# 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.

# April Meeting at Oakland, California

Ellen White

My mind is much drawn out towards you as you assemble. Again and again I find myself talking to you in my dreams, but in every case you are in some trouble. But whatever shall come, let it not enfeeble your moral courage and cause you to degenerate to a heartless form. The loving Jesus is ready to bless abundantly, but we individually need to obtain an experience in faith, in earnest prayer, in rejoicing in the love of God. Shall any of us be weighed in the balances and be found wanting? We must

watch ourselves watch the least unholy promptings of our nature, lest we become traitors to the high responsibilities God has bestowed upon us as His human agencies. We must study the warnings and corrections He has given His people in past ages. We do not lack light. We know what works we should avoid, and what requirements He has given us to observe, so if we do not seek to know and do that which is right, it is because wrongdoing suits the carnal heart better than the right thing.

There will ever be faithless ones who will have to be borne forward by the faith of others. They have not an experimental knowledge of the truth and have not felt its sanctifying power upon their own souls. It should be the work of every member of the church, not in a bluster nor for display, but quietly and diligently to search his own heart and see if his life and character are in harmony with God's great moral standard of righteousness. The Lord has done great things for you in California, partic-

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#### Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

Jerry O'Donnell

We are living in unprecedented times. No, I am not talking about the pandemic still active. No, I am not talking about the potential for World War III over the Ukraine and Russia conflict. No, I am not talking about the social media controls placed on opposing narratives. No, I am not talking about the runaway inflation. Although, if you add all those things together, we certainly could say we are living in unprecedented times.

What I am talking about is the worldwide fake news that is being perpetrated around the world touching every aspect of life so much so that we actually do not know what the reality is anymore. And, do not tell me that you get your news from trusted resources. I have seen where FoxNews has revealed many fake news items from CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN, and many others. Likewise, these networks uncovered fake news where FoxNews was the culprit.

Then we have nontraditional media resources that have taken photographs out of context reporting in a manner of speculation. For instance, years ago there was a train carrying numerous military tanks. It was reported that the UN was moving in to occupy US soil. Here, the train was carrying newly manufactured tanks and using a train to take them to their destination. Or, was that the fake news?

All over social media, there are "fact checkers" that are better termed as "agenda furthering messengers". They try to place doubt in what is being reported, and in many cases, are simply triggered by the use of a word or phrase that has nothing to do with the information being provided by the "fact checker".

Then we turn to overseas and try to see if we can find the truth from those resources, and we find that they, too, use photos from years ago and try to present them as current news events. Even actors and actresses are being paid to further misinformation. It is so bad that in some cases, actual movie clips from the entertainment industry have been passed off as factual and current events in reality.

Therefore, we have finally come to a time where people will be seeking for truth and not be able to find it. Eventually, "they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find [it]" (Amos 8:12).

This is why we have to be careful about being news junkies. Yes, we include news material in our publication, but we try to deal with non-speculative items with our focus being upon the instruction from God and not so much the news items themselves.

Jesus never told us to educate the public that high gas prices is the result of climate change policies, like shutting down the pipeline, making us dependent upon foreign energy. Jesus never told us to educate the public that if wages have doubled since pre

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# The mission of The Four Angels' Messages Minis-

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

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

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

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

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(Continued from page 1) ularly in Oakland. But there is much more that He would be well pleased to do for you if you will make your works correspond with your faith. God never honors unbelief with rich blessings. Review what God has done, and then know that it is only the beginning of what He is willing to do. We must place a higher value than we do upon the Scriptures, for therein is the revealed will of God to man. It is not enough to merely assent to the truthfulness of God's Word, but we must search the Scriptures to know what they contain. Do we receive the Bible as the "Oracle of God?" It is really a divine communication as though its words came to us in an audible voice. Oh, we do not know its value, its preciousness, because we do not obey its instructions.

There are evil angels at work all around us, but because we do not discern their presence with our natural vision, we do not consider as we should the reality of their existence as set forth in the Word of God. If there were nothing in the Scriptures hard to be understood, man in searching its pages would become lifted up in pride and self-sufficiency. It is

never best for one to think that he understands every phase of truth, for he does not. Then let no man flatter himself that he has the correct understanding of certain portions of Scriptures and feel it his duty to make everybody else understand it just as he does. This will never answer. Let intellectual pride be banished from us. I lift my voice in warning against every specie of spiritual pride. There is abundance of it in the church today.

When the truth we now cherish was first seen to be Bible truth, how very strange it appeared, and how strong was the opposition we had to meet in presenting it to the people for the first time. But how earnest and sincere were the truth-loving, truthobeying ones. We were indeed a peculiar people. We were few in numbers, without wealth, without worldly wisdom or worldly honors; and yet we believed God, and were strong and successful, a terror to evildoers. Our love for one another was firm, it was not easily shaken. The power of God manifested in our midst, the sick were healed, and there was much calm, sweet, holy joy. But while the light has continued to increase, the advancement of the church has not been proportionate to the light. The fine gold has gradually become dim, and deadness and formality have come in to cripple the energies of the church. Their abundant privileges and opportunities have not led His people onward and upward to purity and holiness. A faithful improvement of the talents entrusted to them by God would have increased those talents greatly. Where much is given, much will be required. Those only who faithfully accept and appreciate the light God has given us, and who will take a high, noble stand in self -denial and selfsacrifice, will be channels of light to the world. Those who do not advance will retrograde on the very borders of the heavenly Canaan!

I have been shown that our faith and our works in no way correspond to the light of truth bestowed. We must have not a half-hearted faith, but perfect faith that works by [love] and purifies the soul. God calls upon you in California to come into close relationship with Him. One point will have to be guarded, and that is individual independence. As soldiers in Christ's army, there should be concerted

action of the work in the various departments. No one has a right to start out on his own responsibility and advance ideas in our papers on Bible doctrines and place them in the front when it is known that there are various opinions on the same subject and that it will create a controversy. The first-day Adventists have done this. Each one has followed his own independent judgment, and sought to present original ideas, until there is no concentrated action among them except perhaps that of opposing Seventh-day Adventists. We should not follow their example.

Each soldier is to act with reference to the others. Our strength must be in God, and it must be husbanded to be put forth in noble, concentrated action. It must not be wasted in meaningless efforts. In union there is strength. There should be union between our publishing houses and our other institutions, and then they will be a power, and will stand, although they may be few in numbers. Good soldiers of Jesus Christ will not act independent of each other. Not a particle of strife or rivalry should exist between the workers. The work is one, superintended by one

Leader. Occasional and spasmodic efforts have done harm. However energetic they may be, they are of little value, for the reaction will surely come. We must cultivate a steady perseverance, continuous searching to know and do God's will.

We should know what we should do in order to be saved. We cannot, my brethren and sisters, float along with the current of the world. The work for us to do is to come out and be separate. This is the only way we can walk with God as did Enoch. Enoch had divine influences working constantly with human effort. Like Enoch we are called upon to have a strong, living, working faith, and this is the only way we can be laborers together with God. We must meet the conditions laid down in the Word of God or die in our sins. We must know what moral changes are essential to be made in our characters through the grace of Christ, in order to be fitted for the mansions above. I tell you in the fear of God, we are in danger of living like the Jews, destitute of the love of God and ignorant of His power, while the blazing light of truth is shining all around us.

Ten thousand times ten thousand may profess to obey the law and the gospel. Men may in a clear manner present the claims of truth upon others, and yet their own hearts be carnal. Sin may be loved and practiced in secret, the truth of God may be no truth to them. The love of the Saviour may exercise no constraining power over base passions. We know by the history of the past that men may stand in sacred positions and handle the truth of God deceitfully. They cannot lift up holy hands to God without wrath and doubting. This is because the mind of God has no control over their minds. The truth was never stamped upon the heart. "It is with the heart that man believeth unto righteousness." Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all [thy] heart, and with all thy soul, and all thy mind and all thy strength. Are you doing this? Many are not. They never have done it. Their conversion was superficial. They drink up impurity with the Word of God. Satan stands by the side of souls when that Word is in their hands, and they clothe its utterances with their own evil, debasing imaginings. I have been shown this.

"If ye then," says the apostle, "be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on the things on the earth." The heart is the citadel of the man. From it are the issues of life or death. Until the heart be purified, a person is unfit to have any part in the fellowship of the saints. Does not the Heartsearcher know who are lingering in sin regardless of their souls? Has there not been a witness to the most secret things in the life of every one?

I was compelled to hear the words spoken by some men to women and girls, words of flattery, words that would deceive and infatuate. Satan uses all these things to destroy. Some of you may thus have been his agents. If so, you will have to meet these things in the judgment. The angel said of this class, "Their hearts have never been given to God. Christ is not in them. Truth is not here. Its place is occupied by sin, deception, and falsehood. The Word of God is not believed and acted upon."

"A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you." I believe with all my heart that the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the world; and those who have had great light and opportunities and have not improved them will be the first to be left. They have grieved away the Spirit of God. The present activity of Satan in working upon hearts, and upon churches and nations, should startle every student of prophecy. The end is near. Let our churches arise. Let the converting power of God be experienced in the heart of the individual members, and then we shall see the deep moving of the Spirit of God. Mere forgiveness of sin is not the sole result of the death of Jesus. He made the infinite sacrifice not only that sin might be removed, but that human nature might be restored, rebeautified, reconstructed from its ruins, and made fit for the presence of God.

I would say to my brethren in Oakland, do not be continually enlarging your publishing house. Bind about your plans. Do with some inconvenience. This will be your danger. In building your house of worship, you will, I fear, invest too largely. In building, consider that you may invest needlessly means which might be placed in another house of

worship where the people greatly need it. Will you not consider this?

