# The Four Angels' Messages A Monthly Magazine

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#### Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

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After reading the following verses, as true Christians, none of us should ever reject advice from God in any area of our lives: "In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works" (Titus 2:7), "Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things [are] of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:17-18), and "For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things" (2 Corinthians 2:9). The phrase "all things" means "all things", and yet, many Christians are abhorred when a minister speaks on what is assumed to be very private matters.

"All things" means, yes, God does get to enter into our refrigerators and tell us what to eat, when to eat, how much to eat, and much more regarding the diet. And by enter-

ing into the refrigerator, that means He tells us what may and may not be placed upon our tables at meal times. And upon entering the refrigerator and the table, that means what we drink, when we drink, how much to drink, is also allowed to be guided by God through His ministers. Many Sabbath keepers, which implies commandment keepers, do not think God, especially through the use of a minister, should be "controlling" people's diets. Nonsense! All of Leviticus 11 addresses that matter and elsewhere in the Bible, so when Ellen White states that "You should never let a morsel pass your lips between your regular meals" {2T 373.2}, then it ought to be adhered to and not be rejected or cause an irksome reaction towards the minister.

True Christianity is not the surface of the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments are a summary and the details of what they cover is the rest of the Bible and even the

Spirit of Prophecy. For instance, to purpose-fully injure the body by eating inappropriately is covered by the commandment of "Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 20:13).

Now let us address, "Thou shalt not commit adultery" (Exodus 20:14). Yes, God does have a right under the term "all things" to enter into bedrooms and command what is and is not appropriate sexual activity, even beyond referring to the occupants. Yet, when a news article of an outspoken minister that caused a disruption among members by addressing bedroom activity, supposed Christian people threw spiritual stones at the minister. Comments connected to the article took on the pattern, "As a Christian, I am appalled at hearing that a minister addressed such subjects from the pulpit. What happens behind a closed door to my bedroom is my business!" No, it is not. It is God's business. And the reason is because there is not one "God

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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 wellstudied 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

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

message are described

thus:

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

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

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### The Four Angels' Messages (topic 17)

Jerry O'Donnell

#### Come Out!

#### Come out of what?

Revelation 18:4 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.

Referring to 18:2, people are to come out of Babylon, both physically and spiritually. And if people think they are too smart to be deceived by staying in their comfortable positions, God says that such people will then (to put the verse into positive words) be partakers of her sins, as in, considered accomplices. Being even accomplices then, God will pour out the plagues upon such people.

Can you imagine it? A person who is living up to all the light they have, realizes more light that is in serious contradiction to the church they belong to, turning around and choosing to stay in that church because of whatever excuse they have (family attendance, long history, friendly people, large congregation, beautiful music, etc.), just to lose one's soul.

It happens in real life. I

know of a person who had a car and drove his buddies around regularly. It was not uncommon for them to drive into town, stop, have the three passengers get out, only to come back in a few minutes for him to drive them off. Usually, thanks to the driver, the other three would buy lunch around the corner for him, and they would all quickly pull away to enjoy it elsewhere. Or maybe one of them had to pick up a quick item in a store, then there was no need to turn the car off. And back in the day, when such joy riding was happening, it was very common to leave the car running, and as soon as the others were just getting into the car, even before the last door closed, it was fun to just pull out. It was a type of showing off. Well, one day, this showing off cost the driver years behind bars. The friends made the usual stop. Three of them got out and told the driver, "Keep the car running. We'll be right back." Sure enough, they were back in just two minutes, if that. Just as done before, the driver pulled out quickly

only to shortly have sirens sounding behind him. Thinking he broke the speed limit, he pulled over, but as soon as the car was drawing to a slower speed, his three friends hopped out and ran for it. The police were not able to catch any of the three friends, but easily apprehended the driver. Upon asking one of the officers, "What's the matter?", the officer answered, "We're booking you on bank robbery charges." Even though the driver pleaded his case as innocent of knowing anything of the incident and that he was just joy riding with his friends, and even had other witnesses testify of his character, he was found guilty, and served a number of years in prison. Complicating matters, he refused to rat out his friends, especially since all of the money was recovered from the back seat of the car that day. He figured that the bank got their money, what was the harm now? The result was years in prison while his thieving friends enjoyed freedom.

It is not a matter of making sure we remain innocent. If we refuse to sep-

arate from known Baby-Ionians, we are actually disobeying God. This calling out is not found only in Revelation 18:4, but 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, taking particular interest in verse 17, which says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in [them]; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore 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, saith the Lord Almighty." [Emphasis added.]

So, yes, when a good and faithful Christian who attends a Sunday church is aware of the true Sabbath, they are to come out of their Sunday church; and, no, they are not to straddle both by simply adding Sabbath keeping to their weekend.

Now physically, the message applies to every other denomination, religion, and even "non-religion". It does not apply to Seventh-day Adventists. Ellen White penned this in 1893, and it was reprinted a number of other times without once turning around to say that she received new insight from God, changing the view.

"My brother, I learn that you are taking the position that the Seventhday Adventist Church is Babylon, and that all that would be saved must come out of her. You are not the only man whom the enemy has deceived in this matter. For the last forty years, one man after another has arisen, claiming that the Lord has sent him with the same message; but let me tell you, as I have told them, that this message you are proclaiming, is one of the Satanic delusions designed to create confusion among the churches. My brother, you are certainly off the track. The second angel's message was to go to Babylon [the churches] proclaiming her downfall, and calling the people to come out of her. This same message is to be proclaimed the second time. 'And after these things 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. 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. 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. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." {RH, September 12, 1893 par. 14}

This was but five years after the big fiasco in 1888 camp meeting of "righteousness by faith", the beginning of things turning for the church's mission, as it began unfaithfulness. This penned position did not change during the apostasy years nor after it. As stated before, it is interesting that all attempts to form a new world wide structure that would be purer never appeared on the scene until the prophet was dead.

The one of the best

quotes that she ever penned in rebuke of the church was in 1896, "The sacred character of the cause of God is no longer realized at the center of the work. The voice from Battle Creek. which has been regarded as authority in counseling how the work should be done, is no longer the voice of God; but it is the voice of-whom? From whence does it come, and where is its vital power? This state of things is maintained by men who should have been disconnected from the work long ago. These men do not scruple to quote the word of God as their authority, but the god who is leading them is a false god" {17MR 185.3}. Do keep in mind, she remained obedient to the conference, even after penning these words, by staying in Australia until 1900, as the conference wanted her out of the way.

Does this sound familiar today? The words of the prophet are being diminished while the General Conference and conference structure no longer has the sacred character of the cause of God at the center but ecumenicalism, financial support for Notre Dame Cathedral, trying to be acceptable among other denominations, and more, happens to lead the leadership. In other words, it is the work of men that is at the center once again. If the work were God centered, the General Conference would never apologize when a mass mailing of The Great Controversy is mailed out, or anti-Easter messages are printed as well as anti-Christmas messages.

Even stronger are these words, "We must as a people arouse and cleanse the camp of Isra-

el. Licentiousness, unlawful intimacy, and unholy practices are coming in among us in a large degree; and ministers who are handling sacred things are guilty of sin in this respect. They are coveting their neighbors' wives, and the seventh commandment is broken. We are in danger of becoming a sister to fallen Babylon, of allowing our churches to become corrupted, and filled with every foul spirit, a cage for every unclean and hateful bird; and will we be clear unless we make decided movements to cure the existing evil?" {21MR 380.1}.

And this is where the spiritual comes in. If we believe that a Lutheran cannot remain in a Lutheran Church after becoming familiar and accepting of all the major points of doctrine in the Bible, how can we justify a Seventh-day Adventist attending a church where the minister dresses up like a Catholic priest, giving a sappy non-Adventist message [not the Three Angels nor Present Truth], studying the tainted quarterlies with error and apostasy teachings that are even written by atheists and Catholic ministers, listening to music at the beat of drums and carried on by what looks like a rock band and style of it, to be encouraging the congregation

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If you do send it in "too early", it will be applied properly.

to get ready for the latest movie night right after the Sabbath ends, serving food that ought no longer be served, and making a mockery of the truth? And the list could go on and on, or even shorter in some cases, yet just as guilty. Remember, Satan does not care if all of the service is done right, by keeping people asleep to present truth is still a congregation bound to hell. And the answer, by the way, is that we cannot justify it. We would be hypocrites. "Come out of your church of error to listen to more error that is even more dangerous." What nonsense! We are not advocating exiting the conference and forming a new headquarters or joining another that has an established headquarters, which hopefully past articles have been clear about, but at the same time, that is not a church safe for attending. Blatant error is error no matter the quantity.

Think of it this way, in which space does not permit me to reference it all, but read the whole Old Testament and see time and time again that Israel forsook God, worshipped pagan gods and idols, were overcome by their enemies, and then Israel changed for a short period of time, came back to the true God, only to have fallen away again. There are

two lessons to learn.

The first is "though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, [yet] a remnant of them shall return" (Isaiah 10:22). Though we have around 21 million Seventh-day Adventists, be the remnant "which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 12:17). The vast majority of the organized structure breaks the fourth commandment every Sabbath by promoting non-Sabbath items, among many other things. Church is not a place for announcements that refer to other activities. Though it costs, send out letters. Today, most people are reachable by phone; investigate into what is called voicemail drops if someone does not want to be kept on the phone trying to call everyone with everyone wanting to chit-chat.

