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In comparison with the millions of the world, God's people will be, as they have ever been, a little flock; but if they stand for the truth as revealed in His word, God will be their refuge. They stand under the broad shield of Omnipotence. God is always a majority. When the sound of the last trump shall penetrate the prison house of the dead, and the righteous shall come forth with triumph, exclaiming, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (1 Corinthians 15:55)--standing then with God, with Christ, with the angels, and with the loyal and true of all ages, the children of God will be far in the majority.

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For Seventh-day Adventists**

Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

Jerry O'Donnell

With much activity once again in the news, like the Pope and Islam joining forces, the Green New Deal being linked with the papacy, and the solution on the horizon being Sunday worship, and the Spirit of God truly being removed by all the states legislating legal abortion up to the time of birth and some considering time after birth as well, yet not calling it murder, all point to one thing – Jesus is coming real soon.

But what about our own souls? How would we act, what would we do, where would we go, if we knew Jesus was coming this year? Would those holding on to the TV being used to watch worldly entertainment finally give it up? Would those who are subsisting on a meat diet finally go Vegetarian? Those who are Vegetarian, would such people finally go completely over to the Health Reform Diet and give up the dairy products, too? Would those who attend Sabbath services and study only the quarterly finally toss the quarterly and dig deep into the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy

for themselves? Would we finally knock on our neighbors' doors seeking people to conduct Bible studies with? Would we even go so far as to give up sinning?

Ahhh, there is the point – sinning. How many are enjoying a little sinning, or maybe one specific big sin, waiting until the time gets closer that it will finally be left go? First off, that attitude will not go to Heaven, but even so, I cannot promise 2019 is it. In fact, I probably can safely say that 2019 is not it for biblical reasons. This I do know, based upon key Spirit of Prophecy quotes that it is some time between now and 2031, as that marks the 6000th year but Jesus said, “he will finish the work, and cut [it] short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth” (Romans 9:28). I do not expect to see 2031, but just how short is short?

But that is not the real question. The real question is, is anyone holding onto sin waiting until we get closer to the time before giving it up com-

pletely? Remember, “This is the test that the people of God must have before they are sealed. All who prove their loyalty to God by observing His law, and refusing to accept a spurious sabbath, will rank under the banner of the Lord God Jehovah, and will receive the seal of the living God. Those who yield the truth of heavenly origin, and accept the Sunday sabbath, will receive the mark of the beast. What need will there be of the solemn warning not to receive the mark of the beast, when all the saints of God are sealed and ticketed for the New Jerusalem? ‘O consistency, thou art a jewel!’” {15MR 15:3}. In other words, not too far into the Sunday Sabbath issue will all church members have their case close for “judgment must begin at the house of God.” (1 Peter 4:17)

Therefore, those that are guilty of holding off on complete sin surrender can be addressed as, “Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against

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

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

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

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

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The Four Angels' Messages (topic 15)

Jerry O'Donnell

I Saw Another Angel

What Does Three Plus One Equal?

It may be a simple math question but do you know that many Seventh-day Adventists do not know the answer? Any time I mention the Four Angels' Messages, a lot reply with, "I heard of the Three Angels' Messages but never the fourth!" This is said as if I am trying to start a new movement, or organization, or speak contrary to our Three Angels' Messages. It is true that I have a publication that is called the Four Angels Messages, but that is all that it is – a publication. Therefore, such people conclude that three plus one is three and that would be wrong; the answer is four.

Ellen White writes, "At the loud cry of the angel from heaven who joins the third angel, thousands will awake from the stupor that has held the world for ages, and will see the beauty and value of the truth." {RH, December 15, 1885 par. 15}

So, if an angel joins the third one, which means there are three angels,

for to reach the word "third" in sequence, one must count with first, second, and third, and that means the one that is joining the third one is the fourth angel. But notice when the angel shows up – it is under the "Loud Cry" period. This is why we are not hearing about the Four Angels' Messages. We are not to be giving it yet. Unfortunately, many are not hearing about the Three Angels' Messages either, because it does not fit well with the ecumenical environment, but again, technically, we are not under the Four Angels Messages yet.

Then Why Talk About the Fourth Angel's Message?

The simple answer is that when we are under the fourth angel, we will probably not easily be able to have printed materials to speak upon such present truth at that time, which is very, very soon. Already we are feeling the censorship through Google, Facebook, and other media outlets. But here

is something very startling if you are keeping in mind that we already see that Ellen White connects the phrase "The Loud Cry" with the "Fourth Angel":

"As trials thicken around us, both separation and unity will be seen in our ranks. Some who are now ready to take up weapons of warfare will in times of real peril make it manifest that they have not built upon the solid rock; they will yield to temptation. Those who have had great light and precious privileges, but have not improved them, will, under one pretext or another, go out from us. Not having received the love of the truth, they will be taken in the delusions of the enemy; they will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, and will depart from the faith. But, on the other hand, when the storm of persecution really breaks upon us, the true sheep will hear the true Shepherd's voice. Self-denying efforts will be put forth to save the lost, and many who have strayed from the fold will come

back to follow the great Shepherd. The people of God will draw together and present to the enemy a united front." {6T 400.3}

"Thus will the truth be brought into practical life, and thus will be answered the prayer of Christ, uttered just before His humiliation and death: 'That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.' John 17:21. The love of Christ, the love of our brethren, will testify to the world that we have been with Jesus and learned of Him. Then will the message of the third angel swell to a loud cry, and the whole earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord." {6T 401.1}

As you see, we have confirmation that the fourth angel is given under "storm of persecution", so it is now that we need to prepare the saints to be able to give the message at that time.

But did you also pick up the sad reality of things? There is developing even now both unity and separation but be careful how you read the quote. Many have been taught that those who leave the church are in error ful-

filling this prophecy and that is not the case. There is not going to be a physical separation of those who depart "from the faith" or those who have not "received the love of the truth". In other words, the church members can depart from the faith and lack the love of the truth and continue to meet every Sabbath to play church. "Those who ignorantly join the ranks of the enemy, and echo the words of their religious teachers, in the desk, that the law of God is no longer binding upon the human family, will have light to discover their errors, if they will accept the evidence of God's word" {RH, June 17, 1890 par. 9}. To "join the ranks" is not leaving the Seventh-day Adventist church and becoming a Baptist, Lutheran, or even a Catholic. It is simply echoing the same lies of exaggerated grace regarding the law and the testimony, which is already happening.

If you want to know who these people are, just preach the "straight testimony" because "I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans.

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

So, how does that create both unity and separation? Those who do have the love of the truth and accept the "straight testimony" that want to keep the faith may actually depart physically from the church and seek out those of like desire. Keep in mind, "We cannot now enter into any new organization; for this would mean apostasy from the truth."--Manuscript 129, 1905. {2SM 390.1} But those meeting in other groups, those meeting in homes instead, are not to be condemned. They are being led of God to fulfill prophecy. And, do not be condemning self-supporting ministries either. Yes, do not be fooled into joining other organizations with established leadership and conferences and such. And especially do not link up with any that call the church Babylon for "God has a church, a chosen people; and could all see as

I have seen how closely Christ identifies Himself with His people, no such message would be heard as the one that denounces the church as Babylon" {TM 20.1}.

What Does the Fourth Angel Have?

According to Revelation 18:1, it says, "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power...."

Now read with me a sample of the many quotes that Ellen White has combining the "straight testimony" and "great power" together.

"The third angel's message is to be given with power. The power of the proclamation of the first and second messages is to be intensified in the third. In the Revelation John says of

the heavenly messenger who unites with the third angel: 'I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice.' Revelation 18:1, 2. We are in danger of giving the third angel's message in so indefinite a manner that it does not impress the people. So many other interests are brought in that the very message which should be proclaimed with power becomes tame and voiceless. At our camp meetings a mistake has been made. The Sabbath question has been touched upon, but has not been presented as the great test for this time. While the churches profess to believe in Christ, they are violating the law which Christ Himself pro-

claimed from Sinai. The Lord bids us: 'Show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.' Isaiah 58:1. The trumpet is to give a certain sound." {6T 60.1}

"When God's people humble the soul before him, individually seeking his Holy Spirit with all the heart, there will be heard from human lips such a testimony as is represented in this scripture, 'After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.' There will be faces aglow with the love of God; there will be lips touched with holy fire, saying, "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.'" {1888 1007.3}

"The straight testimony must be revived, and it will separate those from Israel who have ever been at war with the means that God has ordained to keep corruptions out of the church. Wrongs must be called wrongs. Grievous sins must be called by their right name. All of God's people should come nearer to Him and wash their robes of character in the blood of the Lamb. Then will they see sin in the true light and will realize how offensive it is in

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the sight of God.” {3T 324.1}

In summary, the “straight testimony” calls people to repent of their sins, so, yes, it is identifying sins in the church and calling people up to a higher standard to cease from their sins. This is not the same as people going up to one another and pointing fingers, using general examples dealing with specific sins needs to happen from the pulpit. This idea of making people comfortable and not dealing with sin is a failure at preaching the “straight testimony”. Even the Bible teaches us, “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-12). We are to go to church to continue the process of perfection. What is imperfect in us? Sin. So, sin should frequently be dealt with from the pulpit. We ought to hear the preacher teach that movies and TV coming out of Hollywood are poison to the soul instead of, “Hurry up! We have only 70 tickets left to go see the movie *Black Panther*.”

What Is the “Great

Power”?

“God has promised that where the shepherds are not true He will take charge of the flock Himself. God has never made the flock wholly dependent upon human instrumentalities. But the days of purification of the church are hastening on apace. God will have a people pure and true. In the mighty sifting soon to take place we shall be better able to measure the strength of Israel. The signs reveal that the time is near when the Lord will manifest that His fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor.” {5T 79.4}

It is God having “a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish” (Ephesians 5:27). In other words, the fourth angel only exists when the church’s probation closes and all the sins have been removed. It is a time just prior the Sunday/Sabbath Law Crisis. It is the preparation to stand without a mediator during the seven last plagues. Between Sunday Law and the first plague, the power is in the fact that finally the people of God not only teach with their mouths about the Three Angels’ Messag-

es, but also live it. The power is not in the volume; the power is in the life led by the Christian.

You see, we have two choices. The first is that we are “Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof” (2 Timothy 3:5), which is what the church will experience “in the last days” for “perilous times shall come” (2 Timothy 3:1). And the “perilous times” is not the physical attacks, censorship, or being hauled off to prison, although such will happen. The verses in between are all dealing with sins being practiced inside the church and denying the complete victory over them, hence why a growing number of Seventh-day Adventists churches are following in the examples of other denominations and accepting the LGBTQ+ people not only in membership but in position as well. The space for this article does not permit me to address that it is apostasy to say, “Oh, that’s just the non-practicing ones!”

The other group answers the command of Jesus, who said, “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect” (Matthew 5:48). This is not some per-

verted eyewear that God has. This is not God the Father looking upon practicing sinners covered by Jesus' perfect character. This group believes in "His divine power" which He "hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue" (2 Peter 1:3). And this divine power "is able to keep you from falling" (Jude 1:24) as well as covering confessed and forgiven sin by Christ's sinless character because that is the only way He is able to "present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 1:24).

And What Is the Earth Lighted With?

As a reminder, Revelation 18:1 says, "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory."

