



The Four Angels' Messages

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Would that we lived so near the cross that we could see as God sees, and work as he would have us work. If our brethren would learn the value of souls in the light of what their salvation has cost Jesus, they would know that souls are of greater value than houses and lands, gold and precious stones, or high positions of honor. Jesus calls upon us to love one another as he has loved us. May the Lord enlarge our minds to comprehend eternal things; for when we do, selfishness will disappear, and we shall be doers of the word, and not idle hearers.

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For Seventh-day Adventists**

Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

Jerry O'Donnell

As I read Daniel 1:8 a while back, something inspired me about that verse. In part, it states, "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself". I was impressed to know where are the Daniels today?

First, we have a young lad that purposed in his heart. Many of the youth I have met over the years in the faith cannot wait to experience the world. They have no such purpose in their heart. Their purpose is towards the world and what it has to offer.

In fact, I remember joining the Seventh-day Adventist church back in 1994 fresh out of the Catholic Church. That summer, many of the congregation were invited to enjoy a picnic. Being new in the faith and wanting to see what Adventist life was like, I attended and even went on a tractor hay ride. There must have been about twenty of us in the wagon section. There was much conversation, but one particular conversation between a twenty-year-old and another about the same age caught my attention. The fact that the twenty-year-old was seated next to me made it quite easy to overhear

the bragging voice. She intended to be heard. She stated, "I cannot wait to turn twenty-one in a couple months. Then I will be of legal age to hit the bars." I thought to myself, "What did she say?" So, I asked, and she repeated the words exactly the same way. Shocked at what I had now heard confirmed in my ears and after I had a couple months prior personally dumped a few hundred dollars' worth of alcoholic beverages down the drain, I then asked her if she was an Adventist, thinking she may be simply a friend along for the ride. And she answered, "Yes, I am, but that is not going to stop me." Seeing that her mind could not be persuaded any further, I turned away from that conversation, bothered by my first real, interactive conversation with an Adventist youth.

Fast forward to today, and we face the same lack of purposing in the heart to not be defiled. We live in, at best, the age of tolerance. There is no shunning going on. There is no moral majority that would make people uncomfortable to speak contrary to the faith. Every wind of doctrine is simply allowed permitting everyone's

freedom of thought. But it will not be freedom of thought that is going to win out in the end. In fact, it is that freedom of thought that prompted Eve to sin, that led Cain to strike Abel, that aligned a world against entering into the ark, that caused constant rebellion against Moses, and over time, paved the way to the crucifixion of Christ.

To purpose in one's heart does not mean that one has to be obnoxious. One can purpose quietly. I am sure Daniel did not slam his fist on the table and yell, "I'm not eating this!" More than likely, Daniel and his friends simply avoided taking a plate. They probably approached Melzar in a more private manner. This is strongly implied because Melzar thought he would lose his head (Daniel 1:10) if the king knew.

Again, the focus here is the purposing or determining in one's heart not to defile it. That means we address people with the reason when asked, and not hold back. If asked, "Why are you not participating?" Explain it, and leave it to them to either think we are weird or for them to ponder

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

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

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

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

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The Four Angels' Messages (topic 21)

Jerry O'Donnell

The Kings of the Earth ... Shall Bewail Her

Revelation 18:9-10 says, *"And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come."*

Quite a few topics of this series, which appeared in *Our Firm Foundation* magazine at first, dealt with the Three Angels' Messages of Revelation 14. And in this issue, we continue on the fourth angel's message, which, even as our front page states, is simply empowering the Three Angels.

With that said, some may be thinking, why are we continuing beyond verse 4. Verse 4 is not the end of the message. Though it may appear that the rest of the chapter is just prophecy waiting to be fulfilled, we must remind ourselves, since when do we see prophecies of the Bible as just events waiting to

be fulfilled? Prophecies are meant to be given as a warning, even as messages of hope. In this case, the next series of verses help identify what is going on in the world and what the world is preparing for. And these verses are loaded with information.

The beginning of the verses starts off with "the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her". That means, we can identify the leader of Babylon, the Mother of Harlots, the antichrist, by identifying the country that seems to lead out in the number of visits with the heads of states both in inviting them to their country as well as going out and visiting other countries. Let us face it, there are a number of visitors to the White House from other countries more than most other countries, and the United States is financially able to help other countries live deliciously. Even our current president visits quite a few countries, too, but there is no other country that has as much of the in-

fluence as does the Vatican. And the Vatican, though number one in this description, is not over number two, the United States, by just a little bit, either. The United States usually interacts with about a couple dozen or more countries while the Vatican visits with other countries nearing a hundred or more in a short period of time.

These verses also further help us in telling others to not support the world agenda. That agenda is what unites all of these countries with her.

Though it is difficult to convince people regarding future prophecy fulfillment, we need to get across to people that today's booming economy, today's version of life seeming to just continue on as is, will eventually collapse. The Vatican will collapse; it will burn and the governments of the world will bewail her.

In fact, the verses state that in one hour she receives her judgment. One particular judgment is that of "the fifth angel poured out

his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds” (Revelation 16:10-11). Could you imagine a prophetic hour of darkness so painful that one gnaws on their own tongues?

What does a prophetic hour equate to? If one day in prophecy is equal to three hundred and sixty days and one hour is but one twenty-fourth of a day, then divide three hundred and sixty by twenty-four and we end up with fifteen days. It was bad enough that Egypt suffered through three days of this type of darkness (Exodus 10:22). Fifteen days is going to be a whole lot worse.

Although we could dig deeper into Revelation 18:9-10, we want to connect the next series of verses on purpose, so, therefore, we shall move on.

The Merchants of the Earth Shall Weep and Mourn Over Her

Revelation 18:11-13 says, “*And the mer-*

chants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.”

So even the merchants are sad to see the Vatican lose its power. Evidently, the Vatican was helping the merchants succeed but only those merchants that furthered her agenda running others out of business. And as everyone probably knows by now, leaders of industry have been in connection with the Vatican like never before. Sure, some industry leaders have visited the Vatican, but it was mostly because they treated the pope like a celebrity. But under the current pope, there seems to be a financial agenda benefiting the papacy that the mer-

chants want a piece of. By such participation, the merchants get to conduct their trade activity.

The papacy has become so involved in merchandising that frequently the Vatican calls certain leaders to a Vatican-centered meeting or a meeting elsewhere that the Vatican is heavily involved in. With the true agenda hidden, gladly, these participants gather and are in support of the supposed agenda.

Do take note that the trade includes the financial markets of gold, silver, precious stones, and pearls. It includes the fashion industry by the use of linen, purple, silk, and scarlet, and fashion does not mean just clothing, as furniture, draperies, bed spreads, etc. are also included. The verses include the building industries for the materials of wood, brass, iron, and marble. It includes the transportation industries with the vessels, chariots, and horses. It includes the food industry with cinnamon, wine, oil, flour, wheat, as well as the meats of beasts and sheep. It includes many industries even represented by odors, ointments, and frankincense.

Again, though we could spend significant time investigating each of these items, we press onward to draw the ultimate warning message to the world.

The Mother of Harlots

There is a third group we want to mention from prior verses that is hinted at by the reference to the souls of men or humans. Revelation 17:5 states that the Vatican is the “mother of harlots”. That means she has daughters. Churches are responsible for the souls of men. Yes, we agree that the video game industry, the TV programming industry, movie industry, music industry, tattoo parlors, and other places of industry are all working to collect souls. Yes, many satanic activities do collect souls to end up in hell, but none has more influence than the churches and world religions.

That makes three unrelated influential groups that if gathered under one controlling power would rule the whole world, would be able to institute a one world government and one world religion, hence the phrase “all the world wondered after the beast” (Revelation

13:3). Having the governments, the economies through the merchants, and all of the religions of the world, she can easily dictate the “end game” agenda and all will go along with it. We know it to be the “mark of the beast”; we know more specifically there will be an issuance of a Sunday law requiring all the world to rest from their labors.

