



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.

Revelation 18:3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

The doctrine of the natural immortality of the soul is one error with which the enemy is deceiving man. This error is well-nigh universal. . . . {Ev 247.2}

This is one of the lies forged in the synagogue of the enemy, one of the poisonous drafts of Babylon. "All nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." {Ev 247.3}

The whole chapter shows that Babylon that has fallen is the churches who will not receive the messages of warning the Lord has given in the first, second, and third angels' messages. They refused the truth and accepted a lie. They refused the messages of truth. See 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12. The message in the eighteenth chapter of Revelation is plain and clearly defined. "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (verse 3). Anyone who reads this chapter need not be deceived. {2SM 68.1}

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For Seventh-day Adventists**

Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

Jerry O'Donnell

As I began to write this, I was anxious to bring before you a different topic than the one I shall address here. After confirming in a letter to one of our very blessed supporters who has been sharing their blessings with us that we shall not fold by choice, and that it would take an act of God to tell us to cease, or His allowance to allow Satan to have His way as predicted would come upon all the faithful at one time or another, well, Satan moved. And thank you for everyone who supports us, especially in prayer.

So, at the time of this writing, we have churches still locked down, which technically does not affect us, as we do not have a physical church building. Some states, especially California, are forbidding home churches. Thankfully, that is not our state, as of yet. Censoring on the social media sites has been going on, and thankfully it has not stopped our media outlets like it has those of others. Our printing company continues to print our publication, and I lift them up in prayer as

they struggle to stay active with the COVID-19 situation.

So, how did Satan move? Months will have gone by since the latest attack on our ministry, which began on August 5th. Despite claiming "Section 107 of the Copyright Act" as a religious teaching instrument focused upon commenting upon the news, and numerous legal outlets defining that we are operating in compliance, and the numerous fellow Seventh-day Adventist ministries using the same or similar material and images, it seems that Reuter's and AP's legal watchdog called PIC Rights wants to take us to court or settle for an out-of-court payment of several thousand dollars. They were gracious to cut the fine in half once we proved to be a non-profit, which was not easy seeing as we are not 501(c)3 [a designation by the Federal Government].

PIC Rights did not say we do not qualify completely, but as any law, on paper, it is only good when brought to court to settle the matter. And even if it were settled in a court-

room, that does not prevent PIC Right from harassing and bullying others, or even us again. Seeing that funds are limited and that fighting a court battle at this time in earth's history is not a wise use of funds or time, we are in the process of further negotiations to possibly pay the fine. That is yet to be determined.

In the meantime, the point of this message is to share that it definitely will not be us that shuts this ministry down. Satan is angry and is attempting to use the pandemic to allow social media to squash whomever they disagree with, using frivolous lawsuits now, using demonstrations out of control, and who knows what else is in the future. As Daniel's friends faced the furnace, we head into the heat of the future as well by the grace and power of God. But in order to limit the attacks, despite pictures worth a thousand words, we shall restrict the use of images greatly and have already removed them

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

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

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

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

About The Four Angels' Messages Ministry

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Character and Aims of the Papacy

Ellen White (extra article)

Romanism is now regarded by Protestants with far greater favor than in former years. There is an increasing indifference concerning the doctrines that separate the reformed churches from the papal hierarchy; the opinion is gaining ground that, after all, we do not differ so widely upon vital points as has been supposed, and that a little concession on our part will bring us into a better understanding with Rome. The time was when Protestants placed a high value upon the liberty of conscience which has been so dearly purchased. They taught their children to abhor popery, and held that to remain at peace with Rome would be disloyalty to God. But how widely different are the sentiments now expressed.

The defenders of popery declare that she has been maligned; and the Protestant world is inclined to accept the statement. Many urge that it is unjust to judge the Romish Church of today by the abominations and absurdities that marked her reign during the centuries of ignorance and darkness. They excuse her horrible cruelty as the result of the barbarism of the times, and plead that civilization has changed her sentiments.

Have these persons forgotten the claim of infallibility for eight hundred years put forth by this haughty power? So far from relinquishing this claim, the church in the nineteenth century has affirmed it with greater positiveness than ever before. As Rome asserts that she has never erred, and never can err, how can she renounce the principles which governed her course in past ages?

The papal church will never relinquish her claim to infallibility. All that she has done in her persecution of those who reject her dogmas, she holds to be right; and would she not repeat the same acts, should the opportunity be presented? Let the restraints now imposed by secular governments be removed, and Rome be reinstated in her former power, and there would speedily be a revival of her tyranny and persecution.

It is true that there are real Christians in the Roman Catholic communion. Thousands in that church are serving God according to the best light they have. They are not allowed access to his word, and therefore they do not discern the truth. They have never seen the contrast between a living heart-service and a

round of mere forms and ceremonies. But God looks with pitying tenderness upon these souls, educated as they are in a faith that is delusive and unsatisfying. He will cause rays of light to penetrate the dense darkness that surrounds them. He will reveal to them the truth as it is in Jesus, and they will yet take their position with his people.

But Romanism as a system is no more in harmony with the gospel of Christ now than at any former period in her history. The Protestant churches are in great darkness, or they would discern the signs of the times. The Roman Church is far-reaching in her plans and modes of operation. She is employing every device to extend her influence and increase her power in preparation for a fierce and determined conflict to regain control of the world, to re-establish persecution, and to undo all that Protestantism has done. Catholicism is gaining ground in our country upon every side. Look at the number of her churches and chapels. Look at her colleges and seminaries, so widely patronized by Protestants. These things should awaken the anxiety of all who prize the pure principles of the gospel.

Protestants have tampered with and patronized popery; they have made compromises and concessions which papists themselves are surprised to see, and fail to understand. Men are closing their eyes to the real character of Romanism, and the dangers to be apprehended from her supremacy. The people of our land need to be aroused to resist the advances of this most dangerous foe to civil and religious liberty.

Many suppose that the Catholic religion is unattractive, and that its worship is a dull, stupid round of ceremony. Here they mistake. While Romanism is based upon deception, it is not a coarse and clumsy imposture. The religious service of the Romish Church is a most impressive ceremonial. Its gorgeous display and solemn rites fascinate the senses of the people, and silence the voice of reason and of conscience. The eye is charmed. Magnificent churches, imposing processions, golden altars, jeweled shrines, choice paintings, and exquisite sculpture appeal to the love of beauty. The ear also is captivated. There is nothing to excel the music. The rich notes of the deep-toned organ, blending with the melody of many voices as it swells through the lofty domes and pillared aisles of her grand cathedrals,

cannot fail to impress the mind with awe and reverence.

This outward splendor, pomp, and ceremony, that only mocks the longings of the sin-sick soul, is an evidence of inward corruption. The religion of Christ needs not such attractions to recommend it. In the light shining from the cross, true Christianity appears so pure and lovely that external decorations only hide its true worth. It is the beauty of holiness, a meek and quiet spirit, which is of value with God.

Brilliancy of style is not an index of pure, elevated thought. The highest conceptions of art, the most delicate refinement of taste, often spring from minds wholly earthly and sensual. They are often employed by Satan to lead men to forget the necessities of the soul, to lose sight of the future, immortal life, to turn away from their infinite Helper, and to live for this world alone.

A religion of externals is attractive to the unrenewed heart. The pomp and ceremony of the Catholic worship have a seductive, bewitching power by which many are deceived; and they come to look upon the Roman Church as the very gate of Heaven. None are proof against her influence but those who have planted their feet firmly upon the

foundation of truth, and whose hearts are renewed by the Spirit of God. Thousands who have not an experiential knowledge of Christ will be swept into this deception. A form of godliness without the power is just what they desire. The Romanist feels at liberty to sin, because the church claims the right to pardon. To him who loves self-indulgence, it is more pleasing to confess to a fellow-mortal than to open the soul to God. It is more palatable to human nature to do penance than to renounce sin. It is easier to mortify the flesh by sackcloth and nettles and galling chains than to crucify fleshly lusts. Heavy is the yoke which the carnal heart is willing to bear rather than bow to the yoke of Christ.

There is a striking similarity between the church of Rome and the Jewish church at the time of Christ's first advent. While the Jews secretly trampled upon every principle of the law of God, they were outwardly rigorous in the observance of its precepts, loading it down with exactions and traditions that made obedience painful and burdensome. As the Jews professed to revere the law, so do Romanists claim to reverence the cross. They exalt the symbol of Christ's sufferings, while

in their lives they deny him whom it represents.

Papists place crosses upon their churches, upon their altars, and upon their garments. Everywhere is seen the insignia of the cross. Everywhere it is outwardly honored and exalted. But the teachings of Christ are buried beneath a mass of senseless traditions, false interpretations, and rigorous exacting. The Saviour's words concerning the bigoted Jews apply with still greater force to the Romish leaders: "They bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers." [Matthew 23:4.] Conscientious souls are kept in constant terror, fearing the wrath of an offended God, while the dignitaries of the church are living in luxury and sensual pleasure.

Satan instigates the worship of images, the invocation of saints, and the exaltation of the pope, to attract the minds of the people from God and from his Son. To accomplish their ruin, he endeavors to turn their attention from Him through whom alone they can find salvation. He will direct them to any one that can be substituted for the One who has said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and

are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." [Matthew 11:28.]

It is Satan's constant effort to misrepresent the character of God, the nature of sin, and the real issues at stake in the great controversy. By his sophistry he blinds the minds of men, and secures them as his agents to war against God. By perverted conceptions of the divine attributes, heathen nations were led to believe human sacrifices necessary to secure the favor of Deity; and the most horrible cruelties have been perpetrated under the various forms of idolatry. The Romish Church, uniting the forms of paganism and Christianity, and in a similar manner misrepresenting the character of God, has resorted to practices no less cruel and revolting. In the days of Rome's supremacy there were instruments of torture to compel assent to her doctrines. There was the stake for those who would not concede to her claims. There were massacres on a scale that will never be known to mortals. Dignitaries of the church studied, under Satan their master, to invent means to cause the greatest possible torture, and not end the life of their victim. The infernal process was repeated to the utmost limit of human endurance, until nature gave

up the struggle, and the sufferer hailed death as a sweet release.

Such was the fate of Rome's opponents. For her adherents she had the discipline of the scourge, of famishing hunger, of bodily austerities in every conceivable, heart-sickening form. To secure the favor of Heaven, penitents violated the laws of God by violating the laws of nature. They were taught to sunder every tie which he has formed to bless and gladden man's earthly sojourn. The churchyard contains millions of victims who spent their lives in vain endeavors to subdue their natural affections, to repress, as offensive to God, every thought and feeling of sympathy with their fellow-creatures.

If we desire to understand the determined cruelty of Satan, manifested for hundreds of years, not among those who never heard of God, but in the very heart and throughout the extent of Christendom, we have only to look at the history of Romanism. And as we see how he succeeds in disguising himself, and accomplishing his work through the leaders of the church, we may better understand why he has so great antipathy to the Bible. If that book is read, the mercy and love of God will be revealed; it will be seen

that he lays upon men none of these heavy burdens. All that he asks is a broken and contrite heart, a humble, obedient spirit.

