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Light on the Righteousness of Christ

Ellen White

My brethren, I am laboring most earnestly day and night. My mind is traveling. Things are constantly being revived to my mind that have been revealed in times past all the way along. I feel such a burden pressing and urging upon me that I cannot keep my tongue silent. Now we have talked it, and we have urged it, and we have set it before you, and begged and pleaded and prayed and wrestled with all the strength of our being, until we have felt afterward as though, after the occasion was over, the whole being was so feeble that my breath might stop and my life end at any time. But still on another occasion I am urged in behalf of the people. Now, why can't you do some of this? Every time our people assemble, they come, and they hear, and they go away as they came. They may have a little light; but they do

not act it; they do not take their position on the Lord's side. You do not see that they have opened up the avenues of the heart where the spirit of God can, with its illuminating power, come right into the heart and soul; so that they will respond. If God is working upon me in this direction, why is not there a more decided response with our brethren, and they take hold of the work, too? Is it so that the burden may press upon me constantly, and yet my brethren and sisters sit as though it must always be so, and as though they have no special work to do in this matter? Now, brethren, we want to know whether we will take hold of that which is our privilege to lay hold of in Jesus Christ.

I know there have been efforts—a

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Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

Jerry O'Donnell

It was a tough summer here in Pennsylvania, not by heat or drought but by bugs in unusual places. Here in November as I prepare this January 2024 message, I finally replaced an outdoor light switch that shorted out a few months ago.

The light switch had the usual outdoor protection installation kit – that is a sealed case having a face that must be lifted up first before getting to the actual switch. It was protected, basically from the weather.

About mid-summer, we noticed the light switch to one of our outbuildings, a shed, was no longer functioning. I figured that somehow water still got in and shorted out the wiring. Eventually, I would get around to dedicating some time to taking a look, but it did not happen right away as I knew it was going to be a project. When I did find time and took it apart, the problem was not from rain water but from a nest of earwigs. Somehow, they got behind the sealed panel and a family of hundreds of them were all piled upon each other running about.

It took a while but every last earwig was removed and taken care of. All remnants were scraped away, and the cover was placed back on. The switch still did not work, but that would be for another day. In the meantime, day after day when I used the shed, I would flick on the light switch in hopes that it would fix itself, only to have no light. This went on for a few weeks until one day, the light came on. Praise the Lord that I did not have to replace the light switch after all!

However, it was short-lived as once again it stopped working. This time I immediately opened up the case again expecting a new family of

earwigs to have made their nest. To my surprise, a family of thousands of ants had moved in. That was just unbelievable. They, too, were dealt with to the very last one of them. Then, day after day, I tried the light switch only to be disappointed each time. After a long period of time, I concluded that there would be no success this time. After several months of hope, the light switch was replaced, and sure enough, all has become well once again.

That reminded me of sin. Once it gets inside, it is hard to eradicate and even cuts the light off from God. The sad part is, the second time around reminded me of another Bible thought: “For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known [it], to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them” (2 Peter 2:21). It is so much harder to leave a life of sin a second time as opposed to having left it in the first place. There is a deception that takes hold that a person can dabble in sin and be pulled out at will, in other words, enjoy a bit of sinning and then easily stop. And that is not true. That is a deadly game. The more we jump back and forth, the more of a risk we take that the light will eventually be cut off permanently.

The final thought that came to mind as I replaced the light switch completely was that God says, “I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh” (Ezekiel 11:19).

May we see the object lessons all around us.



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

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

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contrary influence—to throw back the light—the light which God has been forcing in here upon us in regard to the righteousness of Christ; but if God has ever spoken by me, it is the truth, brethren. It is the truth that every soul of you will receive, or your soul will be left in darkness as barren as the hills of Gilboa—without dew or rain.

The question will come up, How is it? Is it by conditions that we receive salvation? Never by conditions that we come to Christ. And if we come to Christ, then what is the condition? The condition is that by living faith we lay hold wholly and entirely upon the merits of the blood of a crucified and risen Saviour. When we do that, then we work the works of righteousness. But when God is calling the sinner in our world and inviting him, there is no condition there, he [is] drawn by the invitation of Christ, and it is not, “Now, you have got to respond in order to come to God.”

The sinner comes, and as he comes and views Christ elevated upon that cross of Calvary, which God impresses upon his mind, there is a love beyond anything that is imagined that he has taken hold of. And what then? As he beholds that love, why he says that he is a sinner. Well, then, what is sin? Why, at once he has to come here to find out. There is no definition given in our world but that transgression is the transgression of the law, and therefore he finds out what sin is. And there is repentance toward God, and what then? Why, faith toward our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ that can speak pardon to the transgressor.

Christ is drawing every one that is not past the boundary. He is drawing him to Him today; no matter how great

that sinner is, He is drawing him. And if the sinner can get his arm fixed upon the cross of Calvary, then there is no conviction of sin? What is he there for? Because the law has been transgressed, and he begins to see that he is a sinner, and Christ died because the law was transgressed. And then he begins to look to the righteousness of Christ as the only thing that can cleanse the sinner from his sins and from his transgressions.

Now, we want to have an intelligent knowledge of this thing. Then we want to take hold of the righteousness of Jesus Christ by living faith and know that we have not any. We may work to the very best of our ability, and we cannot make a single virtue in ourselves; it is the righteousness of Jesus Christ alone that can do it. Then, as we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ we have a power and a strength that is imparted unto us, and we will not want to sin; we cannot do it with the righteousness of Christ, and with ourselves in a position where we shall have Christ working with us and by us. We may make mistakes, we may make errors, but we shall hate these sins—the sins that caused the suffering of the Son of God in our behalf because we were transgressors of the law of God.

Now, I want to say, brethren, there is a door open, and no man can close it to you—no matter if it is those in the highest position or the lowest position, they cannot close it, but you can. You can close the door of your heart, that the light which God has sent you for the last year and a half—or nearly that, that it shall not have its influence and its effect upon your life, nor be brought into your religious experience; and this is what God sends His messengers.

As John went forth to proclaim his message, God gave him a work to do. He had to do that work and arouse the attention of the people. He had to cry aloud, lift up his voice like a trumpet in the wilderness. Just as spoken in Isaiah: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." Well now, Christ had not come, yet, upon the stage of action as a minister. But after the ministry of Christ commenced here, was John to prepare the way for the ministry of Christ, that the minds of the people might be agitated, that their hard hearts, and principles, and customs, and practices might be all stirred up; and he condemned their course, and condemned their practices, calling them a generation of vipers.

Then Christ comes in with a healing balm, and He comes with a message which, with the heart broken up the seed can fall into prepared soil. And when the disciples [became] jealous of [Christ], they said, This man, Christ, is baptizing, and all men go unto Him. They bring it in to stir up jealousy. John tells them there cometh One after me who is preferred before me, whose shoes' latchet I am not worthy to unloose. Here was the very work to be done. Well, now, do you think that John had not human feelings. Of course he had! But those human feelings should not have a power over him on that occasion. No, when he sees Christ in the crowd, why he says, "Behold the lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world." He directed the people right to Christ and two of the disciples immediately followed him.

