"In the day of judgment, the course of the man who has retained the frailty and imperfection of humanity will not be vindicated.

For him there will be no place in heaven.
He could not enjoy the perfection of the saints in light.
He who has not sufficient faith in Christ to believe that He can keep him from sinning, has not the faith that will give him an entrance into the kingdom of God."

(Selected Messages, 3:360)
Dear Dr. Veith: I enjoyed your recent lectures in Kelowna. Here is a portion of an article from William A. Hoesch I found:

"Any honest attempt at explaining the origin of our complex universe must begin with the question, "chance or intelligence"? The archaeologist, upon finding what appears to be an arrowhead, must consider if random erosion by wind and water is sufficient to explain its symmetry. An apparent telecope poised to receive signals from extraterrestrial sources is another example. By what criteria is random radio static to be distinguished from the transmission of a life form from another world? If every simple coded signal were to be confirmed, it would immediately be hailed as proof for intelligence in space. I think Hoesch makes an excellent point. If we received a "coded message" in our search for extraterrestrial life, we would be hailed as a confirmation of extraterrestrial intelligence. Scientists would claim intelligence was required to put together the message and transmit it. Yet, when Darwinists such as Richard Dawkins look at the complex codes of DNA, they write it off as the culmination of a series of random chance mutations over time, with intelligence having nothing to do with it. Go figure.

In his book, Richard Dawkins begins "The Blind Watchmaker" by stating: "Biology is the study of complicated things that give the appearance of having been designed for a purpose." (page 1)

If living things look designed, if the empirical evidence suggests purpose, then how does Dawkins know they weren't designed?

Some other questions I have for Dawkins and other atheist naturalists are: How exactly did life evolve from non-life? What was the specific evolutionary process that accounted for the complex arrangement of innate matter into a life form that grows, metabolizes, reacts to stimuli, and reproduces (the four criteria for biological life)?

If evolutionists do not know how it happened, how do they know that it happened? - D.B. Kelowna, B.C.

Dear Amazing Discoveries:

I have appreciated Dr. Veith's ministry very much because he appeals to the thinking part of the mind with a kind of logic that is so much more permanent than merely appealing to people's emotional nature. - Dr. C.P. Highland, CA

The following letter was received from our South African contacts. Pastor Adlai Naddo was a Pentecostal pastor and now has converted to the Adventist faith after the witness of John Naddo (not a relative). The following is a short testimony.

My Dear Family in Christ:

March 1997 has become a very significant month for us as a family.

It is during this time, that the Lord used His humble and willing servant, John Naddo to share with us His beliefs and convictions.

The blatant literal truth of Scripture in correct context is being communicated and, although I had initial hesitancy in believing all that was said and discussed, the Holy Spirit obviously had other plans for us.

The more I heard, the more I wanted to hear. It got to the stage where I began preaching Adventist doctrine and theology in my Sunday church. I made reference to Sister White's book; The Great Controversy and The Desire of Ages on many occasions and found her spiritual insight and wisdom very inspiring! It also made me understand a tremendous power-packed and heart-searching sermon material too! I knew then that I was in trouble, to say the least.

My family and I began attending Sabbath at the Silverleaf church. The warmth, love, and excitement shown by these dear people was genuine and very real, especially at that time... "There is so much joy over one sinner who repents..."

The constant encouragement, visits, and parental love showed by the Owen family helped us our much during those rather difficult and traumatic weeks of truth waging war over error... Truth always conquers. January 1998 culminates months of indecision and we are glad that part of the battle is over. My dear wife, Annie, and myself look forward to baptism come January 31, 1998. To God be the glory!

We anticipate going to compete graduate studies at the Adventist Institute for Advanced Studies (AIAS) in January 1998. We plan to leave by mid-March 1998.

We take this opportunity of placing on record our total commitment to the Adventist church and trust God to be used mightily for His glory as we await His soon coming. God bless you.

Pastor Adlai Naddo

"That men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" (Ps 107:8)

The year has barely begun and, yet God has already had a blessing prepared for which we wish to praise Him. Our prayers were answered quicker than we ever thought - we now have our vital presence on the web established. Charles Howarth, a dear brother from the Orchard City church in sunny Orangean has been working extra hard to get our web site up and running, and he has done a wonderful job! Be sure to visit us at www.amazingdiscoveries.bc.ca. The web site will continue to grow and change, so check back with us periodically, and be sure to leave us your comments and questions. We'd love to hear from you.

Some more good news to start the year off are the videos. For those who haven't heard, we have new full-colour covers for every video in our series, so if you've bought a set last year and still have the old covers, give us a call. We can provide you with albums at $2 a piece to maintain the quality of your investment.

Wenzel Goubej has been working overtime editing the new titles from the Kelowna series, and we are happy to report that they are now competed! The new titles are: Battle for the World Order, an updated False Prophet, False Holy Spirit, Where Jesus Walked, The Great Controversy, and Planet in Peril. We're sure you'll like the quality and clarity of these new videos that have been added to the series. We thank you for waiting so patiently for them.

