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A Journal for Those Who Dare



"...Surely I come quickly."

"Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Revelation 22:20

From the Mailbox...



We welcome your comments and opinions. If something in our newsletter or material has impacted you, we'd like to hear from you. We can be contacted by fax, mail or email. Please see the last page for this information.

Dear Dr. Veith:

Thank you for your astute views of conditions ranging from man's diet to earth's beginnings. There are very few who could encompass such a wide range of thoughts and ideas and express them so thoroughly and convincingly.

C.R.
Highland, CA

Greetings:

Someone gave me a copy of your paper, *Faith on the Line*, in which I note that you have an article on New Age Bible Versions. In all fairness, both to yourself and your readers, and for balance, I suggest you should read another book, *The King James Only Controversy*, by James R. White, Bethany House Publishers, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55438.

T.A.D.
Armstrong, BC

Dear Editor:

You published a book review on New Age Bible Versions in your latest newsletter. I feel this was a very unfortunate inclusion in your newsletter. By the very tone and logic of that article, you would have to throw out the KJV also. Please read Acts 12:4 to find the only Bible version that uses a pagan designation "Easter" in place of Passover. There are many places in the KJV that do not agree with the original language. Ellen White herself saw this and used the Revised version many times. It is best to look at many translations for a text if you do not have the working knowledge of the original language. It is also best to look at translations that are compiled by a large group of scholars and not by one individual. Paraphrases of course, are not translations and should be used with that in mind.

The article in your newsletter is supporting the idea of verbal inspiration of the Bible. If the Bible was verbally inspired, something our church has never taught, then you must go to the original language, not a 1611 translation in English. The manuscripts that were available in 1611 were much younger, 1000 AD the earliest, than we have available today, 200 BC.

Having taught Greek in college, I find that there are many more problems in translation with the KJV than there are with the NASB. But remember that they are all translations, not the original language. To put the KJV up as God's inspired version is tantamount to the same practice of the Roman Catholic church who declared that the only inspired version of the Bible was the Latin Vulgate. They even went as far as to declare that Latin was the language of heaven! Those who herald the KJV as God's inspired version are very arrogant English-speaking people. In our church alone

the most used version on any given Sabbath is the Spanish version. The majority of SDAs, Spanish, must feel second class if they were to read an article such as the one you printed in your newsletter.

Please do not discredit your other good work on creation by publishing such a misinformed article. It was full of so many errors based on ignorance of the original language, that it will discredit other articles in your newsletter.

Hoping that God will bless your work as you learn from your mistakes, as we all do.

E.F.
Resthaven SDA

Dear Editor:

I recently received your newsletter which contained an excellent article on new age Bible versions. I have often suspected the newer translations, and I was delighted to receive some concrete evidence. I am astonished about the kind of people involved in the translation committees! And I am as equally astonished that Dr. Frank Logsdon, the member of the translation committee for the New American Standard Version denounced his own work and urged Christians to return to the Authorized Version. What a statement! Thank you for your courage to speak of these things. We need to be more informed about the deception so prevalent in our times. Thanks for your work. Please send me the video set *Which Bible?*.

S.K.
Winnipeg. MB



From the Editor...



This issue of *Faith On the Line* comes on the heels of the evangelistic campaigns by Dr. Walter Veith here in North America. We, at Amazing Discoveries praise God for His benevolence during the last month. On pages 5-8 you can read an account of these campaigns.

On pages 7 & 8, we've compiled a list of the comments, both positive and negative, we received on the response cards during the meetings. We're sure you will be as blessed as we were to read them. Everyone at Amazing Discoveries asserts that it was only God who did anything worthy of praise during these campaigns and thereby we desire that all the glory and praise go to our wonderful Lord and Saviour. We thank Him for using such feeble instruments as us to accomplish His purposes.

Some more good news is that our web site should be up and running shortly. With the help of a wonderful brother in the Kelowna area, our web site will be all we had hoped it would be - with sections on the Bible, evolution/creation, and health. Soon the entire world will have access to the last day message of our Lord's soon coming.

Recently, Amazing Discoveries has become a distributor for some new material produced by the U.S. tape ministry, LLT Productions. It can be found in our new catalogue included with this issue. In addition, LLT Productions, has added the evolution-creation series by Walter Veith to their catalogue. Their phone and address is: PO Box 205, Angwin, CA 94508 Tel: 707-965-2786. Fax: 707-965-2796.

Our last newsletter received mixed reviews, particularly regarding the article on new age Bible versions. It was not our intention to create a controversy regarding the validity of the Word of God, and we are convinced that God reaches out to man through all translations of the Bible. Any misunderstanding with regard to the article is thus regretted by Amazing Discoveries.

However, serious Bible studies require a broad perspective and in some cases, even recourse to the Hebrew and Greek texts is required for a serious assessment of content. Not everyone is able to do this, and it is therefore advisable to use a number of translations to get the full import and meaning of a Bible text. The King James Version is considered by most serious Bible scholars as an excellent version for such studies. It might be somewhat archaic in its language to some, and other translations could be used to simplify the understanding or to bring it in line with modern usage of the English language. There is nothing wrong with reading or using other Bible translations, whether for personal use or public reading, provided one is aware of the pitfalls, nor should anyone be judged for preferring one translation over another.

