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.

A Chosen People

Ellen White

"Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. ... Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles; that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation."

These words point out the high standard that we should maintain before the world. The God of heaven has done everything that He could do to win our allegiance. He made an infinite sacrifice that we might be brought out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Claiming possession of the world, Satan determined to get possession also of the minds of men. He comes to them with the advantages offered by the world and says, "All these shall be yours if you will worship me." And many, lured on by the prize held out by him, bow at his shrine.

With a mighty arm and with wonderful manifestations of His power, God brought Israel out of Egypt. He made them His chosen people and gave them His law. He said to them: "Thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy GodKnow therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations."

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Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

Jerry O'Donnell

You may have seen the sharp increase in the yearly subscription. Thanks to inflation that is directly causing increased prices on all paper products and the constant increase in postage, there was a huge jump this time around, but the increase from \$29 to \$35 per subscription actually no longer covers our expenses and now we rely very much upon donations to offset the actual cost.

Of course, the subscription is not something we enforce either. Those on fixed incomes are severely feeling the pinch of the economy and those who were supporting the product through the paying of the subscription are now being challenged. We get the letters and the phone calls with tears accompanying them. I personally will continue my secular employment, and just like James White, if need be, find additional income. I want no one, I repeat, I want no one to feel bad and cancel the delivering of the publication to try to save us on our costs. As stated before, indirectly, by reducing the mailing list, we lose our bulk discount and it could actually cost us more per person.

For those interested in real figures, the actual cost to us is \$69.50 per person. That means, the request of \$35 is merely about 50% coverage of our costs, however, if we asked for the full coverage, we doubt that many would continue to subscribe and we would have a mass exodus on our hands.

Now, the printers are reworking the thickness of the paper for the publication. Right now, there is a thicker outer page to stand up to the devices of the postal system that each piece of mail runs through and a thinner set of inner pages. Believe it or not, by using two different thicknesses, it is actually a higher cost, however, making them all the same paper weight as the cover is even higher. Therefore, the print shop is attempting to downgrade the cover and upgrade the insides to meet a paper

weight that is consistent and yet durable. So far, this theory will save on each mailing bringing the personal cost down to \$56.00 per person. That is a bit more reasonable but not sufficient. I am providing the details to you (though I may have lost some of you in the details) because we want to know if the publication is sturdy enough to withstand the machines of the postal system. If we hear that too many cover pages are unreadable and severely damaged beyond a bit of wrinkling, we would like to know. We shall assume that all arrived well unless we hear otherwise.

On our side, we have attempted a new layout. In the January issue, approximately the same amount of print was used in the publication as was in the prior issues. Laying the publication out in two columns as opposed to the prior three-column layout appears to have saved us on two sheets of paper. This may further reduce the per person subscription cost. Time will tell as the bill for the January mailing has not been received here on December 12th, the start of the February content.

As for the witnessing publication that is called *Have One Mind in Christ,* it seems the quantity of people on that mailing list is enough to keep the publication at around \$19 per person. And believe it or not, we have had a number of people requesting personally to be added to the publication and they have paid their own subscriptions. Praise God!

And as always, all tithe money received as "our salaries" are then received personally as it should be, then we pay tithe personally off that, and the rest is donated back into the ministry. Using tithe money directly on the publication is not biblical, but God does not forbid us from collecting the tithe and reinvesting it. So, that is exactly what is done.

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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.

About The Four Angels' Messages Ministry

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To us also have been spoken the words, "Ye are a chosen nation." Our work is to show forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. How are we to do this? By showing to the world that we are a commandment-keeping people, walking in harmony with God's law, by never losing sight of His goodness and love, and by making everything in our lives subordinate to the claims of His Word. Thus we shall be representatives of Christ, showing forth in our lives a transcript of His character.

"But," one says, "I thought the commandments were a yoke of bondage." It is those only who break the law that find it a yoke of bondage. To those who keep the law, it is life and joy and peace and happiness. The law is a mirror into which we may look and discern the defects in our characters. Should we not be grateful that God has provided a means whereby we may discover our shortcomings?

There is no power in the law to save or to pardon the transgressor. What then does it do? It brings the repentant sinner to Christ. Paul declares, "I have taught you publicly and from house to house, testifying to the Jews and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Why did he preach repentance? Because the law of God had been transgressed. Those who have broken the law must repent. Why did he preach faith in Christ? Because Christ is the One who has redeemed sinners from the penalty

of the law. The Law points to the remedy for sin—repentance toward God and faith in Christ.

Do you wonder that Satan wants to get rid of the law? He and all his agencies are striving to trample underfoot the commandments of Jehovah and to erect a standard of their own. We are to show that God's chosen people will keep His commandments, refusing to swerve to the right or to the left in disobedience. They are to show that the truth of heavenly origin has done great things for them, that its converting power has taken hold of their souls.

Paul declares, "I had not known sin but by the law.... I was alive without the law once; but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died." The commandments remained the same, but Paul died.

In true conversion, the sinner is first convicted of his real condition. He realizes that he is a transgressor of God's law and that the Lord has claims upon him which He will not relinquish. He sees that the connection between himself and God has been broken, but that if he repents of his transgression, confesses his sin, and takes hold by faith upon the grace of Christ, the connection that has been broken will be restored.

If God could have changed His law to meet man in his fallen condition, Christ need not have come to this world. Because the law was immutable, unchangeable, God sent His only begotten Son to die for the fallen race. But did the Saviour take upon

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Himself the guilt of human beings and impute to them His righteousness in order that they might continue to violate the precepts of Jehovah? No, no! Christ came because there was no possibility of man's keeping the law in his own strength. He came to bring him strength to obey the precepts of the law. And the sinner, repenting of his transgression, may come to God and say, "O Father, I plead forgiveness through the merits of a crucified and risen Saviour." God will accept all who come to Him in the name of Jesus.

In order for man to obtain eternal life, divine power must unite with human effort, and this power Christ came to place within our reach. He says, "Without me ye can do nothing." And He says again, "If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it." We have a right to lay hold of the arm of infinite power. When Christ came to the world, all heaven was poured out in this one great gift. God Himself came to us in Christ. "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip?" Christ said. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?"

My object in speaking these words to you today is to lead you to take your minds off the things of this world and place them on the things of eternity. If your affections are set on things above, if in the daily life you are seeking to follow the perfect pattern, you need never be discouraged. The enemy may seek to cast his dark shadow between you and Christ, but your faith is to pierce the gloom. What are we in this world for? To represent Christ and to be a blessing to our fellow men. Christ is to be formed in us, the hope of glory. We are to live His life, that our lives may show forth to

the world the love of God and power of the gospel.

When God's people take their eyes off the things of this world and place them on heaven and heavenly things, they will be a peculiar people because they will see the mercy and goodness and compassion that God has shown to the children of men. His love will call forth a response from them, and their lives will show to those around them that the Spirit of God is controlling them, that they are setting their affections on things above, not on the things of the earth.

In thinking of heaven, we may put our imagination to the utmost stretch and think the loftiest thoughts that we are capable of thinking, and our minds will grow weary in the effort to comprehend the breadth and depth and height of the subject. It is impossible for our minds to take in the great themes of eternity. It is impossible for us even to make an effort to understand these things without the effort effecting our whole character for good and having an uplifting influence on our minds. As we think of how Christ came to our world to die for fallen man, we understand something of the price that was paid for our redemption, and we realize that there is no true goodness or greatness apart from God.

Only by the light shining from the cross of Calvary can we know to what depths of sin and degradation the human race has fallen through sin. Only by the length of the chain let down from heaven to draw us up can we know the depths to which we had sunk. And it is only by keeping the unseen realities in view that we can understand anything of the wonderful theme of redemption.

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The Law of Moses - Part 4

Owen Russell Loomis Crosier

THE ANTITYPE

As this legal system which we have been considering was only a "shadow", a "figure" and "patterns" of no value in itself only to teach us the nature of that perfect system of redemption which is its "body", the "things themselves"; which was devised in the councils of heaven, and is being wrought out by "the only Begotten of the Father"; let us, guided by the Spirit of truth, learn the solemn realities thus shadowed forth. By these patterns, finite as we are, we may like Paul, extend our research beyond the limits of our natural vision to the "heavenly things themselves". Here we find the entire ministry of the law fulfilled in Christ, who was anointed with the Holy Ghost and by His own blood entered His Sanctuary, heaven itself, when He ascended to the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, as "A minister of the (Hagion) Holies, etc., Hebrews 8:6,2. -Paul, after speaking of the daily services in the Holy, and the yearly in the Holy of Holies, says, Hebrews 9:8, "The Holy Ghost this signifying that the way of the Holies (Hodon Hagion) was not yet made manifest; while as the first tabernacle was yet standing, which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered" etc., "until the time of reformation: But Christ being come, an High Priest of the (ton) good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, "by His own blood He entered on or into the holy things" (eis hagia) Hebrews 9:8-12. The phrase, eis hagia, verse 12, is the same as that rendered "holy places", verse 24. Hagia, in these two verses, is in the acc. pl. neuter and governed by the prep. eis which signifies on, into, upon, or among, Hagia, being a neuter adjective, is properly

rendered "holy things"; but Hagia in verse 2, is in the nom. sin. fem. and properly rendered, Holy place. The definite article "the", belonging before "good things" in verse 11 and Hebrews 10:1 makes the expression mean things "good in themselves, or abstractly good."

