



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 17:13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

"These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful" (Revelation 17:13, 14). {3SM 392.3}

"These have one mind." There will be a universal bond of union, one great harmony, a confederacy of Satan's forces. "And shall give their power and strength unto the beast." Thus is manifested the same arbitrary, oppressive power against religious liberty, freedom to worship God according to the dictates of conscience, as was manifested by the papacy, when in the past it persecuted those who dared to refuse to conform with the religious rites and ceremonies of Romanists. {3SM 392.4}

In the warfare to be waged in the last days there will be united, in opposition to God's people, all the corrupt powers that have apostatized from allegiance to the law of Jehovah. In this warfare the Sabbath of the fourth commandment will be the great point at issue, for in the Sabbath commandment the great Lawgiver identifies Himself as the Creator of the heavens and the earth. . . . {3SM 392.5}

John in the Revelation writes of the unity of those living on the earth to make void the law of God. "These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful" (Revelation 17:13, 14).

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet" (chap. 16:13). {3SM 423.3}

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For Seventh-day Adventists**

Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

Jerry O'Donnell

In these challenging days that will wax worse and worse, we are reminded "The Lord now calls upon His people to unify" {4MR 376.3}. It is very hard to see something like that transpiring during a time when so many "children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, [and] cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive" (Ephesians 4:14).

How does this unity happen? Some hear a preacher who says or prints something that they disagree with and dismiss listening or reading his material any longer. That is not how we shall unify. Besides, it is the spirit in which we approach our differences. If we shirk our duties leaving a person unwarned, "the same wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand" (Ezekiel 3:18).

For instance, one reader brought something to my attention that seemed a bit off from what she was taught. She had checked with other ministers who knew the topic and she was confirmed in that belief. I then counseled with one of those ministers finding out that though I was not in complete ignorance on the matter, he pointed to another quote that added more light to the subject to take us to the next conclusion. Submitting to

this light, which was spelled out in the October 2020 Questions section, I became more in unity with the truth.

None of us knows all of the truth. None of us has been given a heavenly knowledge dump of everything penned inspired by the Holy Spirit. Truth is a discovery process just as Jesus said, "he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God" (John 3:21). Further, when leading ministers in irregular lines are stating the same thing, it is easy to think one has "in the multitude of counselors" found that "[there is] safety" (Proverbs 11:14).

But does initially being in error make me or anyone a false teacher? Of course not. It is when we hold onto that error and continue to teach others of that error that makes us a false teacher.

The point that I am trying to make is that we need to fulfill Jesus' prayer: "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, [art] in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 17:21). This is not a unification by putting away differences, but meeting them and submitting to the truth.

Everyone who has made excuses for the date setters, and the date

setters themselves, still trying to figure out what went wrong, trying to recalculate things, are the ones in error. Those who have been shown numerous texts and quotes contrary to their positions on many subjects floating especially in the "independent ministries" are the ones in error. When I try to do the same with others, including with Amazing Facts, the General Conference, and even local churches, I am met with the attitude of the Jews in the days of Stephen: "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers [did], so [do] ye" (Acts 7:51). They are the ones in error.

In these final days, all of us who have one belief or another that is different are going to be guided by God to conflict with others to force the studying of His Word just as it was in the pioneer days, even the days of the apostles. Do not be afraid of these conflicts but embrace them. And if we have the attitude to submit, we are not in error. If we get the attitude of holding on to our version of the matter, eventually God will not be able to use us, and in these times we live in, that could cost us our salvation as well.

God help us to be humble and submissive to God's Word.



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"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}

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The Coming Conflict

Ellen White

The greatest and most favored nation upon the earth is the United States. A gracious Providence has shielded this country, and poured upon her the choicest of Heaven's blessings. Here the persecuted and oppressed have found refuge. Here the Christian faith in its purity has been taught. This people have been the recipients of great light and unrivaled mercies. But these gifts have been repaid by ingratitude and forgetfulness of God. The Infinite One keeps a reckoning with the nations, and their guilt is proportioned to the light rejected. A fearful record now stands in the register of Heaven against our land; but the crime which shall fill up the measure of her iniquity is that of making void the law of God.

Between the laws of men and the precepts of Jehovah will come the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. Upon this battle we are now entering, – a battle not between rival churches contending for the supremacy, but between the religion of the Bible and the reli-

gion of fable and tradition. The agencies which will unite against truth and righteousness in this contest are now actively at work.

God's holy word, which has been handed down to us at such a cost of suffering and blood, is but little valued. The Bible is within the reach of all, but there are few who really accept it as the guide of life. Infidelity prevails to an alarming extent, not in the world merely, but in the church. Many have come to deny doctrines which are the very pillars of the Christian faith. The great facts of creation as presented by the inspired writers, the fall of man, the atonement, and the perpetuity of the law of God, are practically rejected by a large share of the professedly Christian world. Thousands who pride themselves upon their wisdom and independence regard it an evidence of weakness to place implicit confidence in the Bible, and a proof of superior talent and learning to cavil at the Scriptures, and to spiritualize and explain away their most important truths. Many ministers are teaching

their people, and many professors and teachers are instructing their students, that the law of God has been changed or abrogated; and they ridicule those who are so simple-minded as to acknowledge all its claims.

In rejecting the truth, men reject its Author. In trampling upon the law of God, they deny the authority of the Lawgiver. It is as easy to make an idol of false doctrines and theories as to fashion an idol of wood or stone. Satan leads men to conceive of God in a false character, as having attributes which he does not possess. A philosophical idol is enthroned in the place of Jehovah; while the true God, as he is revealed in his word, in Christ, and in the works of creation, is worshiped by but few. Thousands deify nature, while they deny the God of nature. 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 Phoenicia.

No error accepted by the Christian world strikes more boldly against the authority of Heaven, none is more directly opposed to the dictates of reason, none is more pernicious in its results, than the modern doctrine, so rapidly gaining ground, that God's law is no longer obligatory upon men. Every na-

tion has its laws, which command respect and obedience; and has the Creator of the heavens and the earth no law to govern the beings he has made? Suppose that prominent ministers were publicly to teach that the statutes which govern our nation and protect the rights of its citizens were not obligatory, – that they restricted the liberties of the people, and therefore ought not to be obeyed; how long would such men be tolerated in the pulpit? But is it a graver offense to disregard

the laws of States and nations than to trample upon those divine precepts which are the foundation of all government? When the standard or righteousness is set aside, the way is open for the prince of evil to establish his rule in the earth.

It would be far more consistent for nations to abolish their statutes, and permit the people to do as they please, than for the Ruler of the universe to annul his law, and leave the world without a

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standard to condemn the guilty or justify the obedient. Would we know the result of making void the law of God? The experiment has been tried. Terrible were the scenes enacted in France when atheism became the controlling power. It was then demonstrated to the world that to throw off the restraints which God has imposed is to accept the rule of the cruelest of tyrants.

Wherever the divine precepts are set aside, sin ceases to appear sinful, or righteousness desirable. Those who refuse to submit to the government of God are wholly unfitted to govern themselves. Through their pernicious teachings, the spirit of insubordination is implanted in the hearts of children and youth, who are naturally impatient of control; and a lawless, licentious state of society results. While scoffing at the credulity of those who obey the requirements of God, the multitudes eagerly accept the delusions of Satan. They give the rein to lust, and practice the sins which called down judgments upon the heathen.

Let the restraint imposed by the divine law

be wholly removed, and human laws would soon be disregarded. Because God forbids dishonest practices, coveting, lying, and defrauding, men are ready to trample upon his statutes as a hindrance to their worldly prosperity; but the results of banishing these precepts would be such as they do not anticipate. If the law were not binding, why should any fear to transgress? Property would no longer be safe. Men would obtain their neighbor's possessions by violence; and the strongest would become richest. Life itself would not be respected. Those who disregard the commandments of God sow disobedience to reap disobedience. The marriage vow would no longer stand as a sacred bulwark to protect the family. He who had the power, would, if he desired, take his neighbor's wife by violence. The fifth commandment would be set aside with the fourth. Children would not shrink from taking the life of their parents, if by so doing they could obtain the desire of their corrupt hearts. The civilized world would become a horde of robbers and assass-

sins; and peace, rest, and happiness would be banished from the earth.

Already the doctrine that men are released from obedience to God's requirements has weakened the force of moral obligation, and opened the flood-gates of iniquity upon the world. Lawlessness, dissipation, and corruption are sweeping in upon us like an overwhelming tide. In the family, Satan is at work. His banner waves, even in professedly Christian households. There is envy, evil surmising, hypocrisy, estrangement, emulation, strife, betrayal of sacred trusts, indulgence of lust. The whole system of religious principles and doctrines, which should form the foundation and framework of social life, seems to be a tottering mass, ready to fall to ruin. The vilest of criminals, when thrown into prison for their offenses, are often made the recipients of gifts and attentions, as if they had attained an enviable distinction. The greatest publicity is given to their character and crimes. The press publishes the revolting details of vice, thus initiating others into the

practice of fraud, robbery, and murder; and Satan exults in the success of his hellish schemes. The infatuation of vice, the wanton taking of life, the terrible increase of intemperance and iniquity of every order and degree, should arouse all who fear God, to inquire what can be done to stay the tide of evil.

Courts of justice are corrupt. Rulers are actuated by desire for gain, and love of sensual pleasure. Intemperance has beclouded the faculties of many, so that Satan has almost complete control of them. Jurists are perverted, bribed, deluded. Drunkenness and revelry, passion, envy, dishonesty of every sort, are represented among those who administer the laws. "Justice standeth afar off; for truth is fallen in

the street, and equity cannot enter."