We wish to point out that our article was not our own opinion, but merely a summary of the content of the book *New Age Bible Versions*. The issues raised by the author in a very scholarly fashion are pertinent, and we need to take cognizance of some of the issues involved.

Our main concern in raising this issue was not to discourage people from using other translations of the Scriptures, but to be circumspect when it

comes to Biblical exegesis. Moreover, the fact that numerous verses have been left out of most modern translations should encourage us in a serious Bible study to consult the original texts or a Bible version that is known to be very close to the original texts, like The King James Version. We apologize for any misunderstanding in this regard. It was most assuredly not our intention to imply verbal inspiration of the Bible, as has been suggested in the letter on the previous page. If any of our readers understood this from the article, please accept our sincere apology.

We know that one becomes very attached to a Bible, and members of Amazing Discoveries use modern as well as old translations. However, we need to know where key texts are incorrectly translated in modern versions. We suggest that we write these into the margins of our Bibles so that when confronted with controversial issues, we have recourse to the original texts. In this regard, the following example might serve as an illustration.

During our campaign in Kelowna in September, the issue of the sabbaths in Colossians 2:16 created a number of questions by members of the public. The NIV was mentioned by some as translating this verse "the Sabbath day", and even referring in the footnotes to the seventh-day Sabbath, thus removing the Sabbath from the moral law. Here is a case in point, where one would have to go to the original in order to correct this misunderstanding. The only way to do this is to point out that the translation is incorrect, which in fact it is.

For those wishing more information on the background and origin of the KJV and the modern translations, Amazing Discoveries sells a video set "Which Bible?" which documents this in great detail. (See ad on page 8).





Who Is This Man?

By Walter J. Veith

"Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey Him." *Mark 4:41*

It took a storm to make the disciples realize that they were dealing with the God of the universe who alone could calm the storm. One word and the winds and the waves obeyed Him. Having exhausted all their human efforts, they turned with bitterness upon the only One able to save them. "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" *Mark 4:38* Or "Lord, save us, we're going to drown!" *Matthew 8:25* Jesus looked out upon the storm, the waves rushing over the boat, and raising His hand, He rebuked the tempest, "Peace, be still. Why are you fearful? Have ye not yet faith?" *Mark 4:39,40*

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Our human sufficiency is the great destroyer of faith. It robs us of our inner peace. "But the wicked are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and mud." *Isaiah 57:20,21* "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked." It is sometimes necessary for the Lord to shake us out of our lethargy. Only the violent storms of life can bring us to the realization that we indeed are in need of a Saviour. The Psalmist understood pain, suffering, and the means employed by God to bring people back into the fold. In Psalm 107, he describes the methods of the Lord. "They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way; they found no city to dwell in, hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses." *Ps 107:4*

Sometimes the necessities of life induce us to seek God. Some of us are rebellious by nature, and prefer darkness to light, but the Lord has compassion even on these. "Because they rebelled against the words of God, and despised the counsel of the Most High, therefore He brought down their heart with labor; they fell down, and there was none to help. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses." *Psalm 107:11,12,13* Do we give up on our children when they rebel against us and against God? Thank God, we serve a God who cares enough to try again and again.

Some are fools who keep on bumping their heads and committing the same transgressions over and over again. But even on these, the Lord has compassion and sometimes calls them back into His fold, even while they are on their deathbeds. "Fools, because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, were afflicted. Their soul abhorred all manner of food [Dare we say, bread of life?], and they drew near to the gates of death. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses. He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their

destructions." *Psalm 107:17-20* There is a lesson to be learnt here somewhere.

As in the case of the disciples, God uses the storms of life to draw us unto Himself. The Psalmist describes sea-farers in their ships (*Psalm 107:23,24*), and the stormy seas which God permits to change their stubborn hearts. "For He commands and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up the waves of the sea." *Psalm 107:25* And when they are at their wit's end (verse 27), then they cry out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brings them out of their distresses. "He calms the storm, so that its waves are still. Then they are glad because they are quiet; so He guides them to their desired haven." *Psalm 107:29,30*

"Whoever is wise will observe these things, and they will understand the lovingkindness of the Lord." *Psalm 107:43* "We all like sheep have gone astray", and God will deal with us according to our needs. Storms do not always come from the evil one, but can be tools used by God to work a work of sanctification in the soul.

The storms are God's means of changing the heart and producing the fruits of righteousness. "The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever." *Isaiah 32:17*

-Walter J. Veith

All verses taken from the NKJV



Where in the World is...

