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John the Baptist met sin with open rebuke in men of humble occupation and in men of high degree. He declared the truth to kings and nobles, whether they would hear or reject it. He spoke personally and pointedly. He reproved the Pharisees of the Sanhedrim because their religion consisted in forms and not in righteousness of pure, willing obedience. . . . He spoke to Herod in regard to his marriage with Herodias, saying, It is not lawful for thee to have her. He spoke to him of a future retribution, when God would judge every man according to his works. . . .

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Dear Reader,

In these days, we are sent "forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves" (Matthew 10:16). I have, just as many of you have, been active in spreading the gospel, especially in paper form. This magazine is not the only publication I distribute. Yes, it is the only one distributed to Seventh-day Adventists from us, made possible by your generosity, as well as the personal funds God has blessed me with.

The pamphlet advertised in this publication for you to take advantage of in distributing literature, The Truth, is something I am personally sending to one zip code at a

time. As Jesus said, "Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come" (Matthew 10:23), but I am giving forth all the effort I can motivated by "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matthew 19:19). If I want to be in Heaven, I surely should want others there, too.

Now let me bring all of this to this focal point: Sometimes we encounter people who pretend to be one thing while being another. My personal experience was that someone pretended to have received one of these pamphlets and brought it into work handing it to someone outside of the zip code area that I had targeted. This person then contacted me via e-mail with this story. This is where we have to be wise. The person was way too advanced in argument to simply be a secular employee. Without asking, I drew the conclusion that the person was a minister. In the number of exchanges between us, his always contained the question, "What denomination are you?" among other character investigative questions. I always addressed his biblical questioning, but left the character

alone. I had addressed, in different ways, that particular question without revealing the name Seventh-day Adventist, such as, "I am the one that personally put it together and distributed it. There was no denominational backing on the mailing." Some may think at this point that I have erred, that I have betrayed Christ.

This has been an ongoing debate for years upon years in the church. Do keep in mind that Jesus is our example (1 Peter 2:21) and His brothers argued over attending the feast. Jesus said, "Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come" (John 7:8), "But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret" (John 7:10). So, what was Jesus' motivation for going to the feast in "secret"? So not to create an unnecessary confrontation that could have jeopardized or put into difficulty His mission.

This was not the first time we see Jesus operating in "secret", that is, not revealing Himself. Jesus had several

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try 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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### True Church Unity vs. False Church Unity



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"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" --Psalm 133:1. In addition, Ephesians 4:3 says, "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Does this mean that we are to unite with all who profess to be Christians? Are we to unify with any church or conference that may profess with their mouth that they are God's remnant people but their fruit is rotten with apostasy and corruption? Are we to put away our

differences and unify with the "common good" for the sake of "peace"? Are we to unify in any capacity with the mother of Babylon and her harlot daughters in an effort to promote "religious freedom" and to deal with the elimination of inequality and world poverty?

There are many who are confused about this subject on church unity. The Bible warns us that all "church unity" is not true unity. Let us take an objective Biblical view on true versus false church unity. This is a very critical study for God's true remnant in the last days.

The definition of unity reveals the seriousness of understanding true unity. The word "unity" according to the Merriam Webster Dictionary is "the quality or state of not being multiple: oneness" or "condition of harmony: accord." "Unity" is "the state of being united or joined as a whole" - Google Dictionary. In math, "unity" is the number one. In other words, unity is bringing multiple people together who have become one in purpose, belief, and action. Unity is conditional based on the harmony of the agreed terms or standard. Those being joined as one must be in total agreement with the "condition" that makes them "one" or "unified". If the standard or terms are not met, it is not unity.

The practicality of unity is taught in God's marriage institution. Jesus says, "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

"Unity" is also revealed in the Godhead. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. - Genesis 1:1. The original Hebrew word for "God" in Genesis 1:1 is "Elohim." "Elohim" is referring to God in the plural sense of the Godhead; God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All three were involved in the creation of this world and the salvation of men. The Bible refers to each one as "Lord", meaning selfexistent. Neither one was created. They are

all immortal and are not dependent to one another for their existence. They are three co-eternal dignitaries unified as one in mind, purpose, and action. Their characters are in complete harmony, on one accord. 1 John 5:7 confirms, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." Also, Jesus declares in John 10:30, "I and my Father are one."

Jesus Christ is the rocksolid foundation, the cornerstone, and head of His church. Those who are united with the true church of Jesus must be "married" to Him in complete harmony and loyalty as one. Ephesians 5:30-32 says, "For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church." When we are married to Christ, we are to become "like-minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" -Romans 15:5. 6.

It must be reemphasized, the true, faithful remnant are married and unified in holy matrimony to Jesus. They are not married to a church denomination,

name, building, or its members, pastors, and leaders. Baptism is supposed to be a "marriage ceremony" that a person has died to sinful flesh and worldliness and risen as one in complete harmony and obedience to Jesus Christ. Sadly, many church members believe that their baptism is a lifetime commitment to a church denomination regardless of its spiritual condition. To others, baptism has become an "initiation" ceremony in order to be accepted and able to participate in church's "club house".

Jesus teaches us His standard and condition of church unity. If "unity" is not in line with the teaching of



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Christ and His standard, it is not true unity. In John 17:11, Jesus prays that His church become unified like Jesus is one with the Father. Jesus calls His church not to partake of the sins of the world in any form. Those who join themselves with the sins of the world are spiritually divorced from Jesus and have become spiritual harlots and enemies of God (see James 4:4). Jesus also teaches in John 17:17 that church unity can only be achieved by each person being sanctified by God's TRUTH. Only those who are unified to the Truth are purified by "obeying the truth through the Spirit" - 1 Peter 1:22.

Bible Truth as a whole, without sin and worldliness, is the condition of unity that must be met in order for true church unity to take place among God's true church. If God's truth is NOT believed and obeyed in its wholeness among those who claim to be a part of God's church then you do NOT have true church unity. They only have a "form" or false church unity.

In order for the true remnant church to be unified with Christ and each other, they must believe and take heed to the WHOLE message of the everlasting gospel - the three angels' message, the law and the testimonies, victory over sin, the sanctuary message, the health message, the spirit of prophecy, and the imminence of the soon return of Jesus Christ. Any deviation from these vital Bible truths as a whole is not only false unity, but it is apostasy.

Apostasy means to abandon or leave the whole truth for a partial truth which is actually a whole lie! In false church unity, Jesus and His whole Bible truth are no longer the conditional standard of church unity, they are substituted with the traditions of man, policies, rules, theories, and ideas. Also, they are unified by the love of display, lustful pleasures, attractions, entertainment, and sins of the world. False unified churches are socially well-connected with each other, but are spirituality disconnected from Christ and His whole truth. They are more concerned about their relationship with other people than their connection to God. They only have a "form of godliness" because they deny the power of God – 2 Timothy 3:5. They have unified themselves "in the bond of iniquity" – Acts 8:23. According to Numbers 15:30, 31, iniquities are presumptuous sins in which those who understand God's commandments willfully despise the word of the LORD, and break the commandments of God.

False church unity is an institutionalized and organized system of rebellion against the whole truth of God's word. Their bond of iniquity directly impacts all their church institutions such as their local congregations, schools, and hospitals. Like the rebellious Israel of old, churches who are bonded together under false church unity have a culture of rebellion that is passed on from generation to generation. They call righteousness "extreme" and "legalism". They also believe that their rebellion is covered by God's grace. They "call evil good, and good evil" and "put darkness for light, and light for darkness" - Isaiah 5:20. They are unable to distinguish purity from corruption, holiness from worldliness, and the Holy Spirit from demonic spirits.

False church unity makes a call for others

to "put away their differences" and unify only on the things that they have in common. On the other hand, true church unity makes a call for others from various backgrounds, cultures, and languages to put away sin, worldliness, and rebellion and tenaciously cleave to the whole truth of God's Word. God says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." - 2 Chronicles 7:14.

There are millions who ignore or fail to inspect the putrefied and corrupted fruit of false church unity. They are deceived by the flowery and seductive words of false church unity. As a result, they join and stay loyal to this system of rebellion.

Papal Rome, the Beast and mother of Babylon of Revelation, is a prime example of false church unity. All who are seduced by her words of unity through her ecumenical efforts become "one flesh" with the mother of harlots. "What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is

one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh" - 1 Corinthians 6:16

How many religions have united with the Papacy through their aggressive ecumenical efforts over the years since Vatican II in 1962? All the world's major Christian religions, former Protestants, Muslim, and pagan religions currently have a "united" ecumenical relationship with the Papacy. They have been seduced by the papacy's words of unity and peace!

