day. The soil should be rich and slightly moist with a pH of 6 to 7, but if your soil needs a pick-me-up, consider using Oceans 92 for soil reconstitution and avoid the unnatural and harmful soil “enriching” products found at most home and garden stores.

If you harvest your lemon balm plant frequently (and you should), you will need to consider fertilizing it

after each cut back. But, while most gardeners will resort to Miracle Grow fertilizer, keeping a simple compost pile as fertilizer will not only be less costly but more beneficial and safe.

As you care for your plant and harvest its leaves, do not be afraid to try new recipes or attempt new uses. Only a few products will require the purchase of specific tools or appliances.

Fresh or Dry Leaf (easy and economical)

tea
culinary seasoning
insect repellent
poultices
skin moisturizer
healing balm
toothpaste
syrops

Fresh Leaf (increased effort and cost)

tinctures
oils
perfumes

The fact that your plants are living just outside your door guarantees that even the most basic, effortless, and economical use of dried leaves from your property will be significantly more fresh,

more potent, and have a longer shelf life than what must be grown, shipped, and processed elsewhere.

Conclusion

When looking at all the amazing benefits of lemon balm, we really have to ask ourselves, as Christians, what good reasons can we give to remain shackled to the anti-depressants, painkillers, and other health-harming phar-

maceuticals that millions upon millions of people are subjected to each year? We may live in a sin-ridden world full of discomfort and anguish, but God, in His mercy, has gifted to us an abundance of natural solutions and remedies. The only obstacle is our willingness to try them.

If your health has benefited from the use of lemon balm or you grow and make your

own lemon balm products, please share your experience.

What health benefits have you experienced personally or witnessed in others?

What advice would you give to new growers?

What is the most unique lemon balm product or recipe you have tried?



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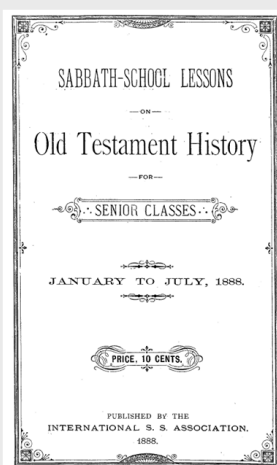
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Questions And Answers



Jerry O'Donnell

- Author of *What Does It Mean For the World To Have One Mind?*
- Bible Worker, Evangelist, Pastor, Church Planter

QUESTION: Is the soul and spirit different because of how it is in 1 Thessalonians 5:23? [“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”]

ANSWER: Yes. The body is easily understood. It is the physical aspect of who we are with eyes, ears, mouth, arms, legs, etc. The spirit, on the other hand, is who we are as a person. It is our heart, our mind, our spiritual relationship. It is our conscious awareness and decision making. As for the soul, notice the use in Proverbs 11:17: “The merciful man doeth good to his

own soul: but [he that is] cruel troubleth his own flesh.” The word soul and flesh are synonyms. Connecting our body and spirit is the flesh, which we are to “abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul” (1 Peter 2:11). In fact, if it were just spirit and body, temptation would pretty much lose its power. It is the nasty soul or flesh that prompts us to address, usually in an evil way.

Putting it together according to 1 Thessalonians 5:23, our physical activities that we perform with our bodies should be blameless, but if that is all that is said, we would be free to think evil thoughts at the same time while encouraging the fleshly feelings. An example of this would be like avoiding eating chocolate cake. I can physically avoid it, but mentally I could be trying to figure out how to get some. In the meantime, the soul or flesh comes alive through the senses as I dwell in the spirit upon trying to get that cake. We may make a conscious effort to get close to it to increase our temptations. Getting too close turns on the smells and maybe even the taste

buds preparing to participate as the mouth begins to water more.

