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A Journal for Those Who Dare



"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)

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 Editor:

I am very excited about receiving Dr. Veith's new set of tapes, so please get me the catalogue as soon as you publish it! ... You are truly blessed to work with him and as a result, others such as I, are being blessed by your ministry. Praise God!

I have been passing these tapes around to Adventists,... and there is a resurgence of interest in spiritual matters and Christ's second coming. The Lord is truly speaking through Dr. Veith, I am reminded of Ellen White's comment on the work of the end time. the three angel's message, where she said that the work will be finished by people you wouldn't expect. So here's a man who just became an Adventist, wasn't trained in Adventist schools, a former teacher of evolution, with ties to the new age/spiritualist movement. How great God is.

When speaking with some Adventists about Christ's second com-

ing, I'm surprised at how many still say."Yes, there are signs, but remember, we don't know the day or hour it could be 1 month or 20 years." ... You know, I wish I could do more for Jesus, and I'm praying for Him to use me in whatever fashion I am able... I have such a desire to focus on spiritual things, but I am so limited with my time. But I've realized that by sharing Dr. Veith's tapes with friends and family, people have also received a real blessing, so perhaps that's my calling for now. If you ever have the opportunity, please let Dr. Veith know how much his message has helped me as well as my family and church members to make a re-committment with God. ... I hope Jesus can work through me to help others ... I am and have been praying for you, your ministry, and of course. Walter Veith and his family. May the Lord bless you in mighty ways.

C.H. Brantford, ON

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 telescope poised to receive signals from extraterrestrial sources is another example. By what criteria is random radio static to be distinquished from the transmission of a would-be alien? If even a 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, it 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 atheistic naturalists are: How exactly did life evolve from non-life? What was the specific evolutionary process that accounted for the complex arrangement of inanimate 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? Regards,

> D.B. Kelowna, B.C.

Dear Amazing Discoveries:

I have appreciated Dr. V'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.R. Highland, CA

The following letter was received from our South African contacts. Pastor Adlai Naidoo was a Pentecostal pastor, and now has converted to the Seventh-day Adventist faith after the witness of John Naidoo (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 Naidoo to share with us his beliefs and convictions.

The blatant literal truth of Scripture in its correct context had me thinking, 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 for tremendously 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 much needed, especially at that time..."There is so much joy over one sinner who repents...!"

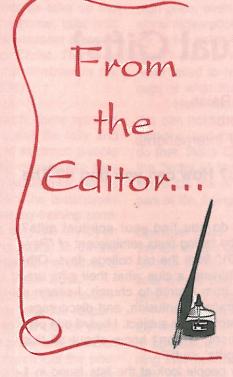
The constant encouragement, visits, and parental love shown by the Owen family helped so much during those rather difficult and traumatic weeks of truth waging war over error....

Truth always conquers. January 1998 culminates months of indecision and we are glad that this part of the battle is over. My dear wife, Charles Howarth, a dear brother Annie, and myself look forward to baptism come January 31, 1998. To God be the glory!!

We anticipate going to complete graduate studies at the Adventist Institute for Advanced Studies (AllAS) in Philippines. We plan to leave by mid-May 1998.

We take this opportunity of placing on record our total committment 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 Naidoo



"O 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. from the Orchard City church in sunny Okanagan 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 invest-

Wenzel Goubei has been working overtime editing the new titles from the Kelowna series, and we are happy to report that they are now completed! The new titles are: Setting Up the New 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 Millerite 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. Today, 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, and a challenge to renew your love for Jesus.

Now as we begin a new year, may the leaven 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 principles 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)

-Wendy



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Zero Spiritual Gifts?

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

Ministry is a way of life, the natural effect of an abiding relationship with Christ.

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 comment, "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. Excitedly 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..." Suddenly she was interrupted by the sound of children fighting 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 have children? 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 taken enough 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 Spectator, Dec 12, 1997, the British futurist, Benjamin Creme stated that Maitreva. World Teacher 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 Maitreya 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 awaits, knowingly or not, the manifestation of Maitreva. 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 willingly and earnestly to make home a pleasant place. If you are a mother, train your children for Christ. This is as verily a work for God as is 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 of ministry, while the laity came to the church week after week to receive the services of the priest and to watch him perform ministry. The body of the church 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 paralyses the body of Christ, 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, filled 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, from the time you get up in the morning 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 why has He redeemed us? "Christ's 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 ministry, is He going to give you *zero* 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 concept of what the gifts really are and how they work.