God has workmen. They carry the work so far, and they can carry it no further. God does not want that they should carry that work any further,

because it is just as natural for the mold of man to be placed upon man as it is to breathe. Now, God calls upon another workman to come right in and advance the work. The one that was working becomes circumscribed; he cannot see that the very line of work that he is working in is not to be pursued to the very close of time, when it is not. There has got to be more light and power infused into the work that they have not had.

There is a workman to come and carry that work upward and forward, that breaks up the old mold that would be an injury to them, and which would have crippled their experience and advance. But this mold has got to be taken off. The mold of man, the peculiarities of man, are stamped upon it, and it comes to be deified by all those that receive of his labor. Now there comes in another element that takes the old mold off. This work is to be carried upward and forward, and the building is to go up. And thus God has worked with His workman; He buried the workmen, but the work progresses still.

When I sat with the hand of my dying husband in my own, I knew that God was at work; for while I sat right there on the bed by his side, he in such feveredness, it was there, like a clear chain of light was presented before me: The workmen are buried, but the work shall go on; I have workmen that shall take hold of this work; fear not, be not discouraged, it shall go forward.

It was there I understood that I was to take the work and a burden stronger than I had ever borne before. It was there that I promised the Lord that I would stand to my post of duty, and I have tried to do it. I do, as far as possible, the work that God has given me to do, with the

understanding that God was to bring an element in to this work that we have not had yet.

Our young men look at the older men that stand still as a stick and will not move to accept any new light that is brought in. They will laugh and ridicule what these men say and what they do as of no consequence. Who carries the burden of that laugh, and of that contempt? I ask you? Who carries it? It is the very ones that have interposed themselves between the light that God has given, that it shall not go to the people who should have it. I know what I am talking about. These things have not been revealed to me for the last forty years, and I in ignorance in regard to them.

Now, brethren, I say, Clear the King's highway, for your soul's sake. And if you have interposed between the people and the light, get out of the way, or God will move you out of the way. I tell you that God calls for men to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. They are not to pull back, they are not to put their weight against the chariot so as to pull it back, but they are to push with all the might and energy that God has given them.

Now it is just exactly as in the days of the Jews; when there was a message came in, why all the power of the leaders was put against it, that it should not have access to the people. Now, Brethren, go to God for yourselves, and on your knees plead with God. We cannot bear that men should go away from the very center and heart of the work here, with wrong impressions. I cannot bear that they should go away from here with a cloud on their minds. If God sends us light, let it come to us, and let no man close the door, or try to

close it. Don't close it yourselves; open the door of your heart and let the brilliant rays of light shine into your heart and into your mind. Let, I pray you, the Sun of Righteousness in.

Now, if it is my work, and if God wants me to stand and oppose this matter to the end, I can. But how long before you decide you will receive my testimony? How long before it shall have any weight with you? How long before you will accept the word that has been among us from its very commencement? How long will you reject or turn from the testimony to your own feelings and your own ideas and your own impulses? I have stood here and fought every inch of ground, that we may have the very message that this people has had, that I might work together with God.

I want to know how God will let His people deny and hedge up the way, that the light that He has sent to His people cannot reach them. How long is this thing to be tampered with? How long is the grace of God to come to this people in vain? I plead with you for Christ's sake to clear the King's highway, and trifle not with the Spirit of God.

We have traveled all through to the different places of the meetings that I might stand side by side with the messengers of God that I knew were His messengers, that I knew had a message for His people. I gave my message with them right in harmony with the very message they were bearing. What did we see? We saw a power attending the message. In every instance we worked—and some know how hard we worked—I think it was a whole week, going early and late, at Chicago, in order that we might get these ideas into the minds of the brethren.

The devil has been working for a year to obliterate these ideas—the whole of them. And it takes hard work to change their old opinions; they think they [have] got to trust in their own righteousness and in their own works, and keep looking to themselves, and not appropriating the righteousness of Christ and bringing it into their life and into their character. And we worked there for one week. It was after one week had passed away before there was a break, and the power of God, like a tidal wave, rolled over that congregation. I tell you, it was to set men free. It was to point them to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world.

And there at South Lancaster, the mighty movings of the Spirit of God were there. Some are here that were in that meeting. God revealed His glory and every student in the college was brought to the door there in confession and the movings of the Spirit of God were there. And thus [it was] from place to place. Everywhere we went we saw the movings of the Spirit of God.

Do you think, like the ten lepers, I shall keep silent? That I shall not raise my voice to sing the righteousness of God and praise Him and glorify Him? I try to present it to you, that you may see the evidence that I saw. But it seems that the words go as into empty air, and how long is it to be thus? How long will the people at the heart of the work hold themselves against God? How long will men here sustain them in doing this work? Get out of the way, brethren. Take your hand off the ark of God, and let the Spirit of God come in and work in mighty power. I feel to stand at my post of duty. I may fall here as my husband fell, but I need to do a work for God. I need to do a work for eternity.

What is the testimony that has been given here? Who are the men to come in and give you anything, infusing new light, and bringing you up to the higher standpoint? If you can show them to me, if you can show me that the work is advancing, we say amen; but we cannot see it. We want to see that God puts His impress upon the work. We want to see men that bear heavenly credentials, that shall carry this work in the very last days to its completion.

God will give every man here a chance if they will accept it. But if they do not choose to accept it, He takes every man in his place, and they come right in and carry forward the work, and they can tell, as John did, The things which we have seen, the things which we have heard, and which our hands have handled of the Word of Life, these things we tell unto you, we show unto you.

Why, every one of these that have a place, they have power, and God wants them to live among us; but God forbid that they should close the door that no other but they shall be heard. Now, brethren, I entreat of you for Christ's sake, let us get to reason, and let the Spirit of God have influence upon your hearts. I feel an intense interest for every soul here. Why? Because I look to Calvary and I see the value of the price that has been paid for the soul, and therefore I do not want that [any] soul should close the door of his heart from God. I entreat of you, brethren and sisters, that you should come near to God, that you should take hold of His power, and that you should not deprive yourselves of the very blessing that God wants you to have.

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"Signs of Christ's Second Coming"

E. J. Waggoner

In our brief examination of Scripture, we have found that the personal, visible coming of Christ is a fact that admits of no dispute. To deny it is to deny the plainest teaching of the New Testament. The next question that naturally arises is, Have any signs been given by which we may know something concerning the time? Is there any probability that this awful event may take place in our day? But we do not find people generally concerning themselves much in regard to the matter. By far the larger part of mankind desire to hear nothing of it. Some ignore it entirely; others say it is spiritual, or in the past; while others admit all the points which we have thus far examined, but they say that it is impossible for any body to know anything about it. They say that for a man to inquire concerning it is prying into the secrets of the Almighty. Arguing from their own desires, they think that he will not come in their day at least, and imagine that ignorance or forgetfulness will excuse them from all responsibility to the matter.

