



Spring 2001
Volume 6
Issue 2

IN THIS ISSUE

From the Editor... 2

Zimbabwe Report 12

Third Angel's Message
Rejected 9
Ellen G. White

Your Questions Answered
by Walter J. Veith 11



A Firm Foundation 3
Ellen G. White

Upcoming Events 8,17

Snares of Satan 7
Ellen G. White

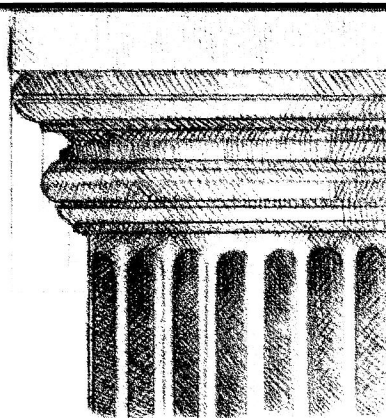
Health & Lifestyle 18

End of 2300 Days 5
Ellen G. White

New Products
& Updates 9,10,19

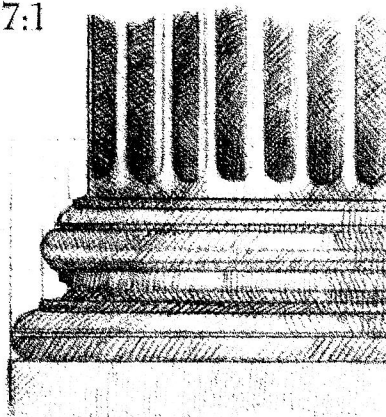
Faith on the line

A Journal for Those Who Dare



UNLESS THE LORD BUILDS
THE HOUSE, THOSE WHO
BUILD IT LABOR IN VAIN.

PSALM 127:1



From the Editor...



The times we live in are very exciting ones because, I believe, we are living at the very end of history. Some of us may very well be alive during the coming Sunday law and the resulting persecution and God willing, may even see Jesus come with our own eyes. That is very exciting to me! But before even that takes place, we have other thrilling experiences to look forward - for example, the latter rain and the loud cry. And as the last few moments of time tick by, we can play a part in spreading the last-day gospel to the world around us.

As energizing as this mandate is, at this very moment, instead of heeding the call, accepting the challenge to be a peculiar people for God with a unique and special message for this world, we find our church in a crisis that threatens the very basis of our faith. And what is that crisis? It is seeds of confusion and deception that the enemy of souls has sown in our midst that have taken root and are growing with abundance. What do I mean? Let me give you an example of what I'm talking about.

Have you ever heard a comment like this?: "Why is it such a terrible thing to bor-

row from other religions? After all, when we look back in history, we see that the Adventists got their glorious message of righteousness by faith from the Lutherans, and the excellent message of the Seventh-day Sabbath, from the Seventh-day Baptists!..." This comment displays faulty thinking. Lutherans may have had the message of righteousness by faith since Luther's existence, and some Baptists may have discovered the truth of the Seventh-day Sabbath prior to our denomination's birth, but to imply that our message is a copy or conglomeration of various doctrines that have been picked and chosen from other denominations displays a lack of knowledge about the early beginning of our denomination and in fact, diminishes and insults the working of the Holy Spirit at the birth of Seventh-day Adventism. Not only that, it also implies that the Seventh-day Baptists were the first Sabbath keepers, which is untrue. The Sabbath has been preserved in every generation since creation. The Waldenses kept the Sabbath, as did innumerable other groups around the world including the ancient Chinese! And none of these "borrowed" it from anyone, but found it through study of God's Word. (See LLT Production's first release of their new video series entitled *The Lost Pages of History* available through Amazing Discoveries.)

As far as I have read from the Spirit of Prophecy, the pioneers of our faith, discarded all preconceived ideas at the time that they earnestly sought to establish Biblical doctrines of faith, and allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to them, searched the Scrip-

tures night and day for a balanced view of each and every doctrine. In addition, the Holy Spirit validated these doctrines, after they had thoroughly studied all they could, in vision to Ellen White when she herself did not grasp these doctrines! (See inset next page) It was God in His infinite wisdom that covered the truths from Ellen White so

that she would not understand them. As a result, it cannot be said that any of the doctrines were instituted by Ellen G. White, but all may see that they came about solely by the Holy Spirit's working.

Take another example that muddles the issue: "How can people be so arrogant as to imply that we alone have the truth! It is a sign that we must change our thinking! There is truth in all denominations, and it is wrong to seclude ourselves as the only ones that have truth on any matter! Why can't we learn from other denomina-

tions? In fact, there are people in other denominations much more Christian than I am! Their lives put mine to shame!"

Now, as much as this statement might sound logical, it is deceptive. Firstly, just because someone has a quality personal walk with Christ does not automatically mean that they have new or better truth. It merely implies that the truth that they have received has been incarnated and assimilated, unlike other Christians including Adventists who may have accumulated a large amount of truth by knowledge, but who haven't necessarily submitted themselves to a life-changing experience as a result of practicing that truth. Each one must serve Him with *all* his heart, and *all* his strength. And God requires of those who have

Many of our people do not realize how firmly the foundation of our faith has been laid. [Those] who were keen, noble, and true, ... after the passing of the time in 1844, searched for the truth as for hidden treasure. I met with them, and we studied and prayed earnestly. Often we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night, praying for light and studying the Word. Again and again these brethren came together to study the Bible, in order that they might know its meaning, and be prepared to teach it with power.



A Firm Foundation

by Ellen G. White

"Many of our people do not realize how firmly the foundation of our faith has been laid. My husband, Elder Joseph Bates, Father Pierce, Elder Edson, and others who were keen, noble, and true, were among those who, after the passing of the time in 1844, searched for the truth as for hidden treasure. I met with them, and we studied and prayed earnestly. Often we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night, praying for light and studying the Word. Again and again these brethren came together to study the Bible, in order that they might know its meaning, and be prepared to teach it with power. When they came to the point in their study where they said, 'We can do nothing more' the Spirit of the Lord would come upon me, I would be taken off in vision, and a clear explanation of the passages we had been studying would be given me, with instruction as to how we were to labor and teach effectively. Thus light was given that helped us to understand the scriptures in regard to Christ, His mission, and His priesthood. A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of God was made plain to me, and I gave to others the instruction that the Lord had given me.

"During this whole time, I could not understand the reasoning of the brethren.

My mind was locked, as it were, and I could not comprehend the meaning of the scriptures we were studying. This was one of the greatest sorrows of my life. I was in this condition of mind until all the principal points of our faith were made clear to our minds, in harmony with the word of God. The brethren knew that when not in vision, I could not understand these matters, and they accepted as light direct from heaven the revelations given.

"For two or three years, my mind continued to be locked to an understanding of the Scriptures. In the course of our labors, my husband and I visited Father Andrews, who was suffering intensely with inflammatory rheumatism. We prayed for him. I laid my hands on his head, and said, 'Father Andrews, the Lord Jesus maketh thee whole!' He was healed instantly. He got up, and walked about the room, praising God, and saying, 'I never saw it on this wise before. Angels of God are in this room.'

"The glory of the Lord was revealed. Light seemed to shine all through the house, and an angel's hand was laid upon my head. From that time to this I have been able to understand the word of God.

"What influence is it that would lead men at this stage of our history to work in an underhand, powerful way to tear down the foundation of our faith - the foundation that was laid at the beginning of our work by prayerful study of the word and by revelation? Upon this foundation we have been building for the past fifty years." (*Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2*)



much light more than He requires of those who have little; yet it is the one just standard.

