



The Four Angels' Messages

A Monthly Magazine

It is the Three Angels Message of Revelation 14 empowered by "another angel" (Revelation 18:1) producing the Loud Cry, which is yet future, but now is the time of preparation, which is the purpose of this publication.

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When Christ sent forth the twelve, he warned them of the persecution they would receive for his sake. "Behold," he said, "I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues." They will do this while they apparently wish you to regard them as your friends. By the deceptive attitude which they assume to retain your confidence, they will betray you. They hide the spirit of the wolf under the appearance of the sheep. Their lips may speak words as smooth as oil, but the poison of asps is under their tongues.

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

Jerry O'Donnell

The Coronavirus pandemic has revealed many things as if it were just a test run. First, it appears that every governor was able to become a dictator. Without the act from their own forms of house and senate, or counsels, in the case of local governments, dictates were made, police officers were too eager to participate in the enforcement, and actual criminals were released from prison while threat of jail for the people defying the orders of staying home or at least being fined was being issued. Even several governors declared either the knowledge of the constitutional rights were not in their job description (which it actually *is* in their job description), or they declared that such rights were suspended, which there is no legal allowance to do so.

Related to the governments out of control, they resorted to various dragon-like qualities. In some places, businesses had their water and electricity shut off or threatened. Children were threatened to be removed from homes. Drones with video cameras were launched into the air to watch for non-

compliance. Apps (computer programs for phones and other devices) were developed overnight to assist in the snitching. Surveillance cameras were used for facial recognition. Phone companies quickly launched updates to their devices to track those not complying with the six-foot rule of social distancing.

Further, disinformation was purposely disseminated keeping people on edge, developing uneasiness, and causing uncertainty. All of this helped control the masses under the ability to confuse the public.

The next thing revealed was that people were easily scared and willing to trade their freedoms away. As long as they and their loved ones could be kept safe, it did not matter to them what consequences were associated by various enforcements. Many, up to possibly most, small businesses went bankrupt in a short time, never to recover. Many of them used these businesses to supply for their needs and that of their families. Of these, many did not get the federal help through the payroll protection program, did not get a stimulus check,

and could not get through to their respective unemployment offices.

Another thing that happened was that people were turned into snitches quickly. Small essential businesses snitched on other businesses trying to operate quietly and at reduced activity. Neighbors turned in neighbors who were just trying to have a simple gathering of family for various events.

This then led to the beginnings of civil unrest where certain groups of people were gathering to protest. Some of these protests brought threatening ingredients into the mix like the use of Nazi paraphernalia, raising guns in the air, and much more.

If society and governments reacted in this manner in such a short period under this small pandemic, just think how easy it will be when the final issue of Sunday law comes about. Society and governments are primed to act and fulfill Revelation 13, the second half. They will be opened to the solution known as the Mark of the Beast. They already have the narrative that those people do not go along with it must not

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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 Snares of Satan

Ellen White (extra article)

As the people of God approach the perils of the last days, Satan holds earnest consultation with his angels as to the most successful plan of overthrowing their faith. He sees that the popular churches are already lulled to sleep by his deceptive power. By pleasing sophistry and lying wonders he can continue to hold them under his control. Therefore he directs his angels to lay their snares especially for those who are looking for the second advent of Christ, and endeavoring to keep all the commandments of God.

Says the great deceiver: "We must watch those who are calling the attention of the people to the Sabbath of Jehovah; they will lead many to see the claims of the law of God; and the same light which reveals the true Sabbath, reveals also the ministration of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, and shows that the last work for man's salvation is now going forward. Hold the minds of the people in darkness till that work is ended, and we shall secure the world and the church also.

"The Sabbath is the great question which is to decide the destiny of souls. We must exalt the Sabbath of our creating. We have caused it to be accepted by both worldlings and church-members; now the church must be led to unite with the world in its support. We must work by signs and wonders to blind their eyes to the truth, and lead them to lay aside reason and the fear of God, and follow custom and tradition.

"I will influence popular ministers to turn the attention of their hearers from the commandments of God. That which the Scriptures declare to be a perfect law of liberty shall be represented as a yoke of bondage. The people accept their ministers' explanations of Scripture, and do not investigate for themselves. Therefore by working through the ministers, I can control the people according to my will.

"But our principal concern is to silence this sect of Sabbath-keepers. We must excite popular indignation against them. We will enlist great men and worldly-wise men upon our side, and induce those in authority to

carry out our purposes. Then the Sabbath which I have set up shall be enforced by laws the most severe and exacting. Those who disregard them shall be driven out from the cities and villages, and made to suffer hunger and privation. When once we have the power, we will show that we can do with those who will not swerve from their allegiance to God. We led the Romish Church to inflict imprisonment, torture, and death upon those who refused to yield to her decrees, and now that we are bringing the Protestant churches and the world into harmony with this right arm of our strength, we will finally have a law to exterminate all who will not submit to our authority. When death shall be made the penalty of violating our Sabbath, then many who are now ranked with commandment-keepers will come over to our side.

"But before proceeding to these extreme measures, we must exert all our wisdom and subtlety to deceive and ensnare those who honor the true Sabbath. We can separate many from Christ by worldli-

ness, lust, and pride. They may think themselves safe because they believe the truth, but indulgence of appetite or the lower passions, which will confuse judgment and destroy discrimination, will cause their fall.

"Go, make the possessors of lands and money drunk with the cares of this life. Present the world before them in its most attractive light, that they may lay up their treasure here, and fix their affections upon earthly things. We must do our utmost to prevent those who labor in God's cause from obtaining means to use against us. Keep the money in our own ranks. The more means they obtain, the more they will injure our kingdom by taking from us our subjects. Make them care more for money than for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom and the spread of the truths we hate, and we need not fear their influence; for we know that every selfish, covetous person will fall under our power, and will finally be separated from God's people.

"Through those that have a form of godliness but know not the power, we can gain many who would otherwise do us great harm. Lovers of pleasure

more than lovers of God will be our most effective helpers. Those of this class who are apt and intelligent will serve as decoys to draw others into our snares. Many will not fear their influence, because they profess the same faith. We will thus lead them to conclude that the requirements of Christ are less strict than they once believed, and that by conformity to the world they would exert a greater influence with worldlings. Thus they will separate from Christ; then they will have no strength to resist our power, and ere long they will be ready to ridicule their former zeal and devotion.

"Until the great decisive blow shall be struck, our efforts against commandment-keepers must be untiring. We must be present at all their gatherings. In their large meetings especially our cause will suffer much, and we must exercise great vigilance, and employ all our seductive arts to prevent souls from hearing the truth and becoming impressed by it.

"I will have upon the ground, as my agents, men holding false doctrines mingled with just enough truth to deceive souls. I will also

have unbelieving ones present, who will express doubts in regard to the Lord's messages of warning to his church. Should the people read and believe these admonitions, we could have little hope of overcoming them. But if we can divert their attention from these warnings, they will remain ignorant of our power and cunning, and we shall secure them in our ranks at last. God will not permit his words to be slighted with impunity. If we can keep souls deceived for a time, God's mercy will be withdrawn, and he will give them up to our full control.

"We must cause distraction and division. We must destroy their anxiety for their own souls, and lead them to criticise, to judge, and to accuse and condemn one another, and to cherish selfishness and enmity. For these sins, God banished us from his presence; and all who follow our example will meet a similar fate."

The Scriptures declare that upon one occasion, when the angels of God came to present themselves before the Lord, Satan came also among them, not to bow before the Eternal King, but to further his own

malicious designs against the righteous. With the same object he is in attendance when men assemble for the worship of God. Though hidden from sight, he is working with all diligence to control the minds of the worshipers. Like a skillful general, he lays his plans beforehand. As he sees the messenger of God searching the Scriptures, he takes note of the subject to be presented to the people. Then he employs all his cunning and shrewdness to so control circumstances that the message may not reach those whom he is deceiving on that very point. The one who most needs the warning will be urged into some business transaction which requires his presence, or will by some other means be prevented from hearing the words that might prove to him a savor of life unto life.

Again, Satan sees the Lord's servants burdened because of the spiritual darkness that enshrouds the people. He hears their earnest prayers for divine grace and power to break the spell of indifference, carelessness, and indolence. Then with renewed zeal he plies his arts. He tempts men to the indulgence of appe-

tite or to some other form of self-gratification, and thus benumbs their sensibilities, so that they fail to hear the very things which they most need to learn.

Satan well knows that all whom he can lead to neglect prayer and the searching of the Scriptures will be overcome by his attacks. Therefore he invents every possible device to engross the mind. There has ever been a class professing godliness who, instead of following on to know the truth, make it their religion to seek some fault of character or error of faith in those with whom they do not agree. Such are Satan's right-hand helpers. Accusers of the brethren are not few; and they are always active when God is at work, and his servants are rendering him true homage. They will put a false coloring upon the words and acts of those who love and obey the truth. They will represent the most earnest, zealous, self-denying servants of Christ as deceived or deceivers. It is their work to misrepresent the motives of every true and noble deed, to circulate insinuations, and arouse suspicion in the minds of the inexperienced. In every

conceivable manner they will seek to cause that which is pure and righteous to be regarded as foul and deceptive. And in this work the agents of Satan have their master and his angels to help them.

But none need be deceived concerning them. It may be readily seen whose children they are, whose example they follow, and whose work they do. "Ye shall know them by their fruits." [Matthew 7:16.] They closely resemble Satan, the envenomed slanderer, the accuser of the brethren.

It is Satan's plan to bring into the church insincere, unregenerate elements that will encourage doubt and unbelief, and hinder all who desire to see the work of God advance, and to advance with it. Many who have no real faith in God or in his word, assent to some principles of truth, and pass as Christians; and thus they are enabled to introduce their errors as scriptural doctrines.

The position that it is of no consequence what men believe, is one of Satan's most successful deceptions. He knows that the truth, received in the love of it, sanctifies the soul of the re-

ceiver; therefore he is constantly seeking to substitute false theories, fables, another gospel. From the beginning, the servants of God have contended against false teachers, not merely as vicious men, but as inculcators of falsehoods that were fatal to the soul. Elijah, Jeremiah, Paul, firmly and fearlessly opposed those who were turning men from the word of God. That liberality which regards a correct religious faith as unimportant, found no favor with these holy defenders of the truth.