We should show our faith by our works. The greater anxiety should be that the church members may have a large measure of the Spirit of Christ. Having the mind and spirit of Christ will be the strength of the church. Ever work for unity. It is Satan who is working to have God's children drawing apart. Love, oh, how little love we have. Love for God and love for one another. We are separated from the world by the Word and spirit of truth dwelling in our hearts. The immutable principles of truth and love bind heart to heart, and the strength of the union is according to the measure of grace and truth enjoyed. Well would it be for us to hold up the mirror, God's royal law, and see in it the reflection of our individual characters. Let us be careful not to neglect the danger signals and the warnings given in His Word. Unless heed is given to these warnings, unless defects of character are vigorously overcome, these defects will overcome the ones who possess them, and it will be plainly seen by God's faithful ones who these are, for they will lapse

into error, apostasy, and open sin. The mind that is not elevated to the highest standard will in time lose its power to retain that which it had once gained. "When thou thinkest thou standest, take heed lest thou fall." "Ye therefore beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away by the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

God has selected a people in these last days whom He has made the depositaries of His law, and this people will ever have disagreeable tasks to undertake. "I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil, and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars; and hast borne, and hast patience, and for My name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted." It will require much diligence and a continual struggle to keep evil out of the church. There must be rigid, impartial discipline exercised, for there will be those who have a semblance of

religion who will seek to undermine the faith of others, and who are privily at work to exalt themselves and perpetuate their defects.

The Lord Jesus on the Mount of Olivet plainly stated that because iniquity abounds, the love of many shall wax cold. He speaks of a class who have fallen from a high state of spirituality. Let such utterances as these come home in solemn, searching truthfulness to our hearts. Where is the fervor, the devotion to God, that corresponds to the greatness of the truth we claim to believe? The love of the world, the love of some darling sin, have weaned the heart from the love of prayer and from love of meditation upon sacred things. A formal round of religious ceremonies is kept up, but where is the love of Jesus? But spirituality is becoming dead. Is this dull torpor, this mournful deterioration to be perpetuated? Is the lamp of truth to flicker and go out in the darkness because it is not replenished with the oil of grace?

Oh, I wish that every minister and every one of our workers could see this matter as it has been presented to me. It is the self-esteem and self-sufficiency which

are killing spiritual life. Self is lifted up. I is talked about. Oh, that self might die; but self dies hard. "I die daily," said the apostle Paul. When this proud, boasting, selfsufficiency, and this complacent selfrighteousness permeate the soul, there is no room for Jesus. He would be placed on the lower seat, while self would swell into importance and fill the whole temple of the soul. This is the reason why the Lord can do so little for us. Should He work with our efforts, the instrument would appropriate all the glory to his smartness, his wisdom, his ability, and congratulate himself as did the Pharisee, "I pray three times a day. I pay tithes of all I possess," etc., I, I, I, until I finally falls into grievous sins. Then because it is I, thoughts are entertained that the Lord will not hold I to strict account. When I shall die, and self shall be hid in Christ, I will not be brought to the front so frequently. Shall we meet the mind of the Spirit of God? Shall we dwell much more upon practical godliness and far less upon the mechanical arrangements?

The servants of Christ should live as in the sight of God and in the

sight of angels. They should seek to understand the requirements of our time and prepare to meet them. Satan is constantly attacking us in new and untried ways, and why should the officers in God's army be inefficient? Why should they leave any faculty of their nature unused, uncultivated? There is a great work to be done; and if there is any want of harmonious action in doing it, it is because of self-love and selfesteem. It is only when we are careful to carry out the Master's orders, without leaving our stamp and identity upon them, that we work efficiently and harmoniously. "Press together," said the angel, "press together."

I urge upon you who minister in sacred things to dwell more upon practical religion. How rarely is seen the tender conscience and true heartfelt sorrow of soul and conviction for sin. It is because the Spirit of God has not its deep movings in our midst.

Christ is the ladder which Jacob saw whose base rested on the earth and whose topmost round reached the highest heavens. This shows the appointed method of salvation. We are to climb round after round of this lad-

der. If any one of us shall finally be saved, it will be by clinging to Jesus as to the rounds of a ladder. Christ is made unto the believer wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption.

Let no one imagine that it is an easy thing to overcome the enemy, and through faith and perfect obedience gain eternal life. Not one can be borne aloft to an incorruptible inheritance without effort on his part. To look back is to grow dizzy, to let go is to perish. Few appreciate the importance of striving constantly to overcome. They relax their diligence and as the result become selfish and selfindulgent; spiritual vigilance is not thought to be essential. Earnestness in human effort is not brought into the Christian life.

There will be some terrible falls by those who think they stand firm because they have the truth; but they have it not as it is in Jesus. A moment's carelessness may plunge a soul into irretrievable ruin. One sin leads to the second, and the second prepares the way for a third, and so on. We must as faithful messengers of God plead with Him constantly to be kept by His power. If we swerve a single inch

from duty, we are in danger of following on in a course of sin that ends in perdition. There is hope for every one of us, but only in one way—by fastening ourselves to Christ and exerting every energy to attain to the perfection of His character. This goody-goody religion that makes light of sin and that is forever dwelling upon the love of God to the sinner encourages the sinner to believe that God will save him, while he continues in sin and he knows it to be sin. This is the way that many are doing who profess to believe present truth. The truth is kept apart from their life, and that is the reason it has no more power to convict and convert the soul. There must be a straining of every nerve and spirit and muscle to leave the world, its customs, its practices, and its fashions.

I must say to you that God has shown that the truth as it is in Jesus has never been brought into the lives of many in California. They do not have the religion of the Bible. They have never been converted, and, unless their hearts are sanctified through the truth which they have accepted, they will be bound up with the tares, for they bear no precious clusters of fruit to show that they are branches of the living Vine.

I speak to you from this far-off land, "Seek ye the Lord while He is to be found, call ye upon Him while He is nigh. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts, let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."

The lives of many show that they have no living connection with God. They are drifting into the channel of the world. They in reality have no part or lot with Christ. They love amusement and are filled with selfish ideas and selfish plans, hope, and ambitions. They serve the enemy under the pretense of serving God. They are in bondage to a taskmaster, and this bondage they choose, making themselves willing slaves to Satan.

Shall we, my brethren, elevate the standard of righteousness? Will parents bring religion into their homes? Will they do their duty before God in seeking to close every door to the enemy? Will they disregard the positive injunctions of God and connect their children with unbelievers because this is the choice of their chil-

dren? Are there not reasons why the Spirit of God does not work with His people? Truth is kept in the outer court. Communion with God is forfeited to please worldly relations and friends whose hearts are constantly in opposition to the truth. The Searcher of hearts said [of] Abraham, "I know him that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment." God's blessing was upon Abraham because he would cultivate home religion. He who blesses the habitation of the righteous says, "I know him that he will command his household after him." There will be no betraying the truth on his part. There is a law. Abraham will keep it.

If you want the blessing of God, parents, do as did Abraham. Repress the evil, and encourage the good. Some commanding may be necessary in the place of consulting the inclination and pleasure of the children. Blind affection will not be the rule of the house. Indulgence, which is the veriest cruelty, will not be practiced. Will my brethren and sisters consider these things as we are nearing the judgment? Bring your children with

you into the house of God. Oh, the false ideas that are entertained, that the restraining of children is an injury, are ruining thousands upon thousands. Satan will surely take possession of them if you are not on your guard. Do not encourage their association with the ungodly. Draw them away. Come out from among them yourselves, and show them that you will be on the Lord's side.

Said Joshua, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve. Whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood or of the gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Will those who claim to be children of the Most High elevate the standard, not for a day, not simply while assembled in your meeting, but as long as time shall last? Will they not be on the Lord's side and serve Him with full purpose of heart? If you do as did the children of Israel in forsaking God's express requirements, you will surely receive of His judgments, but if you put away sin and exercise living faith, the riches of heaven's blessings will be yours.

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### "Comments on Galatians 3"

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"But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed." Verse 23.

It has been abundantly proved that "under the law" indicates, in general, a state of sin and consequently of condemnation. See the comments on Rom. 6:14; Gal. 4:4, 5, 21; 5:18; and Romans 7. The idea of bondage is everywhere connected with sin. It is a cruel master. Paul says: "The law is spiritual; but I am carnal, sold under sin." In the verse before us, we have the strongest expression on this point that occurs in the Bible. Take earthly laws as an illustration of the fact. When they are violated, the offender is seized as soon as possible, and cast into prison. He is "shut up" to await either the execution of the penalty or a pardon. Of course in earthly affairs miscarriages of justice often

take place. Sometimes a culprit is not apprehended, and very often the guilty escape without either sentence or pardon. But from the law of God there is no escape. There is a standing sentence of death on all who violate it, and consequently as soon as a man sins, he brings himself under its curse. He is "condemned already." Moreover, although sentence may not be executed speedily, God's Government does not, like human governments, need detectives to ferret out the criminals. "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." Prov. 15:3.

As in human governments the criminal is cast into prison as soon as he is detected, so violators of God's law are at once "shut up." As soon as they transgress the law, they are indicted and condemned, and there is not possibility of escape from the threatened penalty. Yes there is just one way of escape. "The righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ" will make the man stand free before God. The sinner, as is described by Paul in Rom. 7:14, 24, may strive with all his might to keep the law, and to get rid of the body of death that is fastened to him. But how can the guilty one help himself when he is "shut up" in prison, "in bondage," and securely chained to a body of death? All his struggles are fruitless. He makes an effort to escape in this direction, but finds himself confronted by the prison wall; then he makes an effort on the other side, and there the massive wall opposes an effectual barrier to his progress. He is absolutely "shut up" to the faith which may afterwards be revealed as the only means of

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escape from present guilt, and from the wrath to come.

Peter carries out the same idea when he calls the wicked antediluvians "the spirits in prison," and says that Christ, by the Spirit, went and preached to them. 1 Peter 3:18-20. If they had listened to his preaching, they might have been released from prison, for it is the mission of Christ "to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." Isa. 61:1.