Sadly, the General Conference SDA corporate church has also been seduced over the years to false church unity. As we get closer to the end of time their relationship with Papal Rome has gotten stronger and stronger! For example, this past September 26-28, 2018, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the Seventh-Day Adventists participated in a major ecumenical religious world summit known as the G20 Interfaith Forum. All major religious from around the world were present, such as the Catholics, Jews, Muslims, Protestants (former), and pagans. This forum is the melting pot of Babylon.

The G20 Interfaith Forums create policies on climate change, inequality, refugees and combating extremism among others. They are told to put away their differences and unify for the common good to work towards a peaceful co-existence between all religions. It was reported that there was a very heavy Jesuit presence there.

Ganoune Diop, PR and Religious Liberty Director, represented the SDA GC corporate church at the G20 Interfaith Summit. Not only was he a speaker, but he was part of the G20 Interfaith Forum International Organizing Committee. - https://www.g20interfaith.org/content/about-us

This year's G20 Interfaith Forum was highlighted by a letter sent from Pope Francis to be read before the G20 Interfaith Forum. He said, "These interfaith conferences, within the framework of the G20 Summit meetings, aspire to offer the international community the contribution of their different religious and philosophical traditions and experiences, to illuminate those social issues that concern us today in a special way." He continued,

"Called into being by one Father, all of us are linked by unseen bonds and together form a kind of universal family, a sublime communion which fills us with a sacred, affectionate and humble respect." Basically, Francis called all in attendance, including the Seventhday Adventists, that they are one family -Andy Roman, "Adventists, Jesuits and Evangelicals work Towards a 'Peaceful Coexistence Between Religions'" September 27, 2018, Advent Messen-

This is not true church unity. This is false church unity because they all are in sin and open rebellion. The "fruit" does not lie. They have become one like those who rebelled against God and built the tower of Babel. We are supposed to be calling people <u>out</u> of Babylon not into it!

The GC SDA church wants all of its 20 mil-

lion members to unify with them! This quarter's Sabbath school lesson is entitled "Oneness In Christ." This is a mockery when they have unified with the beast. They have unified with the LGBT movement. They have unified with worldliness throughout their institutions, churches, and schools. They have unified with abortion. They have unified with the pharmaceutical poisonous drugging business in their hospitals. They have unified with idol worship. They have unified with spiritualism (spiritual formation, humanism, etc.). The Bible is clear, there can be no true church unity while in rebellion!

Should God's faithful unite or support in any way with those who have united with the Beast? Let the Bible speak for itself in the following texts: 1 Corinthians 10:20,21 – "But I say, that the things which the Gen-

tiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils." Ephesians 5:11 - "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Psalms 26:4,5 - "I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers. I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked." 2 Thessalonians 3:14 -"And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed."

Is the Bible message clear about true church unity versus false church unity? Who are you going to unite with?

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### The Great Apostasy



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The Seventh-Day Adventist Church has been richly blessed by God because they kept the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. (Revelation 12:17) A church "... to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises" - Romans 9:4. They were to be God's witnesses to all the world. But many began to spiritually go to sleep and join with the world. As a result, the things of

the world began to enter into the church. A great apostasy from truth began. Many of those who once professed faith in God and His truth have now in reality forgotten God. Sin has been accepted and gradually a great darkness has come upon the people. These apostates formed a "new organization" not meaning that they gave up the name Seventhday Adventists, or left the church denomination, but that they left from the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

What is this new organization like? "The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists. and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be account-

ed as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath, of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure"-Testimonies for the Church Containing Letters to Physicians and Ministers Instruction to Seventh-day Adventists (1904) 54.3.

This is what is going on now. For some time now many Seventh-day Adventists have not wanted to talk about the beast - Papal Rome. Many are saying that the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation are not important. They say that the message to come out of Babylon and warning the people not to receive the Mark of

the Beast scares the people, so they do not want to preach about it or give books to the people that talk about it. These apostates lightly regard the Sabbath. Apostate pastors say that the Sabbath is not about "the day" you worship, but "who" you worship. This is an error and departing away from the truth because the Sabbath day is a sign of "who" you worship (Ezekiel 20:12,20). Those of this new organization may preach some things that are true, but their trust is in man which can do nothing without God.

Because of their neglect of God and His word they do not see that this is so bad. Thus, abominable sins are brought into the church. For the past few years the Seventh-day Adventist church has been accepting homosexuality, which is an abomination (Leviticus 20:13). These abominations are taught to the teachers, and from the teachers to the youth in the schools.

There has also been a uniting with Papal Rome. Instead of calling people out of Babylon, they have joined with her. The schools, churches, conferences, hospitals, are in great rebellion. They have left "the old paths, where is the good way" (Jeremiah 6:16). As time draws nearer to a close this has deep-

ened and gotten worse.

What will this great apostasy result in? These apostates will join the ranks of the opposition and be the greatest enemies against those who remain in the truth of God's Word keeping the commandments of God and holding on to the testimonies of Jesus Christ. "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."-Great Controversy p. 608

Sadly, many people are

closing their eyes to this great apostasy. The majority of the ministers and laity are not even speaking up against this great apostasy. To those who do not, this warning is given: "Indifference and neutrality in a religious crisis is regarded of God as a grievous crime and equal to the very worst type of hostility against God"-Testimonies Volume 3, 280.3. Wake up! Wake up! It is our duty to "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Isaiah 58:1).

God's message for us today is given in Revelation 3:18-21, "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

### The 24 Elders - Controversy



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In October's publication, David Rehm wrote an article on the 24 elders and it was inadvertently released. We want to clarify in this article some of the incorrect views that were presented by him and present the correct view for our readers. In order to gain a correct understanding of what the Word of God is saying, we must compare scripture with scripture, line upon line, and precept upon precept. (Isaiah 28:9,10; 1 Cor. 2:13) This is God's ordained

method for studying the Bible

Speaking of the 24 elders, Revelation 4:10 says, "The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne." According to this verse we see that they fall down and worship God and they are wearing crowns. We are called to worship God and we also will be wearing crowns when we get to heaven. James 1:12 says, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." We are not the 24 elders, but they are human beings, just like we who have been saved by the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 5:8,9 says, "And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song,

saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." Clearly the 24 elders are redeemed by the blood according to this verse. If they are redeemed, then they lived on this sinful earth because we are the only fallen world. Notice Ellen White in Christ's Object Lessons, page 190, writes, "By the lost sheep Christ represents not only the individual sinner but the one world that has apostatized and has been ruined by sin. This world is but an atom in the vast dominions over which God presides, yet this little fallen world - the one lost **sheep** - is more precious in His sight than are the ninety and nine that went not astray from the fold. Christ, the loved Commander in the heavenly courts, stooped from His high estate, laid aside the glory that He had with the Father, in order to save the one lost world." Amazing Love!!!

Speaking of the patri-

archs and prophets that walked by faith before us, Hebrews 11:2 says, for by it the "elders" obtained a good report. Meaning by faith they obtained a good report. The elders that are mentioned in Hebrews 11 are all individuals that lived prior to Christ walking upon Earth. How did these elders get to heaven?

Matthew 27:52, 53 says, "And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many." The resurrection that took place at the death of Christ is when they came from the grave. Who led them into heaven?

Ephesians 4:8 says,

"...he ascended up on high, he **led captivity** captive, and gave gifts unto men." The 24 elders were captive to the grave, but because Christ conquered sin, they were led captive to heaven and when Christ was crowned as high priest and the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, he gave them **spiritual gifts**. The gifts of tongues and miracles were revealed in Acts 2 and 3. Spiritual gifts are an evidence of the Spirit of God in one's life. Read 1 Cor. 12:7-11.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the <u>sons of</u> <u>God</u>" (Romans 8:14). If we are led by the Spirit, the Bible says we are the sons of God. Are you a son of God?

We are a Son of God only if we are allowing the Holy Spirit to transform our lives that we may be like Christ. John 1:12, 13 says, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." To be born again means to be radically changed. It means to hate sin because God has transformed the heart. It means to take on the character of God, where we no longer walk after the flesh, but walk after the fruit of the spirit revealed in Galatians 5:22, 23: "Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." This is the fruit that will be seen in the life of a Christian that is born again. Have you been born again?