Have we been looking at Christianity legalistically? 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 service. All talents and gifts, whether original or acquired, natural or spiritual, are to be used to come close to people, winning 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 spiritual gifts in day-to-day 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 in his behalf. Are you ready for this? My father was not a professor or administrator, but merely the janitor!!

At his 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 Representatives. Why? Because my father touched the lives of so many of these people during those twenty-

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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 encourage them that they could 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 teased them; and he often shared encourag-

One student came to ask for some wise counsel. "You want counsel from a poor dumb janitor?" he said. "Yeah. Dumb like a fox!" 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 person. 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 living, loving 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 till 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. That one talent, wisely used, will accomplish its appointed work. By faithfulness in little duties, we are to work on the plan of addition, and God will work for us on the plan of multiplication. These littles 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 miracleworking super-gift that has a big impact on many. This is a distorted view. Yes, God does give special gifts of His spirit that are used in a large and public way. But let's not think that these are the only types of gifts His Spirit gives. Many more gifts are given than most realize.

Whatever 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 directly religious work, many feel that their lives are useless; 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 closet. One night about 12:30, his supervisor drove by the law 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, guietly unlocked and opened the double glass doors, and started walk-

ing softly down the long hallway. Only one light reflected out into the hallway - that of the janitor's closet.

Standing in the doorway, the supervisor asked. "Floyd, what are you doing?"

My father looked up from his Bible, smiled, and said, "Reading my Bible."

"You don't get off work for another half hour. Shouldn't vou be working?" he asked with a note of censure in his voice.

Wherever we may be. Christ bids us take up the duty that presents itself...However small your talent, God has a place for it. ... These littles will become the most precious influences in His work. (Christ's Object Lessons, pp. 359,360)

"Let me show you something," my father said. He got up from his chair, set his Bible on a shelf next to the big industrial sink, and went into the hallway, flipping on the long row of light switches. Crossing the hall, he pushed open the door to the men's room and kicked a small wooden wedge under the door to keep it open. Down the hall he unlocked and opened the door to the office of one of the law professors. "Can you find something for me to do?" he asked, smiling.

The supervisor walked briskly to the main entrance of the building and carefully examined the corner of the floor by the door. No dirt. He hurried over the men's restroom and looked down behind a toilet. The stainless steel nuts that held the toilet to the floor shone back at him. He checked under one of the sinks; the stainless steel pipes glistened. Back in the hallway, he looked up; the fluorescent lights were dust free. Making his way into the professor's office he pulled back the heavy curtains at the window, sure that

forget to dust behind the closed curtains). He wiped his hand on the window sill; no dust. Turning to my father he said, "Keep up the good work, Floyd."

The Power of Ministry. Now I want to ask you: What impressed the supervisor more, catching my father reading the Bible or the fact that his work was done well? And if his work had not been well done, what would that have said about my father's religion? Could we say that cleaning a building is a ministry? Yes. And he exercised at least one of his spiritual gifts to do the job well. A spiritual gift, you ask? Yes, because he did his work well as a way of witnessing for Christ! Any gift God has given, if used for His glory, is a spiritual gift just as much as any other found in the list in First Corinthians. Remember, these "littles" sometimes are "the most precious influences in His work". (Christ's Object Lessons, p. 360)

"However lowly, any work done for God with a full surrender of self is as acceptable to Him as the highest service. No offering is small that is given with true-heartedness and gladness of soul." "The humblest of duties are not to be ignored. Any honest work is a blessing, and faithfulness in it may prove a training for higher trusts." (Ibid., p. 359)

Training for Higher Trusts? My brother moved to southern Utah many years ago, looking for some type of "ministry" for God. Instead the Lord saw fit to have him be a caretaker on a farm. Ministry? Well, it proved to be so that is, a ministry to him.

One hot summer day, while he was baling hay in the field, his baler continuously malfunctioned. The strings on the bale would not tie; or they would tie too short; or too long. It became very frustrating. Wiping, the sweat off his brow, feeling baked by the heat of the southern Utah sun, he looked up and asked the Lord, "Why did you bring me here? I wanted to be in ministry, and here I am in the middle of nowhere fighting this stupid baling machine!" His anger was soon softened by a prayer.