The iniquity and spiritual darkness that prevailed under the supremacy of Rome were the inevitable result of her suppression of the Scriptures; but where is to be found the cause of the wide-spread infidelity, the rejection of the law of God, and the consequent corruption, under the full blaze of gospel light in an age of religious freedom? Now that Satan can no longer keep the world under his control by withholding the Scriptures, he resorts to other means to accomplish the same object. To destroy faith in the Bible serves his purpose as well as to destroy the Bible itself. By introducing the belief that God's law is not binding, he as effectually leads men to transgress as if they were wholly ignorant of its

precepts. And now, as in former ages, he has worked through the church to further his designs. As the religious organizations of the day have refused to listen to unpopular truths plainly brought to view in the Scriptures, they have sown broadcast the seeds of skepticism. Clinging to the papal error of natural immortality and man's consciousness in death, they reject the only defense against the delusions of Spiritualism. Nor is this all. As the claims of the fourth commandment are urged upon the people, popular teachers find that the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath is there enjoined; and as the only way to free themselves from a duty which they are unwilling to perform, they declare that the law of God is no longer binding. Thus they cast away the law and the

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Sabbath together. As the work of Sabbath reform extends, this rejection of the divine law to avoid the claims of the fourth commandment will become well-nigh universal. Upon those religious leaders whose teachings have opened the door to infidelity, to Spiritualism, and to contempt for God's holy law, rests a fearful responsibility for the iniquity that exists in the Christian world.

Yet this very class put forth the claim that the fast-spreading corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so-called "Christian Sabbath," and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society. Combining the temperance reform with the Sunday movement, they represent themselves as laboring to promote the highest interests of society; and those who refuse to unite with them are denounced as the enemies of temperance and reform. But the fact that a movement to establish error is connected with a work which is in itself good, is not an argument in favor of the error. We may disguise poison by mingling it with whole-

some food, but we do not thereby change its nature. On the contrary, it is rendered more dangerous, as it is more likely to be taken unawares. It is one of Satan's devices to combine with falsehood just enough truth to give it plausibility. The leaders of the Sunday movement may advocate reforms which the people need, principles which are in harmony with the Bible, yet while there is with these a requirement which is contrary to God's law, his servants cannot unite with them. Nothing can justify them in setting aside the commandments of God for the precepts of men.

Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of Spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. Protestantism will yet stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of Spiritualism; she will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this three-fold union, our country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling

on the rights of conscience.

Spiritualism is now changing its form, veiling some of its more objectionable and immoral features, and assuming a Christian guise. Formerly it denounced Christ and the Bible; now it professes to accept both. The Bible is interpreted in a manner that is attractive to the unrenewed heart, while its solemn and vital truths are made of no effect. A God of love is presented; but his justice, his denunciations of sin, the requirements of his holy law, are all kept out of sight. Pleasing, bewitching fables captivate the senses of those who do not make God's word the foundation of their faith. Christ is as verily rejected as before; but Satan has so blinded the eyes of the people that the deception is not discerned.

As Spiritualism assimilates more closely to the nominal Christianity of the day, it has greater power to deceive and ensnare. Satan himself is converted, after the modern order of things. He will appear in the character of an angel of light. Through the agency of Spiritualism, miracles will be wrought, the

sick will be healed, and many undeniable wonders will be performed. And as the spirits will profess faith in the Bible, and express regard for Sunday, their work will be accepted as a manifestation of divine power.

The line of distinction between professing Christians and the ungodly is now hardly distinguishable. Churchmembers love what the world loves, and are ready to join with them; and Satan determines to unite them in one body and thus strengthen his cause by sweeping all into the ranks of Spiritualism. Papists who boast of miracles as a certain

mark of the true church, will be readily deceived by this wonder-working power; and Protestants, having cast away the shield of truth, will also be deluded. Papists, Protestants, and worldlings will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world, and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium.

Through Spiritualism, Satan appears as a benefactor of the race, healing the diseases of the people, and professing to present a new and more exalted system of religious

faith; but at the same time he works as a destroyer. His temptations are leading multitudes to ruin. Intemperance dethrones reason; sensual indulgence, strife, and bloodshed follow. Satan delights in war; for it excites the worst passions of the soul, and then sweeps into eternity its victims steeped in vice and blood. It is his object to incite the nations to war against one another; for he can thus divert the minds of the people from the work of preparation to stand in the day of God.

Satan works through the elements also to garner his harvest of

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unprepared souls. He has studied the secrets of the laboratories of nature, and he uses all his power to control the elements as far as God allows. When he was suffered to afflict Job, how quickly flocks and herds, servants, houses, children, were swept away, one trouble succeeding another as in a moment. It is God that shields his creatures, and hedges them in from the power of the destroyer. But the Christian world has shown contempt for the law of Jehovah; and the Lord does just what he has declared that he would do, he withdraws his blessings from the earth, and removes his protecting care from those who are rebelling against his law, and teaching and forcing others to do the same. Satan has control of all whom God does not especially guard. He will favor and prosper some in order to further his own designs, and he will bring trouble upon others, and lead men to believe that it is God who is afflicting them.

While appearing to the children of men as a great physician who can heal all their maladies, he will bring disease and disaster until populous cities are re-

duced to ruin and desolation. Even now he is at work. In accidents and calamities by sea and by land, in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes, in every place and in a thousand forms, is Satan exercising his power. He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow. He imparts to the air a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence. These visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous. Destruction will be upon the inhabitants of the world. The beasts of the field will groan, and the earth will languish.

And then the great deceiver will persuade men that those who serve God are causing these evils. The class that have provoked the displeasure of Heaven will charge all their troubles upon the faithful few whom the Lord has sent to them with messages of warning and reproof. It will be declared that the nation is offending God by the violation of the Sunday-Sabbath, that this sin has brought calamities which will

not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced, and that those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublemakers of the nation, preventing its restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity. Thus the accusation urged of old against the servant of God will be repeated, and upon grounds equally well established. "And it came to pass when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel, but thou and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim." [1 Kings 18:17, 18.] As the wrath of the people shall be excited by false charges, they will pursue a course toward God's ambassadors very similar to that which apostate Israel pursued toward Elijah.

The miracle-working power manifested through Spiritualism will exert its influence against those who choose to obey God rather than men. Messages will come from the spirits declaring

that God has sent them to inform the rejecters of Sunday that they are in error, and that the laws of the land should be obeyed as the law of God. They will lament the great wickedness in the world, and second the testimony of religious teachers, that the degraded state of morals is caused by the desecration of Sunday. Great will be the indignation excited against all who refuse to accept their testimony.

Those who honor the Bible Sabbath will be denounced as enemies of law and order, as breaking down the moral restraints of society, causing anarchy and corruption, and calling down the judgments of God upon the earth. Their conscientious scruples will be pronounced obstinacy, stubbornness, and contempt of authority. They will be accused of disaffection toward the government. Ministers who deny the obligation of the divine law will present from the pulpit the duty of yielding obedience to the civil authorities as ordained of God. In legislative halls and courts of justice, commandment-keepers will be censured and misrepresented. A false coloring will be given to their

words; the worst possible construction will be put upon their motives.

The Protestant churches have rejected the clear, scriptural arguments in defense of God's law, and they long to stop the mouths of those whose faith they cannot overthrow by the Bible. Though they blind their own eyes to the fact, they are now adopting a course which will lead to the persecution of those who conscientiously refuse to do what the rest of the Christian world are doing, and acknowledge the claims of the papal Sabbath.

The dignitaries of Church and State will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth, and in order to secure public favor, legislators will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost this nation so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. In the soon-coming conflict we shall see exemplified the prophet's

words: "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." [Revelation 12:17.]

Our land is in jeopardy. The time is drawing on when its legislators shall so abjure the principles of Protestantism as to give countenance to Romish apostasy. The people for whom God has so marvelously wrought, strengthening them to throw off the galling yoke of popery, will by a national act give vigor to the corrupt faith of Rome, and thus arouse the tyranny which only waits for a touch to start again into cruelty and despotism. With rapid steps are we already approaching this period. When Protestant churches shall seek the support of the secular power, thus following the example of that apostate church, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution, then will there be a national apostasy which will end only in national ruin. {*The Spirit of Prophecy Volume Four*, page 398.1 – 410.2}



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.

SELF-EXAMINATION

Self-examination, with us, may be defined as follows: A strict investigation of our spiritual state, to know whether we are in the faith, to know our defects that we may overcome them, and the improvements that we make, that we may be encouraged thereby. The necessity of attending to this duty will be seen by considering the following points:

1. This duty is enforced by a divine command. "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith," is the language of inspiration. 2 Cor. xiii, 5. See also 1 Cor. xi, 28; Gal. vi, 4.

2. Since the heart is deceitful above all things, if we neglect to examine ourselves, we shall fail to obtain a thorough and correct knowledge of our own characters; and unless we know ourselves, without a knowledge of our imperfections, we cannot see the necessity of overcoming, and conse-

quently shall fail to advance in sanctification. But if we become acquainted with our hearts by self-examination, we shall realize the necessity of overcoming and progressing in holiness.

3. By attending to self-examination we shall be enabled to guard against self-deception, which consists in a wrong judgment of our spiritual condition. The grand remedy for self-deception, is self-examination.

How liable men in every age have been to deceive themselves in regard to their characters, to call good evil, and evil, good, and act accordingly. And how many forms of self-deception there are in the world. How many actually live and die self-deceived. And self-deception is not confined to the ungodly. In every age, a great portion of the professed followers of God have been deceived as to their true characters.

Only a few years have passed since the testimony of the faithful and true witness to the Laodiceans, Rev. iii, 14-22, found the highly favored remnant church, even the people to whom the Lord had entrusted the sacred and important truths of the last message of mercy, deceived in regard to their spiritual state. This testimony described them as saying, "I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing," while they knew not that they were "wretched and miserable, and poor and blind and naked." True, God's people have improved since this cutting message was shown to apply to them. But how have they improved? We answer, One great means of their improvement has been self-examination. But the Scriptures represent that many will pass along, deceiving themselves even till the day of the Lord, in which many will say, Lord, Lord, claiming a right to

his favor; but he will profess unto them, "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Matt. vii, 22, 23. Now self-deception cannot exist where the work of self-examination is rightly engaged in, and faithfully and perseveringly carried on.

