



The Four Angels' Messages

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The reason why many are in a state of unrest is that they are not learning in the school of the Master. The submissive, self-sacrificing child of God understands by experience what it is to have the peace of Christ. True followers of Christ know that they must take his yoke, share his trials, carry his burdens. But they do not feel like complaining; for the meekness and lowliness of Christ makes the yoke easy and the burden light.

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**A Publication By Seventh-day Adventists
For Seventh-day Adventists**

Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

Jerry O'Donnell

I have two quotes that I would like to share with you first:

“The nearer we come to Jesus and the more clearly we discern the purity of His character, the more clearly we shall discern the exceeding sinfulness of sin and the less we shall feel like exalting ourselves. Those whom heaven recognizes as holy ones are the last to parade their own goodness. The apostle Peter became a faithful minister of Christ, and he was greatly honored with divine light and power; he had an active part in the upbuilding of Christ's church; but Peter never forgot the fearful experience of his humiliation; his sin was forgiven; yet well he knew that for the weakness of character which had caused his fall only the grace of Christ could avail. He found in himself nothing in which to glory.” {COL 160.1}

“The divine picture of Christ must be kept before the people. He is that Angel standing in the sun of heaven. He reflects no shadows. Clothed in the attributes of Deity, shrouded in the glories of Deity, and in the likeness of the infinite God, He is to be lifted up before men. When this is kept before the people, creature merit sinks into insignificance.

The more the eye looks upon Him, the more His life, His lessons, His perfection of character are studied, the more sinful and abhorrent will sin appear. By beholding, man can but admire and become more attracted to Him, more charmed, and more desirous to be like Jesus until he assimilates to His image and has the mind of Christ. Like Enoch he walks with God. His mind is full of thoughts of Jesus. He is his best Friend.” {8MR 182.3}

And then we add,

“Jacob's experience during that night of wrestling and anguish represents the trial through which the people of God must pass just before Christ's second coming. The prophet Jeremiah, in holy vision looking down to this time, said, ‘We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. . . . All faces are turned into paleness. Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.’ Jeremiah 30:5-7. {PP 201.1}

With that in mind, I must ask, how can anyone boast of being ready for Jesus? What I mean to say is that with the church, in general terms, in such a fallen state

waiting for it to not completely fall but become purely represented by the true remnant, so many carelessly enter into the future not sensing how sinful sin really is. I do not know what is going on in your mind, but in my mind, I am sensing more and more of my own sinfulness as if I never knew what sin really was. In other words, sometimes I feel like I am going through pre-Jacob's Trouble. And when I hear other preachers touch the subject, I know I am not alone while so many others try to console such people as ourselves by saying, “You just have to have faith in Jesus and not worry about it” as they live careless lives. That is a sad case not to realize one's own sinfulness.

For example, using a hypothetical situation, a person may have confessed that they handled a situation in a store in a sinful way by throwing a fit over a misunderstanding. Sure, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9), but then, does anyone go deeper? It was not the sin of anger alone that was considered sin.

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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.

About The Four Angels' Messages Ministry

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The Four Angels' Messages (topic 16)

Jerry O'Donnell

He Cried Mightily with a Strong Voice

What Does He Say?

Revelation 18:2-3 says, *"And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, 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. 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."*

These words sound a lot like Revelation 14:8, which says, *"And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."*

Why Does He Cry Mightily with a Strong Voice?

"The last great conflict is before us; but help is to come to all who love God and obey his law, and the earth, the whole earth, is to be lighted with the glory of God. 'Another angel' is to come down from heaven. This angel represents the giving of the loud cry, which is to come from those who are

preparing to cry mightily, with a strong voice, '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'" {RH, April 19, 1906 par. 22}. The answer is that the angel represents the "Loud Cry".

Though it is not literally us yelling at the top of our lungs, we are in competition to be heard through excitement. "I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists and the fallen churches, and before the plagues shall be poured out, ministers and people will be called out from these churches and will gladly receive the truth. Satan knows this; and before the loud cry of the third angel is given, he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them. He hopes to deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, and all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant" {EW 261.1}.

Why Babylon the Great Instead of Great City?

"In the thirteenth century was established that most terrible of all the engines of the papacy,—the Inquisition. The prince of darkness wrought with the leaders of the papal hierarchy. In their secret councils, Satan and his angels controlled the minds of evil men, while unseen in the midst stood an angel of God, taking the fearful record of their iniquitous decrees, and writing the history of deeds too horrible to appear to human eyes. 'Babylon the great' was 'drunken with the blood of the saints.' The mangled forms of millions of martyrs cried to God for vengeance upon that apostate power" {GC88 59.3}.

"The woman, Babylon, of Revelation 17, is described as 'arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness. . . . And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots.' Says the prophet, 'I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.' [Rev-elation

17:4-6.] Babylon is further declared to be 'that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.' [Revelation 17:18.] The power that for so many centuries maintained despotic sway over the monarchs of Christendom, is Rome. The purple and scarlet color, the gold and precious stones and pearls, vividly picture the magnificence and more than kingly pomp affected by the haughty see of Rome. And no other power could be so truly declared 'drunken with the blood of the saints' as that church which has so cruelly persecuted the followers of Christ. Babylon is also charged with the sin of unlawful connection with 'the kings of the earth.' It was by departure from the Lord, and alliance with the heathen, that the Jewish church became a harlot; and Rome, corrupting herself in like manner by seeking the support of worldly powers, receives a like condemnation" {GC88 382.2}.

Although the terms appear to point to one and the same location, there is a slight usage purpose. It appears that the papacy is inclined to wearing the title "Babylon the Great" while the city she rules from is referred to as "that great city".

Why Fallen Twice?

"When the churches spurned the counsel of God by rejecting the Ad-

vent message, the Lord rejected them. The first angel was followed by a second, proclaiming, 'Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.' [Revelation 14:8] This message was understood by Adventists to be an announcement of the moral fall of the churches in consequence of their rejection of the first message. The proclamation, 'Babylon is fallen,' was given in the summer of 1844, and as the result, about fifty thousand withdrew from these churches" {4SP 232.1}.

"John writes: 'I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.' Revelation 14:6-8. How is this done? By forcing men to accept a spurious sabbath. In the thirty-first chapter of Exodus we are plainly told which day is the Sabbath of the Lord. The keeping of the Sabbath is declared to be a

sign of the loyalty of God's people" {8T 94.2}.

The first fall is the rejection of the 1844 message. The second fall is the enactment of the spurious Sabbath known as Sunday worship. That is what places this fourth angel's message, the power-packed three angels' messages, still in the future because it is under Sunday law that the Three Angels' Messages will be given with power and vigor from a purified and cleansed church and this fourth angel joins the three angels with the same Three Angels' Messages.

As a side note, this is why it is not time to abandon the church for a purer church. It is an act of King Saul to take the reigns in human hands and not wait until God shows up, like Samuel did, and do the cleansing. In fact, by the preaching of the straight testimony right now, over 95% of the members in the church, especially of the leadership, through their rejection of the messages and even standing up against the messages are being prepared to "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" {1SM 315.3}. In fact, that is what ministers from our pulpits are teaching and also through the literature distributed containing falsehoods here and there in the quarterlies.

So, I ask, are you like King Saul and have gone over to the Reformed SDA Church, Free Seventh-day Adventists, Branch Davidians, and whatever other organization claiming to be the purer Seventh-day Adventist church? Or are you waiting despite the approach and pressure of the enemies for God to take the reins?

How Is It a Habitation of Devils?

“The influence of these messages has been deepening and widening, setting in motion the springs of action in thousands of hearts, bringing into existence institutions of learning, publishing houses, and health institutions; all these are the instrumentalities of God to co-operate in the grand work represented by the first, second, third angels flying in the midst of heaven to warn the inhabitants of the world

that Christ is coming again with power and great glory. The prophet says, ‘I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power: and the earth was lightened with glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils.’ This is the same messages that was given by the second angel. Babylon is fallen, ‘because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.’ What is that wine? --Her false doctrines. She has given to the world a false Sabbath instead of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and has repeated the falsehood that Satan first told to Eve in Eden,-- the natural immortality of the soul. Many kindred errors she has spread far and wide, ‘teaching for doctrines the commandments of men’” {RH, December 6, 1892 par. 15}.

Not only does the papacy promote all kinds of false doctrines but we see here that she accepts all kinds of other false doctrines putting a spin on words and even in actions. We see the representative of the papacy worshipping with all kinds of non-Christian religions. We hear him defending and promoting all kinds of beliefs of other religions. We even see her signing documents with other denominations and religions appearing to accept whatever belief they have, yet, it is in the carefully chosen words where their true belief lies and not changing.

How Is It a Hold of Every Foul Spirit?

“The Lord does not lay upon His people the work of laboring for a class that cannot be benefited themselves or benefit others by their professed belief of the truth. Today the nominal churches are full of every foul spirit, the cage of every unclean and hateful bird. The work is becoming confusing because the converted and the unconverted have united in them. If there are men who will take up the work of laboring for the most degraded, men upon whom God has laid the burden to labor for the masses in a variety of ways, let these converted ones go forth and gather from the world the means required to do this work. Let them not depend on

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the means which God intends shall sustain the work of the gospel” {20MR 252.3}.

Although very similar to being a habitation of devils, we see the addition of confusion to the greatest extent of influencing the world included here. But spiritualism, as we shall see in the next question, is inclusive of “every foul spirit”.

How Is It a Cage of Every Unclean and Hateful Bird?

“‘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, saying, 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.’ ‘And I heard another voice from Heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues” [Revelation 18:1, 2, 4.] {GC88 603.1}.

“This scripture points forward to a time when the announcement of the fall of Babylon, as made by the second angel [Revelation 14:8] of Revelation 14, is to be repeated, with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the various organizations that constitute Babylon, since that message was first given,

in the summer of 1844. A terrible condition of the religious world is here described. With every rejection of truth, the minds of the people will become darker, their hearts more stubborn, until they are entrenched in an infidel hardihood. In defiance of the warnings which God has given, they will continue to trample upon one of the precepts of the decalogue, until they are led to persecute those who hold it sacred. Christ is set at naught in the contempt placed upon his Word and his people. As the teachings of Spiritualism are accepted by the churches, the restraint imposed upon the carnal heart is removed, and the profession of religion will become a cloak to conceal the basest iniquity. A belief in spiritual manifestations opens the door to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils, and thus the influence of evil angels will be felt in the churches” {GC88 603.2}.

The “unclean” reference is pure paganism. The “hateful” is what Babylon the Great is exciting in the people, and we see it building. First, it was directed at real terrorist groups, and now people are being primed to hate those that keep the Ten Commandments literally and are fundamental in their biblical understanding. That is an attack against true Seventh-day Adventists, and yet, the organized church continues to cater to her, which can only mean that, as

prophesied, our own church is being primed against the members that are true Seventh-day Adventists.

How Have All Nations Drunk of the Wine of the Wrath of Her Fornication?

“The great sin charged against Babylon is that she ‘made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.’ This cup of intoxication which she presents to the world represents the false doctrines that she has accepted as the result of her unlawful connection with the great ones of the earth. Friendship with the world corrupts her faith, and in her turn she exerts a corrupting influence upon the world by teaching doctrines which are opposed to the plainest statements of Holy Writ” {GC 388.2}.

More directly, we know all nations are getting on board for they are chanting the same words that the papacy has taught for a long time. The phrases “common good”, “sustainable goals”, “the greater good”, etc. are all words taught by the papacy to the nations, even into different religions, even in our own denomination. Ted Wilson, Gannone Diop, and many others use these phrases quite often in their messages and have been reported more than once in our articles. These are marching words from the papacy.