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). Only by spending time with Jesus can we be changed. Prayer and Bible study equips us for this continual transformation that is the work of the lifetime. Only when we fully surrender to God can this change begin take place.

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"When the soul surrenders itself to Christ, a new power takes possession of the new heart. A change is wrought which man can never accomplish for himself. It is a supernatural work, bringing a supernatural element into human nature. The soul that is vielded to Christ becomes His own fortress, which He holds in a revolted world, and He intends that no authority shall be known in it but His own. A soul thus kept in possession by the heavenly agencies is impregnable to the assaults of Satan. But unless we do yield ourselves to the control of Christ, we shall be dominated by the wicked one. We must inevitably be under the control of the one or the other of the two great powers that are contending for the supremacy of the world. It is not necessary for us deliberately to choose the service of the kingdom of darkness in order to come under its dominion. We have only to neglect to ally ourselves with the kingdom of light. If we do not co-operate with the heavenly agencies, Satan will take possession of the heart, and will make it his abiding place. The only defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart through faith in His righteousness. Unless we become vitally connected with God, we can never resist the unhallowed effects of self-love, selfindulgence, and temptation to sin. We may leave off many bad habits, for the time we may part company with Satan; but without a vital connection with God, through the surrender of ourselves to Him moment by moment, we shall be overcome. Without a personal acquaintance with Christ, and a continual communion, we are at the mercy of the enemy, and shall do his bidding in the end." {DA 324.1}

"The last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so,' said Jesus, 'shall it be also unto this wicked generation.' There are none so hardened as those who have slighted the invitation of mercy, and done despite to the Spirit of grace. The most common manifestation of the sin against the Holy Spirit is in persistently slighting Heaven's invitation to repent. Every step in the rejection of Christ is a step toward the rejection of salvation, and toward the sin against the Holy Spirit" Desire of Ages pg. 324.

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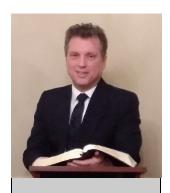
#### **WARNING!!!**

PLEASE READ DAVID HOUSE'S ARTICLE FIRST BEFORE READING THIS WARNING.

#### Jerry O'Donnell sharing a word of caution:

I would discourage you from calling *The Delaware Valley Bible Prophecy Prayer Line* based on what has been revealed concerning his understanding of Revelations' Bible Prophecies. It is with a big apology for having allowed the series of articles to begin not catching the subtle error. And it is with great appreciation that we can watch out for each other. The comment and position is not based upon one incident either, but is also David Rehm's understanding of Revelation 9 comes into question.

### Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible



#### Jerry O'Donnell

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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 Isaiah 14:12, where we find the name of the fallen angel called Satan.

King James Version:
How art thou fallen
from heaven, O Lucifer,
son of the morning!
how art thou cut down
to the ground, which
didst weaken the nations!

These versions do not want you to know his name, in fact, if you trace the substituted descriptions a bit, one could conclude that Jesus is the one fallen being the morning star, the day dawn to rise in our hearts, etc.:

New International Version - How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!

#### **New Living Translation**

- "How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning! You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world.

English Standard Version - "How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low!

New American Standard Bible - "How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!

English Revised Version - How art thou fallen from heaven, O day star, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst lay low the nations!

These versions are correct this time:

New King James Version - How you are fallen from heaven, O [a] Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! [This is with reluctance because there is a note next to Lucifer suggesting "day star".]

Douay-Rheims Bible -How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, who didst rise in the morning? how art thou fallen to the earth, that didst wound the nations?

### Trisodium Phosphate



Genobia Simpson

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Herbert Leonard Ley Jr.
 (former commissioner of the FDA)

There has been a great deal of controversy regarding trisodium phosphate (TSP). Several independent sources have indicated the dangers of adding this alkali cleaning compound to food, but a handful of "authoritative" agencies have rebutted such claims. The countering argument, however, is in grave denial of the blatantly-incriminating evidence against TSP as a food additive.

### What is Trisodium Phosphate?

Trisodium phosphate, otherwise commonly known as sodium phosphate tribasic, is an inorganic, watersoluble and highly-alkaline compound generally produced and made available in anhydrous (dry) granular or crystalline form. Occa-

sionally, retailers may package it partially hydrated (dodecahydrate) and label it trisodium orthophosphate or simply sodium phosphate, depending on its intended use.

### What is Trisodium Phosphate Used For?

TSP is employed in many ways, namely as a food additive and the main component of several industrial cleaners. As a cleaner and solvent, it acts as a brick cleaner, degreaser, floor stripper, fungicide, insecticide, leadabating agent, mildew remover, multi-surface cleaner, paint thinner, stain remover, and a wall-cleaning primer for paint. Before 2011, TSP was also used extensively in dishwashing soaps and laundry detergents until the

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Environmental **Protection Agency** (EPA) deemed it harmful to the environment. Because soaps and detergents are released into natural water sources after use—a biproduct known as "graywater"— TSP's potential as an aquatic toxin was measured and confirmed during studies involving aquatic wildlife. The EPA's Clean Water Act declared trisodium phosphate a "hazardous substance." Currently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the PAN: Pesticides Database warns the public to "AVOID ALL CON-TACT!"

This begs the question: If the EPA, CDC, and a comprehensive pesticides database have clearly labeled trisodium phosphate as a hazardous substance, then why does the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) openly condone and encourage its use as a food additive?

### FDA Contradicts Plain Warnings to the Public

The FDA claims that trisodium phosphate is "not recognized as toxic to the human body." The explicit warning of the CDC and PAN Database to "AVOID ALL CONTACT" with TSP is clearly going unheeded by the FDA, food and hygiene companies, and even the consumers themselves.

The plain instruction that "ALL CONTACT"—both internally and topically—is dangerous lends no room for negotiation; yet, the FDA has recommended a daily intake of 70mg of trisodium phosphate. To make matters worse, typical Western diets exceed that proposed daily limit by over 500mg!

#### Symptoms of Internal and Topical Contact with Trisodium Phosphate

Airways and Lungs

- asthmatic bronchitis
- breathing difficulty
- chemical pneumonitis (chemical burns of the airway, specifically lung)
- coughing
- pulmonary edema (fluid in the lungs)

· throat swelling

Esophagus, Stomach, and Intestines

- abdominal pain (severe)
- acid reflux (heartburn)
- blood in the stool
- burning sensation in mucous membranes (mouth, throat, stomach, rectum)
- diarrhea
- vomiting, possibly bloody

Eyes, Ears, Nose, and Throat

- drooling
- severe pain in the throat
- severe pain or burning in the nose, eyes, ears, lips, or tongue
- vision loss

#### Heart and Blood

- low blood pressure (develops rapidly)
- fainting/collapse
- severe change in blood acid level
- shock

#### Skin

- blisters
- burns
- hives
- holes in the skin or tissue under the skin

skin irritation (dry, itchy)

#### What Foods Contain Trisodium Phosphate and Why?

Baked Goods—Acts as a leavening agent, "fluffing up" cakes and breads.

Cheeses—Acts as an emulsifier, keeping the shape and melting properties intact.

Dry Cereals—To modify the cereal's color, assist the cereal's flow through an extruder, "fluff up" the cereal (if baked), and provide micronutrient fortification.

Fitness Supplements— Believed to reduce lactic acid buildup in the muscles, increase energy output during exercise, and maximize oxygen uptake.

Meats—To retain color and moisture during storage and cooking.

Other (non-edible)—
Personal hygiene products, such as haircoloring and hairbleaching products,
mouthwash, and toothpastes (fluoride and
flouride-free), as well
as an antimicrobial
cleaner for washing
produce and poultry.

(Note: Trisodium phosphate can be labeled in many ways: trisodium

phosphate, TSP, sodium phosphate tribasic, trisodium orthophosphate, sodium phosphate, disodium phosphate, or tripotassium phosphate.)

### How Trisodium Phosphate Affects the Body

- calcification of vital organs, the vascular system, glands, and other soft tissues
- chemical burns of the gastric mucosa (stomach lining) and intestinal wall
- hormonal imbalance (due to glandular calcification)
- mineral imbalance
- reduction of acidity in the gut (poor nutrient and mineral absorption)
- reduction of lactic acid in muscles
- vitamin deficiencies

# Why is Trisodium Phosphate So Dangerous?

Every process within the body depends heavily on balance. Due to trisodium phosphate's high alkalinity and high phosphate levels, several imbalances can occur throughout every system of the body.