This shows the perfect harmony of Hebrews 9:11, 12, 23, 24, and Hebrews 10:1. The "things" are "good in themselves", "holy", or "heavenly", and in "heaven itself", where Christ has entered as our High Priest to "minister" for us; and those "holy things" "in heaven" are connected with the "greater and more perfect tabernacle", "which the Lord pitched and not man"; the same as the holy things of the first covenant were connected with their tabernacle, Hebrews 9:1-5; and all those holy things together make the Sanctuary. The Holies (two) verse 8, the way of which was not made manifest till the time of reformation, when Christ shed His own blood, belong to His "greater and more perfect tabernacle", spoken of in the next verse. I translate the names literal, because they are not literal in our common version. The Douay Bible has them as here given. The word in Hebrews 9:8, 10, 19, is Hagion, "of the Holies", instead of the "holiest of all"; and shows that the blood of Christ is the way or means by which He, as our High Priest was to enter both apartments of the heavenly tabernacle. Now if there be but one place in the heavens, as many say, why were there two in the figure? And why, in applying the figure, does Paul speak of two? Perhaps those who "despise the law" and "corrupt the covenant of Levi" can explain this; if not, we advise them to abide by Paul's exposition of the matter.

Hebrews 6:19, 20, is supposed to prove that Christ entered the Holy of Holies at His ascension, because Paul said He had entered within the veil. But the veil which divides between the Holy and the Holy of Holies is "the second veil", Hebrews 9:3; hence there are two veils, and that in Hebrews 6, being the first of which he speaks, must be the first veil, which hung before the Holy, and in Exodus was called a curtain. When He entered within the veil, He entered His tabernacle, of course the Holy, as that was the first apartment; and our hope, as an anchor of the soul, enters within the veil, i.e., the atonement of both apartments, including both the forgiveness and the blotting out of sins.

Those who hold that Christ entered the Holy of Holies at, and has been ministering therein ever since His ascension, also believe, as of course they must, that the atonement of the Gospel Dispensation is the antitype of the atonement made on the tenth day of the seventh month under the law. If this is so, the events of the legal tenth day, have had their antitypes during the Gospel Dispensation. The first event in the atonement service of that day, was the cleansing of the Sanctuary, as we have seen from Leviticus 16. Then, upon their theory, the Sanctuary of the new covenant was cleansed in the early part of the Gospel Dispensation.

Evidence is not wanting that neither the earth nor Palestine, their Sanctuaries, was then cleansed. I call them their Sanctuaries, for they are not the Lord's. But if the Lord's new covenant Sanctuary was then cleansed, the 2300 days ended then; but if they are years, which we all believe, they extend 1810 years beyond the 70 weeks, and the last of those weeks was the first of the new covenant or Gospel Dispensation. The fact that those days reach 1810 beyond the 70 weeks, and that the Sanctuary

could not be cleansed till the end of those days, is demonstration that the antitype of the legal tenth day is not the Gospel Dispensation; but a period following that Dispensation.

Again, if the atonement of that day is typical of the atonement of the Gospel Dispensation, then the atonement made in the Holy, Hebrews 9:6, previous to that day, was finished before the Gospel Dispensation began. It has been shown that that atonement was made for the forgiveness of sins, and I have found no evidence that such an atonement was made on tenth day of the seventh month.

The Gospel Dispensation began with the preaching of Christ, and if it is the antitype of the legal tenth day, one of the two things is true; either the Savior, instead of fulfilling, has destroyed the greater part of the law, the daily service of the Holy which occupied the whole year except one day, the tenth of the seventh month; or else He fulfilled the whole law except one three hundred and sixtieth part of it before the Gospel Dispensation began, and before He was anointed as the Messiah to fulfil the law and the prophets. One of these two conclusions is inevitable on the hypotheses that the Gospel Dispensation and the atonement made in it, is the antitype of the legal tenth day, and the atonement made in it. Upon which of these horns will they hang? If on the former, the declaration, "I came not to destroy the law", pierces them; but if they choose the latter, it then becomes them to prove that the law, which had a shadow of good things to come, was fulfilled within itself, that the shadow and substance filled the same place and time; also they will need to prove that the entire atonement for the forgiveness of sins was made before the Lamb was slain with whose blood the atonement was to be made.

Now it must be clear to every one, that if the antitype of the yearly service (Hebrews 9:7), began at the first Advent, the antitype of the daily (Hebrews 9:6), had been previously fulfilled; and, as the atonement for forgiveness was a part of that daily service, they are involved in the conclusion that there has been no forgiveness of sins under the Gospel Dispensation. Such a theory is wholly at war with the entire genius of the Gospel Dispensation, and stands rebuked, not only by Moses and Paul, but by the teaching and works of our Savior and His commission to His apostles, by their subsequent teaching and the history of the Christian church. But again, they say the atonement was made and finished on Calvary, when the Lamb of God expired. So men have taught us, and so the churches and world believe; but it is none the more true or sacred on that account, if unsupported by Divine authority. Perhaps few or none who hold that opinion have ever tested the foundation on which it rests.

- 1. If the atonement was made on Calvary, by whom was it made? The making of the atonement is the work of a Priest? but who officiated on Calvary? Roman soldiers and wicked Jews.
- 2. The slaying of the victim was not making the atonement: the sinner slew the victim, Leviticus 4:1-4, 13-15, etc., after that the Priest took the blood and made the atonement. Leviticus 4:5-12, 16-21.
- 3. Christ was the appointed High Priest to make the atonement, and He certainly could not have acted in that capacity till after His resurrection, and we have no record of His doing any thing on earth after His resurrection, which could be called the atonement.
- 4. The atonement was made in the Sanctuary, but Calvary was not such a place.

- 5. He could not, according to Hebrews 8:4, make the atonement while on earth. "If He were on earth, He should not be a Priest." The Levitical was the earthly priesthood, the Divine, the heavenly.
- 6. Therefore, He did not begin the work of making the atonement, whatever the nature of that work may be, till after His ascension, when by His own blood He entered His heavenly Sanctuary for us.

Let us now examine a few texts that appear to speak of the atonement as passed. Romans 5:11; "By whom we have now received the atonement," (margin, reconciliation). This passage clearly shows a present possession of the atonement at that time the apostle wrote; but it by no means proves that the entire atonement was then in the past.

When the Savior was about to be taken up from His apostles, He "commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father," which came on the day of Pentecost when they were all "baptized with the Holy Ghost." Christ had entered His Father's house, the Sanctuary, as High Priest, and began His intercession for His people by "praying the Father" for "another Comforter", John 14:15, "and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost," Acts 2:33, He shed it down upon His waiting apostles. Then, in compliance with their commission, Peter, at the third hour of the day began to preach, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins," Acts 2:38. This word remission, signifies forgiveness, pardon or more literally sending away of sins.

Now put by the side of this text another on this point from his discourse at the ninth hour of the same day, Acts 3:19, "Repent ye therefore; and be

converted that your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Here he exhorts to repentance and conversion (turning away from sins); for what purpose? "That your sins may be (future) blotted out." Every one can see that the blotting out of sins does not take place at repentance and conversion; but follows, and must of necessity be preceded by them. Repentance, conversion, and baptism had then become imperative duties in the present tense; and when performed, those doing them "washed away" (Acts 22:16) remitted or sent away from them their sins. (Acts 2:28); and of course are forgiven and have "received the atonement"; but they had not received it entire at that time, because their sins were not yet blotted out.