If we were in a perfect state and had no defects in our characters, it would be very easy and agreeable for us to examine ourselves. But in this imperfect state, self-examination is not so easy and agreeable a duty to perform. The difficulty of this work is not owing to anything obscure in the evidences of holiness; for these evidences are so clear that any one who is endowed with sufficient intellectual capacities to comprehend the common affairs of life, can understand them. Whence, then, does this difficulty arise? It arises chiefly from the pride and deceitfulness of our own hearts, their liability to induce us to look upon our characters with complacency, and to excuse ourselves for our wrongs, the efforts and suggestions of the adversary and his agencies to deter us from this work, our proneness to suffer our minds to be engrossed with the cares of this life, the

faults of others, and other subjects of secondary importance, when compared with this subject. And because of these and other obstacles, the hearts of men are generally averse to self-examination; and self-examination is shrunk from, and neglected by the great body of professing Christians.

But notwithstanding the hindrances in the way of this work, and the unpleasantness arising therefrom, we may, and should, know ourselves. If we can discover and criticize the faults of others, we can discover and criticize our own faults. That mind that is so reflective and discriminating in worldly things, can be so in spiritual things. Peter could say, "Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee." Jno. xxi. Hezekiah could appeal to the Lord that he had walked before him in truth and with a perfect heart, and had done that which was good in his sight. Isa. xxxviii. "We know," says John, "that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." 1 Jno. iii, 14. And Paul asserts that "the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." Rom. viii, 16.

But in entering upon an investigation of our spiritual state, it is of the utmost importance that we place before us the proper standard with which to try ourselves. And what shall this standard be? 1. The suggestions of our hearts cannot answer as the standard; for these are deceitful and lead us astray. 2. Neither is it safe to adopt feeling as the standard; for, as we have already seen, feeling varies with circumstances, and is often bad when we are in the way of duty. 3. Nor is it prudent to adopt conscience as the criterion; for the conscience of one man will tell him one thing, and the conscience of another man will tell him another thing. The conscience of one man will approve him for one course of conduct, and that of another man will reprove him for the same course of conduct; and conscience itself, as well as feeling and the suggestions of our hearts, needs a standard. 4. Neither could the sentiments, lives and experiences of others serve as the standard; these are also varying and conflicting and are often in direct opposition to the will of God; and though they may in some instances serve as helps, yet if we should adopt them as our criterion,

we would certainly follow a zigzag course. We also need a criterion to try these and all false standards by, and this criterion is, 5. The unerring word of God. This should be the test of piety and holiness as well as of truth, the man of our counsel and the guide of our life, our only rule of faith, experience and practice, to which all our feelings and actions should be referred, and by which they should be tried. It is by this word that we shall be judged, and by it we should now judge ourselves, and prove the genuineness of our piety. If we should adopt a different standard, we might expect to fall into serious mistakes.

We cannot determine our state merely by looking at ourselves. We must also look at the truth. We must examine ourselves in the light of God's word. Our minds are naturally dark, and we should seek for light from without – from the

word of the Lord. It is with us in this work, as it would be with a person in a dark room desiring to find an article, or to see himself and the defects of his person and dress. He at once raises the curtains and opens the blinds to let in light, or takes a light with him; then he can attend to his business. So if we would be successful in searching our faults we must take the word of God with us, and let its blessed truths shine in our hearts and on our characters; we must look at ourselves in the glass of truth. A person who would look in a dark room for an article hard to find without the aid of light, might question the possibility of finding it; and we might despair of becoming acquainted with our characters without the light of truth.

In self-examination we should search the truth not merely to become acquainted with it as a theory, and to be able

to handle it fluently, but to apply it to our own individual cases. The truth will do us no good unless we thus apply it to ourselves. Men may speak and write ably and eloquently in defense of the truth, without knowing its sanctifying power. It is one thing to see the truth at a distance, and as it is brought to bear upon others, and it is another thing to bring the truth home, and make a practical application of it to our own hearts and lives.

As the Bible must be our standard, so our model must be the perfect example of Jesus. We are required to walk even as he walked. It is safe to follow the example of Jesus, and we can follow others only as far as they agree with this perfect example.

In this work it is not only necessary that we adopt the proper standard, but we must also get clear and correct views of the evidences of pie-

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ty and true holiness, some of which have already been noticed.

"Without this," says Helffenstein, "we shall be liable either to the extreme of presumption or despondency. While some will cry, Peace, when there is no peace, others, overlooking the exercises of a renewed heart, will be held in perpetual bondage to their doubts and fears. Great care should then be taken to ascertain what the Scriptures insist on, as essential to Christian character. It is by these points, and not by such as are merely circumstantial, that we are to determine the genuineness of our piety.

"There are some who place great dependence upon the pungency of their convictions, the ecstasy of their joys, remarkable dreams, sudden impulses, the unexpected application of some Scripture promise, or the fact that they can refer to the particular moment and place of their supposed conversion. None of these things, however, constitute the distinguishing marks of grace. Instead, therefore, of directing our minds to those circumstances which may be as marked in the cases of the self-deceived as in the cases of true believers, our inquiries

should relate to those traits of character which are the invariable fruits of the Spirit, and which are common to all the subjects of its saving influence."

There may be a tendency in us to take remorse, or a sense of guilt, as evidence of true repentance. But thousands have been deeply convicted of their sins who have never truly repented, and brought forth fruits meet for repentance. The wicked in the last day will have an overwhelming sense of guilt when it will be too late to repent. True repentance is invariably connected with remorse; but remorse may be realized where there is no genuine repentance.

As for dreams, they may come from various sources, and God has even given genuine dreams to those who were not in a state of grace. There are false joys and rejoicings, as well as true ones, and those who have them may seem happy while experiencing them. And the fact that we were once genuinely converted does not prove that we are now in a good condition. We may have failed to walk in the light, to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth, since our conversion, and as a conse-

quence be in a backslidden state.

We can also attach too much importance to the idea that we have a form of godliness, and to the simple fact that we have formally connected ourselves with the people of God. We would not intimate that it is wrong to have a form of godliness, or to formally unite with God's people. There is a form of godliness, as well as a form of the truth and a form of doctrine, Rom. iii, 20; vi, 17 ; 2 Tim. i, 13, to which we should hold fast. The power of godliness does not exist without a certain form ; but a form of godliness may, and does exist without the power. Hence Paul in enumerating the leading sins which were to make the last days perilous, notices the fact that men have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof. 2 Tim. iii, 1-5.

The Jews adhered strictly to a form of godliness even after God had rejected them, and this has been the case with many ever since; and who can say that there are not some even among us – some who have formally identified themselves with the remnant church – who will be separated from God's people, spued out

of the mouth of the Lord, and perish with the ungodly at last? We should therefore take heed that we attach not too much importance to these circumstances separately considered.

There is also a possibility of taking as evidences of piety, constitutional traits, — traits with which we may be favored by nature, such as humanity, a calm and even temper, or constitutional fortitude, etc. These traits are good as far as they go; but they are known to exist in some of the unregenerate, and therefore are not the unmistakable evidences of piety.

It will greatly tend to facilitate this work to commence with fundamental principles, with plain, everyday duties, which can be easily understood, and the performance of which constitutes what is often called every-day religion, and with those faults which we are most likely to commit. By noticing these points the mind will be gradually prepared to advance further and deeper in the work.

There is an alphabet to self-examination as well as to the other branches of sanctification, and if we leave this alphabet, and try to plunge into the depths of the work at once, we shall be-

come confused, make egregious blunders, get discouraged, and perhaps give up the work, concluding that it is impracticable. The course of some well-meaning Christians in this work, may be well represented by a person's trying to learn to read without first learning his letters, or by a student's commencing to study mathematics, who would leave the first four rules in arithmetic and try to solve a difficult problem in the rule of three. We need a knowledge of the alphabet — not only when we commence to learn, but ever afterward — as long as we need to read; and so with the first rules in arithmetic; and so with the fundamental principles, duties and errors in self-examination. We are too apt to leave these plain common-sense principles, to go off in search of something great and mysterious.

As it is easier for the mind to look at those things which are without, and which are tangible, we might examine our outward conduct, our actions and words, and see how they agree with the fundamental principles of right-doing, as summed up in the ten commandments; and then proceed to the mind, from whence our words and actions flow,

exploring its dark recesses, and trying its thoughts and motives by the same principles as explained by different Bible writers, and especially by the great Teacher. It is highly necessary that we try our motives; for it sometimes happens that apparently good words and actions can be traced to wrong motives; as in the case for instance, when we attend to the temporal or spiritual interests of others, merely to receive the praise of men.

But we must remember to implore the Spirit's aid, that we may have its illuminating influence to shine upon the truth, and in our minds, that the eyes of our understanding may be enlightened to see the truth and its bearing upon our characters. In the language of Jesus to the Laodiceans, we should "anoint our eyes that we may see." The Holy Spirit is more than willing to help us in searching the truth and our hearts, and if we have the holy unction, we shall see our faults as fast as it will be for our good.

It will also greatly help us to advance in self-knowledge to improve on the knowledge we have already. To live up to the truth brings our natures in harmony

with it, and brings light to the soul. By neglecting to live up to the knowledge that we already have, and by the practice of sin, our natures become gradually, and sometimes imperceptibly, averse to the truth; we bring darkness to our minds, and cannot see the force of the truth and our true condition.

Self-examination necessarily commences before conversion, and should continue through our whole experience in overcoming – as long as the Lord sees fit to add to our store of practical knowledge. And we must not refuse to come to the light, lest the following cutting reproof of Christ be found to apply to us: "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved." John iii, 19, 20.

Self-examination should be attended to deliberately, frequently, systematically, impartially and thoroughly. The importance of this work should induce us to engage in it cheerfully and without compulsion.

We should attend to it frequently. 1. Because our knowledge of self may be effaced from our minds by other and more recent impressions made on the mind, and as a consequence, we may lose a realizing sense of our condition. 2. As we should advance in the knowledge of self, the oftener we learn a lesson of self-knowledge, the more rapid will be our progress. It would be proper at least to take a glance at ourselves at different intervals in the day, as we are called upon to perform our several duties, and to be systematic in calling ourselves to a strict account for all our conduct at the close of each day. It would also be beneficial to have a list of simple and pointed questions to address to ourselves on the occasion. System will help us here as well as elsewhere.

