# 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.

# "Abide in Me."

### Ellen White

John, the fifteenth chapter, commencing with the first verse: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

That means pure. "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me." You will please mark that verse.

If any of you think that you can do work for the Master and yet not have Christ abiding in your heart by living faith, you are making a mistake. You see it is an impossibility. It is the living connection with Christ that brings us into right relation with God so that with His power combined with human effort, men can accomplish the work God has given them to do in the world.

In Christ Jesus there is constant growth that [the believer] may be a faithful witness for God, a guide and example to others in self-denial, in cross-bearing, in prompt and vigorous action. In tempering character he must abide in Christ then he will work as Christ worked. His faith will be strong, his consecration complete. His love for souls will be evidenced. This is the fruit we must bear which will qualify us to be workers together with God. The Lord can trust us to bear responsibilities however difficult and perilous to bring the light of truth before the world in clear bright rays.

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

### Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

#### Jerry O'Donnell

Do not allow ignorant church members or liberal ministers and teachers to twist the words of Ellen White!

In the relationship I have with *Truth Triumphant*, in which I travel to Florida once a month to speak, I get to interact with Bill Hughes, Kody Morey, and Paul Praino, and have frequent conversation with them. In one of Kody's sermons, it happened to touch on an irksome topic of Paul who hates seeing Ellen White's words about sanctification twisted, and the subsequent falsification of her intent.

Ellen White penned, "Sanctification is not the work of a moment, an hour, a day, but of a lifetime" {AA 560.3}, and they appear in many other places, even outside of compilations.

Now, today's liberal ministers and teachers have successfully influenced the membership to think that it means a single known sin may take an entire lifetime to overcome, and that is not what Ellen White meant at all.

Every known sin is to be immediately put away allowing the revelation of unknown sins to surface in our conscience to then be put away as well, and the work of a lifetime continues in that pattern. "Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own" {COL 69.1}. How this manifestation takes place is by having us grow in grace "For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear" (Mark 4:28).

This does not mean that we give up if we repeat a known sin, but it certainly should not take fifty years to cease using foul language, as an example. In fact, this is my favorite example to share when this topic comes up. The real work of a lifetime is when a person becomes a true Christian and realizes that taking God's name in vain, using it as a foul word, is sinful and should stop. Sure, at first it may take a little time to be eradicated from the vocabulary but after a bit of time, it should no longer exist. This then allows the true Christian to grow into the next phase of realizing that even the foul words in general should cease. Again, after a bit of time, after getting past all of the usual triggers for the use of those words, they eventually fall away from use in conversation. This then removes the blinders to the fact that euphemisms, which are milder words that are 'cousins' to the really bad words, will also disappear. The language will then be further cleaned up by realizing that one ought not be talking so much about the world anyway, but more about eternal things, so sports and celebrities and movies, etc., will eventually fade from interest and will be minimalized topics of conversation instead of the primary focus. And it continues to go and go as we grow in grace, as we work on the lifetime of sanctification. It is to be a progressive work and not a stagnant one. In fact, if we are still back at the beginning and have not moved from that point in fifty years, something is wrong.

Of course, those who are guilty of dragging their feet in the process quickly quip with "Sanctification is the work of a lifetime!" How sad it is to see people in such a condition. That is because they have convinced themselves that they "have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked" (Revelation 3:17).

God help us to see our condition in the proper light.

The mission of The Four Angels' Messages Ministry is to alert as many Seventh-day Adventists as possible to see the need of living the Three Angels' Messages, be 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 thus:

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

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

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

#### About The Four Angels' Messages Ministry

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Self must not become prominent. The eye must be kept single aiming to glorify God, not self, and then love will abound yet more and more, and we will approve things that are excellent and be filled with the fruits of righteousness. "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. I am the vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing."

We must live by faith which means abiding in Christ. "The life which I live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20.

We must learn of Christ daily that we may exercise forbearance and patience and heavenly wisdom. [You cannot] go with [only] your natural inclinations, and make a success in working for the salvation of souls. If you think you can bear the message and have converting power come upon the hearts of the people, and yet not have Christ with you, you will meet with disappointment and failure. It is best for us to take Christ right along with us. It is best for us to take the stand, "I will not go unless Thou go with me."

It is best for the mother to take the stand that she must have Christ with her. If the mother wants to train her family so that they may grow up for future usefulness and for heaven, she must train her children in the fear of God. She must not allow them to have their own will and their own way.

She needs to have Christ and the presence of the truth abiding [in] her own heart that she shall be where she can work for others: for her children, her family, for her neighbors, and for future eternal life.

There is a great work for us to do. God did not put us in this world to do nothing but amuse ourselves. If the mother can train her children for God and for heaven, she is doing a great work. We want Christ Himself abiding in our hearts. Fathers, we want the fruits of the Spirit of God abiding in the heart. We want to be where we can take right hold upon the work of training and disciplining our children.

How is it with us? We seem to think that we can get along without Christ. Go into the family, listen to them as they talk. They claim to be Christians, but you don't hear one word of Christ. You do not hear anything that gives you any information in regard to Christ. There is nothing in their discourse that opens to you the beauty, the loveliness, and the perfection of Christ.

We want our own hearts glowing with the love of Christ. When our hearts are full of the love of Christ, it will come just as naturally from the lips as this light, chaffy talk that does not do anyone any good.

You go to dinner at some friend's house. The mother and perhaps other members of the family are so

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When this publication is shutdown beyond our control we will unable provide any refunds. Be rest assured that all funds are used in the most responsible ways according to the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. busy preparing the dinner that you do not have an opportunity to converse with them until the dinner is upon the table. You have a great variety, and if you should eat of everything that is upon the table, you will just make gluttons of yourselves. Your perceptions will be blunted. Your minds will not be clear.

We read that Enoch walked with God. And how did he walk with God? Why, he made Christ his companion. I long to see men who walk with God in this age. You read of those holy men of old. They did not act as though Christ was afar off. They acted as though He was with them. They conversed with Him. They would let their petitions go out to Him. You can do just the same.

Enoch walked with God and God took him to Himself. Enoch was an example to all those who will be translated to heaven without seeing death. We want to be in Christ. We want Christ abiding in our hearts by faith. We cannot afford to be in that position where we are not bearing fruit.

I will read farther. "If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." This promise is in the Word of God.

"If ye abide in Me and my words abide in you"—what does that mean? It means that every requirement, every lesson Christ gave to His disciples we are to read and reread, believe and practice, and bring the same clear lines before others that they can understand it. If you do that, He says, "Ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." What is the fruit? We want to know who is bearing it. We find what the fruit of the Spirit is in Galatians the fifth chapter and the twentysecond and twenty-third verses. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law."

How is it? Why, there is no condemnation of the law that comes upon them. We must be abiding in Christ. We must be living up to the requirements of the law, then we can bear fruit to the glory of God.

Now, brethren, your profession may be very high, high as heaven; you may claim to be very righteous, but we want to know if you are. We want to know if the law of Jehovah is exalted by you—if you are bringing your life and character to meet the requirements of high heaven. If you are not bearing the fruits of the Spirit, you are not abiding in Christ.

The fifteenth verse of this same chapter: "But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another." Did you ever see anything like this? See those two who have had a disagreement. One wants sympathy on his side, and the other wants sympathy on his side. We don't want any such feeling among us. This is the fruit Satan bears. If you permit such a spirit to exist among you, you will find that you are devouring one another. You will find that it will affect your physical as well as your spiritual strength. Yes! Your physical strength will be affected if you cherish feelings of anger or enmity. Your strength is affected by the way you feel. Walk in the light of the Spirit of God, else you cannot do the things you would.

Sometimes you want to do good. You cannot, because you have no influence. What is the matter? Your own characters are so rough and crooked you cannot do the good you wish to. If you walk by the Spirit, God will not look upon you as transgressors because you are obedient.

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like; of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Galatians 5:19-21.

Brethren, are you in any way guilty of these? Brethren, sisters, are you in any way approaching unto them? I tell you before God, if you are indulging in any of these and continue to, you cannot inherit the kingdom of God. There you have it decisively. I beg of you that not one of you will commence to make excuses for your rough characters. Had we not better obey the Word of God? Will it make us any more simple, will it be such a wonderful disgrace if we try to live according to God's Word?

If the parents have unruly spirits, the same will be seen throughout the family. You will see that the children will talk the very same words that mother talks, that father says.

When you parents are easily provoked to anger, when your words are harsh or scornful or bitter, you are training your children up in that line. You can't afford to go on in this round.

Suppose you bear the fruits of the Spirit? Suppose there is only love and meekness? How much pleasanter everything is. The children will feel it. And by-and-by, instead of that old, high-toned key of voice, there will be

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Now, if you have the law of love, if you have peace and joy and righteousness in your families, you can never keep it all inside the house. No! indeed! It will flow out. The very same law of kindness that is manifest in the home circle will be acted out by the different members of the family as they meet with others. As the children conduct themselves at home, so they will conduct themselves as they meet with those outside the home. The most powerful influence that can be exerted in behalf of the religion of Jesus Christ is a well-ordered and disciplined family.