Christ gives no example in his life for men and women to shut themselves in monasteries in order to become fitted for Heaven. He has never taught that love and sympathy must be repressed. The Saviour's heart overflowed with love. The nearer man approaches to moral perfection, the keener are his sensibilities, the more acute is his perception of sin, and the deeper his sympathy for the afflicted. The pope claims to be the vicar of Christ. How does his character bear comparison with that of our Saviour? Was Christ ever known to consign men to the prison or the rack because they did not pay him homage as the King of Heaven? Was his voice heard condemning to death those who did not accept him? When he was slighted by the people of a Samaritan village, the apostle John was filled with indignation, and inquired, "Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?" Jesus looked with pity upon his disciple, and rebuked his harsh spirit, saying, "The Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to

save them. [Luke 9:54, 56.] How different from the spirit manifested by Christ is that of his professed vicar.

The Romish Church now presents a fair front to the world, covering with apologies her record of horrible cruelties. She has clothed herself in Christlike garments; but she is unchanged. Every principle of popery that existed in ages past exists today. The doctrines devised in the darkest ages are still held. Let none deceive themselves. The popery that Protestants are now so ready to embrace and honor is the same that ruled the world in the days of the Reformation, when men of God stood up at the peril of their lives to expose her iniquity. She possesses the same pride and arrogant assumption that lorded it over kings and princes, and claimed the prerogatives of God. Her spirit is no less cruel and despotic now than when she crushed out human liberty, and slew the saints of the Most High.

Popery is just what prophecy declared that she would be, – the apostasy of the latter times. It is a part of her policy to assume the character which will best accomplish her purpose; but beneath the variable appearance of the chameleon, she conceals the invariable venom of the

serpent. "We are not bound to keep faith and promises to heretics," she declares. Shall this power, whose record for a thousand years is written in the blood of the saints, be now acknowledged as a part of the church of Christ?

It is not without reason that the claim has been put forth that Catholicism is now almost like Protestantism. There has been a change; but the change is in Protestants, not in Romanists. Catholicism indeed resembles the Protestantism that now exists; but it is far removed from Protestantism as it was in the days of Cranmer, Ridley, Knox, and other reformers.

As the Protestant churches have been seeking the favor of the world, false charity has blinded their eyes. They do not see but that it is right to believe good of all evil; and as the inevitable result, they will finally believe evil of all good. Instead of standing in defense of the faith once delivered to the saints, they are now, as it were, apologizing to Rome for their uncharitable opinion of her, begging pardon for their bigotry.

A large class, even of those who look upon Romanism with no favor, apprehend little danger from her power and influence. Many urge that

the intellectual and moral darkness prevailing during the Middle Ages favored the spread of her dogmas, superstitions, and oppression, and that the greater intelligence of modern times, the general diffusion of knowledge, and the increasing liberality in matters of religion, forbid a revival of intolerance and tyranny. The very thought that such a state of things will exist in this enlightened age is ridiculed. It is true that great light, intellectual, moral, and religious, is shining upon this generation. In the open pages of God's holy word, light from Heaven has been shed upon the world. But it should be remembered that the greater the light bestowed, the greater the darkness of those who pervert or reject it.

A prayerful study of the Bible would show Protestants the real character of the papacy, and would cause them to abhor and to shun it; but men are so wise in their own conceit that they feel no need of humbly seeking God that they may be led into the truth. Although priding themselves on their enlightenment, they are ignorant both of the Scriptures and of the power of God. They must have some means of quieting their consciences; and they seek that which is least spiritual and humiliating. What they desire is a method of for-

getting God which shall pass as a method of remembering him. The papacy is well adapted to meet the wants of all these. It is prepared for two classes of mankind, embracing nearly the whole world,--those who would be saved by their merits, and those who would be saved in their sins. Here is the secret of its power.

A day of great intellectual darkness has been shown to be favorable to the success of popery. It will yet be demonstrated that a day of great intellectual light is equally favorable for its success. In past ages, when men were without God's word, and without the knowledge of the truth, their eyes were blindfolded, and thousands were ensnared, not seeing the net spread for their feet. In this generation there are many whose eyes become dazzled by the glare of human speculations, "science falsely so called;" they discern not the net, and walk into it as readily as if blindfolded. God designed that man's intellectual powers should be held as a gift from his Maker, and employed in the service of truth and righteousness; but when they are idolized, and laid upon the shrine of Satan to be employed in the service of a false religion, then intelligence can accomplish greater harm than ignorance.

In the movements now in progress in this country to secure for the institutions and usages of the church the support of the State, Protestants are following in the steps of papists. Nay, more, they are opening the door for popery to regain in Protestant America the supremacy which she has lost in the Old World. And that which gives greater significance to this movement is the fact that the principal object contemplated is the enforcement of Sunday observance, – a custom which originated with Rome, and which she claims as the sign of her authority.

The spirit of the papacy, – the spirit of conformity to worldly customs, the veneration for human traditions above the commands of God, – is permeating the Protestant churches, and leading them on to do the same work of Sunday exaltation which the papacy has done before them. Would the reader understand the agencies to be employed in the soon-coming contest? He has but to trace the record of the means which Rome employed for the same object in ages past. Would he know how papists and Protestants united will deal with those who reject their dogmas? Let him see the spirit which Rome manifested toward the Sabbath and its defenders.

Royal edicts, human councils, and church ordinances sustained by secular power, were the steps by which the pagan festival attained its position of honor in the Christian world. The first public measure enforcing Sunday observance was the law enacted [A. D. 321.] by Constantine, two years before his profession of Christianity. This edict required townspeople to rest on the venerable day of the sun, but permitted countrymen to continue their agricultural pursuits. Though originally a heathen statute, it was enforced by the emperor after his nominal acceptance of the Christian religion.

The royal mandate not proving a sufficient substitute for divine authority, the bishop of Rome soon after conferred upon the Sunday the title of Lord's day. Another bishop, who also sought the favor of princes, and who was the special friend and flatterer of Constantine, advanced the claim that Christ had transferred the Sabbath to Sunday. Not a single testimony of the Scriptures was produced in proof of the new doctrine. The sacred garments in which the spurious Sabbath was arrayed were of man's own manufacture; but they served to embolden men in trampling upon the law of God. All who desired to be honored by the world ac-

cepted the popular festival.

As the papacy became firmly established, the work of Sunday exaltation was continued. For a time the people engaged in agricultural labor when not attending church, and the name Sabbath was still attached to the seventh day. But steadily and surely a change was effected. Those in holy office were forbidden to pass judgment in any civil controversy on the Sunday. Soon after, persons of all rank were commanded to refrain from common labor, on pain of a fine for freemen, and stripes in the case of servants. Later it was decreed that rich men should be punished with the loss of half of their estates; and finally, that if still obstinate they should be made slaves. The lower classes were to suffer perpetual banishment.

Miracles also were called into requisition. Among other wonders it was reported that as a husbandman who was about to plow his field on Sunday, cleaned his plow with an iron, the iron stuck fast in his hand, and for two years he carried it about with him, "to his exceeding great pain and shame."

Later, the pope gave directions that the parish priest should admonish the violators of Sunday, and wish them to go to

church and say their prayers, lest they bring some great calamity on themselves and neighbors. An ecclesiastical council brought forward the argument since so widely employed, that because persons had been struck by lightning while laboring on Sunday, it must be the Sabbath. "It is apparent," said the prelates, "how high the displeasure of God was upon their neglect of this day." An appeal was then made that priests and ministers, kings and princes, and all faithful people, "use their utmost endeavors and care that the day be restored to its honor, and, for the credit of Christianity, more devoutly observed for time to come."

The decrees of councils proving insufficient, the secular authorities were besought to issue an edict that would strike terror to the hearts of the people, and force them to refrain from labor on the Sunday. At a synod held in Rome, all previous decisions were reaffirmed with greater force and solemnity. They were also incorporated into the ecclesiastical law, and enforced by the civil authorities throughout nearly all Christendom.

Still the absence of scriptural authority for Sunday-keeping occasioned no little embarrassment. The people questioned

the right of their teachers to deny the positive declaration of Jehovah, "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God," in order to honor the day of the sun. To supply the lack of Bible testimony, Satan was ready with expedients. A zealous advocate of Sunday, who about the close of the twelfth century visited the churches of England, was resisted by faithful witnesses for the truth; and so fruitless were his efforts that he departed from the country for a season, and cast about him for some means to enforce his teachings. When he returned, the lack was supplied, and in his after-labors he met with greater success. He brought with him a roll purporting to be from God himself, and containing the needed command for Sunday observance, and awful threats to terrify the disobedient. This precious document – as base a counterfeit as the institution it supported – was said to have fallen from heaven, and to have been found in Jerusalem, upon the altar of St. Simeon, in Golgotha. The pontifical palace at Rome was the source whence it proceeded. Frauds and forgeries to advance the power and prosperity of the church have in all ages been esteemed lawful by the papal hierarchy.

The roll forbade labor from the ninth hour,

three o'clock, on Saturday afternoon, till sunrise on Monday; and its authority was declared to be confirmed by many miracles. It was reported that persons laboring beyond the appointed hour were stricken with paralysis. A miller who attempted to grind his corn, saw, instead of flour, a torrent of blood come forth, and the mill-wheel stood still, notwithstanding the strong rush of the water. A woman who placed dough in the oven, found it raw when taken out, though the oven was very hot. Another who had dough prepared for baking at the ninth hour, but determined to set it aside till Monday, found the next day that it had been made into loaves and baked by divine power. A man who baked bread after the ninth hour on Saturday, found, when he broke it the next morning, that blood started therefrom. By such absurd and superstitious fabrications did the advocates of Sunday endeavor to establish its sacredness.

In Scotland, as in England, a greater regard for Sunday was secured by uniting with it a portion of the ancient Sabbath. But the time required to be kept holy varied. A law was passed that Saturday from twelve at noon ought to be accounted holy, and that no man, from that time till Monday morning,

should engage in worldly business.

But notwithstanding all the efforts to establish Sunday sacredness, papists themselves publicly confessed the divine authority of the Sabbath, and the human origin of the institution by which it had been supplanted. In the sixteenth century a papal council plainly declared: "Let all Christians remember that the seventh day was consecrated by God, and hath been received and observed, not only by the Jews, but by all others who pretend to worship God; though we Christians have changed their Sabbath into the Lord's day." Those who were tampering with the divine law were not ignorant of the character of their work. They were deliberately setting themselves above God.

A striking illustration of Rome's policy toward those who honor the Sabbath was given in the long and bloody persecution of the Waldenses. Others suffered in a similar manner for their fidelity to the same truth. Amid the gloom of the Dark Ages, the Christians of Central Africa were lost sight of and forgotten by the world, and for many centuries they enjoyed freedom in the exercise of their faith. But at last Rome learned of their existence, and the emperor of Abyssinia was soon beguiled into an acknowledgment of

the pope as the vicar of Christ. Other concessions followed. An edict was issued forbidding the observance of the Sabbath under the severest penalties. But papal tyranny soon became a galling yoke; and the Abyssinians determined to break it from their necks. After a terrible struggle, the Romanists were banished from their dominions, and the ancient faith was restored. The churches rejoiced in their freedom, and they never forgot the lesson they had learned concerning the deception, the fanaticism, and the despotic power of Rome. Within their solitary realm they were content to remain, unknown to the rest of Christendom.