How Have the Kings of the Earth Committed Fornication?

In actuality, the answer is found in the prior question where this one refers to leaders of nations, even the UN which often uses those catch phrases, while the “all nations” is referring more to the people of those nations.

How Have the Merchants Become Rich?

Like Mark Zuckerberg, a merchant for the website Facebook, and many other commercial leaders having visited the Vatican, if they implement the tools, the mechanisms, the “whatever” the Vatican would like, they get to build their company up. Those that do not promote the pope’s message will find it a struggle to exist. No wonder Ellen White penned:

“The work of the people of God is to prepare for the events of the future, which will soon come upon them with blinding force. In the world gigantic monopolies will be formed. Men will bind themselves together in unions that will wrap them in the folds of the enemy. A few men will combine to grasp all the means to be obtained in certain lines of business. Trades unions will be formed, and those who refuse to join these unions will be marked men”--Letter 26, 1903 {2SM 142.2}.

Conclusion

Are you educated in the meaning of the beginning of this, the fourth angel’s message? Are you able to stand without approval of proper channels to warn the people both in and out of the “church”? Are you seeking ways to de-

liver the message and be a vessel for the saving of souls counting everything else as unimportant?

“It is time that church members understood that everywhere there is a work to be done in the Lord’s vineyard. No one is to wait for a regular process before they make any efforts. They should take up the work right where they are. There should be many at work in what are called ‘irregular lines.’ If one hundred laborers would step out of the ‘regular lines,’ and take up self-sacrificing work, such as Brother Shireman has done, souls would be won to the Lord. And the workers would understand by experience what it means to be laborers together with God” {SpM 195.5}.



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The Lord's Vineyard

Ellen White

The Church of Today

The parable of the vineyard applies not alone to the Jewish nation. It has a lesson for us. The church in this generation has been endowed by God with great privileges and blessings, and He expects corresponding returns.

We have been redeemed by a costly ransom. Only by the greatness of this ransom can we conceive of its results. On this earth, the earth whose soil has been moistened by the tears and blood of the Son of God, are to be brought forth the precious fruits of Paradise. In the lives of God's people the truths of His word are to reveal their glory and excellence. Through His people Christ is to manifest His character and the principles of His kingdom.

Satan seeks to counterwork the work of God, and he is constantly urging men to accept his principles. He represents the chosen people of God as a deluded people. He is an accuser of the brethren, and his accusing power is employed against those who work righteousness. The Lord desires through His people to answer Satan's charges

by showing the results of obedience to right principles.

These principles are to be manifest in the individual Christian, in the family, in the church, and in every institution established for God's service. All are to be symbols of what can be done for the world. They are to be types of the saving power of the truths of the gospel. All are agencies in the fulfillment of God's great purpose for the human race.

The Jewish leaders looked with pride upon their magnificent temple, and the imposing rites of their religious service; but justice, mercy, and the love of God were lacking. The glory of the temple, the splendor of their service, could not recommend them to God; for that which alone is of value in His sight they did not offer. They did not bring Him the sacrifice of a humble and contrite spirit. It is when the vital principles of the kingdom of God are lost that ceremonies become multitudinous and extravagant. It is when the character building is neglected, when the adornment of the soul is lacking, when the simplicity of godliness is lost sight of, that pride and

love of display demand magnificent church edifices, splendid adornings, and imposing ceremonies. In all this God is not honored. A fashionable religion that consists of ceremonies, pretense, and display, is not acceptable to Him. Its services call forth no response from the heavenly messengers.

The church is very precious in God's sight. He values it, not for its external advantages, but for the sincere piety which distinguishes it from the world. He estimates it according to the growth of the members in the knowledge of Christ, according to their progress in spiritual experience.

Christ hungers to receive from His vineyard the fruit of holiness and unselfishness. He looks for the principles of love and goodness. Not all the beauty of art can bear comparison with the beauty of temper and character to be revealed in those who are Christ's representatives. It is the atmosphere of grace which surrounds the soul of the believer, the Holy Spirit working upon mind and heart, that makes him a savor of life unto life, and enables God to bless his work.

A congregation may be the poorest in the land. It may be without the attraction of any outward show; but if the members possess the principles of the character of Christ, they will have His joy in their souls. Angels will unite with them in their worship. The praise and thanksgiving from grateful hearts will ascend to God as a sweet oblation.

The Lord desires us to make mention of His goodness and tell of His power. He is honored by the expression of praise and thanksgiving. He says, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me." Psalm 50:23. The people of Israel, as they journeyed through the wilderness, praised God in sacred song. The commandments and promises of the Lord were set to music, and all along the journey these were sung by the pilgrim travelers. And in Canaan as they met at their sacred feasts God's wonderful works were to be recounted, and grateful thanksgiving was to be offered to His name. God desired that the whole life of His people should be a life of praise. Thus His way was to be made "known upon earth," His "saving health among all nations." Psalm 67:2.

So it should be now. The people of the world are worshipping false gods. They are to be

turned from their false worship, not by hearing denunciation of their idols, but by beholding something better. God's goodness is to be made known. "Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God." Isaiah 43:12.

The Lord desires us to appreciate the great plan of redemption, to realize our high privilege as the children of God, and to walk before Him in obedience, with grateful thanksgiving. He desires us to serve Him in newness of life, with gladness every day. He longs to see gratitude welling up in our hearts because our names are written in the Lamb's book of life, because we may cast all our care upon Him who cares for us. He bids us rejoice because we are the heritage of the Lord, because the righteousness of Christ is the white robe of His saints, because we have the blessed hope of the soon coming of our Saviour.

To praise God in fullness and sincerity of heart is as much a duty as is prayer. We are to show to the world and to all the heavenly intelligences that we appreciate the wonderful love of God for fallen humanity and that we are expecting larger and yet larger blessings from His infinite fullness. Far more than we do, we

need to speak of the precious chapters in our experience. After a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, our joy in the Lord and our efficiency in His service would be greatly increased by recounting His goodness and His wonderful works in behalf of His children.

These exercises drive back the power of Satan. They expel the spirit of murmuring and complaint, and the tempter loses ground. They cultivate those attributes of character which will fit the dwellers on earth for the heavenly mansions.

Such a testimony will have an influence upon others. No more effective means can be employed for winning souls to Christ.

We are to praise God by tangible service, by doing all in our power to advance the glory of His name. God imparts His gifts to us that we also may give, and thus make known His character to the world. Under the Jewish economy, gifts and offerings formed an essential part of God's worship. The Israelites were taught to devote a tithe of all their income to the service of the sanctuary. Besides this they were to bring sin offerings, free-will gifts, and offerings of gratitude. These were the means for sup-

porting the ministry of the gospel for that time. God expects no less from us than He expected from His people anciently. The great work for the salvation of souls must be carried forward. In the tithe, with gifts and offerings, He has made provision for this work. Thus He intends that the ministry of the gospel shall be sustained. He claims the tithe as His own, and it should ever be regarded as a sacred reserve, to be placed in His treasury for the benefit of His cause. He asks also for our free-will gifts and offerings of gratitude. All are to be devoted to the sending of the gospel unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Service to God includes personal ministry. By personal effort we are to co-operate with Him for the saving of the world. Christ's commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," is spoken to every one of His followers. (Mark 16:15.) All who are ordained unto the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow men. Their hearts will throb in unison with the heart of Christ. The same longing for souls that He has felt will be manifest in them. Not all can fill the same place in the work, but

there is a place and a work for all.

In ancient times, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses with his meekness and wisdom, and Joshua with his varied capabilities, were all enlisted in God's service. The music of Miriam, the courage and piety of Deborah, the filial affection of Ruth, the obedience and faithfulness of Samuel, the stern fidelity of Elijah, the softening, subduing influence of Elisha--all were needed. So now all upon whom God's blessing has been bestowed are to respond by actual service; every gift is to be employed for the advancement of His kingdom and the glory of His name.

All who receive Christ as a personal Saviour are to demonstrate the truth of the gospel and its saving power upon the life. God makes no requirement without making provision for its fulfillment. Through the grace of Christ we may accomplish everything that God requires. All the riches of heaven are to be revealed through God's people. "Herein is My Father glorified," Christ says, "that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples." John 15:8.

God claims the whole earth as His vineyard. Though now in the hands of the usurper, it

belongs to God. By redemption no less than by creation it is His. For the world Christ's sacrifice was made. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son." John 3:16. It is through that one gift that every other is imparted to men. Daily the whole world receives blessing from God. Every drop of rain, every ray of light shed on our unthankful race, every leaf and flower and fruit, testifies to God's long forbearance and His great love.

And what returns are made to the great Giver? How are men treating the claims of God? To whom are the masses of mankind giving the service of their lives? They are serving mammon. Wealth, position, pleasure in the world, is their aim. Wealth is gained by robbery, not of man only, but of God. Men are using His gifts to gratify their selfishness. Everything they can grasp is made to minister to their greed and their love of selfish pleasure.

The sin of the world today is the sin that brought destruction upon Israel. Ingratitude to God, the neglect of opportunities and blessings, the selfish appropriation of God's gifts--these were comprised in the sin that brought wrath upon Israel. They

are bringing ruin upon the world today.

The tears which Christ shed upon Olivet as He stood overlooking the chosen city were not for Jerusalem alone. In the fate of Jerusalem He beheld the destruction of the world.

"If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes." Luke 19:42.

"In this thy day." The day is nearing its close. The period of mercy and privilege is well-nigh ended. The clouds of vengeance are gathering. The rejectors of God's grace are about to be involved in swift and irretrievable ruin.

Yet the world is asleep. The people know not the time of their visitation.

In this crisis, where is the church to be found? Are its members meeting the claims of God? Are they fulfilling His commission, and representing His character to the world? Are they urging upon the attention of their fellow men the last merciful message of warning?

Men are in peril. Multitudes are perishing. But how few of the professed followers of Christ are burdened for these souls. The destiny

of a world hangs in the balance; but this hardly moves even those who claim to believe the most far-reaching truth ever given to mortals. There is a lack of that love which led Christ to leave His heavenly home and take man's nature that humanity might touch humanity and draw humanity to divinity. There is a stupor, a paralysis, upon the people of God, which prevents them from understanding the duty of the hour.

When the Israelites entered Canaan, they did not fulfill God's purpose by taking possession of the whole land. After making a partial conquest, they settled down to enjoy the fruit of their victories. In their unbelief and love of ease, they congregated in the portions already conquered instead of pushing forward to occupy new territory. Thus they began to depart from God. By their failure to carry out His purpose, they made it impossible for Him to fulfill to them His promise of blessing. Is not the church of today doing the same thing? With the whole world before them in need of the gospel, professed Christians congregate where they themselves can enjoy gospel privileges. They do not feel the necessity of occupy-

ing new territory, carrying the message of salvation into regions beyond. They refuse to fulfill Christ's commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. Are they less guilty than was the Jewish church?

The professed followers of Christ are on trial before the heavenly universe; but the coldness of their zeal and the feebleness of their efforts in God's service mark them as unfaithful. If what they are doing were the best they could do, condemnation would not rest upon them; but were their hearts enlisted in the work, they could do much more. They know and the world knows that they have to a great degree lost the spirit of self-denial and cross bearing. Many there are against whose names will be found written in the books of heaven, Not producers, but consumers. By many who bear Christ's name, His glory is obscured, His beauty veiled, His honor withheld.

There are many whose names are on the church books, but who are not under Christ's rule. They are not heeding His instruction or doing His work. Therefore they are under the control of the enemy. They are doing no posi-

tive good; therefore they are doing incalculable harm. Because their influence is not a savor of life unto life, it is a savor of death unto death.