How far then had they advanced in the reconciling process? Just so far as the individual under the law had when he had confessed his sin, brought his victim to the door of the tabernacle, laid his hand upon it and slain it, and the priest had with its blood entered the Holy and sprinkled it before the veil and upon the altar and thus made an atonement for him, and he was forgiven. Only that was the type, and this the reality. That prepared for the cleansing of the great day of atonement, this for the blotting out of sins "when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord, and He shall send Jesus." Hence, "by whom we have now received the atonement" is the same as "by whom we have received forgiveness of sin." At this point the man is "made free from sin." The Lamb on Calvary's cross is our victim slain; "Jesus the Mediator of the new Covenant" "in the heavens" is our interceding High Priest, making atonement with His own blood, by and with which He entered there. The essence of the process is the same as in the "shadow". 1st, Convinced of sin; 2nd, Repentance and

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Then in the heavenly Sanctuary our High Priest with his own blood makes the atonement and we are forgiven. 1 Peter 2:24; "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree." See also Matthew 8:17; Isaiah 53:4-12. His body is the "one sacrifice" for repenting mortals, to which their sins are imputed, and through whose blood in the hands of an active Priest they are conveyed to the heavenly Sanctuary. That was offered "once for all", "on the tree"; and all who would avail themselves of its merits must through faith, there receive it as theirs, bleeding at the hands of sinful mortals like themselves. After thus obtaining the atonement of forgiveness we must "maintain good works", not the "deeds of the law"; but "being dead to sin should live unto righteousness." This work we all understand to be peculiar to the Gospel Dispensation.

The Age To Come . All believers in the Bible expect a glorious age to follow the present, and entertain some ideas of its nature which they profess to have drawn from the Bible. The churches think the Bible teaches the final triumph of Christian principles in the conversion of all nations; while we believe that the glories of that age will be ushered in by the personal and visible Advent of Jesus, the resurrection and change of his saints and the destruction of his enemies. Hence all admit our license to inquire and speak the nature of that age, and certainly we have liberty to learn what the scriptures say on the subject.

Luke 20:34,35: "And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world [age] marry and are given in marriage; but they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world

[age] and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage." "That world" is placed in contrast with "this world" - in "this" they marry and are given in marriage, in "that" they shall do neither; but are exempt from death and are like the angels. Thus he teaches a future and peculiar age, to enjoy which we must also obtain the resurrection from the dead. It will be an age of rewards, "Thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just." "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the Kingdom of God." "Verily, I say unto you, That ye which have followed me in the regeneration, when the Son of Man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon 12 thrones judging the 12 tribes of Israel. Our Father's Kingdom for which we now pray will then have come, when His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. It will be "the day of the Lord," "the day of judgment & perdition of ungodly men," "in which the heavens and earth which are now shall pass away and the promised New Heavens and earth appear.

This identifies "the age to come" with "the times of restitution," "Apokalastasix, restoration of any thing to its former state, hence, the introduction of a new and better era: and "the times of refreshing" "Anapsuxis, refreshing coolness after heat, recreation, rest." The identity of "the times restitution" with "The Dispensation of the fullness of times" Eph. 1:10 is also apparent. As Peter in Ac. 3: presents the two cardinal points in the atonement, conversion present, and blotting out of sins future: So Paul in this Epistle, ch. 1:7, says, "In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." At the same time we receive the Holy Spirit of promise, the earnest of our inheritance, ver. 13, 14, which makes known to us the mystery of his will, "That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together all things [en, in, or by,] Christ,

:" "Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." heaven and which are on earth." This gathering is the future object of hope the same as the redemption [deliverance procured by the payment of a ransom] of the purchased possession. Ver 14; The things to be gathered are in heaven and earth. Anakephalaioo, signifies to bring or reduce back again under one head. That is, the different and sundered parts of the Kingdom, Capitol and King "in heaven," the subjects and territory "on the earth," are to be redeemed or gathered again into one kingdom under one "Head," of the Son of David, and the Dispensation of the fullness of times is the period in which it is to be done. This is the period of inheritance and follows that "of heirship," the dispensation of grace, ch. 3:2,6. In it the promises of the covenants in their largest sense will be inherited.

We think it has been shown that the atonement of the Gospel Dispensation is the antitype of that made by the priests in their daily service, and that prepared for and made necessary the yearly atonement, and cleansed the Sanctuary and the people from all their sins. It appears like certainty that the antitypes of the daily ministration of the priests and the vernal types stretch through the Gospel Dispensation; as that composed but part of the atonement and antitypes, we have good reason to believe that the remaining antitype, the autumnal, and the remainder of the atonement, the yearly, will be fulfilled on the same principle as to time and occupy a period or dispensation of at least 1000 years.

"That age" will be highly exalted above "this age," and form the steppingstone to the unmingled fadeless and eternal glories of the earth redeemed and Edenized again. Who can find fault, if the Lord has given us in the law the shadows of that angel Who

will not rather seek the Spirit of Truth which shall "bring all things to your remembrance," even "the Law of Moses" and "show us things to come." "the good things to come?" It will be literally an age of repairs, in which immortal saints will engage under the supervision of the King of kings - an age of restitution, of blotting out of sin with all its direful effects, the age for the redemption of the purchased possession, the grand and final Jubilee, in which all the captives of Zion in and out of the grave, being released and gathered from among the heathen and out of all countries, shall be cleansed from all their iniquities, posses their "own land", and the wastes shall be builded. They shall be "one nation", "And David my servant shall be king over them; and they shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgment, and observe my statutes, and do them. "And I will set my Sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. - My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the heathen shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel, when my Sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore." They shall know this when Satan shall gather them, Gog and Magog, from the four quarters of the earth about the "camp of the Saints and the beloved City," (Rev. 20:8, 9) when they shall "come into the land that is brought back from the sword. "the land of unwalled villages," the desolate places that are now inhabited by "them that are at rest," "that are gathered out of the nations, which gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land." But every man's sword shall be against his brother, and "fire from God out of heaven shall devour them" Ezek. 36, 37, 38 chs. We have seen that the Dis. following the Gos. Dis. is a day of cleansing. Even after the Lord has taken his people from among the heathen and gathered them out of all countries into their own land, which is evidently the same as bringing them up out of their graves into the land of Israel. "Then, [after the resurrection and they are brought into their own land] will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean;" 36:24, 25

To cleanse the people, that they might be clean from all their sins "before the Lord" was the object of the atonement of the tenth day of the seventh month under the law; Lev. 16:30. The evidence is satisfactory to my mind that that day is the type of the Dispensation of the fullness of times, the age to come. What! are we to be sinful and unclean when immortal? Let us "be patient." "The righteous shall not make haste." - The Lord says he will sprinkle them with clean water and cleanse them thereby after he has gathered them into their own land. Whether the sprinkling of water is literal or figurative, it shows that he will perform a cleansing process upon them. Blood and water issued from our Savior's side. Objects under the law were cleansed by blood and water; and we have already seen that if those objects were physically unclean, as by the leprosy or any thing else, all such uncleanness had to be removed in preparation for the cleansing. The atonement was made for the object with blood or blood and water, and the atonement cleansed them. So our Savior after he had cleansed the leper of his disease commanded him to go and offer for his cleansing; Mark 1:41-44. So the people were themselves freed from their sins by the atonement previously made for them individually in the Holy, to prepare them for the yearly cleansing.

From this it is manifest that the whole house of Israel will need to have their sins forgiven and their vile bodies changed to fit them for the cleansing spoken of; Ezek. 36:25. The cleansing of the Sanctuary did not finish the

cleansing for the people: for, after the Scape-goat had borne away all the iniquities of the people, the high priest had yet to offer the burnt-offerings and burn the fat of the sin-offerings on the altar in the court, which formed a part of the atonement of the day; and it required the whole atonement of that day to cleanse the people; Lev. 16:22-30.

The cleansing of the Sanctuary, in fulfillment of the law, is the first event in the antitype of the tenth day of the seventh month. We have seen, both from the New Testament and the Old, that this Sanctuary is not earthly but Heavenly, as the Sanctuary of the first covenant formed a part of New Jerusalem. Here an inferential objection arises, which in many minds overwhelms any amount of Bible argument on this point. It is, New Jerusalem cannot be defiled, hence needs no cleansing; therefore, New Jerusalem is not the Sanctuary. A very summary process of inferential deduction truly, especially for those who have said so much on the insufficiency of mere inferential testimony. We would advise them to review the grounds of their faith, and see how many and strong arguments they have for the earth or Palestine being the Sanctuary, and how many objections to the Sanctuary of the new covenant being where its Priest is, that are not entirely inferential; and then in place of their inferences, take the plain testimony of the Word and teach it.

But how was the Sanctuary defiled? The Sanctuary of the Old Testament, being on earth, could be, and was, defiled in various ways — by an unclean person entering it; "She shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the Sanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled;" Leviticus 12:4. It could be profaned by the high priest going out of it, while the anointing oil was upon him, for the dead; (Leviticus 21:12) by a man's ne-

gotiating to purify himself; Numbers 17:20 see Numbers 19:20. All the chief of the priests and of the people polluted it by transgressing very much after all the abominations of the heathen; 2 Chronicles 36:14. "Surely, because thou hast defiled My Sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations (idolatry), therefore will I diminish thee." Ezekiel 5:11.