On page 8 of this issue of Faith-on-the-Line, you will find a letter written by Charles Fitch, a beloved Millenial leader. As a Presbyterian minister, Fitch believed for years that sin cannot be overcome in this life, much as many have come to believe in recent years. Longing, however, for a truly victorious walk with Jesus, Fitch studied and prayed earnestly until new light came from God's promises. When he was convinced that by abiding in Jesus he could enjoy victory, his Presbyterian brethren took away his ministerial credentials. Fitch's response can be difficult to read, for his sentences are often long. But if you make the effort, you will find plenty of food for thought as you weigh in the challenge to renew your love for Jesus.

Now as we begin a new year, may the leaves of truth work silently, steadily in each of us, that we may be fitted for the kingdom of glory. May God walk into each day of the year before us and give us strength to act and react according to the purposes of His kingdom. May the truths of God's Word permeate all the great things and all the little things of our lives. This is my prayer. (See John 17:17, Romans 10:17, COL, p. 96-102)
Zero Spiritual Gifts?

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Does God have a ministry for you? How can you find it? The answers may surprise you!

How do you find your spiritual gifts? Some try by taking tests reminiscent of "Psychology 101" from the old college days. Others, well, haven't a clue what their gifts are. Travelling from church to church, I sense a lot of frustration, confusion, and discouragement concerning this subject. I heard one person confess, "I don't know about all this 'spiritual gifts' stuff!"

Many people look at the lists found in 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4, and Romans 12, and come to the conclusion that when it comes to spiritual gifts, they are a big zero. They say ruefully, "I don't have the gift of healing, or working miracles, or teaching, or evangelism, or tongues. I can't teach a Sabbath school class or preach a sermon. Well, maybe someday I will find out what my spiritual gift is." If you have thought this way, there is good news for you!

There are several reasons why we have misguided concepts about spiritual gifts. One comes from our distorted view of what constitutes ministry. Unfortunately, people have come to identify ministry institutionally giving Bible studies, visitation with the pastor, visiting the sick in the hospital, handing out literature door-to-door, preaching a sermon, and so on. They see ministry as a function done at some specified time. Such things are part of ministry, but they are not ministry in and of themselves. Real ministry is a way of life.

A Mother's Ministry. Here is a classic example of how people have a wrong concept of ministry. One day a lady called our office. Excoriating she said, "Is this Jeff Reich? I am so glad to talk with you. My husband and I have been reading your Laymen Ministry News magazine and we want to start a ministry. We want to really do something for Christ. We want to know how we can get a ministry."

I asked, "Is there a sound of children singing in the background? Would you be quiet?" she yelled, "I'm on the phone!"

She went on about how they wanted to start a ministry, but again the children interrupted the conversation by making noise.

"So, you never hear them? How many do you have?" I asked, taking a personal interest in her.

"Five," she said.

"Have you ever considered that maybe God has already given you a ministry in raising your children?" I asked.

"I guess I never thought of that before," she replied, rather surprised.

"You see, people have this idea that ministry can only be performed in some type of institutional setting. Or they think that they have to go out and do something to be involved in ministry, missing the idea that life is ministry."

IN THE NEWS

In Alabama an estimated 20,000-25,000 people rallied to support judge Roy Moore who refuses to remove a display of the Ten Commandments over his bench. "We are drawing a line in the sand and saying, Devil, you've been wronged from us!" the Rev. Clifford Terrell shouted. Judge Moore invites others to pray with him in court as long as they're not Muslim, Hindus or Buddhists. "We are not a nation founded upon the Hindu God or Buddha," he said.

According to the Hamilton Spec-trator, Dec 12, 1997, the British futurist, Benjamin Creme stated that Mahatma Gandhi, who died in 1948, for the coming age, would be interviewed on a major American network, before the end of the year. This would be followed by appearances on other networks around the world and, within months, would lead to a global satellite hookup where Malamrta could speak to all people simultaneously in their own language. Although the interview did not take place at the time specified, Mr. Creme, on the advice of his Master, assures us that it has never been closer. Mr. Creme's master states: "...today, the world awakes, knowingly or not, the manifestation of Malamrta, openly, in men's midst. Likewise

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"Wherever we may be, Christ bids us take up the duty that presents itself. If this is in the home, take hold honestly and earnestly to this. If away from home, in a pleasant place. If you are a mother, train your children for Christ. This is as verily a work for God as that of the minister in the pulpit." (Christ's Object Lessons, p. 359)

Clergy vs. Laity. In the apostolic church, there was no great difference between what we now call the laity and the clergy. The church was made up of common people from all walks of life. After experiencing conversion, they shared with others the love that burned within their hearts. Thousands were converted in a day from the testimonies of these saints. They did not have to take lay-training seminars to learn how to witness, nor did they sit idly by in church week after week, expecting the pastor to do the work of ministry. The church at that time did not have a priesthood - it was a priesthood. See 1 Peter 2:5, 9.