TSP's high alkalinity, for example, changes the pH balance of the stomach, damaging the linings of the stomach and intestines and inhibiting proper absorption of nutrients and minerals. Protein synthesis, carbohydrate synthesis, and mineral assimilation are all negatively affected by a rise in pH.

TSP's high phosphate levels continue the damaging work of its high alkalinity by causing a build-up of phosphates throughout the system—otherwise known as calcification.

This directly affects the organs responsible for filtering out waste and mineral excess, such as the vascular system and kidneys.

Over time, poor nutrient absorption and calcification of soft tissues can lead to decreased bodily function as organs, structures, and entire systems of the body are forced to leach nutrients and minerals from one another just to maintain the minimum processes of life.

#### Long-Term Effects of Ingesting Trisodium Phosphate

- kidney damage (kidney stones, kidney disease, renal failure)
- obesity
- osteopenia (weakened bones due to bone density loss)
- osteoporosis
   (severely fragile
   bones at high risk
   for fracture due to
   extreme bone density loss)
- systematic malnourishment (and every imaginable consequence of it)

#### Conclusion

The argument made by

### **NEED A RECEIPT?**

We will be happy to provide you with a receipt but please indicate that you would like to receive one. Many give without claiming it on their taxes. Personally, I would so as to have more to give. But for us to mail a receipt to those that do not use such would be a waste of God's funds. So do not hesitate to ask, and even if you already gave, we have record of it, so if you still want a receipt, just ask.

companies and organizations that neglect to see the mounting evidence against trisodium phosphate, is that virtually everything the human body consumes or comes in contact with can be toxic at certain doses. While that might be true, the current use and labeling of trisodium phosphate as a food additive is negligent toward public safety and health.

Food labels do not adequately reveal the amount of TSP present per serving and, if the public adheres to the food pyramid devised by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and applauded by the FDA and World Health Or-

ganization (WHO), then most individuals are exceeding the daily intake recommendation by 100s of milligrams each day.

Ideally, individuals should educate themselves on what they put in their mouths or on their skin. Too often, however, the decision is left up to these organizations (CDC, FDA, USDA, WHO, etc.), which claim to work in conjunction with one another for the public's benefit; yet are found to be contradicting one another's warnings and approvals. Knowing these inconsistencies exist should cause alarm for any consumer, especially those who value their health and the health of their

loved ones.

The solution is to come to a greater understanding of the body, nutrition, and the risks associated with not only processed foods, but allowing organizations to think for you. It is imperative to have a firm foundation of knowledge concerning what the body needs and how it functions when those needs are (or are not) met. A plant-based diet of whole foods processed (cooked, baked, mixed) only by you in your home, should be the standard by which you nourish your body.

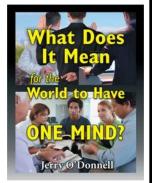
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### **Questions And Answers**



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QUESTION: With regard to the Holy Spirit, did you know that the Spirit of Prophecy was changed from the original word "personality" to the word "person"?

ANSWER: The same argument is stated for other topics with the Spirit of Prophecy as well as the Bible, especially regarding Matthew 28:19-20. Someone has recently shared a link with me to the very first KJV Bible and it is different from the one presented today. So, am I to lose confidence now in the KJV?

All I know is that Ellen White penned, "The very last deception of Satan will be to make of none effect the testimony of the Spirit of God. "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18). Satan will work ingeniously, in different ways and through different agencies, to unsettle the confidence of God's remnant people in the true testimony. He will bring in spurious visions to mislead, and will mingle the false with the true, and so disgust people that they will regard everything that bears the name of visions as a species of fanaticism; but honest souls, by contrasting false and true, will be enabled to distinguish between them...." {2SM 78.2} The Spirit of God includes both Ellen White's writings and the Bible.

Who is to say that the "original documents" are not fabrications themselves? I mean think about it. The papacy has not ceased their attacks against the word. In fact, for a few decades now, they have been declaring that 666 is not the number of the beast any more but that 616 is, taking the heat off them. For the longest

time, many have believed there is an awful Jesuit oath only to find out that recent documents make the source questionable. In other words, it is becoming very, very difficult in knowing what is truth and what is error. All I know is that the KJV that Ellen White used is the same wording I am using; therefore, I will not discard it. In addition, in some circumstances, we place erring humans who are guessing at what truth is today against the Bible and Ellen White's writings. Who is to say that the wording change from one transcript to another was not with Ellen White's approval? Just because there is not a written document that says, "I approve of this change" does not mean it is not so. I would rather have confidence in both the Bible and Ellen White's writings as they read and possibly have an incorrect text, as opposed to turning my reliance upon mere human beings thinking they discovered a conspiracy theory. In other words, the humans with supposed evidence are not prophets but those who wrote the Bible and Ellen

White herself *are* prophets.

There is enough evidence to realize, even in the context, what Ellen White meant and what the Bible states. It is time we simply take the Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy as it reads instead of suggesting there are errors. If there were errors in the Bible, Ellen White would have been given such a message. Instead, she quotes the popular Matthew 28:19 verse, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" signifying all three are to be present and that "There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers -the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit-those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ."-- Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 7, pp. 62, 63. (1905) {Ev 615.1}

"Many apparently good things will need to be carefully considered with much prayer, for they are specious devices of the enemy to lead souls in a path which lies so close to the path of truth that it will be scarcely distinguishable from it." {Ev 590.1}

And no, I am not going to stir up yet another lengthy explanation of why our team takes the position that there are three distinct and separate Persons as much space has in the past been devoted to this topic.

It seems every several months someone new comes along and thinks they can prove their position against a three -person Godhead. A two-person Godhead or even a one-person Godhead is heresy, in fact, the thought that there is a separate three-person Godhead is Catholic is actually not Catholic. It is the two and one-person Godhead that believes in Catholicism's trinity and even Kellogg's theory on pantheism, which we are told would not die, hence why spiritualism continues in the anti-threeperson Godhead movement.

**QUESTION:** Where in Ellen White's writings does it say to stay in the ship as the ship is

the church that is to go through the storm and if we abandon the church we will be lost?

ANSWER: That is an easy one. Nowhere. It is a concoction of the organized church to stay in the brainwashing congregations fed by compromised ministers from the pulpit lulling the members to sleep, all of which is Catholicism inside the church. Keep in mind, not all conference pastors are compromised. Just about all are though, so do not be thinking you are safe. If you are not hearing the Three Angels' Messages, the Present Truth, and our Sanctuary doctrine on a frequent basis, but are constantly hearing the love of Jesus messages, that is a sure sign of compromise. The love of Jesus gave us these warning messages that are to be preached on a regular basis.

"Men may get up scheme after scheme and the enemy will seek to seduce souls from the truth, but all who believe that the Lord has spoken through Sister White and has given her a message will be safe from the many delusions that will come in these last days."--3SM

83, 84 (1906).

So, staying in the organized churches that are far from Ellen White's writings as compared to those condemned for not being in "regular lines" who upload the writings of Ellen White, places before all readers to chose wisely.

"I saw the necessity of the messengers, especially, watching and checking all fanaticism wherever they might see it rise. Satan is pressing in on every side, and unless we watch for him, and have our eyes open to his devices and snares. and have on the whole armor of God, the fiery darts of the wicked will hit us. There are many precious truths contained in the Word of God, but it is 'present truth' that the flock needs now. I have seen the danger of the messengers running off from the important points of present truth, to dwell upon subjects that are not calculated to unite the flock and sanctify the soul. Satan will here take every possible advantage to injure the cause." {EW 63.1

The ship, boat, or ark is that of God's truth. It is not an organization because this ship existed from the beginning. All those that stay in the truth shall sail through the storm of life safely. Those that get out will drown.

Along with this, many quote the following paragraph, actually, just a handful of words, and apply it incorrectly to the organized Seventh-day Adventist Church causing them fear to say a word against the organized church or do anything about the apostasy. And God forbid if anyone were to leave a conference church or use tithe for an unrecognized in "regular lines" ministry, referring to irregular lines being an "offshoot".