Moreover this they have done unto Me; they have defiled My Sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned My Sabbaths: for when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into My Sanctuary to profane it; Ezekiel 33:38,39. "Her priests have polluted the Sanctuary; they have done violence to the law." Zephaniah 3:4. Antiochus polluted it by offering swine flesh upon its altar, 1 Maccabees 1:20-24. From these texts we can clearly see, that it was moral rather than physical uncleanness that defiled the Sanctuary in the sight of the Lord. True, it did become physically unclean, but that uncleanness had to be removed before the atonement was made by which it was reconciled or cleansed. See 2 Chronicles 29. And that, we have seen was the law of cleansing, Leviticus, chapters 12 to 15; the object must be made visibly clean, so to speak, so that we would call it clean, to prepare it for its real cleansing with blood. Now no one supposes

that New Jerusalem is unclean or ever has been, as its type was when over-run, desecrated and desolated by Syrian, Chaldean or Roman soldiery, or trode by wicked priests. Even if it were, the removing of such defilement would not be the cleansing it was to undergo at the end of the 2300 days.

The Sanctuary was unclean in some sense, or else it would not need to be cleansed; and it must in some way have received its uncleanness from man. Removed, as the heavenly Sanctuary is from the midst of mortals and entered only by our Forerunner, Jesus, made an High Priest, it can only be defiled by mortals through His agency, and for them cleansed by the same agency. The legal typical process of defiling and cleansing the Sanctuary through the agency of the priest has been examined. With that in our minds, let us go to the New Testament. Paul says, Colossians 1:19,20, "For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell, and having made (margin, making) peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him I say, whether they be things on earth or things in heaven." When "things on earth" are spoken of in connection or contrast with "things in heaven", no one can understand them all to be in the same place. "Things in

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heaven" are to be reconciled as well as "things on earth".

If they needed reconciling they were unreconciled; if unreconciled, then unclean in some sense in His sight. The blood of Christ is the means, and Christ Himself, the agent of reconciling to the Father both the things in heaven and the things on earth. People have an idea that in heaven where our Savior has gone, every thing is, and always was perfect beyond change or improvement. But He said, "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." He went into heaven, and Paul says that the "building of God, an house not made with hands" is in the heavens; 2 Corinthians 5:1.

For what did He go to His Father's house? "To prepare a place for you." Then it was unprepared, and when He has prepared it, He will come again and take us to Himself. - Again, Hebrews 9:23, "It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these." What were the patterns? "The tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry," (verse 21), which constituted the worldly Sanctuary; verse 1. What were the heavenly things themselves? The greater and more perfect tabernacle (verse 11), and the good things and the holy things (verses 11, 12). - These are all in heaven itself. "For Christ is

not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself," verse 24. Paul here shows that it was as necessary to purify the heavenly things, as it was to purify their patterns, the worldly. It was therefore necessary. Why? He has before been speaking of the daily ministration of the priests, and its antitype, Christ's mediation of the new covenant, "for the redemption of the transgressions" Under the former the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of an heifer sanctified to the purifying of the flesh; but under the latter, the blood of Christ purges our conscience. Then (ver. 22) "without shedding of blood is no remission." The necessity of cleansing the heavenly things, is induced by the atonement being made therein by the blood of Christ for the remission or forgiveness of sins and purifying of our consciences. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood. The patterns were purified "every year" (ver. 25) with the blood of bulls and goats: but in the antitype of that yearly expiation the heavenly things themselves must be purified with the blood of the better sacrifice of Christ himself once offered. This reconciles the "things in heaven" (Col. 1:20) and cleansed the Sanctuary of the new Covenant. Dan. 8:14. {1846 ORLC, LOM 40.11 - 43.2}

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Isaiah 1 – Verse-by-verse (Part 4)

Jerry O'Donnell

Continuing with our study of Isaiah 1 with modern day application for we are told that "they", referring to the scriptures of the Old Testament but applicable to the New as well, "are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come" (1 Corinthians 10:11), we pick up in verse 16.

Isaiah 1:16-17 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Ellen White's statement about this verse shows that we are to continue the application of Isaiah 1 as applying to us in the modern day and not as history or applicable only at the time of Christ at His first coming.

"'Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before Mine eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do well.' Isaiah 1:16, 17. {6T 148.3}

"These are the words of God to us. The past is contained in the book where all things are written. We cannot blot out the record; but if we choose to learn them, the past will teach us its lessons. As we make it our monitor, we may also make it our friend. As we call to mind that in the past which is disagreeable, let it teach us not to repeat the same error. In the future let nothing be recorded which will cause regret in the by and by. {6T 149.1}

"We may now avoid a bad showing. Every day we are making our history. Yesterday is beyond our amendment or control; today only is ours. Then let us not grieve the Spirit of God today, for tomorrow we shall not be able to recall what we have done. Today will then be yesterday" {6T 149.2}.

David tells us who does the washing. "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" (Psalms 51:7). It is God, for we are unable to wash ourselves. There is nothing we can offer to God in exchange for our sins.

Likewise, in putting away the evil of our doings and ceasing to return to those evils is again something we rely upon God for because "unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 1:24).

And Jeremiah tells us what is involved in turning from our evil ways: "But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings" (Jeremiah 23:22). It is following the counsels of God found in the Bible and of course, the Spirit of Prophecy. No wonder the Bible says, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). Which leads us into the next verse, being verse 17.

And just where does one learn to do well? "Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope" (Romans 15:4).

"Let all who claim to keep the commandments of God, look well to this matter, and see if there are not reasons why they do not have more of the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit. How many have lifted up their souls unto vanity! They think themselves exalted in the favor of God, but they neglect the needy, they turn a deaf ear to the calls of the oppressed, and speak sharp, cutting words to those who need altogether different treatment.

Thus they offend God daily by their hardness of heart. These afflicted ones have claims upon the sympathies and the interest of their fellow men. They have a right to expect help, comfort, and Christlike love. But this is not what they receive. Every neglect of God's suffering ones is written in the books of heaven as if shown to Christ himself. Let every member of the church closely examine his heart and investigate his course of action to see if these are in harmony with the spirit and work of Jesus; for if not, what can he say when he stands before the Judge of all the earth? Can the Lord say to him, 'Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world?" {RH, April 24, 1913 par. 5}.

Isaiah 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

What do you reason? God is willing to wipe clean the record of our sins permitting us to enter into Heaven. We do not deserve it. We definitely did not earn it. Yet, it is all provided by the blood of the Lamb.

Now, is it not reasonable then for Him to state, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not" (1 John 2:1). "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God" (1 John 3:9). "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not" (1 John 5:18).

"Christ was manifested as the Saviour of men. The people were not to trust in their own works, in their own right-eousness, or in themselves in any way, but in the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world. In Him the Advocate with the Father was revealed. Through Him the invitation was

given, 'Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.' This invitation comes sounding down along the lines to us today. Let not pride, or selfesteem, or self-righteousness keep any one from confessing his sins, that he may claim the promise: 'He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.' Keep nothing back from God, and neglect not the confession of your faults to the brethren when they have a connection with them. 'Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.' Many a sin is left unconfessed, to be confronted in the day of final accounts; better far to see your sins now, to confess them, and put them away, while the atoning Sacrifice pleads in your behalf. Do not dislike to learn the will of God on this subject. The health of your soul, the unity of your brethren, may depend upon the course you pursue in these things. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 'casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." {FE 239.1}

"With the confession of the repenting, believing sinner, Christ mingles His own righteousness, that the prayer of fallen man may go up as fragrant incense before the Father, and the grace of God be imparted to the believing soul. Jesus says to the trembling, repenting soul: 'Let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me' (Isaiah 27:5). 'Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool' (Isaiah 1:18). Will you let Him reason with you? Will you commit to Him the keeping of your soul as unto a faithful Creator? Come then, and let us live in the light of His

countenance, and pray, as did David, 'Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow' (Psalm 51:7). By faith apply the blood of Christ to your heart, for that alone can make you whiter than snow. But you say, 'This surrender of all my idols will break my heart.' This giving up of all for God is represented by your falling upon the Rock and being broken. Then give up all for Him; for unless you are broken, you are worthless" {1SM 329.2}.

Isaiah 1:19-20 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken [it].

In reality, the good of the land is not on the face of this earth. That would be the new earth, even the food in Heaven starting with the "the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Revelation 19:9).

The devouring by the sword happens first at the second coming for "I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him [was] called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes [were] as a flame of fire, and on his head [were] many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he [was] clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies [which were] in

heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on [his] vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS" (Revelation 19:11-16).

They then at a second time are devoured again, but not with a sword. "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom [is] as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them" (Revelation 20:7-9).

So, let us quickly reason with God, make the right conclusion that God indeed is reasonable in all that He provides and all that He requires, and start living like we shall be eating of the good of the land!

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How Do You Resolve It?

Jerry O'Donnell

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.

To Let Our Light Shine, But Not Our Alms?