The vague and fanciful interpretations of Scripture, and the many conflicting theories concerning religious faith, that are found in the Christian world, are the work of our great adversary to so confuse minds that they shall not discern the truth. And the discord and division which exists among the churches of Christendom is in a great measure due to the prevailing custom of wresting the Scriptures to support a favorite theory. Instead of carefully studying God's word with humility of heart to obtain a knowledge of his will, many seek only to discover something odd or original.

In order to sustain erroneous doctrines or unchristian practices, they seize upon passages of Scripture separated from the context, perhaps quoting half of a single verse as proving their point, when the remaining portion would show the meaning to be quite the opposite. With the cunning of the serpent, they entrench themselves behind disconnected utterances construed to suit their carnal desires. Thus do many willfully pervert the word of God. Others, who have an active imagination, seize upon the figures and symbols of Holy Writ, interpret to suit their fancy, with little regard to the testimony of Scripture as its own interpreter, and then they present their vagaries as the teachings of God's word.

Whenever the study of the Scriptures is entered upon without a prayerful, humble, teachable spirit, the plainest and simplest as well as the most difficult passages will be wrested from their true meaning. The papal leaders select such portions of Scripture as best serve their purpose, interpret to suit themselves, and then present these to the people, while they deny them the privilege of

studying the Bible, and understanding its sacred truths for themselves. Unless the whole Bible is given to the people just as it reads, it would be better for them not to have it at all.

The Bible was designed to be a guide to all who wish to become acquainted with the will of their Maker. God gave to men the sure word of prophecy; angels and even Christ himself came to make known to Daniel and John the things that must shortly come to pass. Those important matters that concern our salvation were not left involved in mystery. They were not revealed in such a way as to perplex and mislead the honest seeker after truth. Said the Lord by the prophet Habakkuk, "Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it." [Habakkuk 2:2, 3.] The word of God is plain to all who study it with a prayerful heart. Every truly honest soul will come to the light of truth. "Light is sown for the righteous." [Psalm 97:11.] No church can advance in holiness unless its members are earnestly seeking for truth as for hid treasure.

By the cry of liberality, men are blinded to the devices of their adversary, while he is all the time working steadily for the accomplishment of his object. As he succeeds in supplanting the word of truth by human speculations, the law of God is set aside, and the churches are under the bondage of sin while they claim to be free.

To many, scientific research has become a curse; their finite minds are so weak that they lose their balance. They cannot harmonize their views of science with Scripture statements, and they think that the Bible is to be tested by their standard of "science falsely so called." Thus they err from the faith, and are seduced by the devil. Men have endeavored to be wiser than their Creator; human philosophy has attempted to search out and explain mysteries which will never be revealed, through the eternal ages. If men would but search and understand what God has made known of himself and his purposes, they would obtain such a view of the glory, majesty, and power of Jehovah, that they would realize their own littleness, and would be

content with that which has been revealed for themselves and their children.

It is a masterpiece of Satan's deceptions to keep the minds of men searching and conjecturing in regard to that which God has not made known, and which he does not intend that we shall understand. It was thus that Lucifer himself was cast out of Heaven. He became dissatisfied because all the secrets of God's purposes were not confided to him, and he entirely disregarded that which was revealed concerning his own work in the lofty position assigned him. By arousing the same discontent in the angels under his command, he caused their fall. Now he seeks to imbue the minds of men with the same spirit, and to lead them also to disregard the direct commands of God.

Those who are unwilling to accept the plain, cutting truths of the Bible, are continually seeking for pleasing fables that will quiet their consciences. The less spiritual, self-denying, and humiliating the doctrines presented, the greater the favor with which they are received. These persons degrade the

intellectual powers to serve their carnal desires. Too wise in their own conceit to search the word of God with contrition of soul and earnest prayer for divine guidance, they have no shield from delusion. Satan is ready to supply the heart's desire, and he palms off his deceptions in the place of truth. It was thus that the papacy gained its power over the minds of men; and by rejection of the truth because it involves a cross, Protestants are following the same path. All who neglect the word of God to study convenience and policy, that they may not be at variance with the world, will be left to receive damnable heresy for religious truth. The apostle Paul speaks of a class who received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." He says of these, "For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." [2 Thessalonians 2:10-12.] With such a warning before us, it behooves us to be on our guard as to what doctrines we receive.

Every conceivable form of error will be accepted by those who willfully reject the truth. Satan has different deceptions prepared to reach different minds; and some who look with horror upon one deception will readily receive another.

Among the most successful agencies of the great deceiver are the delusive doctrines and lying wonders of Spiritualism. Disguised as an angel of light, he spreads his nets where least suspected. If men would but study the word of God with earnest prayer that they might understand its teachings, they would not be left in darkness to receive false doctrines. But as they reject the truth, they fall a prey to these deceptions.

Another dangerous heresy is the doctrine that denies the divinity of Christ. Men who have no experimental knowledge of Jesus, will yet assume an appearance of great wisdom, as though their judgment were beyond question, and boldly declare that the Son of God had no existence prior to his first advent to this world. This position directly contradicts the plainest statements of our Saviour concern-

ing himself; yet it is received with favor by a large class who claim to believe the Scriptures. With such persons it is folly to argue. No argument, however conclusive, will convince those who reject the direct testimony of the Son of God. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." [1 Corinthians 2:14.] Those who persistently cling to such errors, give evidence of their own ignorance of God and of his Son.

Still another subtle and mischievous error is the fast-spreading belief that Satan has no existence as a personal being; that the name is used in Scripture merely to represent men's evil thoughts and desires.

The teaching so widely echoed from popular pulpits, that the second advent of Christ is his coming to each individual at death, is a device to divert the minds of men from his personal coming in the clouds of heaven. For years Satan has thus been saying, "Behold, he is in the secret chambers;" and many souls have been lost by accepting this deception.

Again, worldly wisdom teaches that prayer is not essential. Men of science claim that there can be no real answer to prayer; that this would be a violation of law, a miracle, and that miracles have no existence. The universe, say they, is governed by fixed laws, and God himself does nothing contrary to these laws. Thus they represent God as bound by his own laws; as if the operation of divine laws could exclude divine freedom. Such teaching is opposed to the testimony of the Scriptures. Were not miracles wrought by Christ and his apostles? The same compassionate Saviour lives today, and he is as willing to listen to the prayer of faith as when he walked visibly among men. The natural co-operates with the supernatural. It is a part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which he would not bestow, did we not thus ask.

Innumerable are the erroneous doctrines and fanciful ideas that are obtaining among the churches of Christendom. It is impossible to estimate the evil results of removing one of the landmarks fixed by the word of God. Few who venture to do

this, stop with the rejection of a single truth. The majority continue to set aside one after another of its principles, until they become actual infidels.

And this is the object which Satan seeks to accomplish. There is nothing that he desires more than to destroy confidence in God and in his word. Satan stands at the head of the great army of doubters, and he works to the utmost of his power to beguile souls into his ranks. It is becoming fashionable to doubt. There are many who seem to feel that it is a virtue to stand on the side of unbelief, skepticism, and infidelity. But underneath an appearance of candor and humility, it will be found that such persons are actuated by self-confidence and pride. It is a terrible thing to lose faith in God or in his word. Unbelief strengthens as it is encouraged. There is danger in even once giving expression to doubt; a seed is sown which produces a harvest of its kind. Satan will nourish the crop every moment. Those who allow themselves to talk of their doubts will find them constantly becoming more confirmed. God will never

remove every occasion for doubt. He will never work a miracle to remove unbelief when he has given sufficient evidence for faith.

God looks with displeasure upon the self-sufficient and the unbelieving, who are ever doubting his promises and distrusting the assurance of his grace. They are unproductive trees that spread their dark branches far and wide, shutting away the sunlight from other plants, and causing them to droop and die under the chilling shadow. The life-work of these persons will appear as a never-ceasing witness against them. They are sowing seeds of doubt and skepticism that will yield an unfailing harvest.

The followers of Christ know little of the plots which Satan and his hosts are forming against them. But He who sitteth in the heavens will overrule all these devices for the accomplishment of his deep designs. The Lord permits his people to be subjected to the fiery ordeal of temptation, not because he takes pleasure in their distress and affliction, but because this process is essential to their final victory. He could not, consistently with

his own glory, shield them from temptation; for the very object of the trial is to prepare them to resist all the allurements of evil.

Satan is well aware that the weakest soul who abides in Christ is more than a match for the hosts of darkness, and that, should he reveal himself openly, he would be met and resisted. Therefore he seeks to draw away the soldiers of the cross from their strong fortification, while he lies in ambush with his forces, ready to destroy all who venture upon his ground. No man is safe for a day or an hour without prayer. Especially should we entreat the Lord for wisdom to understand his word. Satan is an expert in quoting Scripture, placing his own interpretation upon passages by which he hopes to cause us to stumble. We should study the Bible with humility of heart, never losing sight of our dependence upon God. While we must constantly guard against the devices of Satan, we should pray in faith continually, "Lead us not into temptation."

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Sanctification or Living Holiness (Part 7)

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Four Angels' Messages

Comment: The Bible says, "Follow peace with all [men], and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14), therefore, a series of articles on the subject of sanctification, even holy living is warranted being that we very likely are the last generation who will make up the 144,000 "And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God" (Revelation 14:5). That is being sanctified, even living holy.

THE TONGUE (part 1)

"The tongue," says James, "is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature, and it is set on fire of hell." James iii, 5, 6.

This is said of an un-sanctified tongue, and shows that though the tongue is a small member yet it exerts a

mighty influence. It sustains a relation to and exerts an influence over the whole body. It is compared to bits that we put in the horses' mouths and by which we turn about the whole body; and to a helm by which the mighty ships are turned whithersoever the governor listeth. Verses 3, 4.

Such is the importance that James attaches to governing the tongue that he declares, "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able to bridle the whole body." "If any among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." Verse 2: Chap. i, 26. And Solomon must have been forcibly struck with the necessity of governing the tongue when he wrote, "Life and death are in the power of the tongue." Prov. xviii, 21.