Now on the other hand, if we were to focus on the flesh while allowing the spirit and body to indulge, the flesh may not desire a kiwi flavored cake but our body will be harmed by participating in eating such a cake filled with everything we ought not to have: sugar, eggs, milk, artificial flavoring, more sugar for the icing, etc. Spiritually, we again could justify it because the flesh is not being satisfied for I do not even know if such a horrible flavored cake even exists, but if it does, it is not going to affect my flesh because there is no way I would ever want such a cake despite going through the motion of eating it. I probably would need a lot of liquid to get it down, which of course is against counsel, but if the flesh does not desire it, the digestive process is already non-functional.

Then, of course, we have the spirit alone out of context where as long as the thoughts are right towards God, physical indulgence, especially those prompted by the soul

or fleshly desires, is exactly what the “saved by grace alone” crowd follows. They can keep Sunday despite it being the wrong day for that is what their soul or flesh has been used to, and to switch days would be too much effort. As long as their spirit sings properly and accepts other appropriate messages, all is acceptable, in their mind, towards God.

So, let us by the grace of God be “bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:5) to have the spirit blameless. “And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts” (Galatians 5:24) to have the soul blameless. And may we present our “bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service” (Romans 12:1) to have the body blameless.

QUESTION: What are your thoughts on David Karesh?

ANSWER: We prefer sticking with Bible doctrines and Bible related answers. There is nothing much that can be answered in that manner regarding David Karesh. This we do

know, and that is what he practiced was in no wise true Seventh-day Adventism as he was actually a Branch Davidian, however, we also know that he was set up on purpose to be taken down by the government.

So, there is concern about his teachings, while there is greater concern for what the government is capable of doing. And being 25 years later, the government tactics have grown in strength.

On top of that, the General Conference running scared immediately disconnecting from David Karesh and being quick and very outspoken about it is also concerning. When the government comes for the true Seventh-day Adventists, they (the GC) will be the assistants in locating us and handing us over to the government just as the Pharisees handed Christ over to the Romans. “We have far more to fear from within than from without” {RH, March 22, 1887 par. 4}. “As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of

the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbathkeepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them.” {GC 608.2}

QUESTION: Isn't the LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Queer, and others) movement mostly a western US thing? We know they are off base.

ANSWER: No it is not. The North American Division has a tool for church websites that asks a series of questions, one of which is inclusivity of the LGBTQ+ community, and after answering the questions, it will generate a welcoming message for

people to post on their website. Therefore, there are two concerning items here. The first is that they are guilty of promoting the lifestyle by making it easier to encourage it, and second, it is obvious that NAD is not as interested in souls as it is in running the church like a business organization.

QUESTION: What are your thoughts on Larry Wilson?

ANSWER: We try our best to refrain from providing such thoughts as we are not

ones who encourage or attack individuals, but what we do know, if it is the same Larry Wilson, anyone who sets dates and those dates fail, Ellen White has very strong rebukes and even the Bible says, "When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that [is] the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, [but] the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him" (Deuteronomy 18:22). In other words, we ought to stop listening to that person. Now

keep in mind, if someone were to ask when I think Jesus is returning, and against better judgment if I were to say a particular year without invoking scripture or Spirit of Prophecy or be emphatic about it and I am wrong, that was just an opinion. That is different from drawing up charts and using God's tools to prove an error. Do keep in mind, opinions should be kept out of the pulpit as well as publications, and one ought to refrain from such opinions to begin with. We ought to be about God's work and let the timing up to Him. 📖

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Butter

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- 1 ¼ c. coconut oil, melted
- ¾ c. olive oil
- 2 T. liquid soy lecithin, organic or non GMO **OR** 4 T. lecithin granules
- 1 T. + 1 t. salt
- 1 c. boiling hot water

refrigerator and it will harden.

You can use this in any recipe calling for butter or margarine. You can freeze this too!

Looks identical to real butter.

It melts like butter.

Tastes like butter.

Spreads like butter.

Melt on popcorn.

Spreads on corn-on-the-cob.

