



# 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.

### *The Quality of Our Faith*

*Ellen White*

(Based upon John 3:1-16)

If there is nothing more in the whole Scriptures which points out definitely the way to heaven, we have it here in these words. They tell us what conversion is. They tell us what we must do in order to be saved. And, my friends, I want to tell you that this strikes directly at the root of the surface work in the religious world. It strikes directly against the idea that you can become a child of God without any particular change. There is a decided change wrought in us if the truth of God has found a place in our hearts, for it has a sanctifying power upon life and upon character. When we see the fruits of righteousness in those who claim to have advanced truth as we claim to have it, then there will be a course of action which testifies that we have learned of Christ.

When Christ, the hope of Israel, was hung upon the cross and was lifted up as He told Nicodemus He would be, the disciples' hope died with Jesus. They could not explain the matter. They could not understand all that Christ had told them about it beforehand.

But after the resurrection their hopes and faith were resurrected, and they went forth proclaiming Christ and Him crucified. They told how by wicked hands the Lord of life and glory had been taken and crucified, but He had risen from the dead. And thus with great boldness they spoke the words of life, at which the people were much astonished.

The Pharisees and those who heard the disciples boldly proclaim Jesus as the Messiah interpreted it that they

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**A Publication By Seventh-day Adventists  
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# Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

Jerry O'Donnell

I present to you a very challenging situation. We have two different paper copies of our publications, *Four Angels' Messages* for Seventh-day Adventists and *Have One Mind in Christ* for the General Public. On our publications, we have "Return Service Requested", which prompts the postal system to return undeliverable items back to us so we can remove them from our mailing list and save us postage in the long run. Now keep in mind, the print shop that we use runs all addresses through a program that generates reports that we receive every month. This alerts us to everyone's change of address who filed with the postal system to forward mail to their new location resulting in us changing our mailing list to accommodate the change. It also reports all the potential undeliverable addresses due to those who have moved and did not notify the postal system of their move or simply have become deceased. So, the likelihood that we would have returns ought to be infrequent.

However, we have been receiving two to three of these returns per week, which comes out to be over a dozen returns a month. That just does not make sense. It becomes alarming when we get pieces back in our possession from people who have even financially supported the ministry monthly or taken a subscription. Compounding the issue is that some times we will receive six months' worth of returns for the same address, each one costing sixty-three cents currently. That part is poor service of the postal system but a return is a return and it costs us.

We have questioned our post master on this and it was explained that between new automated readers and sorters that there are glitches, but more recently, we were told that it can be laziness on the part of the carriers, even being understaffed. We tested the scanners by only flagging undeliverable ones but if when they come back again in a different month then we have no choice but to remove them from the mailing list, and that is exactly what was going on – carriers not delivering, as they all came back. It is quicker at the post office to mark items as undeliverable than to actually deliver it. A financial win for the postal system since they get the money to send it and then more money to return it.

It even affected one of our own donors in a reverse manner. They used one of our envelopes to send us a check only to get it back as undeliverable. Thankfully they used another one of our envelopes from a different issue and resent the check with the returned envelope inside. That is how we started to question our post master on this.

We photographed last month's returns, including one that the carrier wrote, "no such street" only to find out Google and realtor websites not only disagree with the postal system, but even showed us the picture of the house.

On July 18, 2023, two dozen pieces of mail were returned covering a mere five-day period since the PO Box was last checked. The postal office did not charge us for a single return but told us to investigate the

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

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

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

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

**About The Four Angels' Messages Ministry**

This ministry is founded by Jerry O'Donnell upon the necessity to raise the standard higher and higher. It is a non-profit, Seventh-day Adventist volunteer organization who love God's church and love the people, hating to see a single person deceived.

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had been with Jesus and learned of Him. They talked just as Jesus talked. This settled it in their minds that they had learned of Jesus. How has it been with His disciples in all ages of the world? Why, they have learned of Jesus; they have been in His school; they have been His students and have learned the lessons of Christ in regard to the living connection that the soul has with God, that living faith that is essential for our salvation, that we should lay hold upon the merits of the blood of the crucified and risen Saviour, on Christ, our righteousness.

There seems to be a cloudy atmosphere that has gathered about the soul of man and that has shut in the mind. It is next to impossible to break through this atmosphere of doubt and unbelief.

It is next to impossible to arouse his vital interests so that he may understand what he must do to be saved.

He who will lay hold of Christ's righteousness need not wait one moment that he himself may blot out his own sins. He need not wait until he has made a suitable repentance before he may take hold upon Christ's righteousness. We do not understand the matter of salvation. It is just as simple as A.B.C. But we don't understand it.

Now, how is it that a man will repent? Is it anything of himself? No, because the natural heart is at enmity with God. Then how can the natural heart stir itself up to repentance when it has no power to do so? What is it that brings man to repentance? It is Jesus Christ. How does He bring man to repentance? There are a thousand ways that He may do this.

The God of heaven is working upon human minds all the time. An invitation is given in the Word of God, and it is not only given there, but it is given by all those who believe on Jesus Christ and are revealing Christ in their characters. They may not preach a discourse; they may not come directly to a person and speak to him in regard to his condition of impenitence, yet such a one sees, when brought into connection with any of the disciples of Jesus Christ, that there is something there that he does not have. The Pharisees saw that there was something in the disciples that they could not interpret. They saw something wonderful and were settled in their minds that the disciples had been listening to Jesus and they had learned their lessons from Him.

There are the impressions that are going forth all the time. There is an atmosphere that surrounds the human soul, and that atmosphere is a heavenly atmosphere or a hellish atmosphere. There are but two distinct lines. Either we are on Christ's side of the question or on the enemy's side. And if we are continually drawing rays of divine light from glory, angels of God are around about us and there is an atmosphere that surrounds the human soul. Our very attitude, our very words, witness genuine conversion to all who come within the sphere of our influence. "The Spirit and the bride say, Come, and let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come" Revelation 22:17.

Now that we are branches of the Living Vine, we will be nourished by the sap that flows from the Vine. It flows all the time to every branch, and every branch will bear fruit to

the glory of God. "It is [your] Father's good pleasure" "that [ye] bear much fruit." Well then, what is our position? It must be a position of living faith.

"I want," says one, "to reason out this matter." Well, reason it out if you can. "The wind bloweth where it listeth," and you hear the sound thereof, but you cannot explain it. And no more can you explain the things of God upon the human heart. You cannot explain this faith which lays right hold upon the merits of the blood of a crucified and risen Saviour to bring Christ's righteousness into your life. Clothed with the righteousness of Christ and not your own righteousness, you will not depend upon what you can do or what you will do. Don't you know you cannot do anything without Christ? "Without Me," He says, "ye can do nothing" John 15:5.

When you sit down at your table, the food that you eat is an expression of Christ's love. And the listening to the truth of God's words from the desk is a message which is sent to proclaim unto us the words of life.

Who of you have been gathering all the doubts and questions that you could gather and heap up against this righteousness of Christ? Who has been doing this? What side are you on?

Have we been grasping the precious truths point after point as they have been presented? Or have you been thinking that you follow your own ideas and opinions and read and judge the Word of God by your opinions and theories? Or will you take your ideas and theories to the Word of God and let the living oracles reveal to you where the deficiencies and defects are in your ideas and theories? We cannot take a

position that we will judge the Word of God because we believe thus and so. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" Isaiah 8:20.

If ever a people needed light, it is those who are living in the very closing days of this earth's history. We want to know what saith the Scripture. We want to come to the living oracles of God. We want that living faith which grasps the arm of infinite power, and we want to rely with all our being upon Jesus Christ, our Righteousness. And we may do it. Yes, we do it profitably to our own soul's interest.

You may be united to the Living Vine. Every member of your whole being may be united to that Vine, and the sap and nourishment that comes from the Vine will nourish the branch that is in the Vine until you are one with Christ as He was one with the Father. Thus His blessings will be imparted to you. But, brethren, we have not had faith. We have dishonored God by unbelief long enough.

I will refer to the paralytic who had not used his limbs for many years. There he was. The priests, the rulers, and scribes examined his case and pronounced it hopeless. They told him that by his own sin he had brought himself into this condition and there was no hope for him. But the word was brought to him that there was a man called Jesus who was doing mighty works. He was healing the sick, and He had even raised the dead. "But how can I go to Him?" he said.

"We will carry you to Jesus," his friends replied, "right into His presence; we have heard He has come to such a place."

And so they took the hopeless man and bore him to where they knew Jesus was. But the multitude surrounded the building so closely where Jesus was that there was no chance for them, not so much as to come at the door. What were they going to do? The paralytic suggested that they open the roof and take off the tiling and let him down through the roof.

And so he manifested his earnest faith. They did it, and he was brought right before Jesus, where He could look at him. And Jesus, as He looked at him, pitied him, and He said, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee" Mark 2:5. Well, what a joy that was! Jesus knew just what that sin-sick soul needed. He knew that he had been tortured on account of his own conscience, so He said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee." What a relief came to his mind! What hope filled his heart!

Then the feelings arose in the hearts of the Pharisees, "Who has this power to forgive sins? It is God alone that has this power."

Then Jesus said to them, "That ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house" Luke 5:24. What, take up his bed with his palsied arms! What, get upon his feet with his palsied limbs! What did he do? Why, he just did as he was bidden. He did what the Lord told him to. The power of the will was set to move his palsied limbs and arms, and they responded, when they had not responded for a long time. This manifestation showed before the people that there was One in their midst that could not only forgive sins but that could heal the sick.