The tongue, as an instrument of speech, is one of those prerogatives which exalt man above the beast, and was designed by the Creator to express holy and virtuous thoughts.

It is an index to the heart; "for out of the abundance of the heart," says our Saviour, "the mouth speaketh." Matt. xii, 35. The use that is made of the tongue indicates the moral condition of the heart, and consequently the character of the whole man; and there are as many ways in which men sin with their tongues as there are in which they sin with their thoughts, tempers and actions.

It is readily seen that the sanctification of the tongue is a vast subject. But we will confine ourselves to some leading principles and thoughts, and to some of the many Bible instructions on the subject.

And first, the tongue is rightly used in speaking of and addressing the Creator with reverence, according to his holy and exalted perfections and our dependence upon him. If we do this from the heart we shall not be guilty of taking God's holy name in vain. We shall realize his goodness and love, and will not be inclined to murmur against him, but will be grateful to him for his dealings

with us, and for the least blessing we receive at his hand.

But while the tongue is properly used in speaking of, and addressing God in a manner compatible with his holy perfections and our dependence upon him, it should speak of, and address, others with respect, according to the relations they sustain to us and the Creator. In speaking of the wrong use of the tongue, James says, "Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing My brethren, these things ought not so to be." James iii, 9, 10.

It is not a small matter to curse others with the tongue. If we curse our fellow creatures who are made in the image of God and have God for their Father, we offend God, and are not in a condition to bless or exalt him, and he cannot accept a blessing from us, Indeed, he cannot look on any thing that we can say to exalt him as a blessing. What we say of him proceeds from the same heart that leads us to curse those whom he has created,

and over whom his care, love and mercy are extended. This is clearly illustrated in the following verses: "Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? So can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh." Verses 11, 12.

Cursing is the opposite of blessing, and we can curse others in various ways. And the ungodly are not the only ones that are guilty here. James is here admonishing and correcting his "brethren".

We curse others with the tongue in slandering and backbiting. The unsanctified tongue is said to be full of deadly poison, and its deadly and poisonous influence is felt by others. It would be considered a heinous crime to put a portion of strychnine or arsenic into food prepared for others; but many consider it a light thing to poison the character of others, and injure their feelings by slandering, backbiting or talebearing. By these, thousands of innocent characters have been shamefully and maliciously martyred.

Many professed Christians are not guarded

enough, and fail on this point. If they are tried with a brother or sister, and see or hear any thing unfavorable about them, they are sure to tell it to others, and perhaps in their tried condition they will put a wrong construction on what they have learned; and if their remarks take and they are not checked, they will tell it to others, and then to others, and so on; and some are not satisfied till they have spread their slanderous reports among the enemies of truth. And then the poor, blinded, deceived souls may think they have done a noble work. But what have they done? They have got the sympathy of some, who will perish with them unless they repent. They have blown on and fed the fire of hatred which they in weakness suffered Satan to kindle in their breasts, till it has grown and kindled a great matter, and others have been set on fire of hell. They perhaps have discouraged weak and well-meaning brethren, who have not sufficient experience to meet their influence, and some of whom may never recover from the shock they have received. They have caused the good way to be evil

spoken of, and some may have been shut out of the kingdom. The Spirit and lovers of peace have been grieved, and Satan and his contentious host rejoice.

It is not strange that those who know not God, and the power of his truth, should indulge in slandering and backbiting; but for those who profess to know God and his truth, for professed followers of Jesus Christ, to backbite and slander, is shameful and criminal in the extreme.

But thank God, those sins need not exist in the church of God, if gospel order and discipline are carried out. Says Christ, "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone," etc. Matt. xviii, 15-17. Here is the proper course marked out by the Saviour. First go

and tell him his fault between thee and him alone. He does not say, go and tell his fault to everybody in the church and to everybody in the world. Those who do this err, and need to be immediately labored with themselves. If those who are tried with their brethren, would go directly to them with their grievances, they would not have so much to say, and much trouble might be saved.

But some will here say, if ever wisdom is needed it is in doing this duty. This is true. But James says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him;" chap. i, 5; and he describes heavenly wisdom as follows: "The wisdom that is from above, is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, with-

out partiality, and without hypocrisy." Chap. iii, 17. If every trait of this wisdom were fully examined, and strictly followed, this would be an easy duty to perform.

The following scriptures show how God looks upon slandering, backbiting and tale-bearing: "He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is fool." "Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit. Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son. These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes." "Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off." "For I fear, lest when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I

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shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults." "Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people. . . I am the Lord thy God." "He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth (or enticeth, margin) with his lips." "Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out; so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth." Prov. x, 18; Ps. 1, 20; ci, 5; 2 Cor. xii, 20; Lev. xix, 16; Prov. xx, 19; xxvi, 20.

One of those sins of backslidden Israel over which Jeremiah was grieved, and which ripened Israel to receive the lingering wrath of Jehovah, was slandering. Jer. ix, 1-4. And when David undertakes to describe the man who will abide in the tabernacle of the Lord, and dwell in his holy hill, among other things he says, "He that backbiteth not with his tongue." Ps. xv, 1-3.

We should never use the tongue in speaking of others in any way to injure them. We should guard against bearing false witness. This is often done unintentionally by exaggerating.

It is better to say nothing about the faults of others, than to speak of them in a manner to defame the character. When it becomes necessary to speak of the sins of our fellow creatures, we should show that while we hate sin, we love and pity the sinner. When we are about to speak concerning the faults of others, we should ask ourselves questions like these: Will what I am about to say benefit any one? Will it be rightly handled? Will it benefit the cause? Am I going to speak as I would like to have others speak of me if I were in the same condition?

Evil-speaking is strictly and repeatedly prohibited by the Scriptures; and under the head of evil-speaking, is speaking evil of dignities. Jude 8. The evil of this sin is not realized by all. Some are liable to overlook the sacred position of those whom God calls to help in leading out his people toward the rest that remains for the children of God. Like ancient Israel, they look upon these agents as though the work with which they are connected was merely a human work, and speak accordingly.

Some, like Korah, Dathan and Abiram, and a host of others, not realizing the weight and responsibilities of this work, will envy the position of those who are called to it. Num. xvi. They think they are of consequence and that the servants of God take too much upon themselves. They despise dominion, attribute the cause of their trials to dignities, and murmur when they are corrected for their sins. By pursuing this course they despise God, and murmur against him. "He that heareth you, heareth me; and he that despiseth you, despiseth me; and he that despiseth me, despiseth him that sent me." Luke x, 16.

The fate of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, and the punishment of others spoken of in the Scriptures, are sufficient to teach us how God regards this sin. But besides this, we have in the backsliding and fall of many within our own recollection, a clear demonstration of God's disapprobation for this sin, and of the necessity of guarding against it.

We curse others with the tongue in speaking angry words, in fretting and scolding. No good has ever resulted from

so doing. Angry words, fretting and scolding, have never benefited any one. On the contrary they have often proved a curse and a source of much evil. They may overpower and intimidate the fearful for the time being; but they will never reform them. They are destructive of peace, affection, and happiness. Peace and angry words do not exist together, and who can love habitual fretters and scolders with a love of approbation? Such are more dreaded than loved. Even the meek will feel an uneasiness while in the society of such. Though they may bear with, and pity them, they will feel as if among nettles and thistles.

Thousands of families are made miserable and unhappy by irritating words. In many instances, parents fail here. Instead of speaking kind and cheerful words; they complain and fret and scold. As they do this, they are shut up to each others' faults. The husband sees no virtue in his wife, and the wife sees no virtue in her husband. Separation often follows. Many a husband has been driven to the tavern by a fretful and peevish wife, and many a wife

has been discouraged and made miserable by a fretful and complaining husband.

But the evil is not confined to the heads of families: the children generally imitate their parents. They do not obey them through love, but through fear and dread, and perhaps to not be annoyed by their fretting and scolding. Some children will conceal from their parents important matters, and tell falsehoods to avoid a scolding. Home has no attractions to such children; and many in discouragement will leave their parents.

Prov. xii, 18: "There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health." While the unsanctified tongue causes discord, sorrow, gloom, discouragement and death, the sanctified tongue brings peace, joy, light, courage, health and life to those who use it, and to those who eat of its fruit.

It is quite an easy matter to speak pleasant and cheerful words to the meek, to those who always bless us; but it is more difficult to speak words of pleasantness to those who address us with angry words, to such as

curse and revile us. But we are expressly commanded to bless them that curse us, to bless and curse not, to not render railing for railing. Luke vi, 28; Rom. xii, 14; 1 Pet. iii, 9. "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that ye should follow in his steps. . . . Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." 1 Pet. ii, 21-23.

"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." Prov. xv, 1. In our intercourse with our fellow-creatures, a spoonful of oil is better than a quart of vinegar. By taking revenge of an injury we are only even to our enemy; but by passing it over we are superior. And a more glorious victory cannot be obtained over another than to return injury with kindness.

Those who give away to anger and speak angry words, manifest real weakness of soul. They may at times think they gain victories over their enemies; but they are overcome by Satan and their own corrupt propensity. They are apt to say

things that they would be ashamed of if they were in their right mind. For instance how liable some are to call others fools, devils, etc., when they are angry with them. But Christ shows in what light he views these rash and irritating expressions when he says, "Whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca (or vain fellow, margin), shall be in danger of the council; but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire." Matt. v, 22.

Christ pronounces a blessing upon peace-makers. He says, "They shall be called the children of God." Matt. v, 9. In striving to make peace they imitate their Creator, who has done so much to bring peace into this revolted province, and to reconcile us unto himself. God sacrificed his dearly beloved Son for this object, and can we not deny ourselves a little, by not indulging in angry expressions? Can we not encourage and enforce the principles of peace by a meek and godly conversation?

The tongue is wrongly used in lying, and should be employed in telling the truth. The Lord has spoken clearly and repeatedly on this point, both in the Old

and New Testaments, showing the evil that is caused by lying, and setting forth the awful consequences that await liars, and the advantages and blessings that result from telling the truth.