To borrow from a writer whose sermons and books I immensely enjoy for his logical and clear explanations of difficult and controversial issues:

"Throughout history, there has always been a temptation for our minis-

ters to pattern our practices after other churches. Ellen G. White warned against this in her day: 'A new order of things has come into the ministry. There is a desire to pattern after other churches, and simplicity and humility are almost unknown. Young ministers who desire to be original introduce new ideas and new plans for labor.' (*Signs of the Times*,

Dec 27, 1899). She expressed her concerns about the influence of other churches on our ministers: 'Some ministers are adopting the customs of other churches, copying their habits and manner of labor' (*ibid*, May 25, 1882).

Warning of the dangers inherent in responding to other churches' invitations to learn from them and employ their methods and labor, Mrs. White wrote: 'They may desire us to unite with them, and accept their plans, and may make propositions in regard to our course of action which may give the enemy an advantage over us' (*General Conference Bulletin*, April 13, 1891).

In embracing Mrs. White's counsel, Seventh-day Adventists are not suggesting that they alone have the truth. The Word of God is clear that every human being in God's world has at least a little light (Jn 1:9; Jas 4:17) and that God has revealed Himself in nature, history, human experience, and in many other ways (Ps 19; Rom 1 & 2; Heb 1:1,2). Consequently, Adventists hold that some divine truth can be found in the secular world (whether atheistic or materialistic), in pagan and non-Christian religions, as well as in all Christian denominations - Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, and Pentecostal. God is truth and the ultimate source of all truth. Where truth is found, we must embrace it.

Adventists however, insist that whatever light can be found in other churches, they have also and much more besides. Believing that God has raised up their church as His end-time repository of truth, Adventists hold that they have the *present truth*, the *everlasting gospel* for these last days.

The issue then, is not whether other faiths or churches have some truth. Instead the question is whether our ministers ought to look to other churches for new light. Given

...Continued On Page 4

From the Editor

Continued From Page 3

our self-understanding as God's end-time depository of truth, is it necessary for us to go to churches that are still living in spiritual darkness to discover new light or additional truth from them? If these churches represent "Babylon", and if it is true that "Babylon is fallen," how can we call upon our brothers and sisters in "Babylon" to "Come out of her, My people" (Rev 18"4), when we ourselves are now returning to "Babylon" to receive instruction from her?...

It is a mistake for us to think that the world will embrace our message when we use worldly methods. The New Testament tells us that when Christ came to the world, "the world knew him not" (Jn 1:10), for He was "not of this world" (Jn 8:23). What makes us believe that we can succeed where Christ failed?

Jesus Himself mentioned that Christians "are not of the world, even as I am not of it" (Jn 17:16; cf. vv 9,14). He stated emphatically that the works of this world are evil (Jn 7:7). He said that true believers are not of the world and prayed that they should be kept from its evil ways (Jn 17:14,15). Because the Spirit of God stands against the spirit of the world (1 Cor 2:12), the gospel should not be presented in such a way as to be coupled with the standards of the world. "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed... that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom 12:2)." (*Must We Be Silent?* S. Pipim).

The heart of the argument lies, I believe, in a long-forgotten dream that Ellen White had in her early days and is found in the inset on page 5. I find this dream very significant because it underscores several of her other statements, such as the following: "I saw that since the second angel proclaimed the fall of the churches, they have been growing more and more corrupt. They bear the name of being Christ's followers; yet it is impossible to distinguish them from the world. Ministers take their texts from the Word of God, but preach smooth things. To this the natural heart feels no objection. It is only the spirit and power of the truth and the salvation of Christ that are hateful to the carnal heart. There is nothing in the popular ministry that stirs the wrath of Satan, makes the sinner tremble, or applies to the heart and conscience the fearful realities of a judgment soon to come. Wicked men are generally pleased with a form of piety without true godliness, and they will aid and support such a religion. Said the angel, "...Satan has taken full possession of the churches as a body. The sayings and doings of men are dwelt upon instead of the plain, cutting truths of the Word of God. The spirit and friendship of the world are at enmity with God. When the truth in its

simplicity and strength, as it is in Jesus, is brought to bear against the spirit of the world, it at once awakens the spirit of persecution. Very many who profess to be Christians have not known God. The natural heart has not been changed and the carnal mind remains at enmity with God. They are Satan's faithful servants, notwithstanding they have assumed another name." I saw that since Jesus left the holy place of the heavenly sanctuary and entered within the second veil, the churches have been filling up with every unclean and hateful bird. I saw great iniquity and vileness in the churches; yet their members profess to be Christians. Their profession, their prayers, and their exhortations are an abomination in the sight of God. Said the angel, "God will not smell in their assemblies. Selfishness, fraud, and deceit are practiced by them without the reprovings of conscience. And over all these evil traits they throw the cloak of religion." I was shown the pride of the nominal churches. God is not in their thoughts; their carnal minds dwell upon themselves; they decorate their poor mortal bodies, and then look upon themselves with satisfaction and pleasure. Jesus and the angels look upon them in anger. Said the angel, "Their sins and pride have reached unto heaven. Their portion is prepared. Justice and judgment have slumbered long, but will soon awake. Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, saith the Lord." *Early Writings* p. 273,274.

Adventists however, insist that whatever light can be found in other churches, they have also and much more besides.



In light of this, is there really any reason to copy the methods of other churches? Could it be that they use these methods because they have no special message to give to the people, and therefore, *need* to use such methods to attract the people? Have we not a more unique and additional message to give? Do we need to spice that solemn message up with jokes, and skits, and humorous stories?

Do I mean that there are no true Christians or perhaps even better Christians in those churches? No! That is why our message is to "Come out of her, My people!" God has a large company of His people in those very churches! But perhaps they are not accepting the last-day message, because *we* are not ready to receive them? Perhaps if they accepted the health message, they would come to one of our potlucks and be dismayed that nearly every dish is a violation of that same health message? Perhaps if they discovered the Sabbath they would be shocked to see how we spend those sacred hours sleeping them away or perhaps enjoying a 'restful' cup of coffee at Starbucks? Or perhaps they would discover that we truly are near the second coming and living in the judgment hour, and then would be disappointed to attend our churches, and find no

message about judgment, no serious striving to be an overcomer, but find instead lightness and emptiness?

End of the 2300 Days

by Ellen G. White

"I saw a throne, and on it sat the Father and the Son. I gazed on Jesus' countenance and admired His lovely person. The Father's person I could not behold, for a cloud of glorious light covered Him. I asked Jesus if His Father had a form like Himself. He said He had, but I could not behold it, for said He, "If you should once behold the glory of His person, you would cease to exist." Before the throne I saw the Advent people - the church and the world. I saw two companies, one bowed down before the throne, deeply interested, while the other stood uninterested and careless. Those who were bowed before the throne would offer up their prayers and look to Jesus; then He would look to His Father, and appear to be pleading with Him. A light would come from the Father to the Son and from the Son to the praying company. Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from the Father to the Son, and from the Son it waved over the people before the throne. But few would receive this great light. Many came out from under it and immediately resisted it; others were careless and did not cherish the light, and it moved off from them. Some cherished it, and went and bowed down with the little praying company. This company all received the light and rejoiced in it, and their countenances shone with its glory.

message about judgment, no serious striving to be an overcomer, but find instead lightness and emptiness?

I know that most people would agree with me that the church does not live up to what it ought to be, even if the ideal differs from person to person. But can there be any logic to the argument, that since we don't measure up, and since we have failed, we ought to go to Satan's "house of birds" to learn how to attract people? Can their methods *ever* do justice to the message we are to carry to the ends of the earth? To me it minimizes the seriousness of the last-day message to use some of the new "gimmicks" or methods we are trying to incorporate into our "methodology."