It appears Matthew himself contradicts his own writings just one chapter apart, at least that is how the public sees it. In one place, we are to show forth our good works to the public, and in another, we are condemned for doing so.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 6:1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

First, alms appear to be defined as providing assistance to the poor from the means one has in possession. We say "appear" because a broader understanding may also be applicable where it includes any sacrifice for God's sake, which may include the giving of our time to assist others; may include scrapping together funds to make a donation; etc. In other words, it is very much similar to making a sacrifice, putting one's self at a disadvantage to help the cause of God, like the woman with the two mites (Mark 12:42), or assist someone less fortunate.

Light, on the other hand, is usually associated with knowledge for "Thy word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalms 119:105), and "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts" (2 Peter 1:19).

Good works may include alms, but it does not have to. For instance, how many buy things at a store, get to the car to load it into the car, and recognize that an item was never charged. There is no one around to label the person as a thief; it was clearly a mistake; but how many would march back into the store requesting that the item be charged to their account? That is a type of good work if one does.

With these definitions in mind, let us address the difference and not the contradiction. In Matthew 5:16, we are to enlighten people to the knowledge of God hoping that they grasp the initial spark, the initial flame and grow in knowledge of God and become saved. Further, all acts of good works, including alms, is to just be done, with or without witness. Too many Christians are afraid to show their Christianity as a normal way of life and hide it from the public. Many do not even let the public see them pray over their food while out at a restaurant. This is all covered in Matthew 5:16.

What is condemned in Matthew 6:1 is the purposeful attention by announcing how much was given to the church or the poor, telling people how one has assisted a less fortunate person, declaring how much of a sacrifice it was to do whatever was accomplished. It also condemns purposely showing good works only when people are watching while, when no one is observing, a person

cannot care any less about others. It basically condemns the pretense, the showing off of being a Christian.

So, there is no contradiction.

Matthew 5:16 encourages one to live as a Christian in public as well as in private while Matthew 6:1 condemns making it an attention thing to exercise an act of Christianity.

Keep the Sabbath Holy

Jerry O'Donnell

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.

Talk Religious Themes

Ellen White wrote, "The example of ministers especially should be circumspect in this respect. Upon the Sabbath they should conscientiously restrict themselves to conversation upon religious themes,—to present truth, present duty, the Christian's hopes and fears, trials, conflicts, and afflictions; to overcoming at last, and the rewards to be received" {GW92 208.2}.

This is not just for the minister, besides, if one were to talk to the minister, help him to stay on religious themes by talking only of such instead of the cares of this life.

As stated, this quote is applicable to all of us. What other conversation would one have outside of present truth, present duty, Christian hopes and fears, trials and conflicts, afflictions, overcoming, and the reward? Sports, politics outside of those that make an impact on the gospel and

furthering the fulfillment of prophecy, worldly singers, television and movies, etc., all should not leave our lips, let alone be dwelt upon in the mind. To clarify, to talk of the latest antics by the former or current president is not to be Sabbath conversation. The fact that the digital dollar is in fact a reality, though political, it is part of prophecy being fulfilled before our eyes and appropriate discussion.

Our minds are to rest from all of the cares that the world is caught up in and tries to drag us into. And if anyone turns on the news, it is usually about politics, celebrities pushing the limits, the latest sports results and predictions, and the latest episode or movie release. The world ought not be brought into church with us. It should not even be allowed in our thoughts inside the Sabbath hours. Let the mind rest and dwell upon themes that result in being involved with the work, forming better charac-

ters, and looking forward to the second coming ushering in eternal life.

Consider even helping out a minister when others are not so thoughtful trying to get the minister engaged in worldly themes. Interject into the conversation that which leads everyone back to the proper thought processes. Of course, do so gently. Announcing, "We don't talk about that

on the Sabbath", is a bit harsh and self-glorifying. Just try to redirect the conversation. Of course, if the person keeps bringing it back to the worldly themes, then it may be necessary to become a bit bolder.

So, let us guard our thoughts and conversations, keeping them on religious themes.

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.

Avoid Mushes

[Note: Mush is a type of cornmeal pudding which is usually boiled in water or milk. It is often allowed to set, or gel into a semisolid, then cut into flat squares or rectangles, and pan fried. Usage is especially common in the eastern and southeastern United States. Wikipedia]

Because we, from principle, discard the use of those things which irritate the stomach and destroy health, the idea should never be given that it is of little consequence what we eat. I do not recommend an impoverished diet. Many who need the benefits of healthful living, and from conscientious motives adopt what they believe to be such, are deceived by supposing that a meager bill of fare, prepared without painstaking, and consisting mostly of mushes and socalled gems, heavy and sodden, is what is meant by a reformed diet. Some use milk and a large amount of sugar on mush, thinking that they are carrying out health reform. But the sugar and milk combined are liable to cause fermentation in the stomach, and are thus harmful. The free use of sugar in any form tends to clog the system, and is not unfrequently a cause of disease. Some think that they must eat only just such an amount, and just such a quality, and confine themselves to two or three kinds of food. But in eating too small an amount, and that not of the best quality, they do not receive sufficient nourishment. {CTBH 56.4}

For those who can use them, good vegetables, prepared in a healthful manner, are better than soft mushes or porridge. Fruits used with thoroughly cooked bread two or three days old will be more healthful than fresh bread. This, with slow and thorough mastication, will furnish all that the system requires. {CD 108.2}

I would pay a higher price for a cook than for any other part of my work. ..

If that person is not apt and has no skill in cooking, you will see, as we have in our experience, the stereotyped breakfast, – porridge, as it is called, - we call it mush, baker's bread, and some kind of sauce, and that is all with the exception of a little milk. Now those after eating in this kind of way for months, knowing what will appear before them at every meal, come to dread the hour which should be interesting to them, as the dreaded period of the day. I suppose you will not understand all this until you have experienced it. But I am really perplexed over this matter. Were I to act over the preparation in coming to this place, I would say, Give me an experienced cook, who has some inventive powers, to prepare simple dishes healthfully, and that will not disgust the appetite. {CD 259.4}

But soft or liquid foods are less wholesome than dry foods, which require thorough mastication. {CD 314.4}

Solid foods requiring mastication will be far better than mush or liquid foods. I dwell upon this as essential. I send my warning to the College at Battle Creek, to go from there to all our institutions of learning. Study up on these subjects, and let the students obtain a proper education in the preparation of wholesome, appetizing, solid foods that nourish the system. They do not have now, and have not had in the past, the right kind of training and education as to the most healthful food to make healthful sinews and muscle, and give nourishment to the brain and nerve powers. {FE 225.2}

Grains used for porridge or "mush" should have several hours' cooking.

Healthy And Delicious Recipes

Reen Swindle

Cashews, Chickpeas And Broccoli with Garlic Sauce

Ingredients

- 1 cup unsalted roasted cashews, chopped
- 1 can chickpeas, drained
- 1 head broccoli florets (approximately 4 cups of broccoli florets)
- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/8 cup sesame oil , + 2 Tbsp
- 1/3 cup molasses
- juice of one half lemon
- 1 Tbsp cornstarch

Instructions

- 1. In a small bowl, whisk together 1/8 cup sesame oil, molasses, lemon juice, cornstarch.
- In a cast iron skillet over medium heat, add in 2 Tbsp of sesame oil.
- 3. Add in minced garlic and sauté for 1 minute.
- Add in the broccoli and sauce and combine. Turn heat down to medium low.

- Cover and cook for 8 minutes.
 Stirring occasionally so broccoli doesn't stick to the bottom. *If needed turn down heat a bit or add a splash of vegetable broth.
- 6. Add in the chopped cashews and chickpeas and stir together.
- Cover and cook for an additional
 3-7 minutes. *If you prefer a bit

of a crunch with your broccoli cook for shorter, or softer broccoli cook longer.

Serve Over

cooked rice, quinoa, noodles

"The Lord will give His people wisdom to prepare from that which the earth yields, foods that will take the place of flesh meat. Simple combinations of nuts and grains and fruits, manufactured with taste and skill, will commend themselves to unbelievers." —Manuscript 156, 1901 {CD 268.4}

Natural Vitamins

Jerry O'Donnell

The Benefits of Carrots

- May promote eye health because of the abundance of vitamin A.
- May reduce risk of cancer as carotenoids present in carrots may reduce the risk of stomach, colon, prostate, and lung cancer, and breast cancers in women.
- May promote skin health because of the rich content of carotenoids.
- May enhance hair growth because of the of vitamins A and C, carotenoids, potassium, and other antioxidants present in carrots.
- May help in weight loss as carrots contain a very large amount of water along with the fiber.
- May regulate blood pressure because of the fiber, potassium, nitrates, and vitamin C found in carrots.
- May aid type 2 diabetes treatment because of the high fiber and vitamin A presence.
- 8. May boost immunity because they

- contain vitamin C that contributes to the production of collagen, which is essential for wound healing along with the vitamin A that regulates the functioning of your system and prevents infections.
- 9. May strengthen bones between the vitamin A and carotenoids.
- May lower cholesterol levels as it reduces cholesterol absorption and increase the antioxidant status of your body.
- 11. Are good for the teeth and gums by neutralizing the citric and malic acids usually left behind in your mouth, promoting oral health.
- 12. May promote liver health and eliminate toxins because of the glutathione and being high in plant flavonoids and beta-carotene.
- May help treat PCOS as they are non -starchy veggies with a low glycemic index.