Ministry changed as the church evolved over the centuries. A priesthood was established that took the responsibility and gifts that came to them once a week after receiving his pay from the people and then teaching the church how to be a church. Ministry was divided from the laity, and the clergy in the church were a small minority who were to perform the ministry. The body of Christ lost the privilege of ministry by turning it over to the hands of an elite few, who in turn perverted the true function of ministry. Thus came the concept of the clergy and the laity, which affects most churches today and still paralyzes the body of Christ by preventing them from performing their ministry.

Significantly, the Seventh-day Adventist church started off with a totally different concept. Our spiritual forefathers were not a highly educated, trained clergy. They were common people, blessed with a burden for souls, knowing that Jesus was doing His last priestly work for fallen man and that He was going to return very soon. The Holy Spirit guided the labors of these motivated laypeople, and they built a world-wide denomination.

Ministry: A Way of Life. Yes, Christ has given each of us a ministry, whether we like it or not, and we all minister every day, either for good or for bad, because we each have influence on others. Remember: ministry is not something you do at some time during the day or week. Ministry is a way of life. I have to get up in the morning and work so that I am not counting till you go to bed at night. It is the natural effect of an abiding relationship with Christ, which includes, but goes way beyond, those special things you do within the organization of your church.

If we see ministry as some type of institutional function, or something performed at some time during the day (I have a Bible study at 6:00 this evening so at that time I will be involved in ministry), most likely we will have a limited, institutional understanding of spiritual gifts.

If we have surrendered our lives to Christ, He has redeemed us. And who is it that has redeemed us? "...our fathers; "Followers have been redeemed for service. Our Lord teaches that the true object of life is ministry." (Ibid., p. 326, emphasis added). If you are redeemed, you have a ministry. Now, since Christ redeemed you with such a high price, even his own blood (see 1 Peter 1:18,19), and since redemption was given you for the purpose of minis- tering, why not use the tools (gifts) to get the job done? No. He has given each of us many gifts, but we have failed to recognize them because of our faulty con- cept of what the gifts really are and how they work.

Have we been looking at Christianity legallyistically? We can hold the ten precepts of God's law before us, for instance, and mark them off - we don't do this and we don't do that. But a Spirit-filled Christian does not live merely by the "letter of the law." He lives by the "spirit of the law." When the law is viewed spiritually, its principles cover every part of life, being wide as the ocean and deep as the sea.

Spiritual Gifts. So it is with spiritual gifts. We can look at the list of spiritual gifts in a legalistic way, counting them off one by one - I don't have this one; I don't have that one. Or we can look at the spiritual application of those gifts. Then suddenly we find out that we have many gifts!

God expects every gift given to be used for His serv- ice. All talents and gifts, whether original or acquired or spiritual, are to be used to come close to people, win- ning their confidence and trust so that we can finally share with them what is dearest to our hearts - Christ! That is the basic intent of spiritual gifts. They provide a means to bring people to Christ - by the hundreds and thousands occasionally, but more often by ones and twos, as people see the daily difference Christ makes in our lives and learn to want the same benefits for themselves.

Practical Gifts. My father is a good example of using spirit- ual gifts in daily life. He worked at a law school for over twenty years. He wrote a feature column entitled "Floyd Sez" in the law school paper. When he retired, the law school created a scholarship fund in honor of his name. When he died in a tragic accident after retiring, they placed a memorial display in the law school hall in his be- hal. Are you ready for this? My father was not a lawyer or admin- istrator, but merely the janitor!

God's special funeral the church was full of lawyers, judges and other important people in local government. My mother received a personal letter from one of the State Rep- resentatives. Why? Because my father touched the lives of so many of these people during those twenty-
plus years he worked as a janitor. Late at night, as law students studied for exams, he would place his hand on their shoulders and tell them that they would make it. He bought clothes and shoes for many of these students who were poor and were trying to work their way through school. He fixed their cars; he invited them over for dinner; he leased them, and he often shared encouraging words.

One student came to ask for some wise counsel.

“You wrote a letter to Randy Dumb in Joplin,” she said. “Yeah. Dumb as a fish!” the student replied.

If you had asked my father if he had any spiritual gifts, he would have said, “No.” Yet he was a very gifted man. He had a definite ministry, though he probably never thought of it as such. It seems that those who spend all their time looking to see what their spiritual gift is don’t find it, when those who don’t think they have any have the most?

Pastor Ministry. My father had the gift of pastoral ministry, though he would have laughed at the suggestion. “Not me! You would never get me up front to preach a sermon,” he would have said with a smile. Yet he preached a sermon every day to the students and faculty with whom he worked. He took time to minister to the needs of those he came in contact with. He was a pastor to his own little flock consisting of those whom he associated with - and so are you.

Spiritually, we each possess portions of many spiritual gifts. We just do not recognize them as such. Many of us have the gifts of pastoral ministry, evangelism, and teaching, in a spiritual sense. We encourage those around us; we share our personal experiences with a loving, living God; and we teach by example what a change Christ can make in one’s heart, character and life.

“Wherever we may be, Christ bids us take up the duty that presents itself... If it is your work to fill the soil or to engage in any other trade or occupation, make a success of present duty, Put your mind on what you are doing. In all your work represent Christ. Do as He would do in your place.”