The vast majority of the organized structure breaks the first commandment through the use of drama, rock style music, and anything else focusing upon actors instead of God.

And why are people to go to church? "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12). But instead, the vast majority of the organized

structure breaks the second and third commandments by not touching on sins in the church for fear of scaring people off and by allowing jewelry to be warn in the sanctuary. And we can go on and on down the commandments showing that the organized structure is no different than the days of King Ahab or other similar kings.

Every year it gets bolder and bolder, away from the pure worship and truth-seeking time this church used to have.

Now, as a sister of Babylon, we look and act just like the pagans.

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

Now the second lesson,

though the first was cut short for the sake of space, is a lesson to all those that have formed a different structure claiming to be the purer Seventh-day Adventists. Not once in all of those examples of the Bible, including with King Ahab, did God wipe out the nation and replace them with a new people. Time and time again He focused upon the remnant inside the apostasy that stayed true to Him. Any soul that would have promoted starting a new nation would have been cut off no matter how purer they were. Though it is tempting to worship free from stress and not have to be constantly on guard wondering what is going to be said in error next, though it is tempting to worship with a body of believers instead of all alone, endure because it is going to get a lot worse. People are not trying to kill you yet.

Now on the physical timing of things, do keep in mind that this final message happens as this angel joins the third angel of Revelation 14. "I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven, descending to the earth, and again ascending to heaven, preparing for the fulfillment of some important event. Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, to

unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory. The light which attended this angel penetrated everywhere, as he cried 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." The message of the fall of Babylon, as given by the second angel, is repeated, with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844. The work of this angel comes in at the right time to join in the last great work of the third angel's message as it swells to a loud cry. And the people of God are thus prepared to stand in the hour of temptation, which they are soon to meet. I saw a great light resting upon them, and they united to fearlessly proclaim the third angel's message" {EW 277.1}.

"But when the decree shall go forth enforcing the counterfeit sabbath, and the loud cry of 'the third angel' shall warn men against the worship of the beast and his image, the line will be clearly drawn between

the false and the true. Then those who still continue in transgression will receive the mark of the beast" {ST, November 8, 1899 par. 2}.

So, Revelation 18 is under the Sunday law crisis, but keep in mind, our training is now to give the loud cry. Sunday law does not come in, people get trained, and then go forth. They go forth in practice even now trying to warn souls so that when the latter rain is poured out in full measure, it multiplies what is already happening by astronomical numbers. Do keep in mind, nothing times infinity is nothing. Also, if what is being practiced is swaying to drums and feeling good with the rest of the week spent in secular activity, then that will be a big nothing come to Sunday law. But if a person is distributing literature, financing ministers of present truth, trying to engage people in one manner or another, even though it looks like mere crumbs or even a lot of unsuccessful attempts, that will be multiplied "some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty" (Matthew 13:23), and there will be many stars in the crown.

May we be attending the right boot camps preparing to be instruments for the loud cry!

## A View of the Conflict

Ellen White

In vision I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by banners bearing the world's insignia; the other was led by the bloodstained banner of Prince Immanuel. Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust as company after company from the Lord's army joined the foe and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God. An angel flying in the midst of heaven put the standard of Immanuel into many hands, while a mighty general cried out with a loud voice: "Come into line. Let those who are loyal to the commandments of God and the testimony of Christ now take their position. Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters. Let all who will come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

The battle raged. Victory alternated from side to side. Now the soldiers of the cross gave way, "as when a standardbearer fainteth."

Isaiah 10:18. But their apparent retreat was but to gain a more advantageous position. Shouts of joy were heard. A song of praise to God went up, and angel voices united in the song, as Christ's soldiers planted His banner on the walls of fortresses till then held by the enemy. The Captain of our salvation was ordering the battle and sending support to His soldiers. His power was mightily displayed, encouraging them to press the battle to the gates. He taught them terrible things in righteousness as He led them on step by step, conquering and to conquer.

At last the victory was gained. The army following the banner with the inscription, "The commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus," was gloriously triumphant. The soldiers of Christ were close beside the gates of the city, and with joy the city received her King. The kingdom of peace and joy and everlasting righteousness was established.

Now the church is militant. Now we are confronted with a world in midnight darkness, almost wholly given over to idolatry. But the day

is coming in which the battle will have been fought, the victory won. The will of God is to be done on earth, as it is done in heaven. Then the nations will own no other law than the law of heaven. All will be a happy, united family, clothed with the garments of praise and thanksgiving --the robe of Christ's righteousness. All nature, in its surpassing loveliness, will offer to God a constant tribute of praise and adoration. The world will be bathed in the light of heaven. The vears will move on in gladness. The light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold greater than it is now. Over the scene the morning stars will sing together, and the sons of God will shout for joy, while God and Christ will unite in proclaiming: "There shall be no more sin, neither shall there be any more death."

This is the scene that is presented to me. But the church must and will fight against seen and unseen foes. Satan's agencies in human form are on the ground. Men have confederated to oppose the Lord of hosts. These confedera-

cies will continue until Christ shall leave His place of intercession before the mercy seat and shall put on the garments of vengeance. Satanic agencies are in every city, busily organizing into parties those opposed to the law of God. Professed saints and avowed unbelievers take their stand with these parties. This is no time for the people of God to be weaklings. We cannot afford to be off our guard for one moment.

"Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Ephesians 6:10-17.

"This I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God." Philippians 1:9-11.

"Let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: . . . stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; and in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake." Verses 27-29.

There are revealed in these last days visions of future glory, scenes pictured by the hand of God, and these should be dear to His church. What sustained the Son of God in His betrayal and trial? He saw of the travail of His soul and was satisfied. He caught a view of the expanse of eternity and saw the

happiness of those who through His humiliation should receive pardon and everlasting life. He was wounded for their transgressions, bruised for their iniquities. The chastisement of their peace was upon Him, and with His stripes they were healed. His ear caught the shout of the redeemed. He heard the ransomed ones singing the song of Moses and the Lamb.

We must have a vision of the future and of the blessedness of heaven. Stand on the threshold of eternity, and hear the gracious welcome given to those who in this life have cooperated with Christ, regarding it as a privilege and an honor to suffer for His sake. As they unite with the angels, they cast their crowns at the feet of the Redeemer, exclaiming: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. . . . Honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." Revelation 5:12, 13.

There the redeemed ones greet those who directed them to the uplifted Saviour. They unite in praising Him who died that human beings might have the life that measures with

the life of God. The conflict is over. All tribulation and strife are at an end. Songs of victory fill all heaven as the redeemed stand around the throne of God. All take up the joyful strain: "Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and lives again, a triumphant conqueror."

"I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." Revelation 7:9, 10.

"These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. "And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Verses 14-17; 21:4.

Will you catch the inspiration of the vision? Will

you let your mind dwell upon the picture? Will you not be truly converted, and then go forth to labor in a spirit entirely different from the spirit in which you have labored in the past, displacing the enemy, breaking down every barrier to the ad-

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Who will now consecrate themselves to the service of the Lord?
Who will now pledge themselves not to affiliate with the world, but to come out from the world and be separate, refusing to pollute the soul with the worldly schemes and practices that have been keeping the church under the

enemy's influence?

We are in this world to lift the cross of selfdenial. As we lift this cross we shall find that it lifts us. Let every Christian stand in his place, catching the inspiration of the work that Christ did for souls while in this world. We need the ardor of the Christian hero, who can endure the seeing of Him who is invisible. Our faith is to have a resurrection. The soldiers of the cross are to exert a positive influence for good. Christ says: "He that is not with Me is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad." Matthew 12:30. Indifference in the Christian life is a manifest denial of the Saviour.

Should we not see in the world today Christians who in all the features of their work are worthy of the name they bear? who aspire to the doing of deeds worthy of valiant soldiers of the cross? We are living near the close of the great conflict, when many souls are to be rescued from the slavery of sin. We are living in a time when to Christ's followers the promise specially belongs: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end." Matthew 28:20. He who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, He who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light, bids us let our light shine brightly before men, that they may see our good works and glorify

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our Father who is in heaven. In such rich measure has light been given to God's people that Christ is justified in telling them that they are to be the light of the world.

To our physicians and ministers I send the message: Lay hold of the Lord's work as if you believed the truth for this time. Medical missionary workers and workers in the gospel ministry are to be bound together by indissoluble ties. Their work is to be done with freshness and power. Throughout our churches there is to be a reconversion and a reconsecration to service. Shall we not, in our work in the future and in the gatherings that we hold, be of one accord? Shall we not wrestle with God in prayer, asking for the Holy Spirit to come into every heart? The presence of Christ, manifest among us, would cure the leprosy of unbelief that has made our service so weak and inefficient. We need the breath of the divine life breathed into us. We are to be channels through which the Lord can send light and grace to the world. Backsliders are to be reclaimed. We are to put away our sins, by confession and repentance humbling our proud hearts before

God. Floods of spiritual power are to be poured forth upon those prepared to receive it.