Going to the shop, he took out the manual and read everything about the baler's timing. He took it all apart and fixed it, by God's grace.

A few years later he was working at a religious ministry, helping to set up a printing press for gospel tracts. Every page that went through the press misfed and jammed the machine. Feeling frustrated, he sent up a prayer, took out the manual and started to read. As he was adjusting the timing on the press, his mind flashed back to a hot field in Utah, working on the time of a baling machine. "Now I understand," he thought to himself. "God was helping me to realize that I needed to build a little more character before He could entrust me with working at a 'ministry'.

Use Your Gifts. Spiritual gifts - we all have them. We may use them every day, but we often fail to see them. The mother working with her children uses her gifts all day long. The smile shared as you open the door for someone at the store; open-

this would be the place (many janitors who work at night 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 builder of any sort, do those things for Christ. If you are in the medical professions, use your skills for Christ. Use your talents to win friends in the workplace. Earn 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 be 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 3:16) 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

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS STATEMENT?

The following statements were made by Robert Schuller and Mother Theresa. They are often thought of as a great Christians and examples for all. We are interested to know 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 should obey."

- Mother Theresa

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 sinneth not" (1 John 3:6) and similar promises, his ministerial brethren called his new belief "important and dangerous error" and put him out of the ministry. In response, he wrote two marvellous letters, 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 the top Millerite leaders.

Dear Brethren:

After being made acquainted 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 atoning for all mankind on the cross, was able, on the merits of the atonement, to save to the uttermost all that come to God by Him; and on that Saviour I had cast myself as my only hope, and trusted in Him, and 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 it ought to be

I came then to a settled determination to know, with the help of God, more of spiritual things, Since that time, which is now some years, I have, as never before, "cried 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 find 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 "the path of the just is as the shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Prov 4:18), ... and I had learned the blessed truth, that "all the promises of God in Christ are yea and in Him amen, unto the glory of God by us" (2 Cor 1:20)

What Has God Promised? I had then inquired what has God promised, and what is He willing to do for me, if I believe it in Christ, 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)....When I read 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 cleans 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 ve shall keep My judgments and do them. And I will save you from your uncleanness" (Ezek 36:25-29)... "Saith 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" (Heb 10:16-17). I also found that Christ our Redeemer was called Jesus because "He would save His people from their sins" (Matt 1:21); that "He was manifest to take away our sins, and that whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not" (1 John 3:5-6). I also found many other scriptures, equally full and explicit

In the third chapter of the first Epistle of John we find it thus written: "Whosoever committeth sin 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

"Likewise reckon ye also vourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord"

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 hate us; to perform the mercy promised unto 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). Now I believe, that he who "serves God without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of his life," is saved from sin, all the days of his life. I believe that God "swore unto Abraham our father, that He would grant unto us, that we being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness, before Him, all the days of our life"; and that He hath raised up a horn of salvation for us, to perform this mercy promised to our fathers, to remember this holy covenant, this oath which He swore. I believe all this, on the testimony of a man [Zacharias] filled with the Holy Ghost. Since, therefore, I believe that God's oath can be relied on, especially since Christ came on purpose to fulfil that oath, and since that oath does pledge the grant of walking before God in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life, I am bound to believe it...

(Rom 6:11).

Why Are They Not Fulfilled? When I inquired why are not these promises, so rich and full, made good to God's people. I saw that as they were yea and amen only in Christ, they were to be fulfilled, like the promises pledging the pardon of sin, to those.

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does Maitreya eagerly await the moment when His face can be seen by all, His words resound in expectant minds and His love penetrates the open hearts of all who love their fellow-men. Recent events encouraged the hope that His emergence might begin ere the close of the year now ended, but, with Us, plans are made - and discarded -- as circumstances dictate, and no single date is irrevocably set. Essentially, however, that moment is now upon us, and men may expect to see the Great Lord AT ANY TIME..." According to Creme and modern spiritists, "Maitreva is the great spiritual teacher expected by people of all religions, although they know him by different names: Christ, Messiah, Krishna, Imam Mahdi, Buddha, etc." According to the Hamilton Spectator, "Maitreva's love and wise counsel will galvanize humanity and inspire humankind to completely transform the world over the next 20 vears."