That person, man or woman, who is humble and consecrated, will show by his daily life how much the religion of Jesus Christ has done and is doing for him.

But you take the man or the woman who is all the time fretting and acting like a balky horse: Satan is beside them. He is planting his banner right in their house, and he is having just a fine time. He is having a nice time rejoicing in his influence and it is his spirit that is manifest in that home.

You want the Spirit of Christ in your homes if you want joy and peace. You have the Spirit of God in you [and] you will attract the children of God around you. And what is the influence you are carrying outside? It is the spirit of longsuffering, gentleness, goodness.

You have to meet those who will cross your track, and if you have

cultivated these fruits of the Spirit, why, how many hard places it will help you over. Why is it that the machinery doesn't run hard? It is because the Spirit of Christ is in the heart. I feel so sorry for Jesus Christ when those who claim to believe the most solemn truth that was ever given should so give themselves up to foolish talking and unkind remarks.

God helps us that we may see the necessity of overcoming this. You say the Christian life is so hard, and this is so difficult for me to overcome. Is Jesus dead, brethren? Is He in Joseph's new tomb? Did Satan triumph over Him? Does He tell you, you must overcome these things without any help? No! He will help us at every step. Thank God, we may take hold upon the merits of Jesus Christ! There is virtue in the blood of the atonement. It is for us to get where we can bear much fruit. And in that very fruit is your power to bring souls to Christ.

We don't want you to become discouraged. Whom does Christ call His? Those who have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. Have you done it? Oh, God grant that you may, if you have not. If you are living or abiding in the true Vine, you will walk in the Spirit. Wherever you go you will manifest that Spirit. And by beholding, you will become like HIM. If you reveal Jesus in your life, others will know that you are a Christian.

But if you talk that you are a Christian and don't live like one, I have no reason to believe you are one. You may say I have not charity. Well, I have not the kind of charity for that. Brethren, we want our lives to show that we are Christians. We want to show it in our deal. We want to live so that God will not be ashamed to own us as His children. Don't say that you are a Christian and yet say that you are weak, that you are jealous and have evil surmisings. If you do, you must get over it or you are not a Christian. It won't do for you to harbor these wrong feelings. You must overcome all this.

Jesus will be your Helper. You have only one day at a time. Shall we not put forth every effort and watch unto prayer and bring Jesus very nigh us. Shall we not do this? Shall we not try to keep our hearts right before God? Shall we not let our prayers constantly ascend to Him for strength and grace? He is at your right hand. Then He cannot be very far off. Oh, that our tongues may be sanctified! —that our ears may be sanctified! Then we can bear fruit unto righteousness.

I never saw the time when we needed more the power of God in our souls. There is a crisis at hand. In place of the law of the Ten Commandments will be shoved in the Sunday law. This crisis is coming upon us. This nation that has been blessed so many years with liberty and prosperity; this nation that has enjoyed religious liberty so far beyond that of other nations until it has become an asylum for the oppressed; this nation that God has given advantages over every other nation on the face of the earth; this nation that God has honored and blessed; what are the people of this nation doing?

They are agitating the question of enacting laws that shall compel the people to trample upon the law of Jehovah. God has given a commandment to rest upon the seventh day. He has given this commandment to men to observe. It is God's memorial. What is Satan doing in our world? Why, he has been working for a long time to get control of the minds and emotions of the people that he might cause them to commit idolatry. He has them worked up where they want to put a working day right in the place of the Sabbath. When that law shall be carried out, the very principles of liberty for which our fathers fought will be trampled upon. The reformers, the martyrs have died at the stake for these principles of religious liberty. When this law does go into effect, it is then that the nation's ruin will take place. It is then that it becomes universal that the law of God is made void by this nation of boasted liberty! What then? Why, Satan has done just what he wanted to. The man of sin has exalted himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped.

Well now, we want to understand what our position is, brethren and sisters, at a time when the crisis has come. God and the whole universe of heaven are looking to see what will take place in the world. It is time for us to arouse. Because the trampling upon God's law becomes universal, is it any reason that we should drop back? There are those who will rally to the front. There are those that will proclaim the law of God, and as they see the contempt and the indignity that is placed upon the law of God by exalting another day in the place of the Sabbath, they will put forth every effort to maintain and exalt the law of God.

There is a power at work that is stirring the very elements of society. There are trying times just before us when men's faith will be tested. We want to be prepared for this emergency. We want to be ready and we want our children ready, and what are we going to do about it? Why, we want Christ in our hearts. We want to be abiding in the true Vine, we want to honor God and keep His commandments. We must have Christ at every step. We cannot afford to be without Him a moment. Not a moment. Brethren, Christ says, "As the Father hath loved me so have I loved you." Wonderful love!

Brethren, if you are abiding in the true Vine, when you meet, you will have something to say for Jesus. If you have the Spirit of God abiding in you, your powers will become strengthened. The more you search the Scriptures, the more you will love Jesus Christ.

If you want to grow spiritually, brethren, search the Scriptures; the more you do, the better you can pray, the more you can lift up holy hands to God without doubting. And you are in that position where God is being constantly glorified through you. You are bringing Christ right into your life. "Sanctify them through Thy truth," was the prayer of Christ. "Thy word is truth."

Some people when they come into meeting seem to stand just where they have stood. They do not improve in knowledge. They do not improve in spirit. How can we think they are the children of God?

The Lord wants to do wonderful things for His people. See how He

poured out His blessings upon the people on the day of Pentecost? He wants to bless His people today. The windows of heaven are not locked. We can go on from strength to strength, from knowledge to knowledge, from light to light, until we grow into the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus.

Brethren and sisters, are you satisfied with your present associations? Are you satisfied with your present condition? Are you satisfied to shut Christ out of your dwelling? Why shall we not bring Him in? Why shall His name not become a household name?

I was in England at the time of the Queen's jubilee. Her picture was in all the windows, upon paper, upon glass, on everything. Everything was done to keep her in the memory and thoughts of the people. Such parades! Thousands and thousands and thousands of dollars expended upon that occasion! Why, the people paid dollars, just for a place to sit in the windows and see the parade! Two or three hundred dollars paid for a position in a window to see the Queen!

I was right there in London when this excitement took place. It made me sad. Not that they had the right to do this, but I thought of the Christian

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world. Here we are looking for the Lord to come in the clouds of heaven. Do we keep Him in mind? If we really believe in Jesus, if we really believe in His coming, if we are abiding in Christ, we shall not be complaining about every little cross. We shall be thinking of what Christ our Saviour has done in our behalf. As we look at the cross of Calvary, our petty vexations will vanish from sight. Why should we not as Christians lift Him up, the Man of Calvary? Why, Christ laid aside His robes of glory, and for our sakes He became poor. He was rich, and He became poor, that through His poverty we might become rich.

That sacrifice will be lost to us unless we lay hold upon Christ by faith. We have no righteousness of ourselves at all. All the prophecies show us that the end of all things is at hand. Let us be getting our hearts right before God.

I will tell a little incident. My son's little girl, who was seven years old three months ago, was with her mother one day. Her mother was reading to her about the Lord coming in power and great glory. She listened attentively. At last she said, "What, Jesus coming to our world?"

"Yes, my child, Jesus is coming to our world!" "Oh!" said the child, "Why didn't you tell me before? When is He coming?"

"We cannot tell just how soon He will come, but Christ is coming very soon."

"Well, how soon is He coming?"

"We cannot tell you the time, but Jesus is surely coming to our world."

"Oh!" said she, "I don't think I am ready. I don't think I have been a good girl all my life. What shall I do?" "Why, you must give your heart to Jesus and try to overcome your own will and overcome having your own way."

"Oh, but, Mother, what can I do? You know, Mother, it is hard for me to give up my own will; I am afraid Christ will come and find I have a will of my own. What shall I do, Mother?"

"You must ask Him to give you a heart to do His will."

"I can't wait till night, Mother, to pray. Won't you pray with me right here?"

What conviction upon that child's heart! Tears streamed down her cheeks. She said, "Dear Lord, I've got a will that is wicked, a will that is hard for me to give up. Will you help me, Jesus, for I don't know what to do?"

Well the Lord heard that prayer, and He did give help. She has had a precious experience. She has been a changed child from that day. When that child realized that Christ was coming, she felt that she was not ready, and she sought for help, and the Lord gave it. Here we are, [we who] can open the Scriptures and understand all about Christ's coming, and we are just as insensible. Our hearts are so hard, that they are not impressed. We are expecting the Saviour, the Son of God, and yet we don't make half the ado they did about the Queen.

Jesus laid aside His robes of honor and glory and assumed humanity to show humanity how to live, how to overcome. Christ could not do this with His robes of glory on. Step after step He takes until He is stretched upon the cross, dying the most cruel death. And then He burst the fetters and came forth and triumphed over death and the grave. And He tells His children that they need not fear death. You shall not always lie there, but you shall come forth in the resurrection morning. You shall come forth when the loved of God shall come forth. I will call forth the righteous dead to a glorious immortality.