If we but realized how earnestly Jesus worked to sow the world with gospel seed, we, living at the very close of probation, would labor untiringly to give the bread of life to perishing souls. Why are we so cold and indifferent? Why are our hearts so unimpressible? Why are we so unwilling to give ourselves to the work to which Christ consecrated His life? Something must be done to cure the terrible indifference that has taken hold upon us. Let us bow our heads in humiliation as we see how much less we have done than we might have done to sow the seeds of truth.

My dear brethren and sisters, I speak to you in words of love and tenderness. Arouse and consecrate yourselves unreservedly to the work of giving the light of truth for this time to those in darkness. Catch the spirit of the great Master Worker, Learn from the Friend of sinners how to minister to sin-sick souls. Remember that in the lives of His followers must be seen the same devotion, the same subjection to God's work, of every social claim, every earthly affection, that was seen in His life.

God's claims must always be made paramount. Christ's example is to inspire us to put forth unceasing effort for the good of others.

God calls upon every church member to enter His service. Truth that is not lived, that is not imparted to others, loses its life-giving power, its healing virtue. Everyone must learn to work and to stand in his place as a burden bearer. Every addition to the church should be one more agency for the carrying out of the great plan of redemption. The entire church, acting as one, blending in perfect union, is to be a living, active missionary agency, moved and controlled by the Holy Spir-

It is not alone by men in high positions of responsibility, not alone by men holding positions on boards or committees, not alone by the managers of our sanitariums and publishing houses, that the work is to be done which will cause the earth to be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. This work can be accomplished only by the whole church acting their part under the guidance and in the power of Christ. {8T 41-47}

## A Word to the "Little Flock."

James White, Ellen White, and Joseph Bates

#### THE TIME OF TROUBLE

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake," etc. -Dan.12:1,2.

We are taught by some, that the standing up of Michael, the time of trouble, and the delivering of the saints are in the future: and that all these events are to be accomplished at the second appearing of Christ. Others teach, that Michael stood up on the 10th day of the 7th month, 1844, and that since that time we have been passing through the "time of trouble, such as never was;" and that the deliverance of the saints, is at the first resurrection. But as I cannot harmonize either of these views with the bible, I wish to humbly give my brethren and sisters my view of these events. It is clear to me, that here are four distinct events, all in the future. 1st. The standing

up of Michael. 2nd. The time of trouble. 3rd. The deliverance of the saints; and 4th. The resurrection of the just, to everlasting life.

That Jesus rose up, and shut the door, and came to the Ancient of days, to receive his kingdom, at the 7th month, 1844, I fully believe. See Luke 13:25; Mat.25:10; Dan.7:13,14. But the standing up of Michael, Dan.12:1, appears to be another event, for another purpose. His rising up in 1844, was to shut the door, and come to his Father, to receive his kingdom, and power to reign; but Michael's standing up, is to manifest his kingly power, which he already has, in the destruction of the wicked, and in the deliverance of his people. Michael is to stand up at the time that the last power in chap. 11, comes to his end, and none to help him. This power is the last that treads down the true church of God: and as the true church is still trodden down, and cast out by all christendom, it follows that the last oppressive power has not "come to his end:" and Michael has not stood up. This last power that treads down the saints is brought to view in Rev.13:11-18. His number is 666. Much of his

power, deception, wonders, miracles, and oppression, will doubtless be manifested during his last struggle under the "seven last plagues," about the time of his coming to his end. This is clearly shadowed forth by the magicians of Egypt, deceiving Pharaoh and his host, in performing most of the miracles, that Moses performed by the power of God. That was just before the deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage; and may we not expect to see as great a manifestation of the power of the Devil, just before the glorious deliverance of the saints? If Michael stood up in 1844, what power came "to his end, and none to help him," "AT THAT TIME"? The trouble that is to come at the time that Michael stands up, is not the trial, or trouble of the saints: but it is a trouble of the nations of the earth, caused by "seven last plagues." So when Jesus has finished his work of atonement, in the Holy of Holies, he will lay off his priestly attire, and put on his most kingly robes and crown, to ride forth, and manifest his kingly power, in ruling the nations, and dashing them in pieces.

We believe, that our

great High Priest is attired as the Jewish high priest was. See Lev.16c. But when Michael stands up to reign, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS, he has on, many crowns, in one crown. Rev.19:16.

The deliverance of the living saints, is before the first resurrection; for it is spoken of, as a separate event.

If the deliverance of the living saints is not until the first resurrection; why is the resurrection spoken of, as a separate event, after the deliverance? It seems clear that the deliverance is at the voice of God. Then, from that time till Christ appears, the saints will have power over the nations, who remain of the former plagues.

# THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE

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. Jer.30:7.

By comparing Gen.c.32, with Jer.30:7, and the prophesy of Obadiah, we may see that Jacob represents believers, and Esau represents unbelievers. I doubt not, but these two characters will be brought out, and clearly seen in the closing strife with the Image Beast, which is just before us. See Rev.13:11-18. Jacob's trouble was when the messengers

returning to him, said,
"We came to thy brother Esau, and also he
cometh to meet thee,
and four hundred men
with him. Then Jacob
was greatly afraid, and
distressed." Gen.32:6,7.

The true saints will be brought into a similar situation, at the time of the fulfilment of Rev.13:11-18.

Not that the saints will be killed; for then none would remain till the change: but to fulfil this prophecy, a decree must go forth to kill the saints, which will cause fear, and distress. When Jacob was troubled, he wrestled with the angel "until the breaking of the day." Gen.32:24. In the last closing strife with the Image Beast, when a decree goes forth that as many as will not worship the image of the beast shall "be killed," the saints will cry day and night, and be delivered by the voice of God. Then "the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them, and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the Lord hath spoken it." Obadiah, 18th verse. I have not been able to see any thing in our past and present history, which answers to Jacob's trouble, and the day and night cry of the

elect. Luke 17:7. I have been astonished at some of our brethren, while they have urged us to go about the work of crying day and night for deliverance. Not long since, I was in a meeting where the sentiment prevailed, that if all would then go about the work they might pray Christ down to the earth in twenty-four hours. It is clear that when the time comes for this cry, that the elect will have the spirit of prayer poured upon them. "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and supplication," etc. "And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart;" See Zech.12:14; Eze.7:15,16.

When Jesus has finished his work in the Heavenly Sanctuary and comes out upon the great white cloud, with his sharp sickle, then will be the time for the day and night cry, which is represented by the angel's crying to Jesus, to thrust in his sharp sickle, and reap. - Rev.14:14,15.

The desire, and prayer of every pure soul is, "Thy kingdom come." But the special mourning, praying time of the saints, is evidently yet to come.

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, "We should jealously guard the edges of the Sabbath. Remember that every moment is consecrated, holy time. Whenever it is possible, employers should give their workers the hours from Friday noon until the beginning of the Sabbath. Give them time for preparation, that they may welcome the Lord's day with quietness of mind. By such a course you will suffer no loss even in temporal things" {6T 356.1}.

Here are several things to reinforce from God's inspiration to Ellen White. The first is guarding jealously the edges of the Sabbath. That refers to both the start and the end of the Sabbath. Cutting grass up to the minute before the Sabbath starts, or doing other labor right up to the minute, and

shutting it off at the mark of the Sabbath is NOT guarding the edges. In regards to sweat work right to the moment, if a person did shut things off right at that moment, there they are welcoming in the Sabbath smelling like the prior six days of labor with sweat rolling down their faces. It is one thing to be a sweaty person and another thing to have caused the sweat by activity too close to the Sabbath hours.

As for other work activity not generating sweat, the physical aspect may be put away, turned off, etc., but the mental still takes a moment to shutdown and that usually carries into the Sabbath until it finally shuts off. I personally have a secular job, called computer programming, to fund the ministry. My mind needs to shut off far earlier than right before the Sabbath because if the last thought is a programming error, the discovery of a potential solution will haunt me through the Sabbath hours. I know this for a fact because I have had challenging week day nights trying to go to bed and getting proper rest.

Now guarding the edges includes the end of the Sabbath in which so many people are in a hurry to do their thing at that moment. During the summer with late sunsets, some try to time it just right to still take advantage of a sale at the store before they close. So, when the sun is starting to set, there they are watching every passing minute, counting down to the moment that they may offer a quick prayer, if that, and jump in the car to go. Others, who dropped their secular pen will return to the pen the minute after the Sabbath. Again, all of this is NOT proper guarding of the edges and is Sabbath breaking.

And those that have the luxury of receiving the exact minute of sunset Friday and sunset Saturday times, who is to say that humans are correct to the minute? And who is to say that the house a person lives in is not off by a minute or two or three? By giving God exactly 24 hours to the minute is what is called a Pharisee. They met the requirements and expect to be recognized as Sabbath keepers, but as Jesus would say, "their heart is far

from me" (Matthew 15:8). Another term would be legalist, which is a person who meets the requirements but is not desirous to go beyond the requirements. A liberal will cut it short on either side and simply say, "close enough", forgetting that if it were in regards to salvation, "close enough" is to be wholly lost. Finally, we have those that "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matthew 22:37). They will tack on an extra 15 minutes, 30 minutes, even an hour on both sides. On top of that, the closing service is more than just a quick prayer. It may last for a bit of time with readings and songs and

such. Now that is guarding the edges.

Every minute is holy. To treat one minute in an unholy manner is to break the Sabbath.