The churches of Africa held the Sabbath as it was held by the papal church before her complete apostasy. While they kept the seventh day in obedience to the commandment of God, they abstained from labor on the Sunday in conformity to the custom of the church. Upon obtaining supreme power, Rome had trampled upon the Sabbath of God to exalt her own; but the churches of Africa, hidden for nearly a thousand years, did not share in this apostasy. When brought under the sway of Rome, they were forced to set aside the true and exalt the false Sabbath; but no sooner had they regained their

independence than they returned to obedience to the fourth commandment.

These records of the past clearly reveal the enmity of Rome toward the true Sabbath and its defenders, and the means which she employs to honor the institution of her creating. The word of God teaches that these scenes are to be repeated as papists and Protestants shall unite for the exaltation of the Sunday. For nearly forty years Sabbath reformers have presented this testimony to the world. In the events now taking place is seen a rapid advance toward the fulfillment of the prediction. There is the same claim of divine authority for Sunday-keeping, and the same lack of scriptural evidence, as in the days of papal supremacy. The assertion that God's judgments are visited upon men for their violation of the Sunday-Sabbath, will be repeated. Already it is beginning to be urged.

Marvelous in her shrewdness and cunning is the Romish Church. She can read what is to be. She bides her time, seeing that the Protestant churches are paying her homage in their acceptance of the false Sabbath, and that they are preparing to employ the very means which she herself employed in by-gone days. Those who reject the

light of truth will yet seek the aid of this self-styled infallible power to exalt an institution that originated with her. How readily she will come to the help of Protestants in this work, it is not difficult to conjecture. Who understands better than popery how to deal with those who are disobedient to the church?

The Christian world will learn what Romanism really is, when it is too late to escape the snare. She is silently growing into power. Her doctrines are exerting their influence in legislative halls, in the churches, and in the hearts of men. Throughout the land she is piling up her lofty and massive structures, in the secret recesses of which her former persecutions will be repeated. She is stealthily and unsuspectingly strengthening her forces to further her own ends when the time shall come for her to strike. All that she desires is vantage ground, and this is soon to be given her. In the near future we shall see and shall feel what the purpose of the Roman element is. Whoever shall believe and obey the word of God will thereby incur reproach and persecution. (*The Spirit of Prophecy Volume Four*, page 380.1 – 397.2)



Sanctification or Living Holiness (continued)

Elder Daniel T. Bourdeau

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 AFFECTIONS

Man by creation, is endowed with affections with which to love. Without affections, man would be unhappy indeed. He could have no feeling, no heart, in his devotions, and in the performance of his several duties, and could know none of the sweets and satisfaction produced by a proper attachment for those things which are held out as objects of his love.

The affections were designed to serve as a link to sweetly unite us to the Creator, to Christ, and heavenly things, to our fellow-creatures, and various other objects that we are related to, and with which we have to do, and to give true grace and unction to all we say and do.

But the affections should be exercised according to knowledge and judgment. Says Paul, "And this I pray that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment (or sense, margin); that ye may approve things that are excellent (or try

things that differ, margin); that ye may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ." Phil. i, 9, 10.

The affections should be proportioned to the just value of things, and God should be the first object of our love. His value cannot be too highly estimated. He is supreme in all his perfections. In him centers all goodness – all that is lovely. The more we become acquainted with God's glorious and exalted character, the more we see in him that is to be loved. To him all creatures and created objects owe their existence. In him we live and move and have our being, and from him we receive all our blessings; and it is self-evident that our affections should be supremely set on him. In other words, we should love him with all the heart, soul, mind and strength. Luke x, 27; Matt. xxii, 37.

Christ should be loved as the blessed and exalted, and only begotten Son of God, who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, Jno. iii, 16; 1

Jno. iv, 9; Phil. ii, 6; as one who is possessed of all the fullness of the Godhead, through whom, and for whom, all things were made, and by whom we have redemption. Col. ii, 9; i, 16; Eph. i, 7; Rev. v, 9; as the being who is one with the Father, and is entitled to equal honor with the Father, Jno. x, 30; v, 23; as the chief among ten thousand, and the one altogether lovely, whom angels adore, and who should be revered and worshiped by every son and daughter of Adam. Cant. v, 10, 16; Heb. i, 6; etc., etc. In short, Christ should be loved with the same affection with which we should love the Father. All men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. "He that honoreth not the Son, honoreth not the Father which hath sent him." Jno. v, 23.

Our love for heavenly things should be as much stronger than that for earthly things, as the heavens are above the earth, and as eternal things are infinitely more

valuable than temporal things.

But our fellow-creatures also claim our affections. As they are worth less than the Creator, we should love them less than God. But we can judge of their worth by the exalted position that they occupy in God's creation, and by the sacrifice that was made to redeem them. As beings who are God's intelligent and responsible creatures as well as ourselves, and are the objects of his general care, love, and mercy equally with ourselves, sustaining the same relation to God that we do, and to us, that we do to them, and having the same rights by creation that we have, we should love them as ourselves.

But while we are to love our fellow-beings in harmony with these principles, our affections for them must also be regulated by their moral condition. Not that we are to hate any one, or refrain from loving the wicked. For if we love only the good; if we love only those who love us, as the Saviour says, what reward have we? We should love all men, our enemies not excepted. But we cannot always love the wicked with a love of approbation and complacency, yet our affections for them should be blended with pity and commiseration,

and with a desire to promote their happiness.

Special ties unite us to the good. We love them with a special love because there is more in them to be loved than in others. We should esteem them highly because of their moral worth; for the sake of the work that God has wrought in them, and for their works' sake.

Those things that man was made to have dominion over, and which might be termed man's property, having been made to serve man, and being less valuable than man, should be loved less than man, and less than the Creator.

It may be here objected that John says, "Love not the world neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 1 Jno. ii. 15. To this we reply, that the world as perverted in its use by sin and sinners, should not be loved. To love it thus, would be loving it to excess, and with the love that we owe to God and to our brother. If we love the world and the things that are in the world with our best affections, of course the love of the Father is not in us.

But the world as made by the Creator should be esteemed and loved for his sake, and for the uses for which it was de-

signed. True, the Bible furnishes no special command to love the world. We see no need of such a command; for man in his fallen condition is naturally inclined to love the world more than he ought. Yet the general tenor of the Scriptures shows that we should place a proper estimate upon those things which God has given us for our use and for his glory.

We see that a knowledge of the nature, worth, and condition of things, is requisite in order that we may know how to bestow our affections; and it is evident that we should, as far as our knowledge extends, love all that God loves.

But how may we know and evince to others that our affections are sanctified, and that we love as we should? This is the grand, the all-important question on this subject.

We get a clue to an answer on this point, in Phil. i, 9-11, a portion of which has already been introduced. Paul having shown that love should abound in knowledge and judgment, says, "Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God," verse 11, thus connecting genuine love with the fruits of righteousness, and intimating that those who love aright are filled with the fruits of righteousness, or right doing. With this

view accords the following injunction from the apostle whom Jesus loved: "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth." 1 Jno. iii, 18.

We are not to understand by these words that we should not show our love with our tongues, and with our words; for if our affections are sanctified we shall speak accordingly. But there is such a thing as feigned love. For instance, the prophet Ezekiel speaks of those who show much love with their mouth, but their heart is after their covetousness. Eze. xxxiii, 31. Again, the Scriptures speak of, and encourage unfeigned love, which proves that the opposite exists. 2 Cor. vi, 6; 1 Pet. i, 22. There is danger of boasting of sanctified affections and perfect love, while the affections are not sanctified, and perfect love is not enjoyed and practiced. But there is no danger of deception on this point if we love in deed and in

truth. Hence the fitness and force of John's injunction.

To say that our affections are sanctified and that we enjoy perfect love is a very easy task. The wickedest person under the sun can say this as strongly as the best Christians. But to show that our affections are sanctified by corresponding good deeds, is not so easy a task. If love consisted merely in saying that we love, all that would be necessary on the part of God to show us how to love would simply be, Say, I love. But to meet the faith and practice of thousands of religionists of the present age, the Lord would have to add, Because I feel it in my heart. But there are those who will not accept men's feeling, and say-so in this matter, though many, alas! have been driven away from the path of holiness by false pretensions to sanctified affections and perfect love.

We show our love to God by obeying him, and we should obey him not only

with our tongues, but with all the powers of our beings. Hence, we are commanded to love God with all the heart, soul, mind and strength.

Again, we evince our love to God by keeping his commandments. "This is the love of God," says John, "that we keep his commandments." 1 Jno. v, 3. And in like manner we show our love to Christ by keeping his commandments or sayings. Says Christ, "If ye love me keep my commandments. . . . He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me. . . . If a man love me, he will keep my words. . . . He that loveth me not, keepeth not my sayings." Jno. xiv, 15-24. Now if we keep God's commandments and Christ's teachings, we shall manifest it by our deeds.

If we profess love for God, and Christ, while we refuse to obey them, we say not the truth, and are corrupt at heart. To illustrate, let us suppose a case: A just parent has two sons from whom he

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requires obedience. One of these sons comes to his parent and says, Father I love you, but wish I felt like obeying you, and refuses to do the will of his parent. The other son answers, Father, I love you, and will try to obey you. Which of these children do you think really loves his father? The first, or the second? All reasonable persons will answer, The second: the one who said he loved his parent, and would try to obey him. And no enlightened and judicious parent would accept mere feeling for obedience, and the mere assertion, I love you, for genuine love. Neither can we expect that God will accept our feeling, for obedience; or the simple declaration that we love him, for the love that we owe to him.

We show that we love our fellow-beings by keeping those obligations that grow out of the relations that we sustain to them, and by doing unto them in all things as we, with our minds enlightened on the truth, and our hearts and feelings in harmony therewith, would like to have them do unto us.

But an objection is urged on this point, as follows: if we are to love the Lord with all the heart, soul, mind and strength, how can we have any love left for our fellow-beings? But this seeming objection vanishes away when we bear in mind that one

very prominent way of showing our love to God, is to love what God loves, and that we cannot love God as we should, without loving our fellow-creatures. 1 Jno. iv, 20, 21, is to the point: "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment we have from him, That he who loveth God, love his brother also."

Again we have seen that we manifest our love to God by keeping his commandments. Now some of God's commandments relate to our duty to our fellow-creatures, and by keeping these commandments we show our love for our fellow-beings. Thus it is evident that we can love God with all the powers of our beings, and yet love those who are made in his image. To love our brethren is so important a duty that John says, "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." 1 Jno. iii, 14.