However small your talent, God has a place for it. These little will become the most precious influences in His work.

(Christ’s Object Lessons, pp. 359,360)

Real Spiritual Gifts. Unfortunately, the Pentecostal church movement has affected us. When the subject of spiritual gifts is brought up, most people think of some kind of work-super working-gift that has a big impact on many. This is a distorted view. Yes, God does give special gifts of His Spirit to those who are His, but let us not think that these are the only types of gifts His Spirit gives. Many more gifts are given than most realize.

Whenever you are good at, use that gift as a tool to win someone’s friendship. Build relationships. Be helpful, kind, and thoughtful. Let Jesus shine through you.

Because they are not connected with some direct religious task, often you feel they are not very important; but that they are doing nothing for the advancement of God’s kingdom. But this is a mistake.” (Ibid., p. 359)

A Working Ministry. My father had a habit. He got off work every night at 1:00 a.m., but he usually finished his duties by about 12:30 a.m. Then he would read his Bible in his janitor’s chancel, dress. One day he walked into the old building and noticed that all the lights were turned off. Another night he found the same thing. And the same a third night. Parking his car, he walked to the building, quietly unlocked and opened the double glass doors, and started walk

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What’s Wrong with This Statement?

The following statements were made by Robert Schuller and have been thought of us a great Christians and examples for all. We are interested in knowing whether our readers agree with the following statements made by Robert Schuller and Mother Theresa and their concept of Christianity.

"Do not fear pride...God’s almost impossible task is to keep us believing every hour of the day how great we are.”

-Robert Schuller

"The only sure way to salvation is not from material success, but by what you can do for the rest of mankind.”

"The god which is within you is the God you ought obey.”

-Mother Theresa

"This would be the place (many janitors who work at night forget to dust behind the closed curtains). He wiped his hands on the window sill; no dust. Turning to my father he said, "Keep up the good work, Floyds.”

The Power of Ministry. Now I want to ask you: What important dinner did you have recently, catching my father reading

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ing your home to someone in need; inviting someone to dinner - all can be used to share God’s love. If you work as a carpenter, plumber, roofer, or bricklayer, you can find some things for Christ. If you are in the medical professions, use your skills for Christ. Use your talents in the garden. Ema. Gain a reputation as someone whose religion helps you be the best and most honest in your field. Build trust. Share Christ. Spiritual gifts are the tools He gives to bring us close to people.

Yes, we need advanced training, too. All of us need to know how to share truth from the Bible. “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and he ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.” (1 Peter 3:15)

We need to know how to work in an aggressive way; how to effectively hand out literature; how to give Bible studies and cooking classes; how to talk with people about health. But first we need friends to share these things with, and we will never be effective workers until we build friendships using those talents and resources that are at hand right now. As
Holiness - is it Possible?

by Charles Fitch

Charles Fitch at one time had agreed with his fellow Presbyterians that sin cannot be fully overcome during this life. When, around 1840, he discovered that 'he who abides in him sin remaineth not' (1 John 3:9) and similar promises, his ministerial brethren called his new belief "important and dangerous error" and put him out of their church. He wrote the following letter to a friend in another denomination, one of which is given here, explaining to his brethren his radiant new hope. He went on to devise a Daniel 2 image that could be taken apart and to become perhaps the best loved of all Millennial leaders.

Dear Brethren:

After being made acquaintance with my views and feelings on the subject of sanctification, you have passed a resolution declaring them to be important and dangerous error, and admonishing me to preach them no more. I must therefore say, brethren, and I hope to do it with all meekness and humility, and lowliness of heart, that I cannot regard your admonition; and for the following reasons:

REASON ONE: It is now several years, since, after a season of spiritual gloom and sadness, I came fully to the conclusion, that there was something in the religion of Jesus Christ, to which I had been a stranger. I had seen myself to be a sinner before God, richly deserving His everlasting indignation...I had also seen in Christ a Saviour, who, after alloning for mankind on the cross, was to make a full atonement for the sins of the world, to save us from the uttermost that all come to God by Him; and on that Salvior, I had cast myself as my only hope, and trusted in Him only, as my Deliverer from the wrath of God.

But I had come now to the full conviction, that my religious state was very far from what ought to have been, and I came then to a settled determination to know, with the help of God, more of spiritual things. Since then, which is now some years, I have, as never before, "cited after knowledge, and lifted up my voice for understanding, seeking her as silver, and searching for her as for hid treasure, that I might understand the fear of the Lord, and know the knowledge of God." (Prov. 2:3-5).

"While I was thus crying after knowledge, and lifting up my voice for understanding, the Lord began to teach me more and more of the love of Christ, so that I was not only restored to my first love, but made to know, in my own experience, that "he that hath the just is as the shining sun, and hath nothing more and more perfect unto the day." (Prov. 4:18)...and I had learned the blessed truth, that "all the promises of God are yea and amen in Him, unto the glory of God by us." (2 Cor. 1:20).