And. I like how it is said. "whenever possible" because it is not always possible to get off of work at noon, especially if the employer is not and Adventist, however, we should not work to the point that we are driving home on Friday at sunset nor ought we to work until we are barely home and in the door right before sunset. All it takes is one delay in the path home and we are late for the Sabbath, even a Sabbath breaker.

And did you notice the reference to "quietness

of mind"? While winding down the physical aspects, our minds should also be winding down. All of the cares of life during the six days should be put aside, no longer thought of, but also not in "the ready" to pick up the thoughts right after the Sabbath. All things that we cannot address during the Sabbath ought not be a thought of during the holy hours. If need be, write down the thoughts before the Sabbath comes in, forget about them, and then read the notes after the Sabbath has been properly closed.

May we be faithfully found guarding the edges.

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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.

# Should you answer a fool or not?

A favorite among anti-Bible believers is the apparent no win situation stated in Proverbs 26:4-5, "Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him. Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit."

This is not a contradiction as many suppose it to be. The Bible is not telling anyone to perform and yet not perform the action of responding to a fool. It is merely stating the fact, and yes, it is a no-win situation from the perspective of trying to win the argument, but that is not supposed to be our focus.

Basically, when a faithful follower responds to foolish talk, the conversation indeed will continue to downgrade to the

point that the foolish person will eventually make the wise person look foolish. This is usually done in a circle conversation in which the wise will respond to a foolish statement. The fool will then follow up with another foolish statement to be responded to by the wise person yet again. That statement is then followed by yet another foolish statement and vet another until the fool is ready to circle the conversation around to the same foolish statement that they opened up the conversation with in the first place and essentially achieve nothing but being a waste of time.

At the same time, if there is an attempt to not get caught up in such foolish conversation knowing full well that it would be fruitless to argue with a known fool, a person who loves to cut up the Bible and God, if nothing is said, the fool usually starts bragging. "What Christian? Don't you have an answer?" In front of an audience, this can be quite intimidating to the point that it may force the hand of the wise person to finally take up the conversation and we are back to the prior verse that basically declares the fool will make the wise person to appear foolish. Observers

will not follow the conversation and as soon as it circles completely around, the joke is on the wise person and they are humiliated. The observers will only remember the punch line, the moment that caused the laughter, and not recall the actual good responses of the wise person.

Again, this is not a contradiction as it is declaring, there is no winning with a fool. Join the conversation and look like a fool, or do not take up the conversation and let the fool become a bragging fool.

In past experience, especially when the Bible and God is under attack, while the fool is bragging, I try searching the crowd for those few people that would be interested in knowing the truth on the matter. This is done by reading facial expressions, reading their countenances as it were, as most people are truly open books by the expressions on their faces, but it is something that takes a bit of training to be accurate in, something that Jesus was an expert in, even John the Baptist. I will then seek those people out and try to have a private conversation with them away from the fool and his foolish friends.

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 *Ministry of Healing*, pages 440-450. Sometimes we have to be reminded that we need to take care of our mental health as well. This is part 1 of 2.

# The False and the True in Education

The mastermind in the confederacy of evil is ever working to keep out of sight the words of God, and to bring into view the opinions of men. He means that we shall not hear the voice of God, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." Isaiah 30:21. Through perverted educational processes he is doing his utmost to obscure heaven's light.

Philosophical speculation and scientific research in which God is not acknowledged are making skeptics of thousands. In the schools of today the conclusions that learned men have reached as the result of their scientific investigations are carefully taught and fully explained; while the impression is distinctly given that if these learned men are correct, the Bible cannot be. Skepticism is attractive to the human mind. The youth see in it an independence that captivates the imagination, and they are deceived. Satan triumphs. He nourishes every seed of doubt that is sown in young hearts. He causes it to grow and bear fruit, and soon a plentiful harvest of infidelity is reaped.

It is because the human heart is inclined to evil that it is so dangerous to sow the seeds of skepticism in young minds. Whatever weakens faith in God robs the soul of power to resist temptation. It removes the only real safeguard against sin. We are in need of schools where the youth shall be taught that greatness consists in honoring God by revealing His character in daily life. Through His word and His works we need to learn of God, that our lives may fulfill His purpose.

#### **Infidel Authors**

In order to obtain an education, many think it essential to study the writings of infidel authors, because these

works contain many bright gems of thought. But who was the originator of these gems of thought? It was God, and God only. He is the source of all light. Why then should we wade through the mass of error contained in the works of infidels for the sake of a few intellectual truths, when all truth is at our command.

How is it that men who are at war with the government of God come into possession of the wisdom which they sometimes display? Satan himself was educated in the heavenly courts, and he has a knowledge of good as well as of evil. He mingles the precious with the vile, and this is what gives him power to deceive. But because Satan has robed himself in garments of heavenly brightness, shall we receive him as an angel of light? The tempter has his agents, educated according to his methods, inspired by his spirit, and adapted to his work. Shall we co-operate

with them? Shall we receive the works of his agents as essential to the acquirement of an education? {MH 440.3}

If the time and effort spent in seeking to grasp the bright ideas of infidels were given to studying the precious things of the word of God, thousands who now sit in darkness and in the shadow of death would be rejoicing in the glory of the Light of life.

# Historical and Theological Lore

As a preparation for Christian work, many think it essential to acquire an extensive knowledge of historical and theological writings. They suppose that this knowledge will be an aid to them in teaching the gospel. But their laborious study of the opinions of men tends to the enfeebling of their ministry, rather than to its strengthening. As I see libraries filled with ponderous volumes of historical and theological lore, I think, Why spend money for that which is not bread? The sixth chapter of John tells us more than can be found in such works. Christ says: "I am the Bread of Life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he

that believeth on Me shall never thirst." "I am the living Bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this Bread, he shall live forever." "He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life." "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." John 6:35, 51, 47, 63.

There is a study of history that is not to be condemned. Sacred history was one of the studies in the schools of the prophets. In the record of His dealings with the nations were traced the footsteps of Jehovah. So today we are to consider the dealings of God with the nations of the earth. We are to see in history the fulfillment of prophecy, to study the workings of Providence in the great reformatory movements, and to understand the progress of events in the marshaling of the nations for the final conflict of the great controversy.

Such study will give broad, comprehensive views of life. It will help us to understand something of its relations and dependencies, how wonderfully we are bound together in the great brotherhood of society and nations, and to how great an extent the oppression

and degradation of one member means loss to all

But history, as commonly studied, is concerned with man's achievements, his victories in battle, his success in attaining power and greatness. God's agency in the affairs of men is lost sight of. Few study the working out of His purpose in the rise and fall of nations.

And, to a great degree, theology, as studied and taught, is but a record of human speculation, serving only to "darken counsel by words without knowledge." Too often the motive in accumulating these many books is not so much a desire to obtain food for mind and soul, as it is an ambition to become acquainted with philosophers and theologians, a desire to present Christianity to the people in learned terms and propositions.

Not all the books written can serve the purpose of a holy life. "'Learn of Me'," said the Great Teacher," "'take My yoke upon you,' learn My meekness and lowliness." Your intellectual pride will not aid you in communicating with souls that are perishing for want of the bread of

life. In your study of these books you are allowing them to take the place of the practical lessons you should be learning from Christ. With the results of this study the people are not fed. Very little of the research which is so wearying to the mind furnishes that which will help one to be a successful laborer for souls.

The Saviour came "to preach the gospel to the poor." Luke 4:18. In His teaching He used the simplest terms and the plainest symbols. And it is said that "the common people heard Him gladly." Mark 12:37. Those who are seeking to do His work for this time need a deeper insight into the lessons He has given.

The words of the living God are the highest of all education. Those who minister to the people need to eat of the bread of life. This will give them spiritual strength; then they will be prepared to minister to all classes of people.

#### **The Classics**

In the colleges and universities thousands of youth devote a large part of the best years of life to the study of Greek and Latin. And while they are engaged

in these studies, mind and character are molded by the evil sentiments of pagan literature, the reading of which is generally regarded as an essential part of the study of these languages.

Those who are conversant with the classics declare that "the Greek tragedies are full of incest, murder, and human sacrifices to lustful and revengeful gods." Far better would it be for the world were the education gained from such sources to be dispensed with. "Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?" Proverbs 6:28. "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one." Job 14:4. Can we then expect the youth to develop Christian character while their education is molded by the teaching of those who set at defiance the principles of the law of God?

In casting off restraint and plunging into reckless amusement, dissipation, and vice, students are but imitating that which is kept before their minds by these studies. There are callings in which a knowledge of Greek and Latin is needed. Some must study these languages. But the knowledge of them

essential for practical uses might be gained without a study of literature that is corrupt and corrupting.

And a knowledge of Greek and Latin is not needed by many. The study of dead languages should be made secondary to a study of those subjects that teach the right use of all the powers of body and mind. It is folly for students to devote their time to the acquirement of dead languages or of book knowledge in any line, to the neglect of a training for life's practical duties.

What do students carry with them when they leave school? Where are they going? What are they to do? Have they the knowledge that will enable them to teach others? Have they been educated to be true fathers and mothers? Can they stand at the head of a family as wise instructors? The only education worthy of the name is that which leads young men and young women to be Christlike, which fits them to bear life's responsibilities, fits them to stand at the head of their families. Such an education is not to be acquired by a study of heathen classics. 