Walter Veith

Kelowna, BC

Unbelievably, the year is already almost over. It seems like only yesterday that 1997 lay like a blank page in a book, ready to be written on. And who could know what the year would bring? Now, as we look back at the last several months, we see with clear vision how God has led and blessed without us knowing anything about it, and we understand why everyone's so tired. With three efforts in North America itself, not to mention five in Europe at the beginning of the year, everyone, especially Walter Veith, deserves a well-earned rest. Somehow God's plan was realized, and we can only marvel at the outcome. Throughout this last year, God has touched and changed lives. Countless individuals have been brought closer to God as a result of the last year's campaigns. And I don't just mean those that attended and listened. Anyone who had anything at all to do with these meetings was blessed - the ushers, refreshment staff, sales staff, sound men, audio men, organizers, etc. God has poured out a special blessing in 1997, and all the hard work and struggle was worth it.

Europe

From January 5 to March 15 of this year, Walter Veith was in Europe, speaking in Delmenhorst, Germany (Jan 5-11), Nürnberg, Germany (Jan 20-Feb 1), Prague, Czech Republic (Feb 3-15), Köln, Germany (Feb 17-28), and Offenburg, Germany (Mar 3-15) on evolution, creation, health and Bible prophecy.

The Voice of Prophecy in Germany recorded all the lectures, and has sold hundreds of tapes. With each effort the hall was filled to the brim with eager, interested listeners. Many believers were strengthened in their walk with Christ because of these lectures. Several members in Munich had become so discouraged that they were ready to leave the church, but after Walter Veith's meetings, they recommitted themselves to the Adventist church and to God. Many were also very blessed by the health message, some even saying that the health message they heard saved their lives. In Prague alone, there were 80 people who began Bible studies as a result of the meetings. Ten of these have decided to be baptized, and the rest are still in Bible study groups.

A few people had a dream - to spread a message of hope, to remind people that we have a God in heaven that created the heavens, and the earth, and to encourage people with the message of the soon coming of our Lord. This dream became a reality in the fertile Okanagan Valley. The hall where the evangelistic campaign was held seats 850, and on opening night nearly every seat was filled. People came to hear Professor Walter Veith, zoologist and nutritional expert, and they stayed to hear Walter Veith, evangelist.

His message was up-to-date and astonishing. We received so many positive reviews that we thought we'd share some of them with you so that you too can receive a blessing. On pages 7 & 8, you'll find a compilation of the best of the comments we received (we even included the negative ones). In his traditional style, Walter Veith opened each night with a question/answer period, answering any and all questions the audience put forward.

Introducing the audience to the God of the Bible through creation versus evolution, Professor Veith ended by introducing them to the God who cares for our well-being and health. Through his scientific research, Walter Veith showed that it is time, indeed more than time, to bring our lifestyles into harmony with God's requirements. People were stunned and enthused to make life-style changes.

In the Bible lectures, Walter Veith presented evidence of the false miracle-working powers as predicted in the Bible designed to delude many at the end-time. He provided up-to-date information on the latest apparitions around the world, of Mary and the Maitreya. In particular, his lectures regarding the new age movement, the new world order, the healing of the wound, and the false prophet stunned the listeners. Never before had so much evidence been presented to show that we are really living in the last

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moments of this earth's history. The hope of the soon coming of the Lord was aroused in the listeners, and an air of enthusiasm and zeal was the consequence of the seminar. Everyone that attended agreed that this was the message for our time and that everyone needed to hear it. Over 60 names were collected for follow-up with local pastors. Many thanks go to the local Seventh-day Adventist churches in Kelowna for their wonderful support, and for the financial support provided by the BC Conference. We appreciate so much the cooperation of churches and conference as we unitedly endeavour to give this last-day message to planet earth. While in Kelowna, Walter Veith preached 3 new revival sermons. Many, many people expressed their thanks to him for coming, saying that they had been ready to leave the church, but that his messages gave them new hope and new faith. A Mormon family, who attended all the meetings, admitted that they had heard the truth during these lectures, and that it would change their lives. Many people were very grateful that Walter Veith had told them the truth behind all the symbols found in paganism, and although they were shocked by some of what he said, they kept coming, knowing that what they were hearing could be nothing else but the truth. We are confident that there will be a large harvest at the end of time as a result of these meetings. During the Kelowna series, Walter Veith presented five previously unheard lectures. These were video-taped and will be available shortly for those who would like to complete their video set. For more information, see page 14.



Mission, BC

About 1 year ago, a new community theatre, the largest in the Fraser Valley, was opened in Mission. This facility acted as a drawing card for some big attractions that started stirring up this smaller bedroom community east of Vancouver.

A number of the members of the Mission Seventh-day Adventist Church started thinking about how this facility could be used in developing awareness of, and promoting the image of, the church in Mission. A full scale evangelistic series in the near future was ruled out due to scheduling difficulties for getting an evangelist, and the fact that such an endeavour was not deemed suitable by the theatre's board of directors. The idea of perhaps holding a Dr. Veith Creation/Evolution seminar was

proposed and the church board voted to pursue this. The theatre was contacted for a 3 week booking for May 1997, and while at first supportive, they turned the seminar down. It looked like all our efforts were being stymied. Amazing Discoveries was planning a series in Kelowna in late September and proposed a weekend event for October 10 through 12. This time our proposal was accepted by the theatre's board and the facility was booked for a combination Evolution/Creation and Health seminar.