"The church of God, enfeebled and defective though it is through yielding to temptation, is the only object upon earth on which He bestows His supreme regard. His interest, with all the interest of the heavenly host, is all with His people, who, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, are to shine as lights in the world. His Holy Spirit is giving rich and constant supplies of grace for every emergency. Not one needs to stumble, for Christ has said, 'He that followeth Me, shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.' {LUH, December 9, 1908 par. 7}

How do we know it does not apply to the organized Seventh-day Adventist Church? Nowhere is mentioned the organized body but rather the term "His people" followed by a description of who "His people" are. Just because they are the beliefs of the SDA Church does not make the SDA Church the object. Besides, in the paragraph that follows the one above, we have:

"Satan has a church upon the earth, which outnumbers the church of Christ. Christ calls it the 'Synagogue of Satan,' because its members are the children of sin and transgression. They have ceased to honor God; they have cast His divine law aside; they have confounded the distinction between good and evil. But the world's Redeemer will have a church in which these essential differences will be made apparent, where the character of God will be represented. In marked contrast to the character of Satan, the beauty of holiness will be exemplified, the loveliness of truth shine forth in life and practice. Its members will love, honor, and glorify God, whom the world has despised. These are the fruits by which they are known to the world; these will have the superscription of heaven, by which all men may know that they are Christ's disciples." {LUH, December 9, 1908 par. 8}

If the organized Seventh-day Adventist Church is the application of that first paragraph, then what church is applied to Satan's church? The Catholic Church? It cannot be the Catholic Church because then we have a third group unaccounted for. All those who are not Catholic and not a Seventh-day Adventist are left out forming a third unaccounted-for group. The only logical conclusion is that the "only object upon earth on which He bestows His supreme regard" is the commandment keeping people while Satan's church are those that do not keep the commandments. In fact, that is exactly what that second paragraph details. Keeping the commandments is not necessarily in the church. Anyone and everyone who lives up to all the light they have are commandment keepers.

Therefore, no one is held hostage by having to attend a conference church if apostasy is there. No one should feel guilty in having a home church if conducted properly. And the same applies to the use of tithe.

And if one thinks the organization is the ship, how can such be when the organization is blatantly proud of headline article titles like: Adventists, Jesuits, and Evangelicals work Towards a "Peaceful Coexistence Between Religions" - Advent Messenger, September 27, 2018. The organization is working with Antichrist when we are to reveal Antichrist! Again, the organization is selling us out as history has always revealed.

**QUESTION:** With all of the heresy and apostasy in the church, when will it be revived?

ANSWER: The organized church will never be revived. Allowing homosexuality into the church is probably the last heresy that will fill up the cup of indignation as the church has already made of none effect Ellen White's writings. Without her writings, and even the proper use of the Bible,

the church feels it can do anything she wants. The last day church is in Revelation 3:16, which says, "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Please notice it tells of the state of things. This church is lukewarm and does not convert, revive, reform. And God will spue her out of His mouth. The counsel given is on an individual basis of who will make up the 144,000.

"The days are fast approaching when there will be great perplexity and confusion. Satan, clothed in angel robes, will deceive, if possible, the very elect. There will be gods many and lords many. Every wind of doctrine will be blowing. Those who have rendered supreme homage to "science falsely so called" will not be the leaders then. Those who have trusted to intellect, genius, or talent will not then stand at the head of rank and file. They did not keep pace with the light. Those who have proved themselves unfaithful will not then be entrusted with the flock. In the last solemn work few great men will be engaged. They are self-sufficient, independent of God, and

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

And how you can tell who is faithful or not is by the vast majority of the conference leaders attacking the truth, making accusations against truth bearers, and welcoming sin. Those that are not recognized by the conference speaking the truth are His faithful ones. Please note, I did not say all those that are outside of the conference are acceptable. There are many ministries, especially the ones fighting the Holy Spirit as well others, that are bringing in new revelations on prophecies, that are

erring. Be very careful, Satan cannot leave well enough alone.

"A revival and a reformation must take place, under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. Reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices. Reformation will not bring forth the good fruit of righteousness unless it is connected with the revival of the Spirit. Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend."--The Review and Herald, Feb. 25, 1902.

So, all of the prayers requested for revival and reformation are a waste until the sin and acceptance of sin into the church stops, and that is not going to happen as "not one in twenty whose names are registered upon the church books are prepared to close their earthly history, and would be as verily without God and without hope in the world as the common sinner" {1T 465.2}.

**QUESTION:** Should we do business with non-believers?

**ANSWER:** "Unequally yoked together with unbelievers" refers to contracts like partnerships and marriages. Selling goods and services to non-believers, like Paul, brings us closer to people so as to influence them towards the truth. Even if a contract for service is necessary, such is permitted. It is when the household or the business we have interest and ownership in has the direction controlled by another as an unbeliever. A contract to do service does not have such control. They may dictate what work is required, but such has no bearing over the overall operation of the business, whereas, a non-believing partner, even though Christian, will not conduct the business or organize the business according to God's blueprint. Likewise, every aspect of a family mixed with an unbeliever will eventually bring in worldly ways instead of God's way in family rearing.

### Healthy And Delicious Recipes



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Studied health for over 25 years; extensively trained Medical Missionary helping people get to the root of health issues without masking symptoms; enjoy teaching people different methods for healing: diet, water treatments, essential oils, herbs, charcoal, etc.

25 years of experience teaching healthful cooking from scratch showing how to prepare their favorite meals, but in a new way, without sacrificing taste. Everything is plant based, including all condiments, salad dressings, dips, cheeses, crackers, breads, and even laundry soap.

Lawry's Seasoning

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- 2 T. salt
- 2 t. raw sugar
- ½ t. paprika
- ¼ t. turmeric
- ¼ t. onion powder
- ¼ t. garlic powder
- ¼ t. cornstarch

Mix all ingredients together and store in a container.

**Borsch/Beet Soup** 

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- 2 beets, grated
- 2 carrots, grated
- 2 onions, chopped
- 4-5 medium potatoes, grated
- ½ head of cabbage,

#### **Blog sites:**

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chopped in short thin strips

12 cups water

 Chicken seasoning to taste

 Lawry-like seasoning to taste (homemade) Salt to taste

Put the water in the pot first. Then prepare and cook the vegetables until tender. Stir frequently to keep it from sticking to the bottom of the pot.

Add seasoning when vegetables are about cooked.

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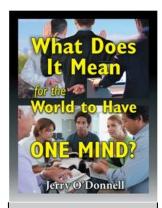
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### **News And Comments**



#### HaveOneMind.com

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# September 1 Rise For Climate The Pope's Call For People Power

Comment: "Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth, and even in free America rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance."--GC 578, 579, 592 (1911). So, people around the world have accepted the pope as the spokesperson on climate change. In response, the pope is demanding people power. Soon, the people power will be a strong political block that in order for people to retain their office, they are going to have to yield to this popular demand. That does not mean Democrats will necessarily win future elections, but political corruption will pave the path that even staunch anticlimate change politicians will rather cast this group "a bone" because it also works in cooperation with religious views. In other words, the pope's solution of Sunday rest for the earth also doubles as getting back to how things were morally during the 1950's, as was part of a political agenda, with Sunday closures.

#### September 1

#### **Christian Post**

Atheists Urge People to Quit Catholic Church Over Sex Abuse Scandal; Catholic League Warns Believers Are 'Being Played'

Comment: "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out" (Luke

19:40). Applying this to our day, the children that profess to worship Christ, the last day church, are actually silent on the subject of Antichrist. They refuse to point the finger at who the beast is. At best, they refer to historical Catholic Church as fulfillment while excusing the modern day church, claiming she has changed, using the exact words Ellen White predicted would be part of the apostasy and acceptance of the beast in the last days. Today, they apologize for hard hitting literature that Ellen White said ought to be distributed - namely, the Great Controversy. Today, they "party" and shake hands with the Vatican and their representatives. And so, the stones crying out are the atheists. They are giving Revelation's 18:4 message to come out of all that confusion: godly in appearance while performing acts that are so vile "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful

bird" (Revelation 18:2) and "all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Revelation 18:3).

September 8

NBC Bay Area

Thousands 'Rise for Climate, Jobs and Justice' in San Francisco

Comment: With 90

countries involved in this movement, clearly, we are seeing the workings of "all the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 13:3) who supposedly has the solution - Sunday.

September 9

Reuters

New Italian government plans to curb Sunday shopping: Di Maio

**Comment:** "The trades unions will be one of the agencies that will bring upon this earth a

time of trouble such as has not been since the world began."--Letter 200, 1903.

September 12

National Catholic Reporter

World leaders, faith groups gather for Global Climate Action Summit

Comment: First, we have the joining of churches and states or governments together. Second, "And then the great deceiver will persuade men that those who serve God are



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

causing these evils. The class that have provoked the displeasure of Heaven will charge all their troubles upon those whose obedience to God's commandments is a perpetual reproof to transgressors. It will be declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday sabbath; that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced; and that those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublers of the people, preventing their restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity" (GC 590.1).