Take notice that in every case of just imprisonment it is the law that seizes the criminal, shuts him up, and keeps him confined until his trial and execution. The sheriff, jailer, and executioner are only agents of the law. It is the strong arm of

the law that gives power to the prison walls and bolts. But for the violated law, they could have no power to confine a man. So the law is in reality the jailer to every criminal. This idea is carried out in the verse under consideration. The New Version makes it emphatic by saying, "But before faith came, we were kept in ward under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed." The addition of the words "in ward" is not unwarranted. The Greek is sugkleismenos, which carries the idea of confinement, from kleis, a key. Alford says on the expression, "were kept in ward": "Not simply 'kept,' as authorized version, but as Chrysostom says, as it were in a fortress." And this

Luther's version, which reads: "Wurden wir unter dem geaetz ferwahret und ferschosen." "We were under the law, guarded and imprisoned." The word "ferschlosen means "locked up," from schoss, a lock, a castle, a fortress. All this agrees with the known office of any law, - to confine within prison walls those who violate it.

"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." Gal. 3:24.

The word
"schoolmaster" does
not convey to us the
idea of the original. The
Greek is paidagogos
(paidagogos), pedagogue. The paidagogos
was a slave who
attended the children
on their way to school,
beating them if they

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were inclined to play truant. He also had charge of them out of school, having the general duty of correcting their manners. We have come to use the word pedagogue as synonymous with school-teacher, but in reality we have nothing which corresponds to the ancient paidagogos. In the New Version the word is rendered "tutor," the first definition of which is, "One who guards, protects, watches over, or has the care of another." The word occurs in but one other place in the New Testament, in 1 Cor. 4:15, where in King James's Version it is rendered "instructor." "Though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel." Here the same idea is conveyed as in Gal. 5:24, 25. The Corinthians might have many tutors, many who would lay down the law to them, and show them their errors, but they had not many, who, like Paul, would preach "Christ, and him crucified," and with the tenderness of a father win them to faith in Christ. The old meaning of "pedagogue" still attaches to the word "tutor," for it is very common to speak of

"tutoring" some person, the idea being that of disciplining, of correcting with authority.

This idea is still further carried out in Luther's translation, where the Greek word paidagogos is rendered zuchtmeister, which means "a master of a house of corrections;" "a taskmaster" "a jailer." Before faith came we were kept in prison, under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed; wherefore the law was our master in that house of correction, to lead us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

The reader will notice that the idea that the law acts as a jailer to sinners does not conflict with the idea that it also acts as a tutor, or pedagogue. It acts as pedagogue by virtue of its office as jailer. As jailer it shuts us up in a stronghold from which we cannot escape. Now the more galling this imprisonment is made, the more our desire to escape is increased; and since there is no means of escape except through faith in Jesus Christ, it follows that the more of a jailer we feel the law to be, the more of a pedagogue it becomes, forcing us to flee for refuge

to the hope set before us.

This office the law now has, and it has no other. It cannot pardon; it can only point out our sin. It is this which, directed by the Spirit of God, convicts of sin. Stung by his awakened conscience, the guilty one seeks peace and rest, but the law relentlessly charges him with his sin. All that it will do is to deepen convictions, and thus add to the load that weighs down the sinner. Finally, when he loses confidence in himself, and cries out, "O wretched man that I am," he is forced to cast himself at the feet of Jesus, saying, "Lord be merciful to me, a sinner." This is the only avenue of escape, and it is one that never fails. Thus the law literally drives the sinner to Christ, by shutting up every other way of freedom from guilt. And when the sinner has come to Christ, he learns from the one whose life is but the embodiment of the righteousness of the law. He is thus exhorted to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18. Christ says: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me." Matt. 11:29. He is "the way,

the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), that is, the law in its perfection. In Christ he may perform good works, because he walks at liberty. As the justified one abides in Christ and Christ in him (John 15:4), he is enabled finally to grow "unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

"But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Gal. 3:25-27.

The best comment on the expression, "after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster," is found in Rom. 8:1-4. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh; that the righteousness of the law

might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Or this: "For sin shall not have dominion over you; for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid." Rom. 6:14, 15.

Still another comment on Gal. 3:22-25, and a parallel passage is found in Rom. 3:20-25: "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight; for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe; for there is no difference; for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God."

Not only may the above text be applied the same as Gal. 3:20-25, but it must be ap-

plied to the same thing, for the argument in each place is exactly the same.

"For as many of you as have been baptized into Jesus Christ, have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Gal. 3:27-29.

This closes the chapter, and the argument. In the fourth chapter, an exposition of which has been given, the apostle goes over the ground in another way, to bring out additional points. There, as here, Christ is the focal point. Baptism is for the remission of sins. We are buried with Christ by baptism into death, and by that act we "put on Christ." And if we are Christ's, which honor we attain to only by the exercise of faith, then we are children of faithful Abraham, and with him are heirs of the promise. In this way, and in this way alone, can we be made "meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. W. {August 26, 1886 EJW, SITI 518.1 to 518.17}

# Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery (Exodus 20:14) Jerry O'Donnell

Please do not dismiss this article so quickly based upon the title. Many couples are quite faithful to their spouses and may find an article about staying faithful a bit unnecessary to read, but it is not that type of article. Many single people do refrain from marital activity and wait until they are married, but that is not what this article is about either.

Sure, Jesus said, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matthew 5:27-28). Again, many are able to refrain from looking upon a woman in that manner being single or married. Although it is directed to men because of how men and women are different, this still applies to women. Though men are more visual by design, women do have their temptations towards lustful thoughts through visual means at various levels. But again, this article is not about that either.

In fact, let us actually use Jesus' words to begin the real content of the article. Let us dive deeper than just the surface of the meaning. Sure, Jesus addressed the need to go deeper than the very top layer. When Jesus said that "it was said by them of old time", the top layer of understanding is physical. "I am allowed to look but not touch!" was the thought of the day as it is today. Well, Jesus addressed that by stating, "No, you may not even look." Let us take it to the third level though.

What is a woman in prophecy? God says, "I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate [woman]" (Jeremiah 6:2). And Zion is defined as, "Zion, Thou [art] my people" (Isaiah 51:16). We then conclude it is a church. Now, when the church is pure, we are espoused to Christ (2 Corinthians 11:2). If the church is impure, then it is said the church is "playing the harlot" (Jeremiah 3:8), which is called apostasy.

In looking at Jesus' words, adultery is the subject matter, therefore, we are addressing the harlot church. Do keep in mind, the main harlot church sits in Rome (Revelation 13:2), but she is known as "THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS" (Revelation 17:5). To be a mother, she has to have daughters, which are apostate Protestants.

Now, let us put things plainly together using Jesus' words. If we lust after an apostate church, we are committing adultery. And God says, "he knoweth not that the dead [are] there; [and that] her guests [are] in the depths of hell" (Proverbs 9:18). This makes it a serious salvation issue.

Now, how does one lust after the apostate churches? Many Seventh-day Adventists are members because of logic. Yes, there may be some love to God, but many hold to a reluctancy. And we see that reluctancy by trying to make our church become more like the churches they came out of. Many miss the choirs, and so will attend other churches

for the holidays, primarily Christmas season. Many look upon members of other denominations enjoying themselves in what we would term sin, and so there is a tendency to lower the standards. But we are told, "Never should we lower the standard of righteousness in order to accommodate inherited or cultivated tendencies to wrong-doing. We need to understand that imperfection of character is sin" {COL 330.2}. We ought to follow Moses example: "Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Hebrews 11:25).

All of those "old fashioned" ways, strict rules, etc., should never have been tossed out. The fear that such strictness causes rebellion is nonsense. If being lax on the rules means that more worldliness is permitted but they stay in

the church physically, what is it worth if they are not prepared to dwell with holy and perfect beings? As we just read, a little indulgence in that which is wrong is sin and will not be permitted into Heaven. That little indulgence can take on many forms, including but not limited to, allowance in worldly music and shows, worldly books, indulgence of appetite, allowance for the young to make friends with anyone their age, going to questionable places, and much more. In addition to "lightening up" on the rules, each generation passes that tendency to the next generation. And that is where we happen to be. Many Seventh-day Adventists attend church on Saturday but live like the world outside of church, including on the Sabbath.

We are counseled, "And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean; And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses" (Leviticus 10:10-11). But today, we have so much gray when it ought to be either holy or unholy, even spiritually clean or unclean. Any allowance for a little unholy or a little unclean is apostasy, at the very least, sinful. Full-on unholiness and uncleanliness is rebellion.

Keep in mind, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4). So, as the world increases its snares and makes it more difficult to avoid participating in the practices, will we lust for it, make compromises with it?

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Unfortunately, the adultery does not cease at the individual level. It does not cease at the family level either. The church is the level it has reached. The church is lusting after apostate Protestants, even the mother herself through this incessant want to be part of the ecumenical movement, to be joined with other denominations and all get along by signing agreements here and there undermining our unique positions and by sitting in, even leading out in the ecumenical sessions held. If they would only study The Great Controversy, accept Ellen White as a true prophet, but they do not. For this, they are "Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls" (2 Peter 2:14).

But remember this: "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are [these]; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told [you] in time past, that

they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God" Galatians 5:19-21). This is also reaffirmed in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, which says, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." Spiritual as well as physical adultery committed without repentance will not find a place in Heaven.

So, how can this be happening so wide spread in the church? Hosea 4:1-2 has the answer. "Hear the word of the LORD, ve children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because [there is] no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. by swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood." We are told that adultery would be committed. Why? Because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God.

And that seems to be the case in the world, like removing God from public schools as an example. But wait! That is not the focus group. In fact, the public sector has always sworn, lied, killed, stolen, adulterized. Who is God really addressing? The "children of Israel." That means the land is that of the nation of Israel. And seeing today the Seventh-day Adventist church is Israel, that means these verses apply to the church today.