What Has God Promised? I had then inquired what has God promised? I did hope He would be so good, to realize His promises and to make all things new after the book of Revelation. I examined the Bible with this principle in view, and found that God had said, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way thou shalt go, I will guide thee with Mine eye." (Ps 32:8). I looked over the promises on this subject, I found them full and explicit,..."I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and make you clean; from all your filthiness and from all your idols will I cleanse you, I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and..." I will put My spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments and do them." (Ezekiel 36:25-27).

"Said the Lord, I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. (Jeremiah 31:33)."

"Yet will I do this," says Christ our Redeemer was called Jesus because "He would save His people from their sins," (Matt 1:21); that "He was manifest to the Jews" but "rejected by them" (Rom 9:6). "The Lord so loved the world as to give His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16). I also found many other oracles, equally full and explicit.

"We have the word of the prophecy written in heaven, and the same is again confirmed by them that hear the message. (Rev 22:11).

"For heaven and nature is filled with His glory." (Lk 2:9).

"And the山 of the Lord shall be established in the top of the hills, and the Lord shall be for ever in His sanctuary." (Hab 2:14)

In the first chapter of the Epistle of John we find it thus written: "Whosoever cometheth sine transgresseth also the law. And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins, i.e. to take away our transgressions of the law, and leave us in a state of obedience. And in Him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not, whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him." (1 John 3:4-6).

"In the first chapter of Luke, I find that Zacharias, being filled with the Holy Ghost, prophesied, saying: ‘Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He hath visited and redeemed His people; and hath raised up a horn of salvation for us, in the house of His servant David, and He spake by the mouth of His holy prophets which have been since the world began, that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hateth us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, to remember His holy covenant, the oath which He sware unto our father Abraham, that He would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life." (Luke 1:68-75).

I came then to a settled determination to know, with the help of God, more of spiritual things. Since then, which is now some years, I have, as never before, "cited after knowledge, and lifted up my voice for understanding, seeking her as silver, and searching for her as for hid treasure, that I might understand the fear of the Lord, and know the knowledge of God." (Prov. 2:3-5).

"Likewise reck ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom 6:11).

"And as many as are Christ's are of God." (1 Cor 3:23).

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Last month, January, the historic moment of Pope John Paul's visit to Fidel Castro's Cuba. According to the Vancouver Sun, January 22, 1998, the President of Cuba visited the President of the USA. The metaphor evocative of continuing hostile U.S.-Cuba relations "Today, holy father," he said, "genocide being attempted when by hunger, illness and total economic suffocation."
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and only those, who believed in Christ for their fulfillment.... In this state of mind, I had one day taken my Testament, and a little work on "Christian Perfection" by Fletcher, and given myself up to reading, meditation and prayer on this subject. "If thou wilt accurately come to mount Zion in a triumphal chariot, or make thine entrance into the new Jerusalem upon a prancing horse, thou art likely never to come there. Leave, then, all thy worldly misconceptions behind, and humbly follow the King, who makes His entry into the typical Jerusalem, meek and lowly, riding upon an ass, yes, upon a colt, the foal of an ass."... I had before been laboring to rise above my sins, and thus leave them; now I felt willing to sink below them, into a depth of humility.... then in my spirit a most sweet and heavily sinking into the arms of my Saviour, below the reach of all my spiritual foes, when I had long been seeking in vain to escape them, by soaring above....

It was attended with such a full and delightful submission in all things to the will of God; such a joy of heart, in the thought of being for life, and for death, and for evermore, altogether at God's disposal; such a gladness in giving up earth in all its possessions and pleasures for Christ's sake; such an overflow of humble, penitential, grateful love to my Redeemer; such a satisfaction in the thought of having Him as my only everlasting portion; such praise to His name that I might possess Him as the portion of my soul forever; such full-hearted and unshaking confidence in all His promises, and such a readiness to do and suffer all things, even to the laying down of life for His name's sake, that I felt constrained to say, this is purity of heart....

Refusal to Testify. But I came to the conclusion not to say, even to my dearest friends, that I had ever thought myself to be cleansed from sin even for a moment....Herein I fell into sin. By denying what I had believed to have been wrought in me by the Spirit of God, I was now made to feel what I had lost.... I knew that by denying that blessed work which the Lord did in me, and by denying it that I might have a reputation for humility with man, I brought leanness and darkness into my own soul.

To be like Christ. In this state, however, I was led to desire most earnestly, and to pray most fervently that I might be made like Christ. The burden of my petition was, that I might be made as much like Christ, as it was possible for a soul to become while in the body, and I felt that I could be satisfied with nothing short of this. After praying thus for a time, I saw most clearly that there was nothing which God was more willing to do, than to make me thus like Christ, and I felt a sweetness of assurance in him, that it should be granted me.