Lying originated with the Devil, who is the father of lies, and a liar from the beginning. He lied to Eve and beguiled her, and since then, lying has been practiced in many ways, and for various purposes.

But the lying tongue cannot be relied upon. It is ever looked upon with suspicion by the prudent. But it is considered safe to confide in those who are always known to tell the truth. He that sets out to tell a lie is not sensible of the task he undertakes; for he may be forced to invent many more to support it.

Lying is often practiced to get gain. This is seen in buying and selling. It has almost become a universal custom for those who sell to speak too highly of the articles they hold out for sale, and to say little or nothing about their defects, thus making an impression that these articles are worth more than they really are; and for those who lie to undervalue the arti-

cles they wish to buy, and to say little or nothing about their qualities, thus conveying the idea that they are worth less than they are in reality.

And just here we would notice the case of Ananias and Sapphira. They sold their possession, and kept back part of the price, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. They lied in trying to convey the idea that they had brought the whole price. But what language was used to convey this false idea? Peter said to Sapphira, "Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea for so much." Acts. v. And the fate of Ananias and Sapphira is known to all Bible students.

Doubtless if many at the present time were in the condition of Ananias and Sapphira, and were permitted to live and speak for themselves, they would justify themselves somewhat as follows: Why, I did not lie: I said I sold it for so much. I did sell it for that and something else. But would such be more justified than were Ananias and Sapphira? And will not the punishment of such be as certain as was theirs?

One common way of lying is to attempt to uphold error by the word of the Lord. Those who do this knowingly, or ignorantly when they might have known but refused to know, may be classed among liars. In order to give force to what they say, and make their remarks appear truthful, they must intimate or affirm that the Lord has spoken when he has not spoken; that the Bible says thus and so when it does not.

Cases of lying spoken of in the Bible are sometimes referred to, to prove that guile may be used on certain occasions to bring about a good end; and falsehoods are often told to cover sin. But the Bible nowhere justifies lying. It teaches that we should not do evil, that good may come. None of those who used guile in Bible times were blessed of God for lying; but such as were

blessed of God, were blessed for good traits that they possessed; and their lives would shine brighter in the heavenly records if they had not spoken guile.

No consideration should lead us to practice deceit. It is better to frankly confess our sins than to tell falsehoods to cover them, and to lose by telling the truth, than to gain by using guile. Of the holy Pattern we read, "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." 1 Pet. ii, 22. And of the last church it is written, "The remnant of Israel shall do no iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth." Zeph. iii, 13. "And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God." Rev. xiv, 5.

The tongue is wrongly used in speaking vain

and idle words. "But I say unto you, That for every idle word that men shall speak they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Matt. xii, 36, 37. If all were duly impressed with the truthfulness of this solemn declaration of the Saviour, vain and idle words would be fewer than they now are. But men will have to give account for their idle words in the day of judgment, whether they realize it or not. By our words we will either be justified or condemned in that day.

"How careful then ought we to live, With what religious fear, Who such a strict account must give Of our behavior here."

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Who Will Open the Door? (part 7)

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As another reminder (repeating for the third time), John pictures the seventh church period, which started in 1844, as: "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will

come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches" (Revelation 3:14-22).

In part 1, we focused upon the introduction of Jesus. In part 2, we focused upon verses 15 and 16 dealing with the indifferent attitude that is prevalent among us. In part 3, we addressed the fact that Jesus will (not might) spue out the last church and is not a mere warning that will eventually sink in and awaken the church nor is there another church to follow. In part 4, we realized that our church has become so closed to preaching the truth because of growing numbers, through compromise, and expansion of buildings. In part 5, we found that the counsel stated is not corporately addressed but rather individually fulfilled. In part 6, we investigated the true love of God. In part 7, we see Jesus knocking at the door.

Jesus says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20).

Please take note that the door is to be opened upon hearing the voice of God; it is not to the knocking that the person is to open the door. In years past, when there was a knock at the door, the door was opened to see who it was. Today, we try to find out first who it is before opening the door. In this case, Jesus says that we are to open it not because of the knocking, but of the hearing of the voice. That is because "faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17), and "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27).

And, yes, Jesus does not make His way into the house unless the door is opened unto Him, showing that no force of a relationship is ever exercised. It is wholly a choice on our part, each and every day. "Choose you this day whom ye will

serve” (Joshua 24:15). “How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD [be] God, follow him” (1 Kings 18:21). “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” (Romans 6:16).

That, then, means we need to be careful who we open the door to because if we are Jesus’ sheep and upon hearing His voice we follow, that means others can be Satan’s sheep and hear his voice and follow him. Unfortunately, that is exactly what is happening to many.

Now, before continuing, let us be reminded that “Every warning, reproof, and entreaty in the word of God or through His messengers is a knock at the door of the heart” {DA 490.1}. Therefore, we must be on guard and not “let Satan preoccupy the soil of the heart by putting in the first crop of seed” {RH, April 14, 1885 par. 8}.

And how does Satan preoccupy the soil? “Satan has invented many ways in which to squander the means which God has given. Card playing, betting, gambling, horse racing,

and theatrical performances are all of his own inventing, and he has led men to carry forward these amusements as zealously as though they were winning for themselves the precious boon of eternal life. Men lay out immense sums in following these forbidden pleasures; and the result is, their God-given power, which has been purchased by the blood of the Son of God, is degraded and corrupted. The physical, moral, and mental powers which are given to men of God, and which belong to Christ, are zealously used in serving Satan, and in turning men from righteousness and holiness” {RH, March 31, 1896 par. 5}.

“Satan exults as he sees that he is successful in keeping minds from a consideration of the solemn, important matters that have to do with eternal life. He seeks to crowd the thought of God out of the mind, and to put worldliness and commercialism in its place. He desires to keep the world in darkness. It is his studied purpose to lead men to forget God and heaven, to bring all the souls that he can under his own jurisdiction. And to this end he brings forward enterprises and inventions

that will so occupy men's attention that they will have no time to think of heavenly things” {RH, December 15, 1910 par. 2}.

A lot of people dismiss these quotes declaring that they are not gamblers but fail to realize that the inventions of Satan did not stop in the 1800s or early 1900s. People spend lots of money on modern amusements that are just invented to continue the excitement of the mind, making religion boring, as well as continuing to chew up the funds which are God’s. A tenth, or even a tenth plus offerings, is not only God’s. *All* of the money is God’s, meaning, we are to use all of the funds we obtain in a wise manner and not selfishly. But amusements continue to expand. People plan expensive vacations to theme parks with the family. People spend hundreds of dollars just to have entertainment pumped into the house in the form of television. On top of that, many pay extra for premium services including many movie channels, special sports channels or events, etc. Hobbies are another costly use of funds. If the hobby serves no other purpose but for

display, it is a money pit. Having a train set with little cities, etc., having a stamp or coin collection, and many like hobbies, all are used to tie up God's funds. And psychologists urge hobbies upon people. Having a hobby that is productive, like knitting blankets or making items that can be sold, serve a purpose and is not frowned upon. Gardening would also be a good hobby.

But overall, we must be careful of both time and money. If we have no time for God each and every day, how can we hear His voice versus our own impressions, which are usually wrong. So, not only are we to guard the funds, but we need to guard the time also.

"We have no hesitancy in telling you that in order to obtain the immortal inheritance and the eternal substance, you must be overcomers in this probationary life. Everything that blots and stains the soul must be removed, must be cleansed from the heart. We must know what it means to be a partaker of the divine nature, having escaped the corruptions that are in the world through lust. Are

you willing to wage war against the lusts of the flesh? Are you ready to battle against the enemy of God and man? Satan is determined to enslave every soul if he can; for he is playing a desperate game to win the souls of men from Christ and eternal life. Will you permit him to steal from you the graces of the Spirit of God, and plant in you his own corrupt nature? or will you accept the great provision of salvation, and through the merits of the Infinite Sacrifice made in your behalf, become a partaker of the divine nature? God has given his only-begotten Son, that through his shame, suffering, and death, you might have glory, honor, and immortality. Are you not willing to lay hold on the gracious hope set before you in the gospel? Is it humiliating to seek to win a crown of immortal glory?" {ST, June 15, 1891 par. 4}.

Now, to sup with Christ is to have an intimate time with Him. Jesus has no intention to simply chat at the door, if it is opened. He has no intention of stepping in from outside to talk to us for a moment. He does not even want to simply sit down, have a longer

conversation, and then leave. He wants to have a meal with us. That is a serious visit.

Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world" (John 6:51). He also said, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water" (John 4:10).

And, yes, in this situation, it is encouraged to drink while eating the bread, for normally we ought not drink at meals. Spiritually however, eating the spiritual bread and drinking the living water is the meal to have with Jesus.

So, what is in your life that is distracting you from hearing Jesus' voice to begin with? What is using up His funds unnecessarily? And are you eating and drinking even supping properly with Him?



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, **“The Sabbath question is to be the issue in the great final conflict in which all the world will act a part. Men have honored Satan's principles above the principles that rule in the heavens. They have accepted the spurious sabbath, which Satan has exalted as the sign of his authority. But God has set His seal upon His royal requirement. Each sabbath institution bears the name of its author, an ineffaceable mark that shows the authority of each. It is our work to lead the people to understand this. We are to show them that it is**

of vital consequence whether they bear the mark of God's kingdom or the mark of the kingdom of rebellion, for they acknowledge themselves subjects of the kingdom whose mark they bear. God has called us to uplift the standard of His downtrodden Sabbath. How important, then, that our example in Sabbathkeeping should be right.” {6T 352.1}

That last part where we are told “that our example in Sabbathkeeping should be right” is very key. How do people observe us? How active are we on the Sabbath day making it appear that it is an ordinary day and then turn around and be inactive on Sunday? This is easily done by having loud gatherings on the Sabbath, when it is to be a calm and quiet time, and then turn around on Sunday and spend the afternoon and evening watching sports glued to our TVs. Are we careful in not confusing the appearance of the days at all? “Abstain from all

appearance of evil” (1 Thessalonians 5:22). It goes both ways. If something is evil, abstain from it, but we ought not give the appearance to others of evil from ourselves. And confusion of the days is evil.