Interestingly, the fourth angel gives power to the "Three Angels' Messages". Right there we get the initial connection, for in the first Angel's message [which states, "give glory to him" (Revelation 14:7)], we "glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:20). And regarding our bodies, it is said, "O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake" (Psalms 79:9). Again, it is living in obedience to the Three An-

gels' Messages. It is the only way it can go forth with converting power in the very last days, because as it stands now, there are many ready to join the truth, but are unable to see a church practicing the truth. Therefore, they do not believe there is such a church, especially when the vast majority are unconverted and nothing is being done to call them to a higher standard.

So, will you be that higher standard?

Now that was just verse 1. Ellen White states, "The whole of the eighteenth chapter of Revelation is a warning of what is coming on the earth" {RH, July 5, 1906 par. 14}. So, God willing, there is more to come.



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Appeal To The Church

Ellen White

NOTE: THIS BASIC APPEAL WAS READ BY ELLEN G. WHITE TO THIRTY LEADERS OF THE CHURCH ON MARCH 21, 1891, IN CONNECTION WITH THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION AT BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN. COPIES WERE SOON FURNISHED TO KEY MEN AND ESPECIALLY THE LEADING MINISTERS IN THE SOUTH. LATER THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE WAS PUBLISHED IN A 16-PAGE LEAFLET. THIS IS THE OPENING ARTICLE IN THE SOUTHERN WORK. --WHITE TRUSTEES.

There has been much perplexity as to how our laborers in the South shall deal with the "color line." It has been a question to some how far to concede to the prevailing prejudice against the colored people. The Lord has given us light concerning all such matters. There are principles laid down in His Word that should guide us in dealing with these perplexing questions. The Lord Jesus came to our world to save men and women of all nationalities. He died just as much for the colored people as for the white race. Jesus came to shed light over the whole world. At the beginning of His ministry He declared His mission: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to

the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

The Redeemer of the world was of humble parentage. He, the Majesty of heaven, the King of glory, humbled Himself to accept humanity, and then He chose a life of poverty and toil. "For your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." When one came saying, "I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest," Jesus answered him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." He, the Majesty of heaven, depended upon the generosity of His followers.

Jesus did not seek the admiration or applause of the world. He commanded no army, He ruled no earthly kingdom. He passed by the wealthy and honored of the world. He did not associate with the leaders of the nation. He dwelt among the lowly of the earth. To all appearances he was merely a humble man, with few friends. Thus He sought to correct the world's false standard of judging the value of men. He showed that they are not to be estimated by their outward appearance. Their moral worth is not determined

by their worldly possessions, their real estate or bank stock. It is the humble, contrite heart that God values. With Him there is no respect of persons. The attributes that He prizes most are purity and love, and these are possessed only by the Christian.

Jesus did not choose His disciples from the learned lawyers, the rulers, the scribes, and Pharisees. He passed them by because they felt whole, as many feel in this age, and prided themselves on their learning and position. They were fixed in their traditions and superstitions, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. He who could read all hearts chose poor fishermen who were willing to be taught. He gave them no promise of large salary or worldly honor, but told them they should be partakers with Him in His sufferings. Jesus while in this world ate with publicans and sinners, and mingled with the common people, not to become low and earthly with them, but in order by precept and example to present to them right principles, to lift them up from their low habits and manners. In all this He set us an example, that we should follow in His steps.

Those who have a religious experience that opens their hearts to Jesus, will not cherish pride,

but will feel that they are under obligation to God to be missionaries as was Jesus. They will seek to save that which was lost. They will not, in Pharisaical pride and haughtiness, withdraw themselves from any class of humanity, but will feel with the apostle Paul, "I am debtor both to the Greek, and to the barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise."

After my severe illness one year ago, many things which the Lord had presented to me seemed lost to my mind, but they have since been repeated. I know that which I now speak will bring me into conflict. This I do not covet, for the conflict has seemed to be continuous of late years; but I do not mean to live a coward or die a coward, leaving my work undone. I must follow in my Master's footsteps. It has become fashionable to look down upon the poor, and upon the colored race in particular. But Jesus, the Master, was poor, and He sympathizes with the poor, the discarded, the oppressed, and declares that every insult shown to them is as if shown to Himself. I am more and more surprised as I see those who claim to be children of God possessing so little of the sympathy, tenderness, and love which actuated Christ. Would that every church, North and South, were imbued with the spirit of our Lord's teaching.

While at St. Louis a year ago, as I knelt in

prayer, these words were presented to me as if written with a pen of fire: "All ye are brethren." The Spirit of God rested upon me in a wonderful manner, and matters were opened to me in regard to the church at St. Louis and in other places. The spirit and words of some in regard to members of the church were an offense to God. They were closing the door of their hearts to Jesus. Among those in St. Louis who believe the truth there are colored people who are true and faithful, precious in the sight of the God of heaven, and they should have just as much respect as any of God's children. Those who have spoken harshly to them or have despised them have despised the purchase of the blood of Christ, and they need the transforming grace of Christ in their own hearts, that they may have the pitying tenderness of Jesus toward those who love God with all the fervor of which they themselves are capable. The color of the skin does not determine character in the heavenly courts.

"If ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as

of a lamb without blemish and without spot.... Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently." "Ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: wherefore there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering."

"Who," says Paul, "maketh thee to differ?" The God of the white man is the God of the black man, and the Lord declares that His love for the least of His children exceeds that of a mother for her beloved child. Look at that mother: the sick child, the one afflicted, the one born a cripple, or with some other physical infirmity--how the mother labors to give him every advantage! The best food, the softest pillow, and the tenderest nursing are for him. The love bestowed upon him is strong and deep--a love such as is not given to beauty, talent, or any other natural gift. As soon as a mother sees reason for others to regard her child with aversion or contempt, does she not increase her tenderness as if to shield him from the world's rude

touch? "Can a mother forget her sucking child . . .? yea, they may forget, yet I will not forget thee." O what impartial love the Lord Jesus gives to those who love Him! The Lord's eye is upon all His creatures; He loves them all, and makes no difference between white and black, except that He has a special, tender pity for those who are called to bear a greater burden than others. Those who love God and believe on Christ as their Redeemer, while they must meet the trials and the difficulties that lie in their path, should yet with a cheerful spirit accept their life as it is, considering that God above regards these things, and for all that the world neglects to bestow, He will Himself make up to them in the best of favors.

The parable of Dives, the rich man, and Lazarus, the poor beggar who feared God, is presented before the world as a lesson to all, both rich and poor, as long as time shall last. Dives is represented as lifting up his eyes in hell, being in torments, and seeing Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom,—"he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented."

When the sinner is converted he receives the Holy Spirit, that makes him a child of God, and fits him for the society of the redeemed and the angelic host. He is made a joint heir with Christ. Whoever of the human family give themselves to Christ, whoever hear the truth and obey it, become children of one family. The ignorant and the wise, the rich and the poor, the heathen and the slave, white or black--Jesus paid the purchase money for their souls. If they believe on Him, His cleansing blood is applied to them. The black man's name is written in the book of life beside the white man's. All are one in Christ. Birth, station, nationality, or color cannot elevate or degrade men. The character makes the man. If a red man, a Chinaman, or an African gives his heart to God, in obedience and faith, Jesus loves him none the less for his color. He calls him his well-beloved brother. The day is coming when the kings and the lordly men of the earth would be glad to exchange places with the humblest African who has laid hold on the hope of the gospel. To all who are overcomers through the blood of the Lamb, the invitation will be given, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Arranged on the right and left of the throne of God are the long columns of the heavenly host, who touch the golden harps, and the

songs of welcome and of praise to God and the Lamb ring through the heavenly courts. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."

Among what are called the higher classes, there is a demand for a form of Christianity suited to their fine tastes; but this class will not grow up to the full stature of men and women in Christ until they know God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent. The heavenly intelligences rejoice to do the will of God in preaching the gospel to the poor. In the announcement which the Saviour made in the synagogue at Nazareth, He put a stern rebuke upon those who attach so much importance to color or caste, and refuse to be satisfied with such a type of Christianity as Christ accepts. The same price was paid for the salvation of the colored man as for that of the white man, and the slights put upon the colored people by many who claim to be redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, and who therefore acknowledge themselves debtors to Christ, misrepresent Jesus, and reveal that selfishness, tradition, and prejudice pollute the soul. They are not sanctified through the truth. Those who slight a brother because of his color are slighting Christ.

I call upon every church in our land to look

well to your own souls. "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" God makes no distinction between the North and the South. Whatever may be your prejudices, your wonderful prudence, do not lose sight of this fact, that unless you put on Christ, and His Spirit dwells in you, you are slaves of sin and of Satan. Many who claim to be children of God are children of the wicked one, and have all his passions, his prejudices, his evil spirit, his unlovely traits of character. But the soul that is indeed transformed will not despise any one whom Christ has purchased with His own blood.

Men may have both hereditary and cultivated prejudices, but when the love of Jesus fills the heart, and they become one with Christ, they will have the same spirit that He had. If a colored brother sits by their side, they will not be offended or despise him. They are journeying to the same heaven, and will be seated at the same table to eat bread in the kingdom of God. If Jesus is abiding in our hearts we cannot despise the colored man who has the same Saviour abiding in his heart. When these unchristian prejudices are broken down, more earnest effort will be put forth to do missionary work among the

colored race.

When the Hebrew people were suffering cruel oppression under the hand of their taskmasters, the Lord looked upon them, and He called Israel His son. He bade Moses go to Pharaoh with the message, "Israel is my son, even my firstborn. And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me." The Lord did not wait until His people went forth and stood in triumph on the shores of the Red Sea before He called Israel His son, but while they were under oppression, degraded, downtrodden, suffering all that the power and the invention of the Egyptians could impose to make their lives bitter and to destroy them, then God undertakes their cause and declares to Pharaoh, "Israel is my son, even my firstborn."

What thoughts and feelings did the message arouse in Pharaoh? "This people, my slaves, those whom the lowest of my people despise, the God of such a people I care not for, neither will I let Israel go." But the word of the Lord will not return unto Him void; it will accomplish the thing whereunto it is sent. The Lord speaks in no uncertain manner. He says, "Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn."

God cares no less for the souls of the African race that might be won to

serve Him than He cared for Israel. He requires far more of His people than they have given Him in missionary work among the people of the South of all classes, and especially among the colored race. Are we not under even greater obligation to labor for the colored people than for those who have been more highly favored? Who is it that held these people in servitude? Who kept them in ignorance, and pursued a course to debase and brutalize them, forcing them to disregard the law of marriage, breaking up the family relation, tearing wife from husband, and husband from wife? If the race is degraded, if they are repulsive in habits and manners, who made them so? Is there not much due to them from the white people? After so great a wrong has been done them, should not an earnest effort be made to lift them up? The truth must be carried to them. They have souls to save as well as we.

At the General Conference of 1889, resolutions were presented in regard to the color line. Such action is not called for. Let not men take the place of God, but stand aside in awe, and let God work upon human hearts, both white and black, in His own way. He will adjust all these perplexing questions. We need not prescribe a definite plan of working. Leave an opportunity for God to do something. We should be

careful not to strengthen prejudices that ought to have died just as soon as Christ redeemed the soul from the bondage of sin.