But the Lord will certainly come, and no amount of indifference will cause him to delay. Moreover, some persons will be alive, and will see him come. Now it is not in accordance with God's dealings with men in the past, to spring any great event on them unawares. "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." Amos 3:7. Every judgment has been preceded by a warning, and ample time has been given to prepare for it. It was so in the case of the flood, the destruction of Sodom, the Babylonish captivity, the

destruction of Jerusalem, and other instances. Reasoning from analogy alone, we should conclude that this event, so vastly more important than any of those mentioned, should also be preceded by a warning. And we learn that this is so from 1 Thess. 5:1-4: "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. . . . But ye, brethren are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." Paul is here speaking to those who shall be "alive and remain" to the coming of the Lord; see chap. 4:16, 17; and his language proves that such will know of that event.

But because this was addressed to the Thessalonians, some have argued that the apostles and early Christians expected the Lord in their day, and were disappointed – that we have no more duty to look for his coming than people have had in all ages since his first advent. "He may come to-day, and he may not come for a thousand years or more," they frequently say; but the Bible gives no authority for any such statement; and the actions of those who say so, plainly show that they themselves do not believe it.

It is just as contrary to the Bible to say that people might with propriety have expected Christ to come at any period in the past, since his first advent, as it is to say that he will not come at all. There were some in Paul's day who thought that the coming of the Lord was near, but he disabused their minds in the following language: "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the

coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 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, showing himself that he is God." 2 Thess. 2:1-4. All agree that this "man of sin" is the Papacy, which resulted from the "falling away" from the simplicity of the gospel. Until that power had arisen, and had run its course of blasphemy and oppression, it was not proper for men to teach that the coming of the Lord was at hand; it is, therefore, very important to the proper understanding of our subject, to know the facts concerning the rise and progress of the Papacy.

Without entering into any exposition of the prophecy, for lack of space, I

will simply state that Bishop Newton, Sir Isaac Newton, Dr. Scott, and other eminent commentators agree that Paul's "man of sin" is identical with the "little horn" of Dan. 7, and refers to the Papacy. In Daniel 7:25 its actions are described thus: "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time." By comparing this text with Rev. 12:6, 14, we learn that the "time and times and the dividing of time" is twelve hundred and sixty days. This, if it were literal time, would be an insignificant length of time for the continuance of a persecuting power. But we must remember that the power is represented under the symbol of a beast; and in order for the prophecy to be harmonious, the time must also be symbolical. Turning to Eze. 4:6 we find that in the prophecy a day is used for a year. Applying this rule to the prophecy in question, we have twelve hundred

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and sixty years. The Papacy then, was to continue with power to persecute, twelve hundred and sixty years.

We next inquire when the Papacy was developed sufficiently to fill the specifications of the prophecy. We find that in the year A.D. 538, Justinian's decree that the bishop of Rome should be the head of all the churches, went into effect. This gave the Bishop of Rome power to decide what was heresy, and to call people to account for manifestations of it. From that time onward, the most blasphemous assumptions were made by this self-styled "viceregent of the Son of God," and persecutions without number were carried on in the name of Christianity. This meets the terms of the prophecy fully. Now can we find any event at the end of twelve hundred and sixty years that would mark the downfall of this system of oppression? In 1798 just twelve hundred and sixty years later,

Berthier, a noted French general, took Pope Pius VI. Prisoner and carried him into exile, where he died. Although another individual was soon after proclaimed pope, the power was broken, never to reach its former greatness. The power of the pope has gradually wasted away, until nothing remains to him now but a name; and although the will to persecute is as active as ever, the power to do it openly, ceased at that time.

Now as to the bearing of all this on the subject of Christ's coming. In answer to his disciple's question, "What shall be the sign of thy coming, and the end of the world?" Matt. 24:3, Christ gave a brief outline of the condition of the world to the end of time. After warning them in verses 15-21 of the destruction of Jerusalem, he spoke of a time of "great tribulation" that should shortly follow, "such as was not since the beginning of the world." The

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destruction of Jerusalem is not referred to here, for this reason: This tribulation was to come upon God's people, for he said: "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Verse 22. Now when the final destruction of Jerusalem took place there were no Christians in the city, for all had fled according to the command of Christ. The time of trouble here referred to, then, must be the long period of papal persecution. And this corresponds with the statement in verse 22, for, as the result of the Reformation, the persecution actually ceased some years before the year 1798.

We now have the data for a sign that of itself should be sufficient if there were no other. Jesus said: "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened and the moon shall not give her light." Matt. 24:29. As recorded by Mark, the language is still more definite. "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light." Mark 10:24. A little while before the year 1798, then, this wonderful sign should have occurred. As a matter of fact, this prediction was fulfilled in the dark day of May 19, 1780. Of this day "Webster's Unabridged Dictionary," speaks as follows:-

"DARK DAY, THE. May 19, 1890 – so called on account of a remarkable darkness on that day extending over all New England. In some places, persons could not see to read common print in the open air for several hours together. Birds sang their evening song, disappeared, and became silent; fowls went to roost; cattle sought the barn-yard; and candles were lighted in the houses. The obscuration began about ten

o'clock in the morning and continued till the middle of the next night, but with differences of degree and duration in different places. . . . The true cause of this remarkable phenomenon is unknown."

And Herschel the astronomer said:

"The dark day in northern America was one of those wonderful phenomena of nature, which will always be read of with interest, but which philosophy is at a loss to explain."

It has been well said that science is at a loss to explain this wonderful phenomenon, although numerous attempts to explain it have been made. But its value as a sign does not consist in its being unexplainable. Its value consists in the fact that it occurred just when our Saviour had said it would, more than seventeen hundred years before. If there had been a hundred other days equally as dark, it would not affect this testimony in the least. To illustrate: A man going on a journey is told that just before he reaches his destination he will come to a large tract of woods inclosed by a high fence, and on the other side of the woods, and just within the inclosure, he will find a log house. Now when he sees this house, just where he was told it would be, he is sure that he is on the right road, although he may have passed many similar houses. So in the case before us. It is a fact, however, that the dark day of 1780 stands alone and unparalleled.

"And the moon shall not give her light." This was fulfilled in the night following the dark day. Mr. Tenney of Exeter, N. H., said of that night:

"I could not help conceiving at the time, that if every luminous body in the universe had been shrouded in impenetrable darkness, or struck

from existence, the darkness could not have been more complete. A sheet of white paper held within a few inches of the eyes, was equally invisible with the blackest velvet."

Other testimony might be given, but it is unnecessary as the facts are not doubted by any.

"And the stars shall fall from heaven." This is the next sign, and was fulfilled Nov. 13, 1833, in the wonderful display when many now living well remember. Professor Olmstead of Yale College said it was probably "the greatest display of celestial fireworks that has ever been since the foundation of the world."

