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Faith

on the line

A Journal for Those Who Dare

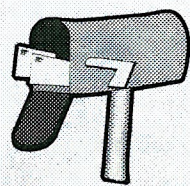
"When men
venture to criticize
the Word of God,
they venture on sacred, holy ground,
and had better fear and tremble
and hide their wisdom as foolishness.

God sets no man
to pronounce judgement on His Word,
selecting some things as inspired
and discrediting others as uninspired.

The testimonies
have been treated in the same way
but God is not in this."
(Selected Messages 1: 23)



From the Mailbox...



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

Dear Walter Veith:

I am trying to find information relative to a creationist's viewpoint of how Mt. St. Helen's provides proof of a world-wide flood. I can't quite put my finger on the precise information I am looking for since it was back in 1980 when the eruption occurred. But it seems that I remember reading or hearing about how the logs that ended up in the lakes sank root first and the mud and debris keeping them upright underwater.

Is there anything you can point me to about how Mt. St. Helen's proved that it did not take thousands or millions of years for certain conditions to be achieved?

Y.S.
Email

Editor's Reply: *In the eruption, logs were ripped out and they floated upright in the lakes. As they were ripped out they had no roots and because of the rolling action they were also stripped of branches. This is exactly what petrified*

forests look like, so they could only have formed through a catastrophic event and must have been orientated by water flow, therefore the upright trees could not have been buried in a position of growth. Thanks for the question.

Dr. Veith

Dear Editor:

The best article that I've read about so far on your website is the "Mystic Realm of Death". I find the logic throughout sound and based on the Scriptures.

The Scriptures are clear on the subjects of death, hell, and the matter of the soul....The doctrine of the immortality of the soul and hell fire have become the basis for an entire system of false religion. Both the mainstream Catholic and Protestant churches still adhere so strongly to these doctrines and show little tolerance to others who reject these beliefs. As Christians were persecuted, and even killed as heretics in times past; it is a joy that, today, we can study the Scriptures in relative safety, without fear of physical persecution.

I did not realize there was another church, other than the Jehovah's Witnesses and Dawn Bible Students, who understood these subjects in the proper way. I hope that the leaders in the mainstream churches start to re-examine their beliefs in this regard, but I am not very optimistic. They have been in the mire for too long to now admit error. I will pass the article on to others who show some willingness to study the Scriptures. Thanks.

H.R.
Email

Hello,

I enjoyed reading the information provided very much and think it is wonderful to have a site letting readers view such important information freely. I know it took a lot of work to put it all together, but people need to know your viewpoints. Very good information!

J.Z.
Email

Dear Amazing Discoveries:

I'm sorry it took so long to write, but we just wanted to thank you for your sponsorship in bringing Dr. Veith to Southern California. I'm aware that it was only a success from a lot of people working behind the scenes to make it become a reality, and it's to those folks we want to say THANK YOU to. The lecture series was tremendous!! I wish that Dr. Veith could've stayed and lectured longer. I look forward to the video tapes in the coming months.

Our sincerest thanks....

T.I. & D.I.
L.L., CA

Editor's Note: *The southern California series really was possible only through the generous contributions of our donors, and we would like to thank them heartily for their vision and generosity. Although this series was not situated in the hometown of most of our donors, they still saw the need and were willing to support a series in Southern California for which we are grateful. May God bless you for your love for evangelism. The series in Southern California was a blessing to hundreds. It was truly ordained by God.*

Hello:

Got a chance to see Dr. Veith's Setting Up the New World Order video. I found it to be most informative! As someone who has been searching for the truth for many years, I can say from my heart that this video helped me to fill in the missing pieces of the puzzle. A friend lent me the video, and I am so glad he did. The Lord does indeed work in mysterious ways! Having moved from the city into the country, I am able to concentrate on my studies, and it is no small wonder to me that the events in my life have led me to become a believer in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! It is knowledge like that presented in Dr. Veith's video which confirm to me all the more that I am here for reasons above and beyond that which I learned in the public (fool) system.... I am ever grateful to people like Dr. Veith, who take the time and energy to study hard and present the facts to those who have the eyes to see and the ears to hear... I am looking forward to

spending some quality time on this website, and may God bless you and yours...

J.F.
Email

This website is terrific! God is REAL! Every person in this world, now or later, will bow at His feet and declare His omnipotence! The truth of His word shall never pass away, because He said so....it will surely be revealed, and all who believe shall inherit everlasting peace with our Creator! May God bless you!

Email

Dear Friends:

We are so appreciative of your sponsoring these wonderful seminars and making available Dr. Veith and the timely messages he has so effectively presented to the people in this S. California area. May God continue to bless this work of love. This cheque is an instalment of our gratitude...

Sincerely,

Dr. & Mrs. E. L.

Your website is great and gives very good Bible information about the world's history. May God bless you with strength and wisdom!

with love in Christ
H.D. Email

Dear Amazing Discoveries:

This is an excellent site. The layout is good, the material is presented effectively and graphically. I am particularly grateful for the section on evolution and the article on wine - what an eye opener! The entire website is helpful! However, I would like more information on the historical Jesus - that is, more evidence of Jesus' existence in non-Biblical sources. Thanks for your help and keep up the good work.

H.C.
Quebec, Canada



From the Editor...



While Jesus is unquestionably the single most important figure in all of history, the approach of the year 2000 and the new millennium, inspired several organizations to compile lists in December 1999 of the most influential individuals of the past millennium. The cable TV network, A&E, also aired a series entitled *Biography of the Millennium: 100 People - 1000 Years*, featuring interviews from numerous scholars, politicians, and theologians who tried to identify those people who have most impacted our world, for better or worse, in the period between 1000 and 2000 AD.

We don't have room to list all 100 people here, but their selections were very interesting - and provocative. For example: Florence Nightingale, Guglielmo Marconi (inventor of radio), Marie Curie, Winston Churchill, The Wright Brothers, Abraham Lincoln, Gandhi, Edison, Galileo, Einstein, Marx, Columbus, Darwin, Alexander Graham Bell, Martin Luther, and Isaac Newton were all included among others, as well as Princess Diana, Adolf Hitler, Karl Marx, Charles Darwin, Napoleon, The Beatles, Elvis Presley, Lenin, Walt Disney, Jane Austen, Genghis Khan, Bill Gates, Pope Gregory VII, Ronald Reagan, and much more.

I'm sure there is hardly a person

who, when reading the list, wouldn't argue with at least some of the individual selections or the order in which they were placed. I at least had some quarrels with it. And many that I thought were important were missing. Where were John Calvin, Hudson Taylor, John Knox, William G. Morton (inventor of anaesthetic: a pretty important invention to all those undergoing surgery!!)? How could Princess Diana make the list while Queen Victoria, who influenced the entire Western world for decades was completely ignored?