In 1 Cor. xii, 4-7, charity, or love, is personified. This passage, though brief, is very comprehensive. Let the reader pause as he reads it:

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envi-

eth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not pulled up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

Charity or love never faileth, and is greater than hope or faith – even the faith that would remove mountains.

Without it everything else is as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal and profiteth nothing. It is pure and elevating, and as strong as death, and is the bond of perfectness. Through it we are to arrive at the pinnacle of holiness.

Love should not be confounded with false sympathy which is very different from, and opposed to love, and which sometimes prevents parents from correcting, and crossing the wills of their children, and leads them to humor them in wrong practices. False sympathy sometimes leads individuals to bestow upon others that which proves injurious to them, and frequently prevents well-meaning Christians from frankly opening their minds to, and meekly reproving their brethren, when duty and wisdom demand that they be admonished and corrected. How many souls have been ruined by false

sympathy. We should therefore see to it that we mistake it not for love.

We can also derive instruction on how to know and prove the genuineness of our love, and thereby give evidence that our affections are sanctified, by considering how God and Christ love. God is love, and in this respect Christ is one with God; "He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love." The same may be said of Christ. We understand that God and Christ carry out in the strictest sense these principles of love that are made obligatory upon us. If this is not true, why do the Scriptures furnish us with declarations like these, "Every one that loveth is born of God;" and "If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us?" 1 Jno. iv, 7, 12. And why are we exhorted to love one another as Christ has loved us? to walk in love as Christ also has loved us? etc. Is it not in manifesting love that we can be followers of God as dear children, walk in love as Christ has loved us, and walk in the light as God is in the light? Eph. v, 1, 2; 1 Jno. i, 5-7; ii, 8-11.

God and Christ love in deed and in truth, and not in word only; and so it should be with us. The love of God shines gloriously in all his dealings with his creatures; in like

manner should we manifest love in our dealings with our fellow-creatures. God shows his love in laboring to promote the happiness of his creatures; so should we evince our love by laboring for the happiness of our fellow-beings, and for the happiness of the creatures that are under them. God's love leads him to bestow general blessings upon all men, and to extend the plan of salvation to all, yet it prompts him to confer special favors on the righteous. So love leads us to do good to all men, but especially to those of the household of faith. God loved us when we were his enemies; and on the same principle we should love our enemies. God in love extends mercy and pardon unto us, suffers long with us, and helps us to overcome sin, and develop a holy character; and so should we extend mercy, pardon, and long-suffering to others, and help them in overcoming their sins and developing a holy character.

God's love for his children induces him to correct and chasten them; so earthly parents should be prompted by love, to chasten their children betimes; and so we should all be moved by love to meekly reprove others when their good, and the glory of God demands it. The love of God is unselfish; it prompts him to elevate

his creatures, and to make them partakers of his rich blessings. So it is with the love of Christ; and so it is with charity, the love that we should exercise. God's amazing love moved him to sacrifice for us, to give his beloved Son to die for our fallen race; and Christ so loved the world that he sacrificed his life to save them, and "we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

If these points of similarity are not sufficient, the reader can carry the analogy still further.

We show our love for heavenly things by laboring to obtain them; and if our affections are set on heavenly things, our conversation will be in Heaven, and the whole course of our life will be in a heavenly direction, and will indicate that we are pilgrims and strangers here, and that this world is not our home.

We prove that we place a proper estimate on property, by honestly and temperately laboring to obtain it, and by using it in meeting our wants, and the wants of others, and in promoting the cause of truth. We should love our property with reference to our well-being, the well-being of others and the glory of God. By the use that we make of our property, we show how much we love ourselves, our fellow-beings, the Creator, and heavenly

things. By using our property as the traveler uses his staff, we evince that we love it less than we love ourselves; by using it in promoting the temporal and spiritual welfare of others, we show our love for our fellow-beings, for God and heavenly things, and that we love God, our fellow-creatures, and heavenly things more than we do property.

But if we get property in laboring to excess, and at the sacrifice of health and happiness, and use it not for the purposes for which it was intended, but apply it where it will not meet our real wants, and the wants of others, refusing to render unto God the things that are his, and that he justly claims to advance the interests of his cause, we thereby prove that we love it to excess--that we love it more than we love ourselves, our fellow-creatures, the Creator and heavenly things. We show that this is our home, and that our portion will be in this life.

Christ in speaking of the last days says, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Matt. xxiv, 12. The Saviour does not here refer to self-love, or the love of property; for the apostle Paul while speaking of the same time says, "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, . . . without natural affection." 2 Tim. iii, 1-3.

The Saviour must therefore have reference to the love that we owe to God and to our fellow-creatures. And the reader is left to judge whether these predictions of Christ, and Paul are not being fulfilled before our eyes; whether love is not waxing cold even among professors of religion generally; whether natural affection, that sacred tie that used to bind parents to their children and children to their parents, and made home so pleasant and attracting, is not departing; whether self-love and excessive and perverted love for money, which is the root of all evil, and which is seen in the unprecedented anxiety and eagerness to get rich, and lay up treasures on the earth against the prohibition of Christ, Matt. vi, 19, do not generally predominate. Who that has given this subject serious and candid attention, cannot see truth in the following paragraph from Dr. Griffon:

"The world! the world! the world! This is the object which engrosses every care; this is the supreme deity that is adored. Buy and sell and get gain – out with the thoughts of death – away with the judgment and Heaven – my farms, my merchandise; I will have them though the earth trembles under my feet, and Heaven weeps blood upon my head!"

The evil of loving things to excess, is seen in the fact that whatever we love with an inordinate attachment, takes the shape of an idol in our hearts. And idolatry is not confined to heathen lands. There are as many idols as there are objects that are loved to excess, and that steal away our affections from God, and lead us to disobey him. It would therefore be difficult to enumerate all the idols or false gods that are worshiped even in Christian lands. But among these are fashion, wealth, and fame. Thousands of professed Christians worship these deities with perhaps more than heathen idolatry; and value things in proportion as they further these objects. Think of the enormous sacrifices that are made to pay devotion to these strange gods, which lead men away from the true God, just as truly as the golden calf led the Israelites away from Jehovah. How many would receive and obey the sanctifying truths for these last days, were it not for the homage and worship that they pay to these and other deities.

It frequently happens that relatives and friends occupy the place of God in the affections. This is the case when they are obeyed in preference to God. But God is a jealous God; and Jesus says, "He that loveth father or mother more than me, is not worthy of me; and

he that loveth son or daughter more than me, is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me." Matt. x, 37, 38.

Again, the heart's best affections are sometimes lavished on the appetites. Therefore we read of a class "whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things, whose end is destruction." Phil. iii, 19

But perhaps no object is more universally idolized than self. With many, self is the great god that is worshiped and obeyed. To it everything must bow. Everything that is loved, is loved with reference to self. Self must occupy the throne – the easiest chair. The interests of self must be attended to first. The interests of others, and the glory of God, come in as an after consideration, if they are noticed at all. And perhaps if these are attended to, it is to get the applause of men, and that self may receive more honor and glory thereby.

When self is idolized it is seen in pride, boasting, self-praise, a selfish uneasiness when self is abased, and a swelling and puffing up when self is praised and exalted. But boasting is excluded, unless we boast in the Lord, from whom we receive every perfect gift, either by creation or through grace.

But the vanity and weakness of self, and other false deities will appear, in their insufficiency to save those who fondly cling to them, in the day of trouble that is just before us. Self, friends and wealth cannot deliver us in that day. Vain fashions will have no attractions then and fame will vanish away.

"And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low; and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. And the idols he shall utterly abolish. . . . In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils; for wherein is he to be accounted of?" Isa. ii, 17-22.

Eze. vii, 19: "They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed; their silver and their gold shall not deliver them in the day of the Lord; they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it is the stumbling-block of their iniquity." See also Zeph. i, 18. "And it shall be said, Go to now, ye rich

men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasures together for (or in, Greek) the last days." James v, 1-3.

But if our affections are sanctified, if we love as we should, we shall reap a reward in this life, and a rich reward in the life to come. That which a man sows he will also reap, and like begets like. If we sow love, we shall reap and beget love in others. We shall reap it in our brethren, and be more apt to reap it in our enemies; and even the domestic animals will notice it, and will repay it with love as far as their natures and powers will permit. God and Christ will love us freely here, deliver us from all our troubles, and make us partakers of all those temporal and spiritual blessings that we need to supply our wants in this life and prepare us for a place in the world to come, where a pure, perpetual stream of love will freely flow from God to his creatures, and from God's creatures back to God the source of love. {1864 DTB, SLH 74.4 – 88.2}

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Thou Shalt Not Be Afraid of Him

Jerry O'Donnell

I prefer dissecting verses as opposed to picking a topic and sermonizing upon it, however, several incidents have now occurred this year in representation of God and the truth, only to, as the phrase is used, “crash and burn”, making a mockery before God. It is these situations that concern me greatly, and on top of that, excuses are being used to defend the people involved.

We are not referring that some preacher was mistaken, corrected, and accepts the corrected view on the matter. What are we talking about? Deuteronomy 18:22 says, “When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that [is] the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, [but] the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.” More directly, we have had a number of predictions made by individuals misusing timelines, reinterpreting scripture, and performing all kinds of calculations to emphatically get their erroneous point out there, and in addition to these things, naming events that were to occur on a specific day, but not coming true. “The more frequently a definite time is set for

the second advent, and the more widely it is taught, the better it suits the purposes of Satan. After the time has passed, he excites ridicule and contempt of its advocates, and thus casts reproach upon the great advent movement of 1843 and 1844. Those who persist in this error will at last fix upon a date too far in the future for the coming of Christ. Thus they will be led to rest in a false security, and many will not be undeceived until it is too late” {GC 457.1}.

Of course, many will say, “Oh, but the examples you share are not regarding the second coming!” Although that is true, it is still date setting in which, when failure occurs, the same distrust in the scriptures, even with Ellen White’s writings, is created causing a rejection even of the true messages. It creates a false security in people regarding real events and the understanding of prophecy. As each event or timeline fails, people learn to not expect the second coming to actually be near, and even believe that such will not be in their lifetime.

For instance, Nashville is still standing well after the prediction that on July 18 it would experience a nuclear detona-

tion by Muslims. We have different incidents regarding Florida, even Tampa specifically, that have not come true. We have the numerous uses of the 1260, 1290, and 1335 literal days used as timelines starting at various points in 2015. Some chose the pope’s address to Congress, others having the pope’s address to the UN, and still others declaring that the signing of the Paris Agreement in December that year as the starting point, expecting exciting events.

Speaking of the literal use of 1260, 1290, and 1335, Daniel 12:12 states, “Blessed [is] he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.” Being in the middle of tribulation is not God’s intention of being blessed except if it be that one is sealed and is part of the 144,000, except, Sunday law is not here, therefore we are not blessed as Daniel reveals. Taking the last date as possibly being December 12, 2015, the Paris Agreement on dealing with Climate Change, 1,335 days later is Thursday, August 8, 2019. 1,290 days would be June 24, 2019. And 1,260 days would be May 25, 2019. Some even went as far as to say, regarding a prediction that March or May of 2019 would see

some exciting activity, in which March, 2020 brought us Covid-19, declare that God held that event off one more year because He is long suffering. What utter nonsense! Time prophecies do not work that way! They are either accurate to the day, or human understanding is wrong.