I have often heard people making reference to the following quote found in several locations of her writings: "Enfeebled and defective as it may appear, the church is the one object upon which God bestows in a special sense His supreme regard. It is the theater of His grace, in which He delights to reveal His power to transform hearts. *Acts of the Apostles* p. 12

As much as I love this quote because of the reassurance

I saw the Father rise from the throne, and in a flaming chariot go into the Holy of Holies within the veil and sit down. Then Jesus rose up from the throne and most of those who were bowed down arose with Him. I did not see one ray of light pass from Jesus to the careless multitude after He arose, and they were left in perfect darkness. Those who arose when Jesus did, kept their eyes fixed on him as He left the throne and led them out a little way. Then He raised His right arm, and we heard His lovely voice saying, "Wait here; I am going to my Father to receive the kingdom; keep your garments spotless, and in a little while I will return from the wedding and receive you to Myself." Then a cloudy chariot, with wheels like flaming fire, surrounded by angels, came to where Jesus was. He stepped into the chariot and was borne to the holiest, where the Father sat. There I beheld Jesus, a great High Priest, standing before the Father. ... Those who rose up with Jesus would send up their faith to Him in the Holiest, and pray, "My Father, give us Thy Spirit." Then Jesus would breathe upon them the Holy Ghost. In that breath was light, power, and much love, joy, and peace.

I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne; they did not know that Jesus had left it. Satan appeared to be by the throne, trying to carry on the work of God. I saw them look up to the throne, and pray, "Father, give us thy Spirit." Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence; in it there was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy, and peace. Satan's object was to keep them deceived and to draw back and deceive God's children." *Early Writings*, p. 54-56

it gives me that God is still in control and that He still loves and patiently works with His people, I am often tempted to think that this quote is being used very loosely to cover up sin. This quote does not give us license to stray, but needs to transform our hearts. Just because God has pledged His love to His end-time church, does not mean that He will condone their harlotry! This quote must be taken into consideration in light of all that is written about God's last end-time church, including the words of the Truth Witness: "These things saith the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold

Continued on Page 6

From the Editor

Continued From Page 5

tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see." *Revelation 3:14-18*

Here it is again in her words: "But we should remember that the church, enfeebled and defective though it is, is the object of Christ's supreme regard. Constantly He watches over it with tender solicitude, and strengthens it by His Holy Spirit. Will we, as members of His church, allow Him to impress our minds and to work through us to His glory? **Will we heed the messages He addresses to the church?** Let us determine to be among the number who shall meet Him with joy at His coming, and not among those who "shall wail because of Him." *Let us make certain our redemption by obeying the messages that He gives to His church.*" *Signs of the Times*, 1903

Among the deceptions surrounding us, I believe that at least two things can help us find the narrow path of God's will - the Spirit of Prophecy and Christ as our Leader. Sound simplistic? Maybe it is. Let's take a look.

In my younger days, I have sorely deprived myself of heavenly guidance and wisdom through neglect of reading the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy. It is since I have turned to reading solely the Spirit of Prophecy that many questions I didn't know I even had began to be clarified and the path became clearer. May I suggest that we should read as much as possible of the original writings of Ellen G. White and not rely so much on the filtered views that we get from even our favourite authors. This would give us a clear picture of what she said and would also give us an objective view as we would be able to read it in context. If we have access to the CD-Rom, we have a powerful unbiased study tool on all the issues, as we can then call up all of the statements on those issues without fear that statements that bring balance have been left out. Reading the Spirit of Prophecy for oneself is rewarding and uplifting and together with the Spirit of God can give you that discernment which enables one to distinguish right from wrong. This does not mean other books don't have truth, or that they do not explain issues properly, or that they cannot inspire us, uplift us, and give us a blessing. But perhaps, instead of feasting on *the Word*, we have been feasting more on *people* and their opinions? The Word of God is the only power on earth that can change lives. If we want to be a changed people ready for the Lord's appearing, we need to be feasting on that Word. To that Word I would add the Spirit of Prophecy. Through much testing and proof, it has been proven to be inspired by the same

Holy Spirit that inspired God's Holy Word. It is a lesser light that shines on the greater light - lesser not because of less validity or less importance, but lesser because it was given to enhance our understanding of the Word of God because we had neglected that Word for too long. The message to be found in the Spirit of Prophecy is trustworthy and can be counted upon as truth.

The second perhaps simplistic solution to help us keep clear of the confusion surrounding us is a question of allegiance. To whom have you sworn allegiance to? Who gives you your marching orders? Is it God? Before you answer too quickly, think about it a little. If it is God, then you do not listen to the pastor's sermon in agreement without checking things out in your Bible. If it is God, in fact, you would *bring* your Bible - your sword - to church! Let no one's allegiance be to a person. People fail. Even the brightest lights, we are told, will go out in darkness at the end of time in which we live today. Our allegiance, our hope, our strength, our faith, our trust **must** be rooted in none other than Jesus Christ. Whatever man may say **must** be secondary and must be checked with the will of our Leader. *"Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord!"* Isaiah 31:1 *"Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."* Jeremiah 17:5-8

In these perilous times, we cannot take anyone's word for truth. We know that the devil is a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. We know that the devil knows he has but a short time, and is unleashing every possible means to destroy the object of God's Supreme Regard - His church. If we know these things, we must take responsibility for our own salvation, for our own knowledge of the truth, and for our own experience with it. That does not mean we are to invent our own truth, but that we ought to submit to the Word and in humility ask God to teach us His will. And then, should that Will be different from those about us, we need to be willing to do His Will regardless of who says what and what posi-

Continued on Page 20

The Snares of Satan

by Ellen G. White

"As the people of God approach the perils of the last days, Satan holds earnest consultation with his angels as to the most successful plan of overthrowing their faith. He sees that the popular churches are already lulled to sleep by his deceptive power. By pleasing sophistry and lying wonders he can continue to hold them under his control. Therefore he directs his angels to lay their snares especially for those who are looking for the second advent of Christ, and endeavouring to keep all the commandments of God.

Says the great deceiver: "We must watch those who are calling the attention of the people to the Sabbath of Jehovah; they will lead many to see the claims of the law of God; and the same light which reveals the true Sabbath, reveals also the ministration of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, and shows that the last work for man's salvation is now going forward. Hold the minds of the people in darkness till that work is ended, and we shall secure the world and the church also.

"The Sabbath is the great question which is to decide the destiny of souls. We must exalt the Sabbath of our creating. We have caused it to be accepted by both worldlings and church-members; now the church must be led to unite with the world in its support. We must work by signs and wonders to blind their eyes to the truth and lead them to lay aside reason and the fear of God, and follow custom and tradition.

"I will influence popular ministers to turn the attention of their hearers from the commandments of God. That which the Scriptures declare to be a perfect law of liberty shall be represented as a yoke of bondage. The people accept their ministers' explanations of Scripture, and do not investigate for themselves. Therefore by working through the ministers, I can control the people according to my will.

"But our principal concern is to silence this sect of Sabbath-keepers. We must excite popular indignation against them. We will enlist great men and worldly-wise men upon our side,

and induce those in authority to carry out our purposes. Then the Sabbath which I have set up shall be enforced by laws the most severe and exacting. Those who disregard them shall be driven out from the cities and villages, and made to suffer hunger and privation. When once we have the power, we will show what we can do with those who will not swerve from their allegiance to God. We led the Romish Church to inflict imprisonment, torture, and death upon those who refused to yield to her decrees, and now that we are bringing the Protestant churches and the world into harmony with this right arm of our strength, we will finally have a law to exterminate all who will not submit to our authority. When death shall be made the penalty of violating our Sabbath, then many who are now ranked with commandment keepers will come over to our side.

"But before proceeding to these extreme measures, we must exert all our wisdom and subtlety to deceive and ensnare those who honor the true Sabbath. We can separate many from Christ by wordliness, lust and pride. They may think themselves safe because they believe the truth, but **indulgence of appetite or the lower passions**, which will confuse judgment and destroy discrimination, will cause their fall.