The Lord says, "Shall I not visit for these things?" Jeremiah 5:9. Because they failed of fulfilling God's purpose, the children of Israel were set aside, and God's call was extended to other peoples. If these too prove unfaithful, will they not in like manner be rejected?

In the parable of the vineyard it was the husbandmen whom Christ pronounced guilty. It was they who had refused to return to their lord the fruit of his ground. In the Jewish nation it was the priests and teachers who, by misleading the people, had robbed God of the service which He claimed. It was they who turned the nation away from Christ.

The law of God un-mixed with human tradition was presented by Christ as the great standard of obedience. This aroused the enmity of the rabbis. They had set human teaching above God's word, and had turned the people away from His precepts. They would not give up their man-made commandments in order to obey the requirements of the word of God.

They would not, for the truth's sake, sacrifice the pride of reason and the praise of men. When Christ came, presenting to the nation the claims of God, the priests and elders denied His right to interpose between them and the people. They would not accept His rebukes and warnings, and they set themselves to turn the people against Him and to compass His destruction.

For the rejection of Christ, with the results that followed, they were responsible. A nation's sin and a nation's ruin were due to the religious leaders.

In our day are not the same influences at work? Of the husbandmen of the Lord's vineyard are not many following in the steps of the Jewish leaders? Are not religious teachers turning men away from the plain requirements of the word of God? Instead of educating them in obedience to God's law, are they not educating them in transgression? From many of the pulpits of the churches the people are taught that the law of God is not binding upon them. Human traditions, ordinances, and customs are exalted. Pride and self-satisfaction because of the gifts of God are fostered, while the

claims of God are ignored.

In setting aside the law of God, men know not what they are doing. God's law is the transcript of His character. It embodies the principles of His kingdom. He who refuses to accept these principles is placing himself outside the channel where God's blessings flow.

The glorious possibilities set before Israel could be realized only through obedience to God's commandments. The same elevation of character, the same fullness of blessing--blessing on mind and soul and body, blessing on house and field, blessing for this life and for the life to come--is possible for us only through obedience.

In the spiritual as in the natural world, obedience to the laws of God is the condition of fruit bearing. And when men teach the people to disregard God's commandments, they are preventing them from bearing fruit to His glory. They are guilty of withholding from the Lord the fruits of His vineyard.

To us God's messengers come at the bidding of the Master. They come demanding, as did Christ, obedience to the word of God. They present His claim to the

fruits of the vineyard, the fruits of love, and humility, and self-sacrificing service. Like the Jewish leaders, are not many of the husbandmen of the vineyard stirred to anger? When the claim of God's law is set before the people, do not these teachers use their influ-

ence in leading men to reject it? Such teachers God calls unfaithful servants.

The words of God to ancient Israel have a solemn warning to the church and its leaders today. Of Israel the Lord said, "I have written to him the great things of My law; but they were

counted as a strange thing." Hosea 8:12. And to the priests and teachers He declared, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee; . . . seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." Hosea 4:6.

Shall the warnings from God be passed by unheeded? Shall the opportunities for service be unimproved? Shall the world's scorn, the pride of reason, conformity to human customs and traditions, hold the professed followers of Christ from service to Him? Will they reject God's word as the Jewish leaders rejected Christ? The result of Israel's sin is before us. Will the church of today take warning?

"If some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; boast not. . . . Because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear; for if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest He also spare not thee." Romans 11:17-21.

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A Word to the "Little Flock."

James White, Ellen White, and Joseph Bates

THE VOICE OF GOD

"The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel." Joel,3:16.

Second Advent writers and lecturers, have usually confounded the voice of God, which is to shake the heavens and the earth, with the "voice of the Son of God," which will call forth the saints. But I think, that we shall clearly see, that here are two distinct events. The voice of God, that is to shake the heavens and the earth, comes "out of Zion," and is uttered "from Jerusalem;" but before the voice of Jesus calls forth the sleeping saints, he is to leave the heavenly Sanctuary, and "descend from heaven," with his holy angels. Then, and not till then, will he send his angels to "gather his elect, from the four winds;" while his voice calls them forth to meet him "in the air." If the voice of God, which is to be uttered "from Jerusalem," raises the saints, then they will be caught up to meet the Lord in Jerusalem. But I think we shall all agree on this point, that Jesus is first to "descend from heaven" with the angels: then commission the heavenly host, to conduct the saints to meet him "in

the air," while his voice calls them forth. - Mat.24:30,31. Thess.4:16,17. 2Thess.1:7.

At the pouring out of the seventh vial, Rev.16:17, we read: "and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done." At the same time, there is a great earthquake, produced by the "voice from the throne," which shakes down the cities of the nations, and removes the islands and mountains. This "voice from the throne," which causes the earthquakes, must be the same as the voice uttered "from Jerusalem," which shakes the heavens and the earth. - Joel,3:16, and Jer.25:30,31. It seems clear that this voice which is to come "out of the temple of heaven, from the throne," is not the "voice of the Son of God," that raises the saints; for if the voice that raises the saints, comes out of the heavenly temple, "from the throne:" then Jesus remains in heaven, on the throne, and calls his elect up to meet him in the temple; which is not in harmony with the teachings of St. Paul.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the arch-angel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in

Christ shall rise first;

Then we, which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air." - Thess.4:16,17. Therefore, I think we are safe, in believing that we shall hear the voice of God, which will shake the heavens and the earth, before Jesus descends from heaven, with his angels and trumpet, to awake and gather the elect in the air.

Will not the day and hour of Jesus' appearing, be made known by the voice of the Eternal God?

That the day and hour will be known by the true children of God, and no others, appears plain from the fact, that we are exhorted to watch for it; and if we do not watch, Jesus will come on us "as a thief," and we shall "not know what hour" he will come upon us. So, that none but those who truly watch, and "hold fast," will know the true time. - Rev.3:2,3. Here I will introduce a quotation from "The True Midnight Cry," of Aug.22, 1844.

"Concerning the time of that (Christ's) coming, he says, in Mark,13:32, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father." It is thought by many, that this passage proves that

men are never to know the time. But if it proves this, it likewise proves, that the Son of God, himself, is never to know the time; for the passage declares precisely the same concerning him, that it does concerning angels and men. But can any person believe that our glorious Lord, to whom all power in heaven and earth is given, is, and will remain ignorant of the time until the very moment that he comes to judge the world?

If not, then certainly this text can never prove that men may not be made to understand the time. An old English version of the passage, reads, "But that day and hour no man maketh known, neither the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father."

This is the correct reading according to several of the ablest critics of the age. The word know is used here, in the same sense as it is by Paul in 1Cor.2:2. Paul well understood many other things, besides Christ and him crucified, but he determined to make known nothing else among them. So in the passage first quoted, it is declared that none but God the Father, maketh known the day and hour; that is, the definite time of the second coming of his Son. And this necessarily implies that God makes the time known."

I believe the above, to be a fair and correct view of the subject, and that the

Father will make known the true time of the advent, without the agency of men, angels, or the Son. The following prophecy is to the point.

"Son of man, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth?

Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord God; I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision.

For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel.

For I am the Lord: I will SPEAK, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged; for in your days, O rebellious house, will I SAY THE WORD, and will perform it, saith the Lord God." - Eze.12:22-25.

The burden of this prophecy is time, concerning which, there has been true, and false visions. The true vision (or light) on time, was written on the Chart, or table. - Hab.2:2. God approved of the proclamation of 1843, and the 10th day of the 7th month 1844: by the pouring out of the Holy Ghost. Since the 7th month 1844, the "rebellious house" of Israel, have been removing the "land-marks," and writing, and proclaiming false visions; but we all

know that it has been the work of man, and not of God. These flattering divinings, have cheered on the "rebellious house" of Israel to some extent; but the work has not had the holy, sanctifying influence, as when God's hand was in the work on time.

The proverb that "every vision faileth," is, or soon will be complete; and God will make it, and the false visions to cease, by speaking from heaven, and giving his people the true time. "For I am the Lord: I will SPEAK, and the word that I shall speak, shall come to pass; etc."

Now if the burden of this prophecy is time; I think all will admit, that the word that the Lord God is to speak, is the true time. The false visions that have been written, and proclaimed by the "rebellious house" of Israel, have failed: but the word to be spoken by the "Lord God," will be the true time, and will surely come to pass.

Jesus has left us the sure promise, that his Father will make known the day and the hour of his coming. The "Lord God" has promised to speak, and assures us that the word that he will speak, "shall come to pass." With such testimony as this before us, from the Father and Son, what other conclusion can we come to, than that the "word which the Father is to speak, is the true time, and when he speaks, his

voice will make it known to his saints?

As the signs in the sun, moon, and stars, have been literal, the shaking of the powers of the heavens, Mat.24:29, must also be literal.

This sign is not in the past, and as it is a sign, it must come prior to the advent itself.

Therefore, it is clear, that this last sign will appear when the "Lord roars out of Zion," and shakes the heavens and the earth. We believe that the signs in Rev.6:12-14, are the same as in Mat.24:29, and Mark,13:24,25. Then the shaking of the powers of the heavens, Mat.24:29, is the same as the heavens departing "as a scroll, when it is rolled together." Rev.6:14: for they both follow the falling of the stars.

Now what is this heaven that is to be shaken and rolled together as a scroll? We may not see this event so clearly now, as we shall about the time of its fulfilment; but still, it is our duty to receive, and cherish all the light that we can see on this, or any other future event. As we travel onward toward the Holy City, our burning lamps discover new objects: but we cannot see all at once. If we reject a little light, because we cannot see the whole clearly at once, it will displease our heavenly leader; and we shall be left in the dark. But if we cherish the

light, as fast as it is our Lord's will to open it to us, he will increase the light; and our souls will feast upon the opening truths of the blessed bible.

The word heaven, is applied to at least four places or things in the scriptures. 1st, It is applied to Paradise, where St. Paul was taken in vision, 2Cor.12:2-4. 2nd. To the region of the sun, moon, and stars, Gen.1:8-17. 3rd. To the atmosphere which encompasses this earth, in which the fowls of heaven fly. Rev.19:17,18. And 4th, To the church of God on earth. Rev.14:6,7. It cannot be Paradise, nor the region of the heavenly lights, neither the church of God on earth, that is to be shaken and rolled together as a scroll: therefore, it must be the air around the earth, in which the fowls of heaven fly.

"And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the AIR; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven from the throne, saying, It is done." Rev.16:17.

We may now see that it is the seventh vial, and voice of God, which will shake the powers of the heavens, and cause the great earthquake or the shaking of the earth: and that this event constitutes the last literal sign, just before the sign of the Son of man appears in heaven.

It seems clear that all the

vials, the voice of God from the throne, the voices, and thunders, and lightnings, and the great earthquake, and the falling of the cities of the nations, and the removing of the mountains and the islands, are to take place before the advent.

This view no doubt, will at once be rejected by many who profess to be looking for Jesus every day and hour; but I think it will appear very plain, by comparing Rev.16:17-21, with chap.6:14-17.

After the heavens depart "as a scroll when rolled together," and the "mountains and islands are moved out of their places," "the kings of the earth, and great men, etc." "hide in the dens, and in the rocks of the mountains," from the awful glory of the coming Jesus, attended by "all the holy angels;" and call for the rocks and mountains to fall on them, and hide them from the brightness of his coming (which is to destroy all the living wicked at his coming. - 2Thess.2:8.); and overwhelmed with anguish, in view of their expected fate, (when Christ and the angels draw near the earth to raise and gather the elect,) they cry out: "For the great day of his wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?" - Rev.6:17.