Now, how does one kingdom unite all three unrelated bodies? Find something that is common among all of them in which none of them can disagree; but if they did, others would put great pressure upon them to comply. You probably know what I am referring to already. It is called Climate Change. If the papacy were to tell all the governments of the world to enact a Sunday law because 'we have the authority to tell you to do that', the governments would mostly reject such. But if the governments were approached with the necessity of taking care of the planet, and if a single country did not go along with it, that it would ruin our home that we all share and that we ought to allow the planet one day of rest per week, the governments will

be more apt to go along with it and even force any country that seems to stray away from the agenda to feel the pressure. Look what is happening in the United States! How many states, counties, cities, and other municipalities still are trying to participate in the Paris Agreement, bringing law suits, organizing marches, and overall putting pressure on the White House to cease the pull-out from the agreement.

The same is true with the economy. Climate change unites the industries together. And pressure is put on every industry to comply. And if they do not play the game, they are forced out, blacklisted, and even ridiculed.

As for religions, there was a Vatican declaration made to have priests teach their congregations to go along with Climate Change. There have even been sermon outlines provided. Non-Catholic denominations then also got on board and are expanding their influence upon their own congregations where even whole denominations have declared themselves “green”, or support “the new green deal”. But it does not stop there. Non-Christian

religions are also complying with the agenda, especially in India and even in Israel. It will soon be the religious focus of all the religions.

Therefore, it is a sad day when we see our own denominational churches declaring to be Climate Change supporters, "Climate Change Safe Zones", to even be "for the greater good", for indirectly being supporters of the Vatican's agenda, which is now the UN agenda as well. Remember, "Greater Good" is code word for "majority rules", but this country was founded upon protecting the minority view. Remember as well, "the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 12:17), where the word "remnant" means minority. That means to support the "greater good" is to support future persecution. So, when Ted Wilson comes out stating that we support the UN agenda, which is the Vatican agenda, he might as well say that we support the Vatican directly. The UN, as our news articles have re-

vealed over time, simply repeat the call for "the common good" or "greater good".

And to think, we made it this far into the article without addressing the church. I do not bring it up to attack it, but to "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Isaiah 58:1). It is an eternal life and second death matter. It is a salvation issue.

What I am specifically stating is that if the Climate Change is brought up in ear shot of your hearing in a positive manner, shoot it down. Your brother or sister is blind and needs the eye salve. For yourselves, do not dismiss this as a trivial thing.

"God has revealed what is to take place in the last days, that His people may be prepared to stand against the tempest of opposition and wrath. Those who have been warned of the events before them are not to sit in calm expectation of the coming storm, comforting themselves that the Lord will shelter His faithful ones in the day of trouble. We are to be as men waiting for their Lord, not in idle expect-

tancy, but in earnest work, with unwavering faith. It is no time now to allow our minds to be engrossed with things of minor importance. While men are sleeping, Satan is actively arranging matters so that the Lord's people may not have mercy or justice. The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the undercurrent is tending. Its professions are mild and apparently Christian, but when it shall speak it will reveal the spirit of the dragon. It is our duty to do all in our power to avert the threatened danger. We should endeavor to disarm prejudice by placing ourselves in a proper light before the people. We should bring before them the real question at issue, thus interposing the most effectual protest against measures to restrict liberty of conscience. We should search the Scriptures and be able to give the reason for our faith. Says the prophet: 'The wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.'" {5T 452.1}

“The same masterful mind that plotted against the faithful in ages past is still seeking to rid the earth of those who fear God and obey His law. Satan will excite indignation against the humble minority who conscientiously refuse to accept popular customs and traditions. Men of position and reputation will join with the lawless and the vile to take counsel against the people of God. Wealth, genius, education, will combine to cover them with contempt. Persecuting rulers, ministers, and church members will conspire against them. With voice and pen, by boasts, threats, and ridicule, they will seek to overthrow their faith. By false representations and angry appeals they will stir up the passions of the people. Not having a ‘Thus saith the Scriptures’ to bring against the advocates of the Bible Sabbath, they will resort to oppressive enactments to supply the lack. To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law. Those who fear God cannot accept an institution that violates a precept of the Decalogue. On this battlefield comes the last great conflict of the controversy between

truth and error. And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. Now, as in the days of Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people.” {5T 450.2}

News outlets are reporting how even the Republicans, who mostly do not believe in climate change, are considering on compromising a bit so as to secure and win offices, just as predicted. Could that be actions toward a Sunday law?

We are so close to the end of time that I am anticipating soon to see more censorship happening. It is happening electronically with Google, YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, and all the other social media platforms that have united the world in technology and are now trying to make people to think along the lines of antichrist without explicitly knowing. We know this to be true because the Bible says, “These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast” (Revelation 17:13). That is not just for the kings of the world at the end of time, but their subjects as well.

Even to our neighbors and people we meet, we need to reveal the agenda of Climate

Change for what it is. Sure, take care of the planet and do your part, but in no wise are we to be supporting the power grab of industries, churches, and governments under the guise of Climate Change.

The Three Angels’ Messages warning of “If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark” (Revelation 14:9) has just gotten a whole lot more specific, which is why I wrote the book, *I Am Come To Deceive the Whole World*. I pass it out to non-believers wherever I go. May you be passing out revealing literature like the “leaves of autumn” (Ev 36.1) as well, sharing your thoughts, doing what you can do to tell others, before probation closes.

“The harvest truly [is] plenteous, but the labourers [are] few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38). Are you one of the few already laboring? Praise the Lord! If not, please join us [not this ministry specifically, but in personal activity]. We need more laborers! Answer the prayer positively, please.



The Tarrying Time

Ellen White

When the year 1843 entirely passed away unmarked by the advent of Jesus, those who had looked in faith for his appearing were for a time left in doubt and perplexity. But notwithstanding their disappointment, many continued to search the Scriptures, examining anew the evidences of their faith, and carefully studying the prophecies to obtain further light. The Bible testimony in support of their position seemed clear and conclusive. Signs which could not be mistaken pointed to the coming of Christ as near. The believers could not explain their disappointment; yet they felt assured that God had led them in their past experience.

Their faith was greatly strengthened by the direct and forcible application of those scriptures which set forth a tarrying time. As early as 1842, the Spirit of God had moved upon Charles Fitch to devise the prophetic chart, which was generally regarded by Adventists as a fulfillment of the command given by the prophet Habakkuk, "to write the vision and make it plain upon tables." No one, howev-

er, then saw the tarrying time, which was brought to view in the same prophecy. After the disappointment, the full meaning of this scripture became apparent. Thus speaks the prophet: "Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." [Habakkuk 2:2, 3.]

A portion of Ezekiel's prophecy also was a source of much strength and comfort to believers: "And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth? Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord God:" "The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision." "I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged." "They of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come,

and he prophesieth of the times that are far off. Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: There shall none of my words be prolonged any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done." [Ezekiel 12:21-25, 27, 28.]

The waiting ones rejoiced that He who knows the end from the beginning had looked down through the ages, and, foreseeing their disappointment, had given them words of courage and hope. Had it not been for such portions of Scripture, showing that they were in the right path, their faith would have failed in that trying hour.

In the parable of the ten virgins, Matthew 25, the experience of Adventists is illustrated by the incidents of an Eastern marriage. "Then shall the kingdom of Heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom." "While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept." The wide-spread movement under the proclamation of the first message, answered to the going

forth of the virgins, while the passing of the time of expectation, the disappointment, and the delay, were represented by the tarrying of the bridegroom. After the definite time had passed, the true believers were still united in the belief that the end of all

things was at hand; but it soon became evident that they were losing, to some extent, their zeal and devotion, and were falling into the state denoted in the parable by the slumbering of the virgins during the tarrying time.

About this time, fanati-

cism began to appear. Some who professed to be zealous believers in the message rejected the word of God as the one infallible guide, and, claiming to be led by the Spirit, gave themselves up to the control of their own feelings, impressions, and imaginations.

There were some who manifested a blind and bigoted zeal, denouncing all who would not sanction their course. Their fanatical ideas and exercises met with no sympathy from the great body of Adventists; yet they served to bring reproach upon the cause of truth.