But that mighty evidence given to the Pharisees did not convert them. Men can so encase themselves in unbelief, doubt, and infidelity that the raising of the dead would not convict them. Because of their unbelief, they would be in the same unbelieving position, unconvicted, unconverted. But all those who have hearts to receive the truth, and ears to hear, glorify God. They exclaim, "We have never seen it on this wise before!"

There was the impotent man, and as Christ talked with him, he told the pitiful story of how, that just as soon as he would go down into the water to be healed, somebody else would step in before him. Christ asked him, "Wilt thou be made whole?" John 5:6. What a question! That was what he was there for, but Christ wanted to call forth the expression of desire in that man's heart to be made whole. And when Christ bade him to rise, take up his bed, and walk, he did just as Christ told him to do. He did not say, "Why, I have been here thirty years and have not taken a step during that time." He did not stop to argue, but did just as he was bidden. He took up his bed and walked out and was healed from that time.

This is the faith that we need. But if you stop to explain everything and reason out every point, you will die in your sins, because ye will never be satisfied.

Here is another case Christ presented before Nicodemus—the serpent that was lifted up in the wilderness—and declared, "Even so must the Son of man be lifted up" John 3:14. And if He is lifted up, He will draw all men unto Him, "that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have eternal life" verse 15. Now just look at that brazen serpent. The children of Israel had not realized that God

had been keeping them by His angels sent to their help and their protection. The people had not been destroyed by the serpents in their long travels through the wilderness. They had been an ungrateful people.

We are just so. We do not realize the thousand dangers that our heavenly Father has kept us from. We do not realize the great blessing that He has bestowed upon us in giving us food and raiment, in preserving our lives by sending the guardian angels to watch over us. Every day we should be thankful for this. We ought to have gratitude stirring in our hearts and come to God with a gratitude offering every day. We ought to gather around the family altar every day and praise Him for His watchcare over us. The children of Israel had lost sight that God was protecting them from the venomous beasts. But when He withdrew His hand, their sting was upon them.

What then? Why, Christ Himself told Moses to set up a pole and make a brazen serpent and put it upon that pole and to raise it in the sight of the Israelites, and everyone that looked upon it might live. They had no great work to do. They were to look because God said it should be.

Now, suppose that they had stopped to reason it out and said, "Why, it cannot be that by looking at that brazen serpent we will be healed! There is no life in it!" But the look of faith did heal them, just as God had told them it would. Those who looked lived. Those who stopped to argue and explain it died.

What are we to do? Look and live. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up" John 3:14. The reason? That those who behold

Him "should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16.

What kind of faith is that? Is it to believe simply, or is it a faith of admission? There are many here who have that kind of faith. You believe that Jesus was the Son of God, but have you a personal faith in regard to your own salvation? Do you believe that Jesus is your Saviour? that He died on Calvary's cross to redeem you? that He has offered you the gift of everlasting life if you believe on Him?

And what is it to believe? It is to fully accept that Jesus Christ died as our sacrifice, that He became the curse for us and took our sins upon Himself and imputed unto us His own righteousness. Therefore we claim this righteousness of Christ, we believe it, and it is our righteousness. He is our Saviour. He saves us because He said He would. Are you going to go into all the explanations how He can save us? Do we have the goodness in ourselves that will make us better and cleanse us from the spots and stains of sin, enabling us then to come to God? We simply cannot do it.

Don't you know that when the young man came to Christ and asked Him what he should do that he might have life, Christ told him to keep the commandments? Said he, "I have done it." Now the Lord wanted to bring this lesson right home. "What lack I yet? I am perfectly whole" See Matthew 19. He did not see that there was a thing the matter with him, or why he should not have eternal life. "I have done it," he said. Now Christ touches the plague spot of his heart. He says, "Come, follow Me, and ye shall have life."

What did he do? He turned away very sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Now, he had not kept the commandments at all. He should have accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour and taken hold of His righteousness. Then, as he had the righteousness of Christ, he could keep the law of God. The young ruler could not trample that law under his feet. He must respect it; he must love it. Then Christ would bring divine power to combine with man's efforts.

Christ took upon Himself humanity for us. He clothed His divinity, and divinity and humanity were combined. He showed that that law which Satan declared could not be kept could be kept. Christ took humanity to stand here in our world to show that Satan had lied. He took humanity upon Himself to demonstrate that with divinity and humanity combined man could keep the law of Jehovah. Separate humanity from divinity, and you can try to work out your own righteousness from now till Christ comes, and it will be nothing but a failure.

By living faith, by earnest prayer to God and depending upon Jesus' merits, we are clothed with His righteousness, and we are saved. "Oh, yes," some say, "we are saved in doing nothing. In fact, I am saved. I need not keep the law of God. I am saved by the righteousness of Jesus Christ." Christ came to our world to bring all men back to allegiance to God. To take the position that you can break God's law, for Christ has done it all, is a position of death, for you are as verily a transgressor as anyone.

Then what is it? It is to hear and to see that with the righteousness of

Christ which you hold by faith, righteousness supplied by His efforts and His divine power, you can keep the commandments of God.

Now we want that faith. But will man be saved in indolence? Can he be saved in doing nothing? Never, never! He must be a co-laborer with Jesus Christ. He cannot save himself. "Ye are laborers together with God" 1 Corinthians 3:9. And how is it? All heaven is laboring to elevate the human race from the degradation of sin. All heaven is open to the inhabitants of earth. The angels of God are sent to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation. "It is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure" Philippians 2:13.

And it is that faith that works that you want. How does it work? It works by love. What love? Why, the love flashing from the cross of Calvary. It is set up midway between earth and heaven, and salvation is gained by looking at this cross. The Father has accepted it, and the angelic host have come to that cross, and God Himself has bowed in acceptance of the sacrifice. It answers the demand of heaven, and man can be saved through Jesus Christ, if we only have faith in Him. Man is reconciled to God and God to man through the full and perfect and entire sacrifice.

Now, brethren, we want faith; we want to educate the soul in faith; we want every step to be a step of faith. We want faith in this sacrifice that has been made for us. "Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other" Psalm 85:10. Now, when we see a ray of light, we want to lay hold upon it. The devil is working against this all the time. It is the faith that works by love that is witnessed by Jesus Christ on the cross of

Calvary. It is the love that He has had for my soul. Christ has died for me. He has purchased me at an infinite cost, and He has atoned for everything that is offensive to Him. I must be a laborer with Him. I must take His yoke upon myself. I must wear the yoke of Christ. I must lift His burdens. I must teach others how to be lifted from the sinful state that I was in and to grasp by living faith the righteousness that is in Christ Jesus. That is the only way that the sinner can be saved.

Now you may cling to your righteousness, and you may think that you have tried to do about right, and that, after all, you will be saved in doing this. You cannot see that Christ does it all. "I must repent first," some say. "I must go so far on my own without Christ, and then Christ meets me and accepts me."

You cannot have a thought without Christ. You cannot have an inclination to come to Him unless He sets in motion influences and impresses His Spirit upon the human mind. And if there is a man on the face of the earth who has any inclination toward God, it is because of the many influences that are set to work to bear upon his mind and heart. Those influences call for the allegiance to God and an appreciation of the great work that God has done for him.

Then don't let us ever say that we can repent of ourselves and then Christ will pardon. No indeed. It is the favor of God that pardons. It is the favor of God that leads us by His power to repentance. Therefore it is all of Jesus Christ, everything of Him, and you want to just give back glory to God. Why don't you respond more when you meet together in your meetings? Why don't you have the quickening influence of the Spirit of God when the love of Jesus and His

salvation are presented to you? It is because you do not see that Christ is first and last and best and the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the very Author and Finisher of our faith. You don't realize this, and therefore you remain in your sins. Why is this? It is because Satan is here wrestling and battling for the souls of men. He casts his hellish shadow right athwart our pathway, and all that you can see is the enemy and his power.

Look away from his power to the One that is mighty to save to the utmost. Why doesn't your faith plow through the shadow to where Christ is? He has led captivity captive and given gifts unto men. He will teach you that Satan claims every soul that does not join with him as his property.

Satan is the author of death. What did Christ do after He brought Satan under the dominion of death? The very last words of Christ while expiring on the cross were, "It is finished" John 19:30. The devil saw that he had overdone himself. Christ by dying accomplished the death of Satan and brought immortality to light.

And after Christ came up from the Resurrection, what did He do? He grasped His power and held His scepter. He opened the graves and brought up the multitude of captives, testifying to everyone in our world and in creation that He had the power over death and that He rescued the captives of death.

Not all that believed in Jesus were brought to life at that time. It was only a specimen of what would be, that we may know that death and the grave are not to hold the captives, because Christ took them to heaven. And when He comes again with power and great glory, He will open

the graves. The prison house will be opened, and the dead will come forth again, to a glorious immortality.

Here are the trophies which Christ took up with Him and presented to the universe of heaven and the worlds that God had created. Any affection that ever they had for Lucifer, who was the covering cherub, is now destroyed. God gave him a chance to work out his character. If He had not done this, there might have been those who felt the accusation he brought against God, that He didn't give him a fair chance, was justified.