"Go, make the possessors of lands and money drunk with the cares of this life. Present the world before them in its most attractive light, that they may lay up their treasure here, and fix their affections upon earthly things. **We must do our utmost to prevent those who labor in God's cause from obtaining mean to use against us. Keep the money in our own ranks. The more means they obtain, the more they will injure our kingdom by taking from us our subjects. Make them care more for money than for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom and the spread of the truths we hate, and we**

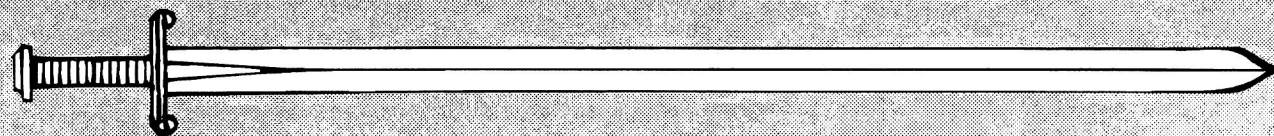
need not fear their influence; for we know that every selfish, covetous person will fall under our power, and will finally be separated from God's people.

"Through those that have a form of godliness but know not the power, we can gain many who would otherwise do us great harm. Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God will be our most effective helpers. **Those of this class who are apt and intelligent will serve as de-**

Continued on Page 20

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

WITH DR. SAMUEL KORANTENG-PIPIM
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC CAMPUS MINISTRIES, MICHIGAN



Friday, May 11, 2001

6:45 pm

What should I do, Lord?

~

Saturday, May 12, 2001

8:15 am

Count the Cost

11:00 am

Don't Lose Your Gold

potluck

2:30 pm

True to Principle

4:30 pm

No Matter What

6:15 pm

Faithful Unto Death

AT THE
SURREY SDA
CHURCH
8520 - 132 STREET
SURREY, BC

SPONSORED BY:
AMAZING
DISCOVERIES

INFO LINE:
604-572-9457

Don't miss this **POWERFUL FAITH-BUILDING** series!

The Third Message Rejected

by Ellen G. White

The history of ancient Israel is a striking illustration of the past experience of the Adventist body. God led His people in the Advent movement, even as He led the children of Israel from Egypt. In the great disappointment their faith was tested as was that of the Hebrews at the Red Sea. Had they still trusted to the Guiding Hand that had been with them in their past experience, they would have seen of the salvation of God. If all who had labored unitedly in the work in 1844 had received the third angel's message, and proclaimed it in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord would have wrought mightily with their efforts. A flood of light would have been shed upon the world. Years ago the inhabitants of the earth would have been warned, the closing work completed and Christ would have come for the redemption of His people.

It was not the will of God that Israel should wander forty years in the wilderness; He desired to lead them directly to the land of Canaan, and establish them there, a holy, happy people. But "they could not enter because of unbelief." (Heb 3:19) Because of their backsliding and apos-

tasy, they perished in the desert and others were raised up to enter the promised land. In like manner, it was not the will of God that the coming of Christ should be so long delayed, and His people should remain so many years in this world of sin and sorrow. But unbelief separated them from God. As they refused to do the work which He had appointed them to do, others were raised up to proclaim the message. In mercy to the world, Jesus delays His coming that sinners may have opportunity to hear the warning and find in Him a shelter before the wrath of God shall be poured out.

Now as in former ages the presentation of a truth that

reproves the errors and sins of the times will call forth a storm of opposition. "Every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be re-proved". (John 3:20) Those who cannot sustain their position by the Scriptures are stubbornly determined that it shall be sustained at all hazards, and with a malicious spirit they attack the character and motives of those who stand in defense of unpopular truth. Though very unbelieving in regard to the sure word of prophecy they manifest the utmost credulity in accepting anything detrimental to the Christian integrity of those who dare to reprove fashionable sins. This spirit will increase more and more as we near the close of time.

And what is our duty in view of this? Shall we conclude that the truth ought not to be presented, since its effect is so often to arouse men to evade or resist its claims?—No, we have no more reason for withholding the testimony of God's word because it excites opposition than had Martin Luther. Luther declared himself to have been urged on, compelled by the Spirit of God, to battle against the evils of his time, and in the same manner must those labor who still carry

Now as in former ages the presentation of a truth that reproves the errors and sins of the times will call forth a storm of opposition. "Every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be re-proved". (Jn 3:20) Those who cannot sustain their position by the Scriptures are stubbornly determined that it shall be sustained at all hazards, and with a malicious spirit they attack the character and motives of those who stand in defense of unpopular truth.

TRUE TO PRINCIPLE

Dr. Samuel Koranteng-Pipim

A helpful resource for the author's life-changing seminar series "Faithful Unto Death" - a series that reveals what it takes to experience genuine revival.

Is it possible to "stand for the right" when faced with issues that appear to have no completely right or completely wrong answers? How can Christians be "true to duty" when it seems that sometimes they have to choose between "the lesser of two [moral] evils"? Is the belief in "moral dilemmas" compatible with the Bible's call for holiness?

48 page booklet

\$8.00 CDN

"True to Principle" will be available at the seminar by Dr. Pipim on May 11 & 12, 2001 at the Surrey SDA Church.

...Continued On Page 17



RECEIVING THE WORD

Dr. Samuel Koranteng-Pipim
This provocative book courageously addresses why some Adventist scholars are calling for a revision, if not a repudiation, of our Bible-based understanding of creation, redemption, and end-time prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. Discover how the new approaches to the Bible are threatening the identity, mission, and unity of the SDA Church. 368 pages paperback.
\$16.95CDN + taxes & S/H

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

Dr. Samuel Koranteng-Pipim
"The greatest want of the world is the want of men -- men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the (compass) needle to the (north) pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall!" (*Education* 57)

The seminar reveals what it takes to experience true revival.

1. What Should I Do Lord?

Twenty tough questions: Are the answers "black and white?"

2. Count the Cost

Do we really believe what we teach? Is ethical holiness possible in a sinful world?

3. Don't Lose Your Gold

Perplexing questions: what then are we to do? A thousand ways out! Wisdom from the Past.

4. True to Principle

Our "moral dilemmas": Any word from the Lord?

5. No Matter What

Uncompromising Loyalty, Radical Discipleship: What does the Spirit say to God's end-time church?

6. Faithful Unto Death

"The season of distress before God's people will call for a faith that will not falter... Truth will be obeyed though the result be imprisonment or exile or death."

(PK 512-513)

Album of 6 Cassettes

\$22.00CDN + taxes & S/H



MUST WE BE SILENT?

Dr. Samuel Koranteng-Pipim
Issues Dividing Our Church
"If God abhors one sin above another, of which His people are guilty, it is doing nothing in case of an emergency. Indifference and neutrality in a religious crisis is regarded of God as a grievous crime and equal to the very worst type of hostility against God."
E.G. White

This book is not an autopsy report on the body of Christ. For the church of Christ cannot die. Jesus Himself has assured us that "the gates of hell" shall not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18)... although this work is not a postmortem, it is a much needed pathology on the church. For, like many other Christian denominations, ours also has been infected by some malignant ideological tumours.

By undertaking this critical examination, we may correctly understand the true nature of the church's condition and the kind of surgery it needs. A must for every Seventh-day Adventist!

Born a Gay and Born Again?