If any one says that these phenomena have no significance, — no connection whatever with the coming of the Lord — then I ask what they will do with our Saviour's words? Are they not to be fulfilled? Christ was here answering an important question which his disciples had asked him, and we cannot think that he would deceive them or put them off with an evasive answer. His language is very simple and literal. Why can we not believe signs that our Saviour gave, as well as those which we receive from men? If one of our friends goes away and tells us of some event by which we may know when to look for him, we do not think of doubting his word. Our Lord has done this, and has placed his signs in the heavens, so that they may be known by all; and if we neglect them, shall we not be without excuse? The world was once condemned by the preaching of Noah; what then will be the condemnation of those who reject infinitely greater light?

But our Saviour does not leave the matter here. He says: "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his

branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." This is a forcible illustration. Nobody has a doubt that summer is near, when the leaves put forth in the spring; and we may be just as certain, now that "all these things" have come to pass, that the Lord is near. There is no opportunity for doubt. It is indeed, a sin not to be certain of the nearness of the event.

It is true that we cannot tell just the day that summer will come. After the buds begin to swell, there may be bitter frosts, and summer may be delayed; but still we are sure that summer is not far distant. In this the parable holds good. Christ says, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man." For a wise purpose the exact time of the event is withheld from us, and it is idle for us to speculate in regard to it, but yet we may be just as certain that it is near "even at the doors." And to put the fact beyond all doubt he says: "Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled." That is, the generation that shall witness these signs, or a portion of them, shall see the final consummation of all things. This is indeed a solemn thought. Many of those now living shall see the Lord come. What should be our position, then, at this time? Our Saviour himself gives the answer: "Watch ye therefore; for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH."

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World War

Jerry O'Donnell

No, this is not about World War III, but it is an active war that is taking place right now involving the entire world. No, it is not the war in Ukraine or Israel or elsewhere specifically that has ancillary affects upon many, if not all, countries around the world.

Before we get into the message, let us back up for a moment taking time to realize what is wrapping up by the time you receive this in the mail – it is called the holidays. Like it or not, celebrate it or not, at some point, everyone is bound to hear the all-familiar prayer request: Let there be “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men” (Luke 2:14). And from this, the desire is strongly there for world peace. On this side of the second coming, it is not going to happen. They can annually request it but guaranteed, they will be disappointed.

Besides, is that good will toward men and peace referring to cessation of physical wars? What did Jesus declare about this matter? “Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. 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. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it” (Matthew 10:34-39). We shall have a sword, or war, between people right

up until the second coming. The peace and goodwill is the relationship between us and the Father through the “Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

It is not intentional that true Christians are the cause of the fighting, which is classified as war. True Christians, unyielding to worldliness without even saying a word and just wanting to be left to live one's life as their conscience dictates, are sufficient to have all those that oppose complete obedience to God to get upset and war against the righteous, so much so that like Cain, they would eventually wish they were gone, even killed. “And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed” (Revelation 13:15).

Further, what did Jesus say would be a sign right up to the second coming? “And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet” (Matthew 24:6). Please take notice that we are not to be troubled by Ukraine, Israel, the threat of nuclear attacks, etc. They may all be serious concerns, but for a soldier of Christ, we are not to be distracted by those things. If we have to lay our lives down for Christ's sake, we shall find life eternal as stated just moments ago.

So, now let us get into the current World War details. What would be on most people's minds would be when did the war start? “And there was war in heaven: Michael and his

angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels” (Revelation 12:7). It started well before this earth was populated with humans.

What was the result of that war?

“And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven” Revelation 12:8. In fact, “And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day” (Jude 1:6), and “God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast [them] down to hell, and delivered [them] into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment” (2 Peter 2:4). Those chains of darkness are not physical chains binding the fallen angels. If that were so, then there would be no temptations happening to us. Those chains are another way of saying that the fallen angels are bound to this planet. In other words, earth is quarantined from the rest of the universe. That also means that the war has not ceased. It simply has changed locations involving our entire world. Basically, the World War that is currently going on is known as the Great Controversy between Michael, or Christ, and Satan. [Please refer to October 2023 issue in the section *Prophecy Made Plain* if you need to see the Bible support on Michael being Jesus.]

And to confirm that the location of the war is here on earth, Revelation 12:9 states, “And the great dragon

was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” Upon deceiving Adam and Eve, Satan accomplished deceiving the whole world.

Now, what are all true Christians called to do? “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses” (1 Timothy 6:12). By the grace and divine power (2 Peter 1:3), we are to fight the good fight of faith.

It is said that to know your enemy is half the battle, so just who is really our enemy? “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places]” (Ephesians 6:10-12). The enemy is the devil and his angels, but even though they may inspire human beings to do some awful things, the true battle is still against Satan.

What are we to fight with?

“Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the

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breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Ephesians 6:13-18). We do not have the space to go into details of each of the weapons to be used, but suffice it to be said, our warfare is spiritual, and we are to use spiritual instruments.

As good soldiers, though, it is important to be fit. Just what shall keep us fit for the fight? "Dearly beloved, I beseech [you] as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11). We have to detach ourselves from the wants of the world and consider ourselves as pilgrims on the move. More importantly, all fleshly desires have to be set aside. The littlest excuse or allowance will cause us to have weak links in the armor and we shall be defeated.

What must we endure in this battle? "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Timothy 2:3). It is not an easy warfare. In fact, it is a constant

warfare, a tiresome warfare, a demanding warfare.

What does the enemy incorporate that makes it even more difficult and complicated? "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 12:17). It is the compromised church, the woman. Satan is not after the woman but the remnant people, who remain true to the commandments and the testimony of Jesus Christ, even "the Spirit of Prophecy" (Revelation 19:10), which incorporates all of God's Word, the Bible, and Ellen White's writings. The reason it is complicated is that we are to find refuge in the church, but the church is what will eventually turn completely against us and help enforce the Mark of the Beast (Revelation 13:11-17).

And that brings up an interesting concern – the beast. And this is what the beast, or antichrist, will do: "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations" (Revelation 13:7).

What influence shall the beast have? "And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, [and] the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even

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he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him [are] called, and chosen, and faithful" (Revelation 17:10-14). The antichrist will have enough influence to become the recognized world leader for a mere two weeks of literal time. In the meantime, they will have influenced the vast majority of the planet to war against Christ, hence the war in Heaven having never ceased but continues today taking souls to perdition every single day.

How are the leaders of each nation influenced? "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [come] out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Revelation 16:13-14). They are influenced by three powers as well as the miracles. There will probably not be an atheist on this planet when such deception reaches the climax.

And what are Satan, antichrist, and Protestant America preparing the world for? "And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon" (Revelation 16:16). It is the fight over

salvation, where in the Hebrew tongue, it is the "mount of the congregation" (Isaiah 14:12-13) even "Mount Zion" (Isaiah 10:24) the people of God (Isaiah 51:16). They are amassing a warfare against Christ to see Who shall be the leader in the end.

And now let us look at one of the greatest future battles that will be fought yet it will not bring an end to the war. "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him [was] called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes [were] as a flame of fire, and on his head [were] many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he [was] clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies [which were] in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on [his] vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all [men, both] free and

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bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which [sword] proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh” (Revelation 19:11-21). I do not know about you, but with every one of Satan’s human agents dead, that would pretty much be considered the end of the war, yet it is not.