### Healthy And Delicious Recipes

#### Ratatouille

- 2 yellow squash
- 2 small eggplants
- 5 roma tomatoes
- 1 (26-ounce) jar of tomato basil pasta sauce
- 1 yellow or red bell pepper
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley
- 2 teaspoons fresh basil
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme
- 1 teaspoon of minced garlic
- Salt to taste
- 4 tablespoons of olive oil

**Step 1**—Prepare your veggies. Slice your zucchini into thin coins and repeat for each vegetable. Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Step 2**—Prepare your sauce. Saute diced bell pepper in a bit of olive

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oil over medium-high heat. Once heated (about 3-4min), add your sauce and reduce heat to low. Once warmed, pour sauce into the base of your cast iron skillet (I used a 12").

**Step 3**—Next, layer vegetable coins in a spiral pattern around the skillet until the entire pan is covered.

Step 4—Prepare your

herb drizzle. Combine the minced garlic, chopped thyme, basil and parsley with 4 T of olive oil and salt and pepper. Mix well and evenly pour over the top of the veggies.

Step 5—Cover finished dish with tinfoil and bake for 40-45 minutes covered, and remove the foil for the last 15-20 minutes until the veggies are soft.

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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.

Now, here is one that

can be used against
Adventists very easily.
Titus 3:10 deals with
those that spread heretical doctrines and
are labeled as heretics.
Most modern versions
declare that those
causing division are
troublers and should be
dealt with. If "division"

**Very Much in Error** 

American Standard Version: A factious man after a first and second admonition refuse;

Berean Literal Bible: Reject a factious man after one and a second admonition,

Who is a heretic? One that goes against Bible doctrine or someone that simply causes division?

The wrong definition will be used against Adventists when brought to court for rejecting the Mark of the Beast.

would mean being separated from God's truth, that would be one thing, but in this religious environment of unity for the sake of unity dismissing doctrines, those holding the truth of God's word will look like the ones causing division. So, do not be surprised if scripture shall be falsely applied with this verse being one of them.

King James Bible: A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject.

#### **Berean Study Bible:**

Reject a divisive man after a first and second admonition,

Christian Standard Bible: Reject a divisive person after a first and second warning.

Contemporary English Version: Warn trouble-makers once or twice. Then don't have anything else to do with them.

English Standard Version: As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him,

#### **Good News Transla-**

tion: Give at least two warnings to those who cause divisions, and then have nothing more to do with them.

Holman Christian Standard Bible: Reject a divisive person after a first and second warning,

International Standard Version: Have nothing to do with a divisive person after you have warned him once or twice.

# **King James 2000 Bible:** A man that is divisive

A man that is divisive after the first and second admonition reject;

**NET Bible:** Reject a divisive person after one or two warnings.

New American Standard Bible: Reject a factious man after a first and second warning,

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New Heart English Bible: Reject a divisive

person after a first and second warning;

New International Version: Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them.

New King James Version: Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition,

New Living Translation: If people are causing divisions among you, give a first and second warning. After that, have nothing more to do with them.

Weymouth New Testament: After a first and second admonition, have nothing further to do with any one who will not be taught;

World English Bible: Avoid a factious man after a first and second warning; Young's Literal Translation: A sectarian man, after a first and second admonition be rejecting,

#### **Correct This Time**

Aramaic Bible in Plain English: Avoid a man who is a heretic after the first and second admonitions,

Darby Bible Translation: An heretical man after a first and second admonition have done with,

**Douay-Rheims Bible:** A man that is a heretic, after the first and second admonition, avoid:

**English Revised Version:** A man that is heretical after a first and second admonition refuse:

GOD'S WORD® Translation: Have nothing to do with people who continue to teach false doctrine after you have warned them once or twice.

Jubilee Bible 2000: A man that is a heretic, after the first and second admonition, reject him,

Webster's Bible Translation: A man that is a heretic, after the first and second admonition, reject;

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# Go Ye Therefore, And Teach

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

With that said, make sure you have a Bible that permits placing notes in it. A wide margin Bible with note pages in the back is perfect for this. On one of the note pages, jot down the information we are going to share, then throughout the Bible, chain link each of the verses together. For instance, on the first verse I share with someone, I circle the verse number, and write in the margin the next verse to go to, plus I write some key words to share.

#### **TOPIC: Book of Life**

Ask them, what is the most important book to have our names in? Then take them to Revelation 21:27 focusing upon the fact that the book is the Book of Life, and if a name is missing, there is no entrance into Heaven, but if a name is in the Book of Life. they get to enter in.

Ask them, what is the Book of Life used for? Then take them to Revelation 20:12 and point out that people are judged with it.

Ask them, where do people go if their names are not in the Book of Life?
Then take them to Revelation 20:15,

pointing out the "lake of fire".

Ask them, how are names not found in the Book of Life?
Then compare Revelation 13:8 to Revelation 13:3-4 focusing upon following the antichrist.

Ask them again, how else are names not found in the Book of Life? Then take them to Revelation 22:19 and focus upon the fact that if anyone dismisses even parts of the Bible, they will not have their names in the Book of Life.

Ask them, how are names found in the Book of Life? Then take them to Philippians 4:3 and focus on the active service for God being a fruit of the right relationship with God. In other words, people with names in the Book of Life will not hold back in sharing their Bible knowledge with others.

Ask them, what do people whose names are in the Book of Life successfully do? Then take them to Revelation

3:5 and focus upon being an overcomer of sin, therefore, not to be an overcomer means the blotting out of one's name.

Ask them, who gets blotted out of the Book of Life? Then take them to Exodus 32:33 and focus upon active, unrepentant sinners, keeping in

mind that there is a solution to past sins.

Ask them, what is the solution to past sins? Then take them to 1 John 1:9 and focus upon the fact that if they truly confess, they are cleansed of that sin.

Ask them, do you know what it means to

be cleansed? Then take them to Jude 24 and focus upon the word "faultless" but tie in the fact that we are then kept from falling and repeating the sin over and over and over by the power of Jesus.

# **Questions And Answers**

QUESTION: My KJV Bible notes that 4004 BC as the beginning of creation. Doing some calculations, I come up with 1963 as the 6000th year. Am I wrong for using 4004BC?

ANSWER: First, if the 6,000<sup>th</sup> year were already past, then that would break God's perfect schedule of a sabbatical time period. We have "Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God" (Exodus 20:9-10). We have "six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof: But the seventh [year] thou shalt let it rest and lie still" (Exodus 23:10-11). And so, it will be with the 6,000<sup>th</sup> year for this planet where the 7,000<sup>th</sup> year shall be a period of rest. In fact, Jesus is going to "guard the edges" for "he will finish the work, and cut [it] short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth" (Romans 9:28).

Secondly, the Bible note is not from a prophet. In fact, the prophet, Ellen White, stated, "'And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease.' In A. D. 31, three and a half years after his baptism, our Lord was crucified. With the great sacrifice offered upon Calvary, ended that system of offerings which for four thousand years had pointed forward to the Lamb of God. Type had met antitype, and all the sacrifices and oblations of the ceremonial system were there to cease" {GC88 327.3}. That makes 2031 potentially the 6,000<sup>th</sup> year.

Thirdly, even today's Jews do not agree with the 6,000<sup>th</sup> year being past. They believe the year is currently 5,779.

So, do ignore the footnote or side note.

**QUESTION:** Who should and should not we be praying for? [Referring to April 2018 editorial.]

ANSWER: Without repeating the editorial, James 5:14 says, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church." The words "among you" refers to church members. To pray for healing of non-church members, if the healing were to take place, they would return to their sinful practice. Ellen White states it this way, "In view of what the Word warns us is coming upon the earth, I felt that I must urge upon our people the necessity of establishing Sanitariums. We cannot pray for the miraculous healing of those who know not the truth. They have prostituted their powers, and

were they thus healed, they would not return God the glory, but would continue to dishonor him by following wrong practices. We are to educate those who come to our sanitariums, teaching them how to bring themselves into right relation with God by following right habits of eating, drinking, and dressing. . . " {6MR 378.2}.

So, for church members, prayer for the sick, and prayer to overcome struggles is by all means encouraged. For those not of the faith, prayer for conversion, openness to receiving the truth is acceptable, but not a request for healing. In neither case, should we pray for temporal needs. For instance, praying that a person gets the job that they are interviewing for may not be the job God wants for that person.

**QUESTION:** What is your take on Jeff Pippenger?

ANSWER: Unfortunately, I am not familiar enough to comment one way or another. Being a contributor to the Our Firm Foundation Magazine, is a plus, as most contributors seemed to be proper defenders of the truth. However, he is a promoter of the 2520 prophecy of which many advocate it to be a salvation issue of which Ellen White does not directly support it being such, nor do I. If it were such an important issue, Ellen White would have

written much more on the matter instead of an implication that is questionable.

In regards to the 2520year prophecy, Ellen White penned, "The experience of the disciples who preached the 'gospel of the kingdom' at the first advent of Christ, has its counterpart in the experience of those who proclaimed the message of his second advent. As the disciples went out preaching, 'The time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God is at hand,' so Miller and his

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Ellen White also penned, "I have seen that the 1843 chart was directed by the hand of the Lord, and that it should not be altered; that the figures were as He wanted them; that His hand was over and hid a mistake in some of the figures, so that none could see it, until His hand was removed" {EW 74.1}. The 1843 was a mistake, but multiple figures were involved. With 2520 being longer than 2300 in the prior quote, it is concluded that the 2520 was one of those figures. She did not pen the word "figure" but "figures", so it is beyond the number 1843 being a mistake. Everything else with figures seems to be correct and believed through the Spirit of Prophecy explicitly but the 2520.