They will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. Why, they will see Jesus as He is, and be made like Him, for they shall see Him as He is. How can you as Christians go mourning and depressed if you are taking hold upon Jesus? Well, it has been fortyseven years since I gave my heart to God. Tomorrow I shall be sixty-one years old, and I can tell you, I would not change the life I have given to God for the life of a sinner, for the whole world. Do you say, "Oh, you have had an easy life; you have not had much trouble."

Have I not buried the eldest and the youngest of my children? Have I not buried my husband? Haven't I known what affliction is? Have not I known what suffering is? I have drunk the cup of suffering, but I have not said a murmuring word.

I remember the Saviour in Gethsemane. I remember that cup trembled in His hand. Shall He open His breast to all this guilt? Shall He be treated as the one that is guilty of all the sins of the whole world? Shall He bear it? But He did bear it. He drank the cup. And yet He prayed the Father that if it were possible it might pass from Him. And just as soon as I think I have trouble and suffering, my mind goes right to Jesus and I say, Let me be a partaker with Christ in His suffering. Let me suffer for His dear name. For those who suffer with Him shall be partakers in His glory. They shall sit down with Him on His throne. I don't want the easy parts.

Brethren, do you preach Christ and Him crucified? Do you enter the houses of the people and teach Jesus, or do you hang these helpless souls upon yourselves? Oh, never, never let these souls be attracted merely to you. When you see that they are being attracted to you, hold up Jesus that they may be attracted to Him. Hold up Him who died upon Calvary. It was for your sins that He suffered.

If you want to be successful in working for the salvation of souls, you want divine power united with human effort. Then you can be successful. It is only one day at a time.

I remember speaking to one soul about running the race with patience. I said to her, "It is only one step at a time. God asks you to do your duty only for one day at a time."

"Well," said she, "that looks different. I think I can do that."

Yes, it is only one step at a time, and every step takes us nearer the great white throne, nearer the crystal sea. What must I do to be saved? Why, give yourself to Jesus and say, "Here I am, Jesus. You have given Yourself for me. You have paid the infinite price for my salvation. I have robbed you of my service all these years of my life, but now I repent of it. And now I give myself just as I am, a poor miserable sinner."

"But," you say, "what shall I do? The spirit of repentance must come to me."

Yes, indeed! But the very same God that will send His power to convert you will send repentance to you. Every soul of you will repent when your heart is broken. You have only a little time to get ready. Is there anyone here who has not yet given his heart to Christ? Will you not this very day do it?

Are you afraid you cannot hold out? Can you not trust God to help you through one day? And if you can live right one day, ask God for strength to live the next day. Won't Jesus help us? Doesn't He love us? Why, He who hung on Calvary's cross passed through all that agony to save men. Doesn't He love us? What greater, what more do we want? Christ says, "What more could I do for my vineyard than I have done for it?" And He wants us to love Him and be obedient.

Now, I gave my life to Him when I was eleven years old. I remember the experience of that little girl was enacted in my life. I picked up a little piece of paper in the road; that paper said that a man was going to preach that the Lord was coming. I was so afraid that He would come before I were ready. I wrestled with God, and He gave me His blessing, and He gave me peace. I went to my young companions; I told them; I pleaded with them. I got them to bow with me before God in prayer.

I was possessed by a hasty temper. I began to pray for the Lord to help me overcome this. I began to wrestle in prayer for God's grace and blessing, and He gave it to me.

When we have God's blessing with us, we can improve our powers so that we can render back glory to God. Here are souls to be gathered in. Right around in the shadow of our own homes are souls to be brought in.

Reading of poem "Ninety and Nine."

Now, brethren, I want you to consider that that is a very faint representation of what the Saviour has done for us. Brethren, what are you going to do from this day? Are you going out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in that the Lord's house may be filled? Oh, how my soul longs after the souls that are out of Christ. I would I could take them and lay them upon the bosom of Christ. Shall we forget our nice houses and fine things; shall we go bearing reproach for Christ's sake? Shall we try to get our minds fixed upon things above? Shall we live the truth before the world? Shall we help others, not alone by our words but by our lives?

God help us that we may win souls to Jesus Christ. I want His love in my heart. I want you to have it. When trials arise, lift up your eyes and say, "There is a crown waiting for me." Live so that you can say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7, 8.

Why, this little life, what does it amount to? There is a life beyond. An eternity. A life of happiness. No death can enter there. There will be no malarial taints there. No sickness, or pain or sorrow. Do you not want to be there? The streets are paved with gold, and you will see the King in His glory. I must be there. I must see the King in His majesty.

Don't lead people to believe they can go there and take their sins right along. The characters must be changed here. We must learn to sing the songs of redemption here if we ever sing the song of redemption in heaven. Sing of His goodness. Talk of His power.

### When Shall These Things Be?

OUR Lord having passed over the important events in the Christian age down to the end, in verses 5-14 [Matt. 24], goes back and introduces the destruction of Jerusalem, at verse 15, in answer to the inquiry, "When shall these things be?"

Verses 15-20: "When ye, therefore, shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place (whose readeth, let him understand); then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains; let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house; neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath-day:"

The "abomination of desolation" is called "armies" in Luke 21:20, and refers to the Roman army. "And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh." This desolating power is spoken of by Daniel as follows: "And the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. . . . And for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

Margin, "desolator". Dan.9:26,27. Here is a clear prophecy of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman armies. Our Lord referred to the book of Daniel, and taught his disciples to read and understand it; and when they should see what was there predicted take place, they must make their escape.

The flight of the Christians of Judea to the mountains would be attended with difficulties. And their subsequent condition would be that of hardship and suffering. The Lord knew this, and gave them the instructions and warnings necessary. The statement of verse 19 was given to save them from the sorrows of unnecessary woe. That was a time of trouble. But one, "such as never was," is just before the people of God.

Jesus recognizes the existence of the Sabbath in verse 20, as late as the destruction of Jerusalem, as verily as he does the seasons of the year. The Sabbath, is the uniform term of both Testaments to designate the very day on which Jehovah rested after the creation, the day upon which he put his blessing, and which he set apart for man. Jesus does not speak of the Sabbath as being only a seventh part of time, or one day in seven, and no day in particular. The Sabbath, is the term used, referring to the last day of the first week of time, and to the last day of each subsequent week. But if the term, the Sabbath, means only a seventh part of time, or one day in seven, and no day in particular, then

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we may read this definition into the text as follows: But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on a seventh part of time! or on one day in seven. If such a prayer could be answered, pray tell us when the disciples could take their flight.

Verse 21: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world in this time, no, nor ever shall be." The "great tribulation" here mentioned is that of the church of Jesus Christ, and not the tribulation of the Jews at the destruction of Jerusalem. We offer the following reasons:-

1. It is a fact that the tribulation of the Christian church, especially under the reign of the papacy, was greater than God's people had suffered before "since the beginning of the world." But it is not true that the tribulation of the Jews at the destruction of Jerusalem was the greatest tribulation of the world ever witnessed. The tribulation of the inhabitants of the cities of the plain when God rained on them fire and brimstone, or, the tribulation when God destroyed all men from the face of the earth, save eight souls, by the flood, was certainly greater than that at the destruction of Jerusalem.

The tribulation of the Christian church has been greater than it will ever be again. True, a time of trouble, "such as never was," spoken of in Dan.12:1, is coming upon the world; but we find in the same verse this blessed promise, "And at that time thy people shall be delivered." The tribulation of the Jews at the destruction of Jerusalem was not greater than the world will ever witness. The vials of Jehovah's unmingled wrath are yet to be poured out, not upon the people of one nation only, but upon the guilty thousands of all nations. "The slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried." Jer.25:33.

3. If this tribulation be applied to the Jews, nor any other class of unbelieving men, it cannot be harmonized with Dan.12:1, which speaks of the time of trouble such as never was, when Michael shall stand up. Certainly there cannot be two times of trouble, at different periods, greater than ever was, or ever would be. Therefore, we apply the "tribulation" spoken of in Matt.24:21, 29, to the church of Christ, extending down through the 1260 years of papal persecution; and the "trouble"

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mentioned in Dan.12:1, to the unbelieving world, to be experienced by them in the future.

4. The period of tribulation was shortened for the elect's sake. Who are the elect here mentioned? The Jews? No; their house had been pronounced desolate. They were left of God in their hardness of heart and blindness of mind. Says Paul, "Lo, we turn to the Gentiles." The elect were the followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. And where were they when tribulation was upon the Jews? They had fled to the mountains. How absurd, then, to say that the days of the tribulation of the Jews, in the city of Jerusalem, were shortened for the sake of the elect, who had fled from the place of tribulation.

5. The connection between verses 20 and 21 shows that the tribulation was to commence with those Christians who were to flee out of the city.

"But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbathday; for then shall be great tribulation." Our Lord here speaks of the tribulation which his people would suffer from the time of their flight onward. We follow them in their flight to the mountains, and then pass along down through the noted persecutions of the church of God under pagan Rome, and we see, indeed, tribulation. And when we come to the period of papal persecution, we see them suffering the most cruel tortures, and dying the most dreadful deaths, that wicked men and demons could inflict. This last period is especially noted in prophecy. The prophet Daniel saw the papacy, its blasphemy, its arrogance, its work of death on the saints, and its duration as a persecuting power, under the symbol of the little horn. "And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time." Chap.7:25. It is generally admitted that "a time and times and the dividing of time" is 1260 years. Commencing the 1260 years A.D. 538, they reach to A.D. 1798, when Berthier, a French general, entered Rome, and took it. The pope was taken prisoner and shut up in the Vatican. The papacy was stripped of its civil power. Here ended the period of tribulation spoken of by our Lord, which was.