Here we see that the wicked who are hid, are still looking forward to the time when the saints alone will "be able to

stand" before Christ at his appearing. If Christ should burst in upon the world as suddenly and unexpectedly as some teach, no one would think of hiding in caves, dens, and rocks: for they are not within their reach. This shows that an entire change must take place in the earth's surface prior to the second advent, by the voice of God, in order for the wicked to have a chance to hide from the expected Lamb, in caves, dens, and rocks of the mountains. When the Father utters his voice "from the throne," which is to cause "a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth:" then there will be a chance for all the wicked, who are not swept off by the former plagues, to hide from the presence of the Lamb. But rocks, caves, and dens, will not shelter them from the burning glory of that holy throng, for all the living wicked are to be destroyed "with the brightness of that coming." - 2Thess.2:8.

God has promised to be the "hope of his people," at the time his voice shakes the heavens and the earth. His children have nothing to fear from the terrors of that day; for they will be sheltered from the falling of cities, mountains, and houses. God's promise cannot fail.

That will be a glad day for the saints; for they will

then be "delivered" from every outward foe, and be filled with the Holy Ghost, to prepare them to gaze on Jesus, and stand before him at his appearing. Then the saints will better know the real worth of the blessed hope; and they will rejoice that they have been accounted worthy to suffer reproach for clinging close to the truth, and strictly obeying all the "commandments of God." When God spake to Moses in Sinai, his "voice then shook the earth;" and we are taught by St. Paul, in Heb.12:22-27, that he is yet to speak from the "City of the living God," and "shake not only the earth, but also heaven." When God spake to Moses, the glory rested on him so that he had to cover his face with a vail, before his brethren could stand before him, and hear the word of the Lord from his mouth. And may we not expect the same effect, from the same cause? If so, then when God speaks from the Holy City to all his people, as he did to Moses: all will have the glory poured on them, as Moses had it poured on him. This out-pouring of the Holy Ghost must take place before the second advent, to prepare us for the glory of that scene: for in our present state, none of us could stand a single moment before the brightness of that coming, which is to de-

stroy the "man of sin." At the presence of one angel at the resurrection of Christ, the Roman guard fell like dead men to the ground. It is therefore necessary, that the saints should share largely in the glory of God, to prepare them to stand before the Son of God, when he comes with all the holy angels with him.

Our present trying, waiting, watching state, is represented by a dark night; and the coming glory before us, by the morning. There are two parts to the morning: first, the dawn of day, and second, full day light, which is completed by the rising of the sun. So in the glad morning before us; the day of rest will dawn at the voice of God, when his light, and glory, rest upon us; then we shall rise from glory to glory, till Christ appears, to clothe us with immortality, and give us eternal life. O, Glory! Hallelujah!! my poor heart is set on fire for the kingdom, while I dwell on this sweet prospect, before the true believer. If we "hold fast" but a few days more, the dark shades of night will vanish before the glory of the preparatory scenes of the coming of the Son of man.

To be continued...



Keep the Sabbath Holy

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

Ellen White writes regarding the Sabbath, *“God requires that His holy day be as sacredly observed now as in the time of Israel. The command given to the Hebrews should be regarded by all Christians as an injunction from Jehovah to them. The day before the Sabbath should be made a day of preparation, that everything may be in readiness for its sacred hours. In no case should our own business be allowed to encroach upon holy time. God has directed that the sick and suffering be cared for; the labor required to make them comfortable is a work of mercy, and no violation of the Sabbath; but all unnecessary work should be avoided. Many carelessly put off till the beginning of the Sabbath little things that might have been done on the day of preparation. This should not*

be. Work that is neglected until the beginning of the Sabbath should remain undone until it is past. This course might help the memory of these thoughtless ones, and make them careful to do their own work on the six working days” {PP 296.1}.

Although it is plain and simple to read, application, or the principle, seems to be very challenging among readers as well as sermon listeners. People will say “Amen!” when it stays general, but when specifics are even just suggested, they quickly turn and either send hate mail or let the preacher know that they have gone too far. Of course, the responsibility of the preacher and the writer is to be careful not to be conscience for another. Therefore, in the spirit of trying to be balanced between leaving it in the “general area” and not “being a conscience for anyone”, let us at least consider these few things.

First, how many recognize a dusty end table or shelf after the Sabbath has begun? With guests coming over, there is the temptation to break out the duster and quickly sweep the

dust away. Well, we had six days to take care of that dust; it should not be taken care of during the Sabbath hours.

What if books become a disarray on the Sabbath, especially by young children, or change of clothing from night clothing to day clothing happen to be left somewhere, or even making the bed Saturday morning after a good night's sleep? Do you think the Sabbath was made for messiness and laziness? Fix those books, put the pajamas where they belong, and make your bed. This was just a test to see where your thoughts may go regarding the Sabbath hours. Things that cause items to be out of place during the Sabbath may be tended to.

Now, how about topping the gas tank of the car off? Again, that should not be a Friday night nor Saturday morning activity, even if you have a can of gasoline in storage somewhere.

How about children putting away their toys before the Sabbath comes in? If they forget, it would be considered breaking the Sabbath to put them away after Sabbath has begun.

This is probably not much of an issue these days because of all of the electronic media, but how about secular publications? If they were forgotten to be put away before the Sabbath began, again, we are told that they are to remain where they are at during the Sabbath hours.

A lot of people drip dry their dishes after washing them. If they are still in the drying rack, or, if you have a dishwasher and the clean dishes are in there, leave them be until after the Sabbath once Sabbath begins. As a side note, a dishwasher ought to complete the cycle before the Sabbath comes in. Running the dishwasher at the end of preparation running into Sabbath

hours, even though a device is doing all of the work, is still breaking the Sabbath.

You probably know your house better than I do, so think hard, what little things do you do after sunset that make you say, "Oh, yes, I meant to put that away before the Sabbath?" Remember – we are told not to touch it during the Sabbath. Leave it lay where it is, or leave it undone.

The only exception would be for safety, of course, but then one can always either quarantine the area if possible, or put it up higher or to the side so no one hurts themselves. This is not permission to put it away or finish what was left undone, but leaving sharp or poisonous

items on the steps thinking earlier in the day, "I'll take that upstairs on my next trip" but the "next trip" honestly did not occur to you after the Sabbath had begun and 'out of sight out of mind' can cause one to forget that they were there, so yes, take them upstairs and put them where they cannot be, but not away in their proper places until after the Sabbath. The rule on preparation ought to be, do not rely on the "next time" practice. The rule should be, if it needs to be put away, exert the extra energy necessary to make sure both safety and Sabbath are respected.



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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.

Do the lost perish through eternal life in hell?

The question is based upon the famous verse, John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Even John 3:15 says, "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." Even 2 Peter 3:9 makes use of the word "perish" by stating, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." But John 10:28 is the final contrast between the two options of "perish" and

"eternal life": "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any [man] pluck them out of my hand."

To begin unraveling what appears to be a challenging comparison, please note that it is all in the mind of the reader in this case. The words "eternal life" indeed mean to live eternally with God, however, the word "perish" is not a word applied to a period of longevity. The word "perish" is finite. It is a one-time destructive and conclusive act.

God is not going to burn up the lost to the point they perish and recreate them to burn up again only to perish once again and so on throughout eternity. Once a person reaches the state that they perish, it is over. The verse does not state, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not CONTINUE TO perish, but have everlasting life." And the verse does not state, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not ENTER A PLACE OF perishING, but have everlasting life." The choice is either a

person will "perish" or have "eternal life".

Further, tell the person that the verse is not contrasting Heaven and Hell; it is contrasting the result. A person's life will either result in having "eternal life" or that life will "perish". Again, "perish" is referring to a one-time completed moment.

Then remind them, if the lost go to a place of perishing, would they then have a form of "eternal life"? Sure they would. But wait! Eternal life is only promised to the saved, or in this case, to those who "believeth in him". Again, the verse does not say, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life IN HEAVEN." It simply states that those who believe get to have eternal life. Therefore, there can only be one conclusion in which one group receives eternal life while the other one does not. That conclusion is that the word "perish" is a onetime destructive act that God performs.



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 *Christian Education*, pages 175-181.

Parental Responsibility

God has permitted the light of health reform to shine upon us in these last days, that by walking in the light we may escape many of the dangers to which we shall be exposed. Satan is working with great power to lead men to indulge appetite, gratify inclination, and spend their days in heedless folly. He presents attractions in a life of selfish enjoyment and of sensual indulgence. Intemperance saps the energies of both mind and body. He who is thus overcome has placed himself upon Satan's ground, where he will be tempted and annoyed, and finally controlled at pleasure by the enemy of all righteousness. Parents need to be impressed with their obligation to give to the world children having well-developed characters, --children who will have moral power to resist temptation, and whose life will be an honor to God and a blessing to their fellowmen. Those who enter upon active life with firm principles, will be prepared to stand unsullied amid the moral pollutions of this corrupt age. Let mothers improve every opportunity to educate their children for usefulness.

The work of the mother is

sacred and important. She should teach her children, from the cradle up, habits of self-denial and self-control. Her time, in a special sense, belongs to her children. But if it is mostly occupied with the follies of this degenerate age, if society, dress, and amusements absorb her attention, her children will fail to be suitably educated.

Many mothers who deplore the intemperance that exists everywhere, do not look deep enough to see the cause. Too often it may be traced to the home table. Many a mother, even among those who profess to be Christians, is daily setting before her household, rich and highly-seasoned food, which tempts the appetite and encourages overeating. In some families, flesh-meats constitute the principal article of diet, and in consequence, the blood is filled with cancerous and scrofulous humors. Then when suffering and disease follow, Providence is charged with that which is the result of a wrong course. I repeat: Intemperance begins at the table, and, with the majority, appetite is indulged until indulgence becomes second nature.

Whoever eats too much, or of food which is not

healthful, is weakening his power to resist the clamors of other appetites and passions. Many parents, to avoid the task of patiently educating their children to habits of self-denial, indulge them in eating and drinking whenever they please. The desire to satisfy the taste and to gratify inclination, does not lessen with the increase of years; and these indulged youth, as they grow up, are governed by impulse, slaves to appetite. When they take their places in society, and begin life for themselves, they are powerless to resist temptation. In the glutton, the tobacco devotee, the wine-bibber, and the inebriate, we see the evil results of erroneous education and of self-indulgence.

When we hear the sad lamentation of Christian men and women over the terrible evils of intemperance, the questions at once arise: Who have educated the youth? who have fostered in them these unruly appetites? who have neglected the solemn responsibility of forming their characters for usefulness in this life, and for the society of heavenly angels in the next?

When parents and children meet at the final

reckoning, what a scene will be presented! Thousands of children who have been slaves to appetite and debasing vice, whose lives are moral wrecks, will stand face to face with the parents who made them what they are. Who but the parents must bear this fearful responsibility? Did the Lord make these youth corrupt?--Oh, no! Who, then, has done this fearful work? Were not the sins of the parents transmitted to the children in perverted appetites and passions? and was not the work completed by those who neglected to train them according to the pattern which God has given? Just as surely as they exist, all these parents will pass in review before God.

Satan is ready to do his work: he will not neglect to present allurements which the children have no will or moral power to resist. I saw that, through his temptations, he is instituting ever-changing fashions, and attractive parties and amusements, that mothers may be led to devote their time to frivolous matters, instead of to the education and training of their children. Our youth need mothers who will teach them from the cradle, to control passion, to deny appetite, and to overcome selfishness. They need line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little.

The Hebrews were taught how to train their children so that they might

avoid the idolatry and wickedness of the heathen nations: "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." [Deuteronomy 11:18, 19.]