The Ideology of Homosexuality

A Gender Agenda

The Ideology of Women's Ordination

Amazing Grace and Our Mazing Race

The Ideology of Racism

The Babble Over the Bible

The Ideology of Liberal Higher-Criticism

The Vocal Few and the Local Pew

The Ideology of Congregationalism

640 pages paperback

Find out more about the book at:

www.bereanbooks.org

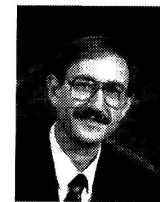
\$25.00CDN + taxes & S/H

AMAZING DISCOVERIES

PO Box 189 7101C - 120th Street

Delta, BC V4E 2A9

Tel: 604-572-9457 Fax: 604-599-9949



Your Questions Answered

by Professor Walter J. Veith

1) Was there not quite alot of controversy about putting the book of Revelation into the Bible? - Ethel

Yes. Let's discuss both books of Daniel and Revelation. The book of Daniel has been maligned quite a lot in the world. They used to say there were two authors to the book of Daniel because some of it is written in Aramaic and some in Hebrew. But when they found the Dead Sea Scrolls, they actually found the little pieces where there's a switch over from the one language to the other. Today we know that the Aramaic that was used in that book was an ancient Aramaic used in the Persian times. That dates the book of Daniel to the time at least of Medo-Persia, which predates the time of Christ by many hundreds of years. The wonderful thing about this is that the great prophecies pertaining to the Messiah were thus made hundreds of years before the time of Christ. If you read the book of Daniel 2, it tells us of the great historic procession of time. It tells us we will have great powers succeeding one another: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and eventually out of the Roman system, the divisions and arise of the final end-time power. All those kingdoms one after another came onto this planet exactly as predicted in the Bible. There is no other source in the world that predicts so accurately one kingdom arising one after another.

The same symbolism found in Daniel is also found in Revelation - the attributes of the little horn power. It's written in a chiastic structure (pyramid). The first half is a historic overview of Christian existence through the eons. The second half has an eschatological outlook. It pertains to things as they will happen in the future: the restoration of all things, the new Jerusalem, the reigning of the King of kings, and in the middle this chiasm meets at the climax - the great final battle between good and evil (Rev 12). The book of Revelation is steeped in the Old Testament. It draws from the Old Testament. You cannot divorce it from the Old Testament. They are a unit.

2) Weren't Daniel and other prophets ignoring the part of the world they knew nothing about, ie. Asia: great kingdoms and dynasties that are not accounted for? - Frank

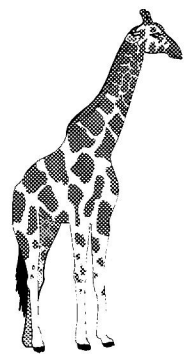
That's true. But when God called Israel, where did He place them? Right between the two superpowers of the time: Egypt and Babylon and right on the crossroads of trade which incorporated trade from the east and all over the world. It was God's intention to make Israel a lightbearer to the entire world. But the record tells us they failed quite miserably in this process and became so inclusive and concerned about their own welfare that they didn't carry the light of salvation to the world.

3) What would your response be to the point that just as our food chain has been interfered with at the levels of the animals, the fruit and vegetables have also been messed up, with all the pesticides, genetic engineering, etc. So it doesn't matter were you turn. - E.R.

Yes, we are not living in a perfect world. But if you take biological magnification into account, then animals are more contaminated than plants, plus the plants don't have the metabolic toxins that animals have.

4) How do you explain the age of the patriarchs such as Noah being 900+ years old when he died, and Abraham being called old when he was a little more than 100? If you do a calculation in Genesis you would conclude that Abraham was 60 when Noah died at 900+, yet Abraham was called old. It doesn't seem to make a lot of sense to me. Do you have any thoughts. - Mark

When the human race had access to the tree of life, they could have lived forever. When sin broke the relationship, man was separated from the tree of life and death and decay set in. Initially the vitality of man was still great, and the antediluvians reached ages close to 1000 years. After the flood (the generation after Noah), the life expectancy dropped by half (between 400 and 500 years). After the time of Peleg there was a further drop (between 200 and 300 years). As conditions on earth deteriorated, and man lost more and more of his vital force, life expectancy dropped further. By the time we get to Abraham, it was less than 150, by Moses 120, and now 70-80.



Zimbabwe Mission Report

Simbaredenga Newstart Children's Home

On February 21, 2001 a German team of approximately 39 people, including Amazing Discoveries, arrived in Harare, Zimbabwe to begin work on a large chapel at the Simbaredenga Newstart Children's Home - an orphanage project operated by Dr. & Mrs. Saleem Farag and sponsored by the North American Division.

Zimbabwe is located in Southern Africa, an area recently publicized by *Time Magazine* for its widespread AIDS epidemic. The proportion of AIDS-infestation in Zimbabwe and Botswana is staggering. In an official UN report for Zimbabwe it is listed as the #1 country for its rate of AIDS infections. That means that 1 out of 4 of the people you meet on the street aged 14-39 years are infected. But these are not just statistics. It means a lot of pain behind these numbers. It means a lot of fathers and mothers have died. It means a lot of children wake up one morning to find their parents dead. The entire middle-age population is being wiped out at the rate of 5000 per day.

Caught in the centre of this tragedy are the children. Being left without parents, they are left to be raised by grandparents or to fend for themselves if no living relatives are found. In addition to these difficulties, children have become a target. Those who are infected are seeking cures from witch doctors and are being told that if they have sexual intercourse with a child, they will be freed from the disease. Inside this quiet horror, are children who have lost everything including their families with no one to care for, love, or protect them and no future whatsoever. Simbaredenga Newstart Children's Home is an attempt to provide a new future for these children. Located next to the Simbaredenga Adventist School and situated on 25 acres, the home promises to be an oasis in a desert of pain and loneliness for 60+ children.



The new Simbaredenga Orphanage



The Simbaredenga Seventh-day Adventist Primary and Secondary School

Miracles in Africa

Two years ago, Simbaredenga was not even an idea in anyone's mind. The AIDS problem began about 15 years ago, when Dr. Farag began his service as Health Director for the East African Division. Over the next 10-12 years, he worked tirelessly to promote the message of abstinence not only in the SDA Churches, but in all 40 denominations in Zimbabwe, and became chairman of the interdenominational AIDS Committee in Zimbabwe. As the Farags watched the problem grow beyond proportion, they began to realize that God was urging them to do something more tangible for the innocent children caught in the middle of this tragedy.

Approximately two years ago, Save the Children Foundation donated a school to the East Zimbabwe Conference. Because it was in much need of repair, Dr. Farag co-opted the help of Dr. Lamberton, director of the SDA orthodontic practice in Harare, and they immediately began to remodel the rundown school by fixing the foundations, enlarging windows, and generally renovating the entire buildings. Many months later the Simbaredenga Primary and Secondary School opened with 700 enrolled students. To Dr. Farag's surprise, at least 105 of those students were orphans.

Dr. Farag continues the story in his own words:

"The story of how we acquired the property is really an amazing fact! For months Grace and I had been turning over the idea of establishing an orphanage. The whole matter seemed so difficult because wherever the orphanage would be located there would need to be a school close by as the children would be too little to walk to school without guardians and parents and could not provide transportation for all these children. Where would we find 25 acres of land by a school?

We contacted the Conference to see if they could give us land but there was not any available. We were almost ready to give up the idea. One Sunday morning in January before Grace arrived back from the US, I felt the urge to make one concerted effort to locate land by the Simbaredenga

SDA School in Waterfalls just outside Harare. I decided to contact every farm in the area within a mile to see if they had extra land. So I drove around for several contacting owners and there was absolutely no glimmer of hope. The answer was consistently there was no land available in the area. Discouraged with the results I decided to drive home.

As I was leaving the area, the last property on my way home had a guard house with a guard standing nearby. I stopped to see if he could give me any information as to who the owners were of the property he was guarding. He said 'Crest Breeders International' and I asked how much property they had and he said 'hundreds of acres'. I asked him if the owners would be interested in helping with a projects for the orphans. To my surprise he answered in the affirmative. Usually these guards in Harare give no information and very seldom offer any opinion but this young man was not only willing but anxious to give his opinion and offer information. He told me to call the Chairman of the Board the next day which was Monday. He said, 'He happens to be in town and he travels abroad a lot so be sure to call him first thing in the morning.' He gave me his name and phone number! He gave me such specific instructions that I felt that I must follow God's leading.