Now it was that the Lord showed me what must be the consequence of being like Christ and that I could not possibly have the likeness of Christ, without meeting these consequences. I saw that if I would live godly in Christ Jesus, I must suffer persecutions [2 Tim 3:12], and that I could not be like Christ without being willing to share in His reproach, the Holy Spirit now showed me the sin which I had committed, in denying what God had done for me soul, and I now saw that while with "my heart I believed unto righteousness, with my mouth I must make confession unto salvation" (Rom 10:10)...This I had not done. With my heart I had believed unto righteousness, but instead of making confession with my mouth, of the grace which God had shown me, and thereby being saved from the sin of denying it, I had refused to make the confession, and by so doing fell again into the hands of my spiritual foes....

Decision. I had now come truly to the plucking out of the right eye and the cutting off of the right hand — to the point where I

"The Scriptures are the great agency in the transformation of character. If studied and obeyed, the word of God works in the heart, subduing every unholy attribute." COL p.100, John 17:17, Romans 10:17

Where in the World is Walter Veith?

Besides a full schedule of teaching, Walter Veith will be spending the summer of 1998 doing evangelism in Portugal and Romania. Walter Veith will be lecturing in two predominantly Catholic countries. We ask for your prayers for his safety during his seminars, and that God will bless the meetings abundantly. Following his Europe tour, Walter Veith will fly to Australia, where he has been invited by the Australian Conference for of scheduled lectures.
must forbear father and mother, and brethren and sisters, and wife also, and all near kindred, and to regard the commandment of Christ as a higher law than the commandment of the old covenant, which is written in the law and the prophets: I will not make my mother and father an offering unto the Lord (Mark 10:29). Could I make the sacrifice? Could I become an outcast from my brethren, and an alien from my mother’s children? Could I become, to the friends I had loved most dear, and have my name cast out as evil, by those whose kind regards I most wish to retain, in order to please my Saviour and enjoy His love, as for a little while He had permitted me to do? The struggle was severe. It cost me as much to make these sacrifices as it would cost any of my brethren, but I could not long hesitate. I had prayed that I might continually enjoy the Saviour’s love, and He had now shown me, what it would cost me -- and, blessed be His name, He gave me strength to obey His will, at the sacrifice, if necessary, of everything that I held dear on earth.

In this state of mind, I took up the Word of God, and came to the following passage, in the words of Paul to the Romans, -- Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord (Rom 6:11).

The love of the world was gone, no sinful indulgence had any charm for me. My whole heart was won by Christ, and filled with overflowing love to Him, and I felt that I had been blind, and hearts, had they been mine, would have been most joyfully consecrated to His service. I had no will but His, and no desire of life or death or eternity, but to be disposed of in that way which would secure the highest possible praise to my Redeemer. I was now delivered from the fear of man, and as I had covenanted with the Lord, to confesse His faithfulness to the world, when He should give me evidence on which I could rely, that I was re- deemed from all iniquity, and as I had now found myself, and in a way I had never before conceived, made "dead indeed unto sin and alive unto God through Jesus Christ my Lord" (Rom 6:11), and had been so gloriously enlightned and opened, and was taught by Christ to be in that state by the faithfulness of the dear Redeemer, I could not for a moment hesitate, that it was my duty to do to the world, that by the power of the Holy Spirit given me by my own blessed Saviour, I was made "dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ my Lord".

Need. — You ask me... concerning myself, Here, dear brother, I speak with unfeigned difference. I love to look at my Saviour, and to hold Him forth in all His fullness to my needy, pinching fellow men. But in myself, aside from what the grace of God has done for me, I find nothing but the defects and lines of sin and holiness in the champaign of the chosen of God... I address you as a people, and the church.

"God hath not called us to uncleanness but to holiness" (1 Thess 4:7)

But suppose Paul were allowed to step forth in his own defense, and take the ground assigned to him by those who believe that the doctrine of sin is not the least error in the Bible. He would say, "For the doctrine of entire sanctification by faith in Christ as an important and dangerous error, should begin to say, "If I acknowledge that there is much sin in my heart, and that my actions are defiled with it, but still I think I have had some love to God, some desire to glorify Him by doing His will, some readiness to spend and be spent in His service, and prepared for the advancement of His cause." We may come forward still and say, Paul, you are certainly mistaken; you think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, for it is a positive undeniable doctrine in our own word, that there is not a just man upon earth that doeth good and sinneth not, and therefore, Paul, your assumption that there is any good thing in you is forever silenced.

The truth is this, there is a large class of scripture texts which are designed to set for the truth that by nature and by practice until regeneration [the new birth], all mankind live, act, are evil, and only evil, and that continually" (Gen 6:5). But if "any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things are passed away, and all things have become new" (2 Cor 5:17). The character of such a one is precisely what was not before; and those passages of scripture which have described his character before, cannot describe it now. Consequently we find that the scriptures used by the two characters, stand in direct opposition to each other.

Accordingly, while it is said that "there is not a just man upon earth that doeth good and sinneth not" (Ecc 7:20), it is also said, that those who were sometimes "alienated and enemies in their minds by wicked works" shall be presented "holy and blameless in God's sight, in the presence of His glory, throughout this world and the next." (2 Thess 1:10). The real question at issue is, what is the true character of the one class, cannot be true of the other, for they are design- edly set forth in the Bible as perfect opposites.