And we conclude the rest

of the argument from the pen of James White, ...

The prophetic period of Lev. xxvi, or what has been supposed to be such, has been no small object of study among prophetical expositors. It has been supposed that the expression, "seven times," in verses 18, 21, 24, 28, denoted a prophetic period of 2520 years, and that this period covered the time during which the throne of Israel should be and remain subverted and trodden down by oppressing powers. To rightly fix the commencement and termination of this period, became therefore a matter of consequence. Where does it commence? and where does it end? have been questions of much study, and perhaps some perplexity.

These are not the questions, however, that we propose here to discuss; for there is a question lying back of these, which demands to be answered first; namely, Is there any prophetic period brought to view at all in Lev. xxvi? We claim that there is not, and will offer a few of what are to us very conclusive reasons for this position:

1. A series of judgments is threatened against Israel, in case they hearkened not unto God to do his commandments, before the expression, seven times, is introduced. Verses 14-17. In these judgments is included being slain before their enemies, being reigned

over by those that hated them, and fleeing when none pursued them. Now if the seven times were meant to cover the period of God's special judgments against Israel, especially of their captivity by foreign powers, these seven times should have been mentioned in connection with the first threatening of judgments of this kind. But this, as we have seen, is not the case.

- 2. After the threatening of these judgments, God says, verse 18, "And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins." Then follows an enumeration of the judgments to come upon them in fulfillment of this, different from the items of the first threatening, and increasing in severity.
- 3. If they would not for this hearken, seven times more plagues were threatened against them, "according to their sins." Verse 21. Then again follows an enumeration of judgments to correspond, more severe still than any preceding.
- 4. If they would not be reformed by these things, God threatened to punish them seven times more for their sins. Verse 24. And in like manner with the foregoing, an enumeration of the judgments to be inflicted in fulfillment, immediately follows, more fearful still.
- 5. And if they would not hearken to God for all

these things, he makes a final threat that would walk contrary to them in fury, and chastise them seven times for their sins. Verse 28. And an enumeration of the judgments to be inflicted, again immediately follows, outdoing all before, in their terrible severity. Included among them were the eating of the flesh of their sons and daughters, making waste their cities, bringing the land into such desolation that their enemies should be astonished at it, scattering them among all nations, and drawing out a sword after them in all the lands of their dispersion. With fearful minuteness all this has been fulfilled, even to the eating the flesh of their own children, as in the terrible sieges that preceded the downfall of Jerusalem.

Thus we have, first, a series of judgments threatened against Israel, without the expression, seven times, and then the declaration four times made, that God would punish them seven times for their sins, each one on condition that the former did not lead to repentance, and each one containing its own specific enumeration of judgments, distinct from those that preceded, and regularly increasing in the severity of then denunciations. Now what is meant by this repeated expression of seven times? We reply, It denotes, not the duration of the punishment, but its

intensity and severity. It is well expressed in the language of verse 21, thus: "I will bring seven times more plaques upon you according to your sins." The number seven denoting perfection, we are undoubtedly to understand by this expression, the fullness of their punishment; that the measure of their national sins, would in every case be fully equaled by the measure of their national calamities.

And this position is fully sustained by the original, as a brief criticism will show.

In references to the Hebrew, we learn from the Hebrew Concordance that the expression, seven times, in Lev. xxvi, comes from sheh-vag; and this word is expressly set down by Gesenius, in those texts, as an adverb, also in Ps. cxix, 164; Prov. xxiv, 16. In Dan. iv, 16, 25, the expression, seven times, twice occurs, where beyond question it means duration. Nebuchadnezzar was to be driven from men, and make his dwelling with the beasts of the field, until seven times should pass over him. There can be no mistaking that here the expression means a certain space of time; but here we find, not the adverb as in Lev. xxvi, but the noun, gid-dahn, defined by Gesenius, "Time, in prophetic language, for a year." In Dan. vii, 25, where a prophetic period is brought to view in the expression, "a time

and times and the dividing of time," the same word is used. In Dan. xii, 7, where the same period is again brought to view, and in about the same language, we have another word, moh-gehd, defined by Gesenius, "Appointment of time. Spoken of a space of time, appointed and definite. In the prophetic style for a year." It will be seen by this definition, that this word is synonymous with the one used in Dan. vii, 25, as above referred to. Now if a period of time is meant by the expression, seven times, in Lev. xxvi, one of these words should and would most assuredly have been used. And the fact that neither of these words is there used, but another word, and that an adverb, places it beyond question that no such period is there intended.

The Greek is equally definite. The Septuagint has in Lev. xxvi, heptakis, which is an adverb, signifying seven times. In Dan. iv, 16, 25, for Nebuchadnezzar's seven times we have not heptakis, the adverb, but heptakairoi, a noun and its adjective. And in all cases where the word time occurs, denoting a prophetic period, as in Dan. vii, 25; xii, 7; Rev. xii, 14, it is from the noun kairos. Such a thing as a prophetic period based on an adverb is not to be found.

So then, there is no prophetic period in Lev. xxvi; and those who imagine

that such a thing exists, and are puzzling themselves over the adjustment of its several dates, are simply beating the air. To ignore, or treat with neglect, a prophetic period where one is plainly given, is censurable in the extreme. It is an equally futile, though not so heinous, a course, to endeavor to create one where none exists. {January 26, 1864 JWe, ARSH 68.1-12}

**QUESTION:** Where are you leading us? Are you trying to create independent atoms?

ANSWER: Basically, I am hoping people will think for themselves instead of treating the leadership and even their own pastors as Catholics treat the pope and priests. Somehow, we as a people have fallen into a Catholic mindset. We go along with every program; we give the benefit of the doubt to the leaders; and if we disagree at all, it usually is in a minor way. By no means am I trying to create independent atoms. Unfortunately, that quote is misquoted often. Here is the actual context of the quote, which is misleading even in the book *Last Day* Events, as it just grabs one line instead of the context.

"Again I say, The Lord hath not spoken by any messenger who calls the church that keeps the commandments of God, Babylon. True, there are tares with the wheat; but Christ said He would send His angels to first gather the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into the garner. I know that the Lord loves His church. It is not to be disorganized or broken up into independent atoms. There is not the least consistency in this; there is not the least evidence that such a thing will be. Those who shall heed this false message and try to leaven others will be deceived and prepared to receive advanced delusions, and they will come to nought" {2SM 68.3}.

Time and time again it has been stated that in no wise are we calling the church Babylon. Now, that does not mean the church has not incorporated things from Babylon. In fact, "We must as a people arouse and cleanse the camp of Israel. Licentiousness, unlawful intimacy, and unholy practices are coming in among us in a large degree; and ministers who are handling sacred things are guilty of sin in this respect. They are coveting their neighbors' wives, and the seventh commandment is broken. We are in danger of becoming a sister to fallen Babylon, of allowing our churches to become corrupted, and filled with every foul spirit, a cage for every unclean and hateful bird; and will we be clear unless we make decided movements to

cure the existing evil?" {21MR 380.1}.

As predicted, great apostasy would rise up right before the close of probation worse than the Kellogg apostasy. This is not something to condemn the organized church over but "At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason." -- 5T 136 (1882).

"Seventh-day Adventists have been chosen by God as a peculiar people, separate from the world" {7T 138.3}, but if the world is coming in and is practiced among the organized church, we cannot participate in that. By conducting children programs with super hero characters are something to be avoided. Pizza party youth meetings is just that, parties. The more the world comes in, the more true Adventists need to separate because like it or not, there is a principle of "beholding, we are changed". Just because it is put on in the Seventhday Adventist church does not protect us. So, tolerating the drums, the skits, the joking from the pulpit, the lack of hearing present truth messages, etc. means we are being influenced in the wrong direction.

Hope that clears up any confusion.

### 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}.

"There are today many who pursue a similar course. Like Saul, they are blinded to their errors. When the Lord seeks to correct them, they receive reproof as insult, and find fault with the one who brings the divine message." { 2BC 1014.7 }

#### April 27

**Desert Valley Adventist Church** 

Join Us For Youth Fellowship, Praise & Worship, Food, Games April 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm

EGW: "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}

Comment: Even if the games are held off until after sunset, it is clear that the desire would be for the Sabbath to end and to get on with a party atmosphere.

#### April 19

#### **BREITBART**

Tennessee Faith Leaders Write Letter Sup-

#### porting Abortion

In the letter, the religious leaders declare their opposition to the heartbeat bill as well as "all attempts to criminalize and restrict abortion access." The letter was signed by pastors and other religious leaders and activists, including Christians, Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Unitarian Universalists, and a pagan priestess. Among the Christians, the Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Lutheran, United Church of Christ, African Methodist Episcopal, Catholic, Episcopal, Brethren, Seventh Day Adventist, Anglican, and Nazarene were represented among the signatories.

