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.

Faith, Patience, and Hope

Ellen White

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"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for the us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement."

Now we want to present to you the great advantages, the happiness, and the probabilities which are found in Jesus Christ. We do not half understand it. We scarcely comprehend the wonderful gift of the Son of God in our behalf. We read over the Scriptures just as I have read them to you, and we can scarcely

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Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

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We really could use your prayers concerning these mailings.

A person that has been on our mailing list for numerous years was reported as non-existent by the postal systems per reports that are run each month before mailing. In the past, such people have typically been found as havinging moved into a nursing home, moving without notice, death, or some other reason they no longer are at that address. So, we removed her. Two months later she calls and she is very much alive wondering where her publications are. Then, two months were sent in a brown envelope and she received them. In the meantime, she was added back to the mailing list only to not receive the next two issues either. Verification was conducted to make sure she, indeed, was on the mailing list that the printers use, and she was. We have concluded that the postal system, in general, is not reliable.

Since COVID, we lost nine to fifteen people off our list every month, and now we are beginning to question if they really were undeliverable or if other discrimination was taking place. It is said that way because our local church decided to send out post cards to several thousand homes for a weekend filled with messages covering Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The post office stated that the cards were too small to deliver. According to postal regulations, post cards are to be 3½ inches high and 5 inches wide. The cards being mailed were 4 inches high and 6 inches wide. More than perfectly matching the criteria.

Further, I had someone call from NJ and said that they received an envelope back to them with their donation inside that was intended to this ministry. It was labeled "Undeliverable". A P.O. Box being undeliverable is ridiculous.

So, do not be surprised at the change in appearance to accommodate this discrimination, though it is a waste of valuable space by using blank pages.

So, when we print the "No Refund" box, that is not from being paranoid or even a left-over from the cancel culture of the COVID years. It is happening now.

May God direct this and the other publication to the intended homes, and may each of us do our part in finishing the work.

Maranatha!



Our Websites

FourAngelsMessages.com—All of our monthly magazines, speaking schedules, YouTube links, PayPal donation processing.

ConvertingTheSoul.com—Morning, mid-day, and evening post where we supply a Bible verse and comment working through the Old Testament verse-by-verse in the morning, various thoughts around noon, and working through the New Testament verse-by-verse in the evening. Made for the general public.

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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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comprehend them. They are vast, they are far reaching, they mean everything to us. They mean that when we were lost, Christ died for us. "Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them who had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many."

We want to take this in. That when there was no hope for us, when we were sinners against God, Jesus Christ consented to take the transgression upon His own soul. What hope would there have been for us if He had not done this? What virtue is there in us that God could have accepted our efforts to keep the law? There is no righteousness in us. But the provision was made from the foundation of the world that if transgression came, our substitute and surety was ready to be the substitute of the race if the race fell in consequence of sin. He was ready that moment to take upon Himself the penalty of the whole human family, the whole world.

The sin of the whole world was upon Him. Why then are they not brought to repentance? Why did they not accept the infinite sacrifice that Heaven has made in their behalf? Why do they not grasp the only provision and hope that is presented in the gospel whereby the sinner can find salvation? Why is it? There is something that stands in the way. We can present the gospel, we can present Jesus Christ, we can present heavenly attractions, we can present the eternal weight of glory, we can present to every sinner who will forsake sin and have faith in Jesus Christ, the life promised by Jehovah that measures with the life of God, an eternity of blessings. We can present all this, but they must take it by faith and faith is not sight; and unless they accept the overtures of mercy and the great gift of salvation, their spiritual sight will be blinded by the world, its customs, maxims, and traditions, its pride, vanity, and foolishness; and therefore they cannot see the glory that is in store for them, for the overcomer. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." How much we may increase our faith. In what way? By making the Bible our foundation.

We cannot have faith that is of any account if we go to human agents, if we go to man, if we are making flesh our arm; but we can have it by going to the very thing that Christ came into the world to bring before us. What was it? The character of God. And He lived the character of God. He lived it in our world.

The character of God is the law, and therefore Christ said, "Not one jot or tittle of the law shall pass till all be fulfilled." Every specification which Christ has given is life. He came to bring before us the true and perfect character of the law of God, and the Word declares, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." Let us hear from the lips of the greatest teacher the world has ever known. He was giving His sermon upon the Mount. The Pharisees had declared that He came to do away with the law.

He read what was in their hearts and said, "Think not that I am come to do away with the law or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." He was in the open air and as He pointed to the heaven and the earth, He said, "For till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall

in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." God saw the importance of this, and Christ came to draw back the falsehood that it was impossible to keep the law.

How did Satan originate this lie? It was because the law of God was covered up by tradition, misinterpretation and misconstruction. It was the maxims and customs of men that were taught for the law, and so the character of God was hidden. Christ saw that Satan had his own way on the earth, and He came that the rubbish which had been accumulating from generation to generation and from age to age might be removed, and that the law might stand upon its own eternal basis of virtue and purity. This was His work in our world.

It was impossible for man to be justified by the law, because there is no power in the law to pardon the transgressor. But what does Jesus do? He gives us His love, and God bestowed all heaven in His one gift to our world; therefore there is not left an excuse for any one living upon the face of the earth to continue in transgression and disobedience, because help has been laid upon One that is mighty to save. When there was no other hope, then Christ Himself appeared in behalf of the human race.

How is it then that there are so few that will accept of salvation? They do not live the truth. Why? Because no unrighteousness is of the truth, and therefore they do not love it. There is one objection that they do not remove, and they can remove it themselves, but it is impossible for us to remove it. It is that every one should search the Scriptures with their hearts and minds and intelligence, sharpened just as Daniel's was, that they may become wise in the things of God. This is the objection. The ones to whom we address these remarks are alone able to do this. And that is the cross.

We read that many believed on Christ, but they did not confess Him. What was the matter? For fear that they would be turned out of the Sanhedrin, and they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. We want to bring before every man that we are at this very period of probation working our eternal results. We are working out our eternal destiny. We can do it, but no one else can do it for us; and in order that Satan should not say that God could have done anything more, in order that he should never have this to bring before the heavenly intelligences, the gift could not have been exceeded. The gift of His only begotten Son for a race of rebels!

Oh, I am so thankful that God has placed so much precious treasure within our reach! It is the richest promise, it is eternal life, and it is help for us at every step of the way as we travel. He says, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." So it is Christ that we have with us right along. With whom? With those that accept of Him as a precious offering. We ought to be the most grateful creatures in the world that it is our privilege to be called high priests of God.

But we would certainly not think so by the way the world range themselves under the black banner of the prince of darkness. They declare that they are not on the Lord's side, but it is a terrible declaration for them to make after the Lord has given them His precious light that they might be saved from sin, that the cords that bound them to Satan's chariot wheels might be loosed, and that they might be free men and women in Jesus Christ, because they have chosen obedience rather than

transgression, and show that they are obedient children.

“Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you. I will be a father unto you and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord God Almighty.” Can we comprehend this? To be adopted sons and daughters of God. Sinners who caused Christ to lay off His royal robe, leave the royal courts, clothe His divinity with humanity, and come to this earth to be a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. For our sakes He became poor. Do we appreciate this precious gift made that we shall be lifted up from woe, from degradation, and that we shall be exalted to the throne of God with Him? Then come out and be separate.

“Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God. Therefore the world knoweth us not because it knew him not.” That is the trouble. Christ declared that the world is crucified to Him and He unto the world. It is a double crucifixion. When those who see the matchless charms of Jesus take their stand under the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel, there are those who say, “You have left me. You have taken a religion that I have no interest in. You are going to stand as a Christian and I have no interest in Christianity.” Things that they love, they cannot make the one to love, who has chosen to be a child of God.

“But being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.” You see, there is an attraction for them that the unbelieving do not understand. Their spiritual understanding is blinded. They do not lay hold of the hope set before them. They are not in living touch with Jesus Christ. Well, is it anything for us to be ashamed of that we stand under the banner of Prince Emmanuel? Do we feel that we want to beg pardon of the world for being a Christian? Do we feel like that because we want to follow the light of the world?

We read in John, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” And then we read in the 17th chapter that “this is life eternal, that we might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” Well then, if we are living in His eternal love, if we can see Christ in His matchless charms in the kingdom of glory, shall we not reveal to the world that we are the happiest people in the world?