Who would believe the identifying mark of anti-christ having a period of ruling from 538 to 1798 as being accurate if one were to preach that it was really 508, the year of the decree that did not go into effect until 538, until 1798 instead claiming that the extra 30 years was because the people needed more darkness? If 508 was truly the year to start the timeline, which it was not, in which the papacy had universal authority, we would expect the prophecy to end in 1768. To claim 1798 in this timeline would bring great unbelief. We would declare the prophecy an utter failure, and so, for all those that think the timeline was delayed 1 year by God's grace to 2020 are blind. Blind to the fact that the preacher who predicted these dates using the timeline incorrectly is in serious error, and not just committing a mistake. By the way, thankfully the dark ages timeline truly started in 538 when the decree actually was enforced, and is spot on.

And so, in this case, human understanding is grossly wrong. The dates of Daniel 12 are not literal dates. Even the 42 months mentioned in Revelation 13 is not literal, as many claim. This is gross negligence of the Spirit of Prophecy.

“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}.

And regarding the 1,335, “In his vision of the last days Daniel inquired, ‘O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till

the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. . . . Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days’ [Daniel 12:8-13]. Daniel has been standing in his lot since the seal was removed and the light of truth has been shining upon his visions. He stands in his lot, bearing the testimony which was to be understood at the end of the days” {1SAT 225.5}. Basically, the blessed ones are those that had waited until 1843/1844. Specifically stated, “We told him of some of his errors in the past, that the 1335 days were ended and numerous errors of his. It had but little effect. His darkness was felt upon the meeting and it dragged” {6MR 251.2}. And also specifically stated, “Daniel stood in his lot to bear his testimony, which was sealed until the time of the end, when the first angel's message should be proclaimed to our world. These matters are of infinite importance in these last days, but while ‘many shall be purified, and made white, and tried,’ ‘the wicked shall

do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand" {18MR 15.2}. So, the 1335 is the timeline to the first angel's message, and not for the present day.

Upon those points alone, to "not be afraid of that person" that makes such declarations and emphatically stating them is not just a person we should simply brush off as experiencing a mistake. To "not be afraid of that person", according to God, is to cease following them, in fact, "that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn [you] away from the LORD your God" (Deuteronomy 13:5). Now, we are not talking a physical execution in our day, but they should be dead to us. Do not be listening to anything else they have to say. Remember, Satan uses truth and error, even if the person does not realize they are being used of Satan.

It is one thing, though we still must be careful, to imagine that we have such a crisis at hand and make the statement, "I cannot see us being here another five years. Things are happening too rapidly" and another to preach specific dates and timelines. If six years goes by, that is truly a blessing for the gospel sake, but when a specific date goes by after showing numerous calculations that it has to be so, and one

preacher at least stating that he even received a dream about those dates, referring to Daniel 12 timelines, that is truly false prophesying.

"Time has not been a test since 1844, and it will never again be a test" {EW 74.2}. Picking dates for events is inclusive. How many watched in wonder if Nashville would blow up on July 18th? And now what do we have? More reasons for people to distrust the Bible and Ellen White's writings.

Now, for those that have been with this publication might be thinking, "Hey, don't you predict that Jesus is coming in 2031?" The answer is no. Regarding 2031, what we have stated is that we believe in the 6,000-year period, followed by another 1,000 years being in Heaven judging and enjoying the presence of angels and especially God along Jesus Christ, totaling 7,000 years. Ellen White believed in such as well as did many pioneers. In her statements on the subject using the numbers of 6,000 and 4,000, she frequently stated the words "nearly", "about", "almost", etc. to give the implication that nothing is precise, except when she declares, "And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease." In A. D. 31, three and a half years after his baptism, our Lord was

crucified. With the great sacrifice offered upon Calvary, ended that system of offerings which for four thousand years had pointed forward to the Lamb of God. Type had met antitype, and all the sacrifices and oblations of the ceremonial system were there to cease" {GC88 327.3}. There is no adjective to the phrase "four thousand years" but an emphatic statement being a matter of fact. It is not our belief that we are here until 2031, but it very well looks like the 6,000th year ends there. We are open to the idea that Jesus may show up prior, especially in light of what is going on and planning to go on in the coming months with the governments controlling the citizens and not desiring to relinquish control. So, we are not setting a date for anything. No nuclear bomb, no reinterpretation of Daniel 12, no expected Sunday law, no expected plagues, no sealing of God's people, and definitely no second coming either.

So, if those who have failed in prophesying, have alarmed people of a failed event based upon wrong use of prophesy, are you still listening to them or are they dead to you now?



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, **“At the very beginning of the fourth commandment the Lord said: “Remember.” He knew that amid the multitude of cares and perplexities man would be tempted to excuse himself from meeting the full requirement of the law, or would forget its sacred importance. Therefore He said: “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.” Exodus 20:8.”** {6T 353.3}.

Why would we waste time on this quote before Seventh-day Adventists? As Seventh-day Adventists, we remember the Sabbath day for we cease working on it, cease chores around the house (some are for the “most part”), cease going to the store, we even go to church. What can we glean from this quote as practicing Seventh-day Adventists? A lot. The focus is on the “cares and perplexities.”

Yes, we may physically keep the Sabbath holy,

or most do at least. However, many Sabbath observers will excuse their need to still do certain chores around the house, like cutting grass, gardening, a little cleaning up here and there. Sure, we need to put away our overnight clothing and tidy the bed Sabbath morning, put away breakfast contents and possibly afternoon meal contents, but after that, other chores outside of emergencies ought to be ceased from.

With that said, let us now look at “cares and perplexities”. How many people experience a crisis during the week and carry it into the Sabbath with worry? “I just got my two-week notice. What am I going to do for a job?” Though they may not be actively searching for a job on the Sabbath, they may be thinking how to go about making adjustments financially, calculating how long they can survive until the next employment, what assistance they may find, etc.

Another crisis may be an appliance breaking down or showing the need of replacement, however, funds do not permit outright purchase of a new appliance or a professional coming into the home to do the repair. Maybe it is car problems that are way too expensive. Then again, “cares and perplexities” can be simpler than those that are not dropped at the door when welcoming the Sabbath in nor left off until the end of the Sabbath but is in thought during Sabbath hours. It can include worrying about the children or parents because of news received during the week that is not health related and cannot be dealt with during the Sabbath anyways. It can be decisions to be made. It can be a challenge at work or in the home that the solution is currently not thought of. It may even be simpler still. It may be, especially during winter months, plans and activities of Saturday night or what will be done on Sunday, especially referring to

the cares of the home. Whatever is in the mind that does not permit a Sabbath solution ought to cease when that solution or activity would involve Sabbath breaking. The mind is to be diverted. The care or perplexity is not to be thought of. Sure, it will be a challenge and there will be frequent reminders, but discipline the mind and do not dwell upon the care or perplexity.

An appliance breaking on the Sabbath and having to deal with ramifications is one thing, like turning off the water when the water heater bursts, emptying perishables when the refrigerator stops, etc.; but it is totally a different thing to be thinking who they can call after the Sabbath.

When God tells us to “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy”, that is both the letter and the spirit of the law. Our minds dwelling on things, though not physically acted upon, is still Sabbath breaking. Our minds need to rest from the decision processes used all the week long. Our minds are to rest from laboring just as much as our bodies are to rest from physical laboring. In

fact, many are exhausted from too much thinking.

So, how restful is your mind?



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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.

How Are the Fires of Hell Everlasting?

Matthew 18:8 Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast [them] from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.

There are two understandings to everlasting fire. Both cannot be correct. One understanding is that the fires will burn everlastingly, which is the most popular view. The other understanding is that when the fires of hell go out, the result and purpose of the fires of hell will remain everlastingly, meaning, they will never be undone.

As Seventh-day Adventists, we subscribe to the latter understanding since there are so many texts that identify that hell fire is but a moment in time, specifically, that it is a

finite period of time. For instance, referring to Satan, “Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never [shalt] thou [be] any more” (Ezekiel 28:18-19). Clearly, Satan gets burned up and is no more. And Malachi 4:1, 3 states, “For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your

feet in the day that I shall do [this], saith the LORD of hosts.” Again, clearly, we see that there is finality to hell fire as both Satan (root) and his followers (branches) are reduced to ashes.

But, are their stronger arguments regarding everlasting fire than just pointing out the clear results of hell fire and making a statement? Yes, there are.

In Isaiah 33:14, the Bible says, “The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?” We see that the everlasting fire devours. This matches Revelation 20:9, which states, “And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.” So, all those

who are subject to everlasting burnings or fires get burned up, a finality to those that burn, although that does not clearly mean the fires stop. It is implied that if the contents are burned up, Satan, evil angels, and all lost humans, then the fires would go out.

But there is a Bible example that does make it clear; however, a synonym for the word “everlasting” must be known before we continue. In Deuteronomy 33:27, we are told, “The eternal God [is thy] refuge, and underneath [are] the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee;

and shall say, Destroy [them].” In this verse, where the Bible is its own dictionary, we see “eternal God” and “everlasting arms”. In other words, “everlasting” and “eternal” are synonyms.

With that established, we see in Jude 1:7 stating, “Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.” Are Sodom and Gomorrah burning still? No. Of course not! Yet, Sodom and Gomorrah suffered eternal fire.

They sure did. Not a single soul has ever been brought back to life since those fires. That is because the record of the burning of Sodom and Gomorrah, and not the burnings themselves, will be everlasting or eternal and never be undone.

And so it will be with hell fire. After, a billion, trillion years, God is never going to reconsider His action of hell fire and bring a fallen angel or person back from Hell. That action shall stand for ever, but it will not be still burning after a billion, trillion years.



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Healthy Living

Ellen White

Periodically, we need reminded that our bodies are not our own. And sometimes we need to get back to the basics. We need to hear from the words of inspiration, the Spirit of Prophecy.