But despite my disagreements, I completely agree with the individual chosen as #1: the most influential person of the past 1000 years - Johann Gutenberg. His impact cannot be underestimated. Gutenberg invented the moveable-type printing press, and it changed society forever. Gutenberg was a simple hard-working German. Yet most of the other people who have impacted our world owe a debt to Gutenberg. Without his invention, our way of life could never be possible.

Gutenberg's mission was very simple, and I believe, divinely inspired. Johann Gutenberg wanted to make the Word of God available to everyone, and thereby share the good news of Christ with people everywhere in the world. No mortal man ever set out to accomplish such a noble purpose for the cause of Christianity. Listen to what he says:

"God suffers in the multitude of souls whom His Holy Word cannot reach. Religious truth is imprisoned in a small number of manuscript books, which confine instead of spreading the public treasure. Let us break the seal which seals up holy things, and give wings to truth, in order that she may go and win every soul that comes into this world, by her word, no longer written at great expense by a hand easily palsied, but multiplied like the wind by an untiring machine." (Alphonse De Lamartine, *Memories of Celebrated Characters*, Vol. 2, 2nd ed., London: Richard Bentley, 1854, p. 323)

Gutenberg's vision had eternal potential:

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Do They Know Us By Our Love?

By John Ortberg

On the culture wars of the first century, a group of activists came down on the right side of all the values questions. They rejected relativism and secularism. They were unwavering adherents of ethical absolutism. They were committed to the Judaeo-Christian values of monogamy in marriage and chastity outside it. They promoted monotheism against polytheistic Roman paganism. Clearly, the Pharisees were considered the Religious Right of Israel.

But what if it is at least as important to love as to be right? What if Jesus really meant it when He said the heart of the law is to love God with your entire being and to love your neighbour as yourself? What if Paul really meant it when he said that even if he had all knowledge, even if he got everything right, he was nothing if he didn't have love?

came to see people they were called to love as "the enemy."

But they were not the only ones. The Inquisition, the Crusades, slavery - all these were entered into by people who believed in ethical absolutism and even defended their actions with the Bible - a common temptation for all who take faith seriously.

I regularly get fund-raising letters from Christian organizations that paint society in conspiratorial "us" verses "them" colors. Although I usually agree with their moral positions, I rarely sense from them a caveat - let alone a consistent tone - acknowledging that love must be the ultimate aim even in disagreement.

It is a dangerous thing on questions of truth and significance to be wrong. But there may be a more dangerous thing: being right and knowing it.

Dallas Willard said once that it is very hard to be right and not hurt anybody with it. Look at schoolchildren - their pleasure in being right is boosted by knowing somebody else is wrong. Indeed, if nobody were wrong, being right would not be so special.

It is possible to be so caught up in the joy of being right, in the thrilling sense of being mostly superior to those who are "not right", that you become more wrong than your most degraded opponent. This "elitist elation" was why certain Pharisees - who were so careful not to commit adultery or steal or murder - were so deeply



Signs and Wonders

by Dr. Walter J. Veith

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In our Winter 1999 issue, we quoted an article claiming that U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno made derogatory and threatening statements about Christians on the June 26, 1994 TV program "60 Minutes". It has come to our attention that this article was not correct. Janet Reno did not appear on "60 Minutes" on June 26, 1994 or at any time on CBS making the comments attributed to her. We published the report in good faith from a reliable source, but should have investigated more thoroughly prior to publishing. We apologize for the misleading statements.

-Editor

offended when Jesus said they were further from the kingdom of God than, say, Hugh Hefner or Madonna.

Occasionally those on the front lines of the culture wars will acknowledge they could be more loving. Usually, however, the unspoken subtext reads: "The main thing is, I'm on the right side."

But what if it is at least as important to love as to be right? What if Jesus really meant it when He said the heart of the law is to love God with your entire being and to love your neighbour as yourself? What if Paul really meant it when he said that even if he had all knowledge, even if he got everything right, he was nothing if he didn't have love?

An old saying suggests that the first casualty of war is truth. Not true. The first casualty of war is love. And so it is in emotion-charged culture wars.

The primary task of the church is not to make a powerful apologetic for Christian values in society. It is to participate in, and witness to, the gospel. And the gospel Jesus proclaimed is an invitation to life in the presence and under the reign of God. "The time has come," He said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15, NIV)

Although the cultural warriors who opposed Jesus saw themselves as the defenders of values, Jesus' charge was that their list of values was arbitrary and lacking. They valued, for instance, a rigid adherence to circumcision over the gracious inclusion of Gentiles. They tended to emphasize not those values that were most important, but those values that most readily distinguished them from their opponents.

This tendency is, I believe, a failure among many who debate cultural values. In the church where I grew up, for example, I heard many messages on the family and sexual purity, yet I don't remember hearing a single one on racism or the civil-rights movement that was having an impact on the society of that day. Were those issues less important?

Traditional Values: A Caution

One phrase often used in the culture wars is *traditional values*. It conveys our deep concern that classic moral values such as marital commitment, stability of the home, and common human courtesy are rapidly eroding. These concerns need to be articulated carefully and thoughtfully, but when we call for a return to "traditional values", we must ask to what tradition we want to return.

I have never heard an African-American Christian use this phrase - and for good reason. The "traditions" of the mid-20th century included Jim Crow-style segregation and the denial, based on race, of equal access to housing and education. As a young man, my own grandfather had among his jobs the task of telling any persons of color who came through town that they were not

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welcome to spend the night there.

Thankfully, part of being a Christian, and in particular, a Protestant, is the conviction that all traditions constantly need reform. The gospel is about eschatology, not nostalgia. The values to which we are called are not the values of any tradition, but the eternal values taught and lived by Jesus and expressed authoritatively in the Bible. These stand over and above every party platform and political agenda.

I am not advocating silence or neutrality on the controversial issues of today. But I do fear that with the current culture wars comes the devaluing of one of the church's primary tasks: discipleship. The reduction of Christianity to an ideology allows people to evade the task of true discipleship. It does not come through holding a certain set of values but by living a certain kind of life. It is far easier to promote values than to live them.

"All will know that you are My disciples," Jesus said, not "if you promote My agenda" but "if you love one another." A watching world will be persuaded not when our values are promoted but when they are incarnated.

As the war rages on and the church enters the fray, may we remember that Christ's call is not an invitation to be on the right side; it is an invitation to become the right person.

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WHERE IN THE WORLD IS WALTER VEITH?

Dr. Veith's itinerary is given below so that you can invite your friends and family around the world.