And just so you know the application of Israel today is applied to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Ellen White penned, "They should make them acquainted with the great pillars of our faith, the reasons why we are Seventhday Adventists, - why we are called, as were the children of Israel, to be a peculiar people, a holy nation, separate and distinct from all other people on the face of the earth" {5T 330.2}.

Now certainly someone is going to pipe up and say, "God is mentioned in every church service, prayer group, etc." Oh, be very careful. Do we have truth being spo-

ken? With the larger portion of the church in apostasy where "not one in twenty whose names are registered upon the church books are prepared to close their earthly history, and would be as verily without God and without hope in the world as the common sinner" {PC 347.5} the truth is not spoken. Oh, God's name may be invoked but the God they speak of is not the same as the true God.

"No mercy" is inclusive of the wrong type of mercy where God's mercy drives people to repent from their sins (Micah 7:18) while the false mercy permits sinning, which sends a wrong message.

The knowledge of God is well distorted because the vast majority of the church believe we need to distance ourselves from the Three Angels' Messages and the Spirit of

Prophecy before being looked upon as a hate group, hence the book from the Conference called *The Great Hope,* the watered down version of *The Great Controversy*.

With truth fallen, mercy permitting sin, and no knowledge of God's last day merciful call in the messages we as a church are responsible to give, it did not take long for the children of a generation or two to come up not knowing who the antichrist is, what the mark of the beast is, and willing to pursue ecumenical behavior.

Jeremiah 5:7 speaks of this result over the past seventy years. "How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by [them that are] no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses." Did you catch that? They "assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses"! They gather in other denominational houses by groups, if one were to take "troops" as meaning a group; but why the word "troops"? Could it be that they are taking "marching" orders like troops from up the chain coming down through the pastoral lines using a different source than God? That is exactly what has been happening where the conferences dictates downward instead of the church upward as it used to be.

Mark 7:21-23 reveals what is in the hearts of these troops. "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit,

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lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within, and defile the man." These men and women that are leading our church are defiled. They are serving a different leader beyond selfish gain. When we are echoing the words of the United Nations, following the dictates of the government, repeating the words of the pope, know full well that many, most, almost all of the leadership is compromised. The very, very few that have not bowed the knee to Baal is why we say it is not completely or wholly given over.

Proverbs 6:26 tells us, "For by means of a whorish woman [a man is brought] to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life." While our leadership seeks after anything, even that of a mere piece of bread, precious souls are being sacrificed by being lied to and the lies will get worse. "The Lord has a controversy with his professed people in these last days. In this controversy men in responsible positions will take a course directly opposite to that pursued by Nehemiah. They will not only ignore and despise the

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

It is not like there are no warnings. There are plenty of them, for even Proverbs 6:32 states, "[But] whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he [that] doeth it destroyeth his own soul." The lack of understanding, especially when one dismisses light as contained in the Spirit of Prophecy, is the contributor.

All those that commit this spiritual adultery fail to understand the perspective of Jesus: "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:38).

Now, "if a woman", which is the church, "shall put away her husband," which is Christ, by discarding the importance of the light for these days as revealed through Ellen White, "and be married to another," such as Satan for there is no other option even though it be in the person of the papacy, "she committeth adultery" or is in apostasy (Mark 10:12). "It is a backsliding church that lessens the distance between itself and the Papacy" {ST, February 19, 1894 par. 4}.

So, how influenced are you by the apostates among Israel, let alone out in Babylon? Are you part of the true saints, who "keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12)?

### 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.

#### Did Mary Magdalene Arrive in Darkness or Sunshine?

Mark 16:1-2 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the [mother] of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first [day] of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

John 20:1 The first [day] of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

It is hard to believe that people have a problem

with this regarding the arrival of Mary Magdalene for there is more than one way to resolve this.

The first way is noting that the period known as the "rising of the sun" is still a bit dark. Mark's version does not state that the sun was risen. When the sun is rising, the darkness gives way to a light blue sky; then a bit of whiteness followed by yellow, red, or even orange glow; and when the sun is just beginning to be seen, during the very tip of the sun coming up, there is still darkness.

The second way is when the declaration of all the women is present at the sepulchre. Some people make an assumption that all of the women traveled together but that is not what the verse states. It just names the names of the women in Mark's version and what they were doing. If one were to call a meeting, the last one to arrive is when the meeting officially begins. Therefore, Mary Magdalene could have arrived first and then the other women arrive by the time the sun is still rising.

Either way, Mary Magdalene arrived while there was still darkness and definitely before the sun had risen completely.

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# Keep the Sabbath Holy

This regularly scheduled column is to enlighten us to proper keeping of the Sabbath through the writings of Ellen White and then additional comments by us, the publishers of this publication since we have so many surface readers as well as those that do not know how to apply certain statements.

Ellen White penned,
"As the sun goes
down, let the voice of
prayer and the hymn
of praise mark the
close of the sacred
hours and invite God's
presence through the
cares of the week of
labor." {6T 359.1}

There is so much in one simple sentence. Yes, we may have addressed singing regarding the Sabbath before inside one of the larger paragraphs we already studied, but using *Testimonies to the Churches*, volume 6, on the Sabbath subject and moving paragraph by paragraph as we have been for some time, we shall still address it.

Firstly, the statement of "as the sun goes down" means that we are gathered ahead of time if we are to enter into prayer and hymn or hymns at the time the sun goes down. There is to be no going about individually throughout the Sabbath day, taking notice at some point that it is dark on Saturday night

to announce to the household, "Hey, the Sabbath's over!", and then everyone just goes about doing what they want to do as "allowed" activity practiced during the six days of "labor" until the next Sabbath.

As there ought to be a

family recognition at the start of the Sabbath, so there should be one at the end of the Sabbath. Single people are not exempt from this acknowledgement, but when it comes to households with more than one person in them, all members are to gather for this recognition. Even

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Secondly, it should be a small service for the acknowledgement. Keeping in mind that we are to "guard the edges of the Sabbath", we ought not just have a simple thirty second prayer and maybe a song. More time will be involved for the sun to completely set. Some will start with prayer,



thank God for the Sabbath hours, conduct a spiritual reading from the Bible or the Spirit of Prophecy or other religious material that is not too elaborate to weary the minds, have a little discussion, close with song or songs, and then have a closing prayer asking for God's protection and guidance during the coming six days before us. These steps are not meant to be an outline for all households, but many find it difficult to know what they ought to do if it is not a twominute prayer and song to mark the close. Many will ask how they are to make it more meaningful, and so we supplied a suggestion ahead of time.

Thirdly, let us address the invitation of God's presence through the cares of the week of labor. Labor comes in many forms. The most popular is that of employment outside of the home and the work to maintain the home, including necessary store purchases. For children, there ought to be chores along with

school work. Whatever other labor there happens to be, we are to invite God to help us be efficient with His time, be patient in conducting the labor, request strength to physically and mentally to do a good quality job, and be able to make wise decisions wasting neither time nor means.

May the close of your Sabbath be with sincerity, purpose, proper, and blessed.

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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.

# Comments on Both Wheat and Fresh Fruit to Consider

#### WHEAT

It is a religious duty for every Christian girl and woman to learn to make good, sweet, light bread from unbolted wheat flour. Mothers should take their daughters into the kitchen with them when very young, and teach them the art of cooking. The mother cannot expect her daughters to understand the mysteries of housekeeping without education. She should instruct them patiently, lovingly, and make the work as agreeable as she can by her cheerful countenance and words of approval. If they fail once, twice, or thrice, censure not. Already discouragement is doing its work, and tempting them to say, "It is no use; I can't do it." This is not the time for censure. The will is becoming weakened. It needs the spur of encouraging, cheerful, hopeful words: "Never mind the mistakes you have made. You are but a learner, and must expect to make blunders. Try again. Put your mind on what you are doing. Be very careful, and you will certainly succeed." {1T 684.1}

Your appetites are morbid, and because you do not relish a plain, simple diet, composed of unbolted wheat flour, vegetables and fruits prepared without spices or grease, you are continually transgressing the laws which God has established in your system. {2T 66.2}

All wheat flour is not best for a continuous diet. A mixture of wheat, oatmeal, and rye would be more nutritious than the wheat with the nutrifying properties separated from it. {CD 321.1}

#### FRESH FRUIT

The Lord desires those living in countries where fresh fruit can be obtained during a large part of the year, to awake to the blessing they have in this

fruit. The more we depend upon the fresh fruit just as it is plucked from the tree, the greater will be the blessing. {7T 126.3}

For household canning, glass, rather than tin cans, should be used whenever possible. It is especially necessary that the fruit for canning should be in good condition. Use little sugar, and cook the fruit only long enough to ensure its preservation. Thus prepared, it is an excellent substitute for fresh fruit. {MH 299.4}

All who come to my table are welcome, but I place before them no meat. Grains, vegetables, and fresh and canned fruit constitute our table fare. At present we have plenty of the best oranges, and plenty of lemons. This is the only fresh fruit we can get at this season of the year. . . . {14MR 331.3}

In California there is an abundance for the table, in the shape of fresh fruit, vegetables, and grains, and there is

no necessity that meat be used. The weakness you experience without the use of meat is one of the strongest arguments I could present to you as a reason why you should discontinue its use. Those who eat meat feel stimulated after eating this food, and they suppose they are made stronger. After he discontinues the use of meat, he may for a time feel a weakness but when his system is cleansed

from the effect of this diet, he no longer feels the weakness, and will cease to wish for that which he has pleaded for as an essential to strengthen him. {SpM 38.3}

### Healthy And Delicious Recipes

#### Ingredients

- 1/2 12 oz.
   box silken extra firm tofu
- 1 cup pumpkin puree, canned
- 1/2 cup coconut cream, unsweetened
- 1/4 cup 100% pure maple syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon groun d cinnamon

#### Instructions

1. In a high-speed

#### Pumpkin Pudding

blender, combine the tofu and pumpkin and puree until smooth. Add the coconut cream, maple syrup, and cinnamon and blend again until smooth and creamy.