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# Are You in the Right Ship?

### Jerry O'Donnell

#### Are You in the Right Ship?

We hear a lot of talk about staying in the ship. Unfortunately, many misunderstand what the word "ship" applies to. People have been brainwashed into believing it is the General Conference and that to leave a conference church, we are leaving the ship. That would indicate that the ship only existed from 1863 forward, and it would beg the question, was there a ship prior, like all the reformers who followed Martin Luther, John Huss, and others?

Some would rebut with the fact that the ship continues to change hands and in these last days, the ship is the Seventh-day Adventist Church. You mean the one that is cozying up to Rome? The one that works against its membership by aligning with the government with special interest projects like climate change, vaccinations, complying with unhealthful principles pushed upon society? You mean the one that bends over backwards to make friends with other denominations and is actively involved in "worshipping the same god" when it is not the true God? You mean the one that restricts the behavior of those standing for the right though the heavens fall while not censoring those that distort the Bible, promotes an erroneous Bible called the NIV, and publishes material in our own publications coming from Jesuits, other denominations, science falsely so-called, and even atheists?

As stated before, not to brag, but I have personally read all of Ellen White's writings from the electronic media supplied by the Ellen White

Estates. I never read a single quote that I can recall that connects the Seventh-day Adventist Church to being the ship. In fact, with this electronic media, I am able to search for words like "ship" and "vessel" along with "Seventh-day" or even "Adventist" of which resulted in no connection with the denomination. What I did find regarding the connection with the word "ship" is that of a generic reference to the word "church" but not pointing to our denomination. In other words, the ship is that of the church of Heaven. The definition of "ship" is quite the opposite regarding the thought on the connection the word "ship" and "church" together that seems to be promoted, which is nothing short of Catholic belief and practice along with scare tactics.

"We do not worry. The cause is the Lord's; He is on board the ship as chief director, and He will guide our bark into port. Our Master can command the winds and the waves. We are only His workers, to obey orders; what He saith, that will we do. We have no need to be anxious or troubled. God is our trust. The Lord sends His richest endowments of reason and reasoning to a people He loves, and who keep His commandments. He has by no means forsaken His people who are working in His lines. God is seeking to make His church the continued incarnation of Christ. The gospel ministers are the under-shepherds, Christ is the divine shepherd. The members of the church are the working agencies of the Lord. His church will stand out prominently. It is the Lord's body. With all its working forces it must

become one with the great Head. Among the members of Christ's body there must be unity of action. They are partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. This lust has many branches and comprehends much; but those who are partakers of the divine nature will hold the doctrines of God's word in their purity. The Bible is to be followed implicitly" {7MR 91.1}.

As you read that paragraph, initially it sounds like Ellen White was indeed referring to the denomination, but she was not. Read it carefully, especially the ending. Does Ted Wilson or Ganoune Diop or all pastors involved with the ecumenical movement have the divine nature? Are they working in the lines of Christ to preach the Three Angels' Messages, identifying the antichrist, knowing full well what the mark of the beast is? How about all of the preachers in the denomination that teach that we shall sin right up until the second coming? Is that in the line of Christ? The answer is No! A resounding No! Just in case you did not know.

"Jesus is just as near to us amid scenes of tempest and trial as He was to His followers who were tossed on the Sea of Galilee. We must have calm, steady, firm, unwavering trust in God. Now is our time, my brother, to not be moved away from our Stronghold by anything that shall arise. We must now have an individual experience in holding fast unto God. Christ is on board the vessel. Believe that Christ is our Captain, that He will take care, not only of us, but of the ship. Satan will work with his masterly power to separate the soul from God. We hear the different voices sounding from every quarter that our attention shall

be taken from the true issue in this time. The end is near and let there not be a confusion of voices to misguide and mislead some astray. To say, 'Peace, peace,' to these souls who have long resisted the voice of the True Shepherd, who have contended long against Omnipotence, is to quiet his conscience to [the] sleep of death. Will man in his pride forsake his own best interests by cherishing thoughts or doing deeds opposed to the mind and Spirit of God. God has been pleased to show me that men who ought to know the voice of the True Shepherd will be more ready to accept the voice of the stranger and follow in unsafe, forbidden paths because of the stubbornness of their human nature" {1888 1001.3}.

All of this points to our individual relationship with Christ. We fellowship with Seventh-day Adventists because we are to fellowship with like believers, but that does not make the denomination the "ship". In fact, one can be registered as a Seventh-day Adventist Church member and yet not be part of the church in Heaven. Unfortunately, those like believers are hard to find, and in most conference churches, it may not be possible. If there is a drum set up front, do not waste your time. If plays or skits are put on, do not waste your time. If "social events" refers to sporting events, game nights, movie nights, etc., instead of Bible discussion and additional Sabbath messages, do not waste your time. In fact, whole conferences have given themselves over to Satan's music and entertainment.

With that said, the true members of the true ship, the one that Jesus commands, cannot be waiting around in inactivity. We have a duty, a responsibility, which is the primary point of this message.

"In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import – the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention" {9T 19.1}.

"The most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given us to proclaim to the world. The proclamation of these truths is to be our work. The world is to be warned, and God's people are to be true to the trust committed to them. They are not to engage in speculation, neither are they to enter into business enterprises with unbelievers; for this would hinder them in their God-given work" {9T 19.2}. "Christ says of His people: 'Ye are the light of the world.' Matthew 5:14. It is not a small matter that the counsels and plans of God have been so clearly opened to us. It is a wonderful privilege to be able to understand the will of God as revealed in the sure word of prophecy. This places on us a heavy responsibility. God expects us to impart to others the knowledge that He has given us. It is His purpose that divine and human instrumentalities shall unite in the proclamation of the warning message" {9T 19.3}.

"So far as his opportunities extend, everyone who has received the light of truth is under the same responsibility as was the prophet of Israel to whom came the word: 'Son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at My mouth, and warn them from Me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his

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blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.' Ezekiel 33:7-9" {9T 19.4}.

"Are we to wait until the fulfillment of the prophecies of the end before we say anything concerning them? Of what value will our words be then? Shall we wait until God's judgments fall upon the transgressor before we tell him how to avoid them? Where is our faith in the word of God? Must we see things foretold come to pass before we will believe what He has said? In clear, distinct rays light has come to us, showing us that the great day of the Lord is near at hand, 'even at the doors.' Let us read and understand before it is too late" {9T 20.1}.

"We are to be consecrated channels, through which the heavenly life is to flow to others. The Holy Spirit is to animate and pervade the whole church, purifying and cementing hearts. Those who have been buried with Christ in baptism are to rise to newness of life, giving a living representation of the life of Christ. Upon us is laid a sacred charge. The commission has been given us: 'Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world.' Matthew 28:19, 20, margin. You are dedicated to the work of making known the gospel of salvation. Heaven's perfection is to be your power" {9T 20.2}.

Basically, "You are a crew on the missionary ship. Very many men, women, and children have invested their mites, and offered their prayers for the safety of this ship as she rides upon the treacherous ocean. You need Jesus with you every moment. The vessel that rides upon the waters on this missionary enterprise may be a floating Bethel" {7MR 204.2}.

So, will you take to your responsibility, whatever role you can play? There is no measure of how grand the work is to be. Jesus simply said, "Occupy till I come" (Luke 19:13), which is to be at work for the Lord in whatever capacity possible.

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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.

#### Is It Twos or Sevens?

In Genesis 6:19, Noah is told to bring on board two of every kind of living creature, but then in Genesis 7:2, we see that now we have groups of sevens. Many find it contradictory. Here are the verses in question:

**Genesis 6:19** And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every [sort] shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep [them] alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

**Genesis 7:2** Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that [are] not clean by two, the male and his female.

What we have is the overall and most popular representation being stated in Genesis 6:19 followed by the more detailed version in Genesis 7:2, which are not contradictory but a mere style of writing.

This is illustrated by the fact that Revelation 13:3 states, "all the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 13:3), when in fact, not every single person does follow the beast or no one would be saved. How we know this to be true is by reading Revelation 14:12, which says, "Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12), as well as

Revelation 15:2, which clearly states, "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, [and] over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God." Do Revelation 14:12 and Revelation 15:2 along with some other verses make Revelation 13:3 contradictory or in error? Of course not. But, from a majority view point, it will appear that the whole world, every single person will be following the beast. Now the detail view, or verses, says otherwise. We know that there is a small remnant resistance: "the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 12:17). It is so small that one can hardly see them. Scattered around the world of eight billion people and growing are a mere "hundred [and] forty [and] four thousand" (Revelation 7:4) that will not take the mark of the beast but be sealed in the very end of time, right before the plagues are poured out.