In September, the non-Adventist area churches were canvassed for support and many were supportive. Brochures were handed out to the congregations, and while some members complained to their pastors, saying, "why are we supporting the SDAs?", the pastors were nonetheless supportive, and encouraged their members to attend, as this seminar concerned itself mainly with the interdenominational issue of creation versus evolution. A large 20 metre banner was made and strung across a major intersection in Mission. Brochures were handed out door to door as well, drawing some ire from one letter writer in a local paper "grumbling" about people dropping off creationist propaganda. But other letters were written in support of the program, even making light of the "grumbler's" weak belief system if he felt threatened by a brochure.

When the series began on Friday night, Oct. 9, there was much apprehension. Would anyone come? The fact that this was Thanksgiving weekend only made the anxiety greater. But our fears of a weak turnout, were unfounded. On average, 300 - 400 people attended the series, with 1/2-3/4 of the attendees non-Adventist! People came from all over the province, including some who had driven out from the Interior specifically to be at this seminar! People from the Lower Mainland were also well represented, with some driving out from as far away as Richmond. Truly, this was a high point for the members of the Mission church, who had never before put on such a big "Do" for the community, and had such good community response. We certainly felt God's leading and presence this weekend. Many church members felt really empowered by this event, and it is hoped that we can keep our church in the public spotlight by sponsoring other big name events in the future. As a church, we sincerely thank the Amazing Discoveries Foundation for the help and support they gave us in holding the series.

- Reiner Koppers
- Mission SDA



Watch for the Loma Linda Report in the next issue of Faith-On-the-Line!!

Some Comments Received From the Public During the North America Lectures

"You have given Christianity a place in the world of the intelligent. Praise the Lord!"

"Exceptional, entertaining, exciting, encouraging, enlightening, & eternally satisfying."

"Thank you for all the facts which I'm sure will help me to stand firm in the faith at University."

"I thought the lecture was absolutely excellent! It was very informative and I learned a lot that I had never heard of before. It wasn't boring at all, you did a great job!"

"Excellent! We have heard many creation speakers (good & bad), but none have been as entertaining & well presented! We are praying for you and your ministry!"

"A refreshing change from the typical creation argument(s). However, from a philosophical perspective, quite unsophisticated and not very robust."

"Before tonight's lecture, I had so many questions about how creation could be possible, having been raised on evolution. After tonight, I can't think of any on creation, but have quite a few on evolution."

"Great! I've been waiting a long time for this type of seminar."

"As a petroleum geologist, your theories make much more sense to me than what I learned 42 years ago in University."

"These would be good debate notes for my Science 11 courses. I can really embarrass my science teacher!"

"Very interesting & invigorating. Certainly stimulates the thinking processes."

"Presented in a very interesting & simple way. My children were interested & enjoyed."

"I found this seminar very interesting. I hope I will have the privilege of seeing you again."

"A lot of information to take in. Very good. Enjoyed the humour and the entertaining way presented."

"The best I ever heard."

"I've always believed in God; now I believe in the Creator. Thank you."

"Awesome!! I heard you at SFU in 1993. Keep up the good work!"

"I already believed, but I didn't know why. This has helped."

"This was very insightful for me. I will bring others to the next ones."

"It was really cool because I was totally able to understand all that he said. It was really an eye-opener."

"I appreciated the way you presented your thoughts and ideas. They were intellectual and interesting. You were able to present the truth of God's love in a non-condemning fashion."

"I thought your lecture was incredible. I believe in God, but you just put more faith in me. Thank you."

"We have been here 3 nights & thoroughly enjoyed each night. Thank you. Why were we so fortunate as to have your lectures in Kelowna?"

"Wish I had just a little bit of your intellect and abilities. You are an amazing man. I trust God is using you in a very dynamic and powerful way."

"First time in 20+ years as a Christian that the Old and New Testaments blended into one picture for me. Thank you very much."

"I appreciate the clarity & repetition of important points. Your delivery is excellent. I would like to see your slides with larger print & illustrations larger too."

"I had heard part but not all of this before, especially the clay & iron feet. Thank you for more understanding."

"It is a heavy message, but I am enthused and open to learn. Thanks for all your research and efforts."

"Thank you for your message!! As shocking & controversial as it is, we need so desperately to hear it."

"Thank you for helping me understand the controversy in my heart, having been raised as a Catholic."

"Excellent information easy for me to understand, not knowing much about the Bible."

"These lectures are teaching me to take God's Word much more seriously, and to start reading it!!"

"Dr. Veith, your message tonight is positively scary!! Though I know it needs to be said and heard, it is nonetheless frightening and I pray I

will have the courage to make the right choice."

"There are no words to say how good the seminars are."

"I am amazed, totally amazed, by what I see!! How many years or months has it taken you to travel all over to gather your photos? Obviously, God has put you on this mission!"

"Incredible information. I can't believe I've been in the dark for so long. Keep going. You are great!"

"Having been raised Catholic, this has been a shock, but my eyes are opening."

"Very informative. Years and years of dedicated study evident. Pray for the God of Heaven's soon return."

"You could be an Anti-Christ."