#### September 12

#### BBC

German Catholic priests 'abused thousands of children'

Comment: 2 Thessalonians 2:3 says, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." The man of sin is surely revealed. Any other organization that

had this type of exposure would have been shut down immediately, but "the dragon gave him his power" (Revelation 13:2) and so the dragon continues to stave off such punishment.

#### September 14

#### St. Cloud Visitor

Rollback of environmental regulations spur Catholic advocates to action

Comment: This movement spurring action is preparing for the fulfillment of: "Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth, and even in free America rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance."--GC 578, 579, 592 (1911).

#### September 21

#### Yahoo

'We Do Not Support This Conduct.' PayPal Joins the Growing Number of Sites to Ban InfoWars

**Comment:** Not that we are supportive of infowars, but we do believe in freedom of speech, even if we dis-

agree with it. With that said, Revelation 13:17 says, "And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Everything this guy (Alex Jones) is going through is exactly what is in store for true Christians. First the censorship, and now his buying and selling is being cut off, well, at least for his business.

#### September 27

#### Yahoo

Ruins found in desert in Israel 'could prove Exodus Bible story is true'

Comment: This article is wrong! The Exodus did happen and the Bible is true. It is science that has to prove itself. In other words, the Bible is the standard and all science that does not agree with it happens to be "science falsely so called" (1 Timothy 6:20). To have science as the standard is to place man over the Bible, when in fact it should be God's Word over science for God is the Author (1 Corinthians 14:33).

# Evangelical, Perry Stone: In the Case



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Not a few individuals are of the persuasion that emergency situations necessitate a suspension of individual rights and will readily give up them up in exchange for promises of safety and security. When a state of emergency is declared for a certain period of time and martial law implemented, the principles of the constitution are no longer applicable, hence a person's right to privacy and other privileges guaranteed in the Bill of Rights are invalidated. Relating to the ever-increasing crises that schools are facing today – shootings, violence, immorality and drug use - right-winged

of School Shootings,
Drug use and
immorality, forget
separation of Church
and State

Evangelicals such as Perry Stone are not only advocating, but also implementing radical solutions that go against the constitutional principle of maintaining a separation of church and state. In the context of school shootings and public schools becoming like Sodom, in Stone's own words, "forget about the separation of church and state."

Perry Stone, recently appeared on The Jim Bakker Show and "declared that the only solution to the problems of gun violence and drug use in America is to start teaching Christian scripture in the public schools. After saying that America's inner cities are plagued by 'the same type of spirit' that was at work in Sodom and Gomorrah, Stone insisted that the solution is 'to allow teaching of scripture' in school. 'There's got to be something breaking into the public schools,' he said, claiming

that God spared the life of a congregant of a church run by a friend of his during the recent school shooting in Texas because 'she's a really good Christian girl.' 'The sons and daughters being touched by the spirit of God is the remedy for this whole thing,' Stone said. 'In the state of West Virginia, the drug problem is so bad, in some of those mountain schools, they are letting young preachers come in and hold services in the auditorium during school time. I know people are going to scream, 'Oh God, separation of church and state.' Look, when you've got kids dying, forget separation of church and state! When you've got overdoses of 15-year-olds, forget separation of church and state! And the great thing is hundreds of kids up in those mountains are coming to know the Lord." [1]

Not only is it significant that that policies Perry Stone is advocating have already been implemented in some schools (not private, Christian schools, but public), but that he is not the only person that feels this way. One of Donald Trump's evangelical advisers, Robert Jeffress, who is not only influential with Donald Trump but also with many people, holds the exact sentiments. [2]

It is evident that we have reached a time when the conditions of the schools, which only reflect the depraved condition of society at large, have become so demoralized and violent that pastors and politicians alike are comparing it to the condition of Sodom that caused God to rain fire and brimstone down from heaven, stating in desperation that the only solution to address these concerns is the implementation of prayer in schools, the teaching of the ten commandments in school and the teaching of scriptures in school. This same template is being touted as the solution to solve the issues that are plaguing society. Already an Arizona mandatory church attendance was suggested as the solution for the widespread immorality.

"Put on your Sunday clothes because an Arizona lawmaker wants to make church mandatory. The legislature's de-

bate to expand a gun owner's right to carry took a pious turn when state Sen. Sylvia Allen, R-Snowflake, suggested the real problem behind gun violence was corrupted souls. 'It is the soul that is corrupt and how we get back to a moral rebirth in this country, I don't know,' Allen told the state's appropriations committee on Tuesday. But the Republican detailed a solution that she believed would keep people feeling safe without the need to carry a gun. No matter how much it would violate the Constitution separation of church and state, Allen said she wanted a law requiring citizens to go to church. 'We are slowly eroding religion at every opportunity that we have. We should probably be debating a bill requiring every American to attend a church of their choice on Sunday to see if we can get back to having a moral rebirth,' Allen added." [3]

"The teachings of religious leaders have opened the door to infidelity, to spiritualism, and to contempt for God's holy law; and upon these leaders rests a fearful responsibility for the iniquity that exists in the Christian world. Yet this very class put forth the claim that the fast-spreading corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so

-called 'Christian sabbath,' and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society. This claim is especially urged in America." [4] It is abundantly clear that the prophecies of Revelation 13 have nearly reached their complete fulfillment. Are the people of God ready to stand and defend freedom of conscience and stand for the commandments of God and utterly reject the spurious commandments of men, even at the peril of their very lives? For those who plan to stand, they must be willing to stand for God now, uncompromisingly in every particular.

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### Why Would You Watch That?



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Most preachers and evangelists who address movies and television will quote, "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; [it] shall not cleave to me" (Psalms 101:3). They will then suggest that even before movies and television were invented, God knew with the general wording that eventually such would exist and that a true Christian would not submit their lives to such things sitting before their eyes. Some preachers then suggest that the "work of them" refers to today's Hollywood. The preacher then will provide all kinds of statistics showing that the creators of these things are so irreligious and even immoral that when religion is brought in, it is usually in an anti-biblical way. From descriptions

told to me, the modern movie, Noah, is most fitting of that description. Even growing up, not an Adventist at the time, watching Charlton Heston playing Moses turned out to have allowed certain liberties to enter in. There was a fantastic miniseries on the life of Christ back in the 1980's as well, but showed Jesus being baptized by only a handful of water instead of immersion, and then hindsight reveals that there was some type of magic in that hand of Jesus. In fact, it became a joke watching the movie much later: "Oh, no! Look out! Here comes the hand!" as Jesus raised it slowly and the cameras focused upon it, usually with the sun perfectly placed behind it or Him. Something was going to happen. Later, it was discovered that the positioning of even the fingers was also pagan.

Then there is Ellen White's comments regarding books, but what are movies and television based upon? Books. Therefore read the next quote with movies and television in mind as those infidel authors are today's script writers.

"Another source of danger against which we should be constantly on guard, is the reading of infidel authors. Such works are inspired by the enemy of truth, and no one can read them without imperiling his soul. It

is true that some who are affected by them may finally recover; but all who tamper with their evil influence place themselves on Satan's ground, and he makes the most of his advantage. As they invite his temptations, they have not wisdom to discern or strength to resist them. With a fascinating, bewitching power, unbelief and infidelity fasten themselves upon the mind." {RH, January 23, 1913 par. 11}

Now this next series of quotes is lengthy but every bit of it is important, especially for those who argue the "good morals" contained in the literature they read, though it is not godly literature. Again, remember to read it with the context that the literature is today's movies and television, which indeed contain "good moral" lessons, but is that sufficient to permit such to enter the mind?

"In this age the trivial is praised and magnified. There is a call for anything that will create a sensation. The country is flooded with worthless publications, which were written for the sake of making money, while really valuable books are unsold and unread. Those who handle this sensational literature, because by so doing they can make higher wages, are missing precious opportunities of obtaining discipline and intelligence in

doing good through cooperation with God. It will require earnest effort to arrest the attention of men and women, and interest them in really valuable books that have the Bible for their foundation. And it will be a still greater task to find conscientious, God-fearing workers who will canvass for these books of highest value for the purpose of diffusing light and a correct knowledge of God." {MC 50.3}

"My heart aches as I see those who profess to be looking for the Saviour devoting their time and talents to circulating books that contain nothing concerning the special truths for this time, books of narrative, books of biography, books of men's theories and speculations. The world is full of such books, they can be had anywhere; but how can the followers of Christ engage in so common a work, when there is crying need for God's truth on every hand. It is not our mission to circulate such works. There are thousands of others to do this, who as yet have not sufficient knowledge of anything better. We have a definite mission, and we should not turn from it to side-issues. Men and means are not to be employed in bringing before the people books that have no bearing upon the present truth." {MC 51.1}

"The world is deluged with books that might better be consumed rather than circulated.