The next morning at 8 a.m. I phoned the gentleman as I was instructed. He was in the office and I asked him if I could make an appointment to see him in his office. He said you are welcome to come but I would like to know the nature of your business. I thought if I told him on the phone it would be too easy to say no. However he insisted so I told him that I was looking for land by the school to build an orphanage and that I did not have money and wondered if he would be willing to donate the land for this project. To my utter surprise and delight he said, 'That is no problem, how much land do you need?' I told him I needed about 25 acres as we needed to be able to grow our own maize and garden. He told me to meet him the next day at 7:30 a.m. at the site and we would walk the land together. When I arrived there a little before 7:30, he was already there and we staked out the area that we wanted which is now the site of the orphanage and the farm. A year later he gave us another four acres and has been a good friend and supporter of the project.

I am so glad that I spoke to that guard at the end of my fruitless search because it was the beginning of a new assurance that nothing is impossible with the Lord."

God Opens the Doors

Having now obtained the land, the Farags' plans for an orphanage could really begin! Their primary goal with this project was to ensure that it was a self-sustaining orphanage, so that the children and caregivers would be as little dependent on donations as possible. Several plans were laid to accomplish this purpose.

Through his son-in-law, Dr. Rick Westermeyer, Dr. Farag was notified that a certain doctor from the USA by the name of Dr. Franzke was interested in helping to build a project, and he would be calling shortly. In a little while, the expected phone call came. The doctor inquired as to what kind of church project, Dr. Farag might have for him and his group to build. Dr. Farag told him about the orphanage plans, but the doctor was not sure that his team would be able to handle such a large project - after all, they had been planning to build a church building. But after a few weeks thinking about it and studying the plans, they decided to go ahead with it. Before the team arrived, Dr. Farag stockpiled a lot of the building materials in three sea containers anticipating the increases in prices. And when the U.S. team from Oregon arrived, the outside and interior walls of the main house were built.

With the main house skeleton completed, the Farags began work on the interior. Through his presentations and talks to churches around the world, including Germany, Canada and the U.S., Dr.

Farag and his wife were able to increase awareness of the problem and tell of the great need in Zimbabwe. Through the generous donations of the church members in the churches he visited, the Farags were able to raise money for the materials needed for the orphanage. Meanwhile, prices in Zimbabwe began to skyrocket. When things had gone as high as anyone thought possible, they went up yet again. A terrible fuel shortage began to ravage the country. Material costs doubled, then tripled, then quadrupled. The Farags began a race against time and inflation as they struggled to obtain the necessary materials at the lowest possible prices so they could complete the project.

During this time, the US Embassy in Zimbabwe was made aware of the Farag's project and of their plans



The kitchen crew at work in the work area outside the orphanage home



The kitchen installation almost completed

Continued on Page 14

Simbarenga Children's Home

...Continued From Page 13

to grow maize on the property to enable the home to be self-sufficient. The maize grown on this property would not only be enough to feed the children, but also provide some income when sold and would help make the orphanage self-sustaining. One day, they paid a visit to the project. After touring the property, the U.S. embassy official generously donated 3 machines necessary for preparing maize, including a hammermill. The top-of-the-line machinery will enable the orphanage to receive further income by processing maize for the surrounding population.

The Farags were enormously delighted with the generous donation and couldn't thank the US embassy enough. Upon leaving the property, the official asked if there was anything else they needed for the orphanage. Dr. Farag hesitated to mention it, but then finally said, "Well, we could use beds, I guess." The official asked him how many? And afterward never mentioned the beds again.

Meanwhile, a water problem developed - the cost of municipal water skyrocketed. To pump clean water to a property in Zimbabwe costs money, and that cost was rising. A pump meter measured out how much water was being used and it was costing the orphanage and school \$50 000 Zim Dollars (\$1000 US) a month and tuition fees were not even enough to cover this amount! Not only that, the School next door had been maintaining a garden and selling the product to help cover the tuition cost, but the rising cost of water made it impossible to continue the garden project, as it cost more to run the garden than the garden brought in.

The Farags were at a loss as to what to do. They hired water consultants to design a water system for the school, the orphanage, and the irrigation of crops that would make

them completely independent of the city water. Three new boreholes needed to be drilled to accommodate the needs of the orphanage, the maize crops, as well as the garden project of the School. But the funds were nowhere to be found. Earlier in the project, Mrs. Sedlbauer, who was a member of Amazing Discoveries from Germany came to stay with the Farags for a few months just to visit and help out for a while in their home. She loved Zimbabwe and the children and did her best to help the Farags as much as she could as they

organized the project. Sadly, after she returned from Africa Mrs. Sedlbauer became very ill and this precious soul was laid to rest in Jesus. Her grieving family decided to send a donation to the orphanage in Zimbabwe where she had so recently helped with such love and a cheque was sent off. It just so happened that at this very time, that there was a long postal strike in Zimbabwe. No mail was moving whatsoever. The Farags were in great need to begin work on the much needed water project. And they continued to pray that their Heavenly Father would provide the necessary funding for this need. Shortly thereafter, the postal strike lifted allowing that very cheque to arrive. It wasn't long before the strike came back in force, but the work for God could move forward. What a miracle of God's intervention! With the funds that came from Mrs. Sedlbauer and some additional funds from Dr. and Mrs. Anholm and World Medics, the water project soon took shape.

The water project which is nearly completed will cost over US \$25,000 when fully complete. With a thankful heart, they discovered that the boreholes provided sufficient water for all their needs, and the city water meter slowed to a standstill. Their water crisis was over!

Mail from Africa

August 9, 2000

Dear Amazing Discoveries:

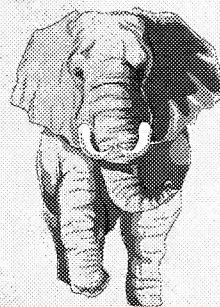
Greetings from turbulent Zimbabwe. Things have been quite unsettled here as you may have heard on the news. However, we continue to work but with more difficulty than before. Prices keep going up, the dollar has devalued, and the Post Office and other sections of government have been on strike demanding more wages when there is no money to be had! Just yesterday, the Postal strike was settled for a short time and your letter came through on the first day of going back to work! We REALLY needed the money as we were running low. This will go a long way to help us get the water and irrigation for the farm. We had already been getting quotations and spent considerable time working on this and were wondering just how we could pay for it, but the Lord provided with the money you sent from Mrs. Sedlbauer. We praise the Lord for this assistance.

We pray that we will not only give these orphans water to drink but we trust they will also have the "Water of Life". I know this would have made Mrs. Sedlbauer very happy. We were very pleased when we read your letter about how she had planned to spend 10 years in Africa helping us here with these orphans. How I wish we had her here. We will do some of the work she would have loved to do. It is rewarding work although much harder than anything we have ever done. It seems every time we run into an obstacle the Lord helps us smooth way.

Thank you very much for your part in this project. Your interest and support are greatly appreciated. Please thank all the people who contributed. We use every cent as wisely as we can and none of it goes for overhead. We are more careful, if possible, than with our own money.

May God continue to bless and keep you in His care.

Love, Saleem and Grace Farag.



Plans for the new community hall that will serve the local Adventist brothers and sisters, as well as the community



The chapel site at the beginning of the work



The site near the team's departure



The chapel crew at work

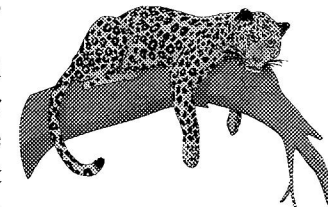
The next plans were laid for a church/hall on the property. Plans were drawn for a 1200 seat building - a hall large enough for not only the Adventists in the area (ie. campmeetings, etc), but also community events. The rental of the hall to the community would provide another income for the orphanage adding to its self-sufficiency. Under great difficulties and rising material costs, the foundation was laid and two team expeditions were arranged for February/March 2001 to begin work on the chapel walls and to complete the interior of the home. The German/Canadian Expedition arrived first. Their job was to complete a large kitchen in the home including the cupboards, doors, and drawers, as well as the chapel walls, laying brick and mixing mortar and cement. The team worked incredibly hard, and after two and a half weeks, there was no part of the wall under 5' and some of the wall was as high as 15', the maximum height.