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Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible

Jerry O'Donnell

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

Did Jesus Merely Appear in the Flesh, or God?

According to Matthew 1:23, it says, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." That means God appeared to us in the flesh and not a mere man or prophet. Changing the word "God" in 1 Timothy 3:16 into "He" implies the removal of the God factor in Jesus. Jesus was both human and God, keeping in mind that "he took not on [him the nature of] angels; but he took on [him] the seed of Abraham" (Hebrews 2:16). The simple use of "He" is what is wrong.

King James Version: And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

In Error:

American Standard Version: And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness; He who was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the spirit, Seen of angels, Preached among the nations, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

Amplified Bible: And great, we confess, is the mystery [the hidden truth] of godliness: He (Jesus Christ) who was revealed in human flesh, Was justified and vindicated in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.

Aramaic Bible in Plain English: And this Mystery of Righteousness is truly great, which was revealed in the flesh and was justified in The Spirit; He appeared to Angels and was preached among the Gentiles; He was trusted in the world and he ascended into glory.

Berean Literal Bible: And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: Who was revealed in the flesh, was justified in the Spirit, was seen by angels, was proclaimed among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

Berean Study Bible: By common confession, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was proclaimed among the nations, was believed in throughout the world, was taken up in glory.

Catholic Public Domain Version: And it is clearly great, this mystery of piety, which was manifested in the flesh, which was justified in the Spirit, which has appeared to Angels, which has been preached to the Gentiles,

which is believed in the world, which has been taken up in glory.

Christian Standard Bible: And most certainly, the mystery of godliness is great: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

Contemporary English Version: Here is the great mystery of our religion: Christ came as a human. The Spirit proved that he pleased God, and he was seen by angels. Christ was preached to the nations. People in this world put their faith in him, and he was taken up to glory.

Douay-Rheims Bible: And evidently great is the mystery of godliness, which was manifested in the flesh, was justified in the spirit, appeared unto angels, hath been preached unto the Gentiles, is believed in the world, is taken up in glory.

English Revised Version: And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness; He who was manifested in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, received up in glory.

English Standard Version: Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

Godbey New Testament: And assuredly great is the mystery of godliness; Who is manifested in the flesh, was justified in the spirit, was seen of angels, was preached among the Gentiles, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

Good News Translation: No one can deny how great is the secret of our

religion: He appeared in human form, was shown to be right by the Spirit, and was seen by angels. He was preached among the nations, was believed in throughout the world, and was taken up to heaven.

Holman Christian Standard Bible:

And most certainly, the mystery of godliness is great: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

International Standard Version: By common confession, the secret of our godly worship is great: In flesh was he revealed to sight, kept righteous by the Spirit's might, adored by angels singing. To nations was he manifest, believing souls found peace and rest, our Lord in heaven reigning!

Lamsa Bible: Truly great is this divine mystery of righteousness: it is revealed in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached to the Gentiles, believed on in the world, and received up into glory.

Literal Emphasis Translation: And confessedly great is the mystery of godliness: He who was made apparent in the flesh, was shown to be righteous in the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the ethnicities, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

Literal Standard Version: and confessedly, great is the secret of piety: who was revealed in flesh, declared righteous in [the] Spirit, seen by messengers, preached among nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory!

NET Bible: And we all agree, our religion contains amazing revelation: He was revealed in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, pro-

claimed among Gentiles, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

New American Standard Bible: Beyond question, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.

New Heart English Bible: Without controversy, the mystery of godliness is great: He was revealed in the flesh, justified by the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, and received up in glory.

New International Version: Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great: He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

New Living Translation: Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith: Christ was revealed in a

human body and vindicated by the Spirit. He was seen by angels and announced to the nations. He was believed in throughout the world and taken to heaven in glory.

Weymouth New Testament: And, beyond controversy, great is the mystery of our religion – that Christ appeared in human form, and His claims justified by the Spirit, was seen by angels and proclaimed among Gentile nations, was believed on in the world, and received up again into glory.

Correct, This Time:

A Faithful Version: And undeniably, great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, was justified in the Spirit, was seen by angels, was proclaimed among the Gentiles, was believed on in the world, was received up in glory.

Anderson New Testament: And confessedly great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in flesh, justified in spirit, seen by angels,

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preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.

Bishops' Bible of 1568: And without doubt, great is that misterie of godlynesse: God was shewed in the flesshe, was iustified in the spirite, was seene among the angels, was preached vnto the gentiles, was beleued on in the worlde, and was receaued vp in glorie.

Coverdale Bible of 1535: and without naye, greate is that mystery of godlynes. God was shewed in the flesh: was iustified in the sprete: was sene of angels: was preached vnto the Heythen: was beleued on in the worlde: was receaued vp in glory.

Darby Bible Translation: And confessedly the mystery of piety is great. God has been manifested in flesh, has been justified in [the] Spirit, has appeared to angels, has been preached among [the] nations, has been believed on in [the] world, has been received up in glory.

Geneva Bible of 1587: And without controuersie, great is the mysterie of godlinesse, which is, God is manifested in the flesh, iustified in the Spirit, seene of Angels, preached vnto the

Gentiles, beleeued on in the world, and received vp in glorie.

GOD'S WORD® Translation: The mystery that gives us our reverence for God is acknowledged to be great: He appeared in his human nature, was approved by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was announced throughout the nations, was believed in the world, and was taken to heaven in glory.

Haweis New Testament: And confessedly great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified by the Spirit, seen of angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Mace New Testament: the mystery of piety is the pillar and basts of truth; and certainly most extraordinary. God has appear'd in the flesh, been justified by the spirit, seen by angels, proclaim'd to the Gentiles, believ'd by the world, and assum'd into glory.

New King James Version: And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gen-

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tiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

Smith's Literal Translation: And manifestly great is the mystery of devotion: God was manifested in the flesh, was justified in the Spirit, was seen by angels, was proclaimed in the nations, was believed on in the world, was received up in glory.

Tyndale Bible of 1526: And with out naye great is that mistery of godlines: God was shewed in the flesshe was iustified in the sprete was sene of angels was preached vnto the gentyls was beleved on in erth and receaved vp in glory.

Webster's Bible Translation: And without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached to the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

World English Bible: Without controversy, the mystery of godliness is great: God was revealed in the flesh,

justified in the spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, and received up in glory.

Worrell New Testament: And, confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness; God was manifested in flesh, was justified in the Spirit, was seen by angels, preached among the gentiles, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

Worsley New Testament: And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, and received up into glory.

Young's Literal Translation: and, confessedly, great is the secret of piety – God was manifested in flesh, declared righteous in spirit, seen by messengers, preached among nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory!

Questions And Answers

Jerry O'Donnell

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

QUESTION: Is it true that we are to steer clear of peanuts and corn?

ANSWER [Supplied by Reen Swindle]: I have spent the last couple days in researching your question about the STEER CLEAR OF PEANUTS AND CORN article [which one of our subscribers read in a secular magazine], and hopefully, have finally gotten it all narrowed down to an acceptable, truthful answer. I will go through the 4 paragraphs of the article with the con-

densed, and hopefully, helpful findings.

In paragraph one, Daryl Gioffre, a board certified chiropractor, warns about "fungal toxins which produce aflatoxin, which is a potent carcinogen especially known to cause liver cancer" contained in peanuts and corn. My finding show that is this a valid warning <u>if</u> a person consumes an overabundance of either corn or peanuts or peanut butter on a continuous daily, weekly, or monthly basis. Now

there are some people who are supersensitive to many things and this is not to discount their health issues, so as individuals we all need to be in tune with our own bodies and choose foods accordingly.

For reference, "The term 'aflatoxin' is derived from the name of one of the molds that produce it, Aspergillus flavus" and I will add that mold is a common fungus which has been with us since time began.

In answer to the question: "How does the United States Department of Agriculture control aflatoxins?", this is their response: "Aflatoxins are considered unavoidable contaminants of food and feed, even where good manufacturing practices have been followed. The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) monitor peanuts and field corn for aflatoxin and can remove any food or feed with unacceptable levels of it. For more information contact FDA 888-463-6332 or USDA's Federal Grain Inspection Service."