Satan was seeking by this means to oppose and destroy the work of God. The people had been greatly stirred by the Advent movement, thousands of sinners had been converted, and faithful men were giving themselves to the work of proclaiming the truth, even in the tarrying time. The prince of evil was losing his subjects; and in order to bring reproach upon the cause of God, he sought to deceive those who professed the faith, and to drive them to extremes. Then his agents stood ready to seize upon every error, every failure, every unbecoming

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act, and hold it up before the people in the most exaggerated light, to render Adventists and their faith odious. Thus the greater the number whom he could crowd in to make a profession of the Advent faith while his power controlled their hearts, the greater advantage would he gain by calling attention to them as representatives of the whole body of believers.

Satan is an accuser of the brethren, and it is his spirit which inspires men to watch for the errors and defects of the Lord's people, and to hold them up to notice, while their good deeds are passed by without a mention. He is always active when God is at work for the salvation of souls. When the sons of God come to present themselves before the Lord, Satan comes also among them. In every revival he is ready to bring in those who are unsanctified in heart and unbalanced in mind. When they have accepted some points of truth, and gained a place with believers, he works through them to introduce theories that will deceive the unwary. No man is proved to be a true Christian because he is found in company with the chil-

dren of God, even in the house of worship and around the table of the Lord. Satan is frequently there upon the most solemn occasions, in the form of those whom he can use as his agents.

The great deceiver will profess anything, in order to gain adherents. But should he claim to be converted, should he, if it were possible, enter Heaven and associate with the angels, he would not be changed in character. While the true worshipers would be bowed in adoration before their Maker, he would be plotting mischief against God's cause and people, devising means to ensnare souls, considering the most successful method of sowing tares.

Satan contests every inch of ground over which God's people advance in their journey toward the heavenly city. In all the history of the church, no reformation has been carried forward without encountering serious obstacles. Thus it was in Paul's day. Wherever the apostle would raise up a church, there were some who professed to receive the faith, but who brought in heresies, that, if received,

would eventually crowd out the love of the truth. Luther suffered great perplexity and distress from the course of fanatical persons who claimed that God had spoken directly through them, and who therefore set their own ideas and opinions above the testimony of the Scriptures. Many who were lacking in faith and experience, but who had considerable self-sufficiency, and who loved to hear and tell some new thing, were beguiled by the pretensions of the new teachers, and they joined the agents of Satan in their work of tearing down what God had moved Luther to build up. The Wesleys also, and others who blessed the world by their influence and their faith, encountered at every step the wiles of Satan in pushing over-zealous, unbalanced, and unsanctified ones into fanaticism of every grade.

Wm. Miller had no sympathy with those influences that led to fanaticism. He declared, with Martin Luther, that every spirit should be tested by the word of God: "The devil has great power over the minds of some at the present day. And how shall we know what manner of spirit

they are of? The Bible answers: 'By their fruits ye shall know them.'" "There are many spirits gone out into the world; and we are commanded to try the spirits. The spirit that does not cause us to live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world, is not the spirit of Christ. I am more and more convinced that Satan has much to do in these wild movements." "Many among us, who pretend to be wholly sanctified, are following the traditions of men, and apparently are as ignorant of truth as others who make no such pretensions, and are not half so modest." "The spirit of error will lead us from the truth; and the Spirit of God will lead us into truth. But, say you, a man may be in error, and think he has the truth. What then? We answer, The Spirit and word agree. If a man judges himself by the word of God, and finds a perfect harmony through the whole word, then he must believe he has the truth; but if he finds the spirit by which he is led does not harmonize with the whole tenor of God's law or book, then let him walk carefully, lest he be caught in the snare of the devil." "I have often obtained more evidence of in-

ward piety from a kindling eye, a wet cheek, and a choked utterance, than from all the noise in Christendom."

The enemies of the Reformation charged all the evils of fanaticism upon the very ones who were laboring most earnestly against it. A similar course was pursued by the opposers of the Advent movement. And not content with misrepresenting and exaggerating the errors of extremists and fanatics, they circulated unfavorable reports that had not the slightest semblance of truth. These persons were actuated by prejudice and hatred. Their peace was disturbed by the proclamation of Christ at the door. They feared it might be true, yet hoped it was not, and this was the secret of their warfare against Adventists and their faith.

The fact that a few fanatics worked their way into the ranks of Adventists is no more a reason to decide that the movement was not of God, than is the presence of fanatics and deceivers in the church in Paul's or Luther's day a sufficient excuse for discarding or ridiculing their work. Let the people of God arouse out of sleep,

and begin in earnest the work of repentance and reformation, let them search the Scriptures to learn the truth as it is in Jesus, let them make an entire consecration to God, and evidence will not be wanting that Satan is still active and vigilant. With all possible deception will he manifest his power, calling to his aid all the fallen angels of his realm.

It was not the proclamation of the Advent message that created fanaticism and division. These appeared in the summer of 1844, when Adventists were in a state of doubt and perplexity concerning their real position. The preaching of the first message in 1843, and of the midnight cry in 1844, tended directly to repress fanaticism and dissension. Those who participated in these solemn movements were in harmony; their hearts were filled with love for one another, and for Jesus, whom they expected soon to see. The one faith, the one blessed hope, lifted them above the control of any human influence, and proved a shield against the assaults of Satan. {*The Spirit of Prophecy Volume Four*, pages 241.1 to 247.2}



"Thy Will Be Done" The Present Truth 14, 26

E. J. Waggoner

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

These were the words by which Saul, the persecutor of Jesus of Nazareth, showed his acknowledgment of that same Jesus as his Lord and Master, the one who had the right to command his service.

Up to the moment of his arrest while on the way to Damascus, Saul had been deliberately and persistently fighting against the Lord Jesus. He knew the name of Jesus of Nazareth, and thought that he ought to do many thing contrary to it (Acts xxvi. 9), which he also did; yet when, in response to his question, from the ground where he had been thrown, "Who art Thou, Lord?" the reply came, "I am Jesus, whom thou persecutest," immediately all thoughts of persecution vanished, and Saul at once acknowledged Jesus as Master.

What a marvellous change! Here was a man who for weeks and months had been possessed of but one thought, namely, to fight against Jesus of Nazareth, yet as soon

as Jesus met him and said, "I am Jesus," instead of replying, "You're the one I'm after; I'm bound to exterminate your sect," he asked, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" as meekly as though he had never had any thought but to serve this Jesus. What could have effected this change?

The answer is plain: Saul had felt the hand of power upon him. Power such as he had never before experienced had laid hold on him, and he needed no one to tell him that it was supernatural. When the Spirit of God takes hold of a man, that man needs no formal introduction to the Spirit. When the Spirit sends strong conviction of sin, the man who a moment before might have been justifying himself, and might have been denying the existence of God, at once knows that it is the Spirit of God who is speaking to him, and he acknowledges the truth of what is said. So as soon as Saul learned that this Jesus whom he was persecuting was the one whose Spirit had seized him, he was

as ready to serve as he had before been to persecute.

But while Saul was now a willing servant, he had not yet learned the conditions of service. His thought was of something that he should do, whereas the experience that he was even then passing through was intended to show him that it is the Lord who works with His servants, since His alone is the power. The Lord did not tell Saul what he should do, but told him instead to go and listen to what should be told him later.

Three days later the Lord sent Ananias to give Saul light. Ananias demurred, but the Lord over-ruled his objection, saying, "Go thy way; for he is a chosen vessel unto Me, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings, and the children of Israel; for I will show him how great things he must suffer for My name's sake." Acts ix. 15, 16. Mark this: the Lord did not say that He would show Saul how great things he must do for Him, but how great things he must suffer, or experience for Him.

This means not trouble merely, but joy as well; for the apostle learned that the suffering of tribulation means the sharing of joy.

Paul was "a chosen vessel," to bear the name of the Lord. A vessel does not itself do anything; it receives and gives out what is put into it. The work is done by the one using the vessels. So the Apostle Paul, writing of the wondrous privileges of the servant of Christ, in ministering the Spirit, said, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." 2 Cor. iv. 7.