Bible: Exodus 21:22-23, "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,"

#### April 26

#### **Fulcrum**

Easter Program at Oakridge SDA (Canada) Stars Female Jesus and Gay Mary Magdalene

**During Sabbath service** at the Oakridge (Canada) SDA church (OAC) in Vancouver, Jesus is portrayed by a woman in an Easter program. As if female Jesus isn't sacrilegious enough, throw in a gay flamboyant Mary Magdalene man and female Apostle Peter for blasphemous contagion effect. This strange mockery happened (predictably) under the oversight of a female pastor. OAC senior 'pastor' (Rhoda Klein Miller) defends this dramatic production against those who expressed concerns or walked out.

Bible: "And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." (John 2:16-17)

Comment: Where is the leadership outrage on this. If the simple selling of these things in the house of God had this effect upon Jesus, how much more would a female pastor promoting a skit that promotes homosexuality and a female Jesus, among other things, cause upon Jesus?

# April 18-21 Oakwood University

Web site: To all Oakwood Alumni & Friends, It is with great anticipation and excitement I share the good news of this upcoming Oakwood University Alumni Weekend 2019 - April 18-21 at Huntsville's Von Braun Center and the Oakwood University campus. The theme for the weekend is "Igniting Generations with Oakwood Love." That's not all — our featured special musical guest will be three-time Grammy Award winner Donnie McClurkin, Celebrating 30 years of praise and worship, Oakwood's very own Dynamic Praise will also bless us with their music.

Comment: Donnie
McClurkin is a non-SDA
and even a Grammy
Award winner, which
means, the world embraces his music.

EGW: "In their efforts to reach the people, the Lord's messengers are not to follow the ways of the world. In the meetings that are held, they are not to depend on worldly singers and theatrical display to awaken an interest. How can those who have no interest in the word of God, who have never read His word with a sincere desire to understand its truths, be expected to sing with the spirit and the understanding? How can their

hearts be in harmony with the words of sacred song? How can the heavenly choir join in music that is only a form?" {GW 357.1}

Comment: This is exactly how the Israelites were led into false worship – by accepting worship leaders not of the Israelite faith. Remember the incident at Baalpeor? (Numbers 25) Time and time again, Israel would do a joint worship effort and eventually turn pagan. And we as a people are not learning the lesson!

#### April 16

#### **Spectrum**

By Jeffrey S. Bromme Esq., Chief Legal Officer and Executive Vice President of Adventist Health System, Inc.

# A REFLECTION ON THE NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL

I would argue these edifices are needed more than ever. They bear silent and dramatic witness to the faith of another era. This morning, Nichole and I sent a donation to the Friends of Notre Dame so that we could play a very small part in the restoration of this beautiful edifice and the witness it bears.

Comment: Notre Dame Cathedral in another era was one of many offices throughout Europe in which the inquisition took place. Does anyone in their right mind want to be on the side of the inquisition? Further, we are in spiritual warfare with the Antichrist, with Babylon in general. This act, conspiracy theory or not, has generated great sympathy for the Roman Catholic Church, clearly identified as home to the antichrist. This is, therefore, aiding and abetting the enemy of Christ! This is treason. And the fact that such a personal donation was purposely made public through print can only mean the encouragement of others to follow suit and contribute.

Bible: "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into [your] house, neither bid him God speed" (2 John 1:9-10). [This is part of the antichrist description, 2 John 1:7, meaning that individually, there is no animosity, but doctrinally there is a huge issue in that we are either with Christ and His doctrine, or not.]

**EGW:** "When the religion of Christ is most held in contempt, when His law is most des-

pised, 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).

#### April 17

#### Adventist Record Is Easter Pagan?

Article Big Lie: As everything is based on this event, our entire lives can express our appreciation of it. We can mark it with the Eucharist. Eucharist comes from the Greek word for "thanks". The Gospels use this word when Jesus gave thanks for the bread and wine at the Last Supper and He told us to do the same in remembrance of Him. This is why the first Christians used this term for the Lord's Supper, because it was an expression of thanks their thanks to God for His amazing love and self-sacrifice.

Papacy Agenda: On Sunday, our participation in the Eucharist has special importance.

EGW: "The Scriptural

ordinance of the Lord's Supper had been supplanted by the idolatrous sacrifice of the mass. Papal priests pretended, by their senseless mummery, to convert the simple bread and wine into the actual "body and blood of Christ."--Cardinal Wiseman, The Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Eucharist, Proved From Scripture, lecture 8, sec. 3, par. 26. With blasphemous presumption, they openly claimed the power of creating God, the Creator of all things. Christians were required, on pain of death, to avow their faith in this horrible, Heaven-insulting heresy. Multitudes who refused were given to the flames." (See Appendix.) {GC 59.2}

Comment: If pew warmers in the Seventh-day Adventist church do not see this as an obvious agenda, we are more blinded than first thought. It is willful selfdestruction to deny such or to purposely ignore such. The word 'Eucharist' was not used during the Last Supper. It is from a satanic source. The papacy's desire is to have all religions and denominations participate in the Eucharist as a sign of unification. The fact that it can be so easily placed in print in an Adventist publication shows that

the leadership are leading back to Rome. There is no outcry from the leadership for a retraction, and the fact that the article made it past all the editing and approval processes shows that it is not just a fluke. This simply confirms that we do not just have inept people in important positions, but Jesuits now working very blatantly because pew warmers worship the structure more than the truth that it was enlightened with. As Jesus said, "[Ye] fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?" (Matthew 23:17). "[Ye] fools and blind: for whether [is] greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?" (Matthew 23:19). I apply the principle, "Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the truth, or the structure that retains the writings of truth?"

April 20

#### Collegedale Church

#### SonRise Resurrection Pageant

SonRise is an interactive, put-you-there-at-the-scene trip through Christ's final days leading to His death and resurrection. The cast is made up of over 500 Southern Adventist University students and church members.

**Comment:** This is wrong on two grounds. First, it is a pagan celebration. Second, we are not to be putting on theatrical performances.

EGW: "Let there be no theatrical display, for this will not help to strengthen belief in the Word of God. Rather, it will divert attention to the human instrument." --Letter 352, 1908. {2SM 23.3}

EGW: "Christians are making a great deal of Lent and Easter and church ornamentation. It is the old trick of Satan." {GC88 386.3}

**April 18-22** 

# Western Australian Conference

#### Big Camp April 2019

The Western Australian SDA conference's annual Easter Camp is a very spiritually uplifting and power weekend. Every year we make use of the

Easter weekend to get together as a Church to focus our attention on worshiping Jesus and learning from inspiring speakers from around the world.

Comment: Are those inspiring speakers only Seventh-day Adventists? From the picture supplied, it certainly looks and feels a lot like copying the world.

EGW: "Hindered by his devices, its managers reason after the manner of the world and copy its plans and imitate its customs. But in thus doing, they will not meet the mind of the Spirit of God." {5T 22.3}

#### April 5

#### **Post-Courier**

#### Churches Plan to Unite In Bougainville

Stated: Mainline and Pentecostal churches are planning for a series of reconciliation ceremonies that will lead to total unity among all



churches for the first time in 118 years since the Gospel came to Bougainville in 1901.

A joint press conference was held on Tuesday by leaders of the Roman Catholic Church, United Church, SDA and CLC Church representing others to inform the people and make an awareness on this historical event to unite all these churches together.

The leaders at the press conference included Bishop Bernard Unabali, Roman Catholic Church; Bishop Rev. Abraham Toroi, United Church; Terry Mose, SDA Church; Pastor Albert Magoi and Pastor Solomon Robert, Pentecostal Churches.

**Bible:** "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Revelation 18:4).

EGW: "The work of Christ is to redeem, to restore, to seek, and to save that which was lost. If we are connected with Christ, we also are partakers of the divine nature, and are to be laborers together with God. We are to bind up the bruised and wounded soul, and if a brother or a sister has erred, we are not to join with the enemy in destroying and ruining, but to work with Christ to restore

such a one in the spirit of meekness." {RH, February 26, 1895 par. 1}

Comment: Mainline and Pentecostal churches are leading people to sin. We are not to unite with them but to unite with Christ leading people into saving relationship, which includes obeying the fourth commandment. These ecumenical activities are becoming more and more blatant and more and more wide spread. And they are not being stopped or spoken ill of from the General Conference. That is because since 1982, the organized body has been on a fast track to unify with the papacy. May God's people wake up and not follow man, but God, even if it requires standing alone.

#### April 3

#### Fulcrum 7

# The Closing of a Texas Church

Pastor Gresham blames theological differences with the Texas Conference officers. He is a conservative, traditionalist Adventist pastor who believes strongly that the Textus Receptus that was translated into English for the Authorized Version of 1611 (KJV) are the pure Scriptures, whereas the Westcott & Hort critical text used in newer

translations is a corrupted version. Gresham also supports the cluster of beliefs that have come to be called "Last Generation Theology" and opposes the "evangelical" gospel of cheap grace without obedience and overcoming. "The conference has been trying to get rid of me for twenty years," Gresham said. "The leadership is evangelical, and they are trying to silence me."

Comment: The conference states that one of the issues for the closure is the diverting of tithe. So, as long as a church pays tithe, they are allowed to remain opened?