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has set the maximum acceptable level of aflatoxins at 20 parts per billion (ppb) for <u>all</u> foods, including nuts and nut butters, though it stands to reason that we would consume more of this mold in nut butters since they are concentrated. For general knowledge – it takes about 24 individual peanuts (not multiples in one peanut shell) to make one Tablespoon of peanut butter.

Aflatoxins are in many other foods besides corn and peanuts, including dairy products and eggs, wheat, oats, dried fruits, tree nuts, certain spices, and even cotton seed. So, it is even possible we have been wearing it or snuggling with it under our bed covers.

Let us keep in mind that in the Spirit of Prophecy writings is much evidence, too numerous to list, that our Sister Ellen White consumed, and placed on her table, and advised us all in the preparation of both corn and peanuts. Since mold has always been with us, we can safely assume that she also ingested some of this toxin. So how was she not affected by it? We are counseled to eat temperately from a variety of foods every day in order to maintain a balanced system. It has been brought to light that carrots, celery, parsnips, parsley, garlic, onions, chlorophyll found in all green vegetables, chlorella and spirulina, decrease the cancer-causing effects of aflatoxin. So, eating well-rounded, temperate meals seems to be an antidote to the problem.

In paragraph two, Dr. Gioffre states "I call them both [corn and peanuts] the most acidic and dangerous foods you can put in your body."

Dr. Rizza Mira of foodfaq.org says this about peanuts, "Roasted peanuts, which are the ones we mostly consume, on the pH scale are at 6.32 they're practically neutral". About corn, she states, "Corn is indeed acid." Rice, beans and potatoes are also considered acid foods, so we cannot start discarding foods from our diets on the basis of acidity alone; and the pH scale is more complicated than it appears at face value, and is a subject too lengthy to address here. In and of themselves, corn and peanuts are generally not "dangerous", unless there is allergy or some other underlying cause of problems. So once again we need to get back to comparing our food intake to the Spirit of Prophesy. I am in no way defending acid foods over alkaline foods, but the truth is, we need balance within the category of foods we are to enjoy. We have been instructed to remove animal products and processed sugar from our diet, and that would certainly take care of the most

offensive acid foods; I'm not covering drinks.

In paragraphs three and four – I believe I have sufficiently covered the topic of peanut butter above. I would like to add that commercial peanut butter, or probably all commercial nut butters, have oils and preservatives added to them which we are also to avoid. This can be remedied by grinding your own nuts at home, or using grinders in-store offered at some markets and grocery stores.

Let us all remember that any information from worldly sources, regardless of how good, or even how scary it might sound, is best compared to the Bible and/or the Spirit of Prophecy so we are sure to be imbibing on Truth.

"Balance Is a Principle of the Religious Life – Temperance in all things of this life is to be taught and practiced. Temperance in eating, drinking, sleeping, and dressing is one of the grand principles of the religious life. Truth brought into the sanctuary of the soul will guide in the treatment of the body. Nothing that concerns the health of the human agent is to be regarded with indifference. Our eternal welfare depends upon the use we make during this life of our time, strength, and influence.

"Lack of Balance Exhausts Vital Forces – Intemperance in eating and drinking, intemperance in labor, intemperance in almost everything, exists on every hand." Daughters of God, 161.2, 161.3

I hope I have sufficiently answered your concerns.

Your sister in the faith, Reen Swindle

Medical Missionary

QUESTION: If we are not allowed to judge people, how can we help people?

ANSWER [Supplied by Jerry O'Donnell]: You are so correct. We cannot help a person if we do not judge the situation. Those who see us judging the situation usually take it as a personal attack. They seem to have a problem separating activity from the person, though the person continuing in the act of sin shall be lost in the end.

Unlike the Pharisees, we do not believe a class of people are doomed to hell just because they practiced a certain sin. We believe a prostitute who is repentant can still enter the kingdom, for Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you" (Matthew 21:31).

Therefore, "Ye shall know them by their..." (Matthew 7:16), which means that we are to judge their fruits. If a person is committing sinful, destructive acts, they need our help. We do not condemn them. That is up to God. In other words, this is truly separating the sin from the sinner. We condemn the sin and give warning to the sinner not to continue therein, in fact, we tell them that they can be forgiven upon repentance.

So, do not listen to people, even preachers, that tout the "Don't judge me" message. It is a suicidal phrase, for it is a declaration that they want to stay in their sins, of which they then shall die in their sins, sadly.

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Prophecy Made Plain

Jerry O'Donnell

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.

As It Was in the Days of Lot

This may seem like a simple prophecy needing no further explanation to make simpler, but it is not as blatantly simple as one would think. The full statement is, "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed [them] all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed" (Luke 17:28-30).

Typically, we associate Sodom and Gomorrah to this statement, and the knee jerk reaction is to point to the modernday homosexual agenda as fulfillment of the prophecy. Well, let us take it step-by-step before we jump to that conclusion.

First, let us address Jesus' words about eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, and building. Now, there is nothing wrong with all of those activities, but there is something wrong when they are taken to excess, when they serve as an excuse to have little to no time with God each day, that the family and other responsibilities are neglected. There is also an issue if we think we can eat whatever we want without consequence, drink whatever we want, buy the latest thing even though we cannot afford it, sell things by taking advantage of others, gain more property to plant so as to fill up our barns selfishly, and continuing to build bigger and bigger.

But now we search out other things throughout the Bible and we come across some interesting points. Yes, we do hit the sexual perversion. "Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire" (Jude 1:7). However, we see that it is all of the sexual perversions that are going on, be it homosexual or heterosexual, be it transgenderism or part of the many gender identifications, be it bisexual or even attracted to animals, children, etc. It is all of the perversions, including viewing and being entertained by it. It is the acceptance in society that nakedness in public is normal. We could go on and on regarding this, but we have other points to make.

So, we now turn to the actual account, which states in Genesis 19:4-8, "But before they lay down, the men of the city, [even] the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where [are] the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as [is] good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof." Lot also represents the growing number of parents these days that are so willing to hand their children over for sexual pleasure.

But moving on, we come across one more point that many overlook. Ezekiel 16:49 states, "Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy." The neglect of the poor and needy along with having too much time on one's hands – idleness. All of that is also part of the days of Lot.

So, as one sees, there is a great amount of fulfillment in prophecy in the words of "As in the days of Lot," but the sad news is that we are there. It is just waxing bolder and bolder is all, especially that one on idleness. Up

through the early 1900s, idleness was very limited. In the last generation or two with so many moving to intellectual jobs found in the cities as opposed to the working from sun up to sundown and then some on the farm lands, the abundance of idleness is what provides the avenue of many sins of today. Most people were too busy to be caught up in all of the perversions. Now they need to occupy their time and sin is the usual means to do so.

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.

December 2—Fulcrum 7

Oh C'mon Forest Lake Academy! Is That Really Necessary?

In an effort to spread the 3 Angels' Messages, Forest Lake Academy is offering to take pictures of people with the famous Adventist missionary, Santa Claus, this coming week.

Bible: Jeremiah 44:3 "Because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, [and] to serve other gods, whom they knew not, [neither] they, ye, nor your fathers."

Comment: Santa is not just a fictional character. He is a character stealing all of the characteristics of God. All-knowing, rewarder of the good and punishing the bad, providing gifts, able to travel the earth faster than the speed of light, etc.

December 4—Advent Messenger
President G. Alexander Bryant and Ad-

ventHealth Respond to the Church's Sponsorship of the Broadway Show About Witches

AdventHealth and North American Division President G. Alexander Bryant have commented on the church's support of the Broadway production show "Wicked." However, be careful not to get your hopes up. Tragically, nothing will change, no one will take responsibility, and the church's sponsorship of this heinous show will go on in 2023.

EGW: "Their righteous souls are vexed day by day with the unholy works and conversation of the unrighteous. They are powerless to stop the rushing torrent of iniquity, and hence they are filled with grief and alarm. They mourn before God to see religion despised in the very homes of those who have had great light. They lament and afflict their souls because pride, avarice, selfishness, and deception of almost every kind are in the church. The Spirit of God, which prompts to reproof, is trampled underfoot, while

the servants of Satan triumph. God is dishonored, the truth made of none effect." {5T 210.3}

December 13—Advent Messenger

More than 100 Seventh-day Adventist Children Participated in an Ecumenical Christmas Show with Roman Catholics

On Friday, December 2, 2022, the City Hall of Caxias do Sul, located in southern Brazil, hosted a Christian concert that included a lighting show, music, theatrics, and other performances. According to city officials, this Christian festival brought together Santa Claus, Seventhday Adventists, and Roman Catholics to celebrate Christmas and to highlight the importance of being together.