It will finally have a pause, but then it will pick up again for one last battle: “And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom [is] as the sand of the sea. And they went

up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet [are], and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever” (Revelation 20:7-10). Satan leading the forces into yet another battle clearly reveals that the war is not over at the second coming, but will be when everyone, including Satan himself, is devoured with fire.

And how do we know that it is finally over after hell fire? “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea” (Revelation 21:1). “What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time” (Nahum 1:9). God says so. All this sinning and warring will be passed away. All will live in harmony. And then it is declared that affliction or rebellion will not rise up a second time. Praise God!



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How Do You Resolve It?

Jerry O'Donnell

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

All Have Sinned or Are There Exceptions?

The conflict is between these two verses:

Romans 3:23, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”

Luke 1:6, “And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.”

Either all have sinned, which “sin is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4), and Zacharias and Elisabeth were not blameless making the account in Luke an erroneous statement, or Zacharias and Elisabeth are somehow an exception to the rule in Romans, making it invalid and a different biblical error.

In actuality, neither scenario is truthful. Yes, Zacharias and Elisabeth sinned breaking the commandments “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). And that is without exception outside of Jesus. That does not make Luke 1:6 in error though, and here is the reason:

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). “Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present [you]

faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy” (Jude 1:24). Keep in mind that “not the hearers of the law [are] just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified” (Romans 2:13). Another way of stating this is that “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” (1 John 2:1).

To state it directly, Zacharias and Elisabeth were not ignoring past sins, but had confessed them all to Jesus who then cleansed them from all unrighteousness, clearing their records as if they had never sinned. That is what forgiveness is. They were not currently sinning at the moment, and they certainly were not planning on sinning in the future. So, then, they can be declared blameless despite having to need grace to take care of whatever sins they had committed and repented of.

In other words, there is no conflict. In fact, all of us are to be in that state of blamelessness even now for we never know when our last day will be. “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 5:23).



Heavenly Health

Reen Swindle

“If our bodies which are the “work of Providence” are not in good working order, our spiritual lives suffer, our minds become dull, we do not make good decisions, everything in our lives is affected. Physical, mental, and spiritual health are all intertwined; maintaining balance is a necessity as well as our responsibility.”

Hopefully, those first two sentences sound familiar to you – they are the last lines from the Health article for last month, and I wanted to expand on the theme of keeping our bodies in good working order, especially now that cold months are upon us here in the United States and some other parts of the world.

I want to discuss the concept and necessity of weather-appropriate dressing which will help us achieve that much-needed balance in our health. In some of my own childhood family photos there is one image in particular that springs to mind of a young relative and me taken in a cold month in Ohio. Both of us were wearing pretty little dresses with short sleeves, ruffled socks with dress shoes – and bare legs to match those little bare arms. We were dressed for a family event; we were all dressed up! And that was generally how little girls were dressed for those occasions. I know many women, actually, probably most, can relate to that picture. We were indoors, of course, but just the thought of that scenario still makes me cringe remembering snow piled high outside of that house. So, what exactly is wrong with that picture as far as health goes? But before we get into the physical aspects of that I want to point out another common

sight today – young adults, male and female, wearing heavy sweat shirts with short pants in cold weather. There are those naked legs again!

Let us take a look at the circulatory system of blood in our bodies to determine the need for proper distribution of our clothing. A perfect circulation throughout our system to every part of the body where every organ is supplied with pure blood is said to be a state of good health. To assure this good health it is necessary to make certain the entire body is as evenly clothed as possible so as not to dam the system, retarding the circulation. When one part of the body is heavily covered (sweatshirt on top) and the upper legs only slightly covered (short pants) a very damaging blood-flow and blood temperature fluctuation are developed, putting undue stress and wear and tear on the heart which needs to maintain a steady temperature and flow of blood to function optimally.

The primary function of blood is to deliver vital oxygen and nutrients to, and remove wastes from, the body's many cells; but that is only part of its job. Another function of blood is to evenly distribute heat throughout the system. So, if there is no covering on certain parts of the body the blood becomes chilled which slows down the circulation, causing the heart to overwork. Then when the blood reaches the heavily covered parts of the body which are much warmer the blood is sort of pulled even further away from the exposed extremities so the vital organs are then heavy with blood, and all suffer from the uneven distribution of covering. The

circulation of the blood is unequalized, and becomes impure, laying the groundwork for diseases of the mucus membrane of the throat and air passages. The whole system is deranged. The clothing should be loose fitting so there can be no restriction caused by tight waistbands, etc., as such pressure on the body prevents the rapid flow of the blood from the extremities to the heart.

A vital cleansing function of the blood is that it transports cell wastes and by-products, delivering them to various organs for disposal, and if this does not take place in a timely fashion another development of disease begins in the body which we do not have room to address in this article. Needless to say, to impede the flow of blood through the system in any way affects every organ and system in the body from digestion to brain function. If the circulation stops,

there is poisoning and consequent death.

Fashions may change, but principles of health do not change. We cannot allow current trends or even family traditions to dictate our dress if it compromises our health, for these bodies are not our own.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 says, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

1 Corinthians 7:22-23 tells us, "For he that is called in the Lord, [being] a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, [being] free, is Christ's servant. Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men."



Healthy And Delicious Recipes

Lisa O'Donnell

Creamy Vegetable Soup

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 medium onion diced
- 2 celery stalks sliced
- 2 large carrots sliced
- 2 cups chopped cabbage
- Salt and pepper to taste (not with black pepper)
- 4 potatoes diced (3-4 cups chopped)
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 3 cups low-sodium vegetable broth
- 2 cups peas frozen
- 2 cups corn frozen
- 2 cups plant-based milk
- Fresh parsley for serving

Instructions

1. Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium heat.

2. Add the onions, celery and carrots to the pot.

3. Season with salt and non-black pepper.

4. Cook, stirring occasionally until vegetables start to soften, about 5 minutes.

5. Stir in the chopped potatoes, thyme and garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute.

6. Add the vegetable broth.

7. Bring mixture to a boil, then simmer until the vegetables soften, about 20 minutes.

8. Use an immersion blender to lightly blend the soup so it's thicker but still chunky. [You can remove some of the vegetables to the side to stir back in if you


prefer to have more whole vegetables.]

9. Stir in the peas, corn and milk, and simmer until the vegetables are warmed through and soup has thickened, about 5 minutes.

10. Serve with fresh parsley and crusty bread, if desired.
- Notes

Storage: Store any leftovers in an airtight container. They will last about 4 days in the fridge and reheat really well.

Substitute potatoes with cauliflower or zucchini.