Says Dr. Watts, "It was a sacred rule among the Pythagoreans, that they should every evening, thrice run over the actions and affairs of the day, and examine what their conduct had been, what they had done, or what they had neglected; and they assured their pupils that by this method they would make a noble progress in the path of virtue." And shall we be behind

these heathen philosophers in this important exercise? Dr. Watts also furnishes the following lines, which we would do well to remember:

"Nor let soft slumber close your eyes, Before you've recollected thrice The train of actions thro' the day. Where have my feet chose out the way? What have I learned where'er I've been, From all I've heard, from all I've seen? What know I more, that's worth the knowing? What have I done that's worth the doing? What have I sought that I should shun? What duty have I left undone, Or into what new follies run? These self-inquiries are the road That leads to virtue and to God." This work should be attended to thoroughly and impartially. In this respect it should be with us as with a judge sitting on a criminal case. It is a case of life or death, and justice and equity require that we be thorough in our investigations, and impartial in our decisions, and that we excuse not self because we are related to it. We are all in danger of excusing self for so-called, little sins. Says the natural heart, It is but a small matter, a trifle. Why be so particular about such niceties? But is it a little God whose word we have

violated, and against whom we have sinned? Remember that it is the little foxes that spoil the vine, and that it takes but a small breakage in a ship to sink it. Awful consequences have followed seemingly insignificant deviations from right, as clearly appears from numerous cases recorded in the Scriptures.

Self-examination is a character work, and accords with the nature of the third message. As a study, it requires quiet, and is not so much characterized by sudden impulses and flights of feeling, as by cool and calm thinking. Hence, those who are peculiarly fond of excitement and high raptures, and only skim at the surface of the subject, will not delight themselves in this work, until they place before them the proper standard, and cease to reach out after feeling, at the neglect of heart-work and right principles. Holiness is not spasmodic and periodical, and we are not to determine our state so much by what we are once a week, once a month, or once a year, as by what we are habitually.

As helps in acquiring self-knowledge, trials and afflictions cannot be too highly appreciated. The first object of

trials is to make us inquire into our condition. It is when we are tried that we can easily ascertain the nature of our characters. It is then that we can readily see what dispositions enter into our characters, whether we are inclined to obey God or not, whether the Christian graces shine in us brightly or dimly. Take, for example, the graces of patience, faith and love. Is it not when we are tried that we can tell whether these graces are planted and growing in our hearts? Is it not when we endure trials with a calm and unruffled temper, without murmuring or fretting, that we can truly say that we are patient? But if we do not thus endure, are we not impatient? And is it not so with faith? Is it not when trials and obstructions are placed in its way, that we can tell how much confidence we have in God? And the same is true of love. We cannot really know how much of it we possess till we are proved. For instance, when the Lord requires us to do anything that is really crossing, we may know how much we love him, by our willingness to obey him. There is such a thing as loving God and our fellow-men with selfish affections – merely because of fa-

vors which we receive from them. But this is discoverable when these favors are withheld from us. And it is when we are deprived of temporal or spiritual blessings that we can tell whether we love them more than we ought, or with perverted affections. We might judge too favorably of our characters by measuring ourselves only by what we are in prosperity, and when everything seems to be in our favor.

Dear reader, if you have not already entered upon the work of self-examination, be entreated to enter upon it at once. Be not intimidated by the vastness of the work. Commence by taking the first step, and by taking the first step you will be preparing for the second step, and so on, the way opening before you as you advance. If you have already commenced this work, be encouraged to continue it cheerfully and perseveringly, considering it as the leading branch of sanctification, yielding great advantages and a rich compensation to those who improve upon it. {1864 DTB, SLH 89.1 – 101.1}

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Stand Therefore, Having Your Loins Girt About with Truth

Jerry O'Donnell

That title is what we are told in Ephesians 6:14. Based upon that stance, Ellen White penned something that opened my eyes to the reason why we are in the condition we are in.

“God calls for men whose hearts are as true as steel, and who will stand steadfast in integrity, undaunted by circumstances. 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. Solomon, by his alliances with unbelievers, secured an abundance of gold and silver, but his prosperity proved his ruin. Men today are no wiser than he, and they are as prone to yield to the influences that caused his downfall. For thousands of years Satan has been gaining an experience in learning how to deceive; and to those who live in this age he comes with almost overwhelming power. Our only safety is found in

obedience to God's Word, which has been given us as a sure guide and counselor. God's people today are to keep themselves distinct and separate from the world, its spirit, and its influences” {RH, February 1, 1906 par. 10}.

Let us get the full impact of this quote by taking it piece by piece. I came across this quote through my daily reading of the Spirit of Prophecy using the DVD of all the writings, plus those downloaded from the White Estates. I mention this because I encourage each of us to be regularly in Ellen White writings as if our future depends upon it because, quite frankly, it does. Hidden in every book, every letter, are gems applicable for today and the coming days. Just as John the Baptist was the prophet to listen to in order to be prepared for the first coming, Ellen White's writings have been given to us specifically to see our way through to the end. “Men may get up scheme after scheme, and the enemy will seek to seduce souls from the truth, but all who believe that the

Lord has spoken through Sister White, and has given her a message, will be safe from the many delusions that will come in these last days” {3SM 83.5}.

“God calls for men whose hearts are as true as steel, and who will stand steadfast in integrity, undaunted by circumstances.” This sounds a lot like another quote: “The greatest want of the world is the want of men--men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall” {Ed 57.3}. Are we as a people affected by circumstances? When we have numerous churches still closed per the unconstitutional stance by governors and mayors over the pandemic, and then we have our own leadership encouraging the cancellation of member outreach and evangelism, the answer is – yes, we are affected by circum-

stances. “On March 4, 2020, during the North American Division monthly staff meeting,... They also encouraged entities who are holding meetings with large numbers of people to consider alternative options in case the virus continues to spread” [NAD Press Release, March 7, 2020].

“He calls for men who will remain separate from the enemies of the truth.” Yet, we have top officials meeting with the pope, cardinals, and bishops often. We have numerous presidents of conferences among others and leadership regularly participating in ecumenical activities with other denominations all in the spirit of getting along. These things are frequently revealed in this publication almost on a monthly basis. We have churches exchanging preachers from other denominations, including Catholic priests and Jesuits, addressing our people.

“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.” Yet, a number of our institutions, including Amazing Facts who supposedly returned the money,

sought for funds known as the Payroll Protection Program. And how many of our hospitals have sought to join efforts with Catholic hospitals to form a joint service instead of operating independently? “Adventist Health and St. Joseph Health Announce Formation of a New Joint Operating Company” [Adventist Health blog, Apr 23, 2018].

“Solomon, by his alliances with unbelievers, secured an abundance of gold and silver, but his prosperity proved his ruin. Men today are no wiser than he, and they are as prone to yield to the influences that caused his downfall.” Ellen White pens that such is going to be the case again. “The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that

have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath, of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure” {1SM 204.2}. The structure is going to collapse.

“For thousands of years Satan has been gaining an experience in learning how to deceive; and to those who live in this age he comes with almost overwhelming power.” “Let the truths that are the foundation of our faith be kept before the people. Some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. They talk science, and the enemy comes in and

gives them an abundance of science; but it is not the science of salvation. It is not the science of humility, of consecration, or of the sanctification of the Spirit. We are now to understand what the pillars of our faith are, – the truths that have made us as a people what we are, leading us on step by step” {RH, May 25, 1905 par. 23}. Yet, the average Seventh-day Adventist is unable to find where our beliefs are in the Bible and defend them. Very few can conduct Bible studies. This is one example of overwhelming power through dumbing down the knowledge level of our people, especially on the unique beliefs we hold. Another power is that of our members not able to awaken from the stupor that they are being lied to. How can congregations accept the sins being practiced in the church? How can congregations say, “Amen!” to the removing of scriptures that condemn homosexuality?

“Our only safety is found in obedience to God’s Word, which has been given us as a sure guide and counselor.” “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). Yet, we cannot even agree on what version of the Bible to use, which many versions quote half of the true meaning leaving the other half to be in ignorance. Again, I ask that you to read Romans 8:1, which says, “[There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” Most other versions state only the first half of the verse giving the impression that there is no condemnation towards anyone at all, and that is not true.

“God’s people today are to keep themselves distinct and separate from the world, its spirit, and its influences.” Yet, we have churches, as noted in our *Church Watch* section over the past months, advertising movies, joining marches, getting involved in politics, and much more. We are so bent, since the 1950s to distance ourselves from that distinctness of our faith where Jesus said, “It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more [shall they call] them of his household?” (Matthew 10:25). Yet, when people call us names such as “cult”,

we do not react as Jesus reacted. We make every effort, including publishing false material, to show that we are not as distinct as outsiders believe we are. We distance ourselves from 1844, Ellen White, sanctification, heavenly sanctuary, keeping the Sabbath holy, and much more while embracing the same erroneous verses found in other church hymnals, embracing being saved at the cross alone, and even going as far as acknowledging that we all serve the same god when we alone serve the True God!

Like I said at the beginning of this article, when I read the paragraph of Ellen White all together, so many things flooded my mind instantly that a heavy burden laid on my shoulders. It was an overwhelming flood of the theme: “And this is why the church is the way it is today – powerless, backsliding, and in apostasy.”

Though the physical church shall be swept away, let us all strive to be part of the commandment-keeping, testimony-loving, faithful people that we are to be (Revelation 12:17, Revelation 14:12)!



Keep the Sabbath Holy

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Ellen White writes regarding the Sabbath, **“All through the week we are to have the Sabbath in mind and be making preparation to keep it according to the commandment. We are not merely to observe the Sabbath as a legal matter. We are to understand its spiritual bearing upon all the transactions of life. All who regard the Sabbath as a sign between them and God, showing that He is the God who sanctifies them, will represent the principles of His government. They will bring into daily practice the laws of His kingdom. Daily it will be their prayer that the sanctification of the Sabbath may rest upon them. Every day they will have the compan-**

ionship of Christ and will exemplify the perfection of His character. Every day their light will shine forth to others in good works” {6T 353.4}.