Sin rests upon us as a church because we have not made greater effort for the salvation of souls among the colored people. It will always be a difficult matter to deal with the prejudices of the white people in the South and do missionary work for the colored race. But the way this matter has been treated by some is an offense to God. We need not expect that all will be accomplished in the South that God would do until in our missionary efforts we place this question on the ground of principle, and let those who accept the truth be educated to be Bible Christians, working according to Christ's order. You have no license from God to exclude the colored people from your places of worship. Treat them as Christ's property, which they are, just as much as yourselves. They should hold membership in the church with the white brethren. Every effort should be made to wipe out the terrible wrong which has been done them. At the same time we must not carry things to extremes and run into fanaticism on this question. Some would think it right to throw down every partition wall and intermarry with the colored people, but this is not the right thing to teach or to practice.

Let us do what we can

to send to this class laborers who will work in Christ's name, who will not fail nor be discouraged. We should educate colored men to be missionaries among their own people. We should recognize talent where it exists among the people, and those who have ability should be placed where they may receive an education.

There are able colored ministers who have embraced the truth. Some of these feel unwilling to devote themselves to work for their own race; they wish to preach to the white people. These men are making a great mistake. They should seek most earnestly to save their own race, and they will not by any means be excluded from the gatherings of the white people.

White men and white women should be qualifying themselves to work among the colored people. There is a large work to be done in educating this ignorant and down-trodden class. We must do more unselfish missionary work than we have done in the Southern States, not picking out merely the most favorable fields. God has children among the colored people all over the land. They need to be enlightened. There are unpromising ones, it is true, but you will find similar degradation among the white people; but even among the lower classes there are souls who will embrace the truth. Some will not be steadfast. Feelings

and habits that have been confirmed by lifelong practices will be hard to correct; it will not be easy to implant ideas of purity and holiness, refinement and elevation. But God regards the capacity of every man, He marks the surroundings, and sees how these have formed the character, and He pities these souls.

Is it not time for us to live so fully in the light of God's countenance that we who receive so many favors and blessings from Him may know how to treat those less favored, not working from the world's standpoint, but from the Bible standpoint? Is it not right in this line that Christian effort is most needed? Is it not here that our influence should be brought to bear against the customs and practices of the world? Should it not be the work of the white people to elevate the standard of character among the colored race, to teach them how Christians should live, by exemplifying the Spirit of Christ, showing that we are one brotherhood?

Those who have been favored with opportunities of education and culture, who have had every advantage of religious influence, will be expected of God to possess pure and holy characters in accordance with the gifts bestowed. But have they rightly improved their advantages? We know they have not. Let these privileged ones make the most of their

blessings, and realize that they are thus placed under greater obligation to labor for the good of others.

God will accept many more workers from the humble walks of life if they will fully consecrate themselves to His service. Men and women should be coming up to carry the truth into all the highways and byways of life. Not all can go through a long course of education, but if they are consecrated to God and learn of Him, many can without this do much to bless others. Thousands would be accepted if they would give themselves to God. Not all who labor in this line should depend upon the conferences for support. Let those who can do so give their time and what ability they have, let them be messengers of God's grace, their hearts throbbing in unison with Christ's great heart of love, their ears open to hear the Macedonian cry.

The whole church needs to be imbued with the missionary spirit, then there will be many to work unselfishly in various ways as they can, without being salaried. There is altogether too much dependence on machinery, on mechanical working. Machinery is good in its place, but do not allow it to become too complicated. I tell you that in many cases it has retarded the work, and kept out laborers who in their line could have accomplished far more than has been done by the

minister who depends on sermonizing more than on ministry. Young men need to catch the missionary spirit, to be thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the message.

"Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof." Work in any capacity, work where God leads you, in the line best suited to your talents and best adapted to reach classes that have hitherto been sadly neglected. This kind of labor will develop intellectual and moral power and adaptability to the work.

You must have the grace and love of God in order to succeed. The strength and spirituality of the people of God are manifest by the distinctness of the line of demarcation which separates them from the world. The people of the world are characterized by love for earthly things; they act selfishly, regardless of the principles which Christ has set forth in His life. Christians will manifest the self-sacrificing spirit of Christ in their work, in connection with every branch of the cause. They will do this heartily, not by halves. They will not study their own aggrandizement nor manifest respect of persons. They will not, cannot, live in luxury and self-indulgence while there are suffering ones around them. They cannot by their practice sanction any phase of oppression or injustice to the least child of humanity. They

are to be like Christ, to relinquish all selfish delights, all unholy passions, all that love of applause which is the food of the world. They will be willing to be humble and unknown, and to sacrifice even life itself for Christ's sake. By a well-ordered life and godly conversation they will condemn the folly, the impenitence, the idolatry, the iniquitous practices of the world.

The converting power of God must work a transformation of character in many who claim to believe the present truth, or they cannot fulfill the purpose of God. They are hearers but not doers of the word. Pure, unworldly benevolence will be developed in all who make Christ their personal Saviour. There needs to be far less of self and more of Jesus. The church of Christ is ordained of God that its members shall be representatives of Christ's character. He says, "You have given yourselves to Me, and I give you to the world. I am the light of the world; I present you to the world as My representatives." As Christ in the fullest sense represents the Father, so we are to represent Christ. Let none of those who name the name of Christ be cowards in His cause. For Christ's sake stand as if looking within the open portals of the city of God.

— E. G. WHITE, Battle Creek, Mich., March 20, 1891. Southern Watchman, 9.1- 17.3



A Word to the "Little Flock."

James White, Ellen White, and Joseph Bates

The following articles were written for the DAY-DAWN, which has been published at Canandaigua, New York, by O. R. L. Crosier. But as that paper is not now published, and as we do not know as it will be published again, it is thought best by some of us in Maine, to have them given in this form. I wish to call the attention of the "little flock" to those things which will very soon take place on this earth.

After our Savior had spoken of "distress of nations, with perplexity," he said, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh." - Luke 21:28.

We do not rejoice to know that our fellow men are distressed, and famishing for want of food: but, still, the true believer will look up, and rejoice, in view of redemption, while this sure token of the coming of the Son of Man is beginning to come to pass. When we look abroad to other nations, and see them looking to this country for food: and then look at the scarcity, and rising price of food in our own nation, we cannot doubt but that the "time of

trouble such as never was," is fast coming upon the nations of the earth. JAMES WHITE – BRUNSWICK, Maine, May 30, 1847.

THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES

"And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God." - Rev.15:1.

For more than one year, it has been my settled faith, that the seven last plagues were all in the future, and that they were all to be poured out before the first resurrection.

It may not be my duty to attempt to point out each plague separately, but only give some of my reasons for believing that they are yet to be poured out, prior to the second advent. By the light of the brightly shining lamp, (the bible) we can see the events of our past experience distinctly; while future events may not be seen in their order so clearly.

If it be true that the plagues are yet to be poured out upon the earth before the resurrection and change of the saints, has not the time fully come for us to

see the light in relation to them, that we may better see, and feel the force of Christ's words? Watch ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. Luke 21:36.

From the last clause of Rev.15:1, "for in them is filled up the wrath of God," it seems clear that all the wrath of God to be poured out on the living wicked, is contained in the plagues. The vails of wrath will certainly be poured out, in the day of the wrath of God, and of the Lamb.

Jesus is clearly represented in the bible, in his different characters, offices, and works. At the crucifixion he was the meek, slain lamb. From the ascension, to the shutting of the door, Oct. 1844, Jesus stood with wide-spread arms of love, and mercy; ready to receive, and plead the cause of every sinner, who would come to God by him.

On the 10th day of the 7th month, 1844, he passed into the Holy of Holies, where he has since been a merciful "high priest over the house of God." But when his priestly work

is finished there, he is to lay off his priestly attire, and put on his most kingly robes, to execute his judgment on the living wicked. Now where shall we look for the day of wrath, in which will be poured out the viols of wrath? Not to the crucifixion, nor while Jesus is fulfilling his Priesthood in the Heavenly Sanctuary. But, when he lays off his priestly attire, and puts on the "garments of vengeance" to "repay fury to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies;" then the day of his wrath will have fully come. As the "wrath of God" on the living wicked is "filled up" in the plagues, and as the day of wrath is future, it follows that the plagues are all future. I think the following is a prophesy which has been fulfilling since Oct. 1844.

"And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey; and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

"And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no interces-

sor." Isaiah 59:14, 15,16.

I think that the next two verses, which speak of our Lord's putting on the "garments of vengeance for clothing," to "repay fury to his adversaries," point to the wrath of God in the seven last plagues. God has shown this day of wrath, in prophetic vision, to some of his servants by different symbols. Ezekiel saw it in the men with "slaughter-weapons," slaying "utterly, old and young." - Eze.9:5,6. John saw it in the "seven last plagues;" while Esdras saw it in the famine, pestilence, and the sword. The Bible contains many descriptions of this soon expected day of wrath.

"A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee" - see Ps.91:5-10.

"Howl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt;" - see Isa.13:6-11.

"And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem (the saints): Their flesh shall consume away while they stand

upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongues shall consume away in their mouth." - Zech.14:12.

"Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come."

"The seed is rotted under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down, for the corn is withered." - see Joel, 1:15-18; Jer.30:23,24; Dan.12:1; Hab.3:12,13; Zeph.1:17,18; 2nd Esdras, 15:10-13. I am quite sure that our Savior referred to the same, when he spake of "distress of nations, with perplexity;" "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." - Luke, 21:26,27. In the 36th verse we are exhorted to constant watchfulness and prayer, that we "may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man:" at his appearing.

This makes it sure, that the trouble comes before the second advent; for the saints are to escape it, before they "stand before the Son of man." At the second appearing of our Lord

Jesus Christ, the living wicked, who are not swept off by the plagues, are to be destroyed by the "brightness of his coming." - 2Thess.2:8.

This is positive proof that the plagues come before, and not after the advent; for the wicked will not suffer by the plagues, after they are destroyed by the burning glory of his coming.

The plagues of Egypt, and the deliverance of ancient Israel from bondage, clearly shadow forth the seven last plagues, and the deliverance of the saints.

"I will bring them (the saints) with a mighty hand and a stretched-out arm, and smite Egypt with plagues AS BEFORE," etc. - 2Edras, 15:11. "Zion shall be redeemed with judgment," etc. - Isa.1:27. see Eze.20:33-38. The plagues were poured out on Egypt just before, and at the deliverance of Israel; so we may expect the last plagues on the wicked, just before and at the deliverance of the saints.

We may see by the 91st Psalm, that many of the wicked are to be cut off, while the saints are on the earth, in their mortal state; for they are to fall by thousands all around them.

The saints are exhorted not to fear the plagues at that time, for God will give his angels charge over them, so that no plague shall come nigh their dwellings; but such an exhortation would be useless, if the saints are immortal before the plagues are poured out.

The men with slaughter-weapons in their hands have this charge, "come not near any man upon whom is the mark," which shows that the marked saints are in their mortal state, at the slaying time.

But the humble followers of the Lamb, have nothing to fear from the terrors of the day of his wrath; for they will be sealed before the plagues are poured out.

The man "clothed with linen," marks the saints before the slaying commences.

The "four angels" are not to hurt the "earth, neither the sea, nor the trees," till the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. - Rev.7:1-3.

The marking or sealing of the saints, seems to be shadowed forth by the marking of the side posts and upper door posts of the houses of all Israel, before the Lord passed through Egypt, to slay the first-born of the Egyptians.

Israel was safe; for God

was their protector in that perilous night. The true Israel of God will be safely protected, when Christ rules the nations with a "rod of iron," and dashes them "in pieces like a potter's vessel;" for he has promised to give his angels charge over them, to keep them in all their ways.