So, using the majority perspective rule on the situation with the animals, there are more unclean creatures than there are clean creatures, which is the difference between those edible and non edible. Therefore, of all the creatures, two will go on board. It is just that when it comes to the insignificant in quantity of the clean animals, seven shall go onboard. Genesis 6:19 is the overall general populous view of all creatures while Genesis 7:2 is the more detailed view, identifying a remnant of clean animals.

Another way some look at the difference between the two verses is that there is no contradiction at all nor a need to go through the "majority vs detailed" reference examples. All the clean and unclean animals did indeed go on by twos. None of them went on by themselves. It just so happens that five additional animals for each of the clean animals also went on board making seven in total instead of a mere two. Genesis 6:19 only forbade one of an animal. There was no restriction for more than two to go on board, according to Genesis 6:19.

In either way one looks at the noncontradictory solutions, the bottom line is that there is no conflict between the two verses.

### 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.

#### Is the Sabbath in Your Heart?

Ellen White wrote, "All heaven was represented to me as beholding and watching upon the Sabbath those who acknowledge the claims of the fourth commandment and are observing the Sabbath. Angels were marking their interest in, and high regard for, this divine institution. Those who sanctified the Lord God in their hearts by a strictly devotional frame of mind, and who sought to improve the sacred hours in keeping the Sabbath to the best of their ability, and to honor God by calling the Sabbath a delight, these the angels were specially blessing with light and health, and special strength was given them. But, on the other hand, the angels were turning from those who failed to appreciate the sacredness of God's sanctified day, and were removing from them their light and

their strength. I saw them overshadowed with a cloud, desponding, and frequently sad. They felt a lack of the Spirit of God." — Vol. 2, p. 702. {GW92 209.1}

True Sabbath keepers love the Sabbath and do not merely go through the motions of keeping the Sabbath. They look for even the subtle ways to improve upon the hours that are granted to us during the twenty-four-hour period. It may not always be easy, and rainy or cold Sabbaths may interfere with the most excellent plans, but that does not bring the Sabbath keeper down for they have a back-up plan to exercise to keep the Sabbath experience as engaging as possible.

Routine may be good for little children, but as the family gets older or is reduced to just two individuals or one adult, adding a variety of experiences makes one look forward to the next Sabbath. How that is exactly done is something each of us has to learn. There is no set rule for all Sabbath keepers or even a "one suggestion that fits all" available.

Long walks are not conducive for everyone. Enjoying the afternoon with additional sermons Sabbath after Sabbath is not interesting to the smaller ones and even discourages their desire to keep the Sabbath in the future.

But when we realize that angels have an activity of observation along with taking notes of how the Sabbath is kept in a home, that should encourage us to be more proactive about improving the experience.

# 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.

#### Labor a Blessing.

In creating man, God designed that he should be active and useful. Adam and Eve were placed in paradise and surrounded with everything that was pleasant to the eye or good for food. A beautiful garden was planted for them in Eden. In it were stately trees, of every description, all that could serve for use or ornament. Flowers of rare loveliness, and of every tint and hue, perfumed the air. Merry songsters of varied plumage caroled joyous songs in praise of their Creator.

Paradise delighted the senses of the holy pair; but this was not enough, they must have something to call into play the wonderful human organism. He who formed man knew what would be for his good; and had happiness consisted in doing nothing, man, in his state of holy innocence, would have been left unemployed. But no sooner was he created than God appointed him his work. He was to find employment and happiness in tending the things which God had created, and his wants were to be abundantly supplied from the fruits of the garden.

Work of brain and muscle is beneficial. Each faculty of the mind and each muscle has its distinctive office, and all require exercise to develop them and give them healthful vigor. Each wheel in the living mechanism must be brought into use. The whole organism needs to be constantly exercised in order to be efficient and meet the object of its creation.

God has given us precious talents of mental and physical capabilities, and He holds us responsible for the use we make of every one of these powers. It is our duty to so educate the mind that all its faculties shall be developed. Perception, judgment, memory, and the reasoning powers should have equal strength in order that the mind may be well balanced. To some have been given great abilities and excellent opportunities of development, and of them the more is required. The heaviest responsibilities in the world's work rest upon them, but all have powers of mind which should be used to the glory of God. And every one who does his work conscientiously and well, whether in the shop, the field, or the pulpit, will be rewarded according to the spirit in which he has worked.

Another precious talent which has been entrusted to men is their capital of strength. This is of more value than any bank deposit and should be more highly prized, for in the possibilities that it affords for leading a useful, happy life, it may be made to yield interest and compound interest. It is a blessing that cannot be purchased with gold or silver, houses or land, and God requires that it be used judiciously. No man has a right to sacrifice this precious talent to the corroding influence of inaction. All are as accountable for their capital of physical strength as for the capital of money.

Riches and idleness are thought by some to be blessings indeed; but those who are in possession of wealth and leisure, and yet have no purpose in life, are not the most happy. They have little to arouse them to either mental or physical activity, and often their life seems little more than mere existence. Scarcely an instance of disinterested benevolence brightens the life record of many persons. No pleasant memory survives them at their death; for there was no true goodness to leave a loving impress, even on the hearts of their friends. Such a life is a sad failure. It is the life of an unfaithful steward, who forgets that his Creator has claims upon him. Selfish interests attract his mind, and

lead to forgetfulness of God and of His purpose in the creation of man.

Through lack of mental stimulus and physical exertion, many a woman loses her health, and is driven to seek some medical institution for treatment. Here attendants are hired, at great expense, to rub, stretch, and exercise the muscles, which, through inaction, have become powerless. She hires servants, that she may live a life of idleness, and then hires other servants to exercise the muscles enfeebled by disuse. What consummate folly! How much wiser and better for women, young or old, to brave the sneers of fashion's votaries, and obey the dictates of common sense and the laws of life! By the cheerful performance of domestic or other duties, the idle daughters of wealth might become useful and happy members of society. For many, such labor is a more effective and profitable "movement cure" than the best inventions of the physicians.

Young men, as well as young women, often manifest a sad lack of earnest purpose and moral independence. To dress, to smoke, to talk nonsense, and to indulge their passion for amusement is the ideal of happiness, even with many who profess to be Christians. They shirk their share of the duties of life, and the indolence of the many occasions the overwork of the few. It is painful to think of the time thus misspent. Hours that should have been given to the study of the Scriptures or to active labor for Christ are worse than wasted.

Life was given for a true and holy purpose. It is too precious to be thus squandered. I entreat you who have taken the name of Christ, examine your hearts, and pass sentence upon yourselves. Do you not love pleasure more than you love God or your fellowmen? There is work to be done; there are souls to save; there are battles to fight: there is a heaven to win. The mind, with all its capabilities, must be strengthened and stored with the treasures of divine wisdom. In the strength of God the youth may do noble work for the Master.

In this busy world there is work enough for willing hands and brains. If our own affairs do not demand all our time, there are many in God's great family who need sympathy and aid. There are the sick to be visited, the poor to be helped, the ignorant to be instructed, and the fallen to be uplifted and encouraged. None are excused from effort. No one, whether rich or poor, can glorify God by a life of indolence. A person may as well expect to reap a harvest where he has not sown, as to expect salvation as the outcome of such a life. Even the beasts of burden put to shame the do-nothing, who, although he is endowed with reason and a knowledge of the divine will, refuses to take his part in the world's work.

The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, and those who are diligent in business may not always be prospered; but it is "the hand of the diligent" that "maketh rich." And while idleness and drowsiness grieve the Holy Spirit and destroy true godliness, they also tend to poverty and want. "He shall become poor that dealeth with a slack hand." Proverbs 10:4.

A life of useful labor is indispensable to man's physical, mental, and moral well-being. The sentence that he must toil for his daily bread and the promise of future happiness and glory both come from the same throne, and both are blessings. The true glory and joy of life are found only by the working men and women. Those who are always busy and who go cheerfully about their daily tasks are the useful members of society. In the faithful discharge of the various duties that lie in the pathway, they make their lives a blessing to themselves and others. Diligent labor keeps them from many of the snares of Satan, who "finds some mischief still for idle hands to do." Idleness is one of the greatest of curses, for vice and crime, as well as poverty, follow in its wake. A stagnant pool becomes offensive. A pure, flowing brook spreads health and gladness over the land. The one is a symbol of the idler; the other, of the industrious man.

Labor brings its own reward in its effects on the physical system. Rest is sweet that is purchased by wellregulated industry, and healthful weariness insures the benefits of refreshing sleep. The workers are the most happy and enjoy the best health.

But there is a kind of toil which exhausts mind and body and is utterly unsatisfying. It is that which is done for the gratification of unsanctified ambition. The love of possession or pride of appearance leads thousands to carry to excess that which in itself is lawful-to devote all the strength of mind and body to that which should occupy but a small portion of their time. They bend every energy to the acquisition of wealth or honor, making all other objects secondary; they toil unflinchingly for years to accomplish their purpose, yet when the goal is reached, and the coveted reward secured, it turns to ashes in their grasp; it is a shadow. They have given their life for that which profiteth not.