Books upon Indian war-

fare and similar topics, published and circulated as a money-making scheme, might better never be read. There is a Satanic fascination in these books. The heartsickening relation of crimes and atrocities has a bewitching power upon many youth, exciting in them the desire to bring themselves into notice, even by the most wicked deeds. There are many works more strictly historical whose influence is little better. The enormities, the cruelties, the licentious practises, portrayed in these writings, have acted as leaven in many minds, leading to the commission of similar acts. Books that delineate the Satanic deeds of human beings are giving publicity to evil works. The horrible details of crime and misery need not be lived over, and none who believe the truth for this time should act a part in perpetuating their memory." {MC 51.2}

"Love stories and frivolous and exciting tales constitute another class of books that is a curse to every reader. The author may attach a good moral, and all through his work may weave religious sentiments; yet in most cases Satan is but clothed in angel robes, the more effectually to deceive and allure. The mind is affected in a great degree by that upon which it feeds. The readers of frivolous, exciting tales become unfitted for the duties lying before them. They lead an unreal life, and

have no desire for useful employment, and no desire to search the Scriptures, to feed upon the heavenly manna. The mind is enfeebled, and loses its power to contemplate the great problems of duty and destiny." {MC 52.1}

"I have been instructed that the youth are exposed to the greatest peril from improper reading. Satan is constantly leading both the youth and those of mature age to be charmed with worthless stories. Could a large share of the books published be consumed, a plague would be stayed that is doing a fearful work in weakening the mind and corrupting the heart. None are so confirmed in right principles as to be secure from temptation. All this trashy reading should be resolutely discarded." {MC 52.2}

"We have no permission from the Lord to engage in either the printing or the sale of such literature, for it is the means of destroying many souls. I know of what I am writing; for this matter has been opened before me. Let not those who believe the truth engage in this work, thinking to make money. The Lord will put a blight upon the means thus obtained; He will scatter more than is gathered." {MC 53.1}

But after reading all of that, such is not the purpose of the article. Preachers have been harping on the subject of how worldly such things are and even to declare that people will be lost unless they make a clean break of it, and yet so many people stay connected to their movies and television, just as Satan wants them to.

The point of the article is in regards to particular Bible verses that bother me regarding the movement of the world. One verse addresses the reason for some of the plagues. "For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets" (Revelation 16:6). Another two align with Antichrist, "And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration" (Revelation 17:6). "And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth" (Revelation 18:24).

Our society has moved from being offended by bloodshed to being so desensitized to it that they actually crave it. I have read and seen stories of how Christians were martyred in the days of pagan Rome and wonder how such people could call it entertainment yet Satan is preparing the world to participate real soon in such again.

And then we read, "Many will be imprisoned, many will flee for their lives from cities and towns, and many will be martyrs for Christ's sake in standing in defense of the

truth."--3SM 397 "The lamblike horns and dragon voice of the symbol point to a striking contradiction between the professions and the practice of the nation thus represented. The "speaking" of the nation is the action of its legislative and judicial authorities. By such action it will give the lie to those liberal and peaceful principles which it has put forth as the foundation of its policy. The prediction that it will speak "as a dragon" and exercise "all the power of the first beast" plainly foretells a development of the spirit of intolerance and persecution that was manifested by the nations represented by the dragon and the leopardlike beast. And the statement that the beast with two horns "causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast" indicates that the authority of this nation is to be exercised in enforcing some observance which shall be an act of homage to the papacy." {GC 442.1}

So the bloodthirsty attitude of society will not only return but will be unleashed upon the faithful once again. While so many enjoy the mild form of this blood thirst, Satan is step-by-step developing a hypnotizing, brainwashing effect all the while the viewers are claiming it has no effect upon them. The old tin-tin-tin effect comes to mind where I even have had people during my evangelistic series come up on the platform, repeat as fast as they can the word "tin", and then while they are doing that I will ask them, "What are aluminum cans made out of?" Almost always is the word "tin" repeated when some even try to correct themselves immediately afterwards with "aluminum". The point is that even though we think we are fine, we are not and we are fooling ourselves. By allowing Satan to condition a response under a snap decision, even crisis decision moment, we are preparing, no matter how much time we devote otherwise to God, to make the wrong choices.

Now, let us address some of these conditioning tools that Satan is using.

American Football: What is wrong with rooting for your team to win? Well, actually a lot of underlining effects, but let us just focus on the game. If you really want your team to win, you want your team to stop the forward movement of the ball. Even better is to have an interception or fumble. How are fumbles and even many interceptions caused? By a hard hit from the opponent. And what fan does not get thrilled when the ball carrier's helmet pops into the air. The cry, "Good hit!" is followed by, "Yeah!, Yeah!, Yeah!" And if a quarterback is one of the best in the NFL, then the fans chant, "Get him! Get him! Get him!" And if our favorite team can knock out their quarterback for a play or even out of the game, all the

better. Sure, we show sympathy when a player has to be carried off, but immediately it is back to the game. Folks, I could go on and on just with the NFL how not only has it replaced baseball as the national past time but has continuously gotten more and more physical despite all the rules they try to implement to make it not so violent. With the size of many players reminding me of the verse in Genesis, "There were giants in the earth in those days" (Genesis 6:4), it is truly a brute force game.

Boxing: Does anyone really need an explanation on how blood thirsty this one is? The whole purpose of the sport is to knock the opponent out of the ring by pummeling their body, especially the face.

Roller Derby: I had to throw this one in for a laugh, but still, even though it is a joke, it is a physically hurtful sport.

Hockey: The average fan looks forward to a fight on the ice, but even without the fight, it again is full on contact by slamming one another into the walls, pushing and shoving, and more.

Baseball: Do not think this is exempt from violence, though infrequent, hence the reason it has lost the status of America's favorite past time — not enough violence and so boring. Where is the violence? The team at bat may successfully get a player to first base. The next batter may hit the

ball into a potential double play (two outs with one hit). As the team catching the ball tries to tag the base at second to get the runner on first base out and then readies to throw the ball to first base to complete the double play, that runner from first is instructed to do what is necessary to break up the double play by purposefully taking out the player with the ball. Some collisions at second have been so injurious that players were taken out for several games to recover. And there is the rule that if a player is tug out but the player doing the tagging drops the ball, the player that was tug out is now declared safe. This has encouraged purposeful hard hitting between teams that collisions at home plate had also become so injurious.

I could go on about sports but I believe we have sampled enough. So let us turn to the news for a moment. Yes, even the news is not exempt. The phrase, "If it bleeds, it leads" comes to mind. Therefore, enough said after this one quote:

"In these times, when the daily newspapers are filled with many horrible details of revolting drunkenness and terrible crime, there is a tendency to become so familiar with existing conditions that we lose sight of the significance of these conditions. Violence is in the land. More intoxicating liquor is used than has ever been used heretofore. The story of the re-

sultant crime is given fully in the newspapers. And yet, notwithstanding the many evidences of increasing lawlessness, men seldom stop to consider seriously the meaning of these things. Almost without exception, men boast of the enlightenment and progress of the present age." {RH, October 25, 1906 par. 1}

Although there are many other satanic tools, let us finish with the television and the movies.

Psycho of the 1960's, Jaws of the 1970's, Friday the 13th and Freddie during the 1980's, and many other movies that made people afraid to take a shower, go into the woods, go to bed, or go into the ocean are laughed at as comedy with today's generation. That is because of the step-by-step desensitizing. Even television used to refuse to show certain violent material as it was deemed too violent for television. Now, it is not uncommon to see people literally run over by a vehicle, the details of something getting severed, and much more all thanks to something called CGI (computer-generated imagery). In fact, CGI gives the ability to slow things down to really get that effect.

And to think, all I am describing are detective shows that show all kinds of ways to mutilate people. I did not even touch on the war moves that slow the motion of bullets entering into a body, ripping through, blood

squirting out or brains spewing out with skin and muscle flying, and then the aftermath as they lay in a puddle of blood.