EGW: "Phariseeism in the Christian world today is not extinct. The Lord desires to break up the course of precision which has become so firmly established, which has hindered, instead of advancing, His work. He desires His people to remember that there is a large space over which the light of present truth is to be shed. Divine wisdom must have abundant room in which to work. It is to advance without asking permission or support from those who have taken to themselves a kingly power." {14MR 203.2}

### News And Comments

#### April 1—TDA Global Cycling

### Forget earth hour! What earth needs is a planetary holiday

"We will have a Planetary Day once a week, one as holy and important as Sundays used to be."

Ellen White writes, "The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the undercurrent is tending." {5T 452.1}

# April 1—National Geographic

#### This city bans cars every Sunday—and people love it

"A little over 75 miles of Bogotá's roadway are turned over each Sunday to the Ciclovía, and as many as one-and-a-half million Bogotanos come out to bike or ride." The world is getting ready for the Mark of the Beast.

"Satan puts his interpretation upon events, and they think, as he would have them, that the calamities which fill the land are a result of Sundaybreaking. Thinking to appease the wrath of God, these influential men make laws enforcing Sunday observance. They think that by exalting this false rest day higher and still higher, compelling obedience to the Sunday

law, the spurious sabbath, they are doing God service. Those who honor God by observing the true Sabbath are looked upon as disloyal to God, when it is really those who thus regard them who are themselves disloyal because they are trampling under foot the Sabbath originated in Eden." {10MR 239.2}

# April 1—The Guardian Climate change denial is

# climate change denial is evil, says Mary Robinson

Isaiah 5:20 says, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" Climate change reaction is an agenda. It will usher in the Mark of the Beast. And those that oppose the agenda are being called evil.

#### April 1—USA Today

#### Climate change: war, famine, drought, make more women not want children

Matthew 24:6-9 says, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these [are]

the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake." The headline comes right from the Bible, but notice that climate change believers will move from simple protests to jail and even killing those that stand for the truth of the matter or that do not go along with the proposed solution.

#### April 1—Life Site News

#### Lesbian attorney general may have just ended Christian adoption services in Michigan

Revelation 13:11 says, "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." This points to the United States that initially started out as a nation that had godly principles intended and then later speaks as a forcible dragon. This article is just one of many examples these days that Christian principles are being denied.

#### April 1—CNN

#### New York county takes 'extremely unusual' step to ban unvaccinated minors from public places amid measles outbreak

To deal with the "pestilences" (Matthew 24:7), forced vaccination and banning unvaxed

people is an attempt at an impossibility. The Bible predicts that even if everyone was vaccinated, things are just going to get worse. These are the last days in which everything is going to have no real solution and will continue to fall apart until they enact religious laws believing finally that these things are from God. But even that will not suffice because there will always be those "that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12). And so the final step will be "that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Revelation 13:15).

# April 3—National Catholic Reporter

# Rome conference hopes to uproot prejudice against the Pharisees

The article states,
"Presenting the Pharisees
as self-righteous hypocrites concerned more
with the law than with
people is prejudicial, biblically inaccurate and
offensive to many Jews,
several scholars said."

Then that means Jesus was wrong for he said, "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites [are]: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward" (Matthew 6:5). In fact, Jesus called them hypocrites numerous

times. So, once again, "it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered" (Daniel 8:12).

# April 9—Catholic News Agency

#### Commentary: US celebrates 35 years of diplomatic relations with the Holy See

The article states, "Today the United States and the Holy See are a world-wide force for good - safeguarding religious freedom, defending human rights, and seeking peaceful solutions to crises around the world." The Bible says, "And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him. and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed" (Revelation 13:12). Of course the relationship is pronounced as a good thing when the Bible says that it is a bad thing. Safeguarding religious freedom is the Catholic version and the United States are involved in making sure all the world accepts.

#### April 10—ABC News

#### Supplements warning: Certain types could increase chances of cancer, new study says

We ought not be taking supplements if we can help it. We are told in regards to fruit and vegetables, which contain the vitamins and minerals our body needs, to eat them

in their natural state. Pill or powder form is not a natural state. Extracting only calcium, or creating a vitamin, like vitamin D, to offset our lack of sun exposure, is dangerous to the body. All the necessary balancing factors from the natural sources are discarded and the concentration of a particular vitamin is harmful to the body. Although vitamin pills are better than all of the chemicals in drug medications, they still come with serious risks. And many vitamins are synthetically made making it harder for the body to absorb properly causing even further damage to the body. "Care should be taken to have all food in as good condition as possible. In the end, good food is the cheapest. Vegetables that are stale or of poor quality are likely to be unpalatable and unwholesome. So with fruits. Ripe and fresh, they are as wholesome as they are delicious; but green, partly decayed, or overripe fruit should never be eaten raw. When cooked, unripe fruit is less objectionable. So far as possible, however, we should use fruit in its natural state. The more we accustom ourselves to use it fresh from the tree, the greater will be our enjoyment of fruit, and the more benefit we shall receive from its use" {PHJ, July 1, 1905 par. 7}.

#### April 9—Standard Media

Nyandarua bans Sundays as market days

Yet another country ripe for easy forcing of the Mark of the Beast. "The assertion that God's judgments are visited upon men for their violation of the Sunday-sabbath, will be repeated; already it is beginning to be urged. And a movement to enforce Sunday observance is fast gaining ground." {GC88 579.1}

# April 11—Church of Our Lady Columbus

#### I Won't Get Tired of Repeating: 'Peace Is Possible', Pope Insists at South Sudan Spiritual Retreat in Vatican

By saying, "I urge you, then, to seek what unites you" it is what Ellen White saw, "The wide diversity of belief in the Protestant churches is regarded by many as decisive proof that no effort to secure a forced uniformity can ever be made. But there has been for years, in churches of the Protestant faith, a strong and growing sentiment in favor of a union based upon common points of doctrine. To secure such a union, the discussion of subjects upon which all were not agreed-however important they might be from a Bible standpoint must necessarily be waived." {GC88 444.1}

#### April 11—Fast Company

#### How youth organizers are pushing Minnesota toward its own Green New Deal

Referencing 2030 a few

times in the article, we see the potential start of state by state approval of the Green New Deal, or at least the solution to climate change coming. Just like the way the same sex marriage agenda conquered state by state, it is very likely the same is going to happen with the climate change solution. Just as Matthew 24:7-9 spells it out, "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these [are] the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake", the famines, pestilences, earthquakes, all of which is blamed on climate change will usher in an attack upon those true Christians. Revelation 13:15 says, "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." Connecting the two together, when church and state unite on climate change solution, which both are currently wrestling with, those who do not go along with it are marked to be killed.

# April 12—The Daily Guardian

#### Is Sunday a day of rest?

"It should be emphasized that stopping on Sunday

is not optional in Germany: one must stop on Sunday."

"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." {RH, December 24, 1889 par. 3}

# April 16—The Catholic Herald

#### Only by returning to the Faith can we truly rebuild Notre Dame

"Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul, and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of Spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of Spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience." {GC88 588.1}

"Notre Dame" means
"Our Lady" referring to
Mary. Mary is dead, but
the Catholic Church says
she lives on. The edifice
of Notre Dame is to keep
that spiritualism alive,
and a false sympathy
Rome has. Billions of dollars world wide are being
collected along with even
strong unification with
her.

#### April 12—NBC News

# Congo's Ebola outbreak might be declared global emergency

Matthew 24:7 says, "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and PESTILENCES, and earthquakes, in divers places."

# April 18—The Lord's Day Alliance

#### Sunday as a Mark of Christian Unity

The article states, "In order to fully appreciate Sunday as a mark of Christian unity we must

expand our definition of unity." And the Bible says, "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (Revelation 13:16-17).

# April 23—The New American

#### Pedophilia Being Taught As "Sexual Orientation" in California Schools

"Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot;" "Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed" (Luke 17:28, 30). Every sexual perversion was conducted in open. Now that homosexuality is legal, promiscuity is promoted in schools, transgenders are defended, bisexual is popular, even open marriages with animals is allowed, partner swapping is gaining popularity, sex parties are not uncommon; the last step is the adults towards children.

#### April 24—Christian Broadcasting Network

#### Earth's Magnetic North Pole Is Shifting, Prompting Fears of a Coming Global Chaos

"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:26).

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given gift" that Satan has not tainted. And there is not one "God given gift" that people have a "natural" tendency to use appropriately. People need to be told what is and is not appropriate in "all things". And the most popular inappropriate use of everything is excess.

God also has a right to enter into people's closets and dresser drawers and identify what is and is not appropriate attire. He has a right to enter into our showers as well as the bathroom cabinets. God may go anywhere He wants for "all things" are His including each one of us. He has a right to tell us what to watch and listen to as well as what not to watch and not listen to. He is allowed to tell us what is and is not appropriate reading matter as well. Overall, God is able, through the use of a minister and the pen, to tell every aspect of our lives including the most private aspects.

So, is there any subject matter that you think is inappropriate for a minister to address? We are not talking about inappropriate moments such as it is inappropriate for a

(Continued from page 39) minister to counsel a woman about sexuality in a private manner. We are just talking about subject matters. So, if anything irks someone because a minister "went there", I pray there would be repentance. If you say that God is allowed to touch everything in your life, then that is a surrendered soul and may each one of us be completely surrendered!

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