The Prince of Life and the prince of darkness were in conflict. The Prince of Life prevailed, but at an infinite cost. His triumph is our salvation. He is our Substitute and Surety, and what He says to him that overcometh tells whether man has anything to do or not. How? "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I overcame, and am sit down with My Father in His throne" Revelation 3:21.

Did not our Saviour have something to overcome? Did not He keep up the battle with the prince of darkness until He was a victor on every point? Then He left the work right in the hands of His followers. We have something to do. Have we not the overcomers' portion, to work out and gain the victory? Have we not to follow on step by step to know the Lord until we shall know His goings forth are prepared as the morning? Their light will shine forth until we come to the brighter light. You will grasp it and go on and gather brighter light from the oracles of God as you supplicate the God of Heaven.

Jacob was ensnared. He defrauded his brother of his birthright. As he wrestled with Christ, and his sins came up before him. And the Angel

wrestled with him and said, "Let Me go," and Jacob said, "I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me" Genesis 32:26.

Will you do that? Will you wrestle with God at this meeting until you know that He reveals Himself to you? There are sins that afflict your souls; your sins grieve you. Will you say, "Now, Lord, I must have pardon written opposite my name," and wrestle and plead with God, laying hold upon the righteousness of Christ? "He must save; I believe in Him; I take Him at His word." Now brethren, what shall we do?

Jacob obtained the victory and his name was changed that day. It was when he prevailed with God. I am so thankful that God has made a way that we may have full and free salvation. We need not look at the shadows that Satan casts on our path. He would eclipse heaven and Jesus and the light and power of heaven to us, and we keep talking of the power of Satan. But we need not talk of that. Isaiah presents it this way: "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" Isaiah 9:6. Does not that say that I and My Father are one?

God help us, brethren, to wake up and stir ourselves now to do as much as the paralytic did, to do as much as the impotent man did, and as much as the one with the palsied arm did. They did just as they were told. God help us to believe on the Son of God and that He can save us to the utmost, and we shall have everlasting life.

But many of you act as though there wasn't enough animation in your souls to respond to the truth. Some

of you act as though you thought Jesus is locked up in Joseph's new tomb. He is not there. He is risen from the dead, and we have a living Saviour today who is making intercession for us.

Then talk of His love, talk of His power, praise Him. If you have a voice to say anything, talk of God, talk of heaven, talk of eternal life. I have heard persons who in their homes would speak so loud that their neighbors could hear them, but they would get up in meeting and mumble over a few words that could not be heard. You want to show that you have been learning in the school of Christ and that you have been making progress. "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" Romans 10:10. How many believe the truths you have heard today? Do you want to go a few months before you will acknowledge there is light in it? Do you want to stop to reason it all out? You will die before that time.

Believe it because it is the truth, because God says it, and lay hold upon the meritorious blood of a crucified and risen Saviour. He is your only hope; He is your righteousness, your Substitute and Surety, your all in all. When you realize that, you can bring to Him only an offering of praise. But when you are not willing to come to Christ and acknowledge that He does it all, when you feel that you must first take a few steps and come so far and then God will meet you, that is just exactly like Cain's offering. He did not know Jesus, and he did not know that the blood of Jesus could cleanse his sins and make his offering acceptable to God. There are more Cains than one, with tainted offerings and polluted sacrifices and without the blood of

Jesus. You are to come to Jesus Christ at every step. With the blood of Jesus and its cleansing power, offer your petitions to God and pray to Him in earnest and study your Bibles as never before.

The question is, "What is truth?" It is not how many years have I believed that makes it the truth. You must bring your creed to the Bible and let the light of the Bible define your creed and show where it comes short and where the difficulty is. The Bible is to be your standard; the living oracles of Jehovah are to be your guide. You are to dig for the truth as for hidden treasures. You are to find where the treasure is, and then you are to plow every inch of that field to get the jewels. You are to work the mines of truth for new gems, for new diamonds, and you will find them.

You know how it is with the papal power. The people have no right to interpret the Scriptures for themselves. They must have someone else interpret the Scriptures for them. Have you no mind? Have you no reason? Has not God given judgment to the common people, just as well as He has to the priests and rulers? When Christ, the Lord of life and glory, came to our world, if they had known Him, they never would have crucified Him. God had told them to search the Scriptures, "for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me" John 5:39.

God help us to be Bible students. Until you can see the reason for it yourself and a "thus saith the Lord" in the Scriptures, don't trust any living man to interpret the Bible for you. And when you can see this, you know it for yourself and know it to be the truth of God. You will say, "I have read it, I have seen it, and my own heart takes hold upon it, and it is the

truth God has spoken to me from His Word.” Now this is what we are to be—individual Christians. We need to have an individual, personal experience. We need to be converted, as did the Jews. If you see a little light, you are not to stand back and say, “I will wait until my brethren have seen it.” If you do, you will go on in darkness.

God help us to have a knowledge of the truth, and if you have seen the truth of God, press right to the light and put up the bars behind you. Make not flesh your arm, but have a living experience for yourselves, and then your countenance will shine with the glory of God. You have walked with Him, and He has upheld you. You have wrestled with Him and plead with Him, and He has let His light shine upon you.

Now, brethren, you have educated yourselves so much in doubts and questionings that you have to educate your souls in the line of faith. You have to talk faith, you have to live faith, you have to act faith, that you may have an increase of faith. Exercising that living faith, you will grow to strong men and women in Christ Jesus. God grant that this meeting that we are holding may be a meeting where the Sun of Righteousness may rise upon you and shine in your hearts with its clearest rays, making you all lights in the world.

You can be just what Christ said His disciples should be, “the light of the world” Matthew 5:14. You should diffuse that light, hope, and faith to others. You are not to go groaning your way onward in His service as though He were a hard taskmaster, laying upon you burdens that you cannot carry. This is not the case. He wants you to be filled with joy, to be filled with the blessing of God, to

know the length and breadth and height and depth of the love of God, which passeth knowledge. When His name is mentioned, He wants it to strike the keynote, and there will be a response in your hearts. Then you can offer up thanksgiving and glory and honor and praise to Him that sitteth on the throne and to the Lamb. You should learn to sing that song here, and when you are changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, you will know just where to strike the song of triumph with the heavenly angels and with the redeemed saints. We shall make heaven’s arches ring with praise and glory. Now, let the arches ring here. Let this place waken praise in your hearts. While you are upon this ground, look at the lofty trees, the green velvet carpet, and let praise awaken in your hearts. Praise God that we are privileged to be in this world, as beautiful as it is. We are going to a better place. This earth is going to be purified, melted over, and made without sin.

Have we not everything to make us heavenly minded? Have we not everything to bring us right up from this earthliness and sensuality, this cheap and nonsensical talk, this jesting and joking, and this false reporting, babbling, and evil surmising? Put it away! It is a disgrace to the church! It enfeebles and weakens the church.

Let our conversation be holy. As God is holy in His sphere, let us be holy in ours. Let us rejoice in the precious Saviour, who has died to redeem us, and reflect glory back to God. Let us join with heaven in our praises here and unite with the songs of the heavenly angels in the city of our God.

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# *The Waldenses Kept the Sabbath*

*J. N. Andrews*

Probably there has not existed a class of Christians since the times of the apostles, who could more justly claim to be apostolic than the Waldenses, formerly a numerous people living in the valleys of Piedmont; whither they retired, says Burnside, on the promulgation of Constantine's laws for the observance of the first day, in the fourth century; and where they remained, according to Scaliger and Brerewood, in the time of Elizabeth of England, in the latter part of the sixteenth century. They adhered firmly to the apostolic faith, and suffered severe persecutions from the Catholics. Robinson, in his History of Baptism, says, "They were called Sabbati and Sabbatati, so named from the Hebrew word Sabbath, because they kept the Saturday for the Lord's Day." They were also called Insabbatati, because they rejected all the festivals, or Sabbaths, in the low Latin sense of the word. The account the Papists gave of their sentiments in 1250, was briefly this: That they declared themselves to be the apostolic successors, and to have apostolic authority; that they held the church of Rome to be the 'whore of Babylon;' that none of the ordinances of the church which have been introduced since Christ's ascension ought to be observed; that baptism is of no advantage to infants, because they cannot actually believe. They reject the sacrament of confirmation, but instead of that their teachers lay their hands upon their disciples. Jones, in his Church History, says, that because they would not observe saints' days, they were falsely supposed to neglect the Sabbath also. Another of their enemies, an Inquisitor of Rome, charged them with despising all the

feasts of Christ and his saints.

Another, a Commissioner of Charles XII of France, reported to him, "that he found among them none of the ceremonies, images, or signs of the Romish church, much less the crimes with which they were charged; on the contrary, they kept the Sabbath day, observed the ordinance of baptism according to the primitive church, and instructed their children in the articles of the Christian faith and commandments of God."

It is believed that there have been Christians in every age who have kept holy the seventh day. During the first three centuries of the Christian Church, the Sabbath seems to have been almost universally kept. It was kept generally in the Eastern Church for six hundred years. And from that time onward to the present, frequent traces of Sabbath-keepers may be found, either in the history of individuals, or in the acts of Councils against those who kept it. These notices extend to the time of the Reformation; and are as frequent as are the references to the first day of the week under the title of Lord's day.