Yet all the lawful pursuits of life may be safely followed if the spirit is kept free from selfish hopes and the contamination of deceit and envy. The industrial and business life of the Christian should be marked with the same pure principles that held sway in the workshop of the holy Nazarene. He did not employ His divine power to lessen His burdens, but toiled daily with patient hands. By occupying a humble position, Christ dignified the menial employments of life. Honest industry has received the sanction of Heaven.

But the essential lesson of contented industry in the necessary duties of daily life is yet to be learned by the greater portion of Christ's followers.

Those who divide religion from their business are reproved by the example of Jesus. And besides, when He choose His co-laborers in the work of salvation, He selected sturdy toilers from among the fishermen of Galilee and the tent-makers of Corinth. From these humble men went forth a power that will be felt through all eternity. It is the working men and women—those who are willing to bear responsibilities with faith and hope—who find that which is great and good in life.

The angels are workers; they are ministers of God to the children of men. Those slothful servants who look forward to a heaven of inaction have false ideas of what constitutes heaven. The Creator has prepared no place for the gratification of indolence. Heaven is a place of interested activity; yet to the weary and heavy laden, those who have fought the good fight of faith, it will be a glorious rest; for the youth and vigor of immortality will be theirs, and they will no longer have to contend against sin and Satan. To these energetic workers a state of eternal indolence would be irksome. It would be no heaven to them. The path of toil appointed to the Christian on earth may be hard and wearisome, but it is honored by the footprints of the Redeemer, and he is safe who follows in that sacred way.

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### Healthy And Delicious Recipes Reen Swindle

### **Delicious Peanut Butter**

Now I want to tell you how to make nut butter. Shell the nuts; take off the skins by putting them in the oven and heating sufficiently to shrink the nuts, when the skin can be rubbed off; then crush them. Nuts do not have to be roasted in order to remove the skins. It is only necessary to dry them. The mistake that is made in making nut butter is in roasting the nuts. They should not be roasted; for roasted nuts, like fried doughnuts, are indigestible. Now the question is, How are you going to make butter out of peanuts without this roasting process? I want to say that other kinds of nuts besides peanuts do not require any roasting. You can make butter out of almonds, walnuts, hazelnuts, and other kinds of nuts, without roasting; but the peanut must be cooked, for it is raw. There is a process by which it can be done without roasting the nuts.

At the sanitarium we do not use peanut butter made from roasted nuts; we do not consider it wholesome. A great many people know from experience that roasted peanut butter is not wholesome. I will tell you how you can make nut butter without roasting the nuts. It is a very simple way, and you will not need any machinery at all. Remove the skins, as I have explained; then take the nuts, with an equal quantity of water, and put in a covered dish; set it in the oven, and let them bake

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for several hours. If the nuts get too dry, add a little water, and cook until the water is evaporated. Rub the cooked nuts through a colander, add a little salt if you like, and you have the most delicious nut butter you ever tasted in your life. It is perfectly digestible, too. {March 5, 1899, J.H. Kellogg,, GCDB 152.15,16}

"The Sanitarium Food Company was in the valley close by, and such foods as "nut loaf," "protose," peanut butter, crackers—both plain and with fruit bread, and "granose" biscuits (a wheat-flake product) all found their way into the White home." {6BIO 396.1}

## Natural Vitamins

Jerry O'Donnell

#### Olives

Olives may be so prepared as to be eaten with good results at every meal. The advantages sought by the use of butter may be obtained by the eating of properly prepared olives. The oil in the olives relieves constipation; and for consumptives, and for those who have inflamed, irritated stomachs, it is better than any drug. As a food it is better than any oil coming secondhand from animals. {7T 134.4}

**NOTE:** Olives provide vitamins E and A, copper, iron and zinc, in addition to containing antioxidants and anti-inflammatory properties.

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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.

#### Was it "God" or Simply a "He" That Was in the Flesh?

By stating that "God" appeared in the

flesh not only connects with Matthew 1:23, which states, "Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us", but also removes a confusion in the matter of who "He" refers to? It could refer to God, or it could refer to a mere mortal.

**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.

Anderson New Testament: And confessedly great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in flesh, justified in spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received 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, justi- fied 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. 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, proclaimed 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

Literal Standard Version: and

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.

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.

**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 receiued 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 Gentiles, 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

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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:** Who does the testing? God or Satan?

**ANSWER:** "Just as fast as God's Spirit is taken away, Satan's cruel work will be done upon land and sea. Judgments by fire and flood will increase in fearfulness; for Satan claims his harvest of souls in the destruction" {YI, June 29, 1899 par. 7}.

The plagues of God are already beginning to be poured out upon the earth. The evidences before us indicate that God's Spirit is being withdrawn from the earth. Only a little while longer shall we be permitted to labor, and then in heaven it will be said, 'It is done.' 'He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.'" {RH, May 27, 1902 par. 21}.

"As the defenders of truth refuse to honor the Sunday-sabbath, some of them will be thrust into prison, some will be exiled, some will be treated as slaves. To human wisdom, all this now seems impossible; but as the restraining Spirit of God shall be withdrawn from men, and they shall be under the control of Satan, who hates the divine precepts, there will be strange developments. The heart can be very cruel when God's fear and love are removed" {GC88 607.2}. God takes the responsibility for all activity, so God would claim that He brings upon the world the test, however, the actual activity is brought through by Satan. As God removes His Spirit, Satan is permitted to act. Satan, not being content with leading ninety-nine percent of the world to hell, is so enraged that he brings on the test and trial to God's people trying to gain one-hundred percent either by the followers of Christ giving up their faith or being a martyr. Of course, we know that the hundred and forty-four thousand will defy this attempt.

So, God will allow His people to be tested but it is Satan who does the actual testing, not in cooperation with God, but enraged against God through hurting God's children. It is only God's Spirit that keeps everything in check, and why we are not already under the test. But it is coming soon and fast.

**QUESTION:** Many Adventists treat Uriah Smith like a prophet in that they treat all of his works throughout his life as being inspired of God. Is that accurate?

ANSWER: "Christ said: 'Why do you not hear my words?' I would say, 'Why do you not hear the words of Christ that are presented to you? Why will you have darkness? They are so afraid to see that there is another ray of light. They will build up every conceivable barrier against it. You are working just as the Jews were. Do not hang on to Brother Smith. In the name of God, I tell you, he is not in the light. He has not been in the light since he was at Minneapolis. You have gathered together, you have built up yourselves, and you have tried in every way to resist the Spirit of God.

May God have compassion on your souls.'" {Ms4-1890}

**QUESTION:** In Mark 10:31, do both groups enter Heaven?

**ANSWER:** Mark 10:31 says, "But many [that are] first shall be last; and the last first."

As Jesus once said, "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:19), matches the first and last references. Those breaking the commandments do not get to go to Heaven and be forever known as the "least". Everyone going to Heaven will be "great". Likewise, the greedy "first" people that will become "last" are not going to be first to the gates of Heaven and then stand at the entrance waiting until everyone else is in, permitting themselves now to go in. The "last" will actually have the doors closed on them. It is like the Ten Virgins: "Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not" (Matthew 25:11-12), and they were not allowed in. The wise virgins did go in. In all of this, bad behavior (breaking the commandments, not having the oil, and trying to be first) is not rewarded with a portion of Heaven.

**QUESTION:** I have been considering going into business for myself, being part of a franchise, or partnering with an existing business owner who made me an offer. I know I will not work on the Sabbath personally and did not initiate the partnership but was invited into it instead, what guidance can you give me to help me figure out the direction to move from working as an employee into selfemployment/manager/owner position?

**ANSWER:** The following verse is not just for marriage: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" (2 Corinthians 6:14), but in addition to that, working for yourself with or without hiring employees is the only option unless you are partnering with the same level Seventh-day Adventist. And I do say "same level" because a real Seventh-day Adventist should not partner with a liberal one who probably does not keep the Sabbath so strictly. But here are a few words from Ellen White:

"There is need of a Sabbath reform among us, who profess to observe God's holy rest-day. Some discuss their business matters and lay plans on the Sabbath, and God looks upon this in the same light as though they engaged in the actual transaction of business. Others who are well acquainted with the Bible evidences that the seventh day is the Sabbath, enter into partnership with men who have no respect for God's holy day. A Sabbath-keeper cannot allow men in his employ, paid by his money, to work on the Sabbath. If, for the sake of gain, he allows the business in which he has an interest to be carried on on the Sabbath by his unbelieving partner, he is equally guilty with the unbeliever; and it is his duty to dissolve the relation, however much he may lose by so doing. Men may think they cannot afford to obey God, but they cannot afford to obey God, but they cannot afford to disobey him. Those who are careless in their observance of the Sabbath will suffer great loss" {RH, March 18, 1884 par. 7}.

"The Lord has a controversy with his professed people in these last days. In this controversy men in responsible positions will take a course directly opposite to that pursued by Nehemiah. They will not only ignore and despise the Sabbath themselves, but they will try to keep it from others by burying it beneath the rubbish of custom and tradition. In churches and in large gatherings in the open air, ministers will urge upon the people the necessity of keeping the first day of the week. There are calamities on sea and land: and these calamities will increase, one disaster following close upon another; and the little band of conscientious Sabbath-keepers will be pointed out as the ones who are bringing the wrath of God upon the world by their disregard of Sunday" {RH, March 18, 1884 par. 8}.