Those who keep the word of Christ's "patience" in this time of waiting, and trial, will then be kept "FROM the hour of temptation, (or trial) which shall come on all the WORLD, to try them that dwell upon the earth." - Rev.3:10.

Those who do every well known duty to God, and his children: and confess their faults to God, and to one another: and are healed from their faults: will safely rest in the arms of the holy angels, while the burning wrath of God is being poured out on those who have rejected his counsel, and commandments. But I must leave this subject for the present, and close with the exhortation of the prophet:

"Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." - Zeph. 2:3. 1847, JW, WLF 3.15



Keep the Sabbath Holy

This regularly scheduled column is to enlighten us to proper keeping of the Sabbath through the writings of Ellen White and then additional comments by us, the publishers of this publication, since we have so many surface readers as well as those who do not know how to apply certain statements.

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

The words “compelled to travel” means that we ought to try and not travel on the Sabbath. Sure, we travel back and forth

from church. Sure, those who have been invited to speak or those who want to hear a near-by speaker will need to travel and it is not always easy to do so a day ahead of time. Some need to travel a bit to get into nature, a suggested Sabbath activity, and that is acceptable. But the Sabbath is not made to simply travel with no purpose in mind. It is most definitely not a time to travel to a destination so that when the Sabbath goes out, you are where you need to be to enjoy the planned non-Sabbath activity after the sun sets. It also means that one ought to be in their homes before the Sabbath begins. Getting off of work and into the car before the sun goes down and then travel home while it is the Sabbath would be considered Sabbath breaking. This is what makes Sabbath keeping difficult in the winter but it also reveals true Sabbath keepers from the legalists. Personally, it is on this matter that I lost a job that I had. As happened to Daniel, the bosses eventually made a rule that would be against the God I obeyed. I used to be allowed to use vacation time at hourly even half day increments while working in a secular environment back in the 90s

and into 2000s. Finally, after seven years, they made it a rule that when vacation time is used, it must be in whole day increments. So, the ten days that I had, no longer stretched into the twenty half days, which was sufficient time to get home before the Sabbath started throughout the end of October until the beginning of April, which since then has changed to November until the beginning of March. So, with the whole day rule, instead of having enough hours off, by the beginning of January, I was out of time, and let go following a series of unapproved time off.

Next, we are told to “avoid the company of those who would draw our attention to worldly things”. In other words, Sabbath is not to go and visit non-Sabbath keeping relatives. Yes, this makes it difficult for those who work Monday through Friday and use Sunday to keep up with the house and yard work to be visiting relatives, but basically, who do you love more, your family or God? The Sabbath afternoon is still holy and our thoughts need to be there. From past experience, it does not take much time before someone starts talking about sports, politics, or gos-

sipy content. Visiting non-Sabbath relatives, outside of Bible studies, is a form of breaking the Sabbath. We are to come and rest, not be on guard with non-Sabbath relatives all afternoon.

But we do have an activity we can participate in with non-Sabbath keepers and that is “Speak to others in regard to the truth”. Holding Bible studies on Sabbath afternoon, spreading literature by hand, and simply sharing in public the truth of the Bible is all permissible on the Sabbath.

To “be ready to relieve suffering and help those in need” is another allowance towards non-Sabbath keepers as long as we realize that helping those in need is more of an emergency as opposed to fulfilling a wish list. So, anyone who needs their house painted needs to wait until the other days of the week. And yes, if a person is in need of serious medical attention, a stop at the emergency room is permissible.

Now, when it comes to “not talking about matters of business or engaging in any common, worldly conversation” that includes comparing electronic devices, such as mobile phones, and their operating systems. Conversing about one’s favorite talk radio personality or one who retired is inappropriate.

Definitely any plans of what is happening after the Sabbath is over should be tabled. Yet, many fellowship meals break down into gossip, talking politics, discussing new technology, making plans for future church business meetings, etc. Discussion of the sermon, Spirit of Prophecy, Bible, witnessing efforts, etc. should be the order of conversation. Sabbaths are too often used to catch up on the latest activities of each other by asking, how is school going, how is working going, how are non-Sabbath-keeping friends and family doing, etc. And that is breaking the Sabbath. Sabbath gatherings, even during fellowship, is still holy Sabbath hours.

And the all-inclusive “In all places” phrase means that when it is the Sabbath, the Sabbath is to be kept no matter where someone goes. So, if someone were to go to a wedding on the Sabbath, which is questionable to begin with, telling oneself that it is alright to receive the “free” meal after the service is fine, is actually breaking the Sabbath. Sure, all guests have their meals paid for by the wedding party, but even a buffet style meal has servants. One probably ought not attend the wedding in the first place because obviously they have surrounded themselves with non-Sabbath keepers, of

which we were to avoid in the first place. If one were to go and visit a sick relative, how we present ourselves, especially if that puts us in a non-Sabbath keeping environment, we ought to be in the mind-set of still keeping the Sabbath. Many times, the TV will be going making it challenging to keep the Sabbath holy still. So, even though we may visit the sick on the Sabbath, we still need to make sure it is able to be kept, otherwise, choose a different day for visitations.

Overall, the Spirit of Prophecy and the Bible cannot be used to contradict the commands, statutes, and precepts. To say, “I know I am to keep the Sabbath holy even in my thoughts” but purposely justify an allowable non-Sabbath environment with secular TV by saying, “Oh, Sabbath is made for visiting the sick”, is simply using quotes against each other. The mind therefore is twisted if one can still call themselves a Sabbath keeper by constantly putting themselves in such an environment claiming they are doing good on the Sabbath. Nonsense!

So, let us strive to keep the Sabbath truly holy and not pit one quote against another.



How Do You Resolve It?

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

Are we truly allowed to eat whatever we want?

According to 1 Timothy 4:4, the Bible says, “For every creature of God

[is] good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving.” And people say that they are thankful for pork chops and crabs, pig roasts and lobster, bacon and shrimp, and the list goes on. In actuality, the verse does not end with a period, but a colon. That means that the next verse has to be read with it.

By continuing to read, 1 Timothy 4:5 says, “For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.” Focusing upon the fact that a creature to eat is sanctified, made holy, by the Word of God, we hear from the

word of God that “the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he [is] unclean to you” (Leviticus 11:7). The Word further states, “all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which [is] in the waters, they [shall be] an abomination unto you” (Leviticus 11:10). So, not only are the items considered unclean, which is to mean unhealthful, they are the opposite of holy or sanctified. They are an abomination!

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Now, in regards to the prayer part, first, take note that it is not one or the other. It is not through prayer *or* the Word, but the Word *and* prayer. Therefore, if the creature to be eaten fails at the Word of God part, it is a failure. Second, the prayer part never contradicts the Word part. That is like praying, "Lord, I know that the seventh day is the Sabbath, but give me a sign that I can keep another day instead." Or, "Lord, I know this person is not my spouse but they are a good influence in other aspects, please show me that I may sleep with them." God is not in those prayers. He never gives signs to contradict His Word. And if that sign happens, everyone ought to know that the devil was the one to answer. "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the

world" (1 John 4:1). That means that if someone declares that through prayer God gave them permission to eat this filth, it needs to be checked. And just where does one check such answered prayer? The Word of God, once again. And the prayer is for enlightenment. Maybe there is confusion about the slice of meat on the plate that is being served. Through prayer, we are to ask God to know if it is clean or unclean.

So, in both cases, the answer is no. We may not eat any creature we would like, besides, there still are New Testament explicit restrictions that would be contradictory if such were the allowance to eat any creature that one desires. Acts 15:20 states, "But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and [from] fornication, and [from] things strangled, and [from] blood." Acts 15:29 says, "That ye

abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well." And Acts 21:25 tells us, "As touching the Gentiles which believe, we have written [and] concluded that they observe no such thing, save only that they keep themselves from [things] offered to idols, and from blood, and from strangled, and from fornication."

Now do keep in mind that I am not advocating meat eating. These are arguments presented from those not of our faith. Those in the faith ought to be striving to get off the meat diet to have clearness in thought, to be able to welcome the Holy Spirit more than they have prior to giving up the meat, for health reasons, and much more.



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Healthy Living

Ellen White

Periodically, we need reminded that our bodies are not our own. And sometimes we need to get back to the basics. We need to hear from the words of inspiration, the Spirit of Prophecy. The following is found in *The Desire of Ages*, pages 823-825.

Christ's Manner of Healing

"They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." This world is a vast lazarus house, but Christ came to heal the sick, to proclaim deliverance to the captives of Satan. He was in Himself health and strength. He imparted His life to the sick, the afflicted, those possessed of demons. He turned away none who came to receive His healing power. He knew that those who petitioned Him for help had brought disease upon themselves; yet He did not refuse to heal them. And when virtue from Christ entered into these poor souls, they were convicted of sin, and many were healed of their spiritual disease, as well as of their physical maladies. The gospel still possesses the same power, and why should we not today witness the same results?

Christ feels the woes of every sufferer. When evil spirits rend a human frame, Christ feels

the curse. When fever is burning up the life current, He feels the agony. And He is just as willing to heal the sick now as when He was personally on earth. Christ's servants are His representatives, the channels for His working. He desires through them to exercise His healing power.

In the Saviour's manner of healing there were lessons for His disciples. On one occasion He anointed the eyes of a blind man with clay, and bade him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam. . . . He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing." John 9:7. The cure could be wrought only by the power of the Great Healer, yet Christ made use of the simple agencies of nature. While He did not give countenance to drug medication, He sanctioned the use of simple and natural remedies.

To many of the afflicted ones who received healing, Christ said, "Sin no more, lest

a worse thing come unto thee." John 5:14. Thus He taught that disease is the result of violating God's laws, both natural and spiritual. The great misery in the world would not exist did men but live in harmony with the Creator's plan.

Christ had been the guide and teacher of ancient Israel, and He taught them that health is the reward of obedience to the laws of God. The Great Physician who healed the sick in Palestine had spoken to His people from the pillar of cloud, telling them what they must do, and what God would do for them. "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God," He said, "and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26. Christ gave to Israel definite in-

struction in regard to their habits of life, and He assured them, "The Lord will take away from thee all sickness." Deuteronomy 7:15. When they fulfilled the conditions, the promise was verified to them. "There was not one feeble person among their tribes." Psalm 105:37.

These lessons are for us. There are conditions to be observed by all who would preserve health. All should learn what these conditions are. The Lord is not pleased with ignorance in regard to His laws, either natural or spiritual. We are to be workers together with God for the restoration of health to the body as

well as to the soul.

And we should teach others how to preserve and to recover health. For the sick we should use the remedies which God has provided in nature, and we should point them to Him who alone can restore. It is our work to present the sick and suffering to Christ in the arms of our faith. We should teach them to believe in the Great Healer. We should lay hold on His promise, and pray for the manifestation of His power. The very essence of the gospel is restoration, and the Saviour would have us bid the sick, the hopeless, and the afflicted take hold upon His strength.

The power of love was in all Christ's healing, and only by partaking of that love, through faith, can we be instruments for His work. If we neglect to link ourselves in divine connection with Christ, the current of life-giving energy cannot flow in rich streams from us to the people. There were places where the Saviour Himself could not do many mighty works because of their unbelief. So now unbelief separates the church from her divine Helper. Her hold upon eternal realities is weak. By her lack of faith, God is disappointed, and robbed of His glory.