Woman should fill the position which God originally designed for her, as her husband's equal. The world needs mothers who are mothers not merely in name, but in every sense of the word. We may safely say that the distinctive duties of woman are more sacred, more holy, than those of man. Let woman realize the sacredness of her work, and in the strength and fear of God take up her life mission. Let her educate her children for usefulness in this world, and for a home in the better world.

The position of a woman in her family is more sacred than that of the king upon his throne. Her great work is to make her life an example such as she would wish her children to copy. And by precept as well as example, she is to store their minds with useful knowledge, and lead them to self-sacrificing labor for the good of others. The great stimulus to the toiling, burdened mother should be that every child who is

trained aright, and who has the inward adorning, the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, will shine in the courts of the Lord.

I intreat Christian mothers to realize their responsibility, and to live, not to please themselves, but to glorify God. Christ pleased not himself, but took upon him the form of a servant. He left the royal courts, and clothed his divinity with humanity, that by his own example he might teach us how we may be exalted to the position of sons and daughters in the royal family, children of the heavenly King. But what are the conditions upon which we may obtain this great blessing?--"Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters." [2 Corinthians 6:17, 18.]

Christ humbled himself from the position of one equal with God to that of a servant. His home was in Nazareth, a place proverbial for its wickedness. His parents were among the lowly poor. His trade was that of a carpenter, and he labored with his hands to do his part in sustaining the family. For thirty years he was subject to his parents. The life of Christ points out our duty to be diligent in labor, and to provide for those intrusted to our care.

In his lessons of instruction to his disciples, Jesus

taught them that his Kingdom is not a worldly kingdom, where all are striving for the highest position; but he gave them lessons in humility and self-sacrifice for the good of others. His humility did not consist in a low estimate of his own character and qualifications, but in adapting himself to fallen humanity, in order to raise them up with him to a higher life. Yet how few see anything attractive in the humility of Christ! Worldlings are constantly striving to exalt themselves one above another; but Jesus, the Son of God, humbled himself in order to uplift man. The true disciple of Christ will follow his example. Would that the mothers of this generation might feel the sacredness of their mission, not trying to vie with their wealthy neighbors in appearance, but seeking to honor God by the faithful performance of duty. If right principles in regard to temperance were implanted in the youth who are to form and mould society, there would be little necessity for temperance crusades. Firmness of character, moral control, would prevail, and in the strength of Jesus the temptations of these last days would be resisted.

It is a most difficult matter to unlearn the habits which have been indulged through life. The demon of intemperance is of giant strength, and is not easily conquered. But if parents begin the crusade against it at their


own firesides, in their own families, in the principles they teach their children from very infancy, then they may hope for success. It will pay you, mothers, to use the precious hours which are given you by God in forming the characters of your children, and in teaching them to adhere strictly to the principles of temperance in eating and drinking.

A sacred trust is committed to parents, to guard the physical and moral constitutions of their children, so that the nervous system may be well balanced, and the soul not endangered. Fathers and mothers should understand the laws of life, that they may not, through ignorance, allow wrong tendencies to develop in their children. The diet affects both physical and moral health. How carefully, then, should mothers study to supply the table with the most simple, healthful food, in order that the digestive organs may not be weakened, the nerves unbalanced, or the instruction which they give their children counteracted.

Satan sees that he cannot have so great power over minds when the appetite is kept under control as when it is indulged, and he is constantly working to lead men to indulgence. Under the influence of unhealthful food, the conscience becomes stupefied, the mind is darkened, and its susceptibility to impressions is

impaired. But the guilt of the transgressor is not lessened because the conscience has been violated till it has become insensible.

Since a healthy state of mind depends upon the normal condition of the vital forces, what care should be exercised that neither stimulants nor narcotics be used! Yet we see that a large number of those who profess to be Christians are using tobacco. They deplore the evils of intemperance; yet while speaking against the use of liquors, these very men will eject the juice of tobacco. There must be a change of sentiment with reference to tobacco-using before the root of the evil will be reached. We press the subject still closer. Tea and coffee are fostering the appetite for stronger stimulants. And then we come still closer home, to the preparation of food, and ask, Is temperance practiced in all things? are the reforms which are essential to health and happiness carried out here?

Every true Christian will have control of his appetites and passions. Unless he is free from the bondage of appetite, he cannot be a true, obedient servant of Christ. The indulgence of appetite and passion blunts the effect of truth upon the heart. It is impossible for the spirit and power of the truth to sanctify a man, soul, body, and spirit, when he is controlled by sensual desires. 

Healthy And Delicious Recipes

Falafel

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- 2 cups fresh parsley chopped
- 3 large garlic cloves
- 2½ tablespoons fresh juice from a lemon
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon onion powder
- 1¼ teaspoon cumin
- 15-ounce chickpeas soaked and drained
- ¼ cup ground raw favorite nut like almonds, pecans, or walnuts

In a food processor, mix cumin, garlic, lemon juice, parsley, and a large pinch of salt.

Add chickpeas and pulse it only to the point that it is still slightly chunky to maintain a bit of texture.

Make nut meal out of the favorite nuts by grinding them.

Put both the nut meal and food processor contents in a mixing bowl and mix to form a loose dough that is firm enough to be handled.

Adjust seasonings to taste.

Split dough into quarters to form 4 large patties roughly 1/2-inch thick.

Refrigerate or freeze for 15 minutes to firm up.

Bake at 375 degrees Fahrenheit for 15 to 20 minutes, flip the patties, and bake another 15 to 20 minutes.



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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 into the King James 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 Daniel 8:14, in fact, if anyone continues to use versions like the NIV after this one, then I would declare such a person a non-Seventh-day Adventist. Daniel 8:14 is one of the pillars of our faith. To remove such a pillar is heretical.

King James Bible: "And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."

Very Much Wrong:

New International Version: He said to me, "It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated."

New Living Translation: The other replied, "It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the Temple will be made right again."

English Standard Version: And he said to me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings. Then the sanctuary shall be restored to its rightful state."

Berean Study Bible: He said to me, "It will take

2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be properly restored."

New American Standard Bible: He said to me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored."

Christian Standard Bible: He said to me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be restored."

Contemporary English Version: The other answered, "It will be 2,300 evenings and mornings before the temple is dedicated and in use again."

Good News Translation: I heard the other angel answer, "It will continue for 2,300 evenings and mornings, during which sacrifices will not be offered. Then the Temple will be restored."

Holman Christian Standard Bible: He said to me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be restored."

International Standard Version: "He told me, 'For 2,300 days. Then the Holy Place will be restored.'"

NET Bible: He said to me, "To 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be put right again."

New Heart English Bible: He said to me, "To two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings; then shall the sanctuary be restored to its rightful state."

GOD'S WORD® Translation: He told me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings. Then the holy place will be made acceptable to God."

JPS Tanakh 1917: And he said unto me: 'Unto two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings; then shall the sanctuary be victorious.'

New American Standard 1977: And he said to me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored."

Jubilee Bible 2000: And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days of evening and morning; then shall the sanctuary be justified.

Darby Bible Translation: And he said unto me, Until two thousand and three hundred evenings [and] mornings; then shall the sanctuary be vindicated.

Young's Literal Transla-

tion: And he saith unto me, Till evening -- morning two thousand and three hundred, then is the holy place declared right.

There is Still a Bit of Confusion as Many Have Read Such Words as 1,150 Evenings and 1,150 Mornings:

American Standard Version: And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

English Revised Version: And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

World English Bible: He said to me, To two thousand and three hundred evenings [and] mornings; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

The Number is Wrong:

Brenton Septuagint Translation: And he said to him, Evening and morning there shall be two thousand and four hundred days; and then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.

Correct This Time:

Douay-Rheims Bible: And he said to him: Unto evening and morning two thousand three hundred days: and the sanctuary shall be cleansed.

Webster's Bible Translation: And he said to me, Until two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

New King James Version: And he said to me, "For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed."



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.

Go Ye Therefore, And Teach

INTRODUCTION REPEAT-ED: 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 to-

gether. 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: Prophetic Feast Days

The feasts of Leviticus 23 is more than some formality that God had the Jews perform. It was the revelation of the entire plan from the cross to the second coming. A whole lot more detail can be provided but to keep this concise, we will just parallel the type (physical representation) with antitype (the fulfillment thereof).

Take them to Leviticus 23:4-5 and identify the first feast of Passover.

Ask, “What was Jesus known as?” Then take them to John 1:29, 36 reminding the person you are studying with that Jesus was the lamb that was to be sacrificed.

Tell them that you are about to identify the second feast day and take them to Leviticus 23:6-8 and identify the feast as Unleavened Bread.

Ask, “After Jesus was sacrificed as the Passover lamb, what did His spilt blood and bruised body provide?” Then take them to 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 pointing out the use of

the word “unleavened” and that we, ourselves, are unable to do any purging but by the blood of Christ.

Tell them that you are about to identify the third feast day and take them to Leviticus 23:9-14 and identify the feast as First Fruits.

Ask, “Upon the resurrection of Jesus, what did He become?” Then take them to 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 and point out that twice Jesus is known as the “firstfruits”.

Tell them that you are about to identify the fourth feast day and take them to Leviticus 23:15-22. There, recognize the number 50 as in 50 days and that this reference is better known as Pentecost.

Ask, “What fulfilled Jesus’ words when He promised to send the Comforter (John 16:7)?” Then take them to Acts 2:1-4, pointing out that the Holy Ghost or Spirit showed up just as promised.

Tell them that you are about to identify the fifth feast day and take them to Leviticus 23:23-25. There, recognize the feast of trumpets, which is a warning call.

Ask, “Do you think Jesus shall give a warning call before He shows up?” Then take them to Reve-

lation 10:5-7 pointing out that “time no longer” surely sounds like a last day warning message.

Tell them that you are about to identify the sixth feast day and take them to Leviticus 23:26-32. There, recognize the feast as that of atonement or judgment.

Ask, “Did you know that God actually judges be-

fore the second coming?” Then take them to Revelation 14:6-7 pointing out that “judgement IS come” and not 'will come' or even 'had come'.

Tell them that you are about to identify the seventh feast day and take them to Leviticus 23:33-44 There, recognize the feast being called

booths, but also ingathering, or great harvest.

Ask, “Do you know what the second coming is considered?” Then take them to Revelation 14:14-16 pointing out the symbolic representation of the great harvest.



Questions And Answers

QUESTION: As a concerned reader, I was uneasy by the answer given to a question in the *Signs of the Times*, March 2019 issue. The question was, “Do the heavenly beings (angels) have the same laws as humans? Can they commit adultery? Do they observe the Sabbath?” Their answer was basically *No*, in that they do not have the same laws. Their answer was, “The Ten Commandments are God’s laws for humanity. So far as we know, the angels don’t have a male and female gender, so adultery is not an issue with them. Also, while the principle of the Sabbath may be observed in some way by angels, it would not be according to our calendar where the seventh day is marked by the rotation of our planet. On the other hand, the angels and other created beings in the universe may have laws adapted to their particular form

of creation that don’t apply to us humans.”

ANSWER: That is so wrong of an answer. First, where are the original Ten Commandments? Revelation 11:19 tells us, “the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament”. Moses built the contents of the temple on earth by that pattern (Hebrews 8:5). Moses placed the Ten Commandments into the ark (Deuteronomy 10:2). Therefore, the original Ten Commandments are in Heaven, the capital of the universe, which means, those Ten Commandments are universal. Sure, the details that are applied in breaking the commandments may differ, but the difference here on earth, for instance, using the Internet to steal is a sin. It breaks the commandments. But a country that has no Internet access, their residents do

not have to worry about stealing on the Internet, but they still have to worry about not stealing. Likewise, the genderless angels may not have to worry about sexual relations, but they still can commit adultery in other ways. So, the adultery commandment does indeed apply to them as well as every other being in the universe.