Control Passion (Part 1)

The apostle plainly outlined the result of turning from a life of purity and holiness to the corrupt practices of heathenism. "Be not deceived," he wrote; "neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, . . . nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." He begged them to control the lower passions and appetites. "Know ye not," he asked, "that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God?" {AA 306.3}

How much more important that the Christian, whose eternal interests are at stake, bring appetite and passion under subjection to reason and the will of God! Never must he allow his attention to be diverted by amusements, luxuries, or ease. All his habits and passions must be brought under the strictest discipline. Reason, enlightened by the teachings of God's word and guided by His Spirit, must hold the reins of control. {AA

311.1}

Ever he kept before him the ideal to be attained, and this ideal he strove to reach by willing obedience to the law of God. His words, his practices, his passions--all were brought under the control of the Spirit of God. {AA 314.3}

He clearly showed that it is man's duty to live a life of sobriety and temperance, keeping the passions under the control of reason, in conformity to God's law, and preserving the physical and mental powers in a healthy condition. {AA 423.3}

Men and women who are otherwise sensible and conscientious close their ears to counsel; they are deaf to the appeals and entreaties of friends and kindred and of the servants of God. The expression of a caution or warning is regarded as impertinent meddling, and the friend who is faithful enough to utter a remonstrance is treated as an enemy. All this is as Satan would have it. He weaves his spell about the soul, and it becomes bewitched, infatuated. Reason lets

fall the reins of self-control upon the neck of lust; unsanctified passion bears sway, until, too late, the victim awakens to a life of misery and bondage. This is not a picture drawn by the imagination, but a recital of facts. God's sanction is not given to unions which He has expressly forbidden. {ST 365.3}

Many parents do not obtain the knowledge that they should in the married life. They are not guarded lest Satan take advantage of them and control their minds and their lives. They do not see that God requires them to control their married lives from any excesses. But very few feel it to be a religious duty to govern their passions. They have united themselves in marriage to the object of their choice, and therefore reason that marriage sanctifies the indulgence of the baser passions. Even men and women professing godliness give loose rein to their lustful passions, and have no thought that God holds them accountable for the expenditure of vital ener-

gy, which weakens their hold on life and enervates the entire system. {2T 472.2}

Satan seeks to lower the standard of purity, and to weaken the self-control of those who enter the marriage relation, because he knows that while the baser passions are in the ascendancy, the moral powers grow steadily weaker, and he need have no concern as to their spiritual growth. He knows, too, that in no way can he better stamp his own hateful image upon their offspring, and that he can thus mould their character even more readily than he can the character of the parents. {CTBH 130.1}

When the wife yields her body and mind to the control of her husband, being passive to his will in all things, sacrificing her conscience, her dignity, and even her identity, she loses the opportunity of exerting that mighty influence for good which she should possess to elevate her

husband. She could soften his stern nature, and her sanctifying influence could be exerted in a manner to refine and purify, leading him to strive earnestly to govern his passions and be more spiritually minded, that they might be partakers together of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. The power of influence can be great to lead the mind to high and noble themes, above the low, sensual indulgences for which the heart unrenewed by grace naturally seeks. If the wife feels that in order to please her husband she must come down to his standard, when animal passion is the principal basis of his love and controls his actions, she displeases God; for she fails to exert a sanctifying influence upon her husband. If she feels that she must submit to his animal passions without a word of remonstrance, she does not understand her duty to him nor to her

God. Sexual excess will effectually destroy a love for devotional exercises, will take from the brain the substance needed to nourish the system, and will most effectively exhaust the vitality. No woman should aid her husband in this work of self-destruction. She will not do it if she is enlightened and has true love for him. {2T 476.3}

Too often the parents are not united in their family government. The father, who is with his children but little, and is ignorant of their peculiarities of disposition and temperament, is harsh and severe. He does not control his temper, but corrects in passion. The child knows this, and instead of being subdued, the punishment fills him with anger. The mother allows misdemeanors to pass at one time for which she will severely punish at another. The children never know just what to expect, and are tempted to see how far they can transgress with impuni-

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ty. Thus are sown seeds of evil that spring up and bear fruit. {ST, March 11, 1886 par. 11}

If a minister of the gospel does not control his baser passions, if he fails to follow the example of the apostle and so dishonors his profession and faith as to even name the indulgence of sin, our sisters who profess godliness should not for an instant flatter themselves that sin or crime loses its sinfulness in the least because their minister dares to engage in it. The fact that men who are in responsible places show themselves to be familiar with sin should not lessen the guilt and enormity of the sin in the minds of any. Sin should appear just as sinful, just as abhorrent, as it had been heretofore regarded; and the minds of the pure and elevated should abhor and shun the one who indulges in sin, as they would flee from a serpent whose sting was deadly. {2T 457.1}

Before you engage in the work of teaching your children the lesson of self-control, you should learn it yourself. If you are easily agitated, and become impatient, how can you appear reasonable to your children, while instructing them to control their passions? With self-possession, and feelings of the deepest sympathy and pity, you should approach your erring children, and faithfully present to them the sure work of ruin upon their constitutions, if they continue the course they have begun. That as they debilitate the physical, and mental, so also the moral must feel the decay, and they are sinning, not only against themselves, but against God. {ApM 20.2}

It is the special work of Satan in these last days to take possession of the minds of youth, to corrupt their thoughts, and inflame their passions, knowing that by thus doing he can lead them

to moral pollution, and then all the noble faculties of the mind will become debased, and he can control them to suit his own purposes. {ApM 29.3}

The passions are to be controlled by the will, which is itself to be under the control of God. {PK 488.4}

Strength of character consists of two things--power of will and power of self-control. Many youth mistake strong, uncontrolled passion for strength of character; but the truth is that he who is mastered by his passions is a weak man. The real greatness and nobility of the man is measured by the power of the feelings that he subdues, not by the power of the feelings that subdue him. The strongest man is he, who, while sensitive to abuse, will yet restrain passion and forgive his enemies. Such men are true heroes. {4T 656.1}



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Cauliflower Picatta

Ingredients

- 1 head cauliflower, cored
- Olive oil, for cooking
- Salt
- 2 shallots, finely minced
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms (optional)
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1/3 cup vegetable broth
- 1-2 tablespoons capers
- 4 paper-thin slices lemon
- 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley
- 2 teaspoons chilled

vegan
butter (optional)

Preparation

- Preheat the oven to 425°F. Place the cauliflower on a cutting board, cored side down and cut it into 1/2-inch slices, as if you were cutting a loaf of bread.
- Arrange the cauliflower slices on a lightly oiled baking pan (you may need more than one) and season with salt to taste. Drizzle with a little olive oil and roast until tender and nicely browned, about 30 minutes, turning once with a large metal spatula about halfway

through. While the cauliflower is roasting, make the sauce.

- Heat 2 teaspoons of oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add the shallot and sauté for 3 minutes, then stir in the mushrooms, if using, and cook 2 minutes longer. Add the broth, lemon juice, and capers and cook, stirring, until the liquid reduces slightly. Just before serving, add the parsley and lemon slices, then stir in the vegan butter, if using, stirring to melt it into the sauce.



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Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible

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The verse of concern this time is **2 Corinthians 5:19**, where, if not understood properly, as most readers do not, it appears most translations permit being saved while still sinning. No wonder the true gospel involving sanctification is so difficult for people to receive. God, through Jesus Christ, presents us faultless (Jude 24), which means, all of our past transgressions are forgiven, not part of our record on the books, and even having them "cast ... into the depths of the sea" (Micah 7:19). Other translations give a strong implication that even future sinning is treated the same. The use of the word "counting" is different from reckoning or imputing, where "counting" is simply that, keeping a tally on the number of sins. The word "reckoning" involves consideration, such as, judging to see if the person confessed the sins and forsook them. That is the requirement for forgiveness (1 John 1:9). The word "imputing" is placing blame, where the blame remains upon us if we have not confessed and forsaken the sins for "The LORD [is] longsuffer-

ing, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing [the guilty], visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation]" (Numbers 14:18).

King James Bible: To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

In Error:

Aramaic Bible in Plain English: For God was in The Messiah- he who reconciled the universe with his Majesty, and he has not accounted their sins to them and has placed in us our own message of the reconciliation.

Berean Study Bible: that in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting men's trespasses against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

Christian Standard Bible: That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to

himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed the message of reconciliation to us.

English Standard Version: that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Good News Translation: Our message is that God was making all human beings his friends through Christ. God did not keep an account of their sins, and he has given us the message which tells how he makes them his friends.

Holman Christian Standard Bible: That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed the message of reconciliation to us.

International Standard Version: for through the Messiah, God was reconciling the world to himself by not counting their sins against them. He has committed his message of reconciliation to us.

NET Bible: In other words, in Christ God was

reconciling the world to himself, not counting people's trespasses against them, and he has given us the message of reconciliation.

New American Standard 1977: namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

New American Standard Bible: namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

New Heart English Bible: namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and having committed to us the word of reconciliation.

New International Version: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

New Living Translation: For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

Wrong Because Sins and Faults Are Not the Same:

GOD'S WORD® Translation: In other words, God

was using Christ to restore his relationship with humanity. He didn't hold people's faults against them, and he has given us this message of restored relationships to tell others.

Correct This Time:

American Standard Version: to wit, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not reckoning unto them their trespasses, and having committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Berean Literal Bible: how that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not reckoning their trespasses to them, and having put into us the word of reconciliation.

Contemporary English Version: What we mean is that God was in Christ, offering peace and forgiveness to the people of this world. And he has given us the work of sharing his message about peace.

Darby Bible Translation: how that God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, not reckoning to them their offences; and putting in us the word of that reconciliation.

Douay-Rheims Bible: For God indeed was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, not imputing to them their sins; and he hath placed in us the word of reconciliation.

English Revised Version: to wit, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not reckoning unto them their trespasses, and having committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

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Webster's Bible Translation: To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, not imputing their trespasses to them; and hath committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Weymouth New Testament: We are to tell how God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not charging men's transgressions to their account, and that He has entrusted to us the Message of this reconciliation.

World English Bible: namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not reckoning to them their trespasses, and having committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Young's Literal Translation: how that God was in Christ -- a world reconciling to Himself, not reckoning to them their trespasses; and having put in us the word of the reconciliation,



Go Ye Therefore, And Teach

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 councils? 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: Gifts of the Spirit

- Ask, what are the gifts of the Spirit? Read 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 to see that wisdom, knowledge, faith healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues, and the interpretation of tongues are the gifts.
- Ask, how are they used? Read 1 Corinthians 12:28 to see that apostles, prophets, and teachers top the list followed by, as necessary, miracles, healings, helps, governments, and diversities of tongues. Then point out that prophecy,

which is at the top of the list, is shunned by most, or made fun of, while tongues, which is at the bottom of the list, is elevated to most important status by many. And then point out how that such thoughts are wrong.

- Ask, why is prophecy so important? Read Amos 3:7 to find out that God does not move unless He first reveals it to the prophets to warn the people, therefore, with the greatest event just before us, we ought to expect prophets in the last days.
- Ask, what is the goal that these gifts

are supposed to accomplish? Read Matthew 28:19-20 to find out that the mission is to take the gospel to the world and that we need the Holy Spirit to help us accomplish that goal.

- Ask, what is one of the main requirements in receiving a gift, or gifts, of the Spirit? Read John 14:15-17 to find out that commandment keeping is required, therefore, all who claim to have the gifts who are purposely breaking the commandments, do not have the gifts from the Holy Spirit.
- Ask, what is the true gift of

tongues? Read Acts 2:1-12, Acts 10:44-48, and Acts 19:6-8 to find out that the true gift is that of speaking foreign languages among people.