Healthy And Delicious Recipes

Freezable Walnut Loaf

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- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- ½ cup sunflower seeds
- 1 ½ cup cooked brown rice
- 1 cup soy or nut milk
- ½ cup fresh parsley chopped
- 1 cup seasoned bread crumbs*
- 2 tablespoons whole wheat flour
- 1 bunch of green onions chopped
- ½ teaspoon salt

* Regarding bread crumbs, you can make your own from day-old

whole-wheat bread. Just cut off crusts of 3 slices and crumble it in a food processor. Combine all ingredients in mixing bowl. Pack lightly into loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Coconut Curry Chickpea

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- 2 tablespoons coconut oil
- 2 medium sliced yellow onions/1 large red onion
- 1 medium chopped green pepper
- 2 medium chopped carrots
- 14 ounces diced fresh tomatoes
- 1 lb. bag of cooked and drained chickpeas
- 3 minced garlic cloves
- 1 teaspoon turmeric
- ¼ teaspoon cumin powder
- 13.5 ounces freshly juiced coconut milk
- 2 teaspoons coconut flour

- 1 teaspoon coriander seeds
- ½ teaspoon cardamom seeds
- ½ teaspoon cumin seeds
- 1 small lime
- sea salt like seasoning to taste

1. In a deep pot over medium heat, add coconut oil, cumin, cardamom, and coriander seeds and slightly toast.

2. Add in the onions, green peppers, carrots and tomatoes.

3. Grind some sea salt and pepper like seasoning to taste and stir together.

4. Lower heat to medium and allow to cook until juices of the tomatoes

are naturally released and onions are soft, which is about 10 minutes.

5. Add chickpeas, garlic, turmeric, and cumin powder to pot, and combine by stirring.

6. Add in the coconut milk and stir again.

7. Add in the coconut flour which will help to thicken the curry.

8. Bring the curry to a boil, and then reduce to medium-low so that the mixture continues to simmer for 10 to 12 more minutes.

9. Taste and add more salt like seasoning if needed.

10. Once done, remove curry from heat and squeeze lime lightly over the top of the curry, and combine by stirring.

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.

Allow to cool slightly and then serve. Store in an air-tight container in the freezer for up to a month or in the fridge as leftover for a few days.



Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible

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.

Besides the King James Version being the Protestant's Bible (the true version), built in to that version is a dictionary. True Seventh-day Adventists follow Isaiah's directions and take a little here and little there. In other words, we let the Bible interpret itself, as compared to most preachers and teachers today that get caught up in all kinds of Greek and Hebrew and tenses and basically taking the understanding right out of the average Christian's hands. We ought not need to run to theologians to get the right understanding of verses. We ought to be able to get the right understanding through the scriptures. But with the modern versions, that built-in dictionary has become corrupted and even lost.

Again, we see how the modern versions are actually anti-Adventist by looking at Numbers 14:34. The phrase "each day for a year" is crucial in prophetic time and is

very explicit in the King James Version, but not so much in the other versions. Of course, we have the back-up of another verse in Ezekiel that we can use, but some of those are not so clear of which we will address another time. Below is just the Numbers 14:34 reference:

King James Bible: After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

Not So Obvious:

Douay-Rheims Bible: According to the number of the forty days, wherein you viewed the land: a year shall be counted for a day. And forty years you shall receive your iniquities, and shall know my revenge:

Holman Christian Standard Bible: You will bear the consequences of your sins 40 years based on the number of the 40 days that you scouted the land, a year for each day. You will know My displeasure.

New American Standard Bible: According to the number of days which you spied out the land, forty days, for every day

you shall bear your guilt a year, even forty years, and you will know My opposition.

New International Version: For forty years--one year for each of the forty days you explored the land--you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.'

New King James Version: According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for each day you shall bear your [a]guilt one year, namely forty years, and you shall know My [b]rejection.

Close But Not Obvious Enough:

Good News Translation: You will suffer the consequences of your sin for forty years, one year for each of the forty days you spent exploring the land. You will know what it means to have me against you!

Acceptable:

American Standard Version: After the number of the days in which ye spied out the land, even forty days, for every day a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my alienation.

Berean Study Bible: In keeping with the forty

days you spied out the land, you shall bear your guilt forty years—a year for each day—and you will experience My alienation.

Brenton Septuagint

Translation: According to the number of the days during which ye spied the land, forty days, a day for a year, ye shall bear your sins forty years, and ye shall know my fierce anger.

Christian Standard Bible: You will bear the consequences of your iniquities forty years based on the number of the forty days that you scouted the land, a year for each day. You will know my displeasure.

Contemporary English Version: I will punish you severely every day for the next 40 years—one year for each day that the land was explored.

Darby Bible Translation: After the number of the days in which ye have searched out the land, forty days, each day for a year shall ye bear your iniquities forty years, and ye shall know mine estrangement [from you].

English Revised Version: After the number of the days in which ye spied out the land, even forty days, for every day a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my alienation.

English Standard Version: According to the

number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, a year for each day, you shall bear your iniquity forty years, and you shall know my displeasure.'

GOD'S WORD® Translation: For 40 days you explored the land. So for 40 years—one year for each day—you will suffer for your sins and know what it means for me to be against you.'

International Standard Version: Just as you explored the land for 40 days, you'll bear the consequences of your iniquities for 40 years—one year for each day—as you experience my hostility.

JPS Tanakh 1917: After the number of the days in which ye spied out the land, even forty days, for every day a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know My displeasure.

Jubilee Bible 2000: After the number of the days in which ye spied out the land, even forty days, each day for a year, ye shall bear your iniquities forty years, and ye shall know my reason for annulling my promise.

NET Bible: According to the number of the days you have investigated this land, forty days—one day for a year—you will suffer for your iniquities, forty years, and you will know what it means to thwart me.

New Heart English Bible:

After the number of the days in which you spied out the land, even forty days, for every day a year, you will bear your iniquities, even forty years, and you will know my alienation.'

New Living Translation:

""Because your men explored the land for forty days, you must wander in the wilderness for forty years—a year for each day, suffering the consequences of your sins. Then you will discover what it is like to have me for an enemy.'

Webster's Bible Translation:

After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days (each day for a year) shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

World English Bible:

After the number of the days in which you spied out the land, even forty days, for every day a year, you will bear your iniquities, even forty years, and you will know my alienation.'

Young's Literal Translation:

by the number of the days in which ye spied the land, forty days, -- a day for a year, a day for a year -- ye do bear your iniquities, forty years, and ye have known my breaking off;



Go Ye Therefore, And Teach

INTRODUCTION RE-PEATED: This article is intended to train Seventh-day Adventists to be able to quickly “[be] ready always to [give] an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” (1 Peter 3:15). These are topics that Adventists should know, but we find that many cannot teach it to others. Now, we do not want to provide every verse possible to share because first, an Adventist cannot easily commit such to memory plus this generation that we will be sharing the message with, no matter how old they are, are only looking for snippets of information and not a session, if they are even open to being taught. Therefore, you may have a verse in mind that would be great to share but do not be surprised if it is not included because all of us have our favorite verses on a given subject. It will not hurt if you would like to include it though.

With that said, make sure you have a Bible that permits placing notes in it. A wide margin Bible with note pages in the back is perfect

for this. On one of the note pages, jot down the information we are going to share, then throughout the Bible, chain link each of the verses together. For instance, on the first verse I share with someone, I circle the verse number, and write in the margin the next verse to go to, plus I write some key words to share.

TOPIC: Are we living in the last days?

Going beyond the typical earthquakes and disasters because people have become quite numb on the subject, we shall cover other interesting predictions.

Take them to Luke 17:28-29, and focus upon the fact that the last days will be as Sodom and Gomorrah. Then lead them to think that most people equate homosexuality and sexual permissiveness as fulfillment of such, which is not wrong, but there is something more specific.

Ask, “What has society experienced more so since the mid to late 1900s as compared to centuries prior?” Then take

them to Ezekiel 16:49, and focus upon the words “abundance of idleness” where before the 1950s, people did not have time for idleness for they were on the farms, active in industry, and simply did not work 9 to 5 either.

Ask, “What will the church be like?” Then take them to 2 Timothy 3:1-5, stressing that you know it describes the church because verse 5 shows a bunch of godly people putting on a show, dressing up for church, but not letting the power of God transform their hearts.

Ask, “Did you know that atheism is exploding especially among millennials?” Then take them to 2 Peter 3:3-7, focusing upon the numerous scoffers predicted for the last days, and that it had been only since the mid-1800s that evolution has been accepted into society and now is the dominate teaching theory in all public

schools.

Ask, “Did you know that people have become more shut-in than ever before and keep to themselves so much so that people do not even know who their neighbors are?” Let them know that this was not so prior to the 1980s, but with the ability to order even groceries online, physical interaction with people has become greatly reduced causing people to really not care about the well-being of others. Then take them to Matthew 24:12, stressing how the love of many has waxed cold.

Ask, “Did you know that the gospel, especially through air waves, is penetrating every coun-

try?” Then take them to Matthew 24:14, focusing upon the fact that all nations are to hear the gospel.

Ask, “Did you know that Jesus compared the last days to another event?” Then take them to Matthew 24:37, focusing upon Noah.

Ask, “What were the days of Noah like?” Then take them to Genesis 6:5, focusing upon how it seems the hearts of people focus upon evil, and how movies have increased in evil today to satisfy that lust of evil. Movies are more bloody, more sinful, more of being from the perspective of the audience as if the audience were the evil person.

Ask, “Do you know

when people became knowledgeable in the Word of God for themselves?” Then take them to Daniel 12:4, 9, focusing upon the prediction, and reveal that Bible Societies began only since the 1800s.

Ask, “What will happen to the people in general?” Then take them to Daniel 12:10, showing how people will either get closer to God and become purified from the evils of the world, or will become more wicked and not understand how people could ever believe in God.

If there are any supporting articles you can find, it is always helpful in such a study.



Questions And Answers

QUESTION: What is the church?

ANSWER: It certainly is not the Reform Seventh-day Adventist Church, nor is it the Branch Davidians, or any other organization with Seventh-day Adventist in the name. And, to the shock

of many, it is absolutely, positively not the General Conference structure. God’s church has been what it always has been, “the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.” (1 Timothy 3:15). On earth, it was established with Adam and Eve and re-established at the time

Jesus walked the earth in bodily form confirmed in the statement “upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18), referring to Himself, signaling when the church really began: in Heaven for “the government shall be upon his

shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6). In other words, when God existed, which was from everlasting, His church, His government also existed. All, from beginning until the end, who keep to the guidelines of His church as outlined to us through His Word are part of the church, for “If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.” (John 14:23).

Ellen White states the same thing: “God has a church. It is not the great cathedral, neither is it the national establishment, neither is it the various denominations; it is the people who love God and keep His commandments. ‘Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.’ Where Christ is, even among the humble few, this is Christ’s church, for the presence of the High and Holy One who inhabiteth eternity can alone constitute a church. Where two or three are present who love and obey the commandments of God, Jesus there presides, let it be in the desolate place of the earth, in the wilderness, in the city, [or] enclosed in prison walls. The glory of God has penetrated the prison

walls, flooding with glorious beams of heavenly light the darkest dungeon. His saints may suffer, but their sufferings will, like the apostles’ of old, spread their faith and win souls to Christ and glorify His holy name. The bitterest opposition expressed by those who hate God’s great moral standard of righteousness should not and will not shake the steadfast soul who trusts fully in God.” {17MR 81.4}.