And how is our dress on the Sabbath? Many attend church in dress-down clothing. All that our neighbors may observe is that we might be spending the day at the stores or visiting with relatives, especially if there are no books being carried. Many rely on their cell phones to provide for Bible texts these days, neglecting the fact that the act of actually carrying the Bible to church sends a message.

It did for me a long time ago. A teen boy came over to our property one afternoon and introduced himself. We never really had opportunity to speak before, but he worked up the nerve to come over and asked, “May I ask where you go every Saturday morning? You are

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dressed up and carrying Bibles. I noticed this for a year now.” Praise the Lord! The timing could not have been better. Meetings were starting up at our church, he attended them, and was baptized. I wish the story ended there, but unfortunately his dad interfered and the boy dropped away. But that was not the point. The point is that the simple act of carrying the Bible is an example of Sabbath keeping done right – not the cell phone!

Now regarding our conversations, if we talk to our neighbors on the Sabbath, do they recognize a difference in our content? Or do we continue with the same daily conversation, especially those of politics, problems of the world, updates on each other’s families, etc.? We are to have a marked difference in our conversation.

Further, we need to be careful where we attend church. Do we attend a church that bears the name “Seventh-day Adventist” on it, or is it the word “Community”, “Fellowship”, or some other generic name, or even just the name “Adventist”? If any are attending an institution that has removed the name for a friendlier name or planting a new church bearing the friendly name and not

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How Do You Resolve It?

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

Does the earth abide forever or not?

Ecclesiastes 1:4 states, “[One] generation passeth away, and [another] generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.”

Revelation 21:1 says, “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and

the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.”

So, in one case, the earth abides forever, and in the other, the first earth passes away, showing an apparent contradiction. Once again, it is man’s finite understanding of the word “forever”, or should I say, a willingness to excuse the typical use of the term, but when it comes to the Bible and God, atheists choose to take it very literally.

How long does a person wait in line at a bank? How long does a person wait in the waiting room to see the doctor? How long does it take for summer vacation to arrive? From many mouths comes the answer of “forever”. It is an acceptable phrase among

humans to refer to a long period of time in one sense, and in another, a period of time that no one wants to go through, though it may be short, both being a reference to being “forever” despite being finite.

With that said, we turn to two Bible examples that show that the word “forever” has a limited time to it. In fact, it actually means “until the purpose is completed”.

1 Samuel 1:22 states clearly that Samuel was to abide in the temple service “forever”: “But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, [I will not go up] until the child be weaned, and [then] I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever.” Yet, we get

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the clarification in 1 Samuel 1:28, which says, "Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there." Therefore, Samuel's lifetime is the completed purpose.

Jonah 2:6 clearly states that he was in the belly of the fish "forever": "I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars [was] about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God." But in actuality, Jonah 1:17 tells us, "Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jo-

nah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights." It was a most terrible ordeal, but the period of three days was far shorter than a life time. Therefore, the completed purpose was within a three-day period.

This earth has a purpose to exist to house the inhabitants. The surface will be laid waste for a thousand years (Isaiah 24:1). It will then be burned up (2 Peter 3:10). It will have completed the purpose after seven-thousand years of existence. Jeremiah 4:23 states, "I beheld the earth, and, lo, [it was] without form, and void;

and the heavens, and they [had] no light." So, we do have to conclude that this earth will be destroyed, however, it will be made new and remain throughout eternity, never to be destroyed again. So, technically it does remain forever as stated, but if someone really wants to take God to task over the fact that the earth "as we know it" will not remain forever despite being told it would, then we rely upon the acceptable societal use and Bible example of the term "forever". It is until the completed time that it served its purpose.



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The Importance of Regularly Bathing

Scrupulous cleanliness is essential to both physical and mental health. Impurities are constantly thrown off from the body through the skin. Its millions of pores are quickly clogged unless kept clean by frequent bathing, and the impurities which should pass off through the skin become an additional burden to the other eliminating organs. {MH 276.1}

Most persons would receive benefit from a cool or tepid bath every day, morning or evening. Instead of increasing the liability to take cold, a bath, properly taken, fortifies against cold, because it improves the circulation; the blood is brought to the surface, and a more easy and regular flow is obtained. The mind and the body are alike invigorated. The muscles become more flexible, the intellect is made brighter. The bath is a

soother of the nerves. Bathing helps the bowels, the stomach, and the liver, giving health and energy to each, and it promotes digestion. {MH 276.2}

In the study of hygiene the earnest teacher will improve every opportunity to show the necessity of perfect cleanliness both in personal habits and in all one's surroundings. The value of the daily bath in promoting health and in stimulating mental action, should be emphasized. {Ed 200.1}

Frequent bathing is very beneficial, especially at night, just before retiring, or upon rising in the morning. It will take but a few moments to give the children a bath, and to rub them until their bodies are in a glow. This brings the blood to the surface, relieving the brain; and there will be less inclination to indulge in impure practices. Teach the little ones that God is not pleased to see them with unclean bodies and unti-

dy, torn garments. Tell them that he wants them to be pure without and within, that he may dwell with them. {CTBH 141.4}

Upon rising in the morning, most persons would be benefited by taking a sponge or hand bath. This will remove all impurities from the skin, and keep it moist and supple, thereby aiding the circulation. Persons in health should on no account neglect frequent bathing. Whether a person is sick or well, respiration is rendered more free and full by bathing. The mind and body are alike invigorated. The muscles become more flexible, every faculty of the intellect is made brighter. The bath is a soother of the nerves. Instead of increasing the liability of taking cold, it fortifies against cold, because it improves the circulation; the blood is brought to the surface, and a more easy and regular flow

of the vital fluid is obtained. {CTBH 107.1}

In health and in sickness, pure water is one of heaven's choicest blessings. Its proper use promotes health. It is the beverage which God provided to quench the thirst of animals and man. Drunk freely, it helps to supply the necessities

of the system and assists nature to resist disease. The external application of water is one of the easiest and most satisfactory ways of regulating the circulation of the blood. A cold or cool bath is an excellent tonic. Warm baths open the pores and thus aid in the elimination of impuri-

ties. Both warm and neutral baths soothe the nerves and equalize the circulation. {MH 237.1}

When the head is congested, if the feet and limbs are put in a bath with a little mustard, relief will be obtained. {2SM 297.7}



Healthy And Delicious Recipes

Cream of Asparagus Soup

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Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons vegan butter
- 1 medium size onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2-pounds asparagus, ends trimmed, cut into 1-inch pieces (2 bundles)
- 4 cups vegetable broth
- 1 heaping cup soaked cashews, soaked overnight
- 1 handful spinach
- Salt as needed
- 2 tablespoons nutritional yeast [optional]

Preparation

- In a heavy pot over medium heat, melt the vegan butter. Add the onion and cook for 4-5 minutes on low/medium heat.
- Add the garlic and cook for 2 minutes.

- Add asparagus, season with salt, and cook for another 5 minutes.
- Add broth and bring to a boil.
- Reduce to a simmer, and cook until asparagus is very tender but still green, 10 to 15 minutes.
- In a blender add the cashews, asparagus soup, and spinach, blend until smooth. You can add more spinach to achieve desired color. Return to pot and warm over low heat.



Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible

If you are using anything but the KJV, you are using a Catholic influenced Bible, which strategically twists and leaves out key words and verses so as to make even the ecumenical movement between religions outside of Christianity possible. And Ellen White does identify not to use them for reliability: "Wycliffe's Bible had been translated from the Latin text, which contained many er-

rors." {GC 245.1}. *Latin is Catholic or which most modern versions rely upon.*

The verse of concern this time is John 5:29. There is quite a bit of confusion when a version of the Bible teaches that the "resurrection of damnation" is called "resurrection of judgment". It implies very strongly that the "saved" do not get

judged. Only those who are unsaved become judged, and they are not guaranteed to be judged for hell either. To be judged is yet having the possibility that one might still make it into heaven. Oh, the confusion with those versions.

King James Bible: And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

In Error:

American Standard Version: and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment.

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Subscriptions are based on the honor system because we are trying to conserve on the cost by putting God's money to the most efficient means possible as well as precious time.

Sure, that may mean we do not collect more funds, but we would like to trust God to prompt people to do so instead of conducting God's work in a business fashion.

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

Aramaic Bible in Plain

English: And they shall come out: those who have done good things, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil deeds, to the resurrection of judgment.

Berean Literal Bible:

and will come forth – those having done good to the resurrection of life, and those having done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

Berean Study Bible:

and come out – those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

Darby Bible Transla-

tion: and shall go forth; those that have practised good, to resurrection of life, and those that have done evil, to resurrection of judgment.

Douay-Rheims Bible:

And they that have done good things, shall come forth unto the resurrection of life; but they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment.

English Revised Ver-

sion: And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done ill,

unto the resurrection of judgment.

English Standard Ver-

sion: and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

GOD'S WORD® Trans-

lation: and they will come out of their tombs. Those who have done good will come back to life and live. But those who have done evil will come back to life and will be judged.

Holman Christian

Standard Bible: and come out – those who have done good things, to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked things, to the resurrection of judgment.

New American Stand-

ard 1977: and shall come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.

New American Stand-

ard Bible: and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.

New Heart English Bi-

ble: and will come out;

those who have done good, to the resurrection of life; and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment.

New Living Transla-

tion: and they will rise again. Those who have done good will rise to experience eternal life, and those who have continued in evil will rise to experience judgment.

Weymouth New Testa-

ment: they who have done what is right to the resurrection of Life, and they whose actions have been evil to the resurrection of judgment.

World English Bible:

and will come out; those who have done good, to the resurrection of life; and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment.

Young's Literal Transla-

tion: and they shall come forth; those who did the good things to a rising again of life, and those who practised the evil things to a rising again of judgment.

Correct, This Time:**Christian Standard Bi-**

ble: and come out – those who have done good things, to the resurrection of life, but

those who have done wicked things, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Contemporary English

Version: and they will come out of their graves. Everyone who has done good things will rise to life, but everyone who has done evil things will rise and be condemned.