"God bless you! Press forward! Thank you & Praise God!"

"Wonderful truth. We're so blessed having you here and hearing these messages."

"Some of it is hard to hear because it goes against all I have been taught, but I know there is something here!"

"Where are all the Christians? Why are they not here listening to this seminar!"

"Thank you for the honesty you have brought to my life."

"Good job. I've been struggling with the issue of Benny Hinn. Thank you."

"I have really enjoyed this seminar! It is changing my life!"

"Thanks for waking me up."

"Many thanks for the detailed information of God's Holy Word. I'll enjoy your videos."

"This is so amazing. All millenium theories I have heard are all of 1000 wonderful years on earth. I need to study more."

"I do believe it is truth. I need to learn it better & know it to help others!"

"It makes sense!"

"I believe in God's guiding gift to the remnant more than ever, now that you have shed light on it."

"Thank you for taking the time to tell us about Jesus. God bless you. From the boy that asked you why the sky is blue."

"I have enjoyed this very much."

"We can hear every word so plain. I am hoping to get some videos. Your meetings are tremendous. Thank you."



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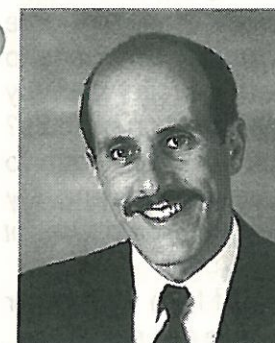
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Dealing with Delay

by: Doug Batchelor
Director-Speaker,
Amazing Facts
Author, *How to Survive in a
Dead Church*



Is it time to give up waiting for Jesus to come, and get on with other things?

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."
Matthew 24:45-51

During World War II, the resistance fighters in France believed that the Nazi occupation was temporary. They fought long and hard and suffered much when captured, but they continued their campaign in the face of deplorable odds, inspired onward by the faith that the allied forces would come someday soon and deliver them and their country from the cruel oppressors.

But as days turned into weeks and then months and years, some of the freedom fighters grew weary of their life of constant resistance and fighting. It seemed to some that the allies would never come - they were too busy fighting the

Nazis on other fronts. It looked as though the enemy would forever be in control of France. In time, a few of the freedom fighters discovered that it was much easier to cooperate with the Germans and even began to make friends with them and betray their comrades in exchange for favors and positions.

Then suddenly came D-Day! France was liberated. The freedom fighters who endured to the end were heroes and the traitors who capitulated were publicly humiliated, tortured and killed. Could it be that final events in the church will closely resemble those in France during the war?

Last-Day Danger. One of the greatest dangers that faces God's people in the last days is not the big or little time of trouble, or threat of imprisonment or torture or hunger, but rather the apparent delay of the Lord's return that leads to a paralyzing apathy among professed believers. It will seem easier to many to join the world than to defy it.

In the opening Scripture, the evil servant says "in his heart, my lord is delaying his coming." He makes no outward announcement; it is an inward erosion of his faith. Bringing the parable into our day, this loss of faith in his master's return may be evident in everything from lax church attendance to reduced mission offerings. The evil servant begins to beat his fellow servants (whether verbally, emotionally or even physically) and to eat and drink with the drunkards - finding his friendships and amusement in the world. He is ultimately hoping his master will not come at all because the evil servant knows he is not ready.

Delay in God's Plan. The day of Christ's return has not come as soon as most had expected, but this should not surprise us. The Bible foretold not only that this would be the case but also what the general reaction would be.

"Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation'" (2 Peter 3:3,4). There is a connection between doubting His coming and walking after our own lusts.

On the other hand, faith in the soon return of Jesus has a sanctifying effect. "Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless" (2 Peter 3:14). Also 1 John 3:3 says, "And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure." We are in grave danger should Seventh-day Adventists ever

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stop believing in and proclaiming the soon return of Jesus! We must not lose faith in His promise, "I will come again."

I believe the Lord is going to allow this tarrying time to sift His true servants from the false servants, to separate the precious wheat from the worthless chaff. That's right - we should expect and prepare for the delay of his second coming! God's word foretells this. It was written that we should be armed and ready with oil in our vessels. "But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept" (Matt 25:5). "But he who endures to the end shall be saved" (Matt 24:13). Only those who thoroughly "love his appearing" (2 Tim 4:8) will last through this final delay that tests "the patience of the saints" (Rev 14:12).

Much More Delay? Some may wonder, "Doug, are you saying that because a delay is prophesied prior to the Lord's return, we should hunker down and just plan on the years to roll by before Jesus comes?" Heaven forbid! I am saying that we have been in the time of delay for years now. It is almost over and yet many are about to lose heart and throw in the towel just before the last bell.

Galatians 6:9 admonishes us, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." To the Seventh-day Adventist church has been committed the most precious message of salvation ever entrusted to mortals. Now more than ever we must not lose our moorings and join the world. Jesus is about to come! This is no time to have our record read like that of Paul's fickle associate: "Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world" (2 Tim 4:10).