“All things were made by him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life and the life was the light of men.” We want to know what that light is. I have understood what it is for more than fifty years, and oh, how precious it was to me when the gleams of the glory of God came to me first! They thought that I was dead, and there they watched and cried and prayed so long, but to me it was heaven, it was life, and then the world was spread out before me and I saw darkness like the pall of death.

What did it mean? I could see no light. Then I saw a little glimmer of light and then another, and these lights increased and grew brighter, and multiplied and grew stronger and stronger till they were the light of the world. These were the believers in Jesus Christ—those that believed in Jesus Christ and took hold of His merits and His righteousness as it was imparted to them after He had taken away their sins and given to them His righteousness. And the bright beams

of the righteousness from above were shining in the hearts and characters of these representatives of Christ in our world. I never thought that I should come to the world again. When my breath came again to my body, but I could not hear anything. Everything was dark. The light and glory that my eyes had rested upon had eclipsed the light, and thus it was for many hours. Then gradually I began to recognize the light, and I asked where I was.

"You are right here in my house," said the owner of the house. "What, here? I am here? Do you not know about it?" Then it all came back to me. Is this to be my home? Have I come here again? Oh, the weight and the burden which came upon my soul. But then grace was given to me, and since that time nothing has cut off the glory that I could behold in Jesus Christ. My eyes have seen Him as much as human eyes could see Him. God had taken me away to behold His glory. I want you to know that that very sight made me strong so that nothing in the earth or in human beings would lead me to place my hopes in the earth or in human beings. I could see that Jesus was our only hope, and that to Him we can trust everything. He will never leave or forsake us.

Here again we read, "And the light shineth in the darkness and the darkness comprehended it not." That is the great mystery to me. When all heaven is before us and we can see that we can obtain the victory through Jesus Christ, why is every living mortal not striving for the victory? He can obtain it through Jesus Christ. There was a man sent from God whose name was Jesus. Why did they not believe on Him? What will their excuse be in the judgment? They cannot render an excuse.

When the invitation is given, "Come for all things are ready." Come, for all things are ready. The invitation is given, but one says, "I have got a wife and cannot come." And another says, "I have married a wife and therefore I cannot come." And another said, "I have bought a yoke of oxen and therefore I cannot come." These are the excuses that people make today. Now the Master says, "Not one of these shall taste of my supper." It was said to the Jewish nation, and not only they, but every nation under heaven when, after the light comes and the invitation is given, "Come for all things are ready." All things are ready, but they begin with one voice to make excuses why they cannot come. That is the reason why they do not believe.

But if they do not taste of the love of God, if they have not their senses clear and undimmed with worldliness, and pride and intemperate habits, and the fashions and customs of the world, they do not have a little time to consider the question, "How is it with my soul?" "What shall I do in order to be saved?" The Bible will tell you that. The trumpet of the Bible gives no uncertain sound. The standard of character is not torn down and trampled in the dust. It is the law of God which shall judge every man. Every man shall be judged according to the deeds done in the body. I want to have a hope that will last, a faith according to the law of God.

"That all men through him should believe." Now we see that everyone may believe if they will only take the Word of God and be obedient to it. John was not that light, but was sent to prepare the way. Oh, the precious light there is in Jesus Christ! I say it in

the morning, I say it in the night, I say it all the hours of the day. Precious, precious Jesus, who gave His life! God forbid that I should make Him ashamed by the character I present to the world. We read that He was not ashamed to call us brethren. “He was in the world and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.” Do you want to link hands with the world and consult its habits and customs and practices? We cannot do this and win souls away from the world or enlist in the army of Christ. “He came unto his own and his own received him not.” And therefore Christ says, “It was for you to have received the word of life.” But since we have not received it, what then? Why, “we turn to the Gentiles.” Those that hear the Word of God may receive it if they will, but it is a cross. These crosses must be lifted. You cannot trample them under your feet. “Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

But if we have made up our minds that we cannot always follow in the example that Christ has given us, and that we will do as we please, and go to the theater and all the forbidden places that the Bible gives us no leave to, we shall find a terrible disappointment.

Christ was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Who was He? The Prince of life, the only begotten Son of the Father. Ask Isaiah who He was. “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be on his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Now we know who we have to lean upon. I ask you if there is anything to be ashamed of in being connected with heaven, to become a member of the royal family and be acquainted with the King. Is there anything in that to bring the blush of shame to your cheek? What we want is the truth, not nonsense. Many stand in the desk and give us their own words and assurance as the Word of God. What we want is the Word as it is in the Scriptures. We want the truth as it is in Christ, and every one of us should look to Christ as our strength and glory and power.

But we will read a little further. “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name; which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

This is the privilege of every one of us. I am so grateful to my heavenly Father that it is the privilege of every one of us to read the Scriptures for ourselves. I am so grateful that we can search the Word of God for ourselves, and know what it says. We need not hang our souls upon any human agent, but hang our helpless souls upon Jesus Christ. And it is our privilege to be complete in Him. We want a new and rich experience in Christ. I am an heir of Heaven. “By whom also we have access into the grace wherein we stand.”

Oh, says one, “I wish I knew certainly that Jesus Christ was my Father.” I received a letter as I was coming across the broad waters of the Pacific, saying, “Oh, tell me, if you can, what I shall do in order to know that I have Jesus Christ?” What can I tell them? Can you tell me? You that have tasted of the power of the world to come. You that know what it is to have a spirit of supplication and know what it is to lift up your hands by faith and

your hearts to God. What is the matter with these people? They want a constant animation; they want to live and feed upon emotion, but feeling is as changeable as the wind. Go to the Word, the pledged Word.

Go to the Father with the pledged Word: "You said, Lord, if we ask we shall receive. You said You were more willing to give than we are to receive. I believe Your Word." I cannot give you any new way. God has opened the way for eternal life. "I am the way, the truth and the life." Christ has given His life that we might be saved. He wills not that any man might perish, but that all should come to Him and be saved.

Christ died for me, and so an infinite price was paid for my salvation. He does not want us to go groaning under the oppression of our sins. He does not want us to go under the galling yoke of oppression and take a terrible burden. That is why we do not see more who are attracted by heaven and Jesus. It is because we misrepresent Him. We are slothful servants and therefore do not reap the blessing that we might. "By whom also we have access into this grace wherein ye stand." Will we not have any more doubts and trials? Just as long as the devil lives we shall have them. He is working up his devices day and night.

Christ said, "I will be taken up to Jerusalem and mocked and crucified." Peter did not want to hear any such story. He thought that God would raise Him up on a temporal throne, and that He would be a ruler over Israel and deliver them up from their bondage. He forgot himself and taking Christ, he rebuked Him. "No," he said, "it shall not be thus unto thee." Christ said, "Get thee behind me, Satan." Where was Satan? Right between Christ and Peter, and there he stood, gracing Peter with all his doubts and unbelief. Christ said, "Get thee behind me, Satan. Stand back. Satan hath desired thee that he might sift thee as wheat, but I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not."

Christ saw that He would be denied in the judgment hall, and He saw Peter's repentance afterwards when he went into the garden of Gethsemane and wept in an agony of tears. Peter was converted then and could be safely told to go and feed the sheep and lambs of God. Then Peter could go to the most tempted and tried disciple and know how to help him.

We rejoice in hope, not in feeling. In the hope of the glory of God. We know that tribulation worketh patience, and experience, hope. What does it mean? If we do not feel just as we want to, are we to fly into impatience, speaking those words that show that we have the attributes of Satan? We cannot afford to speak a harsh word or an unkind word because we are standing right in view of the heavenly intelligences, and we are fighting the battle with all the heavenly universe looking upon us, and how we grieve the heart of God when we deny Him in any way! The marks of the crucifixion in the hands of Christ show that He has graven us upon the palms of His hands.

"And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also, knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; And hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts." Shall we strive for it? Shall we strive for it with all the powers that God has given us, with all the energies that He has given us? By beholding we shall become changed." A few mornings since I woke up, and these words were on my lips, "By beholding, we shall

become changed," and this is the very work that we are to do—to behold Jesus.

Do not allow your mind to be absorbed and taken up with worldly things. Have you no time to pray or educate your children? No time to make your household a symbol of the family in heaven? God wants every household to be a symbol of the household in heaven. We are to begin and consecrate ourselves to God. Can we do it without strength? "In due time Christ died for the ungodly", and all the time He was working out the plan of salvation on the home above, He gave to the world. He was as much the Saviour of Abraham, and all the patriarchs and prophets, as He is ours. There was no hope for them any more than there is for us unless we believe in Jesus Christ. Thus Christ was the foundation of the whole Jewish economy. He was the Lamb of God that was to take away the sins of the whole world. He was to be slain for the sins of the whole world. Oh, I praise God with heart and soul and voice!