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Faith - the misnomer of our time

by Professor Walter J. Veith

"When the Son of man cometh, will he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8)

It is a sad day when professed Christians start questioning the validity of the Word of God. How many people in this world today still believe a plain "Thus saith the Lord"?

Science and popular humanism have ripped the heart out of the fundamental basic beliefs which place Christ in the centre of the creation story, the Inspiration behind all prophetic utterances, and the Revealer of all truth. He is the way, the truth, and the life and nobody comes to the Father except through Him.

As the religions of the world scramble to unite on points of doctrine which are held by them in common, truth has to be sacrificed on the altar of so-called peace and harmony.

How many points of doctrine are there upon which all the religions of the world can unify without compromising the bulk of the Scriptures? Why is it that the scientific fraternity is so bent upon discrediting the creation account? Why is it that the higher critics spend so much time taking the historical Christ apart? Indeed, we are living in a time when it can indeed be asked: "Shall He find faith at His return?"

Today if one dares to stand in defence of the plain writings of the Scriptures one is ostracized as a fanatic or a lunatic. If one dares to utter the warnings graciously given us by our God to steer us safely through the troublesome times in which we live and which are ahead of us, one is placed on the level of those on the lunatic fringe. If Christ be God and His Word truth, why are we so afraid to stand in defence of it?

As a scientist and former evolutionist, I find great solace in the words "in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" Genesis 1:1. I find no controversy with the words "in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is." (Exodus 20:11) The best that science has to offer to contradict these plain statements of Scripture is radiometric dating and natural selection. Radiometric dating is based on so many assumptions, which all need to apply at the same time, that one certainly needs more faith to believe that:

- 1: when rocks form, the radiometric clocks are set to zero

- 2: the rocks to be dated are closed systems, meaning nothing can ever leach in or out,
- 3: that the decay-rates have always been totally uniform.

No scientist can honestly guarantee all three of these criteria.

As far as natural selection is concerned, selection can only take place amongst that which is already there. I cannot select the better of two options if the two options are not in existence. Secondly, once one is selected and the other rejected (the equivalent of survival of the fittest at the expense of extinction of the not fit), there will be a reduction in the number of the variables selected from in the first place. It always puzzled me how a mechanism that makes less and less can be the equivalent of a Creator that makes more and more. The evolutionary theory cannot explain how anything came into existence other than by relying on the god of chance. Selection

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can only come into play once variety has been produced by the god of chance.

In light of these contemplations, why is it so difficult for people today to choose the option "in the beginning God created..."? God has not left us orphans. He has raised up people throughout the eons who have stood in defence of truth. Moreover, archaeological evidence is heaping up in support of the

historic events portrayed in the Scriptures, and ancient prophecies are being revealed as truthful to the letter. The prophecies pertaining to Babylon, Tyre, Edom, and Egypt have all been vindicated by the spade of the archaeologist. In spite of this, the validity of prophetic writings is denied or distorted. If God proved so faithful in the past, why should these prophecies pertaining to the future be subject to so much ridicule?

When are people going to arise to stand in defence of truth? Why is it unfashionable to speak about the great prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, both of which are recommended for our study by Jesus Christ Himself ["When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, whoso readeth, let him understand." (Matt 24:15) and "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy..." (Revelation 1:3)].

Today, people want to exclude these great teachings of Scripture from the repertoire of their sermons and concentrate only on such issues which will not ruffle feathers or make the path less smooth. Are these portions of Scripture obsolete? Have they lost their power? Is the antichrist as defined in Daniel chapter 7 no longer the antichrist? The great themes of the coming of Christ and the warnings of the great deception which will if possible deceive the very elect - are these themes which may no longer be preached?

We are living in a time when people are hungering for peace, but cannot find it in the turmoil of our times. They are ready to accept a counterfeit peace rather than have no peace at all. Are we willing to let them die instead of standing in defence of truth and revealing the deceptions of our age? Did not Christ say all things would be revealed (1 Cor 3:13) and that the coming of the Son of Man would not come until that man of sin be revealed? (2 Thess 2:3) What will Jesus say when He returns and the trumpet has never been given a certain sound and larger numbers are lost because they were never given the option or choice whereby they could choose this day whom they would serve?

I write this not as a rebuke, but with a deep sense of sadness that the Son of God who did so much to save us should be so maligned and marginalized that everyone would want His salvation but few want to believe the basic tenets of truth that He has given us in the Holy Scriptures.

Even when God sends His prophets to help us along the way, and clearly ensures that every single test regarding a true prophet be applicable to those that He specifically sends, we find that we have so much fear about what the world will say, who do not believe the creation account, and who do not want to keep the commandments of God, that we compromise and lay aside that which was designed for our help. It is my prayer that the Lord may enthrone us to build the walls of Zion, to stand in the breach, and to defend the plain "thus saith the Lord."

Professor Walter J. Veith



NEW 2000 SERIES VIDEOS

To those who ordered the videos from the new 2000 series, we apologize for the delay in getting them to you. Along with you, we too are anxiously waiting to obtain the videos from the production company. The video company, Parable Maker, has been experiencing a number of difficulties with some of their equipment, and along with the delay involved in servicing that equipment, has also been slowed down by a backlog of post-production work on other projects.

As we understand, Parable Maker is currently in post-production for the new 2000 series videos, and want to be sure that any wrinkles are ironed out before we pass them on to you, as I'm sure you would like your videos to be enjoyable to view after all this wait.

So, please don't despair. We haven't forgotten you! The moment that we receive the masters from the company, we will be copying, packaging, and mailing your orders to get them to you as quickly as possible.

If you would like to contact Parable Maker directly to inquire about the progress of the videos, they welcome your comments. You may reach them at: parablemaker@hotmail.com or 909-885-1500. Their website is: www.parablemaker.com.

We thank you for your gracious patience with us.

AMAZING DISCOVERIES UPDATE

As we enter the new millennium, and Y2K fears are forgotten, many have flung themselves back into life, thinking themselves fools for having thought that something in the future was about to change. Life is going on as before, the new year's change causing barely a ripple in anyone's life. Is it really the time of the end?

Yes, we believe it is! With each passing day, we move one step nearer to the long-awaited and seemingly delayed coming of our Lord! The three angels' messages have yet to sound clearer than they have heretofore been heard. Have we forgotten about them? We don't seem to see or hear too much of them of late. But their message is as important today as when they were given.

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, 'Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.'" (Rev 14:6,7)

The proclamation of this message is our work now as never before. Now is the quiet before the storm, while we as yet have freedom to proclaim the message of the everlasting gospel. God's last day church is to point people back to these important truths as given in the three angels' messages:

- 1) the gospel
- 2) reverence and respect for God
- 3) judgment is come
- 4) God as creator with the Sabbath as a sign of God's covenant people
- 5) warning Babylon of her sins, identifying the beast and its mark so that everyone everywhere can tell the true from the counterfeit.