At mealtime cast off care and taxing thought. Do not be hurried, but eat slowly and with cheerfulness, your heart filled with gratitude to God for all His blessings. {CH 565.1}

Natural Vitamins

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Benefits of Oranges

1. High in Vitamin C which helps reduce the risk of colon cancer.

2. Provide for healthy immune system.

3. High in anti-oxidants which contributes to reduced aging skin.

4. High in Vitamin B6 which reduces blood pressure.

5. Peels contain Polymethoxylated Flavones that lowers cholesterol.

6. Assist in absorbing iron from other sources despite not containing iron itself.


7. Reduce heart disease.

8. Balance blood sugar levels.

9. Lower the risk of cancer by the inclusion of D-limonene.

10. Oranges alkalize the body.

11. Vitamin A from oranges is good for eyesight.

12. Benefits from soluble and insoluble fiber contribute to good bowel movements.
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Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible

Jerry O'Donnell

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

Lawlessness is Not the Same as Transgressing the Law

In **1 John 3:4**, the reason that lawlessness is not the same as transgressing the law is that "The Law" is specific, as in, "The Law of God" or "The Ten Commandments".

Lawlessness is generic in which there is no law whatsoever, not even a speeding rule to be followed. Lawlessness can point to simple looting, property damage, and rebellion in general.

King James Version: Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

In Error:

A Faithful Version: Everyone who practices sin is also practicing lawlessness, for sin is lawlessness.

American Standard Version: Every one that doeth sin doeth also lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

Amplified Bible: Everyone who

practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness [ignoring God's law by action or neglect or by tolerating wrongdoing—being unrestrained by His commands and His will].

Aramaic Bible in Plain English: But whoever commits sin commits evil, for sin is entirely evil.

Berean Literal Bible: Everyone committing sin also commits lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

Berean Study Bible: Everyone who practices sin practices lawlessness as well. Indeed, sin is lawlessness.

Catholic Public Domain Version: Everyone who commits a sin, also commits iniquity. For sin is iniquity.

Christian Standard Bible: Everyone who commits sin practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

Coverdale Bible of 1535: Who so euer comytteth synne, comytteth vnrighteousnes also, and synne is vnrighteousnes.

Darby Bible Translation: Every one that practises sin practises also

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lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

Douay-Rheims Bible: Whosoever committeth sin committeth also iniquity; and sin is iniquity.

English Revised Version: Every one that doeth sin doeth also lawlessness: and sin is lawlessness.

English Standard Version: Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

GOD'S WORD® Translation: Those who live sinful lives are disobeying God. Sin is disobedience.

Holman Christian Standard Bible: Everyone who commits sin also breaks the law; sin is the breaking of law. [*The ending was too generic, where "the" is missing on the second reference even though it started out well.*]

International Standard Version: Everyone who keeps living in sin also practices disobedience. In fact, sin is disobedience.

Lamsa Bible: Whoever commits sin commits evil: for all sin is evil.

Literal Emphasis Translation: Everyone practicing sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

Literal Standard Version: Everyone who is doing sin, he also does lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness,

NET Bible: Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; indeed, sin

is lawlessness.

New American Standard Bible: Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

New Heart English Bible: Everyone who sins also commits lawlessness. Sin is lawlessness.

New International Version: Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.

New King James Version: Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

Smith's Literal Translation: Every one doing sin also does lawlessness; for sin is lawlessness.

Tyndale Bible of 1526: Whosoever committeth synne committeth vnrighteousnes also for synne is vnrighteousnes.

Weymouth New Testament: Every one who is guilty of sin is also guilty of violating Law; for sin is the violation of Law.

World English Bible: Everyone who sins also commits lawlessness. Sin is lawlessness.

Worrell New Testament: Every one who commits sin commits lawlessness also; and sin is lawlessness.

Young's Literal Translation: Every one who is doing the sin, the lawlessness also he doth do, and the sin is the

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lawlessness,

Correct, This Time:

Anderson New Testament: Every one that works sin, works also transgression of law: and sin is transgression of law.

Bishops' Bible of 1568: Whosoeuer committeth sinne, transgresseth also the lawe: for sinne is the transgression of the lawe.

Contemporary English Version: Everyone who sins breaks God's law, because sin is the same as breaking God's law.

Geneva Bible of 1587: Whosoeuer committeth sinne, transgresseth also the Law: for sinne is the transgression of the Lawe.

Godbey New Testament: Every one doing sin does also a transgression of the law: and sin is the transgression of

the law.

Good News Translation: Whoever sins is guilty of breaking God's law, because sin is a breaking of the law.

Haweis New Testament: Every one who committeth sin, committeth also a transgression of the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Mace New Testament: he that is vitious, is lawless: for sin is the transgression of the law.

New Living Translation: Everyone who sins is breaking God's law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God.

Webster's Bible Translation: Whoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law.

Worsley New Testament: Every one that committeth sin, transgresseth the law; for sin is the violation of the law.



Questions And Answers

Jerry O'Donnell

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

QUESTION: Should we get the Real ID?

ANSWER: As we know, the Real ID is not the Mark of the Beast. As Ellen White has stated, "As the sign of the authority of the Catholic Church, papist writers cite, 'the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which Protestants allow of . . . because by keeping Sunday strictly they acknowledge the church's power to ordain feasts, and to command them under sin.' ["ABRIDGMENT OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE."] What then is the change of the Sabbath, but the sign or mark of the authority of the Romish

Church—"the mark of the beast'?" {GC88 448.2}.

So, the question comes down to the use of the Real ID, which is being sold as a need, especially in emergency situations, however, it is intrusive and can be used for governmental control. It is a tracking mechanism.

The act of getting it or not getting it is by choice. Do you want to make it easier for the government to track various aspects or not? But before giving the answer, do keep in mind that there are personal purchases and various property ownership that already accomplishes the same task. If a person owns a cell phone, the

Real ID is insignificant since the phone, even when off, tracks every movement. In many cases, even purchases. If a person uses credit cards for every transaction, all of that is tracked.

Now, the question comes regarding driving. Many states make the Real ID and the driver's license one and the same card. If we adhere to counsel and live in the country, having no driver's license, it is going to cause a whole lot more problems than the government having access to personal information.

And let us not get started with the "smart" things in the home that do tracking and even recording of activities: smart TVs, smart refrigerators, even smart light bulbs.

So, it is a personal choice and may be one that is unavoidable.

Do keep in mind, everyone may run, but eventually no one will be able to hide, even if completely off the grid. Do the work of the Lord and leave the consequences in the Lord's hands.

QUESTION: Is God fair?

ANSWER: We would say that God is not fair, but just. Now, after you let that settle into the mind and may want to argue the opposite position, let us first create a scenario.

There are three people: a billionaire, an employee, and a homeless single mother. If there is to be \$300 given out, the fair thing would be to give each \$100. To be just, as in justice being served, all \$300 would be given to the homeless woman. The Bible states that Jesus "is just" (Zechariah 9:9). It does not appear to state that Jesus "is fair".