Abraham saw Him and embraced the promise through Christ. Moses saw Him and endured the sight of Him who is invisible. Noah, the prophet of righteousness, was perfected in his day, and Enoch walked with God. They had advantages in their day, but in our day we have a crucified Saviour. Do you leave it there? No, we have a risen Saviour. He came up from the grave and over the rent sepulcher of Joseph He proclaimed, "I am the Resurrection and the Life." Christ broke the fetters of the tomb and paved the way for everyone to do the same, and came up in the morn of the resurrection because Christ is their joy and hope.

I love Christ. I see in Him matchless charms. I want to be like Him and glorify His name upon the earth. We read that we shall have the Holy Ghost and glory in tribulation and have joy in Him, because He commendeth His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. And then we read in John 15, "Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." Will that make you sorrowful? Will you walk in the way that is cast up for the righteous, and water it with your tears? Cover it with your tears? No, one hundred times, No.

"These things have I spoken unto you that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full." This is just what we want as obedient children. We want to walk in the light as Christ is in the light. "Well," you say, "do you always feel the light in a marked manner?" No, I do not always. But when Satan casts his hellish shadow athwart my pathway, I do not look at it or talk of it, and glorify the devil by talking of him and his power and what a hard time I am having. No, I cleave right through the shadow and by faith take hold of Jesus Christ. By beholding we "are changed into the same image from glory to glory." Talk faith. Every doubt you express is a seed sown, and that seed will take root in some heart. We do not want to speak one word of doubt and thus praise the devil for his wonderful power to keep us in subjection. No, Christ has purchased me and redeemed me. Satan has no power over me. I am free in Christ Jesus because I believe in Him.

Satan says to you, "You are a sinner and have no need to pray any

longer.” But that is why I need to pray. That is why I need a Saviour. Should I say because I have sinned that I will not come to Christ till I make myself better? No, for that will be never. Christ declares that He came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. It is my privilege to lay hold of the sacrifice that has been made for me at an infinite cost. I take hold of Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and commit the keeping of my soul unto Him as unto a faithful Redeemer. He will keep that which I have committed unto Him in trust against that day. Praise God!

I want everyone of you to consider if it is not time for you to think of what God has done for you, and look over the history of the many things you know He has done for you. Praise Him that the angels of God guard you from dangers on the right and on the left. He has given you food and raiment. Praise God for these tokens of His goodness. Praise God. And if you cannot think of anything in your life to be thankful for, praise Him that He has been merciful to you.

There is one thing that covers everything else. He gave us Jesus Christ because He loved us. “God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son.” Oh, praise the Lord in your hearts and teach your tongues to praise Him. Seek the gifts of God, take His precious words and hang them in memory’s hall, and when you do that, look upon them, talk of them, praise God for them and then the hellish shadow will not interpose between you and your God. We may every one of us have this rich experience to give to the world, that we know God and Jesus Christ, whom He hath sent.

Oh, let it be seen in the world that He has given you tongues and utterances, and you will praise Him with your hearts and souls and voices. You are then making melody to God in your hearts, and when the call comes, “Child, come up higher,” when you enter the City of God through the gates that will sweep back on their glittering hinges, you will know just where to take up the immortal song. You will hear the music and know that the warfare is accomplished. And you will hear the voice of the Master, “Welcome thou into the joy of thy Lord. Thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make you ruler over many things.” You will know just where to begin that song. You learned it here.

You are not to groan and complain, but be learners in the school of Christ of His meekness and lowliness. We want to bear His yoke. He says that it is easy and that His burden is light. And if you have found it so, you know just how to catch the strains as the angel leads the heavenly choir. You will take the golden harp and fill all heaven with rich music to the Lamb. “Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for our transgression.” You will cast your glittering crowns at His feet.

Then have faith and patience and hope and you will gain the richest experience. You will be a light to the world and they, seeing your good works, will glorify your Father which is in heaven. I want to meet you among the throng in the kingdom of glory. I want to see your faces all illuminated with the glory of God. I want them to shine with the image of Jesus reflected in you. All your sorrows will be ended and you will be free indeed. No more sorrow and sin, but it will be joy, eternal joy, through the eternal ages.

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Divinity of Jesus

Thomas Motherwell Preble

The Scriptures plainly teach that Jesus Christ, the second Adam, possesses the Divine attributes of his Father in that degree which renders him an object of divine worship.

"All men should honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son, honoreth not the Father which hath sent him." (John 5:23.)

Are we to honor the Son, even as we honor the Father? So we are taught. If we honor not the Son, we dishonor the Father which sent him.

"When he bringeth in the first-begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him." Heb. 1:6.)

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name; That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth. And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil. 2:9-11.)

Let every tongue, then, confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, (Kurios) to the glory of God, (Theos) the Father. Jesus, "being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Phil. 2:6-8.)

Jesus allowed the apostles and others to worship him. Luke 24:52; John 9:38.

Prayer was also made to him. Acts 7:59.

If it is idolatry, to worship any other than a Divine Being; then, it follows that Jesus, the second Adam, was Divine, or the angels of God and the saints, were guilty of idolatry! for they worshipped him! He "is God with us;" (Matt. 1:23,) for he was God manifest in the flesh; or as the margin reads – manifested. Before Jesus was born, the self-existent, or eternal God, was only manifested to men by his word.

"In the beginning was the Word," etc. (John 1:1-3.) i. e. In the beginning was the logos, not Theos, God, the Deity; but logos, "a word; a saying; speech; talk." - Lexicon.

The word logos, and its different terminations, occurs in the Greek New Testament more than 300 times; and it never begins with a capital L, except in 1 John 5:7. It is translated word or words, about 225 times; speech, 9; utterance, 4; and it is also translated, communication, preaching talk, tidings, etc., etc.

A.Barnes, in his notes on John 1:1-3, says:-

"The opinion which seems most plausible may be expressed as follows: 1st. A word, or that which is spoken, is that by which we communicate our will, by which we convey our thoughts, or by which we issue commands; the medium of communication with others. 2nd. The Son of God may be called "the word", because he is the medium by which God promulgates his will, and issues his commandments. See Hebrews i. 1-3. 3rd. This term was in use before the time of John. (1.) It was used in the Chaldee translation of the Old Testament; as, e. g., Isa. xlv. 12: "I

have made the earth, and created man upon it." In the Chaldee it is, "I, by my word, have made," etc. Isa. xlviii. 13: "Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth." In the Chaldee, "By my word I have founded the earth." And so in many other places (2.) This term was used by the Jews as applicable to the Messiah. In their writings he was commonly known by the term "Mimra" – i. e., "word;" and no small part of the interpositions of God in defence of the Jewish nation was declared to be by "the word of God." Thus, in their Targum on Deut. xxvi. 17, 18, it is said, "Ye have appointed the word of God a king over you this day, that he may be your God." (3.) This term was used by the Jews who were scattered among the Gentiles, and especially those who were conversant with the Greek philosophy. (4.) The term was used by the followers of Plato among the Greeks, to denote the second person of the Trinity. The term nous or mind, was commonly given to this second person; but it was said that this nous was the word, or reason of the first person. The term was therefore extensively in use among the Jews and Gentiles before John wrote his Gospel; and it was certain that it would be applied to the second person of the Trinity by Christians, whether converted from Judaism or Paganism."

A. Clarke says,-"Logos" . . . "signifies a word spoken, speech, eloquence, doctrine, reason, or the faculty of reasoning."

What, then, is the conclusion of this whole matter? viz: this: The Bible, Lexicon, Barnes, Clarke, and others, all agree that logos means a word, a saying, a speech. etc., and, therefore, as in the foregoing extracts from A. Barnes, "I by my word have made the earth," etc.; "By my word I have founded the earth;" all show that it was not a creature, or a being, by which God made the earth; but by his word, or command: "For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast." Psalms 33:6-9.