Therefore, keeping the Sabbath day holy is not merely stopping labor a bit of time before the sun goes down on Friday until a little after the sun goes down on Saturday, but an active work throughout the week by keeping all of the commandments all week long.

The keeping of the Sabbath by simply turning our work off come Friday night and turning it back on Saturday night, dealing with issues, or ignoring issues, over the Sabbath hours is legalism. “Honey, where’s the milk?” “Sorry, we ran out and I just didn’t think about picking up some more before the Sabbath came in. Why don’t you have some toast instead today?” “Honey, where is my shirt that I was going to wear to church today?” “Sorry, I didn’t get around to doing the laundry. Wear something else.” “Oh no! I

didn’t stop for gas on my way home from work. I don’t know if we have enough gas to get to church and back.” Any of these, or other excuses for unreadiness for the Sabbath, sound familiar?

The Sabbath is something we keep in mind all week long. Further, the sanctifying power that is given to us by God to be an overcomer is not only a power “that is able to keep you from falling” (Jude 24), but is the same power that made the day holy to begin with: “And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made” (Genesis 2:2-3). By keeping the true Sabbath day holy, we acknowledge that God is the one that sanctifies us: “Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep:

for it [is] a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that [ye] may know that I [am] the LORD that doth sanctify you" (Exodus 31:13), and "Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I [am] the LORD that sanctify them" (Ezekiel 20:12). So then if we are keeping the Sabbath to acknowledge that He sanctifies us, we are to act like we are sanctified, believe we are sanctified, be sanctified. If we permit sin, or even worldliness, through the week we then are discrediting the God of the Sabbath and saying that He does not sanctify us.

In fact, those who continue to sin during the week typically treat the Sabbath day lightly, as predicted, and will eventually give up the Sabbath day and stop being a Seventh-day Adventist. "The Sabbath, of course, would

be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it" {1SM 204.2}.

"With some there is an outward show, a form of godliness, but there is no real power; and against them is pronounced the sentence 'Thou art weighed in the balances, and found wanting.' They are deficient, yet, in false confidence; they are deceiving themselves and misleading others. Yielding to Satan's sophistry, they stand on a false track, and by their representations endeavor to tear down truths that God has made fast, never to be moved. By their course, the inexperienced are led to wonder whether these special truths are not, after all, errors that ought to be shunned. When brought into strait places, they will give up the Sabbath and its powerful endorsement, and the more they are opposed in their apostasy, the more self-sufficient and self-deceived they become. They have lifted

up their souls unto vanity, and God says: [Revelation 3:3-5 quoted]" {10MR 46.4}.

The saints will "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17) going about their daily tasks since the mind can do multiple things at the same time. Every decision will be brought before God seeking how best to glorify Him. They would be like David who penned, "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice" (Psalms 55:17). And they will be like Daniel who "kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God" (Daniel 6:10).

Saints will fear to enter into strange paths knowing full well that giving into temptation is not worth trading away Heaven for.



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How Do You Resolve It?

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

Does Heaven Need Cleansed?

Daniel 8:14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

This is not so much as resolving a conflict in a verse, but about dealing with a popular argument by other denominations criticizing our unique position on the heavenly sanctuary. We also thought it most fitting to address this also because as more and more Seventh-day Adventists seem to leave the belief of the heavenly sanctuary, 1844, and even Jesus fulfilling the feast days, we begin to wonder if who we are as a people is still realized among the members.

Many think that departing from the faith means that they stop being Seventh-day Ad-

ventists. On the contrary. Unfortunately, they do stay as Seventh-day Adventists, while our ministers encourage this lack of education by ignoring our unique belief. When October, 22 comes around, how many preachers are teaching the sanctuary doctrine? We do not have to be taught error to cease being Seventh-day Adventists. "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history" {LS 196.2}. And we are here. Not only are we here, but members defend the "new version" of being an Adventist by forgetting the message that we are told, "Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings" (Revelation 10:11).

Many argue that Heaven is a pure place and does not need cleansed. "There is no sin in

Heaven," they say. That is because they are pointing to Heaven in general and not to the sanctuary, "the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man" (Hebrews 8:2). "But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building" (Hebrews 9:11).

Now, regarding the sanctuary, on earth the priest sacrificed the offering in the court yard, performed daily tasks in the Holy Place, but then once a year the priest entered the Most Holy Place "For on that day shall [the priest] make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, [that] ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD" (Leviticus 16:30). This is significant because these earthly objects and activities "serve unto the example and shad-

ow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, [that] thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount” (Hebrews 8:5). Therefore, since there was a cleansing of sin on earth once a year, then the same is true in Heaven, but not once a year, “but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself” (Hebrews 9:26). The annual ritual was enactment of the single process where Jesus was slain in the spiritual courtyard (earth), taken into the Holy Place where He ministered until 1844 accepting the confession of sins, but moved to the Most Holy Place for “behold, [one] like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him” (Daniel 7:13).

In fact, many miss this statement regarding Moses and all that they endured as well as practiced: “Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are

written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come” (1 Corinthians 10:11). This is not just a lesson for the end of time to the general populous. This is intended for those who experienced 1844, both physically, by living through it, as well as those looking back in faith believing that the event actually transpired.

Now, the overall sanctuary subject is very, very involved. Up to this point, it was just an overview and background to providing the answer to our question. The answer is that Heaven itself does not need cleansed, but there is a cleansing in Heaven which was already referenced in Hebrews 9:25. Let us add to it to show that there is more evidence that a cleansing indeed is required to take place in Heaven.

Hebrews 9:28 tells us, “So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.” So, Christ ascended with our sins but returns without the sins. Did they go floating off into

outer space? No! Christ purged, cleansed us of our sins while in Heaven.

Besides, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Now, how do we confess our sins? Through prayer (Nehemiah 1:6). Where do our prayers go? Heaven (Luke 11:2). Then Jesus turns around and will “present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy” (Jude 1:24). In other words, as our name comes up in the judgment, because we have confessed our sins, He cleanses our record of sin, and we become faultless.

We are told “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19). “Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities” (Psalms 51:9). Just where are those sins blotted out of? The heavenly books, of course, because “the dead, small and great, stand before God; and

the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works" (Revelation 20:12).

Do not let anyone move this pillar of truth out from underneath you where you stand, no matter how unique this doctrine is to our faith. It does not make us erroneous people because other denominations do not pick up the belief. It simply means that the doctrine cannot be replicated without bringing in everything else we believe, including the Sabbath, the commandments, sanctification, along with the justification, even the antichrist, and much more. Therefore, if Satan cannot easily copy it, he will relentlessly attack it both from without, and now from within, which "We have far more to fear from within than from without" {1SM 122.3}.

So, how do you resolve the fact that we alone believe in the cleansing of the sanctuary doctrine? You resolve it by embracing the scrip-

tures that point to the fact that all of the saved need to be cleansed of their sins or we cannot dwell in a holy environment, for we are to "Follow peace with all [men],

and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14).



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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 2)

Parents wonder that children are so much more difficult to control than they used to be, when in most cases their own criminal management has made them so. The quality of food they bring upon their tables, and encourage their children to eat, is constantly exciting their animal passions, and weakening the moral and intellectual faculties. Very many children are made miserable dyspeptics in their youth by the wrong course their parents have pursued toward them in childhood. Parents will be called to render an account to God for thus dealing with their children. {2SM 435.1}

Be firm, be decided in carrying out Bible instruction, but be free from all passion. Bear in mind that when you become harsh and unreasonable before your little ones, you teach them to be the same.

God requires you to educate your children, bringing into your discipline all the generalship of a wise teacher who is under the control of God. {CG 240.1}

We do not mark out any precise line to be followed in diet; but we do say that in countries where there are fruits, grains, and nuts in abundance, flesh food is not the right food for God's people. I have been instructed that flesh food has a tendency to animalize the nature, to rob men and women of that love and sympathy which they should feel for everyone, and to give the lower passions control over the higher powers of the being. If meat eating was ever healthful, it is not safe now. Cancers, tumors, and pulmonary diseases are largely caused by meat eating. {9T 159.2}

Not only does God require you to control your thoughts, but also your passions and affections. Your salva-

tion depends upon your governing yourself in these things. Passion and affection are powerful agents. If misapplied, if set in operation through wrong motives, if misplaced, they are powerful to accomplish your ruin and leave you a miserable wreck, without God and without hope. {2T 561.2}

In His prayer to the Father, Christ gave to the world a lesson which should be graven on mind and soul. "This is life eternal," He said, "that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." John 17:3. This is true education. It imparts power. The experimental knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ whom He has sent, transforms man into the image of God. It gives to man the mastery of himself, bringing every impulse and passion of the lower nature under the control of the higher powers of the mind. It makes its possessor a

son of God and an heir of heaven. It brings him into communion with the mind of the Infinite, and opens to him the rich treasures of the universe. {COL 114.2}

Every true Christian will have control of his appetites and passions; for unless he is free from the bondage of appetite, he can not be a true, obedient servant of Christ. {NPU Gleaner, April 14, 1909 par. 12}

Abstemiousness in diet is rewarded with mental and moral vigor; it also aids in the control of the passions. Over-eating is especially harmful to those who are sluggish in temperament; these should eat sparingly and take plenty of physical exercise. There are men and women of excellent natural ability who do not accomplish half what they might if they would exercise self-control in the denial of appetite. {MH 308.2}

Of all the lessons to be learned from our Lord's first great temptation none is more important than that bearing upon the control of the appetites and passions. In all ages, temptations appealing to the physical nature have been most effectual in corrupting

and degrading mankind. Through intemperance, Satan works to destroy the mental and moral powers that God gave to man as a priceless endowment. Thus it becomes impossible for men to appreciate things of eternal worth. Through sensual indulgence, Satan seeks to blot from the soul every trace of likeness to God. {DA 122.1}