This can be used in all recipes that ask for butter or margarine.

Place coconut oil and olive oil in blender with lecithin...blend for 15 seconds to mix it well.

Put the boiling water in a measuring cup and then add the salt. Mix with a spoon. Add it SLOWLY to the mixture in the blender while blending.

Blend for about 30 seconds and then pour into a container that holds at least 4 cups. Place in the

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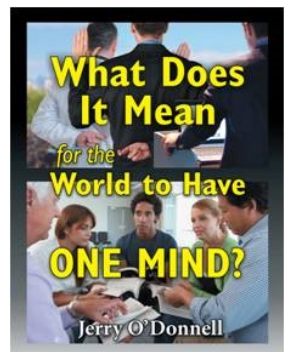
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August 9

Charlotte Observer

As Protestant churches in South Carolina dwindle, Catholic churches flourish. Here's why

Comment: The article cites the reason for the closure of Protestant churches and growth of Catholic churches is because of the Hispanic population increase. Nonsense! Increase in the Hispanic population may increase Catholicism but it does not fully answer the closure of dozens upon dozens of Protestant churches. The real reason is because since the protest is over in these denominations as of last year, why not return to the Catholic church? "And his deadly wound was

healed: and all the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 13:3).

August 9

Our Sunday Visitor

After 100 years, Marian shrine in Alberta still draws thousands

Comment: "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [come] out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Revelation 16:13-14). Specifically, the dragon or Satan has personated Mary.

August 6

Catholic Herald

Pope prays Blessed Paul VI will intercede for 'Church he loved so much'

Comment: "And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter:

should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, [it is] because [there is] no light in them" (Isaiah 8:19-20).

August 18

Yahoo

A baby with a brain tumor underwent a miraculous recovery after a kiss from Pope Francis

Comment: "As spiritualism more closely imitates the nominal Christianity of the day, it has greater power to deceive and ensnare. Satan himself is converted, after the modern order of things. He will appear in the character of an angel of light. Through the agency of spiritualism, miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and many undeniable wonders will be performed. And as the spirits will profess faith in the Bible, and manifest respect for the institutions of the church, their work will be accepted as a manifestation of divine power. " {GC 588.2}

August 24

Yahoo

Zero tolerance: no safe level of alcohol, study says

Comment: After being told for decades that alcohol, especially wine, is good for health when it really was not the alcohol but the grapes in wine, people finally agree with the Bible: "Wine [is] a mocker, strong drink [is] raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1).

August 20

Crux Now

Eucharist is a taste of heaven on earth, pope says

Comment: If you want a taste of eternal life, you do not need the Eucharist. 1 John 2:25 says, "And this is the promise that he hath promised us, [even] eternal life." Just remember His promise! Besides, true Christians are not pagan. Our God is not sacrificed over and over at every church service nor do we eat literal flesh and literal blood of our God as is taught in the Eucharist. Overall, this is just more blasphemy.



Met Gala 2018: "Heavenly Bodies:Fashion and the Catholic Imagination" Designed to Evangelize and Hypnotize



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Bible Prophecy foretells in Revelation chapters 13, 17 and 18 that Roman Catholicism will reemerge to world dominance beginning in the United States and spreading throughout the world. Certainly the ever-growing popularity of Roman Catholicism in mainstream society attests that the time is not far distant for "all

the world to wonder after the beast" [a depiction of Roman Catholicism based on Revelation 13:1-10]. Consider the following statement which shows the extent and influence even today of Roman Catholicism: "The Roman Catholic Church, with all its ramifications throughout the world, forms one vast organization under the control, and designed to serve the interests, of the papal see. Its millions of communicants, in every country on the globe, are instructed to hold themselves as bound in allegiance to the pope. Whatever their nationality or their government, they are to regard the authority of the church as above all other. Though they may take the oath pledging their loyalty to the state, yet back of this lies the vow of obedience to Rome, absolving them from every pledge inimical to her interests." [1] It is therefore not surprising that the

theme for Met Gala 2018 was “officially the Eucharist, but better summed up by the title of the Costume Institute’s new exhibit, ‘Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination.’” [2]