It was a grand thing for Saul of Tarsus to say, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do;" for it showed that he recognised Jesus as his Mas-

ter; but as he became acquainted with the Lord, he did not talk about what he had done or was to do. Although he could say in later life that he had laboured "more abundantly" than all the other apostles, he did not fail to add, "Yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me." 1 Cor. xv. 10. So when he and Barnabas came up to the conference in Jerusalem, "they declared all things that God had done with them." Acts xv. 4. Again they told "what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them." Verse 12.

This is the language of every servant of Christ. "Not I, but Christ." When Paul was asked, "What must I do to be saved?" he replied, "Believe on the Lord

Jesus Christ." This was in harmony with the words of Christ, who, in reply to the question of the Jews, "What shall we do that we might work the works of God?" said, "This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent." John vi. 28, 29. Belief is not a substitute for work, but it is the work. Faith works, because it lays hold of the Word of God, which is "living, and active."

Christ is the great example of faithfulness in work. "I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day." John ix. 4. "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to accomplish His work." John iv. 31. Yet He declared, "I can of Mine own self do nothing" (John v. 30), "the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works" (John xiv. 10); and He was shown to be approved of God, "by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him." Acts ii. 22. So it is God who worketh. If God had seen fit to correct Saul's language, when he yielded himself as His servant, He might have said, "What you are to do is to let Me do what I will." Our highest prayer is, "Thy will be done." God ac-

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cepted Saul's tender of service without any reference to the language, because it was sincere. His only desire was that God should be glorified in him, no matter how.

And oh, think of the wondrous possibilities before the one who thus yields himself to God! Nothing is too hard for the Lord. All we have to do is to settle two things. First, whose we are, and second, His power. If we know that we belong to the Lord, so that He alone has the right to control us, and we have no voice in the matter, for we are not our own, and then realise that He is Almighty, there is no limit to what God can do with us. And so long as we remember that we are His, and that we have no power to do anything, being only vessels for the Master's use, we shall not become vain-glorious over the great things God may do with us.

For let it be remembered that the greatest thing that God can do with any man is to work righteousness through him; and righteousness is humility. If we continually acknowledge that we are the Lord's, and know that what He

wants us to do is what He will do in us, we shall be kept from sin; for He will work in us, and in Him is no sin. Christ has "power over all flesh" (John xvii. 3), therefore if you "yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteous-

"Whatsoever God doeth, it shall be done for ever." Doesn't it follow as plain as the day, that he who once for all, and always, acknowledges that he belongs to the Lord, for the Lord to do with him as He will, must be righteous to eternity? Settle it then, to whom you belong, and if you de-

Neither yield ye your members [as] instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members [as] instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

{Romans 6:13-15}

ness unto God;" it is certain that "sin shall not have dominion over you." Rom. vi. 13, 14.

God can do no wrong. He is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." He "worketh all things after the counsel of His own will." "His work is honourable and glorious." "The works of the Lord are great."

cide that you belong to God, which is the fact, your whole future is clear. Only one thing would God have you do, and that is to acknowledge that you are His, and to adhere to it. Whose are you? {June 30, 1898 EJW, *The Present Truth* [UK] Articles, 401.1 to 402.6}



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 not provide for the Sabbath a more liberal supply or a greater variety of food than for other days. Instead of this, the food should be more simple, and less should be eaten, in order that the mind**

may be clear and vigorous to comprehend spiritual things. A clogged stomach means a clogged brain. The most precious words may be heard and not appreciated, because the mind is confused by an improper diet. By over-eating on the Sabbath, many do more than they think, to unfit themselves for receiving the benefit of its sacred opportunities.” {CD 137.1}

Now with that said, let us right away go to the topic of the meal after service, which is where most Sabbath keepers break this statement. Call it fellowship meal, call it potluck, call it

what you want, but most gatherings after service break all kinds of rules. The two addressed by Ellen White are the “liberal supply” and the “great variety”.

There are a number of other issues that were not mentioned and will simply be stated with potential future expansion in coming articles. The list includes being part of the social church instead of the focus being on the message. And we know it to be so because anytime an afternoon message is scheduled, most members depart right after the socializing is over. They feel obligated to attend the normal sermon service but

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further messages are beyond their limit interfering with nap time. Another item is that such fellowship meals include washing of the serving dishes afterwards {3SM 258.4}, a direct action against the pen of Ellen White, which is a message from God Himself.

Therefore, all the kindness in washing those dishes in appreciation towards people bringing food is Sabbath breaking. Another item is that of baking on the Sabbath because frequently to add to the meal requires some pasta or rice or even baking of potatoes. We are told that reheating is permissible but all such preparation is to have been done ahead of time before the Sabbath. There are probably a number of other Sabbath breaking items left to be mentioned, but let us address the two that Ellen White brought out before we run out of room.


It is understandable that people want to present a variety of food to all in attendance because some people hate rice while others cannot stand pasta. Some cannot stomach squash while others turn their noses up at cooked carrots. But what typically happens is that those who

are indifferent towards any of the items will then turn around and take a little of this and a little of that and before one knows it, they have a large variety sitting on their plate. Out goes the rule of eating of only three or four different items at one meal {CD 109.5}.

Additionally, to make sure everyone is fed, there is usually a large quantity of food available. If people do not overload on the first trip through, they certainly do not want the food to go to waste, and so they go back for more than they would normally have at home. There are even calls in many churches for the people to come up and finish off the food so as none is left to waste. Sure, some churches package up food and take it to those members that were unable to attend church. But overall, the liberal supply of food, which is another way of saying the word “gluttony” is very much encouraged.

What was done in days past was that the people brought their own food to feed their own family for those intending to stay for the afternoon service. Numerous entries by Ellen White tell of how they went outside to eat their bagged lunch on

the Sabbath. Visitors that would attend were invited to the homes for a meal by the members who were not staying for the afternoon service, or if the afternoon service was much later, would return for the message. But the need for socializing has ruined this simple Sabbath meal and even goes as far as putting the meal above the more important part being the message. In fact, some churches get angry at the preacher when they go beyond the allotted time. If that is not controlling the movement of the Holy Spirit, then what is? And too bad if the preacher was not allowed to start on time; they are still to cut it off at the specific time for the sake of the cooks.

So, let us consider getting back to the simple meal instead of allowing the social church to reign despite the “fellowship” excuse, the “members are closer knit” excuse, or the excuses entirely. God wants obedience, not sacrifice. To put kind deeds ahead of obedience is no different than the actions of King Saul being rebuked by the prophet Samuel. 

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.

Is all that we have to do is believe?

Many Evangelicals love to quote Acts 16:31, which says, "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." And by understanding this to mean that salvation is an acceptance of the mind and that Jesus does all of the saving, then all our actions are meaningless. In other words, the famous chant is, "Just believe!" Is that true? Of course not.

First, if that were the case, there is a plethora of verses in the New Testament that would be done away with, especially those concerning obedience. Overall, it would negate the Bible.

Second, it is poor Bible

study to pull out a verse and present it as a belief without comparing scriptures.

Third, James 2:19 states, "the devils also believe, and tremble". Does that mean the devils are saved? Now, there is a doctrine that does teach that Satan will eventually be saved, but that is beyond the intent of this section here. Most Evangelicals believe that all who do not believe get to roast and toast in hell for eternity along with the devil. So, let us not worry for now about that insane doctrine that everyone is saved, including the devil.

Fourth, the Bible clearly teaches what a believer receives upon belief. Ephesians 1:19 states, "And what [is] the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power." John 1:12-13 says, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, [even] to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." Romans 1:16 reveals, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the

power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." The answer is "power". Power is not simply a mind thing. Power is ability to perform.

So, to counteract the Acts 16:31 reference to "just believe", resolve it by stating that you have a whole lot more belief because you believe in the power of the gospel unto salvation where 2 Peter 1:3-4 clearly teaches that "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." It is a power to actually live godly and cease sinning. In other words, "just believe" is a weak form of Christianity while having power to actually be godly is a strong form of Christianity glorifying God, showing Him to be mightier than every temptation that Satan can stir up.