So those that think blood and guts movies are reserved for Rambo and Terminator and such types of movies, think again! Speaking of those movies now, who would like a movie like Rambo or Terminator or such in which the hero has no scratches, no blood, no cuts, no anything to show for their ordeal? Of course not. Therefore, all hero-like movies that "shoot them up" always has blood and guts coming out of the hero. Sure, miraculously they survive to be the hero but no ordinary person would ever survive such.

Speaking of heroes, gone are the 1960's "pow", "zing", "wham" as depicted in Adam West's Batman. Today's super hero movies and shows and even cartoons show not only the intended evil but the very darkness of such evil that is truly satanic. And then we have super heroes trying to kill each other erasing the ideal of "good" making an allowance for controlled evil to be acceptable in all, but I digress as the focus is on the blood-thirsty scenes. With super heroes fighting each other, it shows how much better they are at it as opposed to their villain counterparts. It seems that the super heroes know how to get it done and stop short of doing it only because, well, they are to be

the "good guys".

Overall, society is ripe for the days of throwing the Christians back into the arena to be torn apart by animals, gladiators, and more. To allow one to continue to be entertained by such is beyond me. How can one sit there and watch what may come upon themselves if they are, by a miracle, to stand on the side of truth in the end and suffer such?

May God help us to "Fear God, and give glory to him" (Revelation 14:7) and "The fear of the LORD [is] to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth" (Proverbs 8:13).

### Tares



#### Ellen White

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

Editor's Note: Many claim that we ought not be so hard on the church for the wheat and tares are to grow

together. Unfortunately the wheat and tares are not to grow together in God's church but in the world. Listen to Ellen White's words on the parable from *Christ's Object Lessons*, Chapter 4, pages 70-75.

"Another parable put He forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But

when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also."

"The field," Christ said, "is the world." But we must understand this as signifying the church of Christ in the world. The parable is a description of that which pertains to the kingdom of God, His work of salvation of men; and this work is accomplished through the church. True, the Holy Spirit has gone out into all the world; everywhere it is moving upon the hearts of men; but it is in the church that we are to grow and ripen for the garner of God.

"He that sowed the good seed is the Son of man. . . . The good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one." The good seed represents those who are born of the word of God, the truth. The tares represent a class who are the fruit or embodiment of error, of false principles. "The enemy that sowed them is the devil." Neither God nor His angels ever sowed a seed that would produce a tare. The tares are always sown by Satan, the enemy of God and man.

In the East, men sometimes took revenge upon an enemy by strewing his newly sown fields with the seeds of some noxious weed that, while growing, closely resembled wheat. Springing up with the wheat, it injured the crop and brought trouble and loss to the owner of the field. So it is from enmity to Christ that Satan scatters his evil seed among the good grain of the kingdom. The fruit of his sowing he attributes to the Son of God. By bringing into the church those who bear Christ's name while they deny His character, the wicked one causes that God

shall be dishonored, the work of salvation misrepresented, and souls imperiled.

Christ's servants are grieved as they see true and false believers mingled in the church. They long to do something to cleanse the church. Like the servants of the householder, they are ready to uproot the tares. But Christ says to them, "Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest."

Christ has plainly taught that those who persist in open sin must be separated from the church. but He has not committed to us the work of judging character and motive. He knows our nature too well to entrust this work to us. Should we try to uproot from the church those whom we suppose to be spurious Christians, we should be sure to make mistakes. Often we regard as hopeless subjects the very ones whom Christ is drawing to Himself. Were we to deal with these souls according to our imperfect judgment, it would perhaps extinguish their last hope. Many who think themselves Christians will at last be found wanting. Many will be in heaven who their neighbors supposed would never enter there. Man judges

from appearance, but God judges the heart. The tares and the wheat are to grow together until the harvest; and the harvest is the end of probationary time.

There is in the Saviour's words another lesson, a lesson of wonderful forbearance and tender love. As the tares have their roots closely intertwined with those of the good grain, so false brethren in the church may be closely linked with true disciples. The real character of these pretended believers is not fully manifested. Were they to be separated from the church, others might be caused to stumble, who but for this would have remained steadfast.

The teaching of this parable is illustrated in God's own dealing with men and angels. Satan is a deceiver. When he sinned in heaven, even the loyal angels did not fully discern his character. This was why God did not at once destroy Satan. Had He done so, the holy angels would not have perceived the justice and love of God. A doubt of God's goodness would have been as evil seed that would yield the bitter fruit of sin and woe. Therefore the author of evil was spared, fully to develop his character. Through long ages God has borne the anguish of beholding the work of

evil, He has given the infinite Gift of Calvary, rather than leave any to be deceived by the misrepresentations of the wicked one; for the tares could not be plucked up without danger of uprooting the precious grain. And shall we not be as forbearing toward our fellow men as the Lord of heaven and earth is toward Satan?

The world has no right to doubt the truth of Christianity because there are unworthy members in the church, nor should Christians become disheartened because of these false brethren. How was it with the early church? Ananias and Sapphira joined themselves to the disciples. Simon Magus was baptized. Demas, who forsook Paul, had been counted a believer. Judas Iscariot was numbered with the apostles. The Redeemer does not want to lose one soul; His experience with Judas is recorded to show His long patience with perverse human nature: and He bids us bear with it as He has borne. He has said that false brethren will be found in the church till the close of time.

Notwithstanding Christ's warning, men have sought to uproot the tares. To punish those who were supposed to be evildoers, the church has had recourse to the civil power. Those who differed from the established doctrines have been imprisoned, put to torture and to death, at the instigation of men who claimed to be acting under the sanction of Christ. But it is the spirit of Satan, not the Spirit of Christ, that inspires such acts. This is Satan's own method of bringing the world under his dominion. God has been misrepresented through the church by this way of dealing with those supposed to be heretics.

Not judgment and condemnation of others, but humility and distrust of self, is the teaching of Christ's parable. Not all that is sown in the field is good grain. The fact that men are in the church does not prove them Christians.

The tares closely resembled the wheat while the blades were green; but when the field was white for the harvest, the worthless weeds bore no likeness to the wheat that bowed under the weight of its full, ripe heads. Sinners who make a pretension of piety mingle for a time with the true followers of Christ, and the semblance of Christianity is calculated to deceive many; but in the harvest of the world there will be no likeness between

good and evil. Then those who have joined the church, but who have not joined Christ, will be manifest.

The tares are permitted to grow among the wheat, to have all the advantage of sun and shower; but in the time of harvest ye shall "return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not." Malachi 3:18. Christ Himself will decide who are worthy to dwell with the family of heaven. He will judge every man according to his words and his works. Profession is as nothing in the scale. It is character that decides destiny.

The Saviour does not point forward to a time when all the tares become wheat. The wheat and tares grow together until the harvest, the end of the world. Then the tares are bound in bundles to be burned, and the wheat is gathered into the garner of God. "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father." Then "the Son of man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." 🕮

(Continued from page 2) times commanded, "tell no man" (Matthew 8:4, 16:20, 17:9; Mark 7:36, 8:30, 9:9; Luke 5:14, 8:56, 9:21), yet, several did and what was the result? A commotion. In fact, Jesus was run out from certain places.

Now that does not ever mean one is to lie. When a person asks, "Are you a Seventh-day Adventist?", you either confirm or diffuse the situation. If one senses, which we are supposed to, that the person simply wants the information so as to warn others to stay away or not to read certain material, we need to do as Jesus did, "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth" (Isaiah 53:7).

Even Paul experienced the same thing. He did not spread abroad the name of his newly found faith. He simply spread the message, but Satan was not happy with that. "And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters

much gain by soothsaying: The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour" (Acts 16:16-18).

"Do not at the outset press before the people the most objectionable features of our faith, lest you close the ears of those to whom these things come as a new revelation" {Ev 141.2}.

And the name "Seventh-day Adventist" does close a lot of ears and is objectionable.

"A great and solemn work is before us – to reach the people where they are. Do not feel it your bounden duty the first thing to tell the people, 'We are Seventh-day Adventists; we believe the seventh day is the Sabbath; we believe in the nonimmortality of the soul,' and thus erect most formidable barriers between you and those you wish to reach. But speak to them, as you may have opportunity, upon points of doctrine wherein you can agree, and dwell on practical godliness. Give them evidence that you are a Christian, desiring peace, and that you love their souls. Let them see that you are conscientious. Thus you will gain their confidence, and then there will be time enough for the doctrines. Let the hard iron heart be subdued, the soil prepared, and then lead them along cautiously, presenting in love the truth as it is in Jesus Christ" {4MR 117.1}.

It is the message that is to go forth. Now on

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