In Germany, according to Ross "Picture of all Religions," observers of the seventh-day as the Sabbath were common in the sixteenth century, their numbers being such as to lead to organization, and attract attention. A number of these formed a church and emigrated to America in the early settlement of the country. There were Sabbath-keepers in Transylvania about the same time, among them was Francis David, first chaplain to the Court of Sigismund, the prince of that kingdom, and afterwards superintendent of all the

Transylvanian churches. In France, also, there were Christians of this class, among whom was M. de la Roque, who wrote in defense of the Sabbath, against Bossuel, the Catholic Bishop of Meaux. But it is difficult to determine to what extent this day was observed in those countries.

In England we find Sabbath-keepers very early. Dr. Chambers says, "They arose in England in the sixteenth century;" from which we understand that they then became a distinct denomination in that kingdom. They increased considerably in the seventeenth century; and we find that towards the close of that century there were eleven flourishing churches in different parts of that country. Among those who held this view were some men of distinction. Theophilus Brabourne was called before the Court of High Commission, in 1632, for having written and published books vindicating the claims of the seventh day. One Traske was about the same time examined in the Starr Chamber, where a long discussion on the subject seems to have been held. Nearly thirty years after this, John James, preacher to a Sabbath-keeping congregation in the east of London, was executed in a barbarous manner, upon a variety of charges, among which was his keeping of the Sabbath. Twenty years later still, Francis Bampfield died in Newgate, a martyr to non-conformity – especially as one who could not conform in the matter of the Sabbath. It is needless to mention more names, or to speak particularly of Edward, Joseph, Dr. Joseph, and Dr. Samuel Stennett, John Maulden, Robert Cornthwaite, and others, who have written and suffered in proof of their attachment to this truth.

But the Sabbath met with great opposition in England being assailed, both from the pulpit and the press, by those who were attached to the established church. Many men of learning and talent engaged in the discussion, on both sides of the question. It is evident that the opposers of reform felt the difficulty of defending themselves against the strength of talent and scripture brought to bear in favor of the seventh day. The civil powers attempted to check the progress of all Dissenters by means of the famous Conventicle Act. By that law, passed in 1664, it was provided, that if any person above sixteen years of age, was present at any meeting of worship different from the Church of England, where there were five persons more than the household, for the first offense he should be imprisoned three months, or pay five pounds; for the second, the penalty was doubled; and for the third he should be banished to America, or pay one hundred pounds sterling. This act was renewed in 1669, and, in addition to the former penalties, made the person preaching liable to pay a fine of twenty pounds; and the same penalty was imposed upon any person suffering a meeting to be held in his house. Justices of the Peace were empowered to enter such houses, and seize such persons; and they were fined one hundred pounds if they neglected doing so. These acts were exceedingly harassing to those who observed the Sabbath. Many of their distinguished ministers were taken from their flocks and continued in prison, some of whom sunk under their sufferings. These persecutions not only prevented those who kept the Sabbath from assembling, but deterred some who embraced their opinions from uniting with them, and discouraged others from investigating the subject. At present

the Sabbath is not as extensively observed in England as formerly. But the extent of Sabbath-keeping cannot be determined by the number and magnitude of the churches, either there or in other countries. For many persons live in the observance of the seventh day and remain members of churches which assemble on the first day; and a still greater number acknowledge its correctness, who conform to the more popular custom of keeping the first day.

At what time the Sabbath became the subject of attention in America, we cannot definitely say. The intolerance of the first settlers of New England was unfavorable to the Sabbath. The poor Christian who may have been banished to this country for its observance could find no refuge among the Pilgrim Fathers. The laws of Rhode Island were more tolerant than those of some other States, and observers of the Sabbath first made their appearance at Newport in 1671. The cause of the Sabbath has gradually gained ground in this country from that period; but it has found much to oppose its progress, even in Rhode Island. It was in opposition to the general practice of Christians, on which account an odium was put upon it, and those who have kept the Sabbath have been reproached with Judaizing, and classed with Jews. Besides this, they have ever been subjected to great inconvenience in their occupations, especially in cities and towns.

The common English version of the Bible has been found in many instances a sufficient means of converting men to the truth. Churches observing the Sabbath have been formed in Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, and in most of the Western States, embracing, as is

supposed, a population of forty to fifty thousand.

The foregoing extracts from the "History of the Sabbath," give us a definite understanding of the manner in which the Sabbath was changed. The origin of that institution which has usurped the place of the Lord's Sabbath, we can also clearly see. As we have here been permitted to mark the process by which, step by step, the day of the Sun supplanted the Rest-day of the Lord, let us now retrace the path which we have followed down.

1. First-day observance in this country, was introduced by our ancestors from England.
2. The English people received the First-day Sabbath on the authority of a roll which Eustachius, Abbot of Flay, assured them fell from heaven. This was about A.D. 1201. This roll was a forgery of the Romish church.
3. Thus, the Protestants of England obtained their first-day Sabbath from the church of Rome.
4. The church of Rome accomplished the change of the Sabbath by a succession of efforts, each of them claiming but a point, but all of them directed toward the one object. These steps began near the days of the apostles. But this does not stamp as apostolic that which the New Testament has never sanctioned; for Paul plainly testifies that the mystery of iniquity, or Romish apostasy, had already begun to work. 2 Thess. ii. This was the power that should speak great words against the Most High, and wear out his saints, and "think to change times and laws." Dan. vii, 25.
5. The Romish church received the first-day festival from the heathen, who very generally observed it in honor of the Sun. This heathen festival the Romanists established in

the place of the Lord's Sabbath. And indeed, all the leading peculiarities of Romanism, are derived from the Pagans.

6. The Pagans derived their Sunday-keeping from the Devil. When men apostatized from God, the Devil turned them to the worship of the Sun. And instead of the holy Sabbath which the Creator had instituted as the memorial of himself, Satan set apart the first day in honor of the Sun. As the Sabbath of the Lord can be traced back to Him by whom it was instituted, so this first-day festival, the rival of God's Sabbath, can be traced back to its author, the Devil.

The Sabbath is the great bulwark which God erected against atheism and idolatry. Had men always observed the Sabbath, they never could have forgotten the existence of God; for this institution would always have pointed them back to the time

when he created the heaven and the earth. And they never could have been idolaters; for the Sabbath would always have pointed out Him, who, in six days created heaven and earth, and rested on the seventh. Hence, Satan has ever attempted to destroy the Sabbath of the Lord. To do this, he early led our apostate race to keep the first day in honor of the Sun.

The man of sin, who was to change times and laws, established this heathen festival in the place of the Lord's Sabbath. And thus, on the authority of the Roman Pontiff, the heathen festival of Sunday has usurped the place of the Rest-day of the Lord.

1858 J. N. Andrews, A Refutation of the Claims of Sunday-keeping to Divine Authority, pages 34.1 to 38.4.



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# Great Tribulation and Shortened Days Are Two Different Time Periods

Jerry O'Donnell

Matthew 24:21-22 states, “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.” And we have a tendency to combine these verses together making the “Great Tribulation” before us being a period of time that needs shortening, however that is not how Ellen White applies those verses. And this is not the first time that Ellen White affects our understanding of what appears to be logically one thing, but in reality, is another, for those who read her writings, that is. Many times, we think we have it all figured out and then read something in her writings and have to pause and rethink our position. That is because of the plethora (enormous amount) of material to read and study.

What we are saying is that it logically it appears that “those days” refers to the “great tribulation” days, however, in looking up both sentences throughout all of Ellen White’s writings, that is not how she applies it. Let us face it, there are those who are predicting Jesus to return or Satan to cease his power in the next few years with 1996 or 1997 starting the estimate of when the six thousand years close, followed by 2025, 2027, 2030, and 2031 being the futuristic dates that are also set by various preachers. The purpose of this article is neither to support nor to refute those dates, but if the days to be shortened are yet future, do you really consider in the realm of

things that here in 2023 that it is really shortened at all? It is even probably safe to say Jesus is not coming back this year being the fact that it is more than half over. That means the mere eight years that involves a period of small trouble, more challenging time, and a great tribulation time until the last given date of 2031 is all we have left, which makes up less than .1% of time remaining. That is like saying, I will not make you wait all day for a surprise I want to present and cutting it short by a minute or two. That is exactly what .1% of a twenty-four hour day comes out to be – two minutes or less.

As Pastor Reed once said, to understand the period of six thousand years and where we are in that timeline, think of a football field of one hundred yards where 1844 got us to the three-yard line and four feet from the goal line. Here in 2023, we are inside the one-yard line. In fact, we are just under five feet away from the goal line. Cutting things short by weeks or even a few months is not going to matter. What we are saying is that the “shortening time” is *past* already and applied to something different than the future tribulation. But do not take our word for it. We will provide you with ALL of the evidence and let you decide.

Let us get into what Ellen White does with these verses. Let us start with the application of the shortened days. There are only three references to that part of the verse in all of Ellen White’s writings. One is in *The Desire Ages*; another in *The Great Controversy 1888*, and yet another in

*The Great Controversy 1911*, which we shall combine since they are identical.

“From the destruction of Jerusalem, Christ passed on rapidly to the greater event, the last link in the chain of this earth's history, – the coming of the Son of God in majesty and glory. Between these two events, there lay open to Christ's view long centuries of darkness, centuries for His church marked with blood and tears and agony. Upon these scenes His disciples could not then endure to look, and Jesus passed them by with a brief mention. ‘Then shall be great tribulation,’ He said, ‘such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.’ For more than a thousand years such persecution as the world had never before known was to come upon Christ's followers. Millions upon millions of His faithful witnesses were to be slain. Had not God's hand been stretched out to preserve His people, all would have perished. ‘But for the elect's sake,’ He said, ‘those days shall be shortened’” {DA 630.5}.