Healthy Living

Ellen White

Periodically, we need reminded that our bodies are not our own. And sometimes we need to get back to the basics. We need to hear from the words of inspiration, the Spirit of Prophecy. The following is found in *The Ministry of Healing*, page 305.1 to 310.4.

Wrong Conditions of Eating

Food should not be eaten very hot or very cold. If food is cold, the vital force of the stomach is drawn upon in order to warm it before digestion can take place. Cold drinks are injurious for the same reason; while the free use of hot drinks is debilitating. In fact, the more liquid there is taken with the meals, the more difficult it is for the food to digest; for the liquid must be absorbed before digestion can begin. Do not eat largely of salt, avoid the use of pickles and spiced foods, eat an abundance of fruit, and the irritation that calls for so much drink at mealtime will largely disappear.

Food should be eaten slowly and should be thoroughly masticated. This is necessary in order that the saliva may be properly mixed with the food and the digestive fluids be called into action.

Another serious evil is

eating at improper times, as after violent or excessive exercise, when one is much exhausted or heated. Immediately after eating there is a strong draft upon the nervous energies; and when mind or body is heavily taxed just before or just after eating, digestion is hindered. When one is excited, anxious, or hurried, it is better not to eat until rest or relief is found.

The stomach is closely related to the brain; and when the stomach is diseased, the nerve power is called from the brain to the aid of the weakened digestive organs. When these demands are too frequent, the brain becomes congested. When the brain is constantly taxed, and there is lack of physical exercise, even plain food should be eaten sparingly. At mealtime cast off care and anxious thought; do not feel hurried, but eat slowly and with cheerfulness, with your heart filled

with gratitude to God for all His blessings.

Many who discard flesh meats and other gross and injurious articles think that because their food is simple and wholesome they may indulge appetite without restraint, and they eat to excess, sometimes to gluttony. This is an error. The digestive organs should not be burdened with a quantity or quality of food which it will tax the system to appropriate.

Custom has decreed that the food shall be placed upon the table in courses. Not knowing what is coming next, one may eat a sufficiency of food which perhaps is not the best suited to him. When the last course is brought on, he often ventures to overstep the bounds, and take the tempting dessert, which, however, proves anything but good for him. If all the food intended for a meal is placed on the table at the beginning, one has

opportunity to make the best choice.

Sometimes the result of overeating is felt at once. In other cases there is no sensation of pain; but the digestive organs lose their vital force, and the foundation of physical strength is undermined.

The surplus food burdens the system and produces morbid, feverish conditions. It calls an undue amount of blood to the stomach, causing the limbs and extremities to chill quickly. It lays a heavy tax on the digestive organs, and when these organs have accomplished their task, there is a feeling of faintness or languor. Some who are continually overeating call this all-gone feeling hunger; but it is caused by the over-worked condition of the digestive organs. At times there is numbness of the brain, with disinclination to mental or physical effort.

These unpleasant symptoms are felt because nature has accomplished her work at an unnecessary outlay of vital force and is thoroughly exhausted. The stomach is saying, "Give me rest." But with many the faintness is interpreted as a demand for more food;

so instead of giving the stomach rest, another burden is placed upon it. As a consequence the digestive organs are often worn out when they should be capable of doing good work.

We should not provide for the Sabbath a more liberal supply or a greater variety of food than for other days. Instead of this the food should be more simple, and less should be eaten in order that the mind may be clear and vigorous to comprehend spiritual things. A clogged stomach means a clogged brain. The most precious words may be heard and not appreciated because the mind is confused by an improper diet. By overeating on the Sabbath, many do more than they think to unfit themselves for receiving the benefit of its sacred opportunities.

Cooking on the Sabbath should be avoided; but it is not therefore necessary to eat cold food. In cold weather the food prepared the day before should be heated. And let the meals, however simple, be palatable and attractive. Especially in families where there are children, it is well, on the Sabbath, to provide

something that will be regarded as a treat, something the family do not have every day.

Where wrong habits of diet have been indulged, there should be no delay in reform.

When dyspepsia has resulted from abuse of the stomach, efforts should be made carefully to preserve the remaining strength of the vital forces by removing every overtaxing burden. The stomach may never entirely recover health after long abuse; but a proper course of diet will save further debility, and many will recover more or less fully. It is not easy to prescribe rules that will meet every case; but, with attention to right principles in eating, great reforms may be made, and the cook need not be continually toiling to tempt the appetite.

Abstemiousness in diet is rewarded with mental and moral vigor; it also aids in the control of the passions. Overeating is especially harmful to those who are sluggish in temperament; these should eat sparingly and take plenty of physical exercise. There are men and women of excellent natural ability who do not accomplish half what they might if they

would exercise self-control in the denial of appetite.

Many writers and speakers fail here. After eating heartily, they give themselves to sedentary occupations, reading, study, or writing, allowing no time for physical exercise. As a consequence the free flow of thought and words is checked. They cannot write or speak with the force and intensity necessary in order to reach the heart; their efforts are tame and fruitless.

Those upon whom rest important responsibilities, those, above all, who are guardians of spiritual interests, should be men of keen feeling and quick perception. More than others, they need to be temperate in eating. Rich and luxurious food should have no place upon their tables.

Every day men in positions of trust have decisions to make upon which depend results of great importance. Often they have to think rapidly, and this can be done successfully by those only who practice strict temperance. The mind strengthens under the correct treatment of the physical and mental powers. If the strain is not too great, new vig-

or comes with every taxation. But often the work of those who have important plans to consider and important decisions to make is affected for evil by the results of improper diet. A disordered stomach produces a disordered, uncertain state of mind. Often it causes irritability, harshness, or injustice. Many a plan that would have been a blessing to the world has been set aside, many unjust, oppressive, even cruel measures have been carried, as the result of diseased conditions due to wrong habits of eating.

Here is a suggestion for all whose work is sedentary or chiefly mental; let those who have sufficient moral courage and self-control try it: At each meal take only two or three kinds of simple food, and eat no more than is required to satisfy hunger. Take active exercise every day, and see if you do not receive benefit.

Strong men who are engaged in active physical labor are not compelled to be as careful as to the quantity or quality of their food as are persons of sedentary habits; but even these would have

better health if they would practice self-control in eating and drinking.

Some wish that an exact rule could be prescribed for their diet. They overeat, and then regret it, and so they keep thinking about what they eat and drink. This is not as it should be. One person cannot lay down an exact rule for another. Everyone should exercise reason and self-control, and should act from principle.

Our bodies are Christ's purchased possession, and we are not at liberty to do with them as we please. All who understand the laws of health should realize their obligation to obey these laws which God has established in their being. Obedience to the laws of health is to be made a matter of personal duty. We ourselves must suffer the results of violated law. We must individually answer to God for our habits and practices. Therefore the question with us is not, "What is the world's practice?" but, "How shall I as an individual treat the habitation that God has given me?"



Healthy And Delicious Recipes

Roasted Red Pepper Fettuccine

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Ingredients

- 8 ounces dry fettuccine
- 2 tablespoons vegetarian butter
- 4 cloves garlic, diced
- 1/2 small yellow onion, diced
- 12 ounces fire roasted red peppers, drained, dried, and diced
- 5 basil leaves, diced

- 1/4-1/2 cup pasta water
- Salt, to taste

Preparation

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add pasta and cook until al dente, approximately 10-12 minutes. Drain pasta, reserving 1 cup of pasta water, and set aside. Place the pot back on the stove over medium heat. Add butter, garlic,

onions, and pepper to the pan and sauté until onions are soft, approximately 5-7 minutes. Add roasted red peppers to the pan and sauté for an additional 2 minutes. Remove pan from heat and add cooked pasta, basil, and salt to the pan. Slowly add pasta water to the pan until desired consistency is reached. Taste and adjust seasoning as needed.



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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.

The verse of concern this time is Acts 16:31 in which one little word once again changes the whole meaning of the verse. Believing “in” something is to think it exists. Believing “on” something believes in ability. In this case, “Believing in Jesus” is simply believing that Jesus exists while “Believing on Jesus” is a belief on the power He has for us, hence why the last day church is described as “denying the power” (2 Timothy 3:5).