Therefore, the notion that the Ten Commandments are just for humanity is an outrageous answer, and, I hate to sound harsh, but whoever wrote that answer should be fired and thrown out of the church for pretending to be a Seventh-day Adventist. The reason I say that is because that is the type of answer that evangelicals would give pointing to the fact that Moses was the recipient of the commandments and subsequently they were nailed to the cross. This is the undermining of our

faith. There are spies amongst us, “false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves” (Matthew 7:15), and “there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies” (2 Peter 2:1). In fact, Ellen White penned, “And Peter, describing the dangers to which the church was to be exposed in the last days, says that as there were false prophets who led Israel into sin, so there will be false teachers, “who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them. . . . And many shall follow their pernicious ways” {PP 686.1}. And we know this does not refer to Christianity as a whole but specifically to the Seventh-day Adventist church. Christianity at large are already sinning by keeping Sunday as the Sabbath, or no day at all. Therefore, the leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church along with the majority of pew members only half converted will lead many others into sin, the greatest being Sunday worship. It will happen.

As for angels keeping the commandments, we are told, “The ten commandments came from the highest authority, and are we obeying them? They are the will of God made known to man. It was Satan that com-

menced to war against them, and it is he that inspires men to keep up the warfare.” {RH, August 25, 1885 par. 15}

So, before there was a human being, the same Ten Commandments written on stone, verbally conveyed to the patriarchs, were attacked by Satan when war broke out in Heaven establishing that the angels are expected to keep the same commandments we do. In fact, “Satan is at war with that law which is the foundation of God's government in Heaven and in earth” {RH, December 2, 1875 par. 2}.

As for Sabbath time throughout the universe being different, again, that does not make sense. How is God then going to unify Sabbath keeping when, “from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD” (Isaiah 66:23)? If the times are different in various places in the universe, including Heaven itself, just how would that then be coordinated for all flesh to come together? The short answer is that time on earth was set to match the universal time.

QUESTION: Again, from *The Signs of the Times* magazine question and answer in the March 2019 issue a question was asked, “Regarding ‘Fooling With Time,’ in the November *Signs of*

the Times, why did you say that ‘archaeologists have found evidence of time-keeping as far back as 10,000 years ago’? Doesn’t this assume that the earth is at least 10,000 years old, in contradiction to biblical chronology, which comes to about 6,000 years?” Their answer was, “Biblical chronology as it appears in most Bible translations, does add up to approximately 6,000 years for earth’s history. However, historical and archaeological records (as opposed to geological evidence) date back several thousand years beyond 6,000. That’s why most conservative Christian scholars who hold to a recent and literal six-day Creation prefer to use the number 10,000 as approximate age of the earth rather than 6,000.

ANSWER: Assuming the same person answered the prior question, and now this writer ought to be fired. They are not Seventh-day Adventists.

First, to adopt the whole 10,000-year theory breaks the consistent Sabbath application God intended. We have the weekly cycle where the seventh day is the Sabbath. We have the yearly farming guidelines in which every seventh year is a Sabbath rest for the land (Exodus 23:11). And finally, we have the millennium application in which sin shall reign for no more than 6,000 years with the seventh

millennium being a rest for the planet where everyone is either dead or in Heaven leaving Satan and his angels bound to this planet.

On top of that, we have the numerous Ellen White quotes that state things like, “For six thousand years Satan has struggled to maintain possession of the earth” {AH 539.3}. Adopting a 10,000-year time line now makes Ellen White a false prophet, and I am not about to declare that.

Therefore, the person answering the question does not accept Ellen White nor appreciates the Sabbath as true Seventh-day Adventists do. And in both cases, it is not just the person at the desk answering the question, the editor needs to be booted also because they would have had to proof this and allowed it. And who knows how many others were involved in the process that also should resign for being spies undermining the faith.

In regards to my harsh tones, this is what eats me up. People are care-free and just dismiss this or that and complain about us just attacking the church. Absolutely not! We are trying to save the flock. Does anyone know how many Seventh-day Adventists accept the printed material in the *Signs of the Times* as gospel? Quite a few. What we are trying

to do is wake people up to the agenda. It is time to stop reading the “books of a new order” as well as the magazines of a new order.

People in these positions can make a mistake in a minor way but when the mistakes are an undoing of the faith and aligning more with the world, and even Babylon, it is more than a mistake. It is a purposeful agenda.

QUESTION: With issues you have had with contributors, issues with Doug Batchelor, issues with the Conference, issues Hope International, do you think you are the only one that is right?

ANSWER: Absolutely not, but error is error and it needs to be dealt with. I am sure there are 7,000 that have not bowed the knee to Baal. I am sure there are even more than 7,000, like over 144,000. Why do I say over 144,000? Because there will be martyrs and the 144,000 do not taste death, which brings us to another error among especially many self-supporting ministries.

There are a number of ministries that seem to promote that 144,000 are made up of all those sealed in the truth from 1844, and that they will be resurrected to give the last day message and will not be able to be killed. This is becoming very popular, but it is

erroneous and dangerous.

How can the 144,000 be made up all those that have also fallen asleep in the message and yet have this prophecy fulfilled? “The 144,000 shouted, ‘Alleluia!’ as they recognized their friends who had been torn from them by death, and in the same moment we were changed and caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air.” {EW 16.1}

The 144,000 get to see their friends resurrected and be rejoined. Those that are resurrected do not form the 144,000 because the 144,000 get to see them resurrected. That means my friend, God willing, Colin Standish, when he comes up will allow me to shout, “Alleluia”, assuming I will be part of the 144,000. And when does Colin come up? At the moment we are changed, “In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed” (1 Corinthians 15:52). When that trumpet sounds, it is going to be too late to be part of the 144,000. [God only knows, but I do not expect to be part of the 144,000, but hopefully part of, at least, those that will be martyred.]

Even the Bible teaches that the 144,000 are yet

future people because in answering John's question of who they are, the angel responds, "These are they which came out of great tribulation" (Revelation 7:14). The great tribulation is yet future.

Ellen White is not even to be part of the 144,000 for she was told, "Then the angel said, 'You must go back, and if you are faithful, you, with the 144,000, shall have the privilege of visiting all the worlds and viewing the handiwork of God.'" {AH 543.2}. The word "with" and "of" are two different words. The word "of" means to be one of the 144,000, while the word "with" means to be in their presence thereof, but not inclusive of the number.

Also, we are told, "The living saints, 144,000 in number, knew and understood the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake. When God spoke the time, He poured upon us the Holy Ghost, and our faces began to light up and shine with the glory of God, as Moses' did when he came down from Mount Sinai" {EW 14.1}. It is the "living saints" and not the resurrected saints that make up the 144,000.

In regards to those that were sealed from 1844, we are told of one individual, named Mrs. Has-

tings, these words, "I saw that she was sealed and would come up at the voice of God and stand upon the earth, and would be with the 144,000" {2SM 263.3}. Again, please take note that this wife, this mother, would be "with" and not "of" the 144,000.

And, "These, having been translated from the earth, from among the living, are counted as 'the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb' (Revelation 15:2, 3; 14:1-5.) 'These are they which came out of great tribulation'; they have passed through the time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation; they have endured the anguish of the time of Jacob's trouble; they have stood without an intercessor through the final outpouring of God's judgments" {GC 648, 649}. Why, or how, would all of those who died since 1844 go through Jacob's trouble? They would not. That is their blessing according to Revelation 14:13, "Blessed [are] the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Jacob's trouble is a time of mental anguish, not wholly knowing we shall be saved when Jesus breaks through the clouds. Ellen White and all others that have died sealed in the faith have that assurance

already. We do not, especially when there will be no Intercessor.

QUESTION: Don't you know that God will clean up His church and we will then go forth with the power of the Holy Spirit of the latter rain? Therefore, is it wise to be pointing out the problems in the church?

ANSWER: Again, the ignorance abounds. The church does not have problems. It has heresy abounding and is in apostasy. Yes, God will have a purified church, but keep in mind, "The great outpouring of the Spirit of God, which lightens the whole earth with His glory, will not come until we have an enlightened people, that know by experience what it means to be laborers together with God. When we have entire, wholehearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God."--Review and Herald, July 21, 1896.

"The days of purification of the church are hastening on space. 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 that he soon will thoroughly purge his floor" {RH, January 11, 1887 par. 3}.

However, the quantity that are purged out is vast. "Be not deceived; many will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. We have now before us the alpha of this danger. The omega will be of a most startling nature" {1SM 197.4}.

All we are trying to do is make sure no soul is unaware of the current apostasy known as the "omega". More than half of this denomination will be lost. We are pleading that people become educated and stay in the truth. We are not advocating staying under the omega apostasy teaching pastors nor even read the leading publications, including the quarterly, because they too are preparing members to make an exodus during the very soon coming Sunday law. Where you choose to worship, how you choose to worship, is your personal choice. All we are doing is "'Educate, educate, educate,' said the angel. 'Give the people the truth. Lift up Jesus before them. Lead them in the path cast up for the ransomed of the Lord to walk in. Give them line upon line, and precept upon precept, here a little, and there a

little. Never cease to study the Bible for yourselves, that you may in an intelligent manner present to the understanding of the people that which is to be'" {1SAT 87.1}.

And how does the church become pure? How does God clean up His church? "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 will cause a shaking among God's people. The testimony of the True Witness has not been half heeded. The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must work deep repentance, and all that truly receive it will obey it and be purified" {CCh 338.5}.

"It is a solemn statement that I make to the church that not one in twenty whose names are registered upon the church books are prepared to close their earthly history, and would be as verily without God and without hope in the world as the

common sinner. They are professedly serving God, but they are very earnestly serving mammon" {PC 347.5}.

"Satan has prepared various snares to meet varied minds. When the law of God is made void the church will be sifted by fiery trials, and a larger proportion than we now anticipate, will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Instead of being strengthened when brought into strait places, many prove that they are not living branches of the True Vine; they bore no fruit, and the husbandman taketh them away" {2SM 368.1}.

"Death before dishonor or the transgression of God's law should be the motto of every Christian. As a people professing to be reformers, treasuring the most solemn, purifying truths of God's word, we must elevate the standard far higher than it is at the present time. Sin and sinners in the church must be promptly dealt with, that others may not be contaminated. Truth and purity require that we make more thorough work to cleanse the camp from Achans. Let those in responsible positions not suffer sin in a brother. Show him that he must either put away his sins or be separated from the church" {CCh 109.3}.



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}.

March to April

Hollywood Adventist Church Website

Stated: “We celebrate the seasons of the church year at Hollywood: Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. Lent spans 40 weekdays beginning on Ash

Wednesday and climaxing during Holy Week with Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday), Good Friday, and concluding Saturday before Easter. This is a season of reflection, introspection, repentance, and preparation. At Hollywood, Lent is traditionally the period of preparation for our baptismal candidates (baptism occurs on Easter Sabbath). The colors for Lent are grey, black, and purple.”

Comment: This church is so Catholic that they ought to simply change the name and even go worship on Sunday.

EGW: “When the religion of Christ is most held in contempt, when His law is most despised, then should our zeal be the warmest and our courage and firmness the most unflinching. To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few--this will be our test. At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason. “– 5T 136 (1882).

March 1 - 31

ADRA Web Page: The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are the path for achieving a better future for families around the world.