Here, we do see a connection with “great tribulation” and “days should be shortened”, but the point is this – it is in the past, in the sentence the tense is that of having been already experienced and not pointing to the future. This is most evident in the quote, which will apply for both versions of *The Great Controversy* next:

“The persecution of the church did not continue throughout the entire period of the 1260 years. God in mercy to his people cut short the time of their fiery trial. In foretelling the ‘great tribulation’ to befall the

church, the Saviour said, ‘Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.’ [Matthew 24:22.] Through the influence of the Reformation, the persecution was brought to an end prior to 1798” {GC88 266.3} {GC 266.4}.

Here, we see Ellen White specifically applying a year to the shortened time of tribulation. It came to an end in 1798, in fact the reformation, attributed to Martin Luther in 1517, began both the shortening period as well as intensity before reaching the date of 1798. Basically, the “deadly wound” is what has shortened the tribulation of the dark ages. Yes, the words “great tribulation” do appear in the quote as well, implying that it is all in the past, however, the next few quotes separate the “great tribulation” reference from being shortened and throws it into the coming future as if to say, we witnessed a pretty bad tribulation period but we have not seen anything yet. The concerning part is that none of the quotes imply a shortening of that tribulation.

“Upon the crystal sea before the throne, that sea of glass as it were mingled with fire,—so resplendent is it with the glory of God,—are gathered the company that have ‘gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name.’ [Revelation 15:2.] With the Lamb upon Mount Zion, ‘having the harps of God,’ they stand, the hundred and forty and four thousand that were redeemed from among men; and there is heard, as the sound of many waters, and as the sound of a great thunder, ‘the voice of harpers harping with their harps.’ [Revelation 14:1-5; 15:3; 7:14-17] And they sing ‘a new song’ before the

throne, a song which no man can learn save the hundred and forty and four thousand. It is the song of Moses and the Lamb,—a song of deliverance. None but the hundred and forty-four thousand can learn that song; for it is the song of their experience,—an experience such as no other company have ever had. ‘These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.’ These, having been translated from the earth, from among the living, are counted as ‘the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb.’ ‘These are they which came out of great tribulation;’ [Revelation 14:1-5; 15:3; Revelation 7:14-17.] they have passed through the time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation; they have endured the anguish of the time of Jacob's trouble; they have stood without an intercessor through the final outpouring of God's judgments. But they have been delivered, for they have ‘washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’ ‘In their mouth was found no guile; for they are without fault’ before God. ‘Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.’ [Revelation 14:1-5; 15:3; Revelation 7:14-17.] They have seen the earth wasted with famine and pestilence, the sun having power to scorch men with great heat, and they themselves have endured suffering, hunger, and thirst. But ‘they shall hunger no more; neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat; for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters;

and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes” [Revelation 14:1-5; 15:3; 7:14-17.] {GC88 648.3} {GC 648.3} {portion repeated in Hvn 51.1, LDE 268.4, Mar 328.3}.

“There is great need that our weakening faith should be quickened, and that we should ever keep before the mind the evidences that our Lord is soon coming, that we may ever be found not only waiting, but watching and working. We are not to be found in idle expectancy; for this leads to carelessness of life, and deficiency of character. We are to realize that the judgments of God are about to fall upon the earth, and we should most earnestly present before the people the warning that the Lord has commissioned us to give: ‘For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.’ ‘Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh” {RH, November 22, 1892 par. 6} {1888 1073.6}.

“Christ not only honored the Sabbath throughout his life upon the earth, but he provided that its sacred claims should be remembered and honored after his death and resurrection. When warning his disciples of the destruction of Jerusalem, which did not take place until forty years after his ascension, he said, ‘But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter,

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neither on the Sabbath day; for then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time.' In accordance with his instruction, the followers of Christ were enabled to depart from the besieged city, and escape to the mountains, not taking their flight either in the winter, nor upon the Sabbath day. After the death of Christ the disciples 'rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment.' After the ascension of Christ, Paul, the great apostle to the Gentiles, preached to both Jews and Gentiles 'on the Sabbath day'" {ST, November 12, 1894 par. 5}.

As we see, Ellen White applies "Great Tribulation" in three places. The first is when Jerusalem was besieged in which Jesus prophesied but remember, when Jesus spoke the prophecies of Matthew 24, it had dual application and so, despite the words, "such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be", it is applicable to Jerusalem in 70 AD and again for our future. Basically, what happened with literal Israel is to be repeated against spiritual Israel.

The second application is that of the dark ages except she does not use the words "such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" as if to imply

that those days were pretty bad as already stated.

The third application is, as just stated a moment ago, is our future.

The point is through all of this is that we ought to be careful of the application with the words "except those days should be shortened" for the future because Ellen White never applied it to the future. That means that it is very likely that we are going to go right up to the day appointed fulfilling the time, whatever year that happens to be of the real conclusion of the six thousand years.

And we do not need to be applying an unofficial timeline of six thousand years as it is not a test, though Ellen White stated her belief in that timeline on a number of occasions, because we can see we do not have much longer. The events all around us, the agenda of controlling the world is so blatant and no laws are standing in the way of the movement, are fully moving forward more rapidly with each passing moment, and all the other signs rapidly fulfilling as well.

God help us to be right with Him, but also be about the work letting God handle the timing of things.



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# How Do You Resolve It?

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*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.*

## Peter and the Sword

Why was Peter wrong to have brought a sword when Jesus told everyone to do so?

**Matthew 26:52 Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.**

**Luke 22:36 Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take [it], and likewise [his] scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.**

The quick answer is that in Luke 22:36, there is a spiritual application that Peter took literally and showed it in Matthew 26:52 by bringing a physical sword. This conflicts with the way of Jesus Who did not advocate killing enemies but to sacrifice for them, in various forms that does not necessarily involve death, like giving excess time and money to reach such souls.

Now, let us provide the evidence.

John 6:53 states, "Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you." And in the end, all of the disciples beyond the twelve original, took it literally and had a negative reaction. John 6:66 shows that reaction: "From that [time] many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him." And Ellen

White provides us with the insight to what Jesus meant: "How little children are educated to study the Bible as the word of God, and feed upon its truths, which are the flesh and blood of the Son of God!" {FE 385.3}.

In the next example, the Bible tells of a conversation that was also misunderstood, possibly on purpose, but nonetheless, the Bible tells us what Jesus meant, and it was not to be taken literally. John 2:19-21 provides us with, "Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body."

We will now provide one more example of where literal understanding was used when Jesus meant a spiritual understanding. Matthew 16:5-12 tells us, "And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. And they reasoned among themselves, saying, [It is] because we have taken no bread. [Which] when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? Do ye not yet understand, neither

remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? How is it that ye do not understand that I spake [it] not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? Then understood they how that he bade [them] not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.”

Again, the answer is that Jesus spoke very convincingly using physical descriptions, but yet, He meant a spiritual application, while most of the audience, especially His own disciples, were just confused and were stuck on the physical aspect, hence Peter went out and bought a physical sword when the Word of God is a spiritual sword.



## 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.*

### A Meaningful Experience

Ellen White wrote, **“We must carry to every religious gathering a quickened spiritual consciousness that God and His angels are there, co-operating with all true worshipers. As you enter the place of worship, ask the Lord to remove all evil from your heart. Bring to His house only that which He can bless. Kneel before God in His temple, and consecrate to Him His own, which He has purchased with the blood of Christ. Pray for the speaker or the leader of the meeting. Pray that great blessing may come through the one who is to hold forth the word of life. Strive earnestly to lay hold of a blessing for yourself”** {6T 362.4}.

Going through the motions, even perfectly, without a heart conversion or intention is simply a dead offering

to God and no different than what Jesus would call such people: “hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead [men's] bones, and of all uncleanness” (Matthew 23:27).

We are not simply to dot “i”s and cross “t”s. We are not to just make sure we do what is expected by only putting in the hours of Sabbath, especially hours at church. We are to sense that God and His angels are meeting with us in a different manner than He meets with us personally, even more so than personal prayer and study time.

Please take notice to the fact that the gathering is to be with true worshippers and not just any worshippers. But that is a story for another time.

Our hearts are to be pure before God. And God knows that there is a

lot on our minds, especially the more responsibilities we have. They are considered evil if dwelt upon during the Sabbath hours and especially carried into church services. The care of a love one of course is not evil, but thinking about that task that needs done after the Sabbath, that person to be in communication with after the Sabbath, that errand that needs to be run after the Sabbath, etc., are all evil on the Sabbath in addition to lustful thoughts, anger, pride, etc. It may not be easy to train the mind to set all that aside especially on the Sabbath and especially during church time, but we need to train the mind to do so.

Surrender everything to God including addictive thoughts. And when those thoughts attempt to come back immediately redirect the mind to something else over and

over and eventually those unwanted thoughts will fade away.

And then, it is not only about us, as if we are gathered together to get something out of the experience; put forth earnest prayer for the speaker and for that matter, the teacher. They are the most influential people of the day, and may God's correct and true messages come forth.

And during the time of the gathering, train the mind to grasp each sentence and see how it can be applied to improve the soul to receive the transforming messages because we are gathered "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12).