Good News Translation:

and come out of their graves: those who have done good will rise and live, and those who have done evil will rise and be condemned.

International Standard

Version: and will come out – those who have done what is good to the resurrection that leads to life, and those who have practiced what is evil to the resurrection that ends in condemnation.

NET Bible: and will come out – the ones who have done what is good to the resurrection resulting in life, and the ones who have done what is evil to the resurrection resulting in condemnation.

New International Version: and come out – those who have done

what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.

New King James Version:

and come forth – those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Webster's Bible Translation:

And shall come forth; they that have done good to the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, to the resurrection of damnation.



Go Ye Therefore, And Teach

NEW INTRODUCTION: We have been presenting this series that ends, God willing, at the end of this year or very shortly thereafter as we have a specific number of lessons. Quite a few deem this section as not important, but Ellen White states, “If God has ever spoken by me, the time will come when you will be brought before councils, and every position of truth which you hold will be severely criticized. The time that so many are now allowing

to go to waste should be devoted to the charge that God has given us of preparing for the approaching crisis” {5T 716.4}. Are you personally ready to defend the faith before counsels? It is coming very soon. Sure, “when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak” (Matthew 10:19), but the Holy Spirit will not pull out of us what is not in us during this time we have to study.

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

TOPIC: Baptism

- Ask, what did Jesus command to be done when people believed? Read Matthew 28:18-20 and focus upon the word “baptize”.
- Ask, is baptism required? Read Mark 16:15-16 and find out that the answer is yes.
- Ask, how many ways are acceptable to God? Read Ephesians 4:4-5 and state that the answer is “One”.
- Ask, what method is acceptable to God? Read Romans 6:3-6 and Colossians 2:12 and realize that it is the best method that represents Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection where single immersion is the only viable option. Sprinkling does not do it, and triple immersion does not do it either.
- Ask, why was John baptizing in the Jordan river? Read John 3:23 to bring out the words “much water”. Immersion requires a lot of water.
- Ask, why does the whole body need to go under the water? Read Acts 22:16 and Galatians 3:27 and state that since the body in general has sinned, the whole body needs washed, as well as the whole body is to be dedicated to living as Christ lived.
- Ask, at what age should someone be baptized? Reread Matthew 28:18-20 and this time bring out that it is at the age in which someone is teachable, which includes being of an age that they know how to apply it, in addition to just knowing answers to questions. In other words, at an age they are spiritually aware.
- Ask, what else are people to do before being baptized? Read Acts 2:37-38 and Acts 8:12 and bring out that a person needs to have the ability to repent, be sorry for their sins and want to stop, as well as knowing what it means to believe.
- Ask, what can be done for infants? Read Luke 2:22, 27-28 and identify that the activity is called child dedication, which is different from baptism.
- Ask, can a person be rebaptized? Read Acts 19:1-5 and realize that the answer is yes.
- Ask, what if a person cannot be baptized? Read Matthew 3:13-17 and Luke 23:39-43 bringing out that Jesus’ baptism covers the lack of baptism for only those that do not have the ability or opportunity to be baptized. So, if someone died on the way to get baptized, Jesus’ baptism covers them. If someone is in a hospital and there is absolutely no way to immerse the person, Jesus’ baptism covers them.
- Ask, what does baptism represent? Read John 3:1-7 and realize that it symbolizes the born again experience and commitment.



Questions And Answers

Question: How does the outpouring of the Holy Spirit fulfill the feast fifty days (Pentecost)?

Answer: Acts 2:1-4", the connection with Leviticus 23:15-22 is the fact that an event from Heaven happened exactly fifty days after first fruits just as told in those verses in Leviticus. Additionally, the "seven lambs" (Leviticus 23:18) is symbolic of the Holy Spirit as Revelation 5:6 describes in also symbolic language: "seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God". The seven lambs actually are seven pairs of eyes, but nonetheless, the use of seven in both cases is not by coincidence. Next, the two loaves, being bread, is symbolic of the Word of God or the New and Old Testaments. "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake [as they were] moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:20-21), not the Father or Jesus but the Holy Ghost. Then that is another connection with the Holy Spirit.

Now the bullock and rams are for the recognition of sin and trespasses (Exodus 29:36, Leviticus 5:16). Who convicts us of Sin? The Holy Spirit (John 16:8). Now, the goats are also involved but so are additional lambs used too in a peace offering symbolizing that after conviction of sin we are led to the peace offering, Jesus (Isaiah 9:6). Now Jesus said that the Holy Spirit "shall testify of me" (John 15:26). So, the list of connections is that we have fifty days to Pentecost that matches the timing of the event, the seven eyes or pairs of eyes connected with the Holy Spirit, sin conviction through the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit leading us to Jesus, and we have the movement of God's Word by the Holy Ghost.

Question: Can you make a connection between the love of God and the horrible executions like cutting up King Agag?

Answer: First, keep in mind that God says, "For my thoughts [are] not your thoughts, neither [are] your ways my ways, saith the LORD" (Isaiah 55:8). We may

never quite figure out everything and the reasons why or how it was handled. What looks horrific to us has a purpose. For instance, one stroke and Agag was probably dead. Then Samuel continued to chop Agag up. You and I look upon this as horrific. Maybe that is the message God was sending to King Saul. "Saul, your sin of sparing Agag was horrific when I told you to not spare anything. To show the equal horridness I have for failure in such a high position as king, I am going to make you vomit from the scene that is about to transpire." That is one possibility. We have to remember that the actions are not just against the enemy. They are to speak volumes to others. For instance, we are horrified over this but what caused it? It is the slight alteration of the command of God. This incident is to speak to us in our day, which still seems to not do much towards the consciences of people today, in which people think that a simple change in the day called the Sabbath means nothing to God. Those who should

know better are going to see how wrathful God will be. It is called the “strange act” (Isaiah 28:21) because normally, God is willing to forgive, but that is on the condition of a surrendered heart. Too many people are pridefully stubborn. It will be equally measured by God’s wrath. To you and me, it is a horrible thought. Think about all of the people who will be burning for hours in the lake of fire – hell. Not everyone shall burn up within seconds. In fact, it might be days before Satan is done burning. Everyone is to pay the price of their sins since they rejected the price willingly offered to forgive them of their sins. God’s love is equally balanced with God’s wrath towards sin. God is not all love, or should I say, His love towards the truth, obedience, and saved souls along with the unfallen angels demands a just and deserving punishment towards sin and sinners. An instant wipe out of existence of all the lost, including Satan, will not satisfy that.

Now, to execute these things like Samuel, the slaughtering of the golden calf worshippers, etc. may appear to be full of hate and anger. It is actually an-

ger towards sin. All anger is not wrong. The Bible says, “[He that is] slow to anger [is] better than the mighty” (Proverbs 16:32). Even Jesus “overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold doves” (Matthew 21:12). That is anger. Yes, one has to put aside all sympathy for the guilty party and not listen to the pleading once the verdict is rendered. Therefore, the love of God’s way would compel Samuel and the others to perfectly use the anger against the guilty parties. But I am sure that not a few had nightmares for a while. When parenting at the point when everything has failed at correcting the behavior like timeout, sent to one’s room, loss of toys and privileges, I hate having to administer a spanking, but I do it because of the requirement for obedience. Remember, to have “the fear of the LORD [is] to hate evil” (Proverbs 8:13). We are even told in correcting a child, “Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying” (Proverbs 19:18). That means to be abhorred by it, disgusted, not make an excuse in trying to lower the punishment, etc. After admin-

istering a spanking, I feel really bad, but we have physical responsibility to execute as we practice “slow to anger”. Also, “Be ye angry, and sin not” (Ephesians 4:26). Even in anger, we must be in self-control. Once we cross the line of losing self-control, then we are sinning.

Question: What Bible insight do you have regarding the transgender?

Answer: We are told “The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman’s garment: for all that do so [are] abomination unto the LORD thy God” (Deuteronomy 22:5). Therefore, a transgender putting on the opposite gender clothing is committing an abomination. And all that was said regarding the homosexual or lesbian in the prior questions and answers section would apply. If such a family member is hosting a gathering and is going to dress in the opposite gender apparel, do not attend. If there is a wedding of a transgender, again, do not attend nor accept into your home such a couple. Any form of recognizing or accepting of the acts of

a transgender is to participate in the abomination. Attending a gathering put on by someone else and the transgender also is in attendance, that is different, if that host is not of our faith. But if that host does know it is wrong, even an abomination, but they choose to “not to make waves”, have yourself excused, otherwise, you are accepting their sinning of a person supporting the sin. In other words, you would be an accomplice to the support of sin, of the abomination.

Question: What do you make of the year delay in fulfillment of the forty-two-month prophecy in Revelation 13?

Answer: I have heard several people try to justify the failed use of the forty-two-month timeline from Revelation 13:5 that God spared us one more year. That would brake precedence because there has never been such a time line prophecy that has been treated in such a manner. It would mean that God does not know the future. He should have stated fifty-four months instead then. Overall, it is just another attempt to justify the misuse of the prophecy of Revelation

13:5. It was never ever intended to be used literally or at the end of time. Revelation 13 is not a sequence of events. It is a description of all of the activities so that we know we are talking about the same power that it reigned according to Daniel and other verses in Revelation. Ellen White makes it perfectly clear:

“‘Power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.’ And, says the prophet, ‘I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death.’ And again, ‘He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity; he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword.’ The forty and two months are the same as the ‘time and times and the dividing of time,’ three years and a half, or 1260 days, of Daniel 7,—the time during which the papal power was to oppress God’s people. This period, as stated in preceding chapters, began with the establishment of the papacy, A. D. 538, and terminated in 1798. At that time, when the papacy was abolished and the pope made captive by the French army, the papal power received its deadly wound, and the prediction was fulfilled, ‘He that leadeth into

captivity shall go into captivity.’” {GC88 439.2}

Those who insist on throwing Revelation 13:5 timeline into the end time scenario are actually influenced by the Evangelical churches because that is how they interpret it and apply it to a future anti-christ.

So, what is the take on the “almost to the day” year delay on the prophecy? Satanic. It destroys the trust in the prophecy, destroys trust in all of God’s timelines, and it ignores Ellen White’s clear teaching on it.