Now, with that said, over time, the physical appearance has changed. At first, it was simply the lineage of the godly from Adam through Noah. Later, it was concentrated upon being part of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Then it became the tribes of renamed Jacob into Israel. It then became a nation. It then became a movement “called Christians first in Antioch”. (Acts 11:26). It then became the church in “the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred [and] three-score days.” (Revelation 12:6). It then became the reformation movement that, though it had started earlier, has been identified when the 95 Theses that was nailed to the Wittenburg Church doors by Luther. As more light was revealed, the torch of one would go out and be strengthened

by the next group and the next until we reached 1844, who shortly after October 22, 1844 realized that they “must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings” (Revelation 10:11), keeping in mind that the church in the wilderness now turned into an oppressor and partook in the first fallen state becoming Babylon (GC88 389.2). In 1863, the 1844 movement officially took on the name Seventh-day Adventist, where it is the God-given name (2SM 384.1), and is where the final step in the reformation process was taken, for it is where the truth was deposited. God has not given any other structure their name. They are all man-made.

“The Lord has declared that the history of the past shall be rehearsed as we enter upon the closing work. Every truth that He has given for these last days is to be proclaimed to the world. Every pillar that He has established is to be strengthened. We cannot now step off the foundation that God has established. We cannot now enter into any new organization; for this would mean apostasy from the truth.”-- Manuscript 129, 1905. {2SM 390.1}

I know people will pick this apart. They will say, “The word ‘now’ implies”

a later coming out, hinted in a rare quote in what is actually an offhanded remark, as opposed to a prophecy of some future coming out. If such were a prophecy, then who is the prophet to do that calling out? Without a prophet involved breaks the pattern God set with His mode of operation. His mode for anything major like that is to predict with a prophet and then raise up a prophet to guide people during the time of fulfillment.

So, the word “now” means that we have reached a point in which we have everything we need for salvation sake. All truth necessary for salvation has been revealed, unlike the Catholic Church organization born in the earlier centuries, of which people need to be called out of. And, though Luther carried the torch of truth calling people out, his followers need to be called out of that organization because it did not have all of the truth. And the same was true of the Methodists, and the Baptists, and in fact, all of them right down the line until NOW appears the Seventh-day Adventists. The truth is here in what would become the General Conference. It is just that the General Conference today, as in the leadership, do not teach it, like ancient Israel, nor practice it, again, much like ancient Israel. And just like ancient Israel, it

is well buried, only this time, there will be no leader to uncover the “book of the law” like “Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe” (2 Kings 22:8). Instead, it will be individuals who simply live and form the 144,000. No new structure will be involved. Simply put, “when the storm and tempest shall come the structure will be swept away” (MR760 8.3), but not until then. For now, “In this fearful time, just before Christ is to come the second time, God’s faithful preachers will have to bear a still more pointed testimony than was borne by John the Baptist.” (GW92 90.1). And “Every wind of doctrine will be blowing.” “Those who have rendered supreme homage to “science falsely so called” will not be the leaders then” (5T 80.1). And that science includes philosophy of which most of our leaders from the GC down to elders in the church have linked up. And I believe that Sunday law is coming real soon, therefore, this leadership has to be the leaders that Ellen White prophesied to be swept away.

And by the way, John the Baptists said to the leaders of his day, “O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?” (Matthew 3:7). And we are to be more pointed than that! That would be like calling

most of the leadership either Jesuits or taking orders from the Jesuits. And if one thinks that this is crazy talk, then one does not believe in the writings of Ellen White, for she penned in chapter 12 of *The Great Controversy* all about the Jesuits and how they infiltrate with the main purpose of destroying Protestantism. And with Protestantism basically dead in all other churches, just where do you think the Jesuits would focus their infiltration? Further, as recorded in *Testimony for the Church*, Chapter 102, Ellen White shares a dream which began as a number of Adventists coming to visit her but “The scene was changed. The company now presented the appearance of a Catholic procession.” (1T 577.2). In other words, Catholicism would gain the upper influence in our church. That is now! We do not just have problems in this church, my blind brothers and sisters who keep bringing that phrase up. We are in all outright apostasy! And we shake our heads wondering how dumb the nation of Israel could be to fall into paganism multiple times. Well, this is how!

Now the second twisting of the 2SM 390.1 quote is the use of the word “organization”. Those that justify a new structure and try to tell people to leave the General

Conference twist the meaning of the word “organization”. They claim that the “books of a new order” prophecy declares “A new organization would be established” (1SM 204.2) making the General Conference the ones who have left the organization of God. Although it is true that they have left the solid Rock foundation, no different than ancient Israel, and have replaced it with “A system of intellectual philosophy” (1SM 204.2), the use of the word “organization” is not in the same context of 2SM 390.1. The “new organization” with “books of a new order” is a change in the organization’s mode of operation, but they did not shut down the 1863 established organization called Seventh-day Adventists and declare a new physical organization as 2SM 390.1 condemns. Apples and oranges are mixing up here over the same word, “organization”. One is meant physical while the other is in method of operation. So, setting up a new headquarters with new officers and changing the name from Seventh-day Adventists into something else is, well, condemned in 2SM 390.1. It is apostasy from the truth to make such a move despite adhering to it, just as Ellen White penned.

Now, in regards to the pattern that God uses of

being called out, the first calling out was through Jesus who confirmed the 70 weeks prophecy of Daniel 9:24 by saying to Peter, “I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven” (Matthew 18:22). Jesus did not qualify that number because if Jesus would have stated His intent, the word “years” would have been too much for Peter to handle and in fact, the rest of the disciples. So, Jesus does not even say the word “times” because it was not “times”, as in counting, but years. The calling out of the nation of Israel was an act of God not at the first coming but at the stoning of Stephen, when the prophet declared, “Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers [did], so [do] ye” and then turned around in vision “he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.” (Acts 7:55-56).

The second calling out was in 1844 and another act of God transpired. It is called using the messenger of God, Ellen White.

So how dare mere humans get ticked off at

the General Conference response during World War I and go form another structure declaring the General Conference Babylon, or in quieter tones, “the most bitter enemies of their former brethren” ({GC88 608.1}), which is quoted out of context! How dare mere humans study prophecy incorrectly forming a structure that the purpose is to go back to those, especially of the ministers of the former brethren, and become the correctors, even potentially, murderers in the future! How dare any human being get ticked off at the General Conference over the apostasy and say, “I have had enough!” and go start a new structure! If Elijah and the “seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to [the image of] Baal” (Romans 11:4), did not form a new structure, a new nation, during their extreme and direct pagan activity, who are we in the mists of current apostasy where people still can argue the truth by various means to go off on our own into a new structure? And just how many times had Israel gone into paganism and yet no new nation was formed? I lost count. And when there was a new nation attempt, look how miserably that ended: northern tribes dispersed and southern ones were taken into captivity. And in Ellen White’s day,

there were plenty of times that she could have been used to start a new structure, but she was not used that way, even at the height of the alpha apostasy. In fact, she had used brethren still under the umbrella of the Conference to establish the White estates at her passing. She continued, until the day she died, to work within the Conference.

Just because there was a visible church, it did not mean that all were saved nor does it mean that all was done as God would have it to be done. In fact, during the history, great apostasy occurred, all of which is to be repeated in one form or another for “all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come”. (1 Corinthians 10:11). Even Ellen White states that the situations of the first coming will be repeated at the second coming. “The trials of the children of Israel, and their attitude just before the first coming of Christ, have been presented before me again and again to illustrate the position of the people of God in their experience before the second coming of Christ--how the enemy sought every occasion to take control of the minds of the Jews, and today he is seeking to blind the minds of God's servants, that they

may not be able to discern the precious truth.” {1SM 406.1}. Just how many church leaders back then came forward and aligned themselves wholly with Christ? Two. Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea. So, why do pew warmers in the conference church think any differently today? Nearly all of the leadership, including the local elders, have the same mind as the Jews in Jesus' day – ready to crucify the truth, Pharisaical, and uttering falsehoods. These are not strong words but warnings to all who are closely aligned with the conference structure, awake, because in one form or another either the prophet is wrong or the people are asleep.

And in the overall history, during large portions of time, the true preachers were slain, false ones were put in place, and the majority of the people went along with it, so much so, that in the time of Elijah, he thought he was the only one left. But not once did God form a new nation. He did not even form a new people with Moses, despite giving Moses the option to lead another group. In fact, apostasy was so rampant at the first coming that they ended up crucifying the Son of God! No apostasy today can match that. One would think that such would be over, yet the

prophecy of Daniel tells us that God continued another 3 ½ years to treat the nation as His favored people. It was the stoning of Stephen that finally, by an act of God, had the gospel change hands from a physical nation into a spiritual nation.

But even under the spiritual nation we have again great apostasy over time; so much so that the Roman Catholic Church slaughtered millions, yet God invited her, the visible church, to come out of apostasy. Martin Luther worked inside the church. He was not given a message to form a new organization. It just was given a name by opponents. People who followed Luther were known as Lutherans. God did not separate the visible church until 1844 because to do so earlier would have confirmed some level of darkness and most reform movement still contained pagan beliefs. To state that any organization after 1844 is of God is simply man made, for a prophet would have to declare it to be so. Sure, Ellen White penned, “At times, when a small group of men entrusted with the general management of the work have, in the name of the General Conference, sought to carry out unwise plans and to restrict God's work, I have said that I could no longer regard

the voice of the General Conference, represented by these few men, as the voice of God”, but we do not see Ellen White starting a new organization. In fact, we see her squashing every attempt. It was not until after her death that people were so fed up with the structure that such began.

Now how else do I know the Reformed SDAs, the Branch Davidians, and many others are wrong for setting up a structure declaring it to be a purer church? Although it is true that such exists in those environments, Ellen White makes numerous predictions of what would happen to the visible church all the while God’s people remain in essence under the “umbrella”. Do you think any of those predictions would be fulfilled in the Reformed SDA church or other structure? Absolutely not.

#1 “It is impossible to estimate too largely the work that the Lord will accomplish through His proposed vessels in carrying out His mind and purpose. The things you have described as taking place in Indiana, the Lord has shown me would take place just before the close of probation. Every uncouth thing will be demonstrated. There will be shouting, with drums, music, and dancing. The senses of rational beings will become so confused that they can-

not be trusted to make right decisions. And this is called the moving of the Holy Spirit.” {2SM 36.2}

“The Holy Spirit never reveals itself in such methods, in such a bedlam of noise. This is an invention of Satan to cover up his ingenious methods for making of none effect the pure, sincere, elevating, ennobling, sanctifying truth for this time. Better never have the worship of God blended with music than to use musical instruments to do the work which last January was represented to me would be brought into our camp meetings. The truth for this time needs nothing of this kind in its work of converting souls. A bedlam of noise shocks the senses and perverts that which if conducted aright might be a blessing. The powers of satanic agencies blend with the din and noise, to have a carnival, and this is termed the Holy Spirit’s working.” {2SM 36.3}

Comment: Notice that this is what happens right before the close of probation and it is to be happening in “our camp meetings”. The word “our” means Seventh-day Adventists, not Christianity in general. The word “our” is something we are technically still connected with as opposed to “*their* camp meeting”. Seeing it was penned while being un-

der the umbrella, it refers to being still under the structure of the General Conference today, not that we have to financially support it nor obey it as it disobeys God.