King James Bible: And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

In Error:

Aramaic Bible in Plain English: And they said to him, “Trust in our

Lord Yeshua The Messiah, and you shall live, you and your household.”

Berean Study Bible:

They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household.”

Christian Standard Bible: They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household.”

Contemporary English Version: They replied, “Have faith in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved! This is also true for everyone who lives in your home.”

Douay-Rheims Bible: But they said: Believe in the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

English Standard Version: And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

GOD'S WORD® Translation: They answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you and your family will be saved.”

Good News Translation: They answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your family.”

NET Bible: They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household.”

New American Standard 1977: And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household.”

New American Standard Bible: They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

New Heart English Bible: They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

New International Version: They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household.”

New Living Translation: They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household.”

World English Bible: They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

Correct this time:

American Standard

Version: And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house.

Berean Literal Bible:

And they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household."

Darby Bible Transla-

tion: And they said, Believe on the Lord

Jesus and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house.

English Revised Ver-

sion: And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house.

Holman Christian

Standard Bible: So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household."

International Standard

Version: They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you and your family will be saved."

Jubilee Bible 2000: And

they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Webster's Bible Trans-

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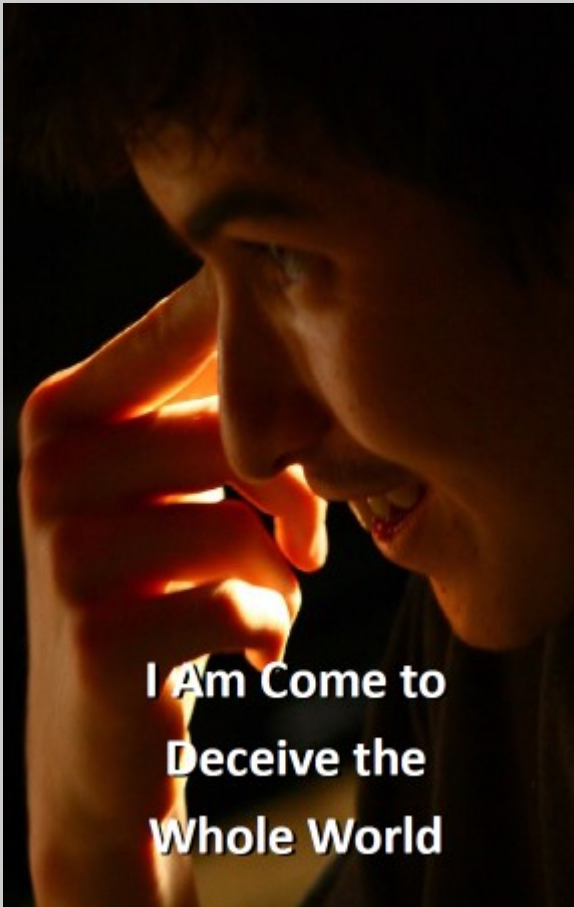
ment: "Believe on the Lord Jesus," they replied, "and both you and your household will be saved."

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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.

Going along with our article, *How Do You Resolve*, the topic here is a study on Just Believe.

Ask, what is a Christian to do to be saved? Then go to Acts 16:31 and focus upon the word “Believe”.

Ask, is that just an acknowledgment? Then go to James 2:19 and focus upon the fact that the devils believe.

Ask, are the devils saved? Then go to Matthew 25:41 and Revelation 20:10 and focus upon the destination being fire and brimstone.

Ask, so what does it mean to believe? Then go to John 1:12 and focus upon becoming Sons (and daughters) of God. Go to Romans 1:16 and focus upon having power of salva-

tion and not just being credited with salvation. And go to Ephesians 1:19 focusing upon having working power.

Ask, what does salvation make us? Then go to 2 Thessalonians 2:13 and connect the word “sanctification”, which means to be “holy”.

Ask, when we are sanctified, what to we become? Then go to 1 Thessalonians 5:23 and focus upon having our spirit, soul, and body being blameless. Our body is the actions; soul is who we are as a person; and spirit is our choices in which we walk after. Also, stress that this is something that happens before Jesus shows up because we are to “be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”.

Ask, do you know what the average Christian would deny exists today? Then go to 2 Timothy 3:1-5 pointing out that when these sins are accepted in the church in the last days, with the excuse being to have an appearance of godliness, like going to church, but not really being godly because the power to be such is denied. This is done by claiming, “We can nev-

er stop sinning”; “Only Jesus is perfect”; “Nobody can become perfect”; etc.

Ask, do you believe those lies or the Bible? Then go to 2 Peter 1:2-4 showing that grace is having the divine power to make us godly, and just in case people think that “godly” is just a title, point out that true godliness is

“having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust”. In other words, with the world destroying themselves with worldly music, we will not listen to it. With the world being entertained by showing sin, we will not watch their movies and TV programs. With the world into destroying themselves by foods and drinks, we will not

even taste that stuff. With the world into fake excitement at amusement parks and other venues, we will not go. With the world using foul language, we will not say those words. With the world talking only about the things of the world, we will speak of heavenly things instead.



Questions And Answers

Question: Is time travel possible?

Answer: No. Time travel is a counterfeit of the fact that God transcends all time. He knows the end from the beginning. He alone can be “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times [the things] that are not [yet] done” (Isaiah 46:10).

But let us imagine what time travel would mean, and the problem it would cause. If we did invent the ability to travel in time, here is what would result:

The first item would be a loss of faith. If we were able to travel back to the time of Noah, all atheists would have to then believe in the worldwide flood. Traveling back further,

they would have to believe in creation. Traveling forward would reveal when the Second Coming would occur. Other events of controversy would also be settled such as, was it really the Red Sea or was it the Reed Sea? Were there really ten plagues as opposed to blaming natural occurrences using the word plague? Did Jesus really rise from the tomb or was His body stolen? Did He really perform miracles or was He an illusionist? Even the Sabbath would be settled for there would be no observation of Sunday service among the first century church. So again, people would walk by sight, instead of by faith.

The second item would

be that of interfering with prophecy. Assuming the ability to move from mere observation to actually interfering, altering would cause a disruption of what God told us would happen. The beauty of God’s language regarding prophecy is that it is somewhat unknown through symbolism that transcends time to become known once history is made it past. Beasts representing kingdoms is a great example, for if God declared actual names, it would be easy to avoid fulfillment by simply not using the names. Having a four-headed leopard easily describes the break up of Greece into four territories. If God would have stated plainly that the King of Greece would divide the territory to his four

generals, adding a fifth or taking away one of the four would easily have altered that prophecy.

And then there are the direct fulfillments. How easy would it be to go back in time and kill off Noah so there would be no ark? How about Moses? How about preventing the ascension of Joseph to a throne in Egypt? How about even interfering with the life of Jesus? What would happen if there would be a successful assassination of Nebuchadnezzar or even Ellen White or William Miller?

The third item is the effect on forgiveness. The only way to be forgiven is, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Instead, if we are truly sorry, with time travel, we would not have to confess. We would simply travel back in time, prevent our self from ever committing that sin, which then negates the need to confess.

And fourth, time on earth would never cease and there would be different timelines of eternity. Eternity is based upon a "new heavens and a new

earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind" (Isaiah 65:17). That means that when Jesus returns in our moment in time, earth, 5 minutes prior, would still have 5 minutes to go, and the one 10 minutes prior would have 10 minutes to go, and so on and so on to the point that there would be so many versions, one's mind would just explode. There would be 60 different versions if we looked at one minute separated by seconds. But life is not dependent upon the seconds. Even computers compute upon the thousandth of a second. That would equate to 60,000 versions in one minute. But who says thousandths is the common denominator? This is just getting out of hand now.

As we are told, time, outside of the weekly Sabbath (Isaiah 66:23), is not going to have an effect on eternity. We will all experience time on the same plain throughout eternity. There is not a Jesus of five years from now and another of five years past as well as one that is now. "The LORD our God [is] one LORD" (Deuteronomy 6:4). There is "one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom

[are] all things, and we by him" (1 Corinthians 8:6), in which "all things" includes time.