It is impossible to have clear conceptions of eternal things unless the mind is trained to dwell upon elevated themes. All the passions must be brought under perfect subjection to the moral powers. When men and women profess strong faith and earnest spirituality, I know that their profession is false if they have not brought all their passions under control. God requires this. The reason why such spiritual darkness prevails is that the mind is content to take a low level and is not directed upward in a pure, holy, and heavenly channel. {2T 414.2}

Would that the example of Joseph might be followed by all who claim to be wise, who feel competent in their own strength to discharge the duties of life. A wise man will not

be governed and controlled by his appetites and passions, but will control and govern them. He will draw nigh to God, striving to prepare mind and body to discharge aright the duties of life. {CH 588.1}

The imagination must be positively and persistently controlled if the passions and affections are made subject to reason, conscience, and character. You are in danger, for you are just upon the point of sacrificing your eternal interests at the altar of passion. Passion is obtaining positive control of your entire being – passion of what quality? of a base, destructive nature. By yielding to it, you will embitter the lives of your parents, bring sadness and shame to your sisters, sacrifice your own character, and forfeit heaven and a glorious immortal life. Are you ready to do this? I appeal to you to stop where you are. Advance not another step in your headstrong, wanton course; for before you are misery and death. Unless you exercise self-control in regard to your passions and affections, you will surely bring yourself into disrepute with all

around you, and will bring upon your character disgrace which will last while you live. {2T 562.1}

Genuine faith is followed by love, and love by obedience. All the powers and passions of the converted man are brought under the control of Christ. His Spirit is a renewing power, transforming to the divine image all who will receive it. It makes me sad to say that this experience is understood by but few who profess the truth. Very many follow on in their own ways and indulge their sinful desires and yet profess to be disciples of Christ. They have never submitted their hearts to God. Like the foolish virgins they have neglected to obtain the oil of grace in their vessels with their lamps. I tell you, my brethren, that a large number who profess to believe and even to teach the truth are under the bondage of sin. Base passions

defile the mind and corrupt the soul. Some who are in the vilest iniquity have borrowed the livery of heaven, that they may serve Satan more effectively. {5T 219.4}

Without divine help they will be unable to control human passions and appetites. In Christ is the very help needed, but how few will come to Him for that help. Said Jesus when upon the earth: "Ye will not come to Me, that ye might have life." In Christ all can conquer. You can say with the apostle: "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." Again: "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection." {2T 408.2}

The masterful passions of the heart no human power can control. We are as helpless here as were the disciples to control the raging storm. But he who spoke peace to the bil-

lows of Galilee has spoken the word of peace for every soul. However fierce the tempest, those who turn to Jesus with the cry, "Lord, save us," will find deliverance. His grace, which reconciles the soul to God, quiets the strife of human passion, and in his love the heart is at rest. "He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven." "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." "The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever." {RH, October 15, 1908 par. 5}



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SPRING ROLLS

Ingredients

- 1 cup shredded Napa cabbage
- 1 cup shredded carrot
- 1/2 cup finely sliced green onion
- 1 red pepper thinly sliced
- 2 or 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 cups bean sprouts
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
- Salt

- 8 very thin 8-inch square spring roll wrappers

Instructions

- Steam or slightly cook first five veggies till crisp-tender.
- After veggies are cooled, mix in bean sprouts and cilantro.
- Salt to taste.
- Lay the spring roll wrappers on a flat

surface, pointed edge toward you.

- Put 1/8 of the filling at the bottom third of the wrapper, bring the pointed edge over the filling, fold in the sides tightly, and continue rolling.
- Dab the top pointed edge with water and roll tightly.
- Serve with sauce.



ALMOND BUTTER SAUCE

Think of this as an Asian peanut sauce replacement—only tastier and healthier.

Ingredients

- ½ cup smooth almond butter
- ½ cup hot water
- 1 teaspoon fresh lime juice
- 1 ½ tablespoons maple syrup

- 2 tablespoons cilantro, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon Tamari

Instructions

- Combine all ingredients, and stir together until everything is well blended.

- Use as a dipping sauce for spring rolls, a salad dressing, or pour over a baked potato.
- You can store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for 3-5 days.



Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible

If you are using anything but the KJV, you are using a Catholic influenced Bible, which strategically twists and leaves out key words and verses so as to make even the ecumenical movement between religions outside of Christianity possible. And Ellen White does identify not to use them for reliability: "Wycliffe's Bible had been translated from the Latin text, which contained many errors." {GC 245.1}. Latin is Catholic or which most modern versions rely upon.

The verse of concern this time is **Isaiah 1:18** where God either invites us to reason with Him, or He simply and forcefully 'settles' the matter. One is inviting, while the other puts off any thoughts from a person. Basically, God does reason with us by laying out the evidence and then allowing us to accept what has been presented. 'Settling' the matter is more of declaring the person to be a nuisance, and God is simply going to shut them up, as in the phrase, "I am going to settle this once and for all!" God is not like that.

King James Bible: Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

In Error:

Christian Standard Bible: "Come, let us settle this," says the LORD. "Though your sins are

scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are crimson red, they will be like wool.

Douay-Rheims Bible:

And then come, and accuse me, saith the Lord: if your sins be as scarlet, they shall be made as white as snow: and if they be red as crimson, they shall be white as wool.

Good News Translation:

The LORD says, "Now, let's settle the matter. You are stained red with sin, but I will wash you as clean as snow. Although your stains are deep red, you will be as white as wool.

New International Version:

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

New Living Translation:

"Come now, let's settle this," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like

crimson, I will make them as white as wool.

Correct This Time:

A Faithful Version:

Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool.

American Standard Version:

Come now, and let us reason together, saith Jehovah: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Berean Study Bible:

"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are as red as crimson, they will become like wool.

Brenton Septuagint

Translation: And come, let us reason together, saith the Lord: and though your sins be as purple, I will make them white as snow; and

though they be as scarlet, I will make them white as wool.

Contemporary English

Version: I, the LORD, invite you to come and talk it over. Your sins are scarlet red, but they will be whiter than snow or wool.

Darby Bible Translation:

Come now, let us reason together, saith Jehovah: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

English Revised Version:

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

English Standard Ver-

sion: "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

GOD'S WORD® Transla-

tion: "Come on now, let's discuss this!" says the LORD. "Though your sins are bright red, they will become as white as snow. Though they are dark red, they will become as white as wool.

Holman Christian

Standard Bible: Come, let us discuss this," says the LORD." Though your sins are like scarlet, they

will be as white as snow; though they are as red as crimson, they will be like wool.

International Standard

Version: "Please come, and let's reason together," implores the LORD. "Even though your sins are like scarlet, they'll be white like snow. Though they're like crimson, they'll become like wool.

JPS Tanakh 1917: Come now, and let us reason together, Saith the LORD; Though your sins be as scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they be red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

NET Bible: Come, let's consider your options," says the LORD. "Though your sins have stained you like the color red, you can become white like snow; though they are as easy to see as the color scarlet, you can become white like wool.

New American Stand-

ard 1977: "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool.

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ard Bible: "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crim-

son, They will be like wool.

New Heart English Bi-

ble: "Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD: "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

New King James Ver-

sion: "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

Webster's Bible Transla-

tion: Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be white as snow, though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

World English Bible:

"Come now, and let us reason together," says Yahweh: "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Young's Literal Transla-

tion: Come, I pray you, and we reason, saith Jehovah, If your sins are as scarlet, as snow they shall be white, If they are red as crimson, as wool they shall be!



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:

2300 Day Prophecy

Ask, what is the 2300-day prophecy? Read Daniel 8:14 taking note that a sanctuary will be cleansed.

Ask, how does the angel help Daniel understand this time prophecy? Read Daniel 9:24 and realize that 70 weeks' worth of days is cut off from the time prophecy taking the prophecy in chunks. The 70 weeks' worth of days, with 7 days in a week, is 490 days. So, to understand the prophecy of 2300 days, the first 490 days will be addressed.

Ask, who does the smaller time prophecy refer to? Read Daniel 9:25 and find out that it is a prophecy

about the Messiah and that He would arrive 483 days (7 weeks + 60 weeks + 2 weeks) after the command to rebuild Jerusalem.

Ask, when did the command to rebuild Jerusalem occur? Read Ezra 7:12-20, 8 realizing that King Artaxerxes was financing the rebuilding, and it happened at the fifth month of his seventh year as king, which is 457 BC. Now, did the Messiah arrive 483 days later? No.

Ask, how can the timeline of 483 days be understood to point to the Messiah properly? Read Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:6 to find that there is a day for a year principle.

Did the Messiah arrive 483 years after 457 BC, which was 27 AD, factoring in the understanding that there was no year zero? And the answer is yes.

Ask, how do we know that the Messiah was anointed in 27 AD? Read Luke 3:1-2 and Luke 3:21-22 to see the holy anointing taking place when all those rulers were in office at the same time, which was 27 AD.

Ask, what happens to the Messiah during the last 7 years? Read Daniel 9:26-27 to find out that He confirms the agreement with Israel being the chosen nation for the last 7 years but in the middle of that time He

would be cut off,
even killed.

Ask, how long did Jesus minister? Read the parable in Luke 13:7-8 in which Jesus speaks of Himself waiting to see the fruit from Israel during His preaching of three years and never made it to the completion of the fourth year because of the crucifixion.

Ask, what event marked the end of the last 7

years of the short prophecy? Read Acts 7:55-60, Acts 8:1 to find out that the stoning of Stephen in 34 AD began the serious outreach of the gospel to gentile lands. Therefore, Jesus confirmed the 490 years by His baptism, death, and the stoning of Stephen. That leaves 1,810 years on the 2,300 days prophecy bringing us to 1844.

Ask, with the earthly sanctuary in 70 AD, what sanctuary began to be cleansed in 1844? Read Hebrews 8:1-2 and Hebrews 9:28 to see that Jesus ministers in the heavenly sanctuary where He took our sins, but when He returns, He returns without the sins because there was a cleansing.