 Refrigerate pudding for several hours or overnight.
 Serve chilled.

#### **Notes**

If you prefer a sweeter pudding, add some coconut sugar to taste.

Do not increase the maple syrup or the pudding might get too runny.

Silken tofu is an undrained, unpressed Japanese tofu that has a custardy texture. Silken tofu is often labeled soft, firm, or extra firm. The extra firm is the best consistency for this pudding!



## Natural Remedies

**COMMENT:** In these times we live in, even access to natural supplements will become increasingly difficult to access, so we are going to try our best to use the most natural means possible to deal with health situations.

### Fennel for relief of shortness of breath

Fennel contains an expectorant property which can eliminate

phlegm and cure some of the respiratory disorders such as coughs, bronchitis, and congestion. Furthermore, it also contains iron

which is essential for the treatment of anemia. Therefore, it is no surprise to see fennel in the list of home remedies for shortness of breath.

#### How to use:

- Put a teaspoon of fennel seeds into some very hot water and steep for about 10 minutes.
   Strain and add some honey, and
- consume 2 to 3 times per day.
- Also, you might take some roasted fennel seeds to chew for even quicker relief.

# **Natural Vitamins**

#### Sunlight

When it comes to vitamins, many are ready to pop a pill, eat in a certain manner, or put something in the mouth. But natural vitamins do come in other forms, such as from the sun.

Excluding those that are unable to absorb this vitamin from the sun, and there is a sizable number of people that can spend all day in the sun and cannot absorb the vitamin D, the sun does provide to those who can absorb it an abundant amount of vitamin D, and it does not take long to get the daily dose.

A mere ten to thirty minutes upon exposed skin is all that is necessary. We are not encouraging people to uncover their bodies unnecessarily. The face, properly free from makeup, large sunglasses, and long hair hanging down in front,

is a sufficient amount of the body to be exposed to absorb the vitamin.

Now, we need to be careful about the hype regarding vitamin D. It is claimed that during the winter, even on a clear day, the body cannot absorb the vitamin, therefore, it is recommended during the winter months to depend upon supplements. If every natural vitamin dependent person were to listen to all such hype of one deficiency or another, we would be popping an amount of "natural pills" so plentiful that we would end up replacing a meal. There are people that push the theory that our body cannot absorb this or that and we need to take a supplement for this, that, and the other thing. If one were to listen to every single person that

pushes their favorite supplement, there would be no need for any other food. Yet, we are told "It would be well for us to do less cooking and to eat more fruit in its natural state. Let us teach the people to eat freely of the fresh grapes, apples, peaches, pears, berries, and all other kinds of fruit that can be obtained. Let these be prepared for winter use by canning, using glass, as far as possible, instead of tin" {7T 134.5}. Powdered versions of vitamins or liquid concentrates is not the "natural state". Though we do not say supplements ought to be avoided all together, we are just stating the fact that we need to be careful about the hype that goes with those.

For instance, did you know that when you get more than enough vitamin D from the natural source that the body will not overdose? Potentially, supplements can cause adverse effects. And here is something else that is interesting about vitamin D. The body stores the excess, so during those winter

months, like the dependency upon a battery only when the main electricity source is no longer supplied, the body draws from the excess.

And no, hiding behind windows in a car or

home is not a method of absorbing the vitamin from the sun. Get out and get fresh air and exercise while you are enjoying collecting vitamin D.

# Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible

If you are using anything but the KIV, 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.

# Tutor, Schoolmaster, Guardian?

These are the terms used in different versions of the Bible in which a tutor and a schoolmaster teaches while a guardian is like a person in charge in the place of a parent. The reason guardian is inappropriate is because it gives the impression that a child was led by the guardian who fought off the enemies and tended to the needs of the child but their work was done when they reached the person, Christ, Who then takes over. The child did not necessarily learn anything, in fact, it appears whatever would have been learned can be forgettable. A tutor,

schoolmaster, pedagogue, trainer, etc. educates. Specifically, the law teaches us about sin and that we need a Justifier, for the law cannot even protect us, for "the law [is] the knowledge of sin" (Romans 3:20). That is all that it is. It was never a law to earn Heaven, even before Jesus Christ, under the Old Testament.

#### In Error:

Berean Study Bible: So the law became our guardian to lead us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Catholic Public Domain Version: And so the law was our guardian in Christ, in order that we might be justified by faith.

Christian Standard Bible: The law, then, was our guardian until Christ, so that we could be justified by faith.

English Standard Version: So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.

GOD'S WORD® Translation: Before Christ came, Moses' laws served as our guardian. Christ came so that we could receive God's approval by faith.

Good News Translation: And so the Law was in charge of us until Christ came, in order that we might then be

put right with God through faith.

Haweis New Testament: Wherefore the law was our conductor, as of children, to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Holman Christian
Standard Bible: The
law, then, was our
guardian until Christ, so
that we could be justified by faith.

International Standard Version: And so the Law was our guardian until the Messiah came, so that we might be justified by faith.

Lamsa Bible: The law then was our pathfinder to bring us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.

Literal Emphasis Translation: So then, the law has been our guardian tutor unto Christ, so that from out of faith we may be justified.

**NET Bible:** Thus the law had become our guardian until Christ, so that we could be declared righteous by faith.

New American Standard Bible: Therefore the Law has become our guardian to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

**New Heart English Bible:** So that the law was our guardian to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

New International Version: So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith.

New Living Translation: Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith.

Smith's Literal Translation: So that the law was our preceptor towards Christ, that we might be justified from faith.

Weymouth New Testament: So that the Law has acted the part of a tutor-slave to lead us to Christ, in order that through faith we may be declared to be free from guilt. [Inclusion of the word "slave" changed the meaning of tutor into an incorrect meaning.]

Young's Literal Translation: so that the law became our child-conductor -- to Christ, that by faith we may be declared righteous,

Correct or close enough this time:

A Faithful Version: In this way, the law was

our tutor to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.

American Standard Version: So that the law is become our tutor to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Amplified Bible: with the result that the Law has become our tutor and our disciplinarian to guide us to Christ, so that we may be justified [that is, declared free of the guilt of sin and its penalty, and placed in right standing with God] by faith.

Anderson New Testament: So, then, the law was our pedagogue that led us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Aramaic Bible in Plain English: The Written Law was therefore a guide for us to The Messiah that we would be made right by faith.

Berean Literal Bible: so that the Law has become our trainer unto Christ, so that we might be justified by faith.

Bishops' Bible of 1568: Wherfore, the lawe was our scholemaister vnto Christe, that we shoulde be iustified by fayth.

Contemporary English Version: In fact, the Law was to be our teacher until Christ came. Then we could have faith and be acceptable to God.

Coverdale Bible of 1535: Thus ye lawe was or scolemaster vnto Christ, that we might be made righteous by

Darby Bible Translation: So that the law has been our tutor up to Christ, that we might be justified on the principle of faith.

# **Douay-Rheims Bible:**Wherefore the law was our pedagogue in

our pedagogue in Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

English Revised Version: So that the law hath been our tutor to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

#### Geneva Bible of 1587:

Wherefore the Lawe was our scholemaster to bring vs to Christ,

that we might be made righteous by faith.

Godbey New Testament: Therefore the law became our schoolmaster to lead us to Christ, in order that we may be justified by faith:

Literal Standard Version: so that the Law became our tutor—to Christ, that we may be declared righteous by faith,

Mace New Testament: so that the law was our school-master to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

New King James Version: Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

**Tyndale Bible of 1526:** Wherfore the lawe was oure scolemaster vnto

the tyme of Christ yt we might be made rightewes by fayth.

Webster's Bible Translation: Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

World English Bible: So that the law has become our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Worrell New Testament: So that the law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Worsley New Testament: So that the law was our guide to lead us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

# **Questions And Answers**

Allow at least three (3) months before your question may appear.

**QUESTION:** Is there a problem in not divulging the name Seventhday Adventist right away when trying to share the gospel?

ANSWER: "In laboring in a new field, do not think it your duty to say at once to the people,

We are Seventh-day Adventists; we believe that the seventh day is the Sabbath; we believe in the nonimmortality of the soul. This would often erect a formidable barrier between you and those you wish to reach. Speak to them, as you have opportunity, upon points of doctrine on which you can agree. Dwell on the necessity of practical godliness. Give them evidence that you are a Christian, desiring peace, and that you love their souls. Let them see that you are conscientious.

Thus you will gain their confidence; and there will be time enough for doctrines. Let the heart be won, the soil prepared, and then sow the seed, presenting in love the truth as it is in Jesus" {GW 119.4}.

**QUESTION:** Who will have the true Spirit?

**ANSWER:** Ephesians 1:13-14 states, "In whom ye also [trusted], after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

Those who respond to the truth have the true Spirit. Those who refuse to be guided into truth (John 16:13) and reproved "of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:8) make up the lack by invoking demonic spirits that cause the speaking in tongues, false miracles, and many other physical manifestations to prove that they have the Spirit when they do not.

**QUESTION:** Should hot foods (spicy) be examined for health issues by doctors and also tell of the increase in crime?

ANSWER: Although we may agree with that statement, reality reveals that all of the scientific evidence will prove nothing in the the procedures of investigating crimes. However, since you brought up the topic, let us take a moment and read the connection that Ellen White makes, remembering that she never had a medical degree or finished third grade.

"Sanitariums are the right hand of the gospel. In them the sick are to be taught that sin is the transgression of the law, and that it is this transgression that brings disease and suffering. In our sanitariums temperance in all its bearings is to be taught. Those who are suffering as the result of a wrong course of action are to be shown the necessity of reform in their habits of life. They have violated the laws of health. By the eating of flesh meat and of rich, highlyspiced food, they have injured the digestive organs, and if they would get well, they must adopt a simple,

wholesome diet" {PUR, March 23, 1905 par. 1}.