Question: How much of Ellen White's writings are inspired?

Answer: All of it.

"I speak that which I have seen, and which I know to be true."--Letter 4, 1896.

"In these letters which I write, in the testimonies I bear, I am presenting to you that which the Lord has presented to me. I do not write one article in the paper expressing merely my own ideas. They are what God has opened before me in vision--the precious rays of light shining from the throne" {5T 67.2}.

"In no case have I given my own judgment or opinion. I have enough to write of what has been shown me, without falling back on my own opinions. You are doing as the children of Israel did again and again. Instead of repenting before God, you reject His words, and attribute all the warnings and reproof to the messenger whom the Lord sends."--Testimony for the Battle Creek Church, pp. 50-58 (1882).

Question: Did you know that the mainline SDA church misunderstands that in the sanctuary the shewbread points to a two-person Godhead for there are only two stacks and not three stacks of bread. What is your take?

Answer: First, this continuance of trying every which way to prove a two-person Godhead is a waste of God's time. Satan has people fighting over a number. And if anyone has been on our distribution list since the beginning and dares to keep this topic alive, is simply, and purposefully, being ignorant and blind. It is not the number that is the issue; it is how they interact. The Catholic version, in simplicity, is one God that divides into three pieces, all sharing one mind. Ellen White clearly states, "There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers--the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit -- those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ. . . ." {SpTB07 63.2}. And those that want to try and redefine God's take on the word "person" are demon

possessed because the writer, Ellen White, knew what the word "person" meant, and applied it appropriately. There is no Greek and Hebrew twisting necessary. It is plain English.

Second, who says the shewbread represents the Godhead? Jesus said, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35). Both stacks are representative of Himself. Further, we are told "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4), and we conclude that when Jesus spoke of the word "bread", He referred to the Word of God. Therefore, the two stacks are the Old and New Testaments.

As I shared with a like-minded seeker of the truth regarding the Godhead that came to my attention as others try to convince me that the main apostasy is the misconception of the Godhead, I am not trying to convince the two-person Godhead believer of anything. Over the numerous years of addressing such people, I have learned that once a person is wholly given over to such thinking, all reasoning with them is gone. I state this for all those who are on

the fence about the issue, or that have the correct understanding, please, cease your attempt to argue with them. When we are told that members would be "giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils" (1 Timothy 4:1), that is not just spiritualism and liberalism. That is applicable to going too conservative, and placing too much dependence upon the pioneer writings as well.

And by the way, believing in a Holy Spirit that proceeds as a joint effort from both the Father's and the Son's part is a form of spiritualism. Sharing a mind is spiritualism, even on the God level, hence why a two-person Godhead is a satanic doctrine of devils.

We have gotten to the point that to get back to the waymarks, the original teachings, the unaltered doctrines, we seem to take endorsements of Ellen White out of context, justifying the position of our "selective" pioneers. For instance, where Ellen White states that we ought to put our pioneers' articles in reprint, despite their departure, it seems that we treat the pioneers as prophets, or that all of their writings are error free. And this

is not the case.

Just because for the first twenty or so years it seemed that many, not all, of our pioneers were on the side of a two-person Godhead does not mean that was our official position. As stated before, it is very hard to justify arguing against a number such as “three” or “trio”.

And just because the self-supporting, the irregular lines, exist does not mean they are of God. Does any one really think that false doctrines would be kept out of there? I suggest that the devil would spend more time in irregular lines than anywhere else. He already has the mainline church.

Admittedly, I, too, was on the fence at one point. It appeared pretty convincing. There was plenty of evidence in the 1980s that an acceptance of the “trinity” was taking place. What was happening was not a change in number but in terminology so as to become more ecumenical. Then, of course, an alteration to accept the concept practiced by the Catholic Church, and Babylon in general, happened to follow. Acceptance of the trinity meant that we were

accepting God the Father as the God of the Old Testament; the Son was a period of thirty-three years and, of course, is simply sitting on a throne next to the Father to wait out the time to come back without any activity happening in an imaginary heavenly sanctuary; while the Holy Spirit, the new form of God, is guiding the church since Pentecost. All of that negates Jesus in the earthly sanctuary, revealing Himself in the Ten Commandments, doing away with only the typical form of the sanctuary service, replacing it with the anti-typical activity of Himself currently being conducted in Heaven, and much more.

But what has convinced me of the absolute truth on this matter is reading everything that Ellen White penned and getting overall intent, proper context, and full understanding. So, before another two-person or even one-person Godhead believer dares send me supposed evidence that it is apostasy to believe in a third-person Godhead, do not do so until you do the same thing that took me six years to complete.

We have been given a great tool in being able

to have all of Ellen White’s writings, but this easy searching for paragraphs to bolster a person’s position is distorting her writings, making them of “none effect”. In other words, making personal compilations without bringing every quote into proper study is a distortion of the writings and needs to be stopped.

If I sound stern, it is because I hate seeing so many historical Adventists being swept into this false theology in the name of getting back to the pioneers’ understanding.

Question: Churches are becoming lax in the significance of the bread and wine served in the communion service. Matzoh and lead-filled grape juice has been used. What is the biblical position?

Answer: The content of the bread, being just flour and water, is not the question, but the idea that an emblem that is to be used in representing Christ’s body can just be directly, and flippantly, bought off the shelf in a grocery store shows disrespect to the service. “Jesus took bread, and blessed [it], and brake [it], and gave [it] to the disciples, and

said, Take, eat; this is my body" (Matthew 26:26). Yes, ingredients need to be purchased at a store as well, but such people who cannot see the difference do not see that "they have put no difference between the holy and profane" (Ezekiel 22:26). It is almost like taking the role of Judas, who, with the chief priests, had "covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver" (Matthew 26:15). In other words, there is a big difference between revealing to the congregation fresh made unleavened bread as in the same care that was shown in "how his body was laid" (Luke 23:55), as opposed to, even out of sight, opening a store-bought box, unwrapping the sealed inner packaging, and creating a crumbled mess as each crisp is broken into smaller, bite-size pieces.

As for the wine or

grape juice, if the "lamb shall be without blemish" (Exodus 12:5), why would we serve impure grape juice. "Nothing of a fermented character is to be used in the Communion service, for fermented wine would destroy the figure representing the blood of Christ" {CTr 230.4}. Replace the word "fermented" with other ingredients and the same principle stands. It is the 100% pure grape juice that best represents Christ's blood. Adding other ingredients diminishes that pure symbology.

"The broken bread and pure juice of the grape are to represent the broken body and spilled blood of the Son of God. Bread that is leavened must not come on the communion table; unleavened bread is the only correct representation of the Lord's Supper. Nothing fermented is to be used. Only the

pure fruit of the vine and the unleavened bread are to be used." {RH June 7, 1898}.

Question: I am interested in purchasing tracts. What do you have available?

Answer: We actually have no tracts available. We have a pamphlet that we are phasing out (which is based upon Trump's action of moving the embassy to Jerusalem), of which there are a few hundred left, but the cost is too prohibitive as compared to actual tracts. Though we sell everything pretty much at cost, which leaves little room for mistakes, because that would cause financial setback, the pamphlet would still be at least \$1.50 per piece. One could purchase a lot of tracts elsewhere for that amount.



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Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth

July 9

Adventist News Network

ADRA is giving away a humanitarian pin (see below on left) to pathfinders at Oshkosh

Comment: The pin on the left is from ADRA. The star on the right is Ishtar, where the Catholic Church gets Easter, a Sunday celebration. Why is ADRA designing a pin similar to the star of Ishtar (see below on right)?

Bible: “Abstain from all appearance of evil” (1 Thessalonians 5:22).

July 17

Adventist Review

New Bible Supports People Facing Life’s Challenges, Church Publishers Say

Hope Bible, which uses the New King James Version, features more than 1,000 Bible verses

for all occasions, including aging, dealing with enemies, illness, and suffering, to name a few. Bible verses are also listed under other topics to help readers overcome addictions, anger, anxiety, fear, loss, shame and guilt, and many more everyday challenges.