So we see that, when this word logos is stripped of its present "theological" meaning, it proves simply this: Before the "word was made flesh, and dwelt among us"; (John 1:14,) God was known unto men by his words or commands; but "hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds." Heb. 1:2. The word here translated worlds, is not kosmos – habitable globe; but aionas, pertaining to ages, or dispensations. It does not say that God made "all things" by his Son! but it says he hath appointed him "heir of all things!" If the theology of the present day be correct, it would appear that, after the Son of God had created all things, his Father took them all away from him! and then appointed him heir of all that he had made! But this would destroy the idea of his being an heir! See Gal. 4:1, 2.

Said Jesus, "All things that the Father hath are mine;" "all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Although Jesus, the second Adam is a Divine Being, yet he is not co-eternal with his Father; for Jesus, the Son of God, had a beginning – he was made – made of a woman! But when once made, he will never have an end. "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell (hades) and of death." – (Rev. 1:18.)

Because it is said of Christ that he and his Father are one; it does not mean that Jesus was his own Father! And because they are one in attributes or power; they are not one, numerically! for there are three

that bear record in heaven, and these three are one – these three agree in one! 1 John 5:7, 8.

Although the Father and the Son are one, it is equally true that Jesus spoke understandingly when he said, "My Father is greater than I!"

Why is the Father greater than the Son? Because the Father "made" the Son; and yet Jesus said, "The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do."

All the power, therefore, that the Son possesses, was given him by his Father.

How shall we understand that the Israelites drank of that "spiritual Rock that followed them; and that Rock was Christ!" (1 Cor. 10:4.) The same as we understand that "Abraham rejoiced to see" Christ's "day; and he saw it, and was glad!" Christ was then the chief corner stone, on which the apostles and prophets built: and hence the prophets and patriarchs looked forward to the time when Jesus should appear in the world the Saviour of lost men; and the apostles and all true believers since that day, look back to the same: therefore, "other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Saints of every age have drunk of that spiritual Rock and that Rock is Christ.

The pre-existence of Christ is supposed to be proved by Gen. 1:26, "Let us make man", etc. But just notice the next verse, and we shall see that "Us," did not make man, for we read, "So God created man", etc.

This view is in harmony with what advocated by Mac Whorter, in his late critical work entitled, "Yahveh Christ", etc. Says Mac W.:

"And Elohim said, Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness."

"Yahveh, or Yahveh Elohim, is a name of relation. It is a name, as we have shown, growing out of the expectation of humanity, in view of a Divine Promise." . . . "This name, originating in human want and need, having a human History and growth, and yet representing a Divine Promise, was fitly chosen as foreshadowing the incarnation of the Divine person who assumed it to Himself, and proclaimed it as His Memorial Name. Yahveh Elohim also assumes all the attributes of Elohim," (pp. 136, 137.)

"We have seen the foundation for a distinction of personalities, laid in the very beginning of the Old Testament, gradually becoming more and more developed, till in the New Testament it is made prominent in the relation of 'Father' and 'Son.'"

"Throughout the Epistles the distinction is in a great measure preserved by the terms 'Theos', God, and 'Kurios', Lord, as applied to 'Father' and 'Son': 'Theos', however, often standing for the plural Personality. Kurios is also sometimes interchanged with Theos. Almost uniformly, however, throughout the New Testament it is a term applied to Christ." pp. 142, 143.

"The idea prevailing among commentators, that the proposition, 'Who is and who was, and who is to come', is to be metaphysically interpreted as expressing 'Eternity of Being', is founded solely upon the supposition that it is the Apocalyptic expansion of the 'I am' interpretation of the name 'Jehovah', or Yahveh in Ex. 3:15. But this rendering of the name Yahveh has been shown to be without foundation either in Exegisis or History." (pp. 145, 146.)

"A return, then, to Christ, to a personal, historic Christ, as the centre, head, and source of all

Theology, would give to the age a vital element of progress in spirituality and true Christianity." p. 173

"Until, however, the discovery of the true derivation of 'Jehovah,' or Yahveh, gave the clue to its meaning as a name, no motive existed for calling attention to the subject. Now the ancient Hebrew Scriptures, falling into the hands of philosophers rather than faithful their speculations; giving us not the Historical Yahveh, or 'Jehovah", God of the Scriptures, but the philosophical 'Theos', or 'God' of Plato, and the school of Alexandria. This philosophical conception, beginning with the Septuagint, and endorsed by the Latin Vulgate, although departed from by Luther in his translation, has yet hitherto controlled the Theology of the World." p. 95.

But the question arises, How could God, the Elohim, say let us make man, if the Son of God did not then exist for the Father to speak to? We answer, God often spoke of "things which be not as though they were." Rom. 4:17. Examples, – "Unto us a child is born," etc. Isa. 9:6. This was said of Jesus more than 700 years before he was born! and yet spoken of as though it had already taken place. In Isa. 53: we have not only other examples of Christ being spoken of in the present tense, although more than 700 years before he was born; but he is there spoken of in past tense, e. g., "He was oppressed", "He was taken from prison", "He hath poured out his soul unto death", etc. In 2 Tim. 1:9, we find a clear illustration of this example of speaking of things as though in the past, which are yet in the future! The apostle says that God "hath saved us", . . . "according to his own purpose and grace which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began!" This proves that the saints pre-existed – not in fact – but in the mind or plan of God: so also of Christ. If in speaking of Christ as though he was with the Father in creating man, proves that he really pre-existed "before the world began", why does it not prove that the saints also pre-existed, because it is said that salvation "was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began"! All these examples, and others which might be given, prove clearly that Christ was spoken of as already in being, because he was associated with his Father in the plan of redemption before the world began.

Jesus is spoken of as being the "son of David, the son of Abraham." Matt. 1:1; and this shows how Christ was "the fruit of" David's "loins according to the flesh". Hence, it is plain how Christ's human nature was in the loins of David and Abraham, the same as Levi "paid tithes in Abraham"; "for he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisadec met him." Heb. 7:10. And if Christ (human nature) could be said to be in Abraham, almost 2000 years before he was born; why should there be any mystery in the idea of Jesus' (divine nature) being with his Father "before the world was" and thus having "glory" with the Father "before the world was." John 17:5. This would explain why Jesus could say, "Before Abraham was, I am." John 8:58.

We have already shown that our Lord Jesus Christ, is equal with his Father; and an object of Divine worship: although not co-eval, or co-eternal with his Father.

That the Word was in the beginning with God, and the Word was God; we do not doubt: but we also believe that the "Word was made flesh, and dwelt among men," and that this

Word, thus made flesh; not made, and then put into flesh! but was made flesh; was, and is, the Son of God: and will no more have an end, after being once made, than the Father himself wilt have an end!

But, is the Son of God, the same personal identity or sameness of being with the Father! The apostle says: "I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God." (1 Cor. 11:3.) God, then, is the head of Christ, his Son; as the man is the head of the woman. Hence, the apostle again says: "But to us there is but one God the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him, and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him." (1 Cor. 8:6.) Mark this! "One God the Father" and "One Lord Jesus Christ." "There are three that bear Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." John says: "And I saw, and bear record that this is the Son of God." The devils said: "Thou art Christ the Son of God." Shall we call him anything else?

And now may "Grace be with you, mercy, and peace from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love." Amen.

In concluding, we will sum up the matter in a few words, and as nearly in scriptural language as our limits will admit.

By the earthly man, came death; by the heavenly man, will come also the resurrection of the dead. "And as we have borne the image of the earthly, we, saints, shall also bear the image of the heavenly." Says Christ, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Although "it doth yet appear what we shall be: yet we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him." Therefore, let us "look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body." Blessed promise – Glorious hope! Therefore, having "these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

Thus we "pray God, that your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Amen.

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The Four Stages of Deception in Matthew 24

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Although Jesus' main concern was that of deception in general, mentioning it four different times, a closer look shows very specific stages of deception within that generality. Various longtime believers easily have overcome one, two, and even three of the deception stages with the fourth one yet future, and most challenging, but before we get to that one, let us examine all the stages as they appear in order.

What is the first stage of deception? Matthew 24:4 tells us the warning from Jesus, when He stated upfront before revealing the end time events, "Take heed that no man deceive you." As you will see in the other three levels of deception, this one has no Christian involvement because of the use of the general term "man". There is no Christian deception. This is merely human beings outside of Christianity, stating opinions, attempting to lure people out of Christianity.

You can recognize several different attempts from these individuals making up a large class of the population. The list provided is not all inclusive, but should serve as a sufficient list to recognize such attempts at deceiving. The most popular method by such non-believers is in the use of mere opinion. "In my opinion, God set things in motion and we're left to our own to live by coincidences." "In my opinion, there is no God." "In my opinion…".