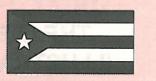


ANGELS DON'T PLAY THIS HAARP

by J. Manning & Dr. N. Begich

This informative book by an experienced magazine journalist, reporter, author, and researcher (Manning), and the eldest son of the late U.S. congressman from Alaska who also has a doctorate in traditional medicine (Begich), releases interesting information about an experiment being conducted in Alaska, named HAARP (High-frequency Active Auroral Research Program). The authors of this book claim that HAARP can disrupt human mental processes, jam all global communication systems, change weather patterns over large areas, interfere with wildlife migration patterns, negatively affect health, impact the earth's upper atmosphere, and much more. Its designers say HAARP will be used to communicate with submarines, remotely sense underground structures such as tunnels or oil deposits (or nuclear weapons labs in Iraq), prolong life of satellites, boost radar and the list goes on and on. However, local protest groups accuse the military of endangering the environment and maintain that it is a weapon designed to control the minds of U.S. citizens and tamper with weather. HAARP is an ionospheric heater that operates by beaming powerful shortwave radiation (a focused GW beam) into the ionosphere, heating up a patch of this charged plasma, changing its properties and moving it about. According to Manning & Begich, patents held by HAARP contractors indicate the site would be more useful as a large-scale beam

weapon and a long-distance-signals intelligence platform rather than the defensive uses cited by the Air Force. Located near Gakona, northeast of Anchorage, HAARP consists of 360 72-foot antennas, and has many people scared and upset. A small group of American physicists speculate that HAARP is the beginning of some secret military program, while environmentalists have already expressed concerns about HAARP's potential adverse impact on the upper atmosphere. Some experts speculate HAARP may be used to heat specific parts of the atmosphere thousands of miles away. In theory, the heat could trigger droughts or storms that would benefit U.S. military operations. According to a Rocky Mountain News (5/7/95) item on the best-kept secrets by the government, HAARP was number nine on the list. All this, along with the harmful effects of ELF tramsmissions (Extremely Low-Frequency) on brain wave patterns, has some local citizens highly agitated. All in all, it is a highly intriguing subject that is being kept out of the frontline

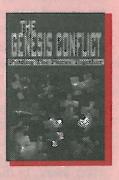


Last month, January, saw the historic moment of Pope John Paul's visit to Fidel Castro's Cuba. According to The Vancouver Sun, January 22, 1998. Jesuit-trained Castro used a Biblical metaphor evocative of continuing hostile U.S.-Cuba relations. "Today, holy father," he said, "genocide is being attempted when by hunger, illness and total economic suffocation some try to subdue this people that refuses to accept the dictates and the rule of the mightiest economic, political and military power in history, much more powerful than the old Rome that for centuries had the beasts devour those who refused to abdicate their faith."

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and only those, who believed in Christ for their fulfilment.... 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 absolutely 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, yea, 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....felt then in my spirit a most sweet and heavenly 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 forever, 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 unshrinking 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 know 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 persecution [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

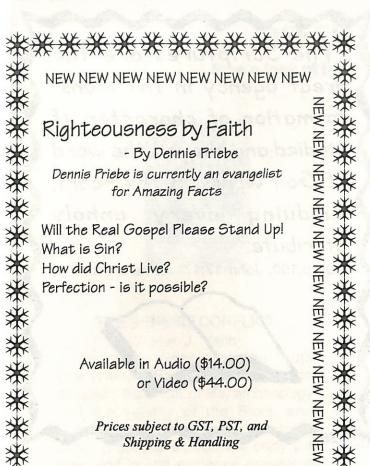
"The Scriptures are the great agency in the transformation of character. If studied and obeyed, the word of God works in the heart, subduing every unholy attribute."

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 Rumania, 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.