This is the message that Amazing Discoveries wishes to proclaim. Already this year, we have had several series in North America with Dr. Veith on the truth of creation and the nearness of Christ's coming - Southern California, Seattle, Washington, and British Columbia: Canada. We believe that our mission is more

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Now more than ever, as we look to expand our evangelistic efforts in North America, we need your financial support. If you believe with us, that now is the time to boldly proclaim the truth of God's creation, and God's plan of redemption for each person's life, then you need to join with Amazing Discoveries in proclaiming the three angels' message!!

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vital and urgent now as never before.

Some may worry that, because we are a non-profit organization, we seek to tear people away from the Adventist church. But this is not true. Our purpose is not to form a limb severed from the body while upholding the ancient landmarks, but rather to work within the body to encourage faith in the Word of God as it stands. It is our purpose to encourage God's people to have faith in the Scriptures and to encourage the whole world to believe that Jesus Christ is the Creator, Redeemer, and King of the universe.

Throughout this year and the next, we would like to expand our evangelistic efforts with your help. Our first goal is to complete work on our website. The internet continues to grow at an exponential rate, and for a long time Amazing Discoveries has had a dream of a 24-hour-a-day worldwide evangelistic meeting. Once our website is fully functional, anybody in the world who searches for information on creation, evolution, prophecy, Christianity, Jesus, heaven, or any other spiritual subjects will be directed to our website and be able to find Biblical truth. As a matter of fact, we are planning to also make downloadable lectures by Dr. Veith avail-


able to anyone anytime. In addition, a question and answer section will encourage those with questions to find some answers.

But our plans don't end there. As of 2001, God willing, Dr. Veith will be available full time for evangelism. Consequently, he will be able to give a full evangelistic series in several locations throughout North America. These new plans are no small feat for a small non-profit organization such as Amazing Discoveries, but we believe that God is calling us to devote more energy into this end-time work than ever before. And we believe that God can raise up the means to do it, too.

Another aspect of our ministry we feel needs expansion is our health ministry. With Dr. Veith's increased availability, Amazing Discoveries would like to expand in this area, making health seminars more frequent and a special ministry to the public, with cooking schools and much more.

Your continued prayers for the work are deeply appreciated and greatly needed. In addition, your financial support will enable this work to proceed and God's end-time message to be proclaimed to as many people around the world as possible and hasten the Lord's soon return.

AMAZING DISCOVERIES EVANGELISM 2000 REPORT

On the eve of the new millennium, Dr. Veith appeared on  **CKNW 980: The Rafe Mair Talkshow** for one hour on the controversial subject - "The creation story - according to Charles Darwin or Genesis?" Mr. Rafe Mair, who is known to be a probing talkhost and whose show has a large listening audience in the Greater Vancouver area with its million+ inhabitants had a special welcome for Dr. Veith on his show: "I always enjoy it when Walter comes, as it is always so provocative."

In addition, Walter appeared for an hour-long interview on 99.5 FM KKLA Radio in S. California with Stephanie Edwards. She writes: "The memory of our short hour together in the studio lingers in my mind as one of the most rewarding of all, and I'm so thankful for it. I'm more grateful to you than I can say, and appreciate your carefully attention and selfless efforts to assist Dr. Veith's visit to Southern California."

How wonderful that the lectures were so well attended and that there are tapes available! ... Warmest ongoing good wishes..."

British Columbia, Canada:
Report by Tonny M. Dear

On January 29-31, 1999, Amazing Discoveries held a mini-series at the Westminster SDA Church on the new developments in end-time events. The church was filled to capacity each night, as people came from all over, including many from Bellingham, WA and Oregon to hear the presentations.

The first of three presentations, entitled *Signs and Wonders*, illustrated how the Catholic Church has been increasingly emphasizing the Virgin Mary as co-redeemer and co-mediatrix. An explosion of apparitions, signs, and weeping statues in Catholic circles has caused a revival among devout Catholics and even a special order of priests devoted specifically to Mary worship. This Marian Movement is clearly detailed in the presentation, showing many photos of the miracles that are calling Catholics to a stricter, more serious walk emphasizing strict Sunday observance.

The next presentation, *A New Order Rises*, chronicled the trend of deception from paganism and sun worship, through the role of the Inquisition, the Jesuits, Freemasonry, the Illuminati, the Council of Rome to the demise of the 33 day Pope, John Paul I. *The New World Order* presentation on New Year's Eve depicted events from the death of John Paul I through the Cold War and the heralding of Sunday Law enforcement.


On New Years Day, 2000, Dr. Veith gave the Sabbath sermon at the Westminster SDA Church, and proceeded in

the evening with a series on health - *Life At It's Best* which continued on Sunday the following day. This health series has been greatly expanded since Dr. Veith's last visit, and was an excellent and thorough seminar answering many concerns people have with the vegetarian lifestyle.

Perfect Fuel for Perfect Health outlined optimal food ingredients and cooking conditions. *Sitting on a Time Bomb* gave reference to the opposite - what to avoid. These included MSG, BHT, BHA, food colorants, sodium benzoate and vinegar, along with butter and margarine.

Udderly Amazing started with the observation that many people, especially certain races, lack the necessary enzymes to digest milk products. Dr. Veith showed the folly of sending milk powder to starving children in many underdeveloped countries. Next Dr. Veith demonstrated through his own research and that of others that bone density does not represent bone strength and invalidates the use of bone density measurement as a parameter for assessing osteoporosis. The association of milk consumption with fat and cholesterol deposition, iron deficiency, diabetes mellitus, ovarian cancer, cataracts, food allergies, osteoporosis, colic, leukemia, multiple sclerosis, infertility and salmonellosis were also made. Special comment was reserved for the consumption of cheese and was encapsulated in the phrase "Cheese should never enter the human stomach" (EGW).

An Alternative Lifestyle was the concluding presentation and emphasized the merits of a vegan lifestyle. It has been associated with enhanced longevity and endurance. The roles of fresh, whole, vegetarian foods, food combinations, acid versus alkaline foods were discussed and we were left with some aphorisms for meditation: "Sugar clogs the system" (EGW) and "Those who partake of fruit will receive a special blessing" (EGW).

 **New Website:** As of April 1, 2000, the new design for our website is up on the web. Although each section has not yet been completed, the new layout should be more readable and easier to manoeuvre. Some things to look for in the coming months: more readable articles, an updated catalogue and order form, a list of upcoming seminars by Dr. Veith along with dates and location so you can inform friends and relatives, downloadable lectures by Dr. Veith from his seminars, question and answer section, an expanded health section, and more. We hope you come visit us again and again and tell your friends about us.