Others in this class of deception come from the newsroom. If the newsroom reports it, then it must be true. "In the news today, notable professor states…", and it is usually in contradiction to the Bible. They quote philosophers, psychologists, popular opinion, etc.

Of course we have the scientists with their supposed evidence. "We have evidence that the earth is over a billion years old!" That is funny because several decades ago, science declared that the earth was only in the hundred of millions years old. And prior to that, it was only tens of millions of years old. Lately, the "big bang theory" has been challenged with the "black hole theory". And again, supposedly they have evidence for each.

Of course, the Atheists have various explanations as well. They explain the miracles of the Bible away, the location of events away, the cities mentioned in the Bible not found and so declare them as fables, and such.

Inclusive of this first level are the other religions that offer other options to Christianity. That means Hindus, Muslims, even Jews, along with the many other smaller forms of pagan religions, all offer another choice in contrast to Christianity.

Again, most believers do not succumb to opinions, scientists, atheists, or other religions, but Satan does not stop at one form of deception; he has many. And Jesus warned us against each one, especially the ones that come closer to home.

What is the second stage of deception? Matthew 24:5 starts off with the word "for" implying that it is

actually part of stage one. And you can believe that to be the case if you want. As for the article, we would like to consider it as a separate stage in which it is stated, “For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.” Now this is very concerning, because many are deceived at this level. Also, in this verse is the implication of being inside the Christian fold. Our most challenging enemies are from within, instead of without. Looking at the words of Jesus again, notice the phrase that is used to deceive with. It is “I am Christ”. At quick glance, a person may think that this is a person impersonating Christ, which seems to be frequently happening, but does not seem to deceive as many as one would think. However, when you look at the phrase closer, realizing that when Jesus spoke those words, a certain term did not yet exist, and if Jesus would have used that term too early, it would have caused confusion. Another way of looking at the phrase is to say that one appears to be “Christ-like”. Even further, is the similar phrase that did not come about until the time after Stephen was stoned in which, “the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch” (Acts 11:26). There you have it. The term that Jesus did not use for sake of confusion is that of “Christian”.

So, if someone were to claim to be a Christian by stating, “I am Christian”, if they really are not, they could end up deceiving many more people. This is where the dictates of popular Christianity come in. These also have their own opinions like the first stage, but they are different from the general public. These try to speak with religious authority when they have none. They do not consult the Bible yet attempt to spread activity by first asking, “What would Jesus do?” How would they know what Jesus would do in a situation when they have not studied the Jesus of the Bible? Hence the deception.

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A good number of non-Biblical Christians going around claiming, “I am Christian”, are recognized by the response to Biblical truth. Show these people what the Bible really says and they say in response, “Well, my Jesus…”. And many are fooled by that.

Some of these people actually do have Bible scripture on the mind, but unfortunately, it is superficial. Tell them that we are to keep the commandments and the scripture catch phrases start flying convincing those on the milk of the word to follow them. “We’re saved by grace and not the law!” “We’re saved by faith and not the law!” “We are under a new covenant!” “We walk by the Spirit!” “It is the spirit of the law that matters!” “We are no longer under that schoolmaster!” All of which is scriptural, but out of context and intent. Some of the rebuttals are: “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?” (Romans 6:1-2). “Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law” (Romans 3:31). “This [is] the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them” (Hebrews 10:16). And that is all the rebuttal for now, since we are limited on space. Basically, such Christians just regurgitate what they hear from other Christians and even their pastor who is leading them astray.

And if that were not enough, other undermining phrases come out of such Christians convincing those weak in the faith to walk away from the truth. “God the Father was the Old Testament God, but Jesus of the New Testament is friendlier!” “We’re not legalists!” “We’re not Judaizers!” “We don’t belong to a cult!”

And then we move to other false theories that give them false hope. In addition to being “once save, always saved”, such people cannot face the mark of the beast as their actions do not matter, yet knowing those who receive the mark are punished, so the secret rapture was born.

Now, this second stage of deception comes from all who claim to be Christian, but have no clue of the doctrine of Christ, their Master.

What is the third stage of deception? Matthew 24:11 is clearly a separate level of deception. “And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.” Now, some denominations actually have titles, being prophets. Of course, “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), so since they have nailed the law to the cross, they cannot be true prophets. The word “prophet”, in loose terms, also applies to any leadership role. Peter even stated, “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies” (2 Peter 2:1). So,

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this level of deception is inclusive of all the false roles, be it elder, pastor, administrator, president, etc. As long as they are not "rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15), they are false. We may excuse their ignorance, but that would be a mistake. This is how we can so easily say that certain popular ministers will be in Heaven, which is stepping on God's role as well as confirming all who came into Christianity under their errors to remain in their errors. Ministers, most teachers, and most administrative personnel are responsible to God for spreading error, and any of them consulting their denominational beliefs, guidelines, doctrines, despite being contrary to the Bible, are spreading error. It is time to call sin by its right name. And all the ministers who refuse to use the word "sin" are blatantly teaching a false gospel. If worldliness and party atmosphere are promoted, it is definitely the wrong spirit.

What is the fourth stage of deception? Matthew 24:24 tells us in a separate reference, making it a separate stage of deception, "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the very elect." This one will be so deceptive that few will survive. This is where "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14). This is where "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). This is where "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. [Even him], whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders" (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, 9). And the result is that "deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by [the means of] those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live" (Revelation 13:14).

Remember, only the "very elect" escape – barely. To be a "very elect", they must know the scriptures quite well as "we are not ignorant of his devices" (2 Corinthians 2:11), referring to Satan's devices.

So, overall, as we see it, there are four stages of deception. They include the general public that are not really believers. The next level is that of all who claim the be Christian and lead many astray by their examples. Then we have all those teaching unbiblical doctrines, beliefs, and theories. Finally, we have Satan, the antichrist, and others working with such great deception that if we are not connected with God through prayer and His Word, we will be deceived.

Three forms of deception are already among us. The final form has a presence now, but reaches the climax during the time of the mark of the beast. So, are you putting on the full armor of God as outlined in Ephesians 6:11-18, which includes the Word and prayer?



Heavenly Health

Reen Swindle

Tongue and Heart – Both Organ and Muscle, So What is the Connection

Tongue and Heart: Organ and Muscle Classification, from Scienceinsights and Wikipedia

Yes, both the tongue and the heart are classified as organs that are also made up of muscle tissue, but they are not "muscles" in the same sense as a single muscle group.

The **tongue** is a **muscular** organ, meaning it is a functional unit composed of multiple tissue types, including **skeletal muscle, connective tissue, epithelial tissue, nerve tissue, glands, and fat**.

- **Muscle content:** It contains **eight skeletal muscles** (four intrinsic, four extrinsic) that work together to change its shape and position.
- **Organ status:** Because it integrates several tissue types to perform specific functions (taste, chewing, swallowing, speech, breathing), it meets the biological definition of an organ.

Not a single muscle: While dominated by muscle, it is not classified as "a muscle" in the same way as, for instance, the biceps; instead, it is a muscular organ.

The **heart** is also a **muscular organ,** specifically, it is composed mainly of **cardiac muscle** (a specialized type of muscle tissue).

- **Muscle content:** Cardiac muscle fibers are interwoven in a syncytium (a mass of protoplasm with many nuclei but no clear cell boundaries), allowing the heart to contract rhythmically without being consciously controlled.
- **Organ status:** It integrates muscle, connective tissue, nervous tissue, and blood vessels to pump blood through the circulatory system.
- **Not a single muscle:** Like the tongue, it is not "a muscle" in the anatomical sense of a single muscle group; it is an organ whose primary tissue is muscle.

Key Distinction

- **Muscle or organ:** A muscle is a specific type of tissue or a discrete muscle group. An organ is a structure made of two or more tissue types working together for a specific function.
- **Both tongue and heart** are organs because they combine muscle with other tissues, but they are muscular organs because muscle is their dominant tissue type.

In short: The tongue and heart are both **organs** and both are muscular in nature, but they are not "muscles" in the strict anatomical sense – they are complex structures where muscle tissue is the main functional component.

Because of the multi-tissue composition of the tongue and its roles in taste, chewing, swallowing, speech, and even breathing, the tongue is part of the digestive system and also functions in the vocal and sensory systems.