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must "forsake father and mother, and brethren and sisters, and wife and children for Christ's sake and the gospel's" (Matt 19:29). Could I make the sacrifice? Could I become an outcast from my brethren, and an alien from my mother's children? Could I become as lost, to the friends I had loved most dearly, 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 one 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 make the choice of His love, 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"

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 feel that a thousand 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 confess His faithfulness to the world, when He should give me evidence on which I could rely, that I was redeemed from all iniquity, and as I had now found myself, and in a way so glorious and delightful beyond everything I had ever before conceived, made "dead indeed unto sin and alive unto God through Jesus Christ my Lord" (Rom 6:11), and had been so abundantly enlightened respecting the privilege of every Christian to be kept in that state by the faithfulness of the dear Redeemer, I could not for a moment hesitate, that it was my duty to declare 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 diffidence. I love to look at my Saviour, and

to hold Him forth in all His fullness to my needy, perishing fellow men. But in myself, aside from what the grace of God has done, and shall do for me, I find nothing but the dark and perfect lineaments of Beelzebub, the prince of devils.

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

I speak sincerely, my brother. I know that if God should withdraw His grace from me, and leave me to myself, there is not a sin within reach of my powers, which I would not instantly commit and practice forever.... I have by no means been all that I hope, or expect to be; for I see that it is the privilege of the Christian that has been redeemed from all iniquity, still to "forget the things which are behind, and reach forth unto those which are before" (Phil 3:13), and "beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, to be

changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of God" (2 Cor 3:18). I believe that to be cleansed from all unrighteousness is by no means the height of the Christian's privilege on earth; that beyond that he may go on "to comprehend with all saints, what is the length and breadth and depth and height, and to know the love of Christ that passeth knowledge," and be filled more and more "with all the fullness of God" (Eph 3:18-19)....

REASON TWO: I cannot desist from preaching the doctrine of sanctification, and from testifying to my own experience of it, for the very same reasons that you [my brethren] cannot desist from preaching the doctrine of regeneration [the new birth], and testifying to your own experience of that.

Suppose you were to insist that "except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3), but when asked whether you or any one else had enjoyed that blessing, should say, "By no means. It is an important and dangerous error for any man to think so; it never takes place till death." How much influence would such preaching exert? How many would be born again through such instrumentality? You feel yourselves under necessity, therefore, on that subject, to maintain that regeneration is a matter of experience, and that you and many others do enjoy it.

But while you tell your people that they ought to be free from sin, and are wholly inexcusable for not being so, and while you pray that they may be redeemed from all iniquity, they know perfectly well that you have no expectation that it will take place while they live, and hence all your exhortations and prayers are wholly lost. Your people know, that you expect that they will live along in sin till death, and that while you exhort them to be free from sin, you show them no way by which they may become so, and maintain that it would be an important and dangerous error for them to expect to be so until they die. Hence, all your efforts for the sanctification of God's professing people are rendered perfectly nugatory. [null and void].

For myself, therefore, I feel bound to tell professing Christians, that there is a way whereby they may "cleanse themselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, and perfect holiness in the fear of God" (2 Cor 7:1); that it may be done through the promises of God, which "are all yea and amen in Christ Jesus" (2 Cor 1:20).... I can say to Christians, "This is the will of God even your sanctification" (1 Thess 4:3). "God hath not called us to uncleanness but to holiness" (1 Thess 4:7), while you by your own principles are obliged to tell them, that they are shut up, in some measure at least, to a life of sin. Brethren, I cannot stand on such ground, and therefore I must disregard your admonition....

REASON THREE: I cannot regard your admonition [that I stop preaching sanctification], because those scriptures on which you rely as testimony that no Christian ever does so "abide in Christ as to sin no more," seem to me to have no bearing that way. Take for example, the single passage quoted in the report of your committee, and adopted by you as ample proof of the correctness of your views.

"There is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good and sinneth not" (Eccl 7:20)

Let us apply this to the experience of Paul. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim 4:7).

What arrogant, presumptuous language has Paul here used! He must have been puffed up with spiritual pride! Did he not know that the Bible expressly declares "there is not a just man upon earth that doeth good and sinneth not"? How dare ye say, "I have fought a good fight"?