By the way, we do have a new web address that you will want to take note of:

New Web Address:
www.amazingdiscoveries.org

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A SHELTER IN THE TIME OF STORM

by Dr. Saleem Faraq

AIDS CRISIS IN ZIMBABWE, AFRICA



Many tourists and even frequent visitors who come to Zimbabwe see the lovely game parks, exotic flowers, colourful birds and trees. They may never notice that behind this pristine tropical paradise is the AIDS nightmare that has gripped the

country for almost two decades in a slow motion suicide.

Mortuaries in Zimbabwe are always full. Over 1200 people die every week from AIDS related causes alone. Most of them are young parents leaving a generation of orphans. In Zimbabwe, with a population of approximately ten million, there are 800,000 orphans. Children often are infected with the dreaded disease at birth. Grandmothers are left to care for all the grandchildren when their children and spouses have died of AIDS. One grandmother said, "We are living in a strange world today; instead of children burying their parents and grandparents, the grandparents are now burying their children and grandchildren."

Funerals have become common place. Churches are busy burying members. In Zimbabwe, one out of four young adults between the ages of 14 and 45 are infected with the HIV virus. The forecast for Zimbabwe is more death and devastation to the family structure, economic development, and more orphans. Patients go to the hospitals to die, not to be treated. The drugs that slow down the virus are not available nor affordable in Africa.

The AIDS epidemic in Zimbabwe is part of a burgeoning slow-motion holocaust in Sub-Saharan Africa. It has already claimed more lives than the Holocaust during World War II. It is estimated that 33 million adults worldwide are living with HIV infection or full blown AIDS; two-thirds living in Sub-Saharan Africa. Just by way of comparison, North America has .89 million HIV/AIDS infected while Sub-Saharan Africa has over 23 million! In this world of quiet horror, AIDS has become the leading cause of death in the Sub-African continent with over 5000 deaths each day.

The need for homes for the AIDS orphaned children is a challenge for the nation and for the Church. The traditional extended family in Africa, which normally took care of orphans in the past, is now unable to care for the children because of inflation and because of the large numbers of children orphaned by AIDS. Yet in this raging storm, small efforts here and there are being made to provide shelters for innocent victims. One such shelter is

the self-supporting Simbaredenga Newstart Children's Home on the outskirts of Harare.

In January 1999, my wife Grace and I were directed through the narrow streets of Mabvuku to a small tool shed where ten children who lost both parents were living. The oldest was 16 years old and was now the head of the family. She had no skills to enable her to earn a living for her large family which she inherited when her parents died of AIDS, and so she worked the streets to feed her young brothers and sisters. We wanted to take all of them and give them food and a decent place to live. Their pleading eyes broke our hearts. But we had no place to care for all these ten children. We offered to care for five of them, but their sister's heart could not bear to see her family split off. "We lost both parents and now we want to stay together," she said.



They had no food and no furniture in their little "home", but they had each other. This was a dilemma for us; all we could do was supply them with enough food to last them a month or two! Before many days passed, the "head of the home" came to tell us the children were hungry, and requested that they "be taken to the people who gave them the food." So we took the five youngest children in temporary quarters at Simbaredenga to provide them with food, shelter, and education. We decided right then and there to build an eight bedroom home for them and 30 other orphans at Simbaredenga. The home would be named: Simbaredenga Newstart Children's Home (Simbaredenga means "Power From Heaven").

Things started to happen in quick succession. Twenty-five acres of land were donated by Crest Breeders International next to Simbaredenga SDA Primary and Secondary School. This will be sufficient to build three homes and still have enough for a small farm. A group from Oregon Sunnyside Church, under the direction of Dr. Ron and Nancy Franzke, offered to bring 38 builders and students to put up the structure between March 17-31. The foundation was completed in spite of heavy rains in Zimbabwe and a severe fuel shortage.

US\$50,000 for the exterior construction of the first home has been raised and this segment is almost complete. US\$5100 has also been donated by World Medics for one of two boreholes needed to insure we are not totally dependent on rainwater for

the sustainability of the farm, which will be the source of food for the children. It is planned that the second borehole will be sunk in view of the fact that water from the first borehole will not be sufficient. It is our aim to mobilize one of the two wells for the SDA school next door. This will enable them to water their gardens much more cheaply than using municipal water. The cost of using municipal water has become so prohibitive that the school took an action to discontinue the gardens, as the cost of the water was more than the income generated by the garden. This is a big tragedy to the school as the sale of garden vegetables to local markets was subsidizing the tuition and keeping it at a level that people could afford.

The second borehole for the orphanage is needed to grow gardens which will provide food and sustain the project. It is possible that enough maize and garden vegetables could be raised to not only feed the children, but to see a profit which will provide for the needs of the children, ie. clothing, school tuition, and other expenses. With the water, the land, and a tractor the Children's Home can raise funds from the farm on a yearly basis and make the operation sustainable. Therefore, the provision of this borehole is crucial for the development of the program.

It was our original plan to build the exterior, interior, and furnishings for \$50 000 US, but materials and transport in Zimbabwe have skyrocketed in the past few months, so that the total amount has been needed for the construction of the exterior of the Home. The interior will be completed when funds are on hand, ie. screens, plastering, painting, cupboards, kitchen furnishings, furniture, and bathrooms, flooring, laundry, etc. It is estimated that \$10 000 US will be needed for this purpose.

The Home is well underway to being self-sustaining. Twelve acres planted in maize will be ready to harvest in April/May. (Maize is the staple diet in Zimbabwe). This will be enough to feed the children and the staff at the Home.

This Home is the first of three being planned at Simbaredenga and will cater to children who are between the ages of 3-7. The second will cater to children between 8-12, and the third for children between 12-16. Each home will care for 40 children. It was decided to construct three separate structures rather than one large single dormitory in order to provide the children a homelike atmosphere. A wonderful Christian couple has been found to be the house mother and father, to help create a Christian homelike atmosphere for these children. They will be educated in an SDA School from elementary through high school next door to the home. Students who excel in school will have opportunity to go to Solusi University. It is our aim to provide them not only with a home, but with a Christian education and invite them to join God's remnant people.

Because of the magnitude of the orphan problem in Zimbabwe, it was decided to first accept only those who have lost both parents, or those children abandoned at birth. We have received requests from the hospital to admit children who have been aban-

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**Amazing Discoveries Welcomes
Dr. Saleem Faraq
and
Dr. Rick Westermeyer
and their families**

**to
Vancouver Central SDA Church
5350 Baillie Street**

**7:00 pm
Friday, May 12, 2000
Is a Little Wine Good?**

Recently released medical studies have suggested that moderate consumption of alcohol may have beneficial health effects. This brings into question the long standing Adventist position of avoiding any alcohol consumption. The World Health Organization considers alcohol to be the number one drug problem in the world at the same time that health care professionals are suggesting some patients may benefit from the cardiac protective effects of alcohol. Can we look at the medical data and make wise and informed choices on this issue in light of the current research?