The heart, being a muscular organ, is primarily composed of cardiac muscle and is part of the circulatory system.

It pumps blood throughout the body, whereas the tongue's muscles are skeletal and move the tongue for oral functions and others listed above. They are different organs with distinct systems, structures, and purposes.

Anatomical and Functional Links between Heart and Tongue

While the tongue and heart are separate organs, they can be indirectly connected in health and disease:

- **Cardiovascular health:** Poor heart function can affect blood flow to the tongue, influencing taste and sensation.
- **Neurological control:** Both organs rely on the nervous system; the tongue's movement is controlled by multiple cranial nerves, while the heart's rhythm is regulated by the autonomic nervous system.
- **Systemic effects:** Some research suggests tongue muscle properties can even influence posture and also lower limb strength, but this is not a direct heart connection.

In short: The tongue is a muscular organ, not just a muscle, and it is unrelated to the heart in structure or primary function, though both are vital muscular organs in different body systems

Both tongue and heart play definite spiritual roles in our bodies which cannot be detected any other way except through Scripture. Take Job 6:30, for instance – "Is there iniquity in my tongue? cannot my taste discern perverse things?" While the tongue cannot possibly physically taste anything perverse, in Hebrew thought, the tongue is the instrument of the heart's will – what is inside (the heart) is expressed outwardly through speech. Thus, the tongue "perceives" wickedness in the sense that it reveals, carries, amplifies, and basically advertises the corruption of the heart. It is not a sensory organ like the eyes, but a moral and spiritual organ that both reflects and enacts the inner state of a being.

The same can similarly be applied to 1 Peter 2:1-3, "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord [is] gracious." We, as Christians can surely spiritually taste the Lord's graciousness toward us.

But sadly, sometimes our spiritual taste buds become confused or twisted, as in Isaiah 5:20, "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!" We are living this out in today's society.

Genesis 8:21 says, "And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart [is] evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done." This occurs immediately after Noah and his family exit the ark following the great flood. Noah offers a sacrifice to God as an act of thanksgiving and worship. The verse describes God "smelling the pleasing aroma" (not literally smelling, but spiritually accepting) of this sacrifice, which symbolizes His acceptance and delight in Noah's obedience and sincere worship, rather than a literal inhalation of smoke. So, in response to Noah's sacrifice, God declares that

He will never again curse the ground or destroy all living creatures as He did with the flood. This promise does not remove the original curse on the ground from Adam's sin – humans still face toil and challenges in cultivating the earth – but it ensures that God will not bring total annihilation upon creation again through a deluge of water.

Let us all, for the sake of our spiritual heavenly health, study, understand, and employ Biblical metaphors in our daily study of God's Word, in addition to learning of our physiological bodies.

Psalm 34:8, "O taste and see that the LORD [is] good: blessed [is] the man [that] trusteth in him."



Healthy And Delicious Recipes

Lisa O'Donnell

Vegan Sausage Rolls

Ingredients

- 2 sheets frozen puff pastry, vegan
- 14 ounces Impossible sausage crumbles
- ½ cup breadcrumbs or panko
- few tablespoons water
- 2 tablespoons melted vegan butter, for brushing pastry

Instructions

1. Set the frozen puff pastry out to thaw while you prepare the filling. It will take about 30 minutes to thaw.
2. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F and line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.
3. In a large bowl, mix together the vegan sausage crumbles and bread crumbs until well combined.
4. On a lightly floured surface, unfold one of the puff pastries and gently roll it out just a little bit. Cut into 3 long rectangles with a pizza cutter. Do the same with the other puff pastry so you have 6 long rectangles.
5. Divide the sausage mixture into 6 portions. Place the sausage in the center of each pastry piece, going all the way down and leaving an inch or so on each side and at the ends.
6. Bring the sides together and pinch to seal, using a little water to help it stick together. Do the same with the rest of the pastry/ sausage.
7. With a large knife, cut into 2 inch long pieces and place on the prepared baking sheet a few inches apart. Cut a few slits on the top of each one for venting.
8. Brush the tops of the sausage rolls with melted vegan butter and bake in the oven for 20 minutes or so, until the pastry is puffed up and the tops are golden. Serve immediately and enjoy!

Notes

- The vegan sausage rolls freeze perfectly.
- To reheat, just pop them back in the oven (or an air fryer) and reheat until warm (425 degrees F).
- For the vegan sausage, Impossible vegan sausage is just one option. You can crumble up any vegan sausage you like and use it, or make tempeh sausage crumbles and use them instead.

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If thou clothe the naked and bring the poor that are cast out to thy house and deal thy bread to the hungry, "then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily."

Natural Vitamins

Jerry O'Donnell

Potential Benefits of Rose Hips

1. Supports immune health

Rose hips naturally contain vitamin C, which helps support normal immune function. The amount varies depending on the rose variety, processing, and preparation method.

2. Provides antioxidant protection

They contain vitamin C, carotenoids, and polyphenols. These antioxidants help protect cells from damage caused by unstable molecules called free radicals.

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4. Supports healthy skin

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5. Supports iron absorption

Vitamin C helps your body absorb iron from plant-based foods, such as beans, lentils, and leafy greens. Having rose hip tea or another vitamin-C-rich preparation alongside these foods may help, depending on how much vitamin C remains after processing.

6. May support heart health

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7. May support digestive health

Whole rose hips contain fiber, which supports regular bowel movements and a healthy digestive system. Tea alone generally provides much less fiber than eating the fruit or consuming its powder.

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The Uses of Water In Health and Disease

Dr. John H. Kellogg, M.D.

Bathing a Natural Instinct (page 33 to 34)

All nature attests the importance of the bath. The rain is a natural shower bath in which all vegetation participates, and gains refreshment. Its invigorating influence is seen in the brighter appearance, more erect bearing, and fresher colors, of all plants after a gentle rain. The flowers manifest their gratitude by exhaling in greater abundance their fragrant odors. Dumb animals do not neglect their morning bath. Who has not seen the robin skimming along the surface of the lake or stream, dipping its wings in the cool waters, and laving its plumage with the crystal drops which its flapping pinions send glittering into the air? No school boy who has ever seen the elephant drink will forget how the huge beast improved the opportunity to treat himself to a shower bath, and perhaps the spectators as well, for he is very generous in his use of water.

If man's instincts were not rendered obtuse by the perverted habits of civilization, he would value the bath as highly and employ it as freely as his more humble fellow-creatures, whose instinctive impulses have remained more true to nature, because they have not possessed that degree of intelligence which would make it possible for them to become so grossly perverted as have the members of the human race. Man goes astray from nature not because he is deficient in instinct, but because he stifles the promptings of his better nature for the purpose of gratifying his propensities.



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.

God is Not a Man, Yet He Became a Man

Numbers 23:19, "God [is] not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do [it]? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

Philippians 2:8, "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

So, the argument is that in Numbers 23:19, God is not a man, yet God

became a man known as Jesus. The Bible declares about Jesus that He is "Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matthew 1:23) "and the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

The answer to this apparent contradiction is found in proper reading of Numbers 23:19. God did not declare "God is not a man" and then become a man later, but rather that God is not the man who lies, needing to repent of sin, and breaks his word. The focus is not on the becoming a man as compared to what human beings are like, which is sinful.

Therefore, in the form of a man, Jesus still did not lie, did not need to repent, nor did He break His word, but rather Jesus stated the truth (John 8:45), did not sin (2 Corinthians 5:21), and kept His word (Titus 1:2).

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Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible

*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.*

What Made Sacrifices Offensive?

Some versions of the Bible do not explain the reason in 1 Corinthians 10:28, making anyone question if it is the mere sacrificing that is the problem, or what it was sacrificed to? Technically, all creatures used for food are sacrificed, so would it not be nice to know why this particular sacrifice caused people's consciences to be impacted? By the way, the answer is that sacrificing animals to idols is offensive, and not the mere act of sacrifice.

King James Version: 1 Corinthians 10:28, "But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth [is] the Lord's, and the fulness thereof."

In Error:

American Standard Version: But if any man say unto you, This hath been offered in sacrifice, eat not, for his sake that showed it, and for conscience sake:

Aramaic Bible in Plain English: But if a man should say to you, "This has been sacrificed", you should not eat because of that which he said to you and because of conscience.

Christian Standard Bible: But if someone says to you, "This is food from a sacrifice," do not eat it, out of consideration for the one who told you, and for the sake of conscience.