Comment: Why is ADRA

promoting both the UN’s and the Papacy’s catch phrase? Answer: ADRA, like the rest of our organizations, are secretly and not so secretly aligning and intertwining the church under the world and even the papacy that when realization that we have been duped comes about, it will be too late for those who continue to bury their heads in the sand and yell at us, “Stop picking on the church!”

Bible: “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of” (2 Peter 2:1-2).

EGW: “Those Seventh-day Adventists who take their stand under Satan’s banner will first give up their faith in the warnings and reproofs contained in the Testimonies of God’s Spirit.” – 3SM 84 (1903).

EGW: “The enemy has made his masterly efforts to unsettle the faith of our own people in the Testimonies, and when these errors come in they claim to prove all the positions by the Bible, but they misinterpret the Scriptures. They make bold assertions, as did Elder Canright, and mis-

apply the prophecies and the Scriptures to prove falsehood. And, after men have done their work in weakening the confidence of our churches in the Testimonies, they have torn away the barrier, that unbelief in the truth shall become widespread, and there is no voice to be lifted up to stay the force of error.” {3SM 83.3}

March 1 - 31

Pastor Jonathan Peinado Jacksonville First Seventh- day Adventist Church

He released two videos. One encouraging the observation of Lent, the other declaring that he visited Vatican city this month and spent time in audience with the pope and has some inspirational thoughts to share from the Vatican.

Comment: The Vatican has nothing inspirational for Seventh-day Adventists and Lent is pagan (weeping for Tammuz)!

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. It is a backsliding church that lessens the distance between itself and the Papacy.” {ST, February

19, 1894 par. 4,5}

March 13

Fulcrum

Vatican Urges Religions To Support UN's Sustainable Development Goals

Article: Last month, the PARL department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (under Ganoune Diop) helped to organize a meeting at the United Nations Secretariat for the purpose of urging religions to come together in support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (known as Agenda 2030). This month, the Vatican is, wait for it... urging religions to come together in support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. In what manner of twisted reality do you have the Seventh-day Adventist Church AND the Roman Catholic Church both supporting a global leftist agenda — urging all religions of the world to join in a multi-cultural handclasp which mandates climate action and gender equality?

Comment: Time and time again we state that the leadership are leading us down a path that is so intertwining us with Babylon and the world by working with the ecumenical efforts as well as the UN efforts to form a one-world religion under the papacy that once the awareness of the end goal is upon us, it will be too late. We need to stop accepting the tide and the influence by pastors and literature (quarterlies, magazines, etc.) of the

organized church and study for our ourselves. The Sunday movement is not labeled “Sunday Movement”. It is labeled as “Common Good”, “Climate Change”, “New Green Deal”, “Sustainable Goals”, and by other names. Satan is not going to alarm Adventists by labeling it the “Sunday Movement”. Ellen White labels it the “Sunday Movement” because God knows what the real agenda is behind all of those titles.

EGW: “There are many who are at ease, who are, as it were, asleep. They say, ‘If prophecy has foretold the enforcement of Sunday observance, the law will surely be enacted,’ and having come to this conclusion, they sit down in calm expectation of the event, comforting themselves with the thought that God will protect his people in the day of trouble. But God will not save us if we make no effort to do the work he has committed to our charge. We must be found faithfully guarding the outposts, watching as vigilant soldiers, lest Satan shall gain an advantage which it is our duty to prevent. We should diligently study the word of God; and pray in faith that God will restrain the powers of darkness; for as yet the message has gone to comparatively few, and the world is to be lightened with its glory. The present truth - the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus - has not yet been sounded as it

must be. There are many almost within the shadow of our own doors for whose salvation no personal effort has ever been made. We are not prepared for the time when our work must close. We must take a firm stand that we will not reverence the first day of the week as the Sabbath, for it is not the day that was blessed and sanctified by Jehovah, and in reverencing Sunday we should place ourselves on the side of the great deceiver. The controversy for the Sabbath will open the subject to the people, and an opportunity will be given that the claims of the genuine Sabbath may be presented. Blindness, disloyalty to God, so prevails that his law is made void, but the psalmist says of such a condition, "It is time for thee Lord to work; for they have made void thy law." {PC 333.3}

March 10

Adventist Today

Interfaith Forum on Christianity and Immigration Hosted by Adventist Church in Philadelphia

Article: An interfaith forum discussing challenges in United States immigration policy was held at West Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, February 24.

Comment: Where in the Bible are God's people called to get involved in government policy? Paul did not settle the issue of slavery when Onesimus

showed up (Philemon 1:8-17). Jesus did not settle the taxes (Matthew 22:21) or occupation issues. Peter and John did not deal with policy except to declare that God's policy supersedes that of whatever man makes in contradiction (Acts 5:29). In fact, whatever the policies are of governments, as long as they do not conflict with God's commands, despite disagreeing with such policy, we are "to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work" (Titus 3:1). And above all, where is the Bible example of interfaith happening between Jews, Greeks, Romans, and Christians? Where is the Bible example of interfaith between Israel, Philistines, Babylonians, Midianites, and all the other "ites"? We are to proclaim the Three Angels' messages. Period!

March 8

Advent Messenger

Adventist Youth Go Wild Every Year at Avondale College

From the school website: "Barn Dance – Featuring The Peter Dixon Band, this event was a night not to be missed. After 28 years [this year marks 30 years] the students still look forward to the most anticipated event of the year. They dress up, show off their country music dance skills and finish off the week with lots of laughs and plenty of Instagram shots. No matter

how rusty your dance skills are, this event never disappoints and will continue to be a highlight of O week at Avondale for many years to come."

Comment: The pictures are not only worldly but vile. Two men dressed up as women holding each other's fake breasts with the attire that comes right out of something like *Dukes of Hazzard's* Daisy, surely does not represent Christ nor His teachings. There is no such thing as a moment to just let loose.

EGW: "Satan has a large confederacy, his church. Christ calls them the synagogue of Satan because the members are the children of sin. The members of Satan's church have been constantly working to cast off the divine law, and confuse the distinction between good and evil. Satan is working with great power in and through the children of disobedience, to exalt treason and apostasy as truth and loyalty. And at this time the power of Satanic inspiration is moving the living agencies to carry out the great rebellion against God that commenced in heaven." {PH150 3.1}

March 6

Catholic News Agency

Ash Wednesday liturgies held on Capitol Hill

Article: The Senate Chaplain Barry C. Black, who is not Catholic, also offered ash distribution services.

Comment: That is because Barry Black is a Seventh-day Adventist, who in deeds, is denying the Lord Jesus Christ by actively participating in the “weeping for Tammuz” (Ezekiel 8:14) ceremony, which God calls as one of the “abominations” (Ezekiel 8:15).

Bible: Titus 1:16 says, “They profess that they know God; but in works they deny [him], being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.”

March 5

The Gleaner

SDA World Leader: Abor- tions Justified In Rape, Threat Of Death

Article: “We do urge that lawmakers give strong adherence and cognisance to the sanctity of life. Most Adventists would be very supportive of the sanctity of life and not in favour of abortion unless the mother’s life was in danger or there was incest or rape involved, and that’s left to the individual to decide.”

Comment: Rape and incest exceptions are not found in the Bible. Though these situations ought not happen, it is not the baby’s fault how conception happened. Though it is challenging to see the child to term, it would be murder if not done so. Besides, our hospitals perform abortions for other reasons, too, even though they claim that no Seventh-day Adventist doctor is in-

involved. The fact that it is performed on our premise is guilty enough.

Bible: Exodus 21:22-23 says that life includes being in the womb, “If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart [from her], and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman’s husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges [determine]. And if [any] mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life.”

February 27

Spectrum Magazine

Bridging Generations with Academy Students at the One Project

Article: Ferguson spoke about the dangers of maintaining a doctrine of certainty, and how it is not only acceptable but often necessary to be uncertain about things in order to keep looking forward. “I’m the kind of person that likes to have answers,” Gam told me. “I come to uncertainty and I start to get scared because I grew up with this sort of mentality like we have all the answers. And if you doubt, if you start asking questions, it’s a bad thing.” For Gam, it was both hopeful and challenging to hear the pastor of a prominent church take the stage and admit that he, too, struggled with uncertainty at times.

EGW: “He shall know of a certainty in regard to this matter. This promise

should put to flight all doubts and questionings. It is separation from Christ that brings doubts. He is followed by the earnest, honest, true, faithful, humble, meek, and pure, whom holy angels, clothed with the panoply of heaven, are sanctifying, enlightening, purifying, and guarding; for they are heaven bound.” {2T 513.2}

Bible: John 7:17, “If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or [whether] I speak of myself.”

Comment: This is just another attempt to make Seventh-day Adventist to not be the only and true church.

February 27

Washington Adventist Hospital

Adventist Healthcare & You

Article: WHAT DOES MINDFULNESS MEAN? Nurse Rose: Mindfulness refers to paying attention to moment-by-moment experiences and silencing the mind by focusing on one repetitive thought or task. This could include: Mindfulness meditation, Prayer, Moving meditations like yoga or tai chi or repetitive movement exercises like riding a bike, swimming laps or walking.

EGW: “We need to be constantly filling the mind with Christ, and emptying it of selfishness and sin.” {RH, March 15, 1892 par. 4}

Comment: Yoga is about emptying the mind completely. We are not to do that.

February 25

Adventist Review

Adventists Seek New Approaches to Humanitarian Development

Article: The Fifth Annual Symposium on the Role of Faith-Based Organizations in International Affairs, held January 29, 2019, at the United Nations Secretariat in New York City, New York, United States, was co-organized by the Seventh-day Adventist Church and focused this year on practical and ethical issues surrounding development funding. Speakers throughout the day echoed this key theme, emphasizing the important role religion and faith-based organizations can play as the UN pursues its far-reaching development agenda, known as the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. These 17 goals, set by the UN in 2015 as its guiding objectives for the next 15 years, encompass a range of humanitarian challenges, ranging from eradicating poverty and hunger to overcoming the scourge of illiteracy.

Comment: International affairs is government. Do we see Jesus, Paul, the disciples trying to influence international affairs in their day? No! And the goals of the UN is to implement the pope's encyclical on climate change. Our leadership is

no different than the kings after Solomon, including Ahab!

EGW: "It was apostasy that led the early church to seek the aid of the civil government, and this prepared the way for the development of the papacy,—the beast. Said Paul, There shall "come a falling away, . . . and that man of sin be revealed." [2 Thessalonians 2:3] So apostasy in the church will prepare the way for the image to the beast. And the Bible declares that before the coming of the Lord there will exist a state of religious declension similar to that in the first centuries. "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." [2 Timothy 3:1-5] "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." [1 Timothy 4:1.] Satan will work "with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness." And all that "received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved," will

be left to accept "strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." [2 Thessalonians 2:9-11.] When this state of ungodliness shall be reached, the same results will follow as in the first centuries." {GC88 443.4}

Older:

Fulcrum

September 9, 2016

A Day at The One Project

Article: The first speaker was Alex Bryan from Walla Walla University and before long this "revival event" swung straight into church politics. At 16:41 of his talk he brought up women's ordination--right out of the blue--so that his own agenda might be heard. He spent the whole time taking little stabs at historical and conservative Seventh-day Adventists, calling them legalists. The next speaker was Dena King whose message was titled "What Jesus taught about the trinity." She began by saying that the Seal of God is no longer the Sabbath but is now the Holy spirit filling us (22:03). She also talked about the family of God and how they should be understood. There was God the Father, Christ our brother or sister and the Holy Spirit--our heavenly mother (5:38). The third speaker was Diane Johnson and in one of her stories she talked about being at Starbucks and sipping on her coffee as if that was an everyday thing and therefore an

acceptable lifestyle practice.