**Sabbath, May 13, 2000
AIDS, ALCOHOL, AND THE ADVENT**

**11:00 am
What Time Is It?**

**&
2:30 pm**

**Give Them Tomorrow - The Orphan
Generation in Africa**

By the year 2010, more than 30 million people will have died from AIDS worldwide, surpassing all the deaths from all the wars fought in the last century. No country is immune from its ravages, no community free from its devastating effects. Spiritually, emotionally, physically, and medically it is one of the deadliest diseases, if not the deadliest, ever to strike the human race. The church must see that the story of AIDS is not about epidemiology, economics, or statistics. Rather it is the story of pain, anguish, fear, and neglect. The church is neither free from its ravages, nor exempt from the responsibilities this human tragedy brings.

How will Adventism respond to the health care dilemmas and challenges of alcohol and AIDS in light of our belief in the soon return of Christ? As a church, can we develop an articulate response that is both consistent and credible to the sophisticated world in which we live?

**AIDS, ALCOHOL, AND THE ADVENT will be
an interactive seminar to explore these issues and to
develop educational approaches for our youth.**

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"Yes, it is a press, certainly, but a press from which shall soon flow, in inexhaustible streams, the most abundant and most marvellous liquor that has ever flowed to relieve the thirst of men! Through it, God will spread His Word. A spring of pure truth shall flow from it; like a new star it shall scatter the darkness of ignorance, and cause a light heretofore unknown to shine amongst men." (*Ibid*, p. 334)

It is not known how many of Gutenberg's Bibles were printed. Only 47 copies survive today and only three "perfect" copies are known to exist. But you and I owe our knowledge of God's word in part to the work of his hands. Even this newsletter is a direct beneficiary of Gutenberg's landmark invention.

Gutenberg's first Bibles have, since then, blossomed into hundreds of thousands around the world. The Bible is still the best seller of all time, and is available to anyone who wishes to read its sacred pages. Gideon Bibles are left in countless hotel rooms for travellers needing spiritual guidance. And because God's Holy Word was available for study, the Protestant faith and even our Seventh-day Adventist denomination has sprung into existence. But Satan has hated the Holy Scriptures since they were first penned. He well knows that they enable men to discern his deceptions and withstand his power. It was by the Word that the Saviour of the world resisted his attacks.

Because of Satan's intense desire to maintain sway over men and establish his authority through his usurper on this earth, he has done all in his power to keep people in ignorance of the Scriptures. Because the Bible exalts God and places finite men in their true position, its sacred truths must be concealed and suppressed. This was the logic adopted by the Roman church during the Dark Ages.

"For hundreds of years, the circulation of the Bible was prohibited. The people were forbidden to read it, or to have it in their houses, and unprincipled priests and prelates interpreted its teachings to sustain their pretensions. Thus the pope came to be almost universally acknowledged as the viceregent of God on earth, endowed with supreme authority over church and state." (*Story of Redemption*, p. 328).

Once the detector of error had been removed, Satan was able to work according to his will. Through the Roman Catholic Church, the ten commandments were altered and changed. The second commandment, forbidding image wor-

ship was removed, and the tenth divided into two. In addition, Satan tampered with the fourth commandment also, and tried to set aside the ancient Sabbath, the day which God had blessed and sanctified, and in its stead to exalt the festival observed by the heathen as "the venerable day of the sun". Although, during the first centuries, the true Sabbath was still kept by all Christians, the attention of the people was being called to Sunday as a day in honor of the resurrection of Christ. Religious services were held on it and it was regarded as a day of recreation.

"Vast councils were held, from time to time, in which the dignitaries of the church were convened from all the world. In nearly every council, the Sabbath which God had instituted was pressed down a little lower, while Sunday was correspondingly exalted. Thus the pagan festival came finally to be honored as a divine institution, while the Bible Sabbath was pronounced a relic of Judaism, and its observers were declared to be accursed." (*Ibid*, p. 330)

As the void of the Word continued, the darkness deepened. "Faith was transferred from Christ, the true foundation, to the pope of Rome. Instead of trusting in the Son of God for forgiveness of sins and for eternal salvation, the people looked to the pope and to the priests and prelates to whom he delegated authority. They were taught that the pope was their mediator, and that none could approach God except through him, and further, that he stood in the place of God to them, and was therefore to be implicitly obeyed. A deviation from his requirements was sufficient cause for the severest punishment to be visited upon the bodies and souls of the offenders. Thus the minds of the people were turned away from God to fallible, erring, and cruel men - nay, more, to the prince of darkness himself, who exercised his power through them. Sin was disguised in a garb of sanctity. When the Scriptures are suppressed, and man comes to regard himself as supreme, we need look only for fraud, deception, and debasing iniquity. With the elevation of human laws and traditions was manifest the corruption that ever results from setting aside the law of God. Those were days of peril for the church of Christ. The faithful standard-bearers were few indeed. ... The people were taught not only to look to the pope as their mediator but to trust to works of their own to atone for sin. Long pilgrimages, acts of penance, ... the payment of large sums to the church - these and many similar acts were enjoined to appease the wrath of God or to secure his favour; as if God were like men, to be angered at trifles, or pacified by gifts or acts of penance!

"So bitter had been the war waged upon the Bible that at times there were very few copies in existence; but God had not suffered His Word to be wholly destroyed. Its truths were not to be forever hidden. He could as easily unchain the words of life as He could open prison doors and unbolt iron gates to set His servants free. Amid the gloom, the light of truth could not be wholly extinguished. In different countries of Europe, men, moved by the Spirit of God, studied the sacred pages with intense interest. **They were willing to accept the light at**

any cost to themselves. Though they did not see all things clearly, they were enabled to perceive many long-buried truths. As Heaven-sent messengers they went forth, rending asunder the chains of error and superstition, and calling upon those who had been so long enslaved to arise and assert their liberty. The time had come for the Scriptures to be translated and given to the people of different lands in their native tongue. The world had passed its midnight." (*Ibid*, p. 335,336)

Through the reformers, who knew no fear but the fear of God, the freedom we now enjoy enables us to make the Word of God our daily study.