While the team was there, Dr. Farag received a telephone call informing him that his container had arrived. Puzzled, he replied, "There must be some mistake. I didn't order any container." But he was told, "Well, it says your name on it and the Simbarenga Children's Home, so it must be yours. Please come and pick it up right away." As Dr. Farag thought about it, he realized the container must have the beds that he had mentioned a long time ago to the embassy official. Although happy for the gift, Mrs. Farag was skeptical about the quality of beds that were sent - perhaps they would just be some left over army barrack beds! To their joyous surprise, there were brand new bunk beds with matching dressers enough for 60 children, with all mattresses, sheets, and bedding included! They could hardly contain their joy and their thanks rose up to their Heavenly Father for His abundant care for them! The most wonderful thing was that they had no idea where the money would come from to furnish the rooms for the children, and yet the Lord had planned a solution even before they asked!

The children are now nicely settled in their new home. Ten boys and ten girls have so far made their new home in the Simbarenga Newstart Children's Home and many more are yet to come. Despite their thankfulness and joy at the new home and the love they have found, their sadness and their memories continue to fill their hearts. Many of the children have been named by their mothers to represent the future their mother foresaw for them. One little boy was named Doubt by his mother shortly before she died. Doubt has been given another name by Dr. Farag - Thomas! Other children's names are Silence, Justice, Gift, and other interesting names. With time and prayer, and with the loving kindness of the Farags, these children can have a future and a hope.

The Farags apply stringent requirements when selecting the children for the orphanage. Not only must the children not have AIDS, but they must have no known living relatives with any means to support them. Such stringent requirements are necessary to ensure that the most needy children are taken care of first.

And more work is needed to be done on the project. The chapel must be finished, and the Farags have plans that are on the drawing board including homes for the workers. (There is a severe housing shortage in Zimbabwe). There is also a need for a vocational school on the property that will give the



Continued on Page 16

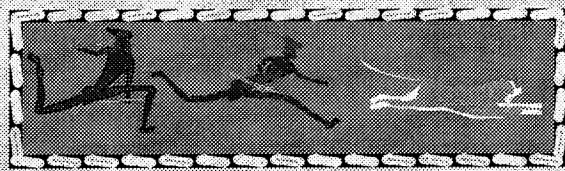
Mail from Africa

Greetings from Harare, Zimbabwe, Africa!!!

March 18, 2001

I was so glad to receive a message from you and I am glad to know that you arrived safely and that your family is doing well. We really miss you guys here. I just wish you were coming back tomorrow. We really enjoyed our visit. It was really a blessing and a challenge at the same time. I wish to challenge our young people to do volunteer services like your young people too. Pass our appreciation to the whole group for their great sacrifice. We just pray that the Lord will bless their effort and bless them in their lives abundantly. ... We are all doing fine and the work is going on very well at Simbaredenga. The landmark which you made during your visit will always be visible and memorable to the surrounding community and the whole Adventist community in Harare. Talking about your sermon which you presented at the office during that morning worship, it just crowned your visit to Zimbabwe. Our office people really appreciated that beautiful sermon. (given by Stan Sedlbauer, architect and leader of the expedition). It was a big lesson to all of us. I hope you enjoyed yourselves here. Please remember to come back again. Greetings to the whole group, yourself, and especially your family. Once again, it was nice to meet you. Let's keep in touch...

Florence Chiremba, secretary to Dr. Farag.



Simbaredenga Children's Home

...Continued From Page 15

children skills to use in their future lives to ensure that they will always be able to support themselves. The vocational school will teach sewing, mechanics, welding, carpentry, and much more. When the children graduate from this school, they will not only have the skills to work their chosen trade, but will also graduate with a set of tools that they can use throughout their lives.

Another project that is urgently needed is a "grandmother's village". Many old grandmother's without means of support are trying to care for many grandchildren whose parents have died. Often they are widowed and end up in very trying conditions doing their best to care for little ones. One orphan's grandmother begged the farags to take her in too. Though it was not possible to do so at this time, a seed was sown for the needs to

March 23, 2001

Our Dear Friends:

The Zimbabwe expedition is now history. Our memories of your visit will always be cherished. Your contribution was OUTSTANDING! We have not seen such a diligent and focused team. But we were not surprised - the German ingenuity and hard work is well known and respected. People could not believe how much work you accomplished. Many of the national workers still talk about the "German Team" and how hard they worked and how much you pushed the project forward. Thank you so much for coming and you are more than welcome to come again. We will always throw out the green welcome mat for you, but we will try to limit the rain next you come.

We have many ideas for future expeditions - the need is so great. The first is the vocational school that I am anxious to develop after the staff housing. We also think we need a grandmother village to help them be close to their grandchildren and encourage them to help us as they are able. I wish I was young again as I think I have work for two lifetimes, maybe three! I hope that Jesus will come soon as His solution is the ONLY solution. Our solutions are never going to be a permanent solution - only a small bandaid to a problem that needs major surgery.

The U.S. Team had quite a few children with them so the going was a bit slow. They had five physicians and held big clinics everyday. They had a carpenter that was good and a physician that was skilled in carpentry and they finished up the kitchen, doors, shelving and made the tables and chairs for the dining room. They also painted the floors. The water tank is up and we hope to have it hooked up today. As soon as that happens, we can move the children in. We also moved in the beds, cupboards and carpets for each room. The children were so excited their bodies were shaking.

Thank you again for being a part of our team. Heaven has a record of your service and our hearts will always be warmed with the thoughts of your hard labour of love.

Love, Saleem and Grace.



help the elderly ladies be near their grandchildren. They often live in appalling conditions and have no means of support.

The future is bright for these young people thanks to the Farags' dreams and obedience to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, and the bountiful blessings of our loving Heavenly Father.

Because the work in Zimbabwe is not complete, Amazing Discoveries is planning an expedition to Zimbabwe in the early part of 2002. Those who are interested to join the team to work on the project should contact Amazing Discoveries 604-572-9457 or email us at: creation@amazingdiscoveries.org and ask to be put on the waiting list. More details will follow in coming newsletters. Those who wish to donate to this worthy project, please contact Amazing Discoveries.



RECAPTURING THE VISION - A FINISHED WORK

WITH LEWIS WALTON
with Amazing Discoveries

AT
WESTMINSTER SDA CHURCH
7925 - 10TH AVE
BURNABY, BC
CANADA

June 22, 2001 Friday 7:00 pm
Current Events in Religious Liberty

June 23, 2001 Sabbath
Divine Service
A Soon Coming Lord

2:15 PM
A Finished Work

3:30 PM
A Judgment Hour Message



Don't miss this weekend
Plan to attend this
refreshing series!

Third Message Rejected

...Continued From Page 9

forward the work of reform. To the servants of God at this time is the command addressed, "Lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." The true followers of Christ do not wait for truth to become popular. Being convinced of their duty, they deliberately accept the cross, and thus remove the greatest obstacle to the reception of truth—the only argument which its advocates have never been able to refute. It is weak, inefficient world- servers that think it praiseworthy to have no principle in religious things. We should choose the right because it is right and leave consequences with God. To men of principle, faith and daring, is the world indebted for its great reforms. By such men must the work of reform for this time be carried forward.

Thus saith the Lord "Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool, but my righteousness shall be forever and my salvation from generation to generation. (Isaiah 51:7-8) *Spirit of Prophecy* vol4, p. 291-293.