- Ask, which gift should we desire between tongues and prophesying? Read 1 Corinthians 14:1 to find out that we ought to seek after prophesying and not so much to be speaking in tongues.
- Ask, what do these two gifts (tongues and prophesying) each edify, and what should we actually edify? Read 1 Corinthians 14:4 and 1 Corinthians 14:12 to see that the speaking in tongues is a selfish act of edification while prophesying benefits others. That does not mean the proper use of tongues is wrong, but to put on a display in a church through tongues is the issue.
- Ask, when is the proper use of each of the two gifts (tongues and prophesying)? Read 1 Corinthians 14:22 to find out that tongues is to be used mainly outside of the church to-

wards unbelievers, while prophesying ought to be for those inside the church for believers, but today, most Christians speak tongues inside the church among believers and show off with prophesying to unbelievers outside of the church, which is wrong.

- Ask, what guidelines are there regarding prophesying? Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 to find out that we are to test the prophetic messages and not just discard them; Matthew 24:24 to find out that only false prophets are to be avoided but not all prophets; Numbers 12:6 to find out that only visions and dreams are used; Deuteronomy 18:22 to find out that if they declared that God told them something would happen and it does not that we are to not believe them in anything; Deuteronomy 13:1-4 to find out that no matter what happens that we still follow God's words; 2 Kings 5:15-16 to find out that prophets do not profit from their prophesying; 2 Peter 1:20 to find out

that prophets do not hold the only keys to the mysteries of the Bible; 2 Peter 1:21 to find out that prophets do nothing on their own regarding God and His messages; Isaiah 58:1 to find out that true prophets convict people of sin; Isaiah 24:21 to find out that true prophets make people aware of coming calamities; Daniel 10:17 to find out that true prophets do not breathe while in vision nor have their own strength; and Matthew 7:16-20 to find out that true prophets live the message they preach.

- Ask, what gifts are predicted to be in use in the last days? Read Joel 2:28-29 to find out that visions and dreams, which are the communication of God to the prophets, are what will be used.
- Ask, what is a purpose of the prophets? Read Ephesians 4:11-16 to find out that prophets are used to confirm doctrine and beliefs, solidifying them in the faith.



Questions And Answers

Question: You seem to advocate stopping the attendance at a conference church if they do not appeal to presentation of messages in a certain way, that you call present truth. The church is the apple of God's eye. How can you suggest such a thing?

Answer: We never have advocated evaluating any conference church on the basis of personal preference, but "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, [it is] because [there is] no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20). If the preacher and supporting pew members agree to cut up the scriptures, believe that they are saved in their sins, abuse the quotes of Ellen White, etc., they are not speaking in the light, which means that they are in darkness. If we continue to attend such a gathering, we will be led into that darkness no matter how studied we are because of the principle that God set, "by beholding, we are changed" (summarized of 2 Corinthians 3:18).

Besides, we are following Ellen White's penned words: "If these things come into our conference, I would refuse to attend one of them; for I have had so much light

upon the subject that I know that unconsecrated and unsanctified hearts would enjoy this kind of exercise. Too late in the day, brethren, too late in the day. We are in the great day of atonement, a time when a man must be afflicting his soul, confessing his sins, humbling his heart before God, and getting ready for the great conflict. When these contentions come in before the people, they will think one has the argument, and then that another directly opposed has the argument. The poor people become confused and the conference will be a dead loss, worse than if they had had no conference. Now when everything is dissension and strife, there must be decided efforts to handle, [to] publish with pen and voice these things that will reveal only harmony" {15MR 21.4}.

And where does it stop? Just at church attendance? "The religion of Jesus is endangered. It is being mingled with worldliness. Worldly policy is taking the place of the true piety and wisdom that comes from above, and God will remove His prospering hand from the conference. Shall the ark of

the covenant be removed from this people? Shall idols be smuggled in? Shall false principles and false precepts be brought into the sanctuary? Shall anti-christ be respected? Shall the true doctrines and principles given us by God, which have made us what we are, be ignored? Shall God's instrumentality, the publishing house, become a mere political, worldly institution? This is directly where the enemy, through blinded, unconsecrated men, is leading us" {CW 95.3}.

And if we stay under direct influence of the conference's erroneous material, which is actually the predicted heresies {5T 707.3}, not that we advocate joining a different version of Seventh-day Adventists, what does the prophecy say will ultimately happen? "The Lord has a controversy with his professed people in these last days. In this controversy men in responsible positions will take a course directly opposite to that pursued by Nehemiah. They will not only ignore and despise the Sabbath themselves, but they will try to keep it from others by burying it beneath the rubbish of custom and tradition. In

churches and in large gatherings in the open air, ministers will urge upon the people the necessity of keeping the first day of the week. There are calamities on sea and land: and these calamities will increase, one disaster following close upon another; and the little band of conscientious Sabbath-keepers will be pointed out as the ones who are bringing the wrath of God upon the world by their disregard of Sunday" {RH, March 18, 1884 par. 8}.

Now, a lot of people think this last quote applies to non-Seventh-day Adventists. Be very careful. Since when are Sunday keepers considered the "professed people in these last days". That is a direct reference to those that call themselves Seventh-day Adventists but are not in practice. That means that the men in responsible position will be plentiful, for just a few bad apples would have no power, and in such numbers, they will influence a whole lot of Seventh-day Adventists, using godly reasoning but erroneously, to keep Sunday. "We have reached the perils of the last days, when some, yes, many, shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils" {MM 101.5}.

So, we have good rea-

soning to be careful of most of our preachers, many more reasons to be careful of our presidents and vice presidents and other officers at conference, union, and division level along with the General Conference. And "by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:20). And the fruit we are seeing is that of working with other denominations instead of preaching against their teachings, visiting the Vatican, participating in multi-denominational activities in celebrating non-Seventh-day Adventist beliefs, encouraging us to obey the dictates of the governments despite Biblical and Spirit of Prophecy objections, and also participating in multi-religious (other religions beyond Christianity) and bowing down to their images, especially when offering prayers by using their gods' names, like Allah.

Can we as a people not see that we are living under Jezebel and Ahab? And that is within our denomination for "We have far more to fear from within than from without" {1SM 122.3}.

Question: In June 2018 and then again in July 2020, you declared that prophecy had changed negating Turkey to be the King of the North

making Ellen White's writings basically ineffective. How do you justify that?

Answer: Without bringing up the matter again, please note the attitude that Ellen White took regarding erring human beings. In other words, human beings without being prophets and some time as prophets, are not perfect. Learn the lesson that we are judged upon the light we have at the time because early on, Ellen White really wrote some awful things. She did not accept the Sabbath at first nor the dietary understanding. After a few visions, she changed her position on things.

The same is true at the time of Jesus. Could not Jesus have picked a better twelve than a bunch of guys jockeying for position in the kingdom that they did not understand and one be a traitor? The answer is no. With all their imperfections, it was acceptable. Even King Saul was the perfect choice for the first king, and we know what happened to him.

So, just because there was an endorsement upon Uriah Smith's book that declared the King of the North to be Turkey, when, according to several scholars and Uriah Smith himself in July 22, 1858 writing in the Review and Herald {July

22, 1858 UrSe, ARSH 73.9}, does not mean every word was endorsed. Hardy states regarding Uriah Smith, "At first Smith held that the king of the North in Dan 11:40-45 was Rome."

But this is what Ellen White wrote regarding the works of mere human beings: "In some of our important books that have been in print for years, and which have brought many to a knowledge of the truth, there may be found matters of minor importance that call for careful study and correction. Let such matters be considered by those regularly appointed to have the oversight of our publications. Let not these brethren, nor our canvassers, nor our ministers, magnify these matters in such a way as to lessen the influence of these good soul-saving books. Should we take up the work of discrediting our literature, we would place weapons in the hands of those who have departed from the faith, and confuse the minds of those who have newly embraced the message. The less that is done unnecessarily to change our publications, the better it will be."-- Preach the Word, p. 7. (1910.) {CW 151.2}

In other words, there are insignificant inaccuracies

but the main points of faith are present that that is sufficient to receive the endorsement. Likewise, we ought to be very careful looking to correct every dotted "I" and every crossed "T" as well.

Question: When will we know to leave for the mountains?

Answer: All I have found are these quotes, which do not specifically state when we head to the mountains, but specify events leading up to that time.

"As the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was the signal for flight to the Judean Christians, so the assumption of power on the part of our nation, in the decree enforcing the papal sabbath, will be a warning to us. It will then be time to leave the large cities, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains" {5T 464.3}.

"As the decree issued by the various rulers of Christendom against commandment keepers shall withdraw the protection of government and abandon them to those who desire their destruction, the people of God will flee from the cities and villages and associate together in companies, dwelling in the most desolate and

solitary places. Many will find refuge in the strongholds of the mountains. Like the Christians of the Piedmont valleys, they will make the high places of the earth their sanctuaries and will thank God for 'the munitions of rocks.' Isaiah 33:16. But many of all nations and of all classes, high and low, rich and poor, black and white, will be cast into the most unjust and cruel bondage. The beloved of God pass weary days, bound in chains, shut in by prison bars, sentenced to be slain, some apparently left to die of starvation in dark and loathsome dungeons. No human ear is open to hear their moans; no human hand is ready to lend them help" {GC 626.1}.

"There seemed to be great confusion and the conflict of armies. A messenger from the Lord stood before me, and said, 'Call your household. I will lead you; follow me.' He led me down a dark passage, through a forest, then through the clefts of mountains, and said, 'Here you are safe.'" There were others who had been led to this retreat. The heavenly messenger said, 'The time of trouble has come as a thief in the night, as the Lord warned you it would come'" {Ms153-1905}.



Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth

April 25

LADiscussion (Chilie)

Volunteers will control social distance and use of a mask in Chillán

A collaborative alliance between the Ministry of Social Development and Family and the Adventist Development and Assistance Resources Agency (ADRA) Chile will allow up to 70 volunteers to be deployed in the streets of Chillán to collaborate in the measures implemented by the Regional Government to maintain the social distancing, especially in offices and public services, after the quarantine was lifted.

EGW: “Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbath-keepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them.” {GC88 608.1}

Comment: The spirit of willingness to turn people in to the government from our own people, at least in name, is preparing to fulfill the quote from GC88 page 608.

August 13

National Catholic Reporter

Taize's New Year pilgrimage, exhibition of Shroud of Turin postponed

The Archdiocese of Turin and the local Waldensian, Baptist, Romanian Orthodox, Lutheran and Adventist churches began planning the event in 2017. And the archdiocese, which is the custodian of the shroud, announced in January that it would include a special display of the shroud just for pilgrimage participants.

Bible: 1 Timothy 4:1, “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.”

Comment: The Catholic doctrine regarding the Shroud of Turin is a doctrine of devils. What are Adventists doing participating or planning on participating in such idolatry for? And to be working on the event for 3,4 years is unbelievable.

September 3, 2020

Adventist Review

Is it the Flu or COVID-19? What Doctors Say

“Loma Linda University Health” states “By not taking preventative

measures, such as the recommended flu vaccine, the flu season and the coronavirus pandemic could synergistically overwhelm the health-care system.” “The best and simplest way to protect yourself from the flu and help reduce the spread of the virus is to get vaccinated. There is yet no vaccine to prevent COVID-19.”