Darby Bible Translation: But if any one say to you, This is offered to holy purposes, do not eat, for his sake that pointed it out, and conscience sake;

English Revised Version: But if any man say unto you, This hath been offered in sacrifice, eat not, for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake:

English Standard Version: But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience

International Standard Version: However, if someone says to you, "This was offered as a sacrifice," don't eat it, both out of consideration for the one who told you and also for the sake of conscience.

Lamsa Bible: But if any man say to you, This meat has been offered as a sacrifice, then do not eat it for the sake of him who told you and for conscience sake.

NET Bible: But if someone says to you, "This is from a sacrifice," do not eat, because of the one who told you and because of conscience

New International Version: But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, both for the sake of the one who told you and for the sake of conscience.

Weymouth New Testament: But if any one tells you, "This food has been offered in sacrifice;" abstain from eating it – out of respect for him who warned you, and, as before, for conscience' sake.

Correct, This Time:
A Faithful Version: But if anyone says to you, "This has been offered to an idol," do not eat it, for the sake and the conscience of the one who showed it to you, for the earth, and all its fullness, is the Lord's.

Amplified Bible: But if anyone says to you, “This meat has been offered in sacrifice to an idol,” do not eat it, out of consideration for the one who told you, and for conscience’s sake

Anderson New Testament: But if any one say to you: This is sacrificed to idols; eat not, for the sake of him that pointed it out, and for conscience sake:

Berean Literal Bible: But if anyone should say to you, "This is offered to an idol," do not eat, on account of him having shown it, and conscience

Berean Study Bible: But if someone tells you, “This food was offered to idols,” then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who told you and for the sake of conscience

Bishops' Bible of 1568: But yf any man say vnto you, this is offred vnto idols, eate not of it for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake. The earth is the Lordes and all that therin is.

Catholic Public Domain Version: But if anyone says, “This has been sacrificed to idols,” do not eat it, for the sake of the one who told you, and for the sake of conscience.

Coverdale Bible of 1535: But yf eny man saye vnto you: This is offred vnto Idols, the eate not of it, for his sake that shewed it, and for hurtinge of conscience. (The earth is the LORDES and all that therin is.)

Douay-Rheims Bible: But if any man say: This has been sacrificed to idols, do not eat of it for his sake that told

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Godbey New Testament: But if any one may say to you; This is offered to an idol, eat not, on account of him who gave the information, and his conscience.

GOD'S WORD® Translation: However, if someone says to you, "This was sacrificed to a god," don't eat it because of the one who informed you and because of conscience.

Good News Translation: But if someone tells you, "This food was offered to idols," then do not eat that food, for the sake of the one who told you and for conscience' sake

Haweis New Testament: But if any person say unto you, This is an idol?s sacrifice, eat not of it, for his sake who pointed it out, and for conscience sake. For the earth is the Lord?s, and the fulness thereof.

Holman Christian Standard Bible: But if someone says to you, "This is food offered to an idol," do not eat it, out of consideration for the one who told you, and for conscience sake.

Literal Emphasis Translation: But if anyone should say to you, “This is sacrificed to idols.” Do not eat it on account of him having made it known and conscience. For the earth is the Lord’s and the fullness of it.

Literal Standard Version: and if anyone may say to you, “This is a thing sacrificed to an idol,” do not eat, because of that one who showed [it], and of the conscience, for the LORD’s [is] the earth and its fullness:

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New American Standard Bible: But if anyone says to you, “This is meat sacrificed to idols,” do not eat it, for the sake of that one who informed you and for the sake of conscience;

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New Living Translation: (But suppose someone tells you, “This meat was offered to an idol.” Don’t eat it, out of consideration for the conscience of the one who told you.

Smith's Literal Translation: And if any one say to you, This is sacrificed to an idol, eat not, for him making it known, and consciousness: for of the Lord the earth, and its fulness:

Tyndale Bible of 1526: But and yf eny man saye vnto you: this is dedicate vnto ydols eate not of it for his sake that shewed it and for hurtynge of conscience. The erth is the lordes and all that there in is.

Webster's Bible Translation: But if any man shall say to you, This is offered in sacrifice to idols, eat not for his sake that showed it, and for conscience' sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and its fullness:

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Worrell New Testament: But, if anyone says to you, "This is the remains of an idol-sacrifice." eat it not, for his sake that showed it, and because of conscience:

Worsley New Testament: But if any one say to you, This hath been sacrificed to an idol, – eat it not; for his sake who informed thee, and for conscience-sake: for, as I said, the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof, so that thou mayst have food enough without it.

Young's Literal Translation: and if any one may say to you, 'This is a thing sacrificed to an idol,' – do not eat, because of that one who shewed it, and of the conscience, for the Lord's is the earth and its fulness:

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Making It Plain

Jerry O’Donnell

Deception Stages

In Jerry’s article, this issue, Matthew 24:4, 5, 11, and 24 is discussed – how it is concluded that there are four different stages of deception is by the terminology in each verse.

In Matthew 24:4 is used the general word of “man”. Now, this applies to men or women, but when compared to the other three verses regarding deception, there is a deeper meaning to the word. Remember, “the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they [were] fair” (Genesis 6:2). The “sons of God” are not angels, but holy men, while the word “men” in the verse would be reference to unholy, and, eventually make up the lost. Therefore, when Jesus said “man” in verse 4, it is an unholy man, or men, in the general sense, that is being referred to. Basically, it is all the unbelievers with their own opinions and expertise.

In Matthew 24:5, the phrase “I am Christ” was used. Jesus did not use the word “Christian” here because

the term "Christian" does not appear until after the stoning of Stephen, and it is fair to then substitute "I am Christian" for "I am Christ" without losing Jesus' intent, which many, many falsely claim to be. They deceive because "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny [him], being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate" (Titus 1:16), as well as leading people astray by their example. They are modeling Christianity in a very wrong picture.

In Matthew 24:11, the words "many false prophets" represents more than just prophets as there are not many prophets in the literal sense worldwide, but there are certainly many who speak for God every Sunday, even Sabbath, leading people astray as "Christian ministers". And therefore, this verse is applicable to any who are in leadership role, and are deceiving.

Finally, Matthew 24:24 states plainly the words "false Christs" as well as "false prophets" along with "shew great signs and wonders" making it much more serious than mere false teaching. This is full-on satanic deception of which is inclusive of Satan appearing to personate, not impersonate, Christ. In other words, a personation will seem so like the genuine that it would be impossible to distinguish if reliance was purely by feeling.

So, that is how it was determined that there are four stages of deception, depending upon each unique word referenced in the verses as found in Matthew 24.



Keep the Sabbath Holy

Jerry O'Donnell

Trying to Make the Sabbath the Most Desirable Day

"All who love God should do what they can to make the Sabbath a delight, holy and honorable. They cannot do this by seeking their own pleasure in sinful, forbidden amusements. Yet they can do much to exalt the Sabbath in their families and make it the most interesting day of the week. We should devote time to interesting our children. A change will have a happy influence upon them. We can walk out with them in the open air; we can sit with them in the groves and in the bright sunshine, and give their restless minds something to feed upon by conversing with them upon the works of God, and can inspire them with love and reverence by calling their attention to the beautiful objects in nature." {CG 536.1}

"The Sabbath should be made so interesting to our families that its weekly return will be hailed with joy. In no better way can parents exalt and honor the Sabbath than by devising means to impart proper instruction to their families and interesting them in spiritual things, giving them correct views of the character of God and what He requires of us in order to perfect Christian characters and attain to eternal life. Parents, make the Sabbath a delight, that your children may look forward to it and have a welcome in their hearts for it." {CG 536.2}

That is the intent, especially towards

children, and in the 1800s and into the 1900s, that worked quite well, but what God has as a blessing for His people, Satan tries to ruin. When even children worked on the farm all day, an investigation into nature seemed exciting. Then sports, though active in the 1800s, did not become the world's focus until much later in which almost every child has the bug of competing, and it still continues to be the focus of society. It is expected for young children not only to attend school, but to be part of some sporting team, be it tennis, baseball, football, or something else.

On top of that, board games started exploding on the scenes. And in the 2000s, every child appears to be on some type of electronic device, and did the church try to stop it? No. It joined in with religious video games and other entertainment. Today, watching television is out, and what is in is watching shows anywhere there is a device. So much for having something religious to read while waiting, as advised by Ellen White.