A wrong diet, including highly-spiced foods, contributes to the sins in the world. Highly-spiced foods include many condiments as well, like hot mustards.

**QUESTION:** Why is covid-19 allowed to be such a catastrophe when God can stop it?

ANSWER: First, God is not able to just "willynilly" stop anything or Satan would cry "foul!" This planet chose Satan. Satan's plans or experiment of a lawless environment has to play out so as to starkly contrast those of Satan as opposed to those on God's side. Yes, there have been moments of intervention, such as the flood. Sin has been put in its place as in Sodom and Gomorrah. But to fulfill prophecy, it has to run the course.

Jesus gave us warning. "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places" (Matthew 24:7). And then there is the worldwide deception involving the pharmaceutical industry, of which cannot perpetrate its deceptions without first

having a worldwide purpose to inject people "for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived" (Revelation 18:23), where "sorceries" is the Greek word "pharmakeia".

If God were to cause things like this to cease, He would be delaying the inevitable final events, even if it were man-made.

**QUESTION:** Shall we accept vaccine? I mean

Paul was not affected by the poison of the snake.

ANSWER: God has a principle: "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are" (1 Corinthians 3:17). And, "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for

of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries" (Hebrews 10:26 -27).

Now, let us pause for a moment. Those who ignorantly have gotten the shot, and even boosters, are not condemned, but "the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30).

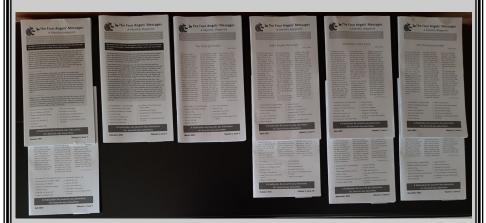
"People need to be taught that drugs do

#### **Need Some Past Issues?**

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not cure disease. It is true that they sometimes afford present relief, and the patient appears to recover as the result of their use; this is because nature has sufficient vital force to expel the poison and to correct the conditions that caused the disease. Health is recovered in spite of the drug. But in most cases the drug only changes the form and location of the disease. Often the effect of the poison seems to be overcome for a time, but the results remain in the system and work great

harm at some later period" {MH 126.3}.

So, we return back to Paul and the snake. Paul did not purposely expose himself to the snake. The incident happened by accident. Satan, of course, tried to assassinate Paul by the venomous creature but Jesus' protection prevailed: "They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:18).

"It is not safe for us to linger to contemplate

the advantages to be reaped through yielding to Satan's suggestions. Sin means dishonor and disaster to every soul that indulges in it; but it is blinding and deceiving in its nature, and it will entice us with flattering presentations. If we venture on Satan's ground we have no assurance of protection from his power. So far as in us lies, we should close every avenue by which the tempter may find access to us" {MB 118.1}.

# **Prophecy Made Plain**

In this new article, as requested by our readership, we will address one last day event at a time and try to put it into plain speak.

#### The Mark of the Beast

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

So, there is some object or mark that determines if we will be able to buy or sell. It will be

caused, compelled, forced upon every walk of life.

We are also told, "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name" (Revelation 14:9-11).

Now, there is a group that successfully avoids the mark: "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his im-

age, and over his mark, [and] over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God" (Revelation 15:2). And there is a group that receives the mark and are punished: "And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and [upon] them which worshipped his image" (Revelation 16:2).

Evidently, it is important to understand exactly what the Mark of the Beast is. If one understands who the beast is, we could just ask it what their Mark happens to be and find out. In fact, one really can do that and get an answer from their bragging beast in its publications throughout history.

But can the scriptures actually tell us what the Mark of the Beast is without consulting any other resource? In fact, many non-Seventh-day Adventists beat up on Seventh-day Adventists claiming that only Ellen White tells the church what it is, but that is actually a lie. And we are going to prove it.

Daniel and Revelation both describe the activity of the antichrist. However, while Daniel is addressing the antichrist as the little horn, Daniel has one extra activity while not mentioning anything about the Mark of the Beast. John, on the other hand, in addressing the antichrist as a conglomerate beast in Revelation does mention the Mark of the Beast but misses one of the activities that Daniel had mentioned. Could that activity be known as the Mark of the Beast?

First, both Daniel and Revelation declare the antichrist as being invincible. Daniel 7:21 says, "I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them" while in Revelation 13:4, it says, "... saying, Who [is] like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?"

Second, both Daniel and Revelation state that it blasphemes. Daniel 7:25 tells us, "And he shall speak [great] words against the most High..." while Revelation 13:5 tells us "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies."

Third, both Daniel and Revelation describe the fact that the antichrist wars against the saints, by penning in Daniel 7:25, "...shall wear out the saints of the most High...", as compared to Revelation 13:7, "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations."

Fourth, both Daniel and Revelation put a timeframe upon the beast's reign before receiving the deadly wound (Revelation 13:3) by declaring in Daniel 7:25, "...they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time", and in Revelation 13:5, "...power was given unto him to continue forty [and] two months."

Having four out of five points match exactly makes a reasonable person conclude that the extra activity in Daniel is actually the Mark of the Beast. And the fact that John does not mention that activity but brings forth an object called the "Mark of the Beast" makes one to reasonably conclude that John simply labeled this activity from Daniel as the Mark of the Beast.

So, Daniel alone tells us that the antichrist would "think to change times and laws" (Daniel 7:25) while John in Rev-

elation simply identifies "a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads" (Revelation 13:16). This act of appearing to change God's laws, specifically the one dealing with time, is what provides the apparent authority of the antichrist. If no one goes along with this apparent change, the antichrist would have no power, but the fact that the world goes along with the change, and then some, means they are recognizing the authority of the antichrist. The "then some" refers to all of the denominations that not only go along with the change but have completely dismissed the commandments all together. And there is only one commandment that deals with time - it is the fourth commandment. A counterfeit to the Sabbath is the Mark of the Beast. There has only been one real, worldwide counterfeit and that is Sunday as the Sabbath.

Please take notice that Daniel mentions the word "times" to imply at least two changes would occur to the Sabbath. The first is obvious - instead of the Sabbath being God's seventh day of the week, the antichrist makes it the first day of the week. But the antichrist was not satisfied with sundown Saturday to sundown Sunday, the time of the day was also adjusted to being mid-night to mid-night lining up perfectly with the pagan sun worship day called Sunday. God's people were instructed to keep track of days by the movements in the sky and not a clock: "And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years" (Genesis 1:14).

Therefore, plainly spoken, the Mark of the Beast, which the beast acknowledges as their "Mark of Authority", is none other than that of Sunday being in place of God's seventh day Sabbath.

Now, from Heaven's perspective, the Mark of the Beast is not officially here yet because it has not reached en-

forcement status. Right now, "the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30). Many sincere Christians are entering, and already have entered the grave thinking that Sunday is the Sabbath in ignorance and God winks at that, meaning, there will be a whole lot of people going to Heaven who did not keep the right day. But there is coming a time, very soon, in which everyone will be made aware of the truth and will make a conscious decision to choose one day or the other. To help choose the wrong day, the second beast of Revelation 13 will cause the world to suffer if they do not choose the Mark of the Beast by getting all of the nations to restrict buying and selling.

That is alright because when all decisions are made, those who made the wrong choice will then suffer worse by receiving the plagues and then head to hell. The second beast also suffers severely as well.

### 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.

#### February 13

# Northwest Adventists Salmon Church Holds International Food Fair

Germany's booth was represented by Dealia and Dera Hamilton and Linda Davis. They offered a unique dish called beef rouladen beef wrapped around a pickle and simmered in a sauce. They also served a delicious German fry-bread known as grable, to some, and dough gods, to others. The Italian table, operated by Mary Rose Blakely, featured lasagna. Cooking for the Chinese station were Polly Barton and Betty Axtell. They had fried rice, orange chicken, spring rolls and lo mein.

eGW: There is a great work to be done in bringing the principles of health reform to the notice of the people. Public meetings should be held to introduce the subject, and schools should be held in which those who are interested can be told more particularly about our health foods and of how a wholesome, nourishing, appetizing

diet can be provided without the use of meat, tea, or coffee. . . . {Ev 534.2}

#### March 2

#### **Fox 19**

#### Alabama High School Athletic Association explains reason for not moving Adventist team's game from Sabbath

AHSAA executive director Alvin Briggs replied to Ivey's letter, stating that based on becoming a full member of the association, the team agreed back in 2017 to participate in all playoff games without a petition or forfeit if they fell on a Friday or Saturday. Briggs added the association simply upheld the agreement that Oakwood made.

Bible: 2 Corinthians 6:16-17 "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in [them]; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive you,"

Comment: So, either the school was so interested in competition that they closed their eyes to the fine print or they knew of the requirement but thinking that the tournament would make a special exception if it came to that. They certainly placed the idolizing of sport above a "Thus saith the Lord!". I would dread to think they knew of the agreement to break the Sabbath and agreed to it anyways violating the Sabbath with intent at the time of the signing.

#### March 7

#### The Collegian

#### An Interview with our Favorite Guitar Player, Jake Langford

WWU Rockstar. Langford is rocking out on his guitar at battle of the bands.

**Comment:** The use of the word "rockstar" is an idol term. Battling of

the bands is a competition. The reference to "rock" is Satan's music. How one little line is so wrong! And then when one watches the video (briefly), the facial expressions, the body rocking, and the movements are nothing that Jesus would have ever done or approve of.