Bible: 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 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, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

December 16—The Sentinel-Echo

AdventHealth celebrates kick-off of new electronic health record system

To kick off the EPIC journey, the hospital threw a fun celebration themed "Follow the Yellow Brick Road to EPIC." Team members were treated to free lunch, a photo booth, and a chance to grab photos with our Administration team, who dressed as the Wizard of Oz characters.

EGW: "In this they manifested the attributes of Satan." – Letter 34, 1899, p. 12 (Feb. 14, 1899).

December 26—Fulcrum 7

Liberal Adventism Has a Love Affair With Santa Claus

On December 19, Loma Linda University Health placed a video on their Facebook page, in which Richard Hart is Santa Claus. La Sierra had its own Santa Claus party. Forest Lake Academy and the Jr. Academy also hosted a Santa Claus two weeks ago. Andrews University hosted Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus last week.

Bible: Exodus 23:13 "Make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth."

Comment: Santa is another god and not only was it mentioned, which does not forbid criticizing as Paul referenced Jupiter and Mercury in his writings in a critical manner, these places actually hosted and acted the part!

News And Comments

December 13—Fox News

DOJ official admits targeting pro-lifers in the wake of SCOTUS Roe v Wade ruling

This is an abuse towards religious beliefs and therefore, it is part of fulfilling when this country would speak as a dragon or Satan-like (Revelation 13:11).

November 27—LA Times

'Never on Sunday' for Rose Parade

It was in behalf of the Sunday, that popery first asserted its arrogant claims; and its first resort to the power of the State was to compel the observance of Sunday as "the Lord's day." But the Bible points to the seventh day, and not to the first,

as the Lord's day. Said Christ, "The Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath." The fourth commandment declares, "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord." And by the prophet Isaiah the Lord designates it, "My holy day." [Mark 2:28; Isaiah 58:13.] {GC88 446.3}

November 30—Fox News

Netherlands reportedly set to forcibly close 3,000 farms to comply with EU mandate

This is the danger of climate change – destroy livelihoods and decrease the amount of food on the planet so that we eventually cause shortages, possibly starvation. Climate Change is an idol. "Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen." (1 John 5:21).

December 2—Bloomberg Law

Global Central Banks Brace for 'Greenflation' and Climate Change

With the central banks working together to bring in climate change adjustments knowing that it will create inflation, or at least stagflation, shows that antichrist agenda is far along the pathway and has the control of the ultimate merchants of the world, the banking systems. "Thy merchants were the great men of the earth" (Revelation 18:23) and "the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Revelation 18:3).

December 13—The Guardian

Biden signs landmark law protecting same-sex and interracial marriages

So, as the Supreme Court looks to possibly overturn the 2015 agreement, a new law is being implemented to counteract the potential decision that may be handed down. It is all a distraction. One side claims victory just to swing to the other side and then back again. It shall never stop and that is the distraction because all those that are caught up in rooting for one or the other are not preparing for the second coming and helping to prepare others, which is a full time job.

"What are we to do, then? – Let political questions alone. 'Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?' [2 Corinthians 6:14, 15.] What can there be in common between these parties? There can be no fellowship, no communion" {GW 392.2}.

December 4—Monroe News

Climate change taken seriously by the world and the U.S.

If the world is on board with this agenda that means that "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). It will simply get stronger and more restrictive. Inflation on purpose and many more controlling policies will be implemented. We are on the fast track towards the global ushering in of antichrist being more prominent and enforcing his mark.

December 7—Fox News

Kirk Cameron is denied story-hour slot by public libraries for his new faithbased kids book

Here is rhetorical question, "Why is it that every uncouth thing is allowed but when something even hints at being Christian, resistance is the response?" "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before [it hated] you" (John 15:18).

December 11—The Gateway Pundit

German Molecular Biologist Unveils Concept of World's First Artificial Womb Facility Which Can Incubate up to 30,000 Lab-Grown Babies a Year (VIDEO)

"So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he

them" (Genesis 1:27), and according to this article, "Not anymore!"

December 14—Fox News

FBI may have violated First Amendment with Twitter moderation requests, experts warn

Squashing the ability to exercise free speech is indeed a first amendment violation and something that Satan would do. Therefore, another example is being presented where the United States is on the road to speaking as a dragon (Revelation 13:11).

December 14-MSN

New Study Links COVID-19 Vaccination Status to Increased Risk of Car Crashes

Science is also falsely so called (1 Timothy 6:20). There are a number of factors that contribute to statistics that are and are not included. This new agenda is nothing short of preparing a class of people to be ready for rate hikes in their insurance, an unfair practice and very intentional.

December 14—The Hill

Boehner gets emotional in Pelosi tribute: 'My girls told me, tell the Speaker how much we admire her'

If we think that one party is better than another, just remember this fondness between parties as well as the joint effort in 2015 to bring the pope into Congress. Both parties are working towards the same goal. They "causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed" (Revelation 13:12).

December 15—Fox News

Gohmert: Without a change to how children are taught, 'We're going to have to get rid of the Second Amendment'

Between that news title and "Jack Brewer tells Congress gun crimes won't end until 'paddle and prayer' are brought

back to public schools" by Fox News too, we see a moral outrage and call to get back to higher morals. This movement would not stop in bringing the country back to morality, but it would go further. "In the events now taking place is seen a rapid advance toward the fulfillment of the prediction. With Protestant teachers there is the same claim of divine authority for Sunday-keeping, and the same lack of scriptural evidence, as with the papist leaders who fabricated miracles to supply the place of a command from God. The assertion that God's judgments are visited upon men for their violation of the Sunday-sabbath, will be repeated; already it is beginning to be urged. And a movement to enforce Sunday observance is fast gaining ground" {GC88 579.1}.

December 15—The Conversation

Was Jesus really born in Bethlehem? Why the Gospels disagree over the circumstances of Christ's birth

As doubt in God's word is behind this satanic attack, we also have another article from a different motive doing the same thing: "How a Bible Error Changed History and Turned Gays Into Pariahs" (Advocate, December 17, 2022). "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils" (1 Timothy 4:1).

December 20—Bloomberg

Climate Policy Has Become Central in the Fight for Global Power

This title reveals that it is all an agenda to grasp power at the inconvenience of the citizens. It is a control mechanism. Eventually, "These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast" (Revelation 17:13).

December 20—Miami Herald

Look inside the tomb of 'the midwife of Jesus' as Israel plans to open cave to public And here is what the Bible has to say about the existence of the midwife nothing. There was no midwife. "Joseph also went up from Galilee" (Luke 2:4) "To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child" (Luke 2:5). There is no mention about bringing along a midwife. "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7). Again, there is no mention that they found a midwife in Bethlehem. To add such a story into the scheme of things making it some elaborate belief is "Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition" (Mark 7:13).

December 16—BBC

Christian nationalists - wanting to put God into US government

Potentially this leads to fulfillment of prophecy: "Those religious bodies who refuse to hear God's messages of warning will be under strong deception, and will unite with the civil power to persecute the saints. The Protestant churches will unite with the papal power in persecuting the commandment-keeping people of God. This is that power which constitutes the great system of persecution which will exercise spiritual tyranny over the consciences of men." {14MR 161.4}

December 24—Technology Review

A startup says it's begun releasing particles into the atmosphere, in an effort to tweak the climate

Now, if this startup makes a mistake affecting the ability to use the air we breath, will a simple "oops" suffice? This is the danger of being a pagan worshiper of which climate change happens to be. "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen" (Romans 1:25).

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And so, do keep us in prayer over the matter because Satan is trying other tactics now to shut us down. Between censoring, postal workers not delivering the product but choosing to send it back to us, and now this, it will be a miracle of God to press on, which we believe is our duty and God shall make a way before us. And we know that postal workers are not delivering the publication for prejudice reasons because we have had a number of you calling us wondering if we are still publishing. When we look up the address, we find that we removed it by direction from the postal system as being undeliverable. When the person is resubscribed, by some odd reason, the publication gets delivered again.

God help us all as the economy and the world in general is pointing to a soon and coming Savior. God Bless.

Ellen White Abbreviations In this Issue

1SM - Selected Messages Book 1

6T - Testimonies for the Church Volume Six

14MR - Manuscript Releases Volume Fourteen

CD - Counsels on Diet and Foods

CTBH - Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene

FE - Fundamentals of Christian Education

GC - The Great Controversy (1911)

GC88 - The Great Controversy (1888)

GW - Gospel Workers (1915)

GW92 - Gospel Workers (1892)

RH - The Review and Herald

ST - The Signs of the Time

Natural Remedies

Reen Swindle

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.

Exercise for Knee Pain

"I hear my rheumatologist wife talking about home remedies for knee pain all the time. The two core things ~Dr. Raj Dasgupta

she always tells her patients are 'Don't rest too much' and 'Try to exercise'. Too much rest can weaken your muscles, which can actually make knee pain worse. Keeping active is usually a better and safer alternative to side effects of many pain medications."

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