## 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.*

### Recreation.

Many labor too hard, without allowing themselves change or periods of rest. Recreation is needful to those who engage in physical labor and is still more essential for those whose work is principally mental. It is not essential to our salvation nor for the glory of God to keep the mind laboring constantly and excessively, even upon religious themes. There are amusements, such as card-playing, dancing, theatre-going, etc., which we cannot approve, because heaven condemns them. They open the door to great evils. By their

exciting tendency, they produce in some minds a passion for gambling and dissipation. All such amusements should be condemned by Christians, and something perfectly harmless should be substituted in their place. There are modes of recreation which are highly beneficial to both mind and body. An enlightened, discriminating mind will find abundant means for entertainment and diversion from sources not only innocent but instructive.

Recreation in the open air and the contemplation of the works of God in nature will be of the highest benefit.

The Master Artist has painted upon heaven's shifting, changing canvas the glories of the setting sun. He has tinted and gilded the heavens with gold, silver, and crimson, as if the portals of high heaven were thrown open that we might view its gleamings and our imagination take hold of the glory within. Shall we turn carelessly from this heaven-wrought picture? Shall we fail to trace the hand of God in His works?

God has surrounded us with His perfect work in field and forest, hill and valley, plain and river, to attract and interest the mind. And if we faithfully study Him in the book of nature, we shall find it full of His infinite love and power.

Manuscript 58, 1890.



## *Healthy And Delicious Recipes*

*Lisa O'Donnell*

### ***Creamy Vegan Zucchini Pasta with Sweet Corn***

#### **Ingredients**

- 10 oz uncooked spaghetti noodles
- 3 Tbsp vegan butter
- 1/2 large yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lb zucchini, grated (do not drain)  
(up to 1.5lbs works)
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4-1/2 c. Nutritional yeast (add to  
your taste)
- 1 cup vegan parmesan, finely grated
- 1 cup sweet corn cut off the cob (or  
frozen)
- 1 cup Original Flavored Oat Milk or  
canned coconut cream or any  
thick vegan milk
- 3/4 cup vegetable stock

#### **Instructions**

1. Bring a large pot of water to boil.  
Cook the pasta to al dente according

to package (do not overcook). Drain immediately.

2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium high heat, melt vegan butter. Add onions and stir. Saute until translucent about 3 minutes. Then add garlic, stir and cook 1 more minute until fragrant.

3. Add in the zucchini and salt and stir. Cook for 3 - 4 minutes until it reduces in volume by about half.

4. Add in vegan Parm, nutritional yeast, corn, coconut cream and veggie stock. Let come to a boil then reduce heat to simmer. Let it reduce and thicken about 4-5 minutes.

5. Add pasta into the sauce and stir together well for another 2-3 minutes. The sauce will have thickened up a bit more and should be coating the pasta. If the sauce gets too thick, add a bit more broth.

6. Serve with more Parm, basil, salt to taste.



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"If you would live long and enjoy life, be cheerful at your meals, and on going to bed." ~Lord Bacon

# Natural Vitamins

Jerry O'Donnell

## The Benefits of Kale

1. Stems included, it is good for digestion and elimination.
2. Is high in iron.
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9. Is high in calcium.
10. Promotes liver health.
11. Protect from heart disease.
12. May protect against cancer.
13. Aids in diabetes treatment.
14. Fights inflammation.
15. Aids in detoxing.
16. Enhances brain health.
17. Fights fatigue.
18. Aids in weight loss.
19. Promotes healthy pregnancy.
20. Supports urinary health.



## 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.*

### Is God Good, or is Someone or Something Else Being Good?

As may have been suspected from last month, the very next verse of **Matthew 19:17** would be suspect and for even more of a concern. When it comes to identifying a being that is "good", who is it? Is it just "one" or is it "God", which equates Jesus as being God since Jesus

accepted the compliment of being good.

**King James Version:** And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

### **In Error:**

**American Standard Version:** And he said unto him, Why askest thou me concerning that which is good? One there is who is good: but if thou wouldest enter into life, keep the commandments.

**Amplified Bible:** Jesus answered, "Why are you asking Me about what is [essentially] good? There is only One who is [essentially] good; but if you wish to enter into eternal life, keep the commandments."

**Berean Literal Bible:** And He said to him, "Why do you ask Me about what is good? Only One is good. But if you desire to enter into life, keep the commandments."

**Berean Study Bible:** "Why do you ask Me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments."

**Christian Standard Bible:** "Why do you ask me about what is good?" he said to him. "There is only one who is good. If you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

**Darby Bible Translation:** And he said to him, What askest thou me concerning goodness? one is good. But if thou wouldest enter into life, keep the commandments.

**English Revised Version:** And he said unto him, Why askest thou me concerning that which is good? One there is who is good: but if thou wouldest enter into life, keep the commandments.

**English Standard Version:** And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments."

**Godbey New Testament:** And He said to him, Why do you ask me concerning the good One? One is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.

**GOD'S WORD® Translation:** Jesus said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you want to enter into life, obey the commandments."

**Good News Translation:** "Why do you ask me concerning what is good?" answered Jesus. "There is only One who is good. Keep the commandments if you want to enter life."

**Holman Christian Standard Bible:** "Why do you ask Me about what is good?" He said to him. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.""

**International Standard Version:** Jesus asked him, "Why ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you want to get into that life, you must keep the commandments."

**Literal Emphasis Translation:** And He said to him, Why do you ask Me concerning what is good? One is good. And if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.

**NET Bible:** He said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good?"

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There is only one who is good. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

**New American Standard Bible:** And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you want to enter life, keep the commandments."

**New Heart English Bible:** He said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? No one is good but one. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

**New International Version:** "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments."

**New Living Translation:** "Why ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. But to answer your question—if you want to receive eternal life, keep the commandments."

**Weymouth New Testament:** "Why do you ask me," He replied, "about

what is good? There is only One who is truly good. But if you desire to enter into Life, keep the Commandments."

**Worrell New Testament:** And He said to him, "Why do you question Me concerning the good? One is the Good. But, if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments."

**Correct, This Time:**

**A Faithful Version:** And He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except one--God. But if you desire to enter into life, keep the commandments."

**Anderson New Testament:** Why do you call me good? There is none good but one, that is God. But if you desire to enter into life, keep the commandments.

**Aramaic Bible in Plain English:** But he said to him, "Why do you call me good? There is none good except God alone. But if you want to enter life, keep the commandments."

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**Bishops' Bible of 1568:** He sayde vnto hym: why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, and that is God. But yf thou wylt enter into lyfe, kepe the commaundementes.

**Catholic Public Domain Version:** And he said to him: "Why do you question me about what is good? One is good: God. But if you wish to enter into life, observe the commandments."

**Contemporary English Version:** Jesus said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? Only God is good. If you want to have eternal life, you must obey his commandments."

**Coverdale Bible of 1535:** He sayde vnto him: Why callest thou me good? there is none good, but God onely. Neuertheles yf thou wilt entre into life, kepe ye comaudemetes.

**Douay-Rheims Bible:** Who said to him: Why asketh thou me concerning good? One is good, God. But if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

**Geneva Bible of 1587:** And he said vnto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, eue God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keepe ye commandemets.

**Haweis New Testament:** Then he said to him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, even God: but if thou art desirous of entering into life, keep the commandments.

**Lamsa Bible:** He said to him, Why do you call me good? There is no one who is good except the one God; but if you want to enter into life, obey the commandments.

**Literal Standard Version:** And He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one [is] good except one—God; but if you will to enter into life, keep the commands."

**Mace New Testament:** and he said to him, why do you stile me good? there is but one that is good, that is God, but if you would enter into life, keep the commandments.

**New King James Version:** So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

**Smith's Literal Translation:** And he said to him, Why sayest thou me good? None is good except one, God; but if thou wouldst come into life, keep the commands.

**Tyndale Bible of 1526:** He sayde vnto him: why callest thou me good? there is none good but one and that is God. But yf thou wylt entre in to lyfe kepe the commaundementes.

**Webster's Bible Translation:** And he said to him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

**World English Bible:** He said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but one, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

**Worsley New Testament:** And He said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou desirest to enter into life, keep the commandments.

**Young's Literal Translation:** And he said to him, 'Why me dost thou call good? no one is good except One -- God; but if thou dost will to enter into the life, keep the commands.'



# Questions And Answers

*Jerry O'Donnell*

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

**QUESTION:** Have you considered part of your publication addressing the use of hydrotherapy?

**ANSWER:** It has been considered, however, to do it justice, there is not enough space in the publication to provide an appropriate number of details to the various topics. We will see what we can do in the future on a small scale, but for the detail the subject requires would take up quite a number of pages in the publication.

**QUESTION:** How can someone have spiritual gifts but filled with the devil too?

**ANSWER:** Since, "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light", he is able to mimic the gifts of the Spirit to suit his own purpose. In other words, the devil is willing to go as far as to have an excellent character along with the number of abilities that glorify God if they can still be filled with the devil. It is called using good to accomplish evil. That is part of the deceptions experienced in the world that we are to avoid.

**QUESTION:** How are certain people targeted by the devil?

**ANSWER:** The short answer is by invitation, but let us expand upon that. There are certain rules in the Bible that if followed would help keep the devil away. That means if they are not followed, then we must be inviting the devil.