It seems, however, that Satan's work to extinguish the Word from the minds and hearts of men has not ceased. Now that the Bible is accessible to anyone, how many still treasure it? After its long history, and after all the effort put forth to scatter it around the globe, it has become to many nothing more than a dust collector, door stopper, paperweight, or a decorative ornament in their homes. A growing number of cynics lower the importance of the Bible to the level of a mythological book, a book of fables and far-fetched tales. The Genesis account has repeatedly been downplayed as nothing more than a simplistic story for children, even among our own people. But one cannot use the Bible and the writings of Ellen G. White as a buffet - to pick and choose what is to be believed and what is just "opinion". Reading the Word of God includes obeying and assimilating it into one's own lifestyle. Without that extra step, there is no difference between reading the Bible or some other enlightened book.

This lack of faith in God's Holy Word is universal. The Pope's recent statement that evolution is a good explanation of our origins, is echoed in the statement made by the Jesuit priest, Guy Consolmagno, employed in the Vatican Observatory in Italy. According to the Roman Church, creationism is nothing more than "a 19th-century Protestant heresy. The ancient Church fathers knew better than to interpret the Bible that way." (*Elm Street Magazine*, Winter 1999)

There are so many "winds of doctrine" blowing even among our own churches. Debate and discussion continues on such things as righteousness by faith, keeping the feasts of the Old Testament, Ellen G. White's authenticity, and on and on. Could this all be the beginning of a sign predicted in the book of Amos? As we near the close of this earth's history, another famine of the Word is predicted upon earth's inhabitants. "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: and they shall wander from sea to

sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it." (Amos 8:11)

Are we going to be one of those looking for the Word of God? We who had ample opportunity to drink of the "most abundant and marvellous liquor" of the Word and to bask in the bright light of truth? Will we have wasted our time creating doctrines of our own that tickle the ears, while we could have trusted in the Word of the Lord, believed His prophets, and been a light to the world. (2 Chron 20:20)

While the world is dying to hear the life-giving Word, we sit and argue about our opinions. Instead of accepting the truth, living it and passing it on, we quibble about the inconvenience of changing to a healthy lifestyle, or about the fact that something we believe may not quite suit the times.

I suppose you can't really blame people too much for apostasy if the Word is rarely preached from the pulpit, if leadership won't take a stand on issues, and if sin is never dealt with. Apostasy always starts at the top. God will deal with leaders who refuse to take a bold stand. Remember Jesus as He walked with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, quoting Scripture to them, showing the many prophecies foretelling all the things that would happen to Him while on this earth. The disciples remarked afterward: "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?" (Luke 24:32) Oh that we would be able to say such things after we leave the services on Sabbath mornings.

In Ezekiel 8 & 9, we see a vivid description of the end-time church. At the time of the sealing, every abominable thing was found in the church, either secretly or openly. "Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here?... (Ezekiel 8:17)

The saddest and most awful words ever spoken by our Lord are those found in Matthew 7:21-23. These verses were written to us - to those that profess to follow Christ - to those who are called Christians:

"Not everyone that saith unto me, 'Lord, Lord', shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, 'I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.'"

Is our activity more important than the motive behind it? Are we hiding our unbelief in the Word behind our great works for God? Are we so caught up in doing things for God, that we don't understand or care what truth is anymore? Are building churches, community outreach programs, or rousing worship services going to make up for not applying "the will of the Father" to our personal lives? The time now is to get into Christ. We may be in the church, but are we in Christ?

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And Every One was Wowed!

(Revelation 13:3)

Even if time should go on for another thousand years on this sin-cursed planet (which I don't believe will happen!), what John Paul II is doing will be astounding history. The entire world is wondering at the apologies coming from him as the representative of the largest church on earth. His apologies for the sins and crimes of his church in past history stir mind-boggling "wonder." His words are unmistakable: not only is he confessing and apologizing for individual sins of predecessors in "holy office", such as Pius XII's sins of omission regarding Nazi crimes, or of individual Inquisitors of the infamous Spanish Inquisition; John Paul II is by implication officially confessing corporate sins of his denomination. People on the West Coast are "wondering" at an unprecedented "reconciliation" meeting in Oakland of Roman Catholic church leaders and victims of their clergy sexual abuse. News about clergy sexual crime is tragically continuous. And similar infamy is not confined to Roman Catholicism; Protestant infamy is also news. There were the Southern Baptists and slavery, yes and Methodists too, and there are some shame-laden Tele-evangelists. There's no point in berating the denominations involved; the pot can't say the kettle's black. The Bible wisely says of all humans whether popes, prelates, cardinals, or pastors, "There is none righteous, no, not one" (Rom, 3:10). It's not a matter of "good people" or "bad people," for "they are all under sin" (vs. 9). So the difference is not innate goodness, for there is no such thing, says Romans. But there is universal innate badness that desperately needs redemption and heart cleansing. The "goodness" or "badness" of human

history therefore is easily analyzed in biblical terms: some people understand and believe the only Savior the world has, and some don't. Clergy who fall into sexual crimes are to be pitied; they need the gospel. A denomination that has involved itself in corporate guilt invalidating its claim to divine approval is to be pitied. The root problem is a failure to understand "the truth of the gospel" of Jesus (see Gal 2:5). Crimes against humanity are impossible (see Gal 5:16-17) in individuals or denominations that understand and believe the gospel, for "the truth of the gospel" "is the power of God unto salvation [from sin] to everyone that believeth" it (Rom 1:16). Catholic bashing is inappropriate for Protestants. It's time that every church re-study "the truth of the gospel" and accept and believe and teach it. Would that the pope would teach his clergy the gospel! His unprecedented behavior is another "sign" that controversy is soon to shake the world (and churches) as never before - since Pentecost. This tells me that God's true gospel is getting out there (Matt 24:14)!

A century ago, Ellen White foresaw this development when she wrote about what we see happening today: "The Roman Church now presents a fair front to the world, covering with apologies her record of horrible cruelties. She has clothed herself in Christlike garments; but she is unchanged. Every principle of the Papacy that existed in past ages exists today." (*Great Controversy*, p. 471)

Be very Careful! But do Not FEAR! "The papal church will never relinquish her claim to infallibility. All that she has done in her persecution of those who reject her dogmas she holds to be right; and would she not repeat the same acts, should the opportunity be presented? Let the restraints now imposed by secular governments be removed and Rome be reinstated in her former power, and there would speedily be a revival of her tyranny and persecution." (*The Great Controversy*, p. 564)

Pastor Don Anderson

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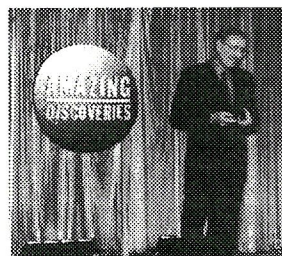
California 2000: Report by Bob Ferguson

Dr. Walter J. Veith, professor at the University of the Western Cape in South Africa, presented a three-week seminar at the Azure Hills SDA Church in Grand Terrace, California from January 7-23, 2000. His multimedia presentation covered three primary areas:

The Genesis Conflict: startling new evidence concerning the geological column, the fossil record, and our biochemical origin, **The Bible Speaks:** factual evidences regarding Bible prophecy and history's coming climax, and **Life At It's Best:** vivid counsels on health, disease and practical alternatives for today's busy lifestyles.