According to *Vogue* magazine, “The Met Ball or Met Gala is the fashion world equivalent of the Oscars, an evening when designers, models, and Hollywood stars convene in the year’s most over-the-top looks...On the first Monday in May, everyone who is anyone comes to the [Metropolitan Museum of Art](#) for the annual fundraising gala celebrating the Costume Institute’s magnificent new exhibition on a changing theme.” [3] In order to become relevant and remain current, the Roman Catholic Church has infiltrated and exploited popular culture in the attempt to convey to the world that the church today is not the church that it was centuries ago when it mercilessly butchered Protestants and others who rejected its assumption of authority. The Papacy today is using celebrities of every ilk to influence culture and the mindset of society so that she is no longer looked upon with fear, suspicion or disdain. For example, Katy Perry was at the Vatican the last week of April,

[4] Leonardo Dicaprio met Pope Francis at the Vatican and is echoing his message on climate change [5] and Beyonce just recently conducted a Mass at a San Francisco Catholic Church. [6]

While the masses are admiring and marveling after the celebrities so fancily dressed at the Met Gala, those celebrities were wondering after the Beast, the Papacy, also denoted in scripture as the Great Whore and “Mystery Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots” (Revelation 17:1-5). At the Gala, not surprising, a woman (which in prophecy, represents a church) was crowned Pope. “Rihanna, one of the co-chairs of the gala... appointed herself the head of the couture congregation, wearing an ornate, beaded white Margiela corset dress with a matching jacket, clutch, and mitre—also known as the hat that the Pope wears. On Twitter, she was immediately crowned a nouveau papeess.” [7] This is quite significant, highlighting the juxtaposition between Roman Catholicism, a religion, with secular pop culture; as well as that of Rihanna, a victim of physical abuse dressing as the head of a church who has perpetrated and inflicted the most severe abuse not only

against women but against all who would dare question or oppose her authority. This fusion of Roman Catholicism with the arts and entertainment underscores a commonality between the two, paganism, ritualism and secret societies. “The Roman Catholic Church, uniting the forms of paganism and Christianity, and, like paganism, misrepresenting the character of God, has resorted to practices no less cruel and revolting...Dignitaries of the church studied, under Satan their master, to invent means to cause the greatest possible torture and not end the life of the victim. In many cases the infernal process was repeated to the utmost limit of human endurance.” [8]

Even the very theme of the Gala, “Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination” connects paganism with Roman Catholicism in that the heavenly bodies here referred to are in relation to astrology/horoscopy. In the great controversy, nothing happens by accident; God is trying to get the attention of His people so that they can awaken to the ever-fulfilling signs of the last days. Interestingly the phrase “Catholic imagination” is a part of the theme and an article from the

New Yorker was entitled, “Pope Rihanna and other Revelations from the Catholic-Themed 2018 Met Gala.” [9] Note the word revelation, which is the title of the very book that brings to view Roman Catholicism in the last days. The root word of imagination is image, and the book of Revelation speaks about the United States, (apostate Protestants of the U.S. more specifically), which will form an image to Roman Catholicism and will cause all the earth to worship Roman Catholicism and receive her mark (see Revelation 13:11-18).