"But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be" (Matt 24:37). In the days of Noah, many at first believed his message of impending judgment and even helped with the preparation of the ark. But when the years rolled by and the predicted flood did not come, they joined with the ranks of the mockers. One hundred and twenty years to build a boat? They lost faith during the delay. "Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore, the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil" (Eccl 8:11).

"There are those who say, not only in their hearts, but in all their works, 'My Lord delays his coming.' They show the effect of error upon them by smiting their fellow-servants and eating and drinking with the drunken. As in the days of Noah, those who have had great light will show their inconsistency. Because Christ's coming has been long foretold, they conclude that there is a mistake in regard to this doctrine. But the Lord says, 'If

the vision tarry, wait for it; for it will surely come. It will not tarry past the time that the message is borne to all nation, tongues and peoples.' Shall we who claim to be students of prophecy forget that God's forbearance to the wicked is a part of His vast and merciful plan, by which He is seeking to compass the salvation of souls? Shall we be found among the number who cease to cooperate with the Lord, and who are found saying, My Lord delays His coming?" (*Ellen G. White Manuscript Releases*, 7:182-183).

Abraham learned his lessons of faith waiting for the delayed fulfillment of God's promise of a son, Isaac. The Israelites who made it to the Promised Land are the ones who learned to follow the Lord during a forty-year delay in the wilderness. Proverbs 13:12 says, "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life."

Delay tends to leave a vacuum that must be filled with something.

Two Attitudes.

Two popular proverbs conflict with one another: "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," and "Out of sight, out of mind." These proverbs describe the two ways that people generally respond to a delayed expectation or return. These two attitudes are seen in the opposite examples of Saul and David.

Saul's Folly. In 1 Samuel 13:8 we read, "Then he [Saul] waited seven days, according to the time set by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him." The Lord had told King Saul to wait for Samuel to come and present an offering to the Lord before they ventured into battle, but for some reason it seemed that Samuel delayed. The people were becoming restless from waiting and began to lose heart and desert the army, so Saul felt justified in disregarding the command of Samuel. He took things into his own hands and altered the rules by usurping the position of priest and offering a sacrifice.

Sadly, some of our churches are adopting worldly methods to gather the scattering flocks. We have rich and abundant counsel in our midst on how to grow churches, but we often go to the fallen Protestant churches to learn how to build our membership. "Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?" (2 Kings 1:3). We should not use the devil's tools to do God's work.

"Now it happened, as soon as he had finished presenting the burnt offering, that Samuel came" (1 Sam 13:10). If only Saul had waited a little longer! So many

people give up just before the finish line. Many people will desert the church just before Jesus comes. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "A man is not a hero because he is braver than anyone else, but because he is braver ten minutes longer!"

So Samuel came. "And Samuel said to Saul, you have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandments of the Lord your God, which He commanded you. For now the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. But now your kingdom shall not continue" (vv. 13,14). God allowed this delay to be a test for Saul, but when the king became impatient while Samuel tarried, he lost faith, failed the test, and lost the kingdom. I fear this will happen to many in these last days.

David's Patience. Now contrast Saul's record with how David responded to delay. Many years passed from the time Samuel anointed David to be king until he was actually crowned. During these years, as David waited for God to give him Saul's crown, he had several opportunities to become impatient and take matters into his own hands. On more than one occasion, David held Saul's life in his hands like a helpless bird. All he had to do was say the word and Saul would be slain; David would become king. But David waited patiently for God's timing.

"David said furthermore, 'As the Lord lives, the Lord shall strike him, or his day shall come to die, or he shall go out to battle and perish. The Lord forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the Lord's anointed'" (1 Sam 26:10,11). He did not understand the delay, but he trusted God's promise, "You will be king." His patience was richly rewarded.

Delay tends to leave a vacuum that must be filled with something, either with faith and patience or with personal efforts to change the situation, perhaps even to create a new god. "Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, 'Come, make us gods that shall go before us;' for as this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him": (Exodus 32:1). I believe this story of the children of Israel and the golden calf is one of the most striking examples of our present trends. It is about to be repeated by God's people as we near the Promised Land. In this passage, Moses is a type of Jesus.

Moses' Delay. When Moses was called up the mountain to receive the tablets of stone from the Lord, he told the people that he would return. Evidently he did not say exactly when. They never dreamed it would take so long - forty days! It took less than that for the ten

plagues and the exodus from Egypt.

While he appeared to tarry, the unexpected delay was unbearable for some. "And Aaron said to them, 'Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, 'This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt'" (Ex 32:2-4).

"Aaron feared for his own safety; and instead of nobly standing up for the honor of God, he yielded to the demands of the multitude. His first act was to direct that the golden earrings be collected from all the people and brought to him, hoping that pride would lead them to refuse such a sacrifice. But they willingly yielded up their ornaments; and from these he made a molten calf, in imitation of the gods of Egypt" (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 317).

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When the people of Israel had left Egypt, they had plundered the Egyptians in payment for their years of unpaid services. Now we find them proudly wearing their

money to display their wealth. The earrings were not only on the wives, but on the sons and daughters.