Question: What does the Bible say regarding the fact that I am really disappointed that my governor is a Democrat?

Answer: We are not referring to politics of course. What we are referring to is that it seems that Democratic leaders had the higher tendency to act in a dictatorship way and purposely making it extra difficult on the citizens just because they could. Most of the disallowances were not necessary, and in fact, was meant to just infuriate the Republican base. Examples include not being able to buy seeds, keeping church-

es and other houses of worship unnecessarily closed longer than they had to, suspending business owners' licenses, throwing business owners in jail while letting out convicted criminals, forcing retirement homes to take Covid-19 patients, shutting down gun stores, mostly suspending constitutional rights, and much more.

Now, regarding the actual question, remember, God "removeth kings, and setteth up kings" (Daniel 2:21). That means, Donald Trump

is in place by God to fulfill what is to be fulfilled. That means all of the governors are in place by God to fulfill what is to be fulfilled. That means all of the mayors are in place by God to fulfill what is to be fulfilled. That means it is not for us to question who is in authority. It is not for us to even wish who will be next one in line. It is wasted energy and is simply a distraction.

We have a mission, and it is getting more and more difficult. As things (as of the end of May when this was drafted)

are opening up, other diabolic practices are increasing. One of our outlets, for instance, on Facebook for days supposedly has a technical error when everybody else's personal accounts are fine. It is censorship that is going to get worse and worse.

Again, let them play politics. We have a job to do by the enlightenment of God to navigate safely through the challenging times of getting the message out. Stay focused.



Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth

June 3

Adventist Record

Church makes statements on George Floyd

Earlier in the week, Pastor Ted Wilson, president of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church, also released a statement, in which he said he had sent letters to the families of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd on behalf of the Church. The families were also sent fruit baskets, facilitated through Oakwood University's connection with Edible Arrangements.

EGW: "Those who are Christians indeed will be

branches of the true vine, and will bear the same fruit as the vine. They will act in harmony, in Christian fellowship. They will not wear political badges, but the badge of Christ." {GW 392.1}

"What are we to do, then? – Let political questions alone. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" [2 Corinthians 6:14, 15.] What can

there be in common between these parties? There can be no fellowship, no communion." {GW 392.2}

"The word "fellowship" means participation, partnership. God employs the strongest figures to show that there should be no union between worldly parties and those who are seeking the righteousness of Christ. What communion can there be between light and darkness, truth and unrighteousness? None whatever. Light represents righteousness; darkness, unrighteousness. Christians have come out of darkness into the light. They

have put on Christ, and they wear the badge of truth and obedience. They are governed by the elevated and holy principles which Christ expressed in His life." . . . {GW 392.3}

June 2

Breath of Life

The Power of Diversity and Peaceful Protest

June 8

Washington Adventist University

WAU Community Members March Alongside the Nation for Change

June 18

Outlook – News and Inspiration from Mid-America

Adventists Join Black Lives Matter March at Colorado State Capitol

June 12

NAD Asks Members to Join in a Special Day of Prayer for Racial Justice and Equality

Marching around the downtown courthouse, Byrd, along with nearly 2,000 protesters, marched in solidarity chanting, "NO JUSTICE, NO PEACE!" "BLACK LIVES MATTER!" "I CAN'T BREATHE!" "SAY HIS NAME!" (a reference to George Floyd). These and other phrases rallied the crowd to promote peace and justice peacefully.

Bible: No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon (Matthew 6:24). Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! (Matthew 18:7)

Comment: Our mission is not Black Lives Matter or any other matter. Our mission is specific. Atrocities will occur. They are distractions despite being real. We cannot take up causes that even Jesus stated will occur. Jesus never got involved in political issues.

June 10

Fulcrum 7

Berrien Springs Black Lives Matter Protest Organized At Andrews University

The organizers of the protest were a mix of students and teachers. "Mrs. Meylin Allen, an [SDA] educator who also helped organize the peace-walk, says she is making sure her students at Berrien Springs High School feel that their voices are being heard."

Some of the Adventist protestors participating in this BLM protest were Dwight Nelson, Hyveth Williams, Kevin Paulson,

Nick Miller, Mike Nixon, Anthony Bosman, Ranko Stefanovic, and Steve Toscano.

POSTER: All who want to stand in solidarity with us are welcome.

Bible: Ephesians 5:11 "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove [them]."

EGW: "Satan is busily at work in our crowded cities. His work is to be seen in the confusion, the strife and discord between labor and capital, and the hypocrisy that has come into the churches. . . . The lust of the flesh, the pride of the eyes, the display of selfishness, the misuse of power, the cruelty and the force used to cause men to unite with confederacies and unions – binding themselves up in bundles for the burning of the great fires of the last days--all these are the working of satanic agencies." – Ev 26 (1903).

"The wicked are being bound up in bundles, bound up in trusts, in unions, in confederacies. Let us have nothing to do with these organizations. God is our Ruler, our Governor, and He calls us to come out from the world and be separate. "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing" [2 Corinthians 6:17]. If we refuse to do this, if we continue

to link up with the world and to look at every matter from a worldly standpoint, we shall become like the world. When worldly policy and worldly ideas govern our transactions we cannot stand on the high and holy platform of eternal truth. — 4BC 1142 (1903).

June 21

Adventist Review

Seventh-day Adventist Church Responds to U.S. Supreme Court Employment Decision Impacting Religious Liberty

The Seventh-day Adventist Church supports protections for LGBT individuals in the workplace that include robust religious liberty safeguards. It endorsed the Fairness For All Act (H.R. 5331), which would extend protections to LGBT individuals not only in the workplace but in many other areas of society as well.

Comment: So, when such a person wants employed in our churches, the doors will be opened? Society can do what they want, but when it comes to the church, we have to stay with God's word on the matter. We are to only employ those that represent the doctrines of Christ otherwise a conflicting message is presented.

Bible: "We ought to obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:29).

June 14

Opera News

100 SDA Faithful Wearing Sacks Arrested After Converging for Foot Washing

The worshippers were nabbed on Saturday, June 13, in Mitume, Kitale, Trans Nzoia county at a home where they had congregated to celebrate the lord's supper.

Bible: "But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;" (Matthew 10:17).

Comment: May we take our faith as seriously as these folks.

June 26

Adventist News Network

One Vision, One Community: Many Volunteers

Listen in as Harjit Singh, chairman of the Watford Interfaith Association, talks with 'One Vision' and various community leaders including Raafat Kamal, Trans-European Division president, and Sharon Platt-McDonald, BUC Health Ministries director.

Bible: 2 Corinthians 6:14 "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"

2020

Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism

Video (supplied via Amazing Word Ministries)

During the video a question was read: "Vaccines made with unclean ingredients, does that make the vaccine unclean?"

Response from the three person panel (Doug Bachelor, Jean Ross, Carlos Munoz) that pig valves and unclean contents are not eaten therefore is permissible.

Bible: "And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it [is] unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcase." (Deuteronomy 14:8).

Comment: Just how did that pig ingredient, aborted fetus, and everything else that is unclean get into the vaccine? The animal was killed. The baby was killed. We are not to touch the dead carcass, and that would include the parts harvested from

News And Comments

May 26

Crux

Search for Christian unity is making progress, pope says

"Many steps have been taken in these decades to heal the wounds of centuries and millennia," Pope Francis said in a letter to Cardinal Kurt Koch, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. "Speaking of wounds being healed, Revelation 13:3 states, 'And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.'"

June 2

National Catholic Register

Catholic activists protest Trump's visit to St. John Paul II Shrine

Who does Trump seek recognition from? Papal power. It is a sign of continued partnership. "And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was

healed" (Revelation 13:12).

June 4

Texas Tribune

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick says America must turn to God to heal racism

"Satan puts his interpretation upon events, and they think, as he would have them, that the calamities which fill the land are a result of Sundaybreaking. Thinking to appease the wrath of God these influential men make laws enforcing Sunday observance." – 10MR 239 (1899).

Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison increased charges Wednesday against the former officer who knelt on Floyd's neck and also charged the other three officers who were present during the incident.

Once the involved officers are tried in court, Patrick said, "we have a lot of healing to do."

During his interview, Bream also asked the lieutenant governor about recent comments made by former Trump Defense Secretary, James Mattis, who told The Atlantic that

Americans should come together without President Donald Trump.

"Donald Trump is the first president in my lifetime who does not try to unite the American people — does not even pretend to try," said Mattis, who resigned in 2018.

"Instead he tries to divide us. We are witnessing the consequences of three years of this deliberate effort."

"I think the timing was terrible," Patrick said of his comments. He later adds that Mattis' comments are "just another distraction along the way of a country that's broken deep inside."

Patrick's comments come as widespread protests against police violence against black people continue in cities across the state.

In the past, Patrick has been vocally critical of those protest movements, saying in 2016 that the Black Lives Matter movement was responsible for the shooting of five police officers in Dallas. Black Lives Matter leaders in Dallas called those comments "dangerous and irresponsible" at the time. Patrick has

also been known to make incendiary comments about people of color, including referring to undocumented immigrants as an "illegal invasion" and boycotting a prayer by a Muslim cleric on the floor of the Senate.

World in Wake of George Floyd Killing

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these [are] the

brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them. And the gospel must first be published among all nations" (Mark 13:8-10). Nation against nation and kingdom against kingdom is not only addressing wars between nations but also the citizens within each nation warring against their own nation, even demanding immediate action or face continued unrest. But we are not to be caught up in this worldwide distraction, no matter how unfair the situation is, we have a mission and it is the gospel. That is what the verses tell us. So, stay the course. Do not get pulled into the politics of things.

June 8

Talane

Samoa PM wants to ban Sunday trading

"I do hope that the trumpet will give a certain sound in regard to this Sunday-law movement. I think that it would be best if in our papers the subject of the perpetuity of the law of God were made a specialty.... We should now be doing our very best to defeat this Sunday law." – CW 97, 98 (1906).