A walk in nature, listening to a preacher, gathering for family worship, and much more, is all boring these days. We cannot compete with excitement except to work on the heart. Until excitement is seen for what it really is, even when there is nothing morally wrong with the content and even teaches good lessons, the thrill alone makes Bible studying, "God time" each day, and more, as an interruption to the excitement.

We do not have a solution as even schooling, despite homeschooling, seems to push everyone onto these devices and Satan is sitting back reaping the benefits. He did not get children to disobey. He just made God boring.

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Questions And Answers

Jerry O'Donnell

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

Question: Where is the evidence that Daniel 11 switches from literal to spiritual when the pioneers even pointed literally north to Turkey as fulfilling Daniel 11?

Answer: First of all, this is a non-salvation issue, so we may disagree and leave it at that and glad you even stated something like that in your letter.

When a person studies verse-by-verse Daniel 11, admittedly, there is no evidence in Daniel 11 alone that the chapter becomes spiritual, but the entire Bible has to be taken into consideration. It is that application that fits into Daniel 11 as the timing of things.

And by the way, before we continue, none of the pioneers were considered prophets. Did God have momentary prophesying happening through some pioneers? Yes. But in general, they were not prophets. Therefore, I also can point to a number of pioneers that disagree with the conclusion of Turkey or stayed silent on the subject, possibly showing their disagreement on the conclusion but had no better explanation to offer. We can never argue that the "pioneers believed" and hold that as truth.

And if Turkey were so significant of an end time fulfillment, why is it not mentioned at all in *The Great Controversy*? Why does Ellen White not make definite reference to it and provide details? In fact, for the most part, Ellen White stayed silent on the end of Daniel 11 for the same reason Jesus stayed silent. "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now" (John 16:12). In other words, commenting upon who the true King of the North is that fulfills Daniel 11, especially if it were not Turkey, would have caused grave controversy and great distraction, maybe even to the point of more people in the church calling her a false prophet.

Even James White on several topics was wrong despite being married to the ultimate editor that could have stopped him from writing erroneous content, being Ellen White, and God speaking directly through her. But that is not how God nor Ellen White operated. She was not the prophet sent to make sure all articles published were proper. In fact, two articles appeared in one of our publications that were polar opposites showing the numerous disagreements between our pioneers. She did not pick the correct article but rebuked the publication for allowing such controversy to appear causing those of the general public to look upon Seventh-day Adventists as being in confusion.

What Ellen White does state on the subject is that "Elder Smith spoke in the morning upon the Eastern question. The subject was of special interest, and the people listened with

the most earnest attention" {LS 225.3}. That is not an affirmative statement that Elder Smith was right. That was simply stating the fact. Now, if we were to take the reference of the "Eastern Question" as an approval, that term came from the public or even politics. That is like stating, tonight, a pastor is going to speak on the war with Iran. It is a matter of grabbing a headline that is a hot topic and speaking on it. Therefore, when the public declares that in 1923, "The Eastern Question formally ends with the collapse of the Ottoman sultanate and the creation of the modern Republic of Turkey" (*Britanica*), we have to conclude that Turkey or the Ottoman Empire cannot fulfill Daniel 11 because the question is done. There is no more question. To declare otherwise is then to be hypocritical. We accepted it when it became term but when it stopped being a reference, we refuse to let it die.

On top of that, we believe Jesus could be returning very, very soon, but for Turkey to fulfill Daniel 11, Egypt, or King of the South, has to push against Turkey first, and there is no sign or hint that Egypt has any interest of doing that anytime soon.

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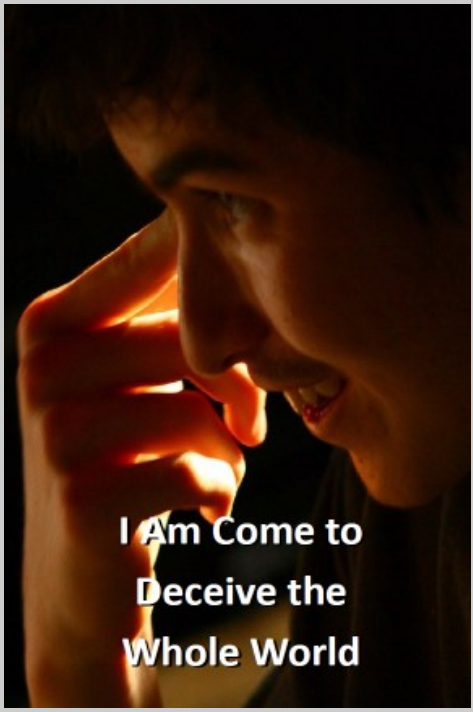

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While people are distracted by sports, politics, Hollywood idols, etc., the march towards the agenda is already upon us and increasing in intensity.

So, back on the main question of where in Daniel 11 does it become spiritual? It does not, but we turn to Matthew 21:43, which states, "Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." Jesus was speaking to literal Israel declaring that the responsibility of the gospel would be taken from them since they were not producing fruits of souls for the kingdom and given to another nation to do so. That nation was not Rome, the United States, Canada, Australia, or any other physical nation. We know that the nation Jesus was referring to was spiritual. Some call it the Gentile nation while others refer to it as the Christian nation, in other words, "upon this rock I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). And this happened as prophesied in Daniel 9 at the stoning of Stephen in A.D. 34 completing the four hundred and ninety year prophesy.

On top of that, Paul states, "He is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither [is that] circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he [is] a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision [is that] of the heart, in the spirit, [and] not in the letter; whose praise [is] not of men, but of God" (Romans 2:28-29) and "And if ye [be] Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:29). Those are spiritual references.

Further, Ellen White confirms that we as a people are spiritual Israel. "In order to be purified and to remain pure, Seventh-day Adventists must have the Holy Spirit in their hearts and in their homes. The Lord has given me light that when the Israel of today humble themselves before Him, and cleanse the soul-temple from all defilement, He will hear their prayers in behalf of the sick and will bless in the use of His remedies for disease" {9T 164.1}. That makes all other denominations to be Babylon.

And again, to God's perspective, that land is no longer glorious. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen [doth gather] her brood under [her] wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until [the time] come when ye shall say, Blessed [is] he that cometh in the name of the Lord" (Luke 13:34-35). It is desolate.

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This also ends up costing us because if it is a return piece of mail, we paid for delivery services that was not completed. Also, our willingness to send out replacement copies means extra postage. Do not feel guilty, but these are the days were are dealing with.

There are enemies of the message everywhere, knowingly and unknowingly.

So, as Adventists, we believe “For precept [must be] upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, [and] there a little” (Isaiah 28:10) is the proper way to study the Bible. The principle of spiritual Israel set forth by Jesus being fulfilled in 34 A.D. and confirmed by Paul that we are now Jews spiritually has to then be applied to Daniel 11. And that happens at Daniel 11:29 in which it states, “At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.” Please note that it is the then King of the North, which was Rome who occupied Israel especially crucifying the “prince of the covenant” (Daniel 11:22). So, Rome comes back in Daniel 11:29, but not as the former. In other words, it is no longer pagan Rome but Papal Rome. It is still Rome but in a different form.

Question: Why are the news sections so short in these issues as compared to prior issues?

Answer: News sources have become so political, so focused upon celebrities, so much on speculation, etc., leaving very little in the category of news that is relative to this publication.

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Ellen White Abbreviations In this Issue

1SM - Selected Messages Book 1

9T - Testimonies for the Church Volume Nine

CG - Child Guidance

GC - The Great Controversy (1911)

GC88 - The Great Controversy (1888)

LS - Life Sketches of Ellen G. White

Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth

This section is to make aware of things in the church not to get caught up in while others participate in the apostasy.

Nothing to report

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News and Comments

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Huff Post

Experts Say Hegseth’s New Religious Affairs Office Is Likely Legal — But There's A Catch

We are seeing more steps towards the fulfillment of "The “image to the beast” represents that form of apostate Protestantism which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power for the enforcement of their dogmas. The “mark of the beast” still remains to be defined" {GC88 445.2}.

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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.*

Cordyceps May Improve Respiratory Health

By increasing oxygen uptake, cordyceps can benefit individuals with respiratory conditions such as asthma or chronic bronchitis. This enhancement in oxygen levels can improve overall organ function and efficiency throughout the body.

Increased circulation acts as the body's "energy delivery network". Cordyceps can be obtained in powder form at most health supplement stores.