In regards to eternal life, all who receive it may believe that it is given out fairly – We all receive the same amount of experience. There are no multiple levels to Heaven. We all get the same mansions presented to individual tastes, but still mansions. We will get access to the streets of gold, and even access to Jesus Himself. On the contrary, we all come from various backgrounds, primarily that of sin. It all has to be forgiven before any of us step foot into Heaven. Some of us have huge amounts of sins while others, not so much. Some required multiple attempts to be pulled out of

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worldliness while others, one attempt was all that was necessary. Jesus even spoke on this. “Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, [the same] loveth little” (Luke 7:47).

If God were fair, all of us would receive the same amount of grace. If it were done by average, those who sinned just a little up to the average point would be allowed entrance into Heaven while all others would get the cold response, “Sorry, there is no more grace to provide.” Instead, “My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9). We each receive the sufficient amount based upon our needs. Now, do realize, we are all saved through Jesus Christ completely by His merit. “All our righteousnesses [are] as filthy rags” (Isaiah 64:6). The best we can claim for salvation is, “We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do” (Luke 17:10). In other words, we cannot add to our salvation no matter how long we walk in righteousness. It is Christ’s righteousness that we are saved by, but all of it is one package, both the saving part and the conditions to be met. But let us not get too deep on that subject as the point of the question is about the fairness of God.

God is just, and not fair. Thank God.

QUESTION: What is the winepress in Revelation 14?

ANSWER: Revelation 14:19-20 states, “And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast [it] into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out

of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand [and] six hundred furlongs.”

The symbolic object of the “winepress” is squeezing the life out of the lost as it is the “Wrath of God” and is outside the city where the lost are. There are many figures of this event when Jesus breaks through the clouds and the lost realize that they are indeed lost. We have “the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains: And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb” (Revelation 6:15-16) when we know in reality all are simply slain: “And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming” (2 Thessalonians 2:8).

The winepress specifically is not the focus as opposed to the results thereof, but if a person is really pressing for something, it would simply be that which will slaughter the wicked when Jesus returns preparing them for “an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all [men, both] free and bond, both small and great” (Revelation 19:17-18).



Prophecy Made Plain

Jerry O'Donnell

How Do We Know That the Timeline of Daniel 7:25 is 1,260 Days/Years?

Daniel 7:25 states, "And he shall speak [great] words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."

Obviously, this is a time line. It appears to provide many questions as, "What is a time?", "What is meant by times?", and "What is meant by dividing of time?"

We will use a repeated verse in Revelation 12 that identifies the same activity using slightly different words to help us break things down. For instance, Revelation 12:14 sounds a lot like Daniel 7:25. "And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent." Instead of "dividing of time" we have "half a time". But if a person were to take "time" and divide it once, a person would end up with two halves, hence "half a time". In other words, the two phrases are actually synonyms.

Now, let us look at the other verse in Revelation 12 over in verse 6, which says, "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred [and] threescore days." So, we have the same activity but instead of the time period being "time, times, and half a time", the whole calculation is worked out for us. It is a long period of days. By the way, a

score, like Abraham Lincoln's address, represents twenty years.

Therefore, Revelation 12:6 is a period of one thousand, three hundred, and sixty days, as three scores or three sets of twenty years are referred to.

Now for a little algebra. We know that "time" plus "times" plus "half a time" equals one thousand, three hundred, and sixty days. For fans of algebra, that would look like $X + 2X + \frac{1}{2}X = 1260$. As the teacher would say, now solve for X. We placed the number "two" in front of the one X because when the word "times" is used in the Bible without a number it defaults to the number two, otherwise, the Bible is specific like the use in Daniel 4 with reference to "seven times" (Daniel 4:16, 23, 25, 32). The fact that "times" is plural, we know that it is not just the number "one".

So, back to $X + 2X + \frac{1}{2}X$, please be patient; we ought to agree that added together this equation comes out to be $3\frac{1}{2}X$, where X is the reference to time. Taking 1,260 days divided by $3\frac{1}{2}$ gives us 360 days, which is a biblical year. That means we know now that the word "time" means "year"; the word "times" without a number means "two years"; and "dividing of time" or "half a time" is "half a year". The word "time" and "year" are synonymous.

And from November 2023 article in this section, we know that in prophecy "each day" represents "a year", and that is how we know the period of time in Daniel 7:25 is a 1,260-year timeline.



News And Comments

October 31—Atlanta Black Star

Neighbor Kills New York Man and Stepson Execution-Style In Dispute Over Loud Music Captured on Video: 'Why Would You Bring a Gun to Tear My Family Apart?'

God says, "I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir" (Isaiah 13:12). Man says, "Lives of people are not as valuable as material goods nor selfish desires."

November 1—Salon

Hidden danger: How much caffeine is actually safe to drink in a day?

FDA is not God. "According to the FDA's own guidelines, about 400 milligrams of caffeine is the maximum amount a 'healthy adult' should consume in a day (as a reminder, Panera's large charged lemonade contains 390 milligrams)." The accumulation of caffeine day in and day out brings on health related issues over time. And since it is over time, like future heart attacks, it is not considered serious enough to say that none is the recommendation by God. It is a stimulant that excites the body in a manner that the body is not supposed to experience. "That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations." (Psalms 67:2).

November 5—Fox News

Lemon water has its health benefits, but should you drink it daily? Experts weigh in

Lemon water in the morning is not the latest craze. Ellen White drank it. "In the morning I take lemon and water." {Lt82-1897}.

November 9—The Cool Down

Shocking Study Finds Exposure to One Seasonal Factor Is Comparable to Smoking a Whopping Seven Cigarettes a Day

More scare tactics pushing people to "Stay inside as much as possible, and use a HEPA air filter in your home. If you have to go outside, wear a mask and limit your activity", all of which has their own health issues. Eventually, outside air gets inside homes unless they are poisonously air tight. Lack of outdoor exercise is known to bring on debilitating issues later in life. And the fibers from masks in constant use gets into the lungs and causes other health issues. The bottom line is to trust in God and live life as He intended. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love" (1 John 4:18).

November 10—Telegraph

When it comes to holidays, it seems no one really cares about climate change

To stay home and never visit relatives again is idolizing the planet, similar to those who "worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever" (Romans 1:25).

November 11—Insider

Pope Francis ousted a Texas bishop, signaling he may finally be done with ultraconservative US Catholics

From a religious figure to condemn the right and let free the evil is showing how the world continues to "call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter" (Isaiah 5:20).

November 13—Insider

Near-death experiences are important but they are not the afterlife, according to a cardiologist

In reality, trips to Heaven at the near point of death are not real for "the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten" (Ecclesiastes 9:5). And

the event of being with Jesus, well, "every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming" (1 Corinthians 15:23).