Sure sounds like conditions today! As I travel around North America and visit the campuses of our educational institutions, it is obvious that standards for Christian appearance are not much different now from the standards of the world. When I ask some of the leaders why this has been allowed to happen, they generally reply that we need to make some compromise to reach the young people. After all, we were wrong about the nearness of Christ's coming, so maybe we are also wrong about some of these high standards.

"As for Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him" (Ex 32:1). I can just hear the arguments that the people brought to Aaron. "Why, the young people are getting restless and are clamoring to go back to Egypt. We need to make some compromises or we're going to lose them!" Sound familiar?

For the Family



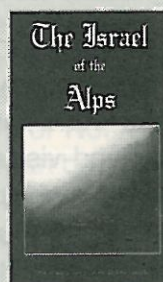
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Restlessness. In their restlessness, they began to return to the pagan worship of the nations around them. "Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play" (Ex 32:6). "All restraint seemed to be removed from the people. They offered burnt offerings to the golden calf, and a spirit of levity took possession of them. They indulged in shameful rioting and drunkenness. They ate, they drank, and rose up to play" (*Testimonies for the Church*, 3:296).

The children of Israel made a rapid transition from worship to potluck, then play. Could this happen to us? Has this happened to us? Our sacred worship services, which should be dedicated to offering reverent adoration to a Holy God and teaching the people present truth, have in many cases digressed into entertaining the flock.

"And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, 'There is a noise of war in the camp'" (Ex 32:17). War would have been preferable to what had come! What should have been a service of praise that beckoned the angels to draw near had degenerated into the confusing and disconcerting sounds of war.

"But he [Moses] said: 'it is not the voice of those who shout in victory, nor is it the voice of those who cry out in defeat, but the voice of those who sing that I hear'" (v. 18). If they had been shouting praise for the victory over sin and souls saved, that would be good; or even if they had been crying in repentance for being defeated by temptation, that would have been preferable. Jesus said, "I would wish you were cold or hot" (Rev 3:15).

But to rise up and play, to throw a party at such a solemn time? Moses was preparing to descend the mountain with a contract from the Almighty written in His own hand. But God's people had grown weary of waiting and when Moses came, most of the people were unprepared. Some were executed and some were exalted.

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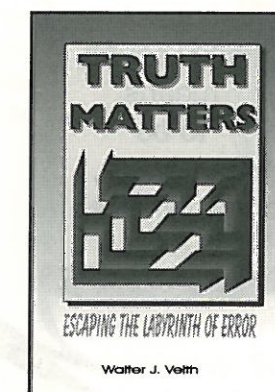
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Be Ready. Will this happen again? "You also be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect Him" (Matt 24:44).

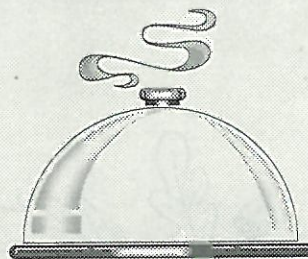
Many years ago in New England, when the sailors went to sea on the merchant ships, there was always a touching scene at the docks as the sailing men bid their wives and children farewell with promises of a safe trip and return with exotic gifts from far-away ports. But the women knew these trips often took weeks or months and the exact time of return was impossible to predict. Many a wife said, "I will keep the light burning in the window until you come home." But as the days turned into weeks, and the weeks into months, nagging doubts began to plague the wives. What if my husband has been lost at sea? How long will our money last? How long should I wait for him?

This was before the age of radio and regular mail service, so whenever any new ship entered the harbor, the wives would run to the dock and inquire, "Have you any word of our husbands' ship?" The hardest part of this separation was the silence. Sometimes the captains extended their trips to California to make a rich profit, but this was before the Panama Canal and it might lengthen the journey time from months to years! Meanwhile, some of the wives, weary of waiting, would blow out the light in the window and have their husbands declared dead, that they might marry another. Others, in despair, would cease to care for the children or clean the house. A faithful proverb states, "The wives that love their husbands most, wait the best." I read of one loyal woman who kept the light burning in her window every night for fifty years until her death, waiting for a husband who never returned from the sea.

But sometimes the ship returned suddenly after an unusually long voyage. Then what a bittersweet drama unfolded on the docks. Some sailors would greet their wives and children with unspeakable joy, long embraces and many gifts, while others in anguish and tears tossed their gifts into the sea upon hearing that their wives had taken other husbands. And how awkward and humiliating for the impatient wives when they learned that their husbands had returned as promised with their sea bags full of money and treasure, only to find them in the arms of others.

Friends, how will Jesus find us when he comes? "Then the Lord answered me and said: 'Write the vision and make it plain on tablets that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. "Though it tarries, wait for it;

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POOR COOKING A SIN

"Let not the work of cooking be looked upon as a sort of slavery. What would become of those in our world if all who are engaged in cooking should give up their work with the flimsy excuse that it is not sufficiently dignified? Cooking may be regarded as less desirable than some other lines of work, but in reality it is a science in value above all other sciences. Thus God regards the preparation of healthful food. He places a high estimate on those who do faithful service in preparing wholesome, palatable food. The one who understands the art of properly preparing food, and who uses this knowledge, is worthy of higher commendation than those engaged in any other line of work. This talent should be regarded as equal in value to ten talents; for its right use has much to do with keeping the human organism in health. Because so inseparably connected with life and health, it is the most valuable of all gifts....