REASON FOUR: — I will now state one more reason, why I cannot give heed to your admonition [to stop preaching sanctification], and then I shall have done.

There is a dying bed a little before me, and a judgment seat where I expect to stand and give account [In the judgment] for all the actions of my life. Can I tell the people of God that they have no Saviour from sin during their whole lives; that live as long as they may, and labor as hard as they may to find out the path of life, and pray as fervently as they may, and trust in their Saviour for the fulfillment of the promises as fully as they may, they are doomed hopelessly to sin more or less against the Redeemer they love, even to their dying hour; that all their cries and struggles for help are vain, and that they must be, to some extent rebels against the heart of infinite love, until the grim monster death appears for their deliverance?...

And now, brethren, I am done. I cannot, for the reasons I have named, and in view of my final account, I dare not...

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False Prophet, False Holy Spirit, new updated edition

What do Tawain: Kibera/Rwanda: Africa; Damascus, Syria; Jaffa, Israel; Chicago, Scottsdale, Arizona; Canad; Melbourne, Australia; Litanovana, Czechohovia; and Cuenca, Ecuador all have in common? All these places, along with dozens and dozens elsewhere, are sites in which apparent miracles and other works of God are multiplying around the world to such a degree that an international 55,000-member Marian Movement of Priests has been formed, founded, and led by Father Stefano Gobbio of Milan, Italy. These messages from Mary include concern over the waning interest in spiritual matters displayed by the world: devotion to "Crucified Innocence" (Je- sus) and devotion to "The Mystical Wounds of Our Lady" (Mary) and the keeping of the ten commandments, Sunday (Sabbath as it is called by Mary) worship, revival, the second coming of Christ, and the calamities awaiting a world, in particular the United States, that ignores God.

Many of these messages, visions, and miracles are documented in the book. The Thunder of Justice by Tad and Maureen Flynn, devout Catholics seeking to promote faith in the Catholic Church and its principles in preparation for the end of the world. In this book, they say: "Our Blessed Mother told us through Father Gobbio in a message given September 19, 1988, that we have a period of ten years - ten decisive years: 'In this period of ten years there will come to completion the time of the great tribulation, which has been foretold to you in Holy Scripture, before the Second Coming of Jesus. In this period of ten years the mystery of iniquity, prepared for by the ever increasing spread of satan's and will become manifest In this period of ten years all the secrets which I have revealed to some of my children will come to pass and all the events which have been foretold to you by me will take place.'"

"Don't forget that Satan was a liar from the very beginning, and he and his demons know the sky and the earth are the hab of Satan coming, neither do they believe it is true, that the time is short, and the deception is prepared for the world to reach the perdition, as foreseen, you must all hold onto the words given and that evil will begin to spread rapidly."

"The foundation of our faith is Jesus Christ revealed to us through Scripture and Apparitions of secrets from this here... As John the Baptist prepared the way for the first coming of Jesus, Mary prepares the way for His Second Coming. Mary proclaims that a new world and era is upon us and that the triumphant Second Coming of the Immaculate Heart and the Second Pentecost (the outpouring of the Holy Spirit) will usher in the Reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus... The glorious reign of Christ will be manifest through your midst and the Second Coming of Jesus in the world is close at hand..."

According to the Flynns, "The most significant prophecy given by Our Lady concerns the last dogs in Marian history to be declared by the Pope. This dogma will declare that Mary is to be known as Co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix, and Advocate." (p. 52) "Mary has revealed to many mysteries that the Lord wishes us to accept and invite her as Co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix, and Advocate to complete the Church's official recognition of what the Almighty has done for and through her." (p. 76)

The messages given for the world originate with "visionsary" from every part of the globe, from enormously varied educational backgrounds and social classes. Among these so-called "prophets" are housewives, priests, blue collar workers, teachers, and schoolteachers. Many of these people are among an increasing number of visionaries who spontaneously receive, in their own flesh, wounds which are like those Christ had when he was crucified - such as bloody wounds on their hands and feet. These "wounded" with such phenomena are called "stigmatists".

Other wonders have also occurred, such as the eucharist (the wafer eaten during mass) turning into blood, statues of Mary weeping tears of blood or oil, rose petals falling from the sky during apparitions with images of Jesus embedded therein, apparitions appearing in the sky, sun, and clouds, etc.

Stigmatist, Padre Pio of Italy (1887-1968) once said, "I would rather die without the sun than the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass." Such are the convictions of these devoted mystics.

Many of Mary's messages include warnings of impending doom, earthquakes and natural disasters of unprecedented proportions in the years ahead. Julia Kim of Naju, Korea, a stigmatist, is only one of the mystics throughout the world saying the world is in a serious trouble... Like other visionaries around the world - most of whom have had no contact with each other - Julia has been warned by Our Lady of dire future judgments: "To prevent fire falling from on the earth, I am constantly praying for my children who are victims of sin and corruption and I am suffering in their place, offering up the sacrifices they should be making to the Almighty. However, if people still continue to compromise with the world, without paying attention to the will of God and without trying to live the spiritual life, it will be too late to avert disaster. You know what was the sad state of the world at the time the Tower of Babel was built and the years before the deluge. Well, what happened then will again occur unless there is a reformation in morality and a change for the better in the lives of men... Before long the world will come face to face with extraordinary disaster. You must forsake the way of evil and put into practice the words of your Lord."