But suppose Paul were allowed to step forth in his own defense, and taking the ground ascribed to him by those who regard the doctrine of entire sanctification by a faith in Christ as "an important and dangerous error", should begin to say, " I acknowledge that there is much sin in my heart, and that my best 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 labored 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 declaration of God's 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 are "evil, 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 scriptures which described his character before, cannot describe it now. Consequently we find that the scriptures used to describe 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" (Eccl 7:20), it is also said, that those who were some time "alienated and enemies in their minds by wicked works" shall be presented "holy and unblamable and unreprovable in His sight, if they continue in the faith, grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel" (Col 1:21-23), that in fulfilment of the oath of God through Christ, their horn of salvation, it shall be granted them. "that they being delivered out of the hand of their enemies may serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of their lives" (Luke 1:74-75). That those who "abide in Christ sin not" (1 John 3:6), and that "He who hath called them is faithful to sanctify them wholly, and to preserve their whole spirit, and soul and body, blameless, unto the coming of Christ:" (1 Thess 5:23). "All the promises of God pledging their sanctification. are yea and amen in Christ unto the glory of God by them" (2 Cor 1:20), and when they believe in Christ for the fulfilment of these promises, they cannot fail.... In the nature of the case, what is true of the one class, cannot be true of the other, for they are designedly 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 fulfilment 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 listen.

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Many of these messages, visions, and miracles are documented in the book The Thunder of Justice by Ted and Maureen Flynn, devout Catholics seeking to promote faith in the Catholic Church and in its principles in preparation for the end of the world. In this book, they say: "Our Blessed Mother told us through Father Gobbi in a message given September 18, 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 apostasy 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 no man knows the day nor the hour of Christ's coming, neither the devil, however, it is obvious that he knows that "his time is short", and the deceptions he is preparing for the world must proceed the genuine, so therefore, we must all still note the threats given here, knowing that we are living in the very last seconds before all the things foretold for the end-time will be completed.)

"...The foundation of our faith is Jesus Christ revealed to us both through Scripture and Tradition. Anything that detracts from this is heresy.... 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 the triumph of Her 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, which will be established in your midst with the Second Coming of Jesus in the world is close at hand..." (p. 12)

According to the Flynns, "The most significant prophesy given by Our Lady concerns the last dogma 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 mystics that the Lord wishes us to

accept and invoke 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 "visionaries" 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, children, 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 welts on their foreheads from a crown of thorns, bleeding hands and feet. Those "blessed" 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, "It would be easier for the world to exist 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 saving the world is in 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 events: "To prevent fire from falling 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 occur again 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. My children must forsake the way of evil and put into practice the messages I am giving you..." (p. 294)

(Notice that there are no specific locations given for the impending disasters, although U.S.A. is a prime target, and notice there are no specific dates. Most of the disasters predicted by Mary are general disasters that have always occurred and that have been predicted by the Bible and/or Ellen White. The devil knows what is written, and he fills his messages with "safe" predictions, to ensure that they are easily believed. The apparition Mary has even warned

In the video, False Prophet, False Holy Spirit, Dr. Veith provides documentation for these and many more 'signs of the times.' You will see for yourself, the phenomena that are affirming the belief of millions of Catholics and Protestants alike. Walter Veith's thorough investigation into these miracles, as well as healings, tongues, holy laughter, and other Protestant miracles will keep you intriqued throughout this 75 minute video that contains never-before seen, must-have, must-share information for every Christian. Get your copy

-Wendy



A Note of Praise for the Loma 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 thoughtful gesture from a well-meaning friend. Initially, I put the tapes aside and forgot about them. As the miles of my drive added up, however, I popped in 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 Veith discussing his health message in his "Life At It's Best" series, an insightful look at diet and health today. The tape that really grabbed me, however, was Dr. Veith relating his personal experiences of conversion on his "From Evolutionist to Creationist" tape. He moved me with his candour 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 these tapes that, on my return home, I contacted Amazing Discoveries and ordered the complete tape set. Before I had heard half the tapes, I knew that Dr. Veith 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 had heard of Dr. Veith. Support grew slowly, but, I moved ahead and doors began to open. Through God's grace and our belief that this was the right thing to do. people and resources became available that I never would have imagined. On October 3-5, Dr. Veith came to the Azure 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 evolution and creation as taught by the Bible. The outpouring of support was wonderful, and Dr. Veith was a hit. Saturday morning, Dr. Veith favoured our adult Sabbath school with his personal story of conversion. There was standing room only. Until his visit, we had never had so many people in attendance (nearly 400!)

The remainder of the weekend lectures was a moving experience for all. People were so excited that we had requests for Dr. Veith 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. Veith'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. Veith 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 the truth being taught and through the grace of God and the Holy Spirit, let their lives begin to change for the better.

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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).

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