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Questions And Answers

Question: Will God's people know when probation closes?

Answer: The only time that we will know when probation closes, is when it is the probation for the entire world. According to Revelation 15:8, the Bible says, "And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled." We enter the heavenly temple through prayer. When the seven plaques are poured out, every case will have been decided and Jesus will declare, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still" (Revelation 22:11). The reason no one will be able to enter the temple through prayer, specifically for confessing sins, is because when every case is decided then Isaiah states, "wondered that [there was] no intercessor" (Isaiah 59:16) because Jesus will "put on the garments of vengeance [for] clothing, and was

clad with zeal as a cloke" (Isaiah 59:17).

"I was taken off in vision to the most holy place, where I saw Jesus still interceding for Israel. On the bottom of His garment was a bell and a pomegranate. Then I saw that Jesus would not leave the most holy place until every case was decided either for salvation or destruction, and that the wrath of God could not come until Jesus had finished His work in the most holy place, laid off His priestly attire, and clothed Himself with the garments of vengeance. Then Jesus will step out from between the Father and man, and God will keep silence no longer, but pour out His wrath on those who have rejected His truth. I saw that the anger of the nations, the wrath of God, and the time to judge the dead were separate and distinct, one following the other, also that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced. The nations are now getting angry, but when our High Priest has finished His work in the sanctuary, He will stand up, put on

the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out" {EW 36.1}.

As you can see, this is one of the clearest teachings we have from the Bible. This was completely answered by the Bible and then confirmed through Ellen White's writings so "That we [henceforth] be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, [and] cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive" (Ephesians 4:14). Do not let anyone tell you that our doctrines come from Ellen White's writings and not the Bible.

Question: When it comes to Ellen White's writings, what did she mean by time and place is to be considered regarding her writings?

Answer: "Regarding the testimonies, nothing is ignored; nothing is cast aside; but time and place must be considered. Nothing must be done untimely. Some matters must be withheld because some persons would make an improper use of the

light given. Every jot and tittle is essential and must appear at an opportune time. In the past, the testimonies were carefully prepared before they were sent out for publication. And all matter is still carefully studied after the first writing” {1SM 57.2}.

We understand your concern. Too many Seventh-day Adventists are using the phrase “time and place” to dismiss anything and everything they find objectionable. Consider today where if anyone were to use Ellen White’s writings to condemn beach going during the summer and swimming pools because of the nakedness exhibited there, today’s people would simply state that time and place ought to be considered. Nonsense! We have dress reform for a reason. God does not change. There is absolutely no reason for young girls to strip down into “swimwear” that covers less than bra and panties do. And how dare men be taking their shirts off and allowing their “swimwear” to hug their bodies as well? Just because we have an acceptable term for the nakedness, “swimwear”, does not make it right.

Another example is the

justification of movies. As Ellen White condemned novel reading, in the form of fantasy life, today’s books have become TV shows and movies. Using “time and place” would be quite inappropriate. The only thing that has changed is the medium – from printed page to film.

The fact that we could go on and on with examples, we shall pause for we have enough to realize that time and place is not to be used to dismiss Ellen White’s writings. We ought to still take our baths or showers before the Sabbath and not during the Sabbath. The notion that back in time they had to pull out a wash-tub is nonsensical. Has anyone cleaned up the bathroom after young kids have used it for bathing? Have any had young persons take an hour or more in the bathroom?

Again, “time and place” is not about doing away with the commands of God given in the reforms through Ellen White. We do not have better safety in meats, dairy, and such. If anything, many more people seem to be getting sick and even sicker than before.

Reading the quote slowly, we realize that “nothing is ignored”

and that “nothing is cast aside”. However, be very careful. We have addressed this before, and recently our team got worked up because “time and place” is not being considered.

As Seventh-day Adventists, it is not our place to blurt out every truth all at once. Further, it is not our place to overwhelm the people. There are many who are very staunch in the reforms and make no allowance for exceptions. That is fine if one chooses to live that way, but to expect everyone to be at that place that took each of us years to achieve is not considering “time and place” properly. It is not the time to tell a person who not only ate meat all their life but who ate the unclean meats as well that it is expected that they become health reformers as soon as possible, like within weeks. The time is to be taken into consideration. The time is that a person is new to the faith. Let them get used to eating clean meats cleanly first, that is, without the blood (Acts 15:20, 29; Acts 21:25). Then let us try to encourage after a bit of time to move over to a Vegetarian diet, and then over to the health reform diet. We have people not considering

these things and are even picking fights over ingredients. “How dare you use (fill in the blank)!” Nothing turns off new converts to the health reform diet than people pushing their high-end beliefs as well as making condemnatory statements.

Further, some people are not in the place to financially make the change either. Many push for organic produce and nothing else without exception while others cannot afford to buy such, especially for a large family. Many are in places where certain foods are not readily available either. The opportunities in the United States are quite different than other locations, and substitutes have to be used instead, and in some cases, certain things that are “their best effort” is acceptable to God.

These are the “times” and “places” she is referring to and not to dismiss her writings because times have changed. This does not mean we will not tell them further truths. It just needs to be done tenderly.

Question: When probation closes, is that the time to run to the mountains?

Answer: We are not given the specific time to run to the mountains, but it is after Sunday comes in. “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}.

So, if we are still in the large cities when Sunday comes, despite numerous calls today being made for country living already, it is at that time people will have no choice but to flee to the smaller towns, very small towns, that is. Then, some time after Sunday comes in, we will have to flee to the mountains. There is not a specific time that we are aware of that identifies when that is to happen. The death decree certainly will help but movement to the mountains should have occurred beforehand.

Question: Hasn't the gospel gone around the world?

Answer: No. “A” gospel has gone to the world but not “this” gospel as stated by Jesus. “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come” (Matthew 24:14). And which gospel is “this” referring to? “And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people” (Revelation 14:6). That is because “he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven” (Mark 13:27).

A lot of people think this is referring to the physical separation at the second coming, but it is not. Sending “his angels” refers to the “three angels’ messages” that gather the elect into the truth or scatters them away because they reject it.

Have the “three angels’ messages” gone to every person? Not yet. Therefore, the gospel has not gone around the world yet.



Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth

This section is not about revealing the apostasy and creating ill feeling towards the conference. It is to make sure that no one is caught up in those that participate in the apostasy. That is what it means to “Declare What I See” because God says, “When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand” (Ezekiel 3:18). We have enough to worry about our own life; we do not need your (in general) blood to be on us too.

August 28—Georgetown University (Jesuit University)

A Discussion with Ganoune Diop, Director of the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department, Seventh-day Adventist Church

“Among some Adventists, for example, you find people who insist on the signs of the times: that some terrible thing will happen. Some Adventists at the fringe of the mainstream faith may develop a rather sectarian understanding, that “we are the best”. To me, that is totally misconstrued, a misunderstanding. To a large degree, without diminishing the dignity of these people, I might say it's misinformation about God's purposes for the world. The gospel is the good news about God's first coming and good news about the second coming, meaning the coming of the savior to deliver people from the human predicament: suffering, disease and death.”

Comment: He just sided with the enemy. Anyone holding to the truths of Antichrist, Mark of the Beast, end time events, is a fringe, and misconstru-

ing as well as being misinformed.

EGW: “These apostates will then manifest the most bitter enmity, doing all in their power to oppress and malign their former brethren and to excite indignation against them” {5T 463.3}.

Comment: Why is Dr. Ganoune Diop on the IF20 (inter-faith forum 2020) website? Because he is part of the global acceptance and is working against our unique calling of the true Seventh-day Adventist message. He is truly our enemy, an agent of Satan.

September 16—Adventist Review

Adventist Church Leaders Vote ‘One Humanity’ Statement

ONE HUMANITY: a human relations statement addressing racism, casteism, tribalism, and ethnocentrism.

Comment: Pope Francis now addresses all of humanity as one tribe, one race, the human race, to speak “to us of an essential and often forgotten aspect of our common humanity: we were created for a fulfilment that can only be found in

love.” [Vatican News].

Why are we taking marching orders from the Vatican? Why have we been promoting the same themes month after month when the Vatican declares? Why are we not acting as a unique denomination? Because our church is so infiltrated by Jesuits, the members are asleep and playing church, and the larger portion of the body is preparing to follow right in line at the end because they are doing it now.

EGW: “It is a backsliding church that lessens the distance between itself and the Papacy.” {ST, February 19, 1894 par. 4}

September 20—Breath of Life

Oakwood University Church - Huntsville's Got Talent

Bible: “And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one” (Matthew 25:15). “If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?” (1 Corinthians 12:15).

EGW: “When there is a spirit of competition manifested, it is all wrong and

displeasing to God” {6MR 117.1}.

Comment: Though these are coins, nonetheless, the so-called ability to sing well, play an instrument well, all of these things are from God, and not to be flaunted, not to be compared.

October 1—Loma Linda Website

DEEP ETCHED 23.75 OZ
WHISKEY DECANter
(ONLINE ONLY)

ETCHED 47.5 OZ WIDE
BOTTOM RED WINE DE-
CANter (ONLINE ONLY)

ETCHED 23.75 OZ LUIGI
BORMIOLI SPIRITS DE-
CANter (ONLINE ONLY)

ETCHED 26.5 OZ LUIGI
BORMIOLI TEXTURED
DECANter (ONLINE ON-
LY)

Bible: 1 Thessalonians
5:22 Abstain from all ap-
pearance of evil.

October 5—CBS Los Angeles

Car Show At Loma Linda University Hospital Shut Down After Thousands Show Up

What was intended to be a small gathering at Loma Linda University over the weekend turned into a huge event that law enforcement officials had to shut down.

EGW: “With many, an absorbing worldliness eclipses the true sense of Christian obligation. The religion of Christ will have such an influence upon the heart that it will control the life. Men pos-

sessing the genuine article of true religion will in all their business transactions show as clear a perception of right as when offering their supplications at the throne of grace. The life, with all its capabilities, belongs to God, and should be used to promote His glory, instead of being perverted to the service of Satan in defrauding our fellow men.” {4T 494.2}

Comment: Loma Linda defied the large gathering restriction! Was it because of gathering for church service? Nope. It was a gathering for a worldly car show.