For instance, we are told, "make not provision for the flesh, to [fulfil] the lusts [thereof]" (Romans 13:14),

which means, if a person is trying to quit smoking, they do not stash cigarettes around to have easy access for those "weak moments". The devil will certainly make sure that those "weak moments" occur. Do not keep ice cream in the fridge if one is trying to quit eating ice cream.

More directly, we are told, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). If we disagree with God on a matter, even saying, "What's the big deal?", then we are not submitting to God, and when the devil comes at us, we also would not be resisting him either as we would be siding with him instead of God.

We are to accept that "All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). If we question certain passages as being inspired or not, then we are inviting the devil. And, if we are not searching the scriptures as often as we should, which is daily, then again, we are inviting the devil.

Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15), but if we are not strict about keeping the commandments and make allowances for "little sins", then we have become a target of the devil.

These are but a handful of principles that if we do not adhere to, we become a target of the devil.

**QUESTION:** Why do certain people give in to the devil and others do not?

**ANSWER:** Realize that “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God [is] faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear [it]” (1 Corinthians 10:13). The problem is that people do not exercise the escape, and then they blame God.

For instance, as we have used in the past, if a person in public high school is invited to a party, it is the teenager’s responsibility to start asking questions. That is the escape. But instead, if that teenager does not want to risk loss of reputation or is overwhelmed with being invited to the “popular” person’s house, then they have failed to take that escape.

The good news is that God does not give up on us. As we pull up or get dropped off at the party, that teenager ought to make some observations. If part of the party is outside, can that teenager see if there is alcohol, like a keg, in the

backyard? Can they see in the window before entering the house, alcoholic bottles laying around, or even the use of drugs? If any of these things are occurring, that teenager ought to take the escape route and leave. But once again, not wanting to be called names at school, upon entering the home despite what they observed as warning signs, they again did not take the escape.

And then there is the encouragement at the party to participate in drinking, doing, even eating that which they know God disapproves of. If the teenager says, “No thank you” consistently all night long, then they are working on taking the escape. Of course, the ultimate escape is to leave. However, if the teenager who normally is picked on in school wants to fit in more than pleasing God, and they choose to have just a little, then they have fallen. How far they fall is dependent upon how many “little” episodes they choose to participate in.

The bottom line is that discipline is developed and not bestowed. Those who develop strong discipline, despite some failures here and there

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along the pathway, the stronger they will become in resisting the devil.

**QUESTION:** Can you comment on the cross on the new logo please, in that, is that an inverted cross?

**ANSWER:** Of course, the General Conference denies it, but if one follows the invisible line because the cross blends in with the background, it is indeed an inverted, satanic cross. That is because the Catholic Church is in charge.

Now, for those who do not understand the new logo and the inverted cross, look at the wavy lines. Up against the cross, it is a straight line as if the flames are blocked by

the cross. To the left and to the right, the flame ends are curved, wavy, not a straight line. So, if one draws a line straight up to along the straight edge of the flame, extending the cross despite the background blending or hiding the fact, it turns out that the “top” is much longer than the “bottom”, separated by the horizontal part of the cross. That means, the top is down into the open book, assumed to be the Bible, and the foot of the cross is at least as tall as the bottom of the top three flames.



## *Prophecy Made Plain*

*Jerry O'Donnell*

### **How Do We Know Who the Man of Sin is?**

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 states, “Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.”

The “man of sin” is similar to any “man of” something. For instance, “the man of the year” is a particular man that has gotten attention in the past year more than any other man. “The man of the hour” is one that demonstrates a solution or takes care of a need in that moment of time

more than any other man that may have been around. Many times, it is just being in the right place at the right time. Although, “all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23) allowing every man or human to be in competition to wear the title, this particular man is more influential of sin than any other man. In fact, a person that is very sinful may be considered a “man of sin” but worse than that would be a person that also leads others into sinning in addition to himself. And we are not just talking about a few others but as many as possible. In fact, it could be said, “all the world wondered after the beast” (Revelation 13:3). To be able to lead the world into sinning would indeed make that person the greatest man of sin.

The fact that he tries to shew himself to be God, means it is a religious figure. Additionally, to exalt himself above all that is called God or worshipped means that he usurps the glory due to God by taking it upon himself and messes with anything connected with God.

We can get more specific by realizing what sin is. "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). Leading people to transgress or break God's law and influence the whole world into transgression is an accomplishment, in an evil sense. The sad truth of the matter is that the Bible captures this activity. He will "think to change times and laws" (Daniel 7:25) but not actually have the ability to really do so. By passing off a counterfeit law or Ten Commandments, everyone that would follow his version of the Ten

Commandments, despite keeping them perfectly, will end up breaking God's Ten Commandments, especially since the "man of sin" changed the one regarding "time", which is the fourth commandment.

So, a godly figure that claims to be able to change God's commandments into a new set along with being influential over the entire world getting them to worship on a different day is who the "man of sin" is, and that leaves very few characters in competition for that title. Combining many other identifying verses throughout the rest of the Bible will provide pinpoint accuracy being none other than the head of the Roman Catholic system.



## 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.*

**May 24**

**North American Division**

**Patmos Chapel Grand Opening:  
Opening Doors For Community  
Engagement**

The Well serves hundreds of youth and adults who participate in activities such as gymnastics, martial arts, basketball, baseball training, tutoring, and workplace screening. As

a result, there's a mission field right inside the church's doors; the "worship hub" provides a spiritual complement to the physical activities the Well offers.

**EGW:** "The way that they have been conducted at the college does not bear the impress of heaven. It does not strengthen the intellect. It does not refine and purify the character. There are threads leading out

through the habits and customs and worldly practices, and the actors become so engrossed and infatuated that they are pronounced in heaven, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.” {2SM 322.2}

**Comment:** Martial arts is support of another religion and organized sports activities is condemned. Why are we praising the worldliness? Instead of “college” referenced in the quote, replace it with “church” in this case.

**June 13**

### **Advent Messenger**

#### **Strange Fire: Adventist Worship is becoming more Pagan than Christian**

As reported by Saved to Serve, the Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has just concluded their 2023 annual camp meeting. It took place from June 7 to 10, 2023. During the worship services, the entire camp was filled with the sound of war, similar to what Moses experienced during the golden calf apostasy.

**EGW:** “The Holy Spirit never reveals itself in such methods, in such a bedlam of noise. This is an invention

of Satan to cover up his ingenious methods for making of none effect the pure, sincere, elevating, ennobling, sanctifying truth for this time. Better never have the worship of God blended with music than to use musical instruments to do the work which last January was represented to me would be brought into our camp meetings. The truth for this time needs nothing of this kind in its work of converting souls. A bedlam of noise shocks the senses and perverts that which if conducted aright might be a blessing. The powers of satanic agencies blend with the din and noise, to have a carnival, and this is termed the Holy Spirit's working.” {2SM 36.3}

**June 23**

### **Fulcrum 7**

#### **Loma Linda Employees Vote to Join Labor Union**

According to a tweet from the Union of American Physicians and Dentists (UAPD), the residents and fellows of Loma Linda voted to join a labor union yesterday. The vote was 361 to 144 in favor of joining the union.

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**EGW:** “We are not to unite with secret societies or with trade-unions. {7T 84.3}. The trade unions will be the cause of the most terrible violence that has ever been seen among human beings.” – Letter 99, 1904, p. 3. {4MR 23.3}.

## June 25

### Advent Messenger

#### **Pentecostal Preaching, No Dress Codes, Drumming, Screaming, and Dancing have Invaded Adventism, Signaling that Probation is about to Close**

On Sabbath, June 10, 2023, Seventh-day Adventist Pastor Greg Nelson, who serves in the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists [1], preached at the First University Seventh-day Adventist Church in Tampa, Florida. Also in attendance was Pastor Pierre François, the Executive Secretary for the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. During the worship service, there was screaming, drumming, dancing, and Pentecostal preaching. Pastor Greg Nelson was also dressed down in ripped jeans and Air Jordan 4 Retro tennis shoes as he told the congregation not to be Pharisaical by passing judgment on him. Instead, he urged the congregation to follow him.

**EGW:** “The introduction of music into their homes, instead of inciting to holiness and spirituality, has been the means of diverting their minds from the truth. Frivolous songs and the popular sheet music of the day seem congenial to their taste. The instruments of music have taken time which should have been devoted to prayer. Music, when not abused, is a great blessing; but when put to a

wrong use, it is a terrible curse. It excites, but does not impart that strength and courage which the Christian can find only at the throne of grace while humbly making known his wants and with strong cries and tears pleading for heavenly strength to be fortified against the powerful temptations of the evil one. Satan is leading the young captive. Oh, what can I say to lead them to break his power of infatuation! He is a skillful charmer, luring them on to perdition. Listen to the instructions from the Inspired Book of God. I saw that Satan had blinded the minds of the youth that they could not comprehend the truths of God's word. Their sensibilities are so blunted that they regard not the injunctions of the holy apostle:” {1T 497.1}

## June 28

### Advent Messenger

#### **A Seventh-day Adventist Church Hosted a Sabbath Rap, Pop, and Dynamic Christian Music Concert with Songs by Janet Jackson and Naughty by Nature**

On Sabbath, May 27, 2023, starting at 5:00 p.m., the Beacon Light Tabernacle Seventh-day Adventist Church in Wappingers Falls, NY, hosted the 27th Anniversary celebration of God's Hands, a Seventh-day Adventist music and dance ministry. The concert included a variety of dance performances as well as secular songs by artists like Janet Jackson, such as “What Have You Done for Me Lately?” and the rap group Naughty by Nature's “You Down with OPP.” The rap lyrics were changed from “You Down with OPP?” to “You Down with G-O-D?” and Janet Jackson's song was changed to

“What Have you done for Him Lately?”