## Prophecy Made Plain

### Jerry O'Donnell

#### Like A Flood

Daniel 9:26 states, "And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof [shall be] with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined."

Some time after the Messiah is cut off or crucified, a prince will come to destroy the city and the sanctuary, which we attribute to the Roman power that did indeed do this in 70 A.D. But what of the words "a flood"? There is no record of heavy rains or a tsunami striking Jerusalem. Besides, Jerusalem is so far inland that a tsunami is unlikely. So, how does this become understood in easy-tounderstand terms?

Before we get started, do realize that symbolic language is being used, like "days" really being "years" no matter the wording, like the use of "weeks". Therefore, the word "flood" is not a literal flood.

We could direct you to the point that a "flood" is usually associated with lots of water and "The waters which thou sawest, ..., are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues" (Revelation 17:15). We could do that but let us be more direct.

Let us turn to the ultimate Expounder of His Word, Jesus. He said, "when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh" (Luke 21:20). With the inclusion of the word "desolation" from Jesus' statement matching the ending of Daniel 9:26, we see that we are not off base; we are indeed on target. He is basically equating the armies with the word "flood" at the time that the city and sanctuary are destroyed by the prince and people. So, all of the pieces of Daniel 9:26 are pretty much known except confirming the word "flood". Of course, the word "armies" does not appear in Daniel 9:26 but are in the words of Jesus. So, it is Jesus Who is telling us that the word "flood" equates to "armies".

As we review Daniel 9:26, we know that "after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off" refers to the last seven years of time in which Jesus, the Messiah, was cut off by crucifixion. We know that the Roman people led by a general or prince indeed came and destroyed Jerusalem and the sanctuary inside as they burned down the sanctuary and then ripped up the floor to get to the melted gold. Jesus told us that when the armies surround Jerusalem that this was the sign that "the end of the war desolations are determined", meaning that Jerusalem would be left desolate, and the war would be over. In fact, Jesus said it more directly: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, [thou] that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under [her] wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate" (Matthew 23:37-38). So, by process of elimination, "a flood" is the only object left to define in the verse, and we are saying that Jesus equates the word to "armies".

Now for the clear confirmation: "the floods of ungodly men made me afraid" (Psalms 18:4). Roman armies are indeed ungodly men.

## 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.

#### March 7—Advent Messenger

#### AdventHealth Sponsors the Blasphemous Jesus Christ SuperStar Musical, which Depicts Christ as Selfish, Arrogant, Conflicted, Unaware of His Mission, and Romantically Connected

After partnering with the "Wicked" witches event, you would have thought that AdventHealth's corporate sponsorships couldn't get any worse, but they just did. When a group, institution, or organization hits rock bottom, one would think they would at least begin to climb out of the pit. But unfortunately, that is not happening. AdventHealth has now started digging even deeper and deeper into blasphemy and apostasy.

**EGW:** "A backsliding church closed their eyes to the signs of the times. God did not forsake them, or suffer his faithfulness to fail; but they departed from him, and separated themselves from his love. As they refused to comply with the conditions, his promises were not fulfilled to them." {GC88 315.2}

#### March 8—Advent Messenger

#### The New ADRA and Hope Channel Clowns, "Where Jokes and Laughter Work Hand in Hand with Prayer and Music"

The Seventh-day Adventist faith was established by Christ, not a bunch of clowns. But it now seems that Bozo the Clown has been given the task of carrying out the mission of Jesus Christ in the world. Today, we now have ADRA and Hope Channel clowns whose job is to act like fools, literally. These comedians are constantly making jokes and acting like buffoons wherever they go. They are called "Doctors of Hope," but they have no medical training. They have actually taken special training on how to act like clowns. The costumes and distinct clown makeup come complete with an ADRA patch on one arm and a Hope Channel patch on the other.

EGW: "Where the heart is purified and refined, and made fit for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the tongue will be sanctified to the glory of God. When you hear young men jesting and joking, do not join in the merriment that dishonors Jesus Christ who died for them, but rather reprove them. Watch over one another for good. Pray for and with one another. You can surround your souls with an atmosphere that will be like breezes from the heavenly Eden. Open your heart to the Lord Jesus. Guard your tongue. Let not your tongue run at random in jesting and joking. These are signs that your heart needs to be cleansed from its defilement." {YI, June 13, 1895 par. 3}

#### March 9- Advent Messenger

#### Adventist-owned Northern Caribbean University to host Xaymaca 2.0

The Xaymaca celebrations have their roots in the African traditions brought to Jamaica. The festival is a way to celebrate and honor those traditions, and it is celebrated with much fanfare throughout the nation. This celebration parallels many of the other carnival celebrations, such as Carnival in Brazil and Mardi Gras in the United States, that take place around the time of Lent. Unfortunately, these worldly celebrations have been associated with revelry, drunkenness, sexuality, and a lot of music and dancing. **EGW:** "There is a spirit of worldliness coming into the church, and it must be firmly met and rebuked. Unless we humble our hearts before God, unless we seek him earnestly, we shall be overcome by the temptations of Satan; and those whom we neglect to warn, to reprove, to exhort, with all long-suffering and doctrine, will he ensnared by his devices, and we shall not be guiltless." {GW92 450.2}

#### March 13—Advent Messenger

#### Students from an Adventist Academy Tour a Catholic University to Learn More About Catholic Education

The following is written in the Facebook post from Luis Amigó Catholic University: "This year we continue with open doors, receiving visits from the different educational institutions of the Urabá subregion. Yesterday we had the pleasure of receiving the 11th grade students of the Apartadó Adventist College 2022. The Luis Amigó Catholic University hopes to continue contributing and sharing spaces for learning, recreation and providing useful tools for the professional training of young people in the Apartadó subregion through the activity #LetsGoToTheU #ULuisFriends #Apartadó".

**EGW:** "Romanism is now regarded by Protestants with far greater favor than in former years. In those countries where Catholicism is not in the ascendency, and the papists are taking a conciliatory course in order to gain influence, there is an increasing indifference concerning the doctrines that separate the reformed churches from the papal hierarchy; the opinion is gaining ground, that, after all, we do not differ so widely upon vital points as has been supposed, and that a little concession on our part will bring us into a better understanding with Rome. The time was when Protestants placed a high value upon the liberty of conscience which has been so dearly purchased. They taught their children to abhor popery, and held that to seek harmony with Rome would be disloyalty to God. But how widely different are the sentiments now expressed." {GC88 563.1

#### March 15—Advent Messenger

#### Students at Adventist Technological Institute Go Wild During the School's 2023 Beauty Pageant

**Comment:** Satan had the same problem...

**Bible:** "Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness" (Ezekiel 28:17).

#### March 18—Advent Messenger

#### Bringing Disrepute to the Seventh-day Adventist Name

Basically, some are trying to dismiss the wild music and worldly dancing by saying that ATI isn't an Adventist entity anymore. They are diminishing the relationship of ATI with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. And since it is not connected to the church, as alleged, somehow this is supposed to be okay for Adventist Technological Institute to bring the Seventh-day Adventist name into disrepute with their public apostasy.

**EGW:** "Confusion, distraction, and diversity of opinion were their choice. They were ungovernable, unsubdued, unregenerated, and unconsecrated, and this element of confusion suited their undisciplined minds. They were a curse to the cause of God and brought the name of Seventh-day Adventists into disrepute." {2T 553.2}

#### March 23—Advent Messenger

#### Rotorua Seventh-day Adventist Academy in New Zealand Prominently Displays Ancient Paganism to Highlight the Positives and Strengths they have in Common

On February 8, 2023, the Rotorua Seventh-day Adventist Academy in Rotorua, New Zealand, invited the Indigenous Aboriginal Australian team to share their ancient culture traditions through dancing with the Adventist youth. But this wasn't the first time that this academy celebrated these ancient traditions. Back on November 24, 2022, the Seventh-day Adventist youth also joined in the dancing and shouting while mimicking the ancient pagan cultures. **Bible:** "Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images" (Exodus 23:24).

#### March 27—Advent Messenger

# Ted Wilson was the Keynote Speaker for the Global Ramadan Prayer Day 2023

President Ted Wilson led the Global Ramadan Prayer Day 2023, an event hosted by the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Global Center for Adventist-Muslim Relations.

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

#### March 28—Fulcrum 7

#### North German Seventh-day Adventist Conference Approves Bi-sexual Pastor

"It is important to us (Hanse Conference) that we do not discriminate against people for their sexual orientation."

"We want a church where queer people are not afraid of negative consequences."

EGW: "Leave none to deceive themselves. Call sin by its right name. Declare what God has said in regard to lying, Sabbathbreaking, stealing, idolatry, and every other evil. "They which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Galatians 5:21. If they persist in sin, the judgment you have declared from God's word is pronounced upon them in heaven. In choosing to sin, they disown Christ; the church must show that she does not sanction their deeds, or she herself dishonors her Lord. She must say about sin what God says about it. She must deal with it as God directs, and her action is ratified in heaven. He who despises the authority of the church despises the authority of Christ Himself." {DA 805.4}

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# News And Comments

#### February 28—Good Morning America

#### Canned shrimp sold at major retailers across 4 states recalled over health concerns

God already had a health concern about shrimp. That is why He declared, "And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which [is] in the waters, they [shall be] an abomination unto you: They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcases in abomination" (Leviticus 11:10-11). Labeling a creature "unclean" was not just an arbitrary label that could be lifted at anytime.