October 5—Star Herald

Local churches bless pets on St. Francis' Feast Day

This year, Selvey invited a few other churches to participate. After the singing, scripture readings and prayer, pastors from First Christian Church — Disciples of Christ, First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church of Scottsbluff and Seventh-Day Adventist Church went around individually blessing each pet.

Bible Verses Blessing

Pets: (none)

EGW Statements Blessing

Pets: (none)

Comment: Why are we doing everything to fit in instead of being “a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvel-

lous light” (1 Peter 2:9)?

October 30—Advent Messenger

AdventHealth Gets into the Spirit of Halloween

AdventHealth in Tampa is ready for Halloween this October 31, 2020. They recently had a contest to see who can design the best jack-o-lantern, which are the famous pumpkin faces that are typically carved for Halloween.

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

Comment: For the sake of God’s mission, it is a cover up to what really transpired on October 31 — Martin Luther’s Thesis, even the acknowledged day of reformation!

October 16—Hope Live 365

Be Careful Who You Vote For (5 Bible Warnings), Pastor Mark Finley

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. We cannot labor to please men who will use their influence to repress religious liberty, and to set in operation oppressive measures to lead or com-

pel their fellow-men to keep Sunday as the Sabbath. The first day of the week is not a day to be revered. It is a spurious sabbath, and the members of the Lord's family cannot participate with the men who exalt this day, and violate the law of God by trampling upon His Sabbath. The people of God are not to vote to place such men in office; for when they do this, they are partakers with them of the sins which they commit while in office." {GW 391.2}


October 23—Advent Messenger

Fratelli Tutti: Ganoune Diop Praises Pope Francis' Encyclical

Just yesterday, Roman Catholics, Evangelicals,

Orthodox and Seventh-day Adventists gathered to praise Fratelli Tutti. Over thirty religious leaders met at the annual Conference of the Secretaries of Christian World Communions (CS/CWC) from 20–22 October 2020. Ganoune Diop was the acting secretary for this gathering. The Vatican reported the following news: "The Catholic Church was represented by Bishop Brian Farrell, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, assisted by Reverend Andrzej Choromanski, staff responsible for the multilateral relations. The meeting was chaired by Reverend Gretchen Castle (Friends World Committee for Consultation), with Reverend Dr Ganoune Diop (General Con-

ference of Seventh-day Adventists), acting as secretary ... The recent encyclical of Pope Francis Fratelli Tutti was acknowledged as an important encouragement to all Christian communions to unite efforts in building a culture of encounter, solidarity and universal fraternity across political, social, and religious borders." [Vatican News - christianunity.va]

EGW: Satan is working with great power in and through the children of disobedience to exalt treason and apostasy as truth and loyalty. And at this time the power of his satanic inspiration is moving the living agencies to carry out the great rebellion against God that commenced in heaven. {TM 16.1} 

News And Comments

Aug. 3—Perch Interactive

The Post-Covid Rise Of QR Codes In US Retail And The Retailers That Use Them

Yet another item to add to the list of things that many claim to be the "Mark of the Beast". The QR code is being promoted and catching on as a way to conduct touchless business, especially in making buying decisions, allowance of people to move about, and more. The Bible is clear, "he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand,

or in their foreheads" (Revelation 13:16). He does not create the mark. The mark has already existed. It just gets enforced at the end of time. Those that do not understand the true antichrist and think it is futuristic, do not realize antichrist has already been here and declared what their mark is. They then received a deadly wound and since that time, have been coming back to life, where "all the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 13:3). Compare the description of antichrist in Daniel 7 to Revelation 13, and an

honest soul will see that every thing matches except two items. Daniel says that antichrist would "think to change times and laws" (Daniel 7:25). John says that there is a "Mark of the Beast". If Daniel and John agree on 4 points of the antichrist, do you not think that John labels the changing of God's times, found in the fourth commandment being the seventh day into Sunday, being the match? It indeed matches. And that is what the beast admits to having as their mark. People do not even listen to the beast brag about their mark

because people have forgotten who the antichrist is.

Sept. 30—National Catholic Register

Pope releases apostolic letter on sacred Scripture

"In an apostolic letter dedicated to Sacred Scripture, Pope Francis said that even today, Christians can learn new things from the countless translations of the Bible that exist." Every translation since the effort to get the most accurate translation possible, as in the KJV translation process, has done nothing but twist the meaning of verses. For the pope to be in favor of all of these translations, which aid those that just want to believe anything they want, means that there is an agenda in these translations, hence, why the Bible says, "it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered" (Daniel 8:12), referring to the antichrist. Each modern translation has been based on an agenda of making it more acceptable by society, hence, why Romans 8:1, in newer translations, leave off "who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" because that means we are not just saved by the grace side of salvation but sanctification is part of the gospel too.

Oct. 1—Lucis Trust

The United Nations: Manifesting the Vision of the One humanity

The pope's encyclical is all about "one humanity" making the UN a puppet of the papacy, especially when the papacy has declared that they are addressing all of humanity instead of just their own religion. "And all the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 13:3).

Oct. 1—CBS – Pittsburgh

Fireball In The Sky: Social Media Lights Up With Reports Of Giant Meteor Across The East Coast

Are we on the verge of this prophecy being fulfilled? Bible (last part): "And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven" (Luke 21:11). EGW: "In the visions of the night a very impressive scene passed before me. I saw an immense ball of fire fall among some beautiful mansions, causing their instant destruction. I heard someone say, 'We knew that the judgments of God were coming upon the earth, but we did not know that they would come so soon.' Others, with agonized voices, said, 'You knew!' Why then did you not tell us? We did not know." On every side I heard similar words of reproach spoken" {Ev 43.1}.

Oct. 1—Ice Age Farmer

GREEN SABBATH: Sunday Lockdowns for "Gaia" & Jubilee for the Earth

"Climate alarmists—from the Pope to Rabbis to

Greta—are calling for a Sunday 'Green Sabbath,' forcing people to stay home in deference to Gaia. Now that people are used to perfect surveillance and enforced lockdowns, the stage is set for this truly Satanic inversion: worship of the creation, instead of the Creator, on a day chosen by the Catholic church." Revelation 17:18 says, "And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth." There is a worldwide unification to want to enforce a Sunday Sabbath as opposed to God's Sabbath outlined in the fourth commandment.

Oct. 6—World News Daily

Now they're blaming 'white Christians' for the wildfires

"California, Oregon and Washington are burning – and it's all the fault of 'white Christians.' So says a professor at Oregon State University because "white Christians" are "science-deniers" who don't believe in catastrophic man-made global warming." The spirit of putting the blame for calamities upon the faithful is very well present. In the future, "It will be urged that the few who stand in opposition to an institution of the church and a law of the State, ought not to be tolerated; that it is better for them to suffer than for whole nations to be thrown into confusion and lawlessness. The same argument

eighteen hundred years ago was brought against Christ by the 'rulers of the people.' 'It is expedient for us," said the wily Caiaphas, 'that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.'" [John 11:50.] {GC88 615.1}

Oct. 6—RT News

Round up the 'anti-vaxxers'? Enlist religious leaders? Bill Gates warns US needs to brainstorm ways to reduce 'vaccine hesitancy'

Just remember, in the days of Elijah, it was 850 against Elijah (1 Kings 18:19). In the time of Moses, it was 250 famous leaders (Numbers 16:2). If you do not know the word of God for yourself, you will be deceived because pretty much all of the famous preachers today are compromised and will deceive.

Oct. 9—Breit Bart

Gov. Cuomo: 'I Don't Care' About Your Religion — 'You Have to Follow the Rules of the State'

"Then Peter and the [other] apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

Oct. 10—Reuters

Pull investments from companies not committed to environment, pope says

And this is why "The merchants of these things, which were made rich by

her" (Revelation 18:15).

Oct. 14—BBC

Netherlands backs euthanasia for terminally ill children under-12

Here is what the Bible permits on the topic of euthanasia.... (silence). Exodus 20:13 says, "Thou shalt not kill."

Oct. 16—Vatican News

Cardinal Cupich on "Fratelli tutti": 'Children of the same earth'

ARTICLE: Pope Francis now addresses all of humanity as one tribe, one race, the human race, to speak "to us of an essential and often forgotten aspect of our common humanity: we were created for a fulfilment that can only be found in love." BIBLE: "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2:4). He just exalted himself over everything that God has made by addressing all of humanity.

Oct. 20—Vatican News

Pope Francis: 'No one is saved alone'

The Bible teaches individual salvation as John the Baptist and Jesus condemned connection to even Abraham being thought of automatic salvation. The Bible says, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall

be saved" (John 10:9). The word "he" is individualism.

Oct. 20—Washington Post

Masked pope, faith leaders pray for peace and pandemic's end

Daniel 8:25 says, "And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify [himself] in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."

Oct. 20—Vatican News

Pope signs Rome 2020 Appeal for Peace

ARTICLE: An Appeal for Peace is signed in Rome by Pope Francis and by leaders of world religions gathered at the International Prayer Meeting for Peace "No one is saved alone - Peace and Fraternity". BIBLE: Daniel 8:25, "And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify [himself] in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand." 1 Thessalonians 5:3, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." Revelation 13:3, "All the world wondered after the beast."

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Oct. 21—AP News

Francis becomes 1st pope to endorse same-sex civil unions


The Holy Bible is quite clear on God's position in the matter, yet, "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

Oct. 30—CNN

Vast traffic jams stretch in and out of Paris on eve of lockdown

"Be assured that the call is for our people to locate miles away from the large

cities. One look at San Francisco as it is today would speak to your intelligent minds, showing you the necessity of getting out of the cities. Do not establish institutions in the cities, but seek a rural location. The call is, "Come out from among

them, and be ye separate." The very atmosphere of the city is polluted. Let your schools be established away from the cities, where agricultural and other industries can be carried on." {21MR 90.3} 

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