The cook fills an important place in the household. She is preparing food to be taken into the stomach, to form brain, bone, and muscle. The health of all members of the family depends largely upon her skill and intelligence....

The one who prepares the food that is to be placed in our stomachs, to be converted into blood to nourish the system, occupies a most important and elevated position. The position of copyist, dressmaker, or music teacher cannot equal in importance to that of the cook. ...

Many who adopt the health reform complain that it does not agree with them; but after sitting at their tables, I come to the conclusion that it is not the health reform that is at fault, but the poorly prepared food. I appeal to men and women to whom God has given intelligence: Learn how to cook. I make no mistake when I say "men" for they, as well as women, need to understand the simple, healthful preparation of food....

Some who learn to be seamstresses, typesetters, proofreaders, bookkeepers, or school teachers, consider themselves too

aristocratic to associate with the cook...Can you be surprised, then, that intelligent girls seek some other employment? Do you marvel that there are so few educated cooks?...

It is your duty to know how to cook, and it is your duty to teach your daughters to cook. When you are teaching them the art of cookery, you are building around them a barrier that will preserve them from the folly and vice which they may otherwise be tempted to engage in."

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SOY SOUFFLÉ

2 cups soya beans
1 1/4 cups water
2 1/2 tsp yeast flakes
1 1/2 tsp onion powder
1 1/2 tsp garlic powder
2 tsp chicken-style seasoning

Soak soya beans in water until water is clear (usually overnight).

In blender, combine soya beans, water and spices. Blend thoroughly approximately two minutes, or until mixture is smooth and beans have been mashed.

Pour into 9" pan and bake in 350° F oven until fork inserted in middle comes out clean (approx. 45 min to 1 hour).

Serve warm with gravy. Note: Egg replacer can be added to make the soufflé firmer if desired. Serves 4-6



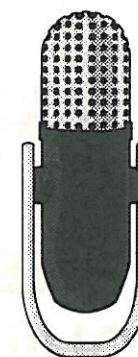
BEAN SECRETS:

When soaking beans, be sure to soak the beans in plenty of water, and to change the water regularly (once or twice a day).

Also, keep soaking the beans until the water is clear, so you can be sure all undesirable substances have been completely removed. (This could take up to 48 hours. If the beans have started to sprout, don't worry. That's a sign that you have successfully removed all obnoxious substances.)

Time-saving Tip:

After soaking thoroughly, the beans can be divided into portion appropriate freezer bags and frozen. Then, when you need to use them, simply pull a portion out of the freezer and use in your favorite recipe.



IN THE NEWS

The following was broadcast by Paul Harvey, Sept 25, 1997 on the noon broadcast of his nationally syndicated radio show in the U.S. He has been on air for many years and is very highly regarded in the broadcasting world. It is very inspiring that someone of his stature and not associated with the Adventist faith is making such positive comments:

"Women have been honored on American postage stamps for more than 100 years; starting with one woman who was not an American, Queen Isabella in 1893. Since then, 86 women have been honored, ranging from Martha Washington to Marilyn Monroe; also many women authors like Louisa May Alcott, Emily Dickenson, Willie Cather, and Rachael Carson.

But I can name an American woman author who has never been honored thus, though her writings have been translated into 148 languages. More than Marx or Tolstoy, more than Agatha Christie, more than William Shakespeare. Only now is the world coming to appreciate her recommended prescription for optimum spiritual and physical health: Ellen White. Ellen White! You don't know her? Get to know her."





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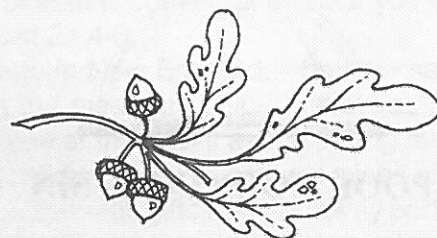
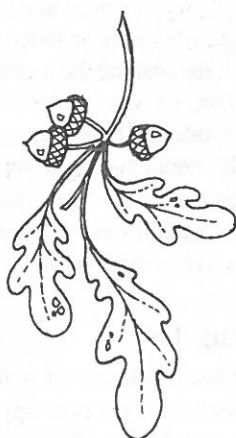
because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him, but the just shall live by his faith" (Hab 2:2-4).

Modern Israel. I believe the Seventh-day Adventist church today is modern Israel. It has all the same pitfalls and problems of ancient Israel, but God is still with this movement. Anyone who encourages you to splinter off to be part of a new "holier fellowship" is a wolf in sheep's clothing and an agent of the devil. "The church of Christ on earth will be imperfect, but God does not destroy His church because of its imperfection" (*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 46).

The basic test in the last days is going to be the test of faith in the Master's return! We must daily place our faith in Him through prayer, study and service. "Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" (Rev 14:12).

Keep the faith! Jesus is coming soon! The delay is almost over.

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