November 13—CNN

There's another Christian movement that's changing our politics. It has nothing to do with whiteness or nationalism

"They are using the Bible, as Social Gospel leaders once did, to argue in various ways that Christian deeds are more important than creeds and that unfettered capitalism 'thrives on selfish impulses that Christian teaching condemns.'" Basically, the article depicts where Jesus is inserted into social issues, and then many assumptions are made. The focus was the union strike. They concluded that Jesus would be for the workers, and He would join the picket line. So, if the owners were operating properly, not greedily, but there was a strike, Jesus would be against the owners? That is an assumption. The reality of things is that Jesus would stay out of social issues. In one social situation, Jesus stayed out of it by stating, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Mark 12:17). In another social situation, Jesus responded with, "Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?" (Luke 12:14). And our creed is the Bible, as in, "good deeds" are not the same as "obedience". And Jesus says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15) among other things. "Good deeds" are in the eyes of the beholder. "Good deeds" are confused with kindness. It is a kind act to allow marriages outside of man and woman, but that is an abomination to God. The social gospel is sold in such a way that it sounds like what Jesus would be in favour of, but it is the most deceptive message from Satan that is sweeping away many in the church. It is not as simple as Sunday versus Sabbath, good versus evil, right versus wrong. Who in their right mind would be against "good deeds"? Well, unless a person realizes the agenda behind "good deeds", people

are being easily deceived.

November 13—Business Insider

An FDIC supervisor reportedly invited staff to a strip club and senior bank examiners texted nude pics to female employees. They're still employed.

In the category of desensitizing, people truly do not know boundaries any more, neither what is considered immoral. The title of the story is just the lead into bigger issues, not only at the FDIC, but in many business environments. For the senior people to act this way and are "still employed" is unbelievable. Further, the article stated, "Two supervisors told the Journal they'd either visited strip clubs with their colleagues after work, or had invited staff to a strip club. One supervisor, Trevor McIntosh, said the organization had not told him that visiting the strip clubs was a problem and 'he didn't know why it would have been,' the Journal reported." It is immoral!!! But, when the Bible is no longer considered the moral standard in society, "Because [there is] no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood" (Hosea 4:1-2). It was innocent to attend company picnics, then sporting events, then happy hour where many a personnel have had loose lips under the influence of drinks, and now strip clubs, a form of adultery, is accepted as proper business behavior. Satan leads on step-by-step.

November 14—Huffington Post

Mike Johnson Says Americans 'Misunderstand' Separation Of Church And State

The separation between church and state may not be explicit in the constitution but the Bible shows that they were intended to be separate powers represented by two separate horns: "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." With that said, we know eventually that will

not remain as intended because force of compliance, as a taste of which came through COVID, will be the norm.

November 16—Pet Helpful

Couple Smuggles Dog Into Hospice To Visit Ailing Mom and Her Face Says It All

The article celebrates breaking the rules because people were thinking with their hearts, which "The heart [is] deceitful above all [things], and desperately wicked" (Jeremiah 17:9), for the article specifically states, "After all, rules are there to be broken." Tell that to Satan who broke the coveting rule that then spread to other commandment breaking and eventually loss of his position and removal of a third of the angels. Tell that to Adam and Eve who also broke the coveting rule expanding to the other commandment breaking. Rules are not meant to be broken. If more people kept the simple rules, we would not have the chaos we are experiencing today. Allowances or exceptions is one thing but smuggling is outright breaking the rule.

November 16—Sacbee

Hundreds 'begged' Rocklin school board not to pass parent notification policy, emails show

According to the article, which is slanted, we have "hundreds of messages from students", disobedient students, and teachers and counselors who ought to be fired that are protecting disobedience. Parents are responsible in every other

respect, so who gives the exception in such a life altering decision? And the media does not report the number of students, now becoming adults, who regret the decisions made much earlier in life when they were not completely informed of all the ramifications. It is an agenda – a Sodom and Gomorrah agenda! Thankfully, "the board voted 4-1 to require school staff to inform parents when their student transitions or experiments with their gender identity."

November 26—The Gateway Pundit

Pope Red Francis Goes from Meeting with Transgender Sex Workers in the Vatican to Accusing Jews of Terrorism

This is simply an example of Isaiah 5:20-21. "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto [them that are] wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!"

November 27—MSN

Outrage: Court Ruling Allows State to Seize Citizens for Indefinite Quarantine and Isolation - Due Process No More?

Good-bye constitution. "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon" (Revelation 13:11).



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.

November 10—Advent Messenger

The Trans-Orange Conference of

Seventh-day Adventist Inter-Church Rally Charged a Sabbath Entrance Fee for a Wild, Pentecostal-style Worship

Service Led by a Pastor

On Sabbath, November 4, 2023, Seventh-day Adventist Pastor Khanyiso Mente led the worship service with chaotic, wild, and unrestrained dancing. This is the kind of behavior you see in a Pentecostal church on Sunday morning, when its pastors are possessed with an unholy spirit. This took place during the Trans-Orange Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Inter-Chapter Rally at the Cedarwoods in Sandton Hotel and Conference Center in South Africa.

EGW: “I was told that men will employ every policy to make less prominent the difference between the faith of Seventh-day Adventists and those who observe the first day of the week. In this controversy the whole world will be engaged, and the time is short.” (Selected Message, Book 2, p. 385).

November 24—Fulcrum 7

Surprise!! One of The Directors of 'Love Reality' Is The Hawaiian Conference President

‘Love Reality’ is a ‘Once Saved Always Saved’ variation of salvation that has risen up in Adventism in the last five years. What we did not know at the time is that one of the directors of this “dangerous false doctrine” is an SDA Conference President — Erik Vandenburg in Hawaii. The reason it is called the Love Reality Tour is these individuals (and others) are traveling (touring) around to Adventist Churches trying to convince SDA’s of their ideas.

Bible: “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.” (1 Timothy 4:1).

November 25—Advent Review

Local Church in the U.S. Finds Ways to Connecting Faith and the Arts

So, the Champion Seventh-day Adventist Church in Loveland, Colorado, United States, dedicated the month of October and a few days in November to celebrate this connection and invite the public to join in a Faith and the Arts Festival.

EGW: “Those who have trained the mind to delight in spiritual exercises are the ones who can be translated and not be overwhelmed with the purity and transcendent glory of heaven. You may have a good knowledge of the arts, you may have an acquaintance with the sciences, you may excel in music and in penmanship, your manners may please your associates, but what have these things to do with a preparation for heaven? What have they to do to prepare you to stand before the tribunal of God?” {2T 267.1}



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Abbreviations
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1SM - Selected Messages Book 1

2T - Testimonies For The Church Volume Two

CH - Counsels on Health

GC - The Great Controversy (1911)

GC88 - The Great Controversy (1888)


Lt82, 1897 - Letter 82, 1897

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.*

Relief from Strep with Peppermint Oil

Peppermint oil has antibacterial properties and can be used to relieve your pain by gargling ½ cup of warm water with 10 drops of the oil added to it, being sure to swish it around in the mouth to eliminate even more bacteria before spitting it out. The oil's cooling effect helps relieve sore throats. Also applying it topically to the neck and jawline is helpful, making sure to dilute it with a carrier oil such as coconut or olive oil first so as not to burn the skin. Its anti-inflammatory and decongestant properties can help reduce inflammation and speed up recovery time. Each of these applications can be repeated several times throughout the day. 

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