EGW: The things you have described as taking place in Indiana, the Lord has shown me would take place just before the close of probation. Every uncouth thing will be demonstrated. There will be shouting, with drums, music, and dancing. The senses of rational beings will become so confused that they cannot be trusted to make right decisions. And this is called the moving of the Holy Spirit. {2SM 36.2}

The Holy Spirit never reveals itself in such methods, in such a bedlam of noise. This is an invention of Satan to cover up his ingenious methods for making of none effect the pure, sincere, elevating, ennobling, sanctifying truth for this time. Better never have the worship of God blended with music than to use musical instruments to do the work which last January was represented to

me would be brought into our camp meetings. The truth for this time needs nothing of this kind in its work of converting souls. A bedlam of noise shocks the senses and perverts that which if conducted aright might be a blessing. The powers of satanic agencies blend with the din and noise, to have a carnival, and this is termed the Holy Spirit's working, {2SM 36.3}

#### March 4

#### Advent Messenger

Ash Wednesday: Catholic Priest Mark Maxon Applies Ashes to Adventist Health Associates, Caregivers, Physicians, Patients and Visitors in Observance of Lent

Adventist Health celebrated Ash Wednesday at two of its California hospitals on March 2, 2022. Adventist Health Bakersfield and Adventist Health Tehachapi brought in a spiritual health care team, which included a Roman Catholic priest, and offered "blessed ashes" to their patients and employees. Adventist Health proudly shared this "religious" event on social media for all to see.

Bible: Ezekiel 8:13-14

"He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, [and] thou shalt see greater abominations that they do. Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD'S house which [was] toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz."

Comment: Weeping for Tammuz is the pagan origin of what has been "Christianized" by the Catholic Church as Lent, a unique period of forty days starting with the marking of Ash Wednesday and finishing the day before the celebration of Ishtar, or Easter. According to the Bible, this would be an abomination that eventually comes into the church.

#### March 8

North American Division

AdventHealth Breaks Ground on Emergency Room, Part of Renewed Alliance with Walt Disney World

To commemorate this important milestone in the renewed alliance between AdventHealth and Walt Disney World Resort, a very special guest — Mickey Mouse — participated in the ceremony.

Comment: This is the

same Mickey Mouse that is portrayed performing magic. This is the same Walt Disney Corporation that undermines Christianity and has become blatantly anti-Christian in movie content as well as at the resorts.

EGW: Even in business relations we cannot, without involving principle, connect ourselves with those who are not loyal to God. What the one party feels that conscience forbids, the other allows. And this not merely in regard to religious matters, but in business transactions. The one acts from selfish motives, regardless of God's law or the salvation of the soul; and if the other sincerely loves God and the truth, there must be either a sacrifice of principle or frequent and painful differences. It will require a continual struggle to resist the worldly influence and example of his ungodly associate. He has great difficulties to meet; for he has placed himself on the enemy's ground. The only safe course is to give heed to the inspired injunction: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and

what communion hath light with darkness?" "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean; and I will receive you." {HS 215.4}

#### March 20

#### Fulcrum 7

# Adventist Church Australia Posts Picture of Leaders Back In Office, SDA Leftists Outraged Because No Women Are In The Picture

These Adventist social justice cancel-culture warrior wannabees are outraged because culture is their guiding light, their religion of choice. These individuals are hostile towards any accouterments of the church that conflict with culture.

EGW: There is a spirit of worldliness coming into the church, and it must be firmly met and rebuked. If this is not done, there is a failure to make known the whole counsel of God. Unless we humble our hearts before God, unless we seek him earnestly, we shall be overcome by the temptations of Satan; and those whom we neglect to warn, to reprove, to exhort, with all long-suffering and doctrine, will be ensnared by his devices, and we shall not be guiltless. {RH, April 8, 1884 par. 9}

#### March 28

#### Fulcrum 7

#### Loma Linda Schedules First Gender Re-Assignment Surgery

**Bible:** God created he him; male and female created he them (Genesis 1:27).

**Comment:** So, it appears Loma Linda has the authority to change God's assignment.

#### March 31

#### Fulcrum 7

#### Chris Oberg Officiates In Transgender Transition Ceremony For Former SDA Pastor

On October 9, 2021, Loewen announced on his Facebook page that he was now a (transgender) woman and preferred to be called 'Esther.' Leowen made a public post on Facebook that God is a woman, or at least a female of some sort.

These two ex-Seventhday Adventist pastors were incubated in the progressive breeding ground of western culture, bringing these ideas into the church that you and I cherish. The end result will be the moral demise of thousands of Adventist children. Pacific Union, NAD, SECC, your chickens have come home to roost and they are rainbow colored. We saw it coming. And it is tragic.

**Bible:** The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment:

for all that do so [are] abomination unto the LORD thy God (Deuteronomy 22:5).

### **News And Comments**

#### February 28—People

#### Defiant Snake Island Soldiers Are Actually 'Alive and Well' Despite Earlier Reports, Military Says

It used to be that news outlets would jump on news too early just to be first, and would get it wrong. Then politics really set in so they were making up dirt on the other political party and fabricating news. Now, despite the implication that the facts were not reported properly, news is, in fact, blatant propaganda. Fox News has been caught with fake photos of empty shelves; though they are pretty empty today, but CNN is notorious for fake news along with all other major networks. Unfortunately, we are not news professionals and do not have the resources to verify every article, so do take all news reports as suspect before accepting them as fact. Even video is reused, relocated, and even doctored content to push an agenda, but all content is manipulated in one form or another. We live in an age of misinformation done on purpose as never before seen on the scale it is today. "I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth" (1 John 2:21).

#### March 1—Huff Post

#### Pat Robertson Resurfaces To Offer Worst Possible Take On Ukraine

This is, along with all other alarmists, based upon Ezekiel 38. The concerning matter is that Ezekiel 38:15-16 states, "And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: And thou

shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes" and parallels Daniel 11:44, which states, "But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many." The evangelicals label Russia as King of the North. Many others label Turkey or resurgence of the Ottoman Empire as the King of the North. Basically, with both theories paralleling each other, those who believe Turkey to be the King of the North are nothing short of being infiltrated by evangelical thinking. The King of the North is identified in Daniel 11:6 through 15 well before there was

even an Ottoman Empire. Paralleling Daniel 8, both show that the King of the North grows out of one of the four quadrants of the fallen Grecian Empire growing from the northern quadrant and becoming a horn that magnifies above the "Prince of princes" that being political Rome becoming religious-political Rome. Stating that "Elder Smith spoke in the morning upon the Eastern question" {LS 225.3} does not mean Elder Smith had the correct answer. It was just a statement of fact that such was the subject matter. Nothing more. Let us be careful of the allowed evangelical infiltration where the focus is on a God forsaken piece of land [Israel] (Luke 13:34-35) and put where Paul declares, "he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly" (Romans 2:28) "But he [is] a Jew, which is one inwardly" (Romans 2:29) in which Israel is spiritual now since the cross.

March 2—The Advertiser

What is considered seafood? During Lent, alligator, beaver and more make the cut

What utter nonsense of mere human beings determining what is

editable and what is not. Just because a creature spends significant time in water does not make it a fish. Why would a beaver be allowed but not a groundhog? They are close cousins. Just because the beaver swims in water, does that make it a fish all of a sudden? But what does God have to say about all of this? First, He declared what is and is not a fish in Leviticus 11 along with what is editable and not editable, which descended from Noah, of whom we are all related to. "Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that [are] not clean by two, the male and his female" (Genesis 7:2). Further, God foresaw someone coming along "Forbidding to marry, [and commanding] to abstain from meats" (1 Timothy 4:3). Further, Ezekiel in prophetic vision of the future is told, "he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD'S house which [was] toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz" (Ezekiel 8:14). Is it a coincidence that the pagan celebration of "weeping for Tammuz" lasted 40 days prior to

the celebration of Ishtar's celebration in Spring, which right around what many Christians call Lent.

March 3—Fox News

Virginia Democrats block bill to protect religious freedom against executive orders

The first amendment states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." That means the constitution is superseded by states. Congress may not restrict religions but states do have the power unless explicitly stated in the individual state documents themselves. So, we see the party that tries to control even religion in this case. Overall, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29) no matter what restrictions a party places upon us.

March 7—NBC News Covid will 'probably' become a seasonal

#### virus, like the flu, Walensky says

"CDC officials say it's increasingly likely the coronavirus will never truly go away, instead simmering at low levels and rising in the winter." The sad part is that it was always a flu like pattern but it seems at the end of 2019, there was an agenda to make it into a pandemic to issue the worldwide controls. Covid has been around well before 2019, 2020, 2021, and now 2022 is nothing short of an exaggeration. All they are doing is just returning Covid back to the rightful place it has always been - just a different category of cyclical illness (flu, colds, and Covid). "Ye are of [your] father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:44).

#### March 9—In the Know

'Did My 2-Year-Old Just Remember How He Died in a Former Life?': Toddler Shocks Mom with Eerie Details of Being an Adult No. There was no former life. Former lives are not of God. In fact, "they are the spirits of devils, working miracles" (Revelation 16:14). It is a shame that the devil will even use a 2 year old. And by the way, that is what is being fed into the child's mind ... the remembrance of a former life that the devil witnessed and is now dictating to an innocent mind.

#### March 10—ABC Columbia

# South Carolina Senate OKs call for constitutional convention

It is doubtful that this is the method to fulfill prophecy but the devil is certainly using every angle. "Our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and Republican government" {5T 451.1}

# March 10—The Daily Beast

#### Russia Says Injured Pregnant Woman Is a Crisis Actor. She's Actually a Pregnant Blogger.

There is an agenda going on. Are the Ukrainians innocent? Are they pawns to cause the next world war? Is Russia simply just trying to annex the Ukraine and

build back the USSR? Both sides are lying. Where the truth is, God only knows, but if we trust any of the media outlets, we certainly will fall prey to the final deception when the narrative is to accept the Image of the Beast but presented in such a way that only rebellious people are resisting and must die. "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie" (2 Thessalonians 2:11). "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Revelation 13:15).

# March 11—Business Insider

People are requesting 'fox eye' surgeries to look like Bella Hadid, but it can cause a lopsided appearance. Here's what you need to know.

1 Peter 3:3 states in general as well as specific examples, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward [adorning]...". People are willing to endure pain, spend money, and all sorts of things to simply attract people to them-

selves. The sad part is that God made them unique, but they selfishly are not just dealing with life's blemishes but completely changing the appearance into something God did not intend for that person. It is so sad that people idolize appearance so much.