#### February 28—New York Times

#### Adams, Discussing Faith, Dismisses Idea of Separating Church and State

The desire for prayer back in public schools is nothing new from Republicans, but when it comes from a Democrat, we see how it does not matter which party is involved, the goal of joining church and state is still the same. And once joined, then this country will fully speak "as a dragon" (Revelation 13:11).

February 28—Fox News

#### 4 major mistakes the experts made about COVID despite saying they would 'follow the science'

In the category of "oppositions of science falsely so called" (1 Timothy 6:20), Fox reports: "Follow the science" became the mantra of pundits, politicians, and major news outlets during the COVID pandemic, with countless prominent voices advising the American people to trust the guidance of scientists. 1) The lab leak theory is a conspiracy theory: the Energy Department has now joined the FBI in concluding the coronavirus likely spread due to a mishap at a Chinese laboratory. 2) Masks are essential to protect yourself and others: "There is just no evidence that they make any difference. Full stop," Tom Jefferson, the study's lead author, said in an interview.

When asked specifically about fitted N95 masks in health care settings, Jefferson added, "It makes no difference — none of it." 3) Lockdowns are necessary: Lockdowns are necessary 4) Vaccines will stop the spread of the virus: However, a new study from the Mercatus Center at George Mason University concluded that COVID vaccine mandates in nine major cities didn't appear to make a difference in terms of curbing case deaths from the pandemic.

#### March 1—Business Insider

#### Self-centered boomers destroyed the economy — and now millennials and Gen Z are paying the price

Pitting one group against another using arguments that are not even the real reason for the issue is nothing more than a satanic distraction. Deception does not mean to simply tell lies against the truth, but it also comes in the form of creating distractions so that the real reason is not even discussed. "Take heed that no man deceive you" (Matthew 24:4).

#### March 3—Yahoo

# At least 13 mayors arrested on child sex crimes since 2021

We know that politics is a corrupt environment, but to have that many mayors arrested for that crime shows who the real crime bosses are. It is sad that people trust any politician for that matter. "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

#### March 9—Fox News

#### Dozens of Colombian girls hospitalized with 'anxiety' after playing with Ouija board

The fact that the Ouija board is an attempt to contact the dead, of which "the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is

forgotten" (Ecclesiastes 9:5), means that Satan is involved with impersonation as well as false impressions. Sadly, it seems that it has taken an even darker turn with a number of young girls developing anxiety issues and fainting, evidently a symptom of demon possession.

#### March 1—Miami Herald

#### What's wrong with the oysters? Health warning issued in Florida after illness outbreak

God says not to eat them at any time. "Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that [shall be] an abomination unto you" (Leviticus 11:12). No, Jesus Christ did not change the make up these garbage disposals of the sea when He died. It is a health lie to tell people that all of the dietary restrictions were lifted at the cross or even in Acts 10, as if it were mere labels on these creatures that can simply be lifted, like they were some type of quarantined creature for a period of time. Reading Acts 10:28 tells us that the vision was symbolic not of animals allowed to be eaten but "God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean" (Acts 10:28). The original make up of unclean animals is to retain the poison of the junk they eat as opposed to a clean animal that excretes the contents if eaten in the first place.

#### March 9—Telegraph

# British farmers have two options – go green or go under

The instrument to usher in a one world government is called climate change. And despite the fact that the "green" solution is not a real solution is meaningless. Electric only cannot handle the demand or the endurance. But that does not matter. It is either comply or be forced out, do without, etc. The United States, the second beast of Revelation 13, is indeed influencing all other nations to "causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed" (Revelation 13:12). Keep in mind that "worship" is another way of saying "obedience", "compliance", etc.

#### March 9—Telegraph

# Majority of Americans think 'wokeness' is good

This just shows that the majority of Americans, assuming that this is not fake news nor a slanted pole, which is highly probable, are ill informed on definitions. If those surveyed were told honestly of the agenda of "wokeness" and the impact it has on society, even as young as preschoolers, and how militant they are, the support would not be there. How would God want us to live our lives? "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

#### March 9—AP News

#### Visa, Mastercard pause decision to track gun shop purchases

And this is the danger of going cashless. When the instrument to buy and sell considers to prevent the transactions from taking place that only recently have been reversed, it ought to be very concerning. Today, it is a violation of the second amendment to own guns, keeping in mind that we are neither progun or anti-gun advocates here. Stay focused upon the fact that any future transaction deemed unlike-able can be controlled or prevented. When one group comes under attack, that opens the doorway for doing it to something that each of us may eventually be affected by. But when "the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Revelation 18:3), they are willing to curb buying and selling.

#### March 12—CNN

#### Women can now swim topless in Berlin's swimming pools. The move reflects Germany's tradition of nudity

As society turns to sinfulness and immorality, nakedness becomes more prevalent. Adam and Eve found themselves surprisingly naked after eating the forbidden fruit (Genesis 3:7), and Israelites became naked around the calf (Exodus 32:25).

#### March 14—Business Insider

#### California Gov. Gavin Newsom failed to publicly disclose his SVB ties while lobbying for a bailout

It is not only Gov. Newsom or the Democratic politicians, all of them are willing to break the rules, make exceptions, do whatever is necessary to protect their own interests. If the average citizen were in the same situation, nothing would be done and would be left to suffer. "For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate [from their right]" (Amos 5:12).

#### March 15—NPR

#### The Maine lobster industry sues California aquarium over a do-not-eat listing

God can settle this argument very easily: "Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that [shall be] an abomination unto you" (Leviticus 11:12). This is not a spiritual matter. This is a health matter. Unclean creatures are deleterious to the body. When Jesus walked the earth and Peter received the vision in Acts 10, a miracle of how these "clean up waste" creatures digest content did not change. And we would have far less health issues if we complied with God's rules on what is and what is not food.

#### March 19—Fortune

#### The strict anti-aging routine of a 45-year -old CEO who spends millions a year to be 18 again—from diet to exercise

We are told, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are" (1 Corinthians 3:16-17). Treating our bodies properly, taking good care of them naturally, is God's intent. But to "play an infinite game together" is resistance towards the punishment for sin: "for dust thou [art], and unto dust shalt thou return" (Genesis 3:19).

#### March 22—Live Science

#### Alien mothership lurking in our solar system could be watching us with tiny probes, Pentagon official suggests

From denying the existence of UFOs to now embracing and even preparing for something big, we can say that it is nothing short of "spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Revelation 16:14).

#### March 22—National Review

#### Michigan College Set to Host Graduation Services Segregated by Race, Ethnicity, and Sexual Identity

I would hope no Christian is caught up in this nonsense. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). Blood was shed in this country to end segregation. Now there is a move to return to segregation. Goes to show that people are never satisfied.

#### March 23—CNN

## Tourist survives bungee jump fall in Thailand after cord snaps

Thankfully this person survived, but here is a difference between people of the world and a true Christian. True Christians are not thrill seekers and do not unnecessarily put their lives at risk. The risk true Christians take is that which befalls the spreading of the gospel. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are" (1 Corinthians 3:16-17). Destroying the body is not just about putting bad content into the body that causes destruction but if, in the act of thrill seeking, one does not survive, they too have destroyed the temple body.

#### March 25—Desert

#### Ramadan has become personal for this Christian mom

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" (2 Corinthians 6:14). There is nothing we can learn from the Muslim faith or any other faith that is

not Christian. We are to turn to our God

and our God alone and not their god(s). The notion we all serve the same God is completely false. In fact, the only reason why Christians turn to their influence is because they do not know their Bibles nor the true God.

### Ellen White Abbreviations In this Issue

1888 - The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials

1SM - Selected Messages Book 1

2T - Testimonies For The Church Volume Two

4MR - Manuscript Releases Volume Four

6BIO - Biography Volume 6

7MR - Manuscript Releases Volume Seven

7T - Testimonies For The Church Volume Seven

9T - Testimonies For The Church Volume Nine

AA - The Acts of the Apostles

COL - Christ's Object Lessons

DA - The Desire of Ages

GC - The Great Controversy (1911)

GC88 - The Great Controversy

GW - GW - Gospel Workers

GW92 - Gospel Workers (1892)

MS4-1890 - Manuscript Release 4 1890

RH - The Review and Herald

YI - The Youth's Instructor

# 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.

### Rub Red Clay and Vinegar on a Sprain.

Some young kids are particularly adamant that they can't handle ice on their skin for many minutes at a time, so in the event of a sprain, it's helpful to know an alternative way to soothe

the swelling. That's where the red clay and vinegar compress comes in. Mix the two substance into a paste and apply it to the sprain for 20 minutes at a time. The solution is so effective that, as *The Herald* reported, football players suffering from sprains at Chester High School, in Chester, South Carolina, use this solution before heading onto the field.

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