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

**June 28**

**Fulcrum 7**

**SDA Pastor in Minnesota Released From Employment Over His Beliefs Regarding LGBTQ**

“I'll just say it and then I'll continue talking. This is the last Sabbath that I'll be here at Andover SDA Church. The conference and I are in agreement that what I need to do as a pastor in pastoral Ministry does not fit with the structure as it currently is in The Seventh-Day Adventist denomination.”

**Comment:** Does that mean they are working on changing the structure?

**Bible:** Isaiah 24:5 “The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.”



## News And Comments

**May 25**

**Gateway Pundit**

**Biden Regime Lumps Christians, Conservatives, and Republicans into Same Category as Nazis in New DHS Anti-Terrorism Program**

"Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory" (2 Timothy 2:10).

**June 2**

**Washington Times**

**Interruption of children's choir singing national anthem at U.S. Capitol stokes furor**

When singing the national anthem becomes a prohibited demonstration, we know this country is imploding. "The people of the United States have been a favored people; but when they restrict religious liberty, surrender Protestantism, and give countenance to popery, the measure of their guilt will be full, and "national apostasy" will be registered in the books of heaven. The result of this apostasy will be national ruin" {RH, May 2, 1893 par. 11}.

**June 4**

**Yahoo Finance**

**'Embarrassing': Young Americans are wasting money on silly things — like TikTok 'pink sauce' and Candy Crush. Here are 3 big lessons Gen Z should steal from baby boomers**

Malachi 3:8 states, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." And then people think they are free to waste the rest of their money as they desired. Many do not even pay tithe and offering and therefore they think all the money they have is theirs to spend as they will. "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom [his] lord shall make ruler over his household, to give [them their] portion of meat in due season?" (Luke 12:42).

**June 7**

**Insider**

**A teenage girl found her mom's debit card and spent \$64,000 on mobile games, wiping out her family's life savings**

A 13 year-old girl from China has a serious video game addiction that she would be willing to resort to stealing. So, despite no foul language, sexual content, anger issues, etc., there are hidden character traits revealed making even the "innocent video games" not so innocent. "Thou shalt not steal" (Exodus 20:15).

**June 9**

**Business Insider**

**Kim Jong Un orders North Koreans to stop killing themselves after number of suicides skyrocketed**

How does one outlaw suicide? If caught killing one's self, they lose their property? The government

punishes relatives? The person committing suicide does not care about those things. There is but one thing that can end the thought of suicide – conversion. "Honour all [men]. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king" (1 Peter 2:17).

**June 11**

**Fox News**

**ChatGPT delivers sermon to packed German church, tells congregants not to fear death**

Although AI failed on emotions, body language, and were monotonous in the delivery, the fact that it is being considered shows how people view church service. It is just a place to attend, hear a message, and go home. The Bible says that church is for "the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12).

**June 12**

**MSN**

**Meanwhile, in Texas, Fresh Signs of Impending Apocalypse**

"Therefore rejoice, [ye] heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Revelation 12:12).

**June 12**

**Fox News**

**Man eats raw oysters; dies from flesh-eating bacteria, health department says**

If the man would only had followed God's instructions, he could still be alive today: "Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that [shall be] an abomination unto you" (Leviticus 11:12).

## June 12

### MSN

#### **Moms force kids to stomp on rainbow flags in horrifying protest against their LGBTQ+ classmates**

As the Muslims and Christians unite in combatting these moral issues, it will eventually turn towards Sunday law issues. Who can argue against these joint efforts? No one. What they are doing to combat immoral activities is technically godly. It is the continued breaking down barriers between religions that will cause the eventual joint effort in the end to bring on Sunday law. "The agencies which will unite against truth and righteousness in this contest are now actively at work" {GC88 582.3}.

## June 13

### Charisma Magazine

#### **WEF Official Calls for AI to Re-Write the Bible 'Correctly'**

All those who believe God is a creation of man, this confirms them in their beliefs. All religions that think it does not matter what god we worship, this confirms them in their beliefs. All Christians who think they are fine as they are and the rules people put themselves under is personal choice and truth is not singular, this confirms them in their beliefs. And finally, those who believe that truth does matter ought to see this attempt as an attack on the Bible. "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his

subtily, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or [if] ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with [him]" (2 Corinthians 11:3-14). Christianity is the true religion and the KJV is the true Bible. Christianity is about accept Jesus as the Son of God. If that is true, then all other religions are wrong. If it is false, then atheism is probably true because all other religions do not even make that claim. Then, Christianity is about following specific rules that Christ expects us to follow (John 14:21, John 8:31). Therefore, we do not need any new Bible. We already have too many versions that contradict each other. But in reality, there are only 2 versions. The many versions of the Bible today are based upon one collection of influenced text or the few versions of the Bible that come from gathered texts from over 300 sources.

## June 15

### Yahoo

#### **Dad Refuses To Let His Stepdaughter Move Back In After Noticing That She's A 'Terrible Influence' On His Two Children**

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). That does not cover just right and wrong choices. That does not only apply to godly training. It includes watching out for negative influences. At the age of 24, "partying" with friends past young children's (single digit) bedtimes is more than just a disturbance of sleep. Taking the lifestyle outside the home to bring

the result back in by coming home drunk, setting off home alarms, And the fact that she cannot be trusted to remain sober while babysitting is a hazard. Being messy and having a bad attitude is a negative role model as it is proven that children look up to an older sibling as compared to looking to rule-setting parents. With that said, that does not mean to leave the step-child out in the cold, although he does have to be careful not to be encouraging bad behavior through his assistance. It was her choice to move in with a boyfriend and now cannot handle the financial impact because they broke up. Yet, another argument of why God intended for marriage and not cohabitation.

**June 17**

**Your Tango**

**Woman Sparks A Conversation About Going 'No Contact' With Parents And How Adult Children Shouldn't Be Shamed For It**

Matthew 10:36-37 states, "And a man's foes [shall be] they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." It is not easy to cut out toxic family members but just because they are related to a person does not mean we are forced to interact. The blood of Jesus is thicker than the water of birth. If a family member is toxic, is disrupting the relationship with Jesus, then it is permitted of God to distance oneself. It becomes complicated when a person is a mere child and cannot just pick up and go live on their own. Also, relationships like husband and wife or the responsibility to raise a child cannot be severed nor is it biblical: "For the

unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy" (1 Corinthians 7:14). If grandparents go behind the backs of parents and interfere with godly raising, absolutely it time for distancing.

**June 27**

**Telegraph**

**University professor 'told to inflate grades of Hispanic and black students'**

Lying in any form is still lying. Exodus 20:16 states, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." There are no excuses even for "good reasons".

**June 30**

**Fox News**

**NY Democrat complains about her student debt after SCOTUS ruling, gets slammed for million dollar home**

Ephesians 4:17-19 "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness."



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situation because there is absolutely no reason for that many in such a short time, understanding all of the steps that we take to ensure a clean list. In other words, they, too, suspect more is going on.

It is too early to tell, but like social media, there is a high possibility that certain material, like religious material, is being censored. At the rate at which our mailing list is dwindling, we will end up going out of business, in addition to the fact we are losing regular donors all of a sudden. Well, we are losing them because they are no longer getting our publication due to the postal system. And that includes monthly donors. Now, this is not a request for more money but much prayer.

When we stated that “no refunds if we were censored”, we did not know that it would be trickling in like this. We were expecting an all-out ban instead, like the fact that our material criticizes COVID and therefore would be banned, that we talk “hate speech” when we do not, but still it is taken that way and again would ban us, etc.

We are quite clueless as to what to do and have been in much prayer ourselves over the matter. But over the past few years, we have lost over a quarter of our *Four Angels’ Messages* list and about a third of *Have One Mind in Christ* list. We are over eight thousand dollars in the red (a loss) just up through half the year, so thankfully I still have my secular employment to offset this financial aspect. Last year, it topped out at a loss of over thirteen thousand. Thankfully, 2021 allowed us to create a savings account from the generosity that year also helping to even things out.

God help the Word to get out.



## ***Ellen White Abbreviations In this Issue***

1888 - The Ellen G. White  
1888 Materials

1SM - Selected Messages  
Book 1

1T - Testimonies For The  
Church Volume One

2SM - Selected Messages  
Book 2

4MR - Manuscript Releases  
Volume Four

6T - Testimonies For The  
Church Volume Six

7T - Testimonies For The  
Church Volume Seven

DA - The Desire of Ages

FE - Fundamentals of  
Christian Education

GC - The Great Controversy  
(1911)

GC88 - The Great  
Controversy (1888)

LDE - Last Day Events

RH - The Review and Herald

ST - The Signs of the Times

## 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.*

### **Blackberry tea for diarrhea**

Blackberries are rich in tannins, substances that can tighten mucous membranes in the intestinal tract. They have long been used as a treatment for diarrhea. Make blackberry tea by boiling one or two tablespoons of fresh or frozen blackberries or dried blackberry leaves in one and a half cups of water for 10 minutes, then strain. Drink several cups a day. You can also buy blackberry tea, but make sure that it contains blackberry leaves and not just flavoring.



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