EGW: “Encourage the people to study their Bibles. Nearly all have the common version, and the words are so simple and plain that all who read may understand. Let the Scriptures be read freely in the family and in the pulpit. The men who wrote the books of the Bible were inspired of God, and the words of Holy Writ are for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.” {20MR 170.5}

Comment: What are we doing publishing a new Bible? We have

only one and it is the KJV. Further, the *Great Hope* is a watered-down *Great Controversy*. With just “more than 1,000 Bible verses”, obviously it is a watered-down version of the Bible. And being based upon the NKJV instead of the KJV means there are inherently errors in this new Bible. And the common version, mentioned by Ellen White, did not include the uncommon modern versions.

July 29

Spectrum

Seventh-day Adventist Kinship International Celebrates 40th Annual Kampmeeting

Article: Joining the Kinship members traveling to Arizona from all over the United States were six individuals sponsored by the General Conference. These GC representatives were



professors Jim Cox, Larry Geraty, and Fritz Guy; pastors Jim Londis and Josephine Benton; as well as now former pastor Colin Cook. This took place soon after the 1980 General Conference session in Dallas, Texas.

EGW: “God will arouse His people; if other means fail, heresies will come in among them, which will sift them, separating the chaff from the wheat. The Lord calls upon all who believe His word to awake out of sleep. Precious light has come, appropriate for this time. It is Bible truth, showing the perils that are right upon us. This light should lead us to a diligent study of the Scriptures, and a most critical examination of the positions which we hold.” {GW 299.1}

Comment: One of those heresies that ought to wake people up is that the GC sponsors Kinship International!!!

August 4

Adventist Today

Aunty, I’m Finally Admitting I’m a Lesbian

Article Response: The Bible does not condemn committed homosexual relationships, because it never con-

templates such a thing.

Bible: “For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature.” (Romans 1:26)

Comment: God giving up on women practicing Lesbianism, with men practicing homosexuality also being given up on in the next verse, does not become qualified by “committed homosexual relationships”. Women with women, and men with men, are condemned by the Bible outside, and inside, a committed relationship.

August 9

Fulcrum

Union College Farmers Market Offers Fresh Produce, Magic And Yoga

College Website: Wellness offerings include aerobics and other group fitness classes, dance courses, physical training, Pilates, yoga and more.

EGW: “The ancient system of magic is, in reality, the same as what is now known as modern spiritualism. Satan is finding access to thousands of minds.” {AA 289.2}

August 28

Adventist Health Website

Planetree's Mission: To serve as a catalyst in the development and implementation of new models of health care which focus on healing and nurturing body, mind and spirit. These models integrate human caring with the best of scientific medicine and complementary healing traditions.

Planetree.org PDF Document on Partners

Loma Linda Heart and Surgical Hospital, Loma Linda University Behavioral Medicine Center, Loma Linda University East Campus, Loma Linda University Medical Center are all partners with Planetree.

Comment: Why are our institutions going to the world to be influenced by their version of “body, mind, and spirit”, which is spiritualism? Are we not supposed to lead the world in these areas? Why are we submitting to them being the leader?

Bible: “[Is it] not because [there is] not a God in Israel, [that] ye go to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?” (2 Kings 1:3)



News And Comments

August 2

NY Times

Climate Could Be an Electoral Time Bomb, Republican Strategists Fear

With the climate change issue being the hidden agenda for the Mark of the Beast solution, and we see an example of Republicans considering giving in to the demand from the public, we are told: "The dignitaries of church and State will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. In the soon-coming conflict we shall see exemplified the prophet's words: 'The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the

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

August 1

Science Alert

Japan Approves Groundbreaking Experiment Bringing Human-Animal Hybrids to Term

"But if there was one sin above another which called for the destruction of the race by the flood, it was the base crime of amalgamation of man and beast which defaced the image of God, and caused confusion everywhere. God purposed to destroy by a flood that powerful, long-lived race that had corrupted their ways before him. He would not suffer them to live out the days of their natural life, which would be hundreds of years. It was only a few generations back when Adam had access to that tree which was to prolong life. After his disobedience he was not suffered to eat of the tree of life and perpetuate a life of sin. In order for man to possess an endless life he must continue to eat of the

fruit of the tree of life. Deprived of that tree, his life would gradually wear out." {1SP 69.1}

August 2

Green Left

10 reasons to join the September 20 Climate Strike

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seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.'" [Revelation 12:17.] {GC88 592.3}

August 6

Market Watch

Check out this chart before blaming video games for gun violence in America

The article tries to remove the stigma of video game violence being a connection to gun shootings. The Bible says, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so [is] he" (Proverbs 23:7). If, in the video game, a person is thinking of nothing more than shooting and killing, that is who they are. Who are we to argue with God? God basically is saying that there is a connection. What we have is "oppositions of science falsely so called" (1 Timothy 6:20).

August 15

Vatican News

Pope at Angelus on feast of the Assumption: Mary is the "Gate of Heaven"

"Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came be-

fore me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture" (John 10:7-9). Jesus is the door to the sheepfold, which is another way of saying the word "gate".

August 18

Newsweek

Illinois Will Start Teaching LGBT History in Public Schools: 'an inclusive education system can create change'

"Some fathers and mothers are so indifferent, so careless, that they think it makes no difference whether their children attend a church school or a public school. "We are in the world," they say, "and we cannot get out of it." But, parents, we can get a good way out of the world, if we choose to do so. We can avoid seeing many of the evils that are multiplying so fast in these last days. We can avoid hearing about much of the wickedness and crime that exist." {AH 406.3}

August 28

National Catholic Reporter

Some Australians fear religious freedom laws won't give enough protection

Yet another step towards fulfilling the phrase, "saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live" (Revelation 13:14). The US has been very active in pushing the Commission on International Religious Freedom. Here, we have Australia now taking similar action. Eventually, many more countries will have governments interjecting religious policies disguised as religious freedom when, in fact, it is an agenda form of acceptable religion.

August 29

Yahoo Finance

Deaths caused by drivers running red lights at 10-year high

The recommended solution of ticketing via red light cams for enforcement is yet another step in control. It is always an excuse for the safety, welfare, etc. It is always a good reason. But by tightening the noose around every movement made, this country continues to transform into the

country that is described in the scriptural phrase "he spake as a dragon" (Revelation 13:11), which equates to loss of freedom and self responsibility; living under force is the result of such actions.

August 29

Scientific America

**Massive Study Finds
No Single Genetic
Cause of Same-Sex
Sexual Behavior**

So, the excuse that

says, "I was born this way" is a lie! Again, God would not condemn sin if people are born with it. Sin is a choice. God does not condemn a person who has a defective heart from birth. God does not condemn someone who cannot hear the Word of God because they were born deaf or even became deaf. So, when God says, "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with woman-kind: it [is] abomination" (Leviticus 18:22),

God knows it is a choice. People are born with all kinds of tendencies to sin. It is not an excuse. Alcoholic parents and grandparents are known to have children and grandchildren with the strong urge of to wanting alcohol. Even a tendency toward sexual lust is inheritable. But both, and others, can be broken and overcome.



Thank You

Though we receive a lot of letters encouraging us, we are watchful to the time and funds to respond to each and every note. So, since we had a bit of extra space, we thought we would thank all of you with this message.

Many of the messages seem to be timed divinely containing just the words we need, even if it is merely saying, "Thank you". A lot can be said with few words as well as thoughtful quotes.

Each of you are much appreciated, and if it were not for your support, especially spiritually, none of this would be possible.

"The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number take their stand upon the Lord's side."--GC 612 (1911).

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over further what we said. But remember, always present it in a positive light. A single injection of drudgery regarding our reason for not participating and it ruins the witnessing opportunity. More of the gospel is preached with our actions than with our words. We just have to purpose in our hearts to be good preachers in bodily form. So, will you purpose, or re-purpose, in your heart to not be defiled by the music, the movies, the TV shows, the entertainment venues, the variety of food not fit for true human consumption, etc.?



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