I do hope that the trumpet will give a certain sound in regard to this Sunday-law movement. I think that it would be best if in our papers the subject of the perpetuity of the law of God were made a specialty. Should there not be a paper or a pamphlet issued to take the place of the Sentinel? I have not been able to think that it was the wise thing to do to let that paper drop. It was a voice that was constantly speaking in defense of religious liberty. The truth should be presented in short articles, in clear, distinct lines, giving special points in regard to the Lord's Sabbath, and showing that those who frame laws to compel the observance of the first day of the week, are disloyal to the Lord of heaven, who placed His sanctity upon the seventh day. Are we doing all we can to exalt the law of Jehovah?

We should now be doing our very best to defeat this Sunday law. The best way to do this will be to lift up the law of God and make it stand forth in all its sacredness. This must be done if the truth triumphs.

-- Letter 58, 1906.

June 7

Wall Street Journal

Antiracism Protests Erupt Around the

beginnings of sorrows. But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be

June 9

Catholic News Service

Candace Owens: #BLM Movement 'Is About Black Anarchy – And, I Will Never Bend a Knee to That'

"The world is becoming more and more lawless. Soon great trouble will arise among the nations--trouble that will not cease until Jesus comes." – RH Feb. 11, 1904.

June 10

CNBC

Asymptomatic spread of coronavirus is 'very rare,' WHO says

That means the world reaction was a world over-reaction, but that was not by accident. It is hiding an agenda. "The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the undercurrent is tending" {5T 452.1}. How does it fit? Martial law was enforced worldwide without calling it martial law. Every government had full control over its citizens to the point of execution in some countries. The same shall be, and

worse, regarding the Mark of the Beast.

famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." And so it

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet." Prior to the destruction of Jerusalem, men wrestled for the supremacy. Emperors were murdered. Those supposed to be standing next the throne were slain. There were wars and rumors of wars. "All these things must come to pass," said Christ, "but the end [of the Jewish nation as a nation] is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." Christ said, As the rabbis see these signs, they will declare them to be God's judgments upon the nations for holding in bondage His chosen people. They will declare that these signs are the token of the advent of the Messiah. Be not deceived; they are the beginning of His judgments. The people have looked to themselves. They have not repented and been converted that I should heal them. The signs that they represent as tokens of their release from bondage are signs of their destruction.

{The Desire of Ages, page 628.3}

June 10

Bloomberg

Second U.S. Virus Wave Emerges as Cases Top 2 Million

Matthew 24:7 tells us, "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be

continues with agenda of pestilences or virus.

June 10

France 24

Shock, fear, rumours follow sudden death of Burundi's strongman Nkurunziza

"Rumours swirled on social media, with some wondering if he had been poisoned, while others suspecting he had been infected by the coronavirus." If "the kings of the earth have committed fornication" (Revelation 17:2) with the papacy, and this king did not go along with the agenda,

cause people will accept all kinds of controls under fear. "Just save us! We don't care what rules you make. Just save us!" Luke 21:26: "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."

shared their desires to end capitalism." Protestant America was founded upon capitalism. To end capitalism is to end one of those horns on the lamb of Revelation 13:11.

June 15

The Conversation

No justice, no peace: Why Catholic priests are kneeling with George Floyd protesters

Couple this with Life Site, "US Bishops Caught Funding Radical Groups Supporting Riots, Calling for 'Death to Police' and the agenda unfolds. "This moral theology provided justification for the church to ally with economic, political and military elites, from medieval kings to Latin American dictators." This is nothing short of another attempt to bring the Roman church and the government together -- Church and State union. Further, it is well known that the protestant principles that this country was founded upon have been hated by the papal authority. They have always sided with movements that would bring it down. "When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across

John also was a witness of the terrible scenes that will take place as signs of Christ's coming. He saw armies mustering for battle, and men's hearts failing them for fear. He saw the earth moved out of its place, the mountains carried into the midst of the sea, the waves thereof roaring and troubled, and the mountains shaking with the swelling thereof. He saw the vials of God's wrath opened, and pestilence, famine, and death come upon the inhabitants of the earth.

{The Review and Herald, January 11, 1887 par. 13}

of course the healthy leader is going to die.

June 11

**The Washington Post
The coronavirus pandemic isn't ending — it's surging**

Either the testing contains the virus or the numbers are being manipulated. They want to keep everyone on lockdown, under control, and keep fear high be-

June 12

The Federalist

Search Results Web results Why Supporting Black Lives Matter Is Anti-Christian And Anti-Life

"While it's considered lazy scholarship to declare those who have left politics 'socialist,' all three founders of the Black Lives Matter movement have openly

the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near." {5T 451.1}

June 15

Rolling Stone

Supreme Court's Landmark LGBTQ Employment Decision Is Even Bigger Than Marriage Equality

"Every LGBTQ person in the country who works for an employer with 15 or more workers, even those who live in the most conservative parts of the country, is now protected against discrimination on the job." Therefore, if a LGBTQ person comes out of the closet in any religious organization and it is deemed that the person is sending the wrong message about the denomination to the public, the

LGBTQ person can cause great difficulty for the employer legally. "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20)

June 15

The Guardian

on human beings. The end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise." {8T 28.1}

June 16

The Daily Mail

Beijing shuts all schools and goes to

Is it true that the end of all things is at hand? What mean the awful calamities by sea--vessels hurled into eternity without a moment's warning? What mean the accidents by land--fire consuming the riches that men have hoarded, much of which has been accumulated by oppression of the poor. The Lord will not interfere to protect the property of those who transgress His law, break His covenant, and trample upon His Sabbath, accepting in its place a spurious rest-day.

{Manuscript Releases Volume Three, page 311.2}

Covid-19 pandemic is 'fire drill' for effects of climate crisis, says UN official

And if this was just a fire drill locking us all down, Sunday law should be easy to force upon everyone.

"Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come up-

'alert level two' to tackle new coronavirus outbreak caused by 'contaminated goods and interpersonal communication' as China blames European strain

"Pestilences will sweep away thousands. Dangers are all around us from the powers without and satanic workings within, but the

restraining power of God is now being exercised." – 19MR 382 (1897). That means satanic forces are at work – real or through man-made efforts.

June 16

The Age

New COVID-19 restrictions will be needed for anti-vaxxers

We usually refrain from posting things that are not reality (rumors). But the reason this one is being posted is because of the attitude: "Let me be clear. I'm not advocating that we vaccinate people against their will. That would be wrong. As a community, we should consider to what extent we allow organisations to prevent those who object to being vaccinated against COVID-19 to enter their premises, participate in their activities and, in some circumstances, seek their employment." Are not those two statements contradictory? "We are not going to inject you against your will but we sure are going to make it difficult for you not to get the vaccine." That attitude is wrong, too, in fact, I think it is more wrong to basically quarantine healthy people that simply do

not vax. This attitude, this brainwashing of punishing in this manner is what leads to "cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Revelation 13:15).

June 17

Crisis Magazine

Bring Back the Blue Laws

And from The Tablet, "French archbishop calls for monthly 'lockdown Sunday'", fittingly Ellen White penned, "We have been looking many years for a Sunday law to be enacted in our land; and, now that the movement is right upon us, we ask: Will our people do their duty in the matter? Can we not assist in lifting the standard and in calling to the front those who have a regard for their religious rights and privileges? The time is fast approaching when those who choose to obey God rather than man will be made to feel the hand of oppression. Shall we then dishonor God by keeping silent while His holy commandments are trodden underfoot?" {5T 716.1}

June 25

Fox News

Black Lives Matter leader states if US 'doesn't give us what we want, then we will burn down this system'

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June 18

The Guardian

World has six months to avert climate crisis, says energy expert

What happened to the year 2050 and then twelve years from 2019? We are now down to six months? Are they getting impatient to implementing the pope's solution – Sunday law? "A time is coming when the law of God is, in a special sense, to be made void in our land. The rulers of our nation will, by legislative enactments, enforce the Sunday law, and thus God's people be brought into great peril. When our nation, in its legislative councils, shall enact laws to bind the consciences of men in regard to their religious privileges, enforcing Sunday observance,

and bringing oppressive power to bear against those who keep the seventh-day Sabbath, the law of God will, to all intents and purposes, be made void in our land; and national apostasy will be followed by national ruin." {RH, December 18, 1888 par. 6}

June 20

The Hill

Federal review confirms CDC coronavirus test kits were faulty because of 'likely' contamination

This is clearly "science falsely so called" (1 Timothy 6:20) in which they gain the trust of the populace only to continue the agenda. Like many other diseases, they do not want this to go away. What the CDC says and what their actions are, just happen to not match.

June 26

National Catholic Register

The power of love and the need to rest

"But as the question of enforcing Sunday observance is widely agitated, the event so long doubted and disbelieved is seen to be approaching, and the third message will pro-

duce an effect which it could not have had before." {GC88 605.3}

June 23

The Union Journal

BLM Leader And Bernie Supporter Calls For Destruction Of Churches, Statues Of Jesus

In the early church period, the church was persecuted, as today. Not only do we have this attack but we also have governments trying force churches to remain closed during COVID-19 rules. But then, eventually the persecutions changed. The church started to persecute only the faithful Sabbath keepers. "The tyranny of past ages would be repeated, then whatever comes, we shall have done our duty." {RH, December 24, 1889 par. 4}

June 26

Forbes

Giant Saharan Dust Cloud Reaches U.S., 2020 'Godzilla' Version Bigger Than Before

Seems that one event is happening on the heels of a prior one and are even overlapping, not giving us a time to deal with the first. Seems like a rapid attack of events. "The agencies

of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones." {9T 11.2}

June 29

Tulsa World

Saturday school? State board OKs one-year flexibility for Oklahoma schools grappling with COVID-19 contingency plans

As usual, true Sabbath keepers (Friday night to Saturday night) are left out. "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates: For [in] six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it" (Exodus 20:8-11).



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care about others, as if evil is good, and good is evil (Isaiah 5:20). They are ready to turn people over.

Even if by the time you read this it appears to be lightening up regarding these dragon-like activities, it has been shown how easy control is, and how much is now in place. All they wait for is the final orders to implement it.

May we keep our eye on the end goal and not get distracted with the ancillary activities. Keep the faith!



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