#2 “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}.

Comment: If the General Conference was to be treated as something separate and not attached and that they left God’s organization, then who cares how they treat the writings of Ellen White, but the fact is, these activities are to try and “unsettle the confidence of God’s remnant people”, meaning God’s people are still connected to the General Conference and have not gone and formed a new structure.

#3 "God will arouse His people; if other means fail, heresies will come in among them, which will sift them, separating the chaff from the wheat. The Lord calls upon all who believe His word to awake out of sleep." {5T 707.3}.

Comment: Heresies are to come into "the church", so those that are appalled by the apostasy, the heresies, it is to wake people up to having a personal knowledge of Christ and be active in spreading the gospel personally without relying upon the structure. It is not time to waste in forming or keeping up a new organization. Personal ministry is the calling.

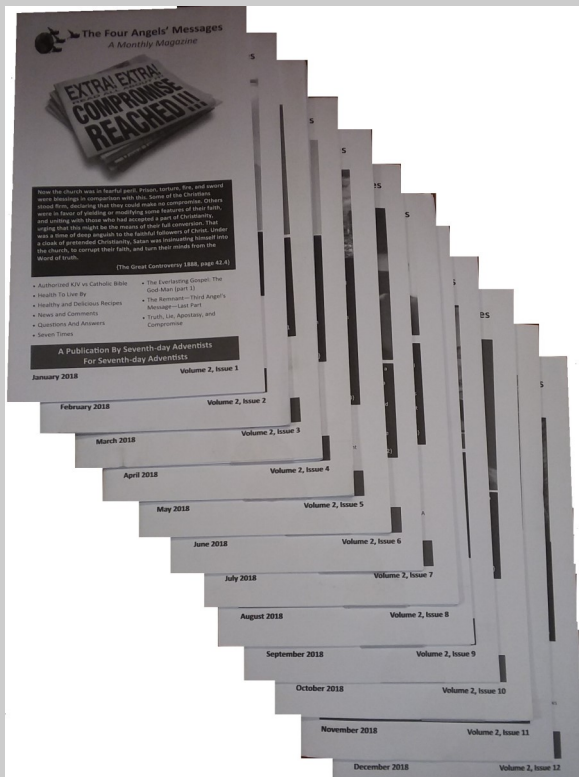
These are but three samples provided, but this response is getting quite lengthy, and so it should suffice to realize, God's people are to go through the apostasy, polished because of it, and eventually watch the structure be swept away. Those of other structures will not experience these things except to be an observer of people who they ought not be so worked up about seeing that in their minds is not really "the church".

When we are told to not leave the church, that is the heavenly one. Starting a personal ministry, doing home church, and whatever else a person can do to escape being fed by the apostasy and yet accomplish

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the work is what we ought to be doing. To "not leave the church" does not forbid leaving conference churches. The Conference is the one brainwashing everyone for the money claiming falsely to be the storehouse. In fact, that is all that counts to be in "good standing" is if you pay a good tithe, speaking from experience.

So, when the word "church" is used, it is applied in two different ways: either to the visible church, which is in great apostasy (thank God because that means we are almost home) or the true church that has no physical structure. A person can be part of both but only one counts.



Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth

The purpose of this section of the newsletter is “Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear” (1 Timothy 5:20). “If thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand” (Ezekiel 33:8). We want to have those Adventists that are unaware of these things being error and to avoid them. And “whosoever shall do and teach [them], the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:19)

“And when they succeed in bringing together a large number of people they must bear messages of a character so out of the usual order that the people will be aroused and warned. They must make use of every means that can possibly be devised for causing the truth to stand out clearly and distinctly. The testing message for this time is to be borne so plainly and decidedly as to startle the hearers and lead them to desire to study the Scriptures.” {9T 109.2}

February 14

Idaho State Journal

LDS organists volunteer at Pocatello Seventh-day Adventist Church

Article: The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Pocatello once again has beautiful music for its worship

services — thanks in part to members of another faith. Over the past year, seven volunteers from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have been taking turns playing the organ during the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s services. “It’s been wonderful. The organ would be silent without them,” said Seventh-day Adventist Pastor Marvin Humbert. Humbert also feels that it’s important for faiths to work together so they can learn from each other and build bridges rather than walls. “It is so imperative to recognize that God’s church is represented by all people and in this relationship, it is, and has been a beautiful experience for two different faiths working together,” he wrote. “God’s servants dedicated to serving our Lord, Jesus Christ.”

Comment: Although the LDS people think they are serving God and in ignorance such are accepted of God, “two different faiths” is too broad of a statement. This is ecumenical activity of which we cannot participate. God’s church is a single denominated people not “all people”. We are to influence “all people” with God’s truth, not work with them. Let the organ remain silent if not played by a member. Though it may not be fair that our organists will go and play for Sunday churches, God is not fair! He is just. It is just to rep-

resent the light of truth in darkness but not have darkness enter into the light. The notion that we use it as a tool to possibly convert the organist(s) is a lie of Satan. All conversion is to happen outside of the church because church is for the saints, not for unbelievers (Ephesians 4:11-12)!

Bible: “Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men” (Matthew 5:13).

February 4

Advent Messenger

Washington Adventist University’s Praise-Dance Team is on Fire!

Article: We are losing our sense of worship. In many churches and schools we are seeing new trends of praise and worship techniques that are no different than the alcohol and drug-fueled dance clubs or rock concerts. Lasers, pulsating light shows, shouting, jumping, dancing and loud, blaring, thumping music are all designed to entertain, excite and give you an emotional experience of ecstasy! This is the model that some are trying to imitate.

EGW: “The things you have described as taking place in Indiana, the Lord has shown me would take

place just before the close of probation. Every uncouth thing will be demonstrated. There will be shouting, with drums, music, and dancing. The senses of rational beings will become so confused that they cannot be trusted to make right decisions. And this is called the moving of the Holy Spirit.

“The Holy Spirit never reveals itself in such methods, in such a bedlam of noise. This is an invention of Satan to cover up his ingenious methods for making of none effect the pure, sincere, elevating, ennobling, sanctifying truth for this time. Better never have the worship of God blended with music than to use musical instruments to do the work which last January was represented to me would be brought into our camp meetings. The truth for this time needs nothing of this kind in its work of converting souls. A bedlam of noise shocks the senses and perverts that which if conducted aright might be a blessing. The powers of satanic agencies blend with the din and noise, to have a carnival, and this is termed the Holy Spirit's working.” {2SM 36.2,3}

January 7 – May 3

Andrews University

**https://
www.andrews.edu/
wellness/wellnessmenu/**

Website: Mondays: 11:30 a.m - 12:15 p.m.: Grow Group Tai Chi; Wednes-

days: 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.: Tai – Chi

EGW: “A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced.” {1SM 204.2}

Comment: There are websites that declare Tai Chi is a religion, others declare that it is not, and still others state that it transformed from religion. In either case, we have the health message, why turn to eastern cultures to be taught from Babylon?

February 7

Advent Messenger

The Panama Union Mission, the Inter-American Division and the General Conference Publicly Attack Stephen Bohr

Article: Back in December 2018 Pastor Stephen Bohr released a video announcing Pope Francis' trip to Panama on World Youth Day, January 24-27, 2019. [1] In the video Pastor Bohr explained that Panama was expecting over 1,000,000 visitors from all over the world. He also expressed that this would be a wonderful opportunity to reach thousands with the Three Angels' Messages. Pastor Stephen Bohr spoke about distributing special cards showing how the public could access a 2-hour presentation explaining the difference between Saturday and Sunday and how the papacy had changed the day of worship. The card would also provide information on how anyone

could obtain a free copy of the book the Great Controversy. These were going to be distributed en masse during Pope Francis' visit to Panama. After consulting with the “authorities” in the church, President Jose De Gracia, on behalf of the General Conference, the Inter-American Division and the Panama Union Mission, distanced the Seventh-day Adventist Church from this evangelistic project that was targeting Catholics at Pope Francis' World Youth Day event. On a national radio broadcast, President Jose De Gracia went on the record stating that the “official” Seventh-day Adventist Church has nothing to do with Stephen Bohr. This isn't the first time we see leadership bowing in fear of Rome. Remember, it was the top leadership of the Jewish nation who called for a meeting to discuss the dangers of offending Rome.

Comment: Stand for doing the right thing, true giving of the message, and get instantly attacked. Attack the Bible, promote worldliness, promote LGBTQ+, and not a word is spoken.

EGW: “It is a backsliding church that lessens the distance between itself and the Papacy.” {ST, February 19, 1894 par. 4}

February 2

Numerous churches, where Spencerville and Richland Seventh-day Adventist Churches are

just an example

Spencerville Bulletin:

Super Bowl LIII Party!
Super Bowl LIII Party. Sunday, February 3, 2019.
Youth Room. Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. Join us for live football action, new and improved menu, door prize, and fun with friends and fanatics! Limited Capacity! FREE to all who RSVP to
bradmartin214@gmail.com by Feb. 2, BUT \$8/person thereafter. Sponsored by Men's Ministry.

Richland Public Announcement:

Come join us for some fun and games watching Super Bowl 52, February 3, in the Community Hall. Game starts at 3:30pm. There will be a table football tournament at half time, a score pick game, Super Bowl Trivia, Super Bowl Bingo during the game. Bring food and/or your favorite football food, and drinks. If you want to help please let me know. It would be greatly appreciated. If anyone has any ideas of other games, and want to help with it, please let me know. CONTACT: Chris Fargo at chrisfargo@gmail.com.

Comment: This information appearing in the bulletin breaks the Sabbath commandment.

Bible: James 4:4 "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

EGW: "We are called to

be the Lord's special people in a much higher sense than many have realized. The world lies in wickedness, and God's people are to come out of the world, and be separate. They are to be free from worldly customs and worldly habits. They are not to accord with worldly sentiments, but are to stand out distinct, as the Lord's peculiar people, earnest in all their service. They are to have no fellowship with the works of darkness." {OFC 243.6}

January 29

World Council of Churches

5th Annual Symposium on the Role of Religion and Faith Based Organizations in International Affairs

Article: This event is organized by: The World Council of Churches, ACT Alliance, General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church, General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, Islamic Relief USA, United Religions Initiative.

Comment: Brothers and sisters, we are being sold out by the General Conference! The General

Conference is fully embraced in the ecumenical movement. They are bolder about it because people are asleep! To be successful in these efforts, truths have to be hidden, squashed, etc. No wonder *The Great Hope* was published, and apologies fly when the real *Great Controversy* is distributed.

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Weslaco TX SDA Church (see photo)

January/February

EGW: "Protestantism is incapable of union with Romanism, but must be as far separated from the principles of the Papacy as is the east from the west." {ST, February 19, 1894 par. 5}

Older:

Adventist Today

Book Review: In All Humility: Saying No to Last Generation Theology



Article: It seems that those with a bent in favor of Last Generation Theology tend to prefer the writings of Ellen White over the Bible. By picking and choosing one's favorite quotations (context of the quotations isn't that important), one can gather a collection large enough to feel certain about anything. If you're a believer in Last Generation Theology, you are likely to be offended by this book. For those uncertain, it could provide a lifeline to keep God as God rather than trying to take his place.

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Comment: I really wish that those that do not want to be true Seventh-day Adventists would either convert or leave. This trying to change our theology is simply a horrible attack that involves

sweeping away lambs of the faith, and there just does not seem to be enough adult sheep to protect all of the lambs.