It is no coincidence that this year’s Met Gala had a Roman Catholic theme; this is the same year that CNN aired a 6-part series titled, “Pope, The Most Powerful Man in History,” [10] in addition to Pope Francis’ movie that is coming out this summer. [11]

At this point, some may be wondering whether the Catholic Church has condemned the 2018 Met Gala as blasphemous or sacrilegious. To the contrary, Papal leaders have actually praised it, were instrumental in organizing it and are using it as a tool for evangelism (besides, how could this power even dare cry blasphemy, when on its head is the very name blasphemous, see Revelation

13:1). “Cardinal Timothy Dolan has defended the controversial 2018 Met Gala as ‘a celebration of what we call the evangelization of culture.’ ‘I did not find the spirit of the evening to be offensive or blasphemous at all,’ the cardinal told *Crux*.” [12] From another report, “The Catholic Church itself is a partner in the Met’s exhibition, lending more than forty papal vestments from the Vatican (a first for the notoriously secretive archive). Cardinal Timothy Dolan agreed not only to sanction the gala but to attend it...many of the featured designers in the show, such as Gianni Versace, John Galliano, and Christian Lacroix, were raised in the Church.” [13]

The Bible delineates Roman Catholicism as Babylon, who is not only herself a decadent fashionista, noted for her dress, but also as having control over the respective art, entertainment and fashion industries. “And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls.” Revelation 17: 4. “And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her [Babylon]; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of

gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet...Revelation 18:11 and 12. *Vogue* confirms, “The display of these extraordinary ecclesiastical pieces will highlight the enduring influence of religion and liturgical vestments on fashion...By placing fashion within ‘the broader context of religious artistic production’ (like paintings and architecture).” [14]

Now that one of the purposes of the Catholic-themed Met Gala has been uncovered, which is evangelism, let us look at another purpose for the event, which really leads back to the first purpose – evangelism, to cause all to admire and wonder after Roman Catholicism. Again, from the *New Yorker*, “It is clear, walking through the darkened hallways of the Byzantine gallery as chamber music swells overhead, that the purpose of the exhibition is to highlight the beauty of Catholicism, its lavish adornments, the dazzling enchantments that its devotees enjoy.” [15]

Consider the following regarding the glamour of Roman Catholicism and the purpose of its captivating displays: “Many Protestants suppose that the Catholic religion is unattractive

and that its worship is a dull, meaningless round of ceremony. Here they mistake. While Romanism is based upon deception, it is not a coarse and clumsy imposture. The religious service of the Roman Church is a most impressive ceremonial. Its gorgeous display and solemn rites fascinate the senses of the people and silence the voice of reason and of conscience. The eye is charmed. Magnificent churches, imposing processions, golden altars, jeweled shrines, choice paintings, and exquisite sculpture appeal to the love of beauty...This outward splendor, pomp, and ceremony, that only mocks the longings of the sin-sick soul, is an evidence of inward corruption... Brilliancy of style is not necessarily an index of pure, elevated thought. High conceptions of art, delicate refinement of taste, often exist in minds that are earthly and sensual. They are often employed by Satan to lead men to forget the necessities of the soul, to lose sight of the future, immortal life, to turn away from their infinite Helper, and to live for this world alone. A religion of externals is attractive to the unrenewed heart. The pomp and ceremony of the Catholic worship has a seductive, bewitching

power, by which many are deceived; and they come to look upon the Roman Church as the very gate of heaven. None but those who have planted their feet firmly upon the foundation of truth, and whose hearts are renewed by the Spirit of God, are proof against her influence. Thousands who have not an experiential knowledge of Christ will be led to accept the forms of godliness without the power. Such a religion is just what the multitudes desire.” [16]

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is no safety except in Jesus Christ! To be compelled to stay under error and apostasy Sabbath after Sabbath is Romanism.

My brothers and sisters, you do not have the power over the rule in which to behold is to become changed. If we are beholding apostasy, we will be in apostasy. If we are beholding Christ, we will be like Him. And yes, we can even have victory over every single sin despite what is in the quarterlies, announced by our church leaders, and are fed each Sabbath service. It is time to take a stand!

If you no longer are hearing the three angels'

messages, if your church is using the wrong logo, and the music invites the devil through percussion instruments like drums and the drum family of instruments, separate

before it is too late and seek to press closer and closer to those that uphold the faith.

God help us to discern in these very last days. 📖

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