# March 13—MV Times Faith and Climate

"We believe that climate change is an urgent issue — which is spiritual, moral, and ethical, as well as economic and social. The sentiments expressed by Pope Francis in his encyclical on the environment 'Laudato Si' resonate with us. We commit to work individually and with others to do what we can to be stewards of the great gift of our natural environment." All these efforts are to bring the liberal churches in line with the solution being a Sunday law, but if people are honest, the liberal churches have no desire to seek political control. Further, "climate change" does not rely upon scripture but relies upon fear -fear that the end of the world is coming. Political control and use of scripture are two requirements of the Sunday enactment, where

to the scriptures, have no evidence for their position, and simply enforce what they are used to - Sunday being "the Lord's Day". These two points alone tell us that it cannot come in through the liberal left but the religious right who bring it in to enforce morality. "The same masterful mind that plotted against the faithful in ages past is still seeking to rid the earth of those who fear God and obey His law. Satan will excite indignation against the humble minority who conscientiously refuse to accept popular customs and traditions. Men of position and reputation will join with the lawless and the vile to take counsel against the people of God. Wealth, genius, education, will combine to cover them with contempt. Persecuting rulers, ministers, and church members will conspire against them. With voice and pen, by boasts, threats, and ridicule, they will seek to overthrow their faith. By false representations and angry appeals they will stir up the passions of the people. Not having a "Thus saith the Scriptures" to bring against the advocates of the Bible Sabbath, they will

the Protestants will go

resort to oppressive enactments to supply the lack. To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law. Those who fear God cannot accept an institution that violates a precept of the Decalogue. On this battlefield comes the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. Now, as in the days of Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people." {5T 450.2}

# March 14—Rolling Stone

# Michael Flynn Says Putin's Ukraine Invasion Is Disrupting Bill Gates' 'New World Order'

Although the article dismissed Flynn as a pet conspiracy holder minimizing his impact of the statement regarding Bill Gates and the New World Order, we do not believe the New World Order is the child of Bill Gates alone, but he is influential in the process. Despite what the media states, the Bible says that antichrist would work "With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been

made drunk with the wine of her fornication" (Revelation 17:2) pushing towards the goal that "These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast" (Revelation 17:13). That is the New World Order. In fact, antichrist works with "the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Revelation 18:3). On top of that, Revelation 18:23 states, "... by thy sorceries were all nations deceived", remembering "sorceries" in Greek is "pharmakeia". And what merchant is pushing pharmaceuticals? Bill Gates is the answer, but he is not the antichrist.

#### March 15—Complex

#### Woman Pleads Guilty to Spiking Her Employees' Energy Drinks With Colon Cleanser

God says, "I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health" (3 John 1:2), but that does not give anyone permission to try and make others be in health. We are to provide information and live it ourselves. That is all.

March 17—UCI
New COVID variant

#### spreads quickly in NJ. Here's what you need to know about BA.2

"See that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet" (Matthew 24:6). Fear is the instrument people are controlled by. Jesus tells us not to be troubled.

#### March 18—Fox

#### Energy agency: Reduce speed limits, ban driving on Sundays to save oil

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

March 19—Pehal News
Parasitic worms in

your shellfish lead a

#### creepy but popular lifestyle

If people would only obey God's health rules and stop eating the garbage disposals! "And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which [is] in the waters, they [shall be] an abomination unto you" (Leviticus 11:10). No, Jesus did not clean up the unclean animals nor give Peter permission. No, this is not just for the Jews as we are all related to Noah and Noah was told, "Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that [are] not clean by two, the male and his female" (Genesis 7:2). This a physical issue with creatures, so for health's sake, stop thinking that this forbiddance of unclean meats is spiritual.

#### March 20—The Gateway Pundit

#### Globalist Agency Calls for Energy Lockdowns including Banning Cars on Sundays to Achieve Climate Goals

"The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the undercurrent is tending. Its professions are mild and apparently Christian, but when it shall speak it will reveal the spirit of the dragon." {5T 452.1}

# March 20—Natural Blaze

#### Barcoding Nature: The Largest Global Land Grab In Human History

"Purchasing large swathes of agricultural land. Large investors, such as Bill Gates along with other large investors are making huge inroads into this area." What does Bill Gates and other elites know that we do not? Control the food supply, control the people. "The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force" (Matthew 11:12), and in this case, the violence is soon to come. Keep in mind, the violent do not need to physically kill people with a gun or other weapon. Starving people, injecting people with who knows what, etc., are all violent acts upon humanity.

March 21—Natural Blaze

Was A "Highly Patho-

#### genic Avian Influenza" Ravaging The Food Supply On Your 2022 Doomsday Bingo Card?

"There shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places" (Matthew 24:7). Pestilences do not have to be upon humans only. But does it seem odd to anyone that everything is being attacked all at once? With 21 states declaring H5N1 alerts and placing restrictions upon the poultry, yet price driving is not the way to affect grocery stores.

# March 22—News Week

#### Joe Biden's 'New World Order' Comment Jumped on by Conspiracy Theorists

Popular media outlets are already dismissing the New World Order away as being just a conspiracy theory. The Bible confirms it though: "And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed" (Revelation 13:12).

#### March 30—AP News

DNC, Clinton campaign agree to pay FEC fines

#### over Fusion GPS payments for Trump dossier

In not picking political sides as I adhere to the quote that is about to follow, this is one of the most blatant schemes ever perpetrated by a political party since the Nixon schemes. Do not be voting and getting caught up in all of these schemes. Vote only for referendums but not for lying, scheming politicians. "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 schemes" {FE 475.2}.

#### March 24—NY Post

#### Biden warns of global food shortages as Russia-Ukraine war upends wheat supplies

Jesus did say, "... there shall be famines ..." (Matthew 24:7). Here they come on a more global basis. There ought to be no reason

for the US to suffer like this being the "bread-basket to the world" but globalists made sure that all countries are dependent upon each other and here is the result.

# March 31—News World Update

#### Boston-area school board blocked church's private school due to Christian beliefs, lawyers claim

The first amendment states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;..." Evidently the school board declared that they are not "congress", therefore, they can prevent the free exercise of religion. It used to be understood that all forms of government would adhere to the first amendment even if they were not "Congress", but with the latest attempts at pushing Christianity

out, the respect has changed. "Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith" (2 Timothy 3:8).

#### March 31—The Hill

#### First Nations members urge Pope Francis to revoke papal decrees

ARTICLE: The decrees, issued in 1455 and 1493, approved of colonial explorers' seizure of Indigenous land in Africa and the Americas and were used in the Doctrine of Discovery, according to CBC News. "Because we didn't have souls, that gave the right for these explorers to do whatever they wanted with Indigenous Peoples - murder, rape, enslave," Kaluhyanu:wes Michelle Schenandoah, an Oneida Nation member, explained, according to CBC.

COMMENT: Now the

reason why Pope Francis is hesitating is because "it is the boast of Rome that she never changes. The principles of Gregory VII and Innocent III are still the principles of the Romish Church. And had she but the power, she would put them in practice with as much vigor now as in past centuries. Let the principle once be established in the United States, that the church may employ or control the power of the State; that religious observances may be enforced by secular laws; in short, that the authority of church and State is to dominate the conscience, and the triumph of Rome in this country is assured" {GC88 580.3}.

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-COVID in which minimum wage was about eight dollars an hour and now they are unofficially fifteen, sixteen, even eighteen dollars, that prices of goods are going to skyrocket. Jesus never told us to educate the people about chemtrails, stolen elections, abortion rights, conservative versus liberal politics, etc.

Jesus said that we were to be "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20). And for true Seventh-day Adventists, we are to be teaching from the outline of the Three Angels' Messages.

Chemtrails is not part of that outline, nor is any political activity. Sure, these things will make a great impact on us, but we are told, "see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass" (Matthew 24:6). To be troubled by all these legitimate items includes giving any significant amount of time to them. Can you stop the chemtrails? Can you stop the Russian invasion of the Ukraine, or is it Russia defending itself against US biolabs in the Ukraine? Is Russia hitting the Ukraine because it hurts many of our politicians with underhanded connections in the Ukraine? Who knows and who cares!

React to the results of what is going on as it happens to make an impact on your life, but keep your eyes upon the mission.

The reaction is by adjusting our budget, seeking alternative

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#### Ellen White Abbreviations In this Issue

1SM - Selected Messages Book 1

1T - Testimonies for the Church Volume One

2SM - Selected Messages Book 2

2T - Testimonies for the Church Volume Two

5T - Testimonies for the Church Volume Five

6T - Testimonies for the Church Volume Six

7T - Testimonies for the Church Volume Seven

14MR - Manuscript Releases Volume Fourteen

CD - Counsels on Diet and Foods

COL - Christ's Object Lessons

EV - Evangelism

FE - Fundamentals of Christian Education

GC - The Great Controversy (1911)

GC88- The Great Controversy (1888)

**GW** - Gospel Workers

HS - Historical Sketches of the Foreign Missions of the Seventh-day Adventists

LS - Life Sketches of Ellen G. White

MB - Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing

MH - The Ministry of Healing

PC -The Paulson Collection of Ellen G. White Letters

PUR - Pacific Union Recorder

RH - The Review and Herald

SpM - Spalding and Magan Collection

ST - The Signs of the Times

(Continued from page 43) means to provide physical bread for the family and spiritual bread for the world, but stop spending hours discussing these things and bringing it up with people everywhere you go. It causes the recipients of those statements to become distant and not wanting to hear the saving message we are responsible to give them. Do not be scaring them off, from their perspective, with facts or possible fake news, that they are not ready to receive. But instead, tell them to "Fear God!" and "give glory

to Him! for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters" (Revelation 14:7). God bless you as you turn not to the left or the right with all of these distractions.

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