"Indications that are no specific locations given for the impending disasters although USA is a prime target, and notice are seen in specific areas. Apart from the disasters predicted by Mary, there are also many signs of spiritual change: the world has been saddened and there have been predictions by the Bible and/or Ellen White. The devil knows what is written, and he fills his messages with 'truth' propagated by false teachers that are they actually are indeed. The apparition Mary has even warned against time-keeping..."

In the video, False Prophet, False Holy Spirit, Dr. Veth provides documentation for these and many more signs of the times. He talks about the world for years, the phenomena that are affirming the belief of millions of Catholics and Protestants alike. Walter Veth's thorough investigation into these miracles, as well as healings, tongues, holy laugh, and other paranormal manifestations are the result of the "75 minute video that contains never-before-seen, must-have, must-share information for every Christian. Get your copy today..."

Wandy

A Note of Praise for the Lorna Linda Seminar

Every once in a while, you're in the right place at the right time. On a drive I took from California to Alaska a while back, this was one of those times. A ball started rolling that could not be stopped, and in the end, something unexpected happened, proving once again, that God works in wondrous ways.

During a visit along my drive, I was given four audio tapes as a thoughtfu gesture from a well-meaning friend. Initially, I put the tapes aside and forgot about them. As the miles of my drive accumulated, however, I picked up the first tape to break the boredom. As I listened to the first tape, I didn't stay bored for long - I was hooked.

The tapes were of Dr. Walter Veth discussing his health message and his "Life Is All It's Best" series, an insightful look at diet and health today. The tapes that really grabbed me, however, was Dr. Veth relating his personal experiences of conversion on his "From Evolutionist to Creationist" tape. He moved me with his candor and straightforward style and reminded me that God can come into our lives regardless of where we are and regardless of our attitudes at the time. I was so inspired by those tapes that, on my return home, I contacted Amazing Discoveries and ordered the complete tape set. Before I heard half the tapes, I knew that Dr. Veth needed to come to my area to share his message with my church and community. I went to work with the team at Amazing Discoveries to make the event happen.

The first few people I contacted lost heart Dr. Veth Support grew slowly, but I moved ahead and doors began to open. Through God's grace and our belief that the time was right to do things, and people resources became available that I never would have imagined. On October 3-5, Dr. Veth came to the Azusa Hills SDA church in Grand Terrace, California.

We began Friday evening with the Geological Column and Fossil Record Series as we are located near Loma Linda in an area committed to higher learning, we had scholars and professors attending the meetings. There were also many lay people, students, and in general, curious people who wanted to know more about the theory of evolution and creation as taught by the Bible. The outpouring of support was wonderful, and Dr. Veth was a hit. Saturday morning, Dr. Veth favoured our adult Sabbath school with his personal testimony of conversion. There was standing room only. Until this visit, we had never had so many people in attendance (nearly 400).

The remainder of the weekend's lectures was a moving experience for all. People were so excited that we had requested for Dr. Veth to share with us some of his health messages even though it was not on the schedule of events. And so on Sunday evening, we were blessed with Dr. Veth's scientific facts on health. It seems almost ironic that we live here in an area well known for an advanced knowledge of diet and health, yet people are hungry for information that can help guide them to health and vitality. All of the positive impact is framed by the very special gift that Dr. Veth possesses and shares with people. He presents his facts in such an interesting and compassionate way that people will listen and learn. Even if they are not in agreement with the facts, they are not offended. They can actually learn and accept something for the grace of God and the Holy Spirit, let their lives begin to change for the better.

We at Loma Linda are very grateful for the visit of Dr. Veth and his wife Sonika and for the tremendous support of Amazing Discoveries. Your ministry is certainly blessed and we wait with great anticipation for your next visit."

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to your admonition for a moment. With my name you must do what you think right before God, and in view of an approaching judgment. I have no further defense to make... That I hold the doctrine which you call important and dangerous error, and believe it to be the brightest glory of my bleeding Saviour's gospel, is true: and I know that, if you knew the blessedness of trusting fully in Christ as your Redeemer from all iniquity, there is not a man of you, who would not choose that his tongue should perish, rather than be used to pronounce such a doctrine importantly and dangerously erroneous.... "Now may the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." (Heb 13:21-22).

Yours in the gospel,

C. Fitch

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we do this, those resources and talents will multiply with use!

"But many Christians are waiting for some great work to be brought to them. Because they cannot find a place large enough to satisfy their ambition, they fail to perform faithfully the common duties of life. These seem to them uninteresting. Day by day they let slip opportunities for showing their faithfulness to God. While they are waiting for some great work, life passes away, its purposes unfulfilled, its work unaccomplished." (Christ's Object Lessons p. 360).

Allow Christ to use all of your spiritual gifts!

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