Dr. Veith's lectures were very popular and widely received because they were found to be based firmly on

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Why is God not now bringing many into the church? The majority of God's people are still in the world waiting to hear the message! (Isaiah 43:5,6,7) They have not yet joined the Adventist church! Why not? Because we don't do enough to spread the Word? Yes. Because our burning desire is not evangelism as it should be? Yes. But also because God cannot allow it because of the condition of the people in the church. What would happen to those joining the church? They would come in and find God's people belittling the health message and ashamed of it, living opposite to their high calling, even playing rock music in God's Holy sanctuary! They would find "many of those who count themselves as His chosen, peculiar people satisfied to live without the evidence that, of a truth, God is among them to save them from Satan's snares and attacks." (8T, 248)

**"...to leave men and women without excuse, God gives plain and pointed Testimonies, bringing them back to the Word that they have neglected to follow."
2 T, 455**

"Many of the professed, peculiar people of God are so conformed to the world that their peculiar character is not discerned, and it is difficult to distinguish 'between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.' God would do great things for His people if they would come out from the world and be separate. If they would submit to be led by Him, He would make them a praise in all the earth. Says the True Witness: 'I know thy works.' Angels of God who minister unto those who shall be heirs of salvation are acquainted with the condition of all and understand

just the measure of faith possessed by each individual. The unbelief, pride, covetousness, and love of the world, which have existed in the hearts of God's professed people, have grieved the sinless angels. As they have seen that grievous and presumptuous sins exist in the hearts of many professed followers of Christ, and that God has been dishonored by their inconsistent, crooked course, they have been caused to weep. And yet those most at fault, those who cause the greatest feebleness in the church and bring a stain upon their holy profession, do not seem to be alarmed or convicted, but seem to feel that they are flourishing in the Lord." (2T, 125)

We have been given a prophet to guide us through the maze of temptations and false doctrines that are devised by Satan to deceive us. The prophet is a sign of the true church. Even the early church had the gift of prophecy, (1 Cor 1:5) and look how they prospered with the spirit of prophecy among them! But Luther, Zwingli, Knox, Calvin - all the great reformers - although they did a great work for God, were not prophets, nor was the gift of prophecy manifested among them. Why? Because the law was still not being kept! God only blesses with a prophet the church that obeys the law. The law and the prophet always go together! You cannot be a true Seventh-day Adventist and not believe in the prophet. It is because we shy away from reading her books and counsels that we have so many man-made doctrines roaring through our churches. "Where there is no vision [prophetic vision], the people perish!" (Proverbs 29:18) As a matter of fact, Ellen White herself says that there would have been no need for her writings if we had been reading the Word and following Scripture as we should. "The Word of God is sufficient to enlighten the most beclouded mind, and may be understood by those who have any desire to understand it. But notwithstanding all this, some who profess to make the Word of God their study are found living in direct opposition to its plainest teachings. Then, to leave men and women without excuse, God gives plain and

pointed Testimonies, bringing them back to the Word that they have neglected to follow." (2T, p. 455)

The time now is to get into Christ. We may be in the church, but are we in Christ?

It isn't a new thing to reject the prophet and the law. The prophets were not sent to rebuke the gentiles! They were always sent to God's church, because His people too often long for the leeks and onions of Egypt! They like to eat like the world, dress like the world, seem like the world, talk like the world, marry into the families of the world - anything but be a peculiar people! (1 Peter 2:9) The prophets were sent to God's people to wake them up and to perfect them! (Ephesians 4:8-11) But His people throughout the Bible were always shunning them, ridiculing them, ignoring them, bothered by them! And they still don't want to accept the prophet. We still prefer the modern voices of the popular writers, even those of other denominations, than the voice of a little woman 150 years ago.

Let us stop drinking from the wine - the false doctrines - of Babylon. Let us stop studying the books and attending workshops by those who don't believe the law of God! What can we learn from them? We have so much to learn from the one God has sent! Let's not despise prophesying. (1 Thess 5:20) Let us hold fast the faithful Word as we have been taught. (Titus 1:9)

- Wendy G. Penner



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the Holy Scriptures, the Spirit of Prophecy, and actual research results by Dr. Veith, along with other verifiable sources.

Thanks to the efforts of Amazing Discoveries and volunteers in California, the seminar was well advertised in local radio, newspapers, flyers, posters and bulletins. Attendance by scientists, health professionals, non-Christians, agnostics, atheists, and Christians was 1150 the first nights, and 475-600 each remaining night. Aside from the 27 formal video taped nightly lectures, Dr. Veith preached six sermons in three churches and had three radio presentations, including 2 one-hour interviews with a listening audience covering most of Southern California.

To the Board of Amazing Discoveries and all our brethren and friends in B.C., we recognize all your prayers and financial support which made this ministry in the California area a huge success. The result is countless souls introduced to the Lord, many for the first time.



"Dr. Veith you are a messenger of God. You are living proof that there are still some willing to teach no smooth and popular sayings, but Bible based truth. California cannot thank you enough! To God be the glory!" - Elder Bob Ferguson, Director of Outreach Ministries at the 2000 member SDA congregation of Azure Hills Church.



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done, but we have not been able to accept them for lack of proper accommodation. We hope someday to be able to take these little ones who are born into a hostile environment and are not wanted.

The long range plan is to establish a vocational school for these orphans, so that students will be able to make a living in areas such as farming, carpentry, building, auto mechanics, metal work, sewing, etc.

The construction of the exterior of the first home to house boys and girls aged 3-6 will be completed in April 2000. The interior will be completed as funds are available. The second home for boys and girls aged 7-12 will be constructed in 2002. The third home for ages 13-16 will be built in 2004. Each home will have a wing of bedrooms on the right for girls and a wing of bedrooms on the left for boys separated by a common kitchen, dining/living area.

A church structure will also be erected on the campus in the near future as a beacon of hope in the dark night.

This home is like a small lifeboat in a dark and stormy ocean of pain and suffering. One can easily conclude that the problem is too huge and the effort too small to make a difference, especially when one thinks there are 10 million orphans in Sub-Saharan Africa. However, even though we are not going to be able to help very many, our Lord Jesus said: "Because you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me."

-Dr. S. Farag



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