October 15, 2009

Gazette, Maryland Community News Online

Women's groups: Holy Cross falls short with health services

Article: Adventist HealthCare is owned by the Seventh Day Adventist Church, which has no religious policies governing health care. Adventist hospitals perform abortions and provide a full range of reproductive care, Parris said.

Comment: The ultimate of apostasy – condoning murder! And what do they mean we do not have policies on governing health care? That would mean they deny the health message.

Bible: "And they built the high places of Baal, which [are] in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through [the fire] unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin." (Jeremiah 32:35)

EGW: "Christ is the true head of the medical profession. The chief Physician, He is at the side of every God-fearing practitioner who works to relieve human suffering.

While the physician uses nature's remedies for physical disease, he should point his patients to Him who can relieve the maladies of both the soul and the body. That which physicians can only aid in doing, Christ accomplishes. They endeavor to assist nature's work of healing; Christ Himself is the healer. The physician seeks to preserve life; Christ imparts life." {MH 111.2}

Comment: That means the administrators and physicians who continue to work there are not true physicians as they do not seek to preserve life.

April 7, 2012

Trans-European Division News Network

Green Sabbath Produces Eco-Christians

Article: As part of an initiative to get church members more focused on caring for our environment, Sabbath, 31 March, was dubbed 'Green Sabbath' across the British Isles. Many churches that were enthusiastic about getting involved embraced the 'GREEN' – even if it wasn't their colour!

Comment: The Sabbath is not the Sabbath of the planet. Even though we ought to be ecologically aware, we ought not be appearing to be going along with the papal agenda. We ought to keep far away from such special activities.

Bible: "The seventh day

[is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God." (Exodus 20:10)

EGW: "It is a backsliding church that lessens the distance between itself and the Papacy." {ST, February 19, 1894 par. 4}

EGW: "It is souls like Luther, Cranmer, Ridley, Hooper, and the thousands of noble men who were martyrs for the truth's sake, who are the

true Protestants. They stood as faithful sentinels of truth, declaring that Protestantism is incapable of union with Romanism, but must be as far separated from the principles of the Papacy as is the east from the west. Such advocates of truth could no more harmonize with "the man of sin" than could Christ and his apostles. In earlier ages the righteous felt that it

was impossible to affiliate with Rome, and, though their antagonism to this system of error was maintained at risk of property and life, yet they had courage to maintain their separation, and manfully struggled for the truth." {ST, February 19, 1894 par. 5}



News And Comments

February 6

Daily Wire

Pope Francis Returns From Abu Dhabi, Says Islam And Christianity Will Promote 'Common Values'

By this cooperation this is continued evidence that "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)

February 1

Chicago Tribune

The wall Trump should be building (but would rather tear down) is the one between church and state

As the secular world declares, basically church and state (the image of the beast) is well under way of being erected. "In the movements now in

progress in the United States to secure for the institutions and usages of the church the support of the state, Protestants are following in the steps of papists. Nay, more, they are opening the door for the papacy to regain in Protestant America the supremacy which she has lost in the Old World. And that which gives greater significance to this movement is the fact that the principal object contemplated is the enforcement of Sunday observance--a custom which originated with Rome, and which she claims as the sign of her authority. It is the spirit of the papacy--the spirit of conformity to worldly customs, the veneration for human traditions above the commandments of God--that is permeating the Protestant churches and leading them on to do the same work of Sunday exaltation which the papacy has done before

them." {GC 573.1}

February 4

The Guardian

Pope and grand imam sign historic pledge of fraternity in UAE

Article: The pope and the grand imam of al-Azhar have signed a historic declaration of fraternity, calling for peace between nations, religions and races, in front of a global audience of religious leaders from Christianity, Islam, Judaism and other faiths.

Comment: Daniel 8:25 says, "And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify [himself] in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many."

February 4

Catholic Philly

Pope to politicians: De-

fend the unborn as cornerstones of common good

And the dictation of what and what is not part of the common good agenda appears to include, rightfully, the protection of the unborn, but it is a well known Catholic doctrine. And so, dictating one doctrine leads to another to eventually enforcing the Mark of the Beast. "While the Protestant world is being led by the wily sophistry of Catholic doctrines, while the mystery of iniquity is gathering to itself the world of professed Christians, what are we about? Are those who know the truth for this time anchored in Bible doctrine? Are our weapons, 'Thus sayeth the Lord: 'It is written?' Is our anchor cast within the vail? Are we individually rooted and grounded in gospel truth, so that we may be established, strengthened, and settled in the faith? Are we, as those who have the knowledge of the mysteries of God, those to whom God has committed the living oracles, loyal and true to our stewardship? Those who are truly converted will reveal, as missionaries for God, what the truth means to them in its transforming efficiency and sanctifying power. If we are weighted with the treasures of eternal truth, we shall proclaim to a world perishing in sin what it signifies to have the sanctifying, redeem-

ing love of Christ in the soul. . ." {GH, January 1, 1900 par. 3}

February 4

95.7 The Jet

Man Is Suing His Parents For Giving Birth To Him Without Consent

2 Timothy 3:1-5 says, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." This is definitely the highest point of being disobedient to parents.

February 4

CNN

Pope Francis makes first papal visit to Arab Gulf state

In a video address from the Vatican on Thursday, Francis said the trip marks "a new page in the history of relations between religions, confirming that we are brothers and sisters, even though we are different." The Bible says, "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)

February 8

Rome Reports

Gallup rates Pope Francis as the world's best leader

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

February 4

Vatican News

Pope in UAE: Address to Fraternity Conference - full text

"I have welcomed the opportunity to come here as a believer thirsting for peace, as a brother seeking peace with the brethren. We are here to desire peace, to promote peace, to be instruments of peace." "Today, we too in the name of God, in order to safeguard peace, need to enter together as one family into an ark which can sail the stormy seas of the world: the ark of fraternity." But the Bible says, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" (1 Thessalonians 5:3) and "by peace shall destroy many". (Daniel 8:25)

February 8

National Catholic Reporter

U.S. Catholic officials welcome Catholic-Muslim document signed by pope

"We, who believe in God and in the final meeting with him and his judgment, on the basis of our religious and moral responsibility, and through this document, call upon ourselves, upon the leaders of the world as well as the architects of international policy and world economy, to work strenuously to spread the culture of tolerance and of living together in peace," the document said. The Bible says that this is part of the arrogance of "the woman" by saying, "And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth." (Revelation 17:18)

February 1

The National

Religious leaders to convene in Abu Dhabi for interfaith conference

"The first session, titled Principles of Human Fraternity, will examine the best ways to promote a culture of peace in areas of violence and ideological and ethnic extremism. This will be achieved by looking at ways to confront religious extremism." And from earlier statements of the pope, anyone who keeps the

Ten Commandments strictly are extremists.

"There are many in the church who at heart belong to the world, but God calls upon those who claim to believe the advanced truth, to rise above the present attitude of the popular churches of today. Where is the self-denial, where is the cross-bearing that Christ has said should characterize his followers? The reason we have had so little influence upon unbelieving relatives and associates is that we have manifested little decided difference in our practices from those of the world. Parents need to awake, and purify their souls by practicing the truth in their home life. When we reach the standard that the Lord would have us reach, worldlings will regard Seventh-day Adventists as odd, singular, straight-laced extremists. 'We are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.'" {RH, January 9, 1894 par. 10}

February 15

Forbes

6 Compelling Reasons Climate Change Might Be A National Emergency

And once that is accepted as a national emergency, congress is bypassed, so that means a Republican filibuster will not block it. Pelosi can simply bug and bug and

bug until Trump throws her something to shut her up seeing Sunday would also appease his religious base. And if not Trump, who knows who will win in 2020 or 2024. In either case, it again is an example of the people crying for Sunday rest in one form or another. "To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law. . . . On this battlefield comes the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error."-- Testimonies, vol. 5, pp. 450, 451

February 8

Charisma News

Pope Francis, Leading Imam Sign Covenant Pushing Us Toward One-World Religion

"And upon her forehead [was] a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." (Revelation 17:5)

February 14

Crux Now

Pope meets head of Microsoft to discuss ethics in technology, AI

The article states, "The president of Microsoft, Brad Smith, told Pope Francis that a 'human voice' was needed to speak up in the world of technology today. 'A human voice like that of the Church' with its values

and authority, he said, telling the pope, 'We appreciate your voice. We really feel this is a critical moment in time.'" The Bible says, " For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies." (Revelation 18:3)

February 15

BBC

Climate strike: School-children protest over climate change

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February 13

Charisma News

After Signing One-World Religion Covenant, Pope Francis Makes His Next Push

The next push is "sustainable development", which is code word for full implementation of his encyclical. Sunday is coming. "The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in

the movement do not themselves see whither the undercurrent is tending. Its professions are mild and apparently Christian, but when it shall speak it will reveal the spirit of the dragon." {5T 452.1}

February 15

Huff Post

Democrats Look To Declare National Emergency Over Climate Change, Not A 'Fake Crisis'

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February 15

The Star

Green New Deal movement is a counter-reaction to decades of middle-class decline

In the article, it states that it is "grassroots", which means, the people are demanding it. Further, the article states, "The GND's overarching mission is rooted in the humanistic theology that Pope Francis drew upon in his milestone 2015 Encyclical on Climate Change and Inequality, a precursor to the GND manifesto in linking global warming with poverty." So, the Green New Deal is actually a push to

demand the politicians implement the pope's solution. "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)

February 5

NPR

Congressional Democrats Say Climate Change Is A Priority As They Control The House

The priority means that they will use it to compromise with Trump and Trump said he is willing to work with House Democrats. "The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the undercurrent is tending. Its professions are mild and apparently Christian, but when it shall speak it will reveal the spirit of the dragon." {5T 452.1}

February 6

Charisma News

Major Charismatic Leaders Prophecy Billy Graham's Mantle Is About to Be Poured Out

"The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon his children. At that time many will separate

themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and his Word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time, to prepare a people for the Lord's second coming. The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it, by introducing a counterfeit. In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power, he will make it appear that God's special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world." {GC88 464.1}

February 4

Charisma News

Dutch Sheets: A Great Shift Is Upon Us That Will Continue Through 2019

The Millerite movement was born out of the second great awakening and now they are calling this potential movement the third great awakening. The counterfeit is coming! "Notwithstanding the widespread declen-

sion of faith and piety, there are true followers of Christ in these churches. Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and His word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time to prepare a people for the Lord's second coming. The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it by introducing a counterfeit. In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power he will make it appear that God's special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world." {GC 464.1}



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sin." (Hebrews 12:40). And this is concerning. Do we think that we will be able to sense that moment where we can say, "Today is it! Today is the day we stop sinning!"? I do not know how you operate, but when it comes to breaking habits, it usually is not something accomplished in a moment. It usually takes practice. And will there be enough time for that regular practice to completely stop sinning, even in thought?

Besides, we are mortal. We are subject to die at any moment. We truly do not know how long we have. Just because we may be in perfect health, does not mean a car accident cannot take our life, or standing in the wrong spot at the wrong time will always go without incident.

This may all sound similar to other messages, but this is a real concern. It is my duty not only to help people be aware of present truth, but to be ready to meet Jesus. Prophecy may be an event, but if we are not ready, it will be a sad event.

So, are you ready? Are you able to say, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at

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hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished [my] course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8)?

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