Bible: Revelation 18:23, “And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.”

Comment: The word “sorceries” is the Greek word “pharmakeia”. Since when do true Adventists rely on pharmaceuticals? Where is the article for health reform?

September 9

North American Division Times of the Signs

An Adventist church in Wisconsin uses their road sign to deliver an important message. “After the Bible study, I reached out to the head elder of the church to ask if we could talk. I went over to his house and expressed my con-

viction and asked if our church would consider changing the message on the sign to simply read, “Black Lives Matter.”

EGW: “The Lord would have His people bury political questions. On these themes silence is eloquence. Christ calls upon His followers to come into unity on the pure gospel principles which are plainly revealed in the word of God. We cannot with safety vote for political parties; for we do not know whom we are voting for. We cannot with safety take part in any political scheme” {GW 391.2}

September 9

Labyrinths: Bringing Paganism Into The Church

This retreat is located 10 miles from Berrien Springs, and owned and nurtured by Tom and Delcy Kuhlman. Delcy Kuhlman is an adjunct professor of Spiritual Formation at Andrews Theological Seminary.

In 2013, the SECC voted—in defiance of General Conference world church decisions—to elect a woman (Sandra Roberts) as President of the Conference. What many people may not know about Mrs. Roberts, is that she received a Doctor of Ministry degree in 2006 from Claremont School of Theology. The theme of

the degree? Spiritual Formation—as a tool to teach youth leaders in the Seventh-day Adventist church. “The Prayer Path: A Christ-Centered Labyrinth Experience”.

Bible: 1 Timothy 4:1, “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;”

September 10

Global Christian Forum

Ganoune Diop Participates in an Ecumenical Prayer to Mother Earth, Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Fire, Sister Water, Brother Wind and Sister Death

EGW: “The Roman Catholic Church, uniting the forms of paganism and Christianity, and, like paganism, misrepresenting the character of God, has resorted to practices no less cruel and revolting.” {GC 569.2}

September 14

Historically Black Colleges & Universities

Oakwood University Receives over \$1.4 million dollars of Alabama CARES Act Funds for Higher Education

EGW: “He calls for men who will not dare to resort to the arm of flesh by entering into partner-

ship with worldlings in order to secure means for advancing his work—even for the building of institutions.” {RH, February 1, 1906 par. 10}

September 15

Advent Messenger

Seventh-day Adventists in Italy Promote Laudato Si’

At the end of Francesca Evangelisti’s article on the 2020 Season of Creation, which appeared on the official church news site, she provides a link to the GLAM 2020 report (dossier). In the dossier, the GLAM Commission praises Laudato Si’. Remember, Francesca Evangelisti is a member of GLAM and a leader in Adventism. And it is Francesca Evangelisti’s GLAM Commission that is praising Laudato Si’ on the official Seventh-day Adventist news site in Italy.

EGW: “The days in which we live are days of peril. Carelessness, levity, love of pleasure and selfish gratification, are seen in the lives of very many professed Christians. Is this the time for Seventh-day Adventists to lose their faith and grow cold and formal? God forbid! Shall we turn traitor at the very moment when God would be most glorified by our steadfast adherence to principle? Shall we turn from the heavenly attractions now, when we can al-

most see the glories on the other shore? We are living in the most important period of earth's history. By maintaining our allegiance to God, we may bear the noblest testimony for Christ and the truth." {RH, November 29, 1881 par. 12}

September 17

Spectrum

Universal Sunday Laws and Adventist Doctrinal Intransigence

The first of these is the Adventist position on global Sunday Laws, whose implementation we contend will bring into quick succession

events that usher in "true" end times. Though hardcore conservative Adventists still insist that these laws will "soon" come about, as they point to occasional isolated supportive statements from the likes of American televangelist Pat Robertson, I don't think most Seventh-day Adventists truly believe any such law is in the offing. At least not in the foreseeable future. Indeed, for some, the Sunday Laws idea is a quaint throwback to what seemed promising, even doable, in the environment of its conception.

EGW: "The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out – the chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place. None but those who have been overcoming by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony will be found with the loyal and true, without spot or stain of sin, without guile in their mouths. We must be divested of our self-righteousness and arrayed in the righteousness-

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- Godly Living
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- The Longest Time Prophecy
- Come Out of Her My People

ness of Christ.” {2SM 380.2}

September 19

Open PR

Adventists in Germany are Conducting Ecological Surveys on their Members to Promote Climate-Friendly Sustainability

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Germany is dedicated to solving the earth’s ecological crisis. Pastor Johannes Naether, Vice President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Germany, is conducting ecological “surveys” on the members of the church to help encourage them to live in a “sustainable” and “climate-friendly way.”

March 9, 2019 - Crux Now - Pope: World in need of ‘ecological con-

version’ to advance sustainability

Comment: Why are we (Seventh-day Adventists) following orders from the pope?

EGW: “He calls for men who will remain separate from the enemies of the truth. He calls for men who will not dare to resort to the arm of flesh by entering into partnership with worldlings in order to secure means for advancing his work – even for the building of institutions.” {RH, February 1, 1906 par. 10}

September 22

Advent Messenger

Seventh-day Adventists Sing Praises to Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the most Pro-abortion and Pro-homosexual Supreme Court Justice America Has Ever Had

EGW: “Though in a different form, idolatry exists in the Christian world today as verily as it existed among ancient Israel in the days of Elijah. The god of many professedly wise men, of philosophers, poets, politicians, journalists,—the god of polished fashionable circles, of many colleges and universities, even of some theological institutions,—is little better than Baal, the sun-god of Phœnicia.” {GC88 583.1}

September 23

Fox News

Winery partners with Lodi Memorial Hospital Foundation to celebrate nurses

Bible: “Wine [is] a mocker, strong drink [is] raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.” (Proverbs 20:1).



News And Comments

June 12

Church Times

Churches and charities launch Climate Sunday campaign

The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see

whither the undercurrent is tending. Its professions are mild and apparently Christian, but when it shall speak it will reveal the spirit of the dragon. It is our duty to do all in our power to avert the threatened danger. We should endeavor to disarm prejudice by placing ourselves in a proper light before

the people. We should bring before them the real question at issue, thus interposing the most effectual protest against measures to restrict liberty of conscience. We should search the Scriptures and be able to give the reason for our faith. Says the prophet: "The wicked shall do wickedly: and

none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." {5T 452.1}

Aug. 28

Life Site

‘Ave Maria’ caps Republican National Convention: ‘Most Catholic moment in American history’

The Republican party containing the religious right are made up of Protestants, in name only of course. "In the movements now in progress in the United States to secure for the institutions and usages of the church the support of the state, Protestants are following in the steps of papists. Nay, more, they are opening the door for the papacy to regain in Protestant America the supremacy which she has lost in the Old World." {GC 573.1}

Sept. 2

Daily Mail

Extraordinary moment pregnant mum is arrested and handcuffed in front of her two children over a Facebook post about lockdown - moments before she was due to have an ULTRASOUND

It will eventually come to our country because "our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a

Protestant and republican government." {5T 451.1} The bottom line is that everything is being monitored by the government, which is a violation of privacy laws. The laws are unofficially set aside. The courts are not holding up the laws claiming things are different under a crisis.

Sept. 9

Christian Headlines

LGBTQ+ Group Threatens to Burn Down Church after Pastor Says Homosexuality Is a Sin

"A screenshot posted by Christian Concern showed how one group member's proposal to burn down Newquay Baptist Church was met with support." Matthew 10:22 says, "And ye shall be hated of all [men] for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." Jesus' namesake is His character. His character forbids sin. Homosexuality is a sin.

Sept. 14

Catholic News Service Time to Start Invoking the Ten Commandments in Political Debate

"Good Christians know the Ten Commandments by heart: There is one God, do not abuse His name, go to church on Sunday, obey your parents, and don't murder,

commit adultery, steal, lie, lust, or covet." "And he shall speak [great] words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time" (Daniel 7:25).

Sept. 15

Reuters

Pope urges respect for Paris climate accord, says 'creation is groaning'

The reason the pope is urging the respect is because the accord is based upon his encyclical, and he holds the solution – Sunday sacredness. "The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the undercurrent is tending. Its professions are mild and apparently Christian, but when it shall speak it will reveal the spirit of the dragon. It is our duty to do all in our power to avert the threatened danger." {5T 452.1}

Sept. 16

Fox News

Burger King released ad seeming to show mas-

cot kissing Ronald McDonald ahead of Pride week

ARTICLE: "Love Conquers All" was the message of the ad debuted before Finland's Pride festivities. COMMENT: Romans 1:27-28 says, "And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in [their] knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient." And the fact that "love" is used in warfare is a smack against God's principle regarding true love.

Sept. 17

The National Review

Pope Supports Classifying 'Ecocide' as an International Crime

"This proposed 'fifth crime against peace' would be deemed an evil equivalent to genocide and ethnic cleansing." "Satan is also mustering his forces of evil, going forth 'unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world,' to gather them under his banner, to be trained for; the battle of that great day of God Al-

mighty.' Satan is to make most powerful efforts for the mastery in the last great conflict. Fundamental principles will be brought out, and decisions made in regard to them." {PH028 4.1}

Sept. 18

Non Perele

Church Launches Sunday School Ad Depicting Jesus as Bearded Lady with Breasts

ARTICLE: "The Church of Iceland has raised eyebrows with a Sunday School advert depicting Jesus Christ sporting a long beard and apparently bouncing breasts." COMMENT: "Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?" (John 10:36). And that is exactly what they are doing... it is blasphemy, and yet, people say that we all worship the same God. What hypocrisy!

Sept. 18

Catholic World Report Mike Pompeo: Holy See's moral witness needed in China

Here is yet another example of the US paving the way for Catholicism. "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).

Sept. 18

National Catholic Register

Head of Federal Election Commission calls separation of church and state a 'fallacy' and 2020 election a 'spiritual war'

"With rapid steps we are approaching this period. When Protestant churches shall unite with the secular power to sustain a false religion, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution, then will the papal Sabbath be enforced by the combined authority of church and state. There will be a national apostasy, which will end only in national ruin." {BTS, February 1, 1913 par. 6}

Sept. 20

BBC

Hancock: Follow Covid rules or they will get tougher

This is the pattern of the Mark of the Beast. The Mark of the Beast will be progressively tougher as it approaches the declaration "that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Revelation 13:15).



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from our posted publications on our website.

A second attack to hurt us financially is my personal, secular employment that I have used to continue to offset the expenses of the ministry. My largest client, thanks to COVID-19, just scaled back greatly affecting income by over 50% reduction. As Paul made tents overnight, I, too, stay, and have stayed, up late and gotten up early making sure the ministry does not lack financially. Now, I must find other means to accomplish this.

With that said, we again make the claim, as God will allow, we will go into the future by faith lasting as long as God wills it, and hope you are equally

faithful in sharing the gospel with others.

May we look forward to that day when we shall meet upon the Sea of Glass glorifying God!



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