EGW: “The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.” {1SM 204.2}

April 9, 2014

AD Vindicate

Adventist Church Invites Catholic Priest for Lent

Article: The Auburn Seventh-day Adventist Church, Calif., participated in an annual Lenten series that started March 5 and ended April 9. Auburn Church invited Catholic priest Arnold Parungao from from St. Teresa of Avila Parish to speak at its March 19 Lent service.

EGW: “Rome never changes. Her principles have not altered in the least. She has not lessened the breach between herself and Protestants; they have done all the advancing. But what does this argue for the Protestantism of this day? It is the rejection of Bible truth which makes men approach to infidelity. It is a backsliding church that lessens the distance between itself and the Papacy.” {ST, February 19, 1894 par. 4}

Ethan Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church (pictured here)



Comment: What is this garb? It contains pagan symbols to begin with. Additionally, the elder reading from a phone instead of the Bible itself is disrespectful to God from up front. And it appears that the other person, assumed to be an elder as elders usually are the ones up front with the minister during the communion service, is actually a female, not justified by the Word of God to be in such a position. And finally, other images reveal a drum set off to the side.

EGW: “It is time that the watchmen upon the walls of Zion understood the responsibility and sacredness of their mission. They should feel that a woe is upon them if they do not perform the work which God has committed to them. If they become unfaithful, they are endangering the safety of the flock of God, endangering the cause of truth, and exposing it to the ridicule of our enemies. O what a work is this! It will surely meet its reward. Some ministers, as well as people, need converting. They need to be torn to

pieces, and made over new. Their work among the churches is worse than lost, and in their present weak, tottering

condition, it would be more pleasing to God for them to cease their efforts to help others, and labor with their hands

until they are converted. Then they could strengthen their brethren." {GW92 120.2}



News And Comments

March 1

Salon.Com

Belgian students hit the streets as

"The condition of things in the world shows that troublous times are right upon us. The daily papers are full of indications of a terrible conflict in the near future. Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. Strikes are common." {9T 11.3}

"The dignitaries of church and State will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. 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. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. In the soon-coming conflict we shall see exemplified the prophet's words: 'The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God,

and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.'" [Revelation 12:17.] {GC88 592.3}

March 1

The Guardian

Youth climate strikers: 'We are going to change the fate of humanity'

Article states: Exclusive: Students issue an open letter ahead of global day of action on 15 March, when young people are expected to strike across 50 nations.

"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." {GC88 615.1}

March 1

News.Com.Au

Unions back next school strike in Australia ahead of 2019 federal election

Article: "School students striking for climate change want adults to join them for a global event on March 15, and organisers say they already have support from

a growing number of unions. 'They are inspiring leaders, and we support them in making our political leaders listen,' the union said."

"The trades unions will be one of the agencies that will bring upon this earth a time of trouble such as has not been since the world began."--Letter 200, 1903. {2SM 142.1}

March 6

Yahoo News

Republicans Just Can't Stop Talking About the 'Green New Deal'

The article says something word for word out of Ellen White's writings: "Republicans are embracing Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's ambitious plan to avert climate change -- but not because they favor the Green New Deal. The party hopes they can use it to take back seats in Congress and possibly keep the White House in 2020."

[Keep in mind that there are numerous connections between the Green New Deal and the Pope's encyclical on climate change with the solution being Sunday rest days

for the planet.]

"To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law. Those who fear God cannot accept an institution that violates a precept of the Decalogue. On this battlefield comes the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. Now, as in the days of Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people." {5T 450.2}

March 4

The Nation

On March 15, the Climate Kids Are Coming

According to the article, "On March 15, tens of thousands of high-school and middle-school students in more than 30 countries plan to skip school to demand that politicians treat the global climate crisis as the emergency it is." This is the counterfeit to the true children of God: "Many, even among the uneducated, now proclaim the words of the Lord. Children are impelled by the Spirit to go forth and declare the message from Heaven. The Spirit is poured out upon all who will yield to its promptings, and, casting off all man's machinery, his binding rules and cautious methods, they will declare the truth with the might of the Spirit's power. Multitudes will receive the faith and join the armies of the Lord." {RH,

July 23, 1895 par. 3}

March 5

Forbes

Funding The Revolution -- Extinction Rebellion Closes In On The Mainstream

The article states, "They are a group calling overtly and publicly for non-violent civil disobedience in order to push for the declaration of a 'climate emergency' and the establishment of a Citizen's Assembly to deal with it." And just how will they deal with it? Implement the common solution of a day of rest? And the demand continues... "The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. 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. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected." {GC88 592.3}

March 8

Vatican News

Pope: Sustainable development rooted in ethical values

The article states, "In 2015 Pope Francis addressed the UN General Assembly in New York shortly before member states unanimously adopted Agenda 2030

and the Sustainable Development Goals." In other words, they admit that the UN is on board with the solution of climate change per the encyclical. "Concluding his address and quoting his encyclical *Laudato Si*, he told those present that, 'three and a half years since the adoption of the sustainable development goals, we must be even more acutely aware of the importance of accelerating and adapting our actions in responding adequately to both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.'"

"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).

March 19

Yahoo News

Aspirin is out. Here's how healthy older adults can prevent heart attacks, strokes without pills

Most people are all about obeying the doctor's orders but when they keep changing their minds, why not go with something more stable, like words from God? Up to now, since it is official, so many people knew that they just had to have that aspirin a day. Yet, when they admit that they were wrong, they still, somehow, keep their respect

of authority in the matter. Science and the medical field seem to keep showing up late to our message, which has been consistently taught for well over a hundred years by the true Christians. In other words, the prophet has been proven right yet again! This is stated as such because the article states that the following needs to replace the aspirin a day: "A diet full of vegetables, fruits, legumes, nuts, whole grains", "Regularly exercise", "Keep a healthy weight", "Don't smoke". Does this sound familiar? It is the NEWSTART program.

"Drugs never cure disease. They only change the form and location. Nature alone is the effectual restorer, and how much better could she perform her task if left to herself. But this privilege is seldom allowed her. If crippled nature bears up under the load, and finally accomplishes in a great measure her double task, and the patient lives, the credit is given to the physician. But if nature fails in her effort to expel the poison from the system, and the patient dies, it is called a wonderful dispensation of Providence. If the patient had taken a course to relieve overburdened nature in season, and understandingly used pure soft water, this dispensation of drug-mortality might have been wholly averted. The use of water can accomplish but little, if the patient does not feel the

necessity of also strictly attending to his diet." {2SM 451.1}

March 14

Daiji World

Mangaluru: Symposium on 'Religion and Ecology' - religious role for protection of nature stressed

"We all practice our religions the way we want. Now it is time to think about protecting nature which is as important as practicing religion. It is very easy to deliver talks on protection of environment, but no one is ready to practice it. When religious leaders and religion takes this mission, it will become easy and everyone will come forward to save mother earth. So our programmes should be on this direction," he said.

"We cannot define the word 'Hindu' as a religion. It is a culture. In Hindu culture, earth is equal to mother. The followers of Sanathan Dharma adore sun, tree, and animals as God and goddesses. It means that they see divinity in all creatures created by God." So, the Hindu "culture" is set to worship the "sun" and to save the earth, they are ready to keep Sunday then, a combination of sun worship and earth saving. Ellen White penned, "In the revelation of His righteous judgments, God will break up all these associations; and when the judgment shall sit and the books be opened, there will be revealed the un-

Christlikeness of the whole confederacy. Those who choose to unite with these secret societies are paying homage to idols as senseless and as powerless to bless and save the soul as are the gods of the Hindus" {2SM 131.2}.

March 27

Yahoo News

GOP lawmaker criticized for 'disrespectful' prayer as first Muslim woman is sworn into Pa. House

Not that we can disagree with the prayer, it is the spirit or motivation behind it that reveals the dragon spirit. In the last days, it is going to be hard to fight against the dragon because what is said or done is not necessarily error. The issue is the "forcing" part. And this was definitely a demonstration at the state level of that dragon-like spirit.

"The lamb-like horns and dragon voice of the symbol point to a striking contradiction between the professions and the practice of the nation thus represented. The 'speaking' of the nation is the action of its legislative and judicial authorities. By such action it will give the lie to those liberal and peaceful principles which it has put forth as the foundation of its policy. The prediction that it will speak 'as a dragon,' and exercise 'all the power of the first beast,' plainly foretells a development of the spirit of intolerance and persecution that was manifested by the nations

represented by the dragon and the leopard-like beast. And the statement that the beast with two horns 'causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast,' indicates that the authority of this nation is to be exercised in enforcing some observance which shall be an act of homage to the papacy. {GC88 442.1}

March 25

NY Times

We've All Just Made Fools of Ourselves — Again

By stating, "Maybe it's time to declare a national sabbath", the Sabbath/Sunday subject continues to be agitated. "It has been shown to me that Satan is stealing a march upon us. The law of God through the agency of Satan is to be made void in our land of boasted freedom; religious liberty will come to an end. The contest will be decided over the Sabbath question, which will agitate the whole world. Our time for work is limited, and God calls us as ministers and people to be minute men" {HM, February 1, 1890 par. 4}.

Not Enough Room For:

March 9—Fox News—*First ever meeting between a Pope and a President of the LDS Church*

March 16—Yahoo News—*'It's the apocalypse': Paris rioters run*

amok at yellow vest rallies

March 15—Euro News—*Climate strikes: Students in 123 countries take part in marches*

March 21—Technocracy—*Pope Francis Unites All Religions Over Sustainable Development*

March 18—Independent Catholic News—*Portugal: Al Gore quotes Laudato Si' at climate conference*

March 18—National Catholic Reporter—*Faith activists urge UN Environment Assembly to address human side of climate change*

March 8—America Magazine—*Fear of the future unites Yellow Vests and climate change protesters*

March 26—Life Site News—*Vatican Life Academy: Parents must vaccinate, even if vaccines come from aborted babies*

February 12—European Christian Workers Movement—*European Christian Worker Movement Statement in the International Day of Free Sunday (3rd March)*

February 18—European Sunday Alliance—*Ahead of EU elections: what is next for work-free Sunday?*

January 7—WM Magazine—*Kanye West Pivoting to Preaching With Kardashians-West Family [They chose Sunday.]*



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There were other sins necessary to confess. The thought may enter the mind, "The checkout clerk knows I am a Seventh-day Adventist, but they are not. I just put doubt into their mind and possibly put a soul at risk for salvation sake if they turn away from the truth because of my poor conduct." That, too, is sinful. In fact, it is more sinful than the loss of anger. Sending souls to hell because of what we do, or do not do, carries more weight for "his blood will I require at thine hand" (Ezekiel 3:18). Then, worse yet, that clerk may gossip about the situation spreading more of my poor, sinful conduct to others turning them off from the truth as well whom I may never be able to undo because I can never find out who knows and does not know.

I state this because anger is not the only sin that has ramifications. Flirting with the opposite gender; joking inappropriately with acquaintances; saying "no" to the Holy Spirit when prompted to turn the conversation to present truth because of wanting the person's friendship more than the risk of uncomfortable-ness; cheating a person out of what rightly belongs to them so as to get the best deal; getting worked up over politics or political issues that no true Christian ought to

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get involved in; getting upset while driving; always showing up late for appointments; and the list goes on. In other words, there are a whole lot of examples that too many of us confess the surface of the sin without understanding how deeply we “crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put [him] to an open shame” (Hebrews 6:6).

Now, as we approach the close of probation, do you contemplate “The divine picture of Christ”, or do you act no differently than the evangelicals who believe “once saved, always saved”?



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