Questions & Answers by Professor Veith

Continued From Page 11

5) I have a question about God's control and our free will. I do believe we have free will. For example, I have heard some people say that they will not die until the Lord is finished with them, yet if another decides to kill that person would not God be interfering in that person's free will to sin? I would be interested to know what you think. - M.W.

Nice question. God has a right to set limits regarding the welfare of His people. He has bought them, and He is their King. When it comes to His people He can and does interfere, but He also permits trials and temptations to build character, and to settle the issue of allegiance. But there are limits: He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you

To have Professor Veith answer one of your questions, email us at: creation@amazingdiscoveries.org. To view other questions and answers check out our website at: www.amazingdiscoveries.org.



OVER 3,000 ADDITIVES GO IN FOOD

There are now over 3,000 additives in our food and incredibly only 7 percent have any nutritional value. Each American consumes approximately 9.2 pounds of these additives a year and some geneticists are warning that we have no way of knowing what effect these substances will have on our genes.

There are three main threats to health associated with food additives: carcinogenicity - the danger of producing cancer; teratogenicity - the danger of harming a fetus; and mutagenicity - the danger of changing the gene patterns.

Unfortunately, most additives are only tested for acute toxicity to determine whether or not they do immediate damage to any of the body's organs. There's no way they can be accurately tested for teratogenicity and for genetic effects, as we learned from the tragic thalidomide cases. Furthermore, little consideration is given as to how different chemicals are going to affect us when they are consumed together and over a long period of years.

Eighty percent of our food is now factory produced. It has been taken apart, put back together, and in some ways permanently altered. During this process many vital nutrients are lost. Food producers claim that they are able to replace lost nutrients, yet nutrients put back are determined by cost rather than by human nutritional needs and they don't make up for what's lost.

Take bread, for example. All the vital nutrients are lost in the refining of flours. Some of the lost nutrients are: fibre, calcium, potassium, manganese, zinc, magnesium, copper, most of the B complex, iron, phosphorous and vitamin E. What's put back? - an inexpensive form of iron that's difficult to assimilate, nicotinic acid, B1 and calcium in the form of chalk.

In addition, animal food is laced with antibiotics to retard spoilage and evidence of disease. Even fresh fruits and vegetables no longer entirely escape. They're sprayed with pesticides, and are sometimes artificially ripened with ethane gas, then waxed or put into cold storage steeped in inert gases to keep them from spoiling.

Clearly, it's wise to exercise caution in consuming additives. These following guidelines should help you reduce your intake:

1. Avoid bottled, tinned and packaged foods. Replace them with fruits and vegetables and eat as many as possible raw and organic.
2. Read labels and watch out for foods that contain sugar and salt. Don't be misled by words like glucose, dextrose or corn syrup. They're all sugar.
3. Give up processed snacks. Choose nuts and fruits instead.
4. Eat plenty of fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains, raw nuts and seeds so that you and your family will get plenty of vitamins and minerals.
5. Use only whole grains - brown rice, whole wheat, etc. A good policy is not to eat any grains that are white.



by Katy Chamberlin

Reprinted by permission
For more excellent health tips,
check out her website:
www.freedomofhealth.com

Low Fat High Fiber Total Vegetarian Dinner

Champignon Sauce

1/4c cashews	pinch of ground coriander
2 c vegetable broth	1 tsp onion powder
1 onion	1 Tbsp lemon juice
2 c champignon mushrooms	2 Tbsp flour for thickening
salt to taste	

Chop onions finely. Chop mushrooms in thin slices. Blend cashews, flour, and vegetable broth. Brown onions and mushrooms lightly in medium pot, and add blended mixture. Add spices to taste. Bring to a gentle boil stirring often until thick. Great with brown rice or potatoes. Serve with steamed vegetables or salad and lentil patties.

Lentil Patties

1 3/4c cooked brown rice	1c chopped onion
1c chopped champignon mushrooms	1/4Tbsp marjoram
1c finely grated carrots	1/4Tbsp oregano
1/2c cooked lentils	1/4Tbsp basil
1/2c cooked white beans	1-2 tsp salt
1/4Tbsp Hungarian paprika	1c bread crumbs
1Tbsp McKay's chicken seasoning	

Brown onions and mushrooms lightly. Blend lentils and beans using pulse. Mix all ingredients together in bowl. Form patties or balls. Bake 30 minutes in oven at 300°.



Have you seen our new website yet?

If not, you should check it out!!

Everything is new -
the entire site has been re-vamped with exciting new additions, including:
-video clips of all of Prof. Veith's seminars,
-Professor Veith's entire life story on audio streaming,
-a section with your questions and Professor Veith's answers

And our number of daily visitors is rising!

Check it out at

www.amazingdiscoveries.org

And,
We have a new site!!

~

www.amazingdiet.org

A site dedicated exclusively to health issues including:
-comprehensive articles on the effect of diet on disease and your body,
-guidelines for healthy eating - the vegan way,
-detailed charts with nutritional information,
-video clips of Professor Veith's health videos,

and

coming soon -

health products and supplies -
your one-stop resource for living a healthy lifestyle!

Come visit us!
Recommend us to your friends!

The Snares of Satan

...Continued From Page 7

coys to draw others into our snares. Many will not fear their influence, because they profess the same faith. We will thus lead them to conclude that the requirements of Christ are less strict than they once believed, and that by conformity to the world they would exert a greater influence with worldings. Thus they will separate from Christ; then they will have not strength to resist our power, an ere-long, they will be ready to ridicule their former zeal and devotion.

"Until the great decisive blow shall be struck, our efforts against commandments-keepers must be untiring. **We must be present at all their gatherings. In their large meetings especially our cause will suffer much, and we must exercise great vigilance and employ all our seductive arts to prevent souls from hearing the truth and becoming impressed by it.**

"I will have upon the ground, as my agents, *men holding false doctrines mingled with just enough truth to deceive souls*, I will also have unbelieving ones present, who will express doubts in regard to the Lord's messages of warning to his church. **Should the people read and believe these admonitions, we could have little hope of overcoming them.** But if we can divert their attention from these warnings, they will remain ignorant of our power and cunning and we shall secure them in our ranks at last. God will not permit His words to be slighted with impunity. If we can keep souls deceived for a time, God's mercy will be withdrawn, and He will give them up to our full control. *Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 4 p. 336-340



To the servants of God at this time is the command addressed, "Lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." The true followers of Christ do not wait for truth to become popular. It is weak, inefficient world- servers that think it praiseworthy to have no principle in religious things. We should choose the right because it is right and leave consequences with God. To men of principle, faith and daring, is the world indebted for its great reforms. By such men must the work of reform for this time be carried forward.



From the Editor

Continued From Page 6

tion they may have while saying it. Are we caught up with positions? Does someone's position cause us to bow to their views simply because we haven't the courage to study or even think for ourselves?

I once saw a quote that really struck me: "Too often we take comfort with opinion, without the discomfort of thought." John F. Kennedy I truly pray that we will not be afraid of the energy and time it takes to study for ourselves! Unless our religion is our own, unless our religion is not based on someone else's experience and knowledge, we will not be able to stand as God's end-time people when the billows start to roll.

May God in His mercy give us discernment for all the deceptions that are coming upon us in these last day. May He help us all serve Him and Him alone always. And may He grant grace that we may be ready to meet Him face to face very soon.



Wendy Penner



Faith On the Line is the official quarterly publication of Amazing Discoveries Charitable Foundation, a Seventh-day Adventist based non-profit organization, addressing theological, political, economic, and scientific issues from a Biblical perspective. Copies are sent to all who request them. Requests should be sent to the address below. A suggested minimum donation of \$12 CDN or \$10 US for a yearly subscription would be appreciated.

Amazing Discoveries

PO Box 4480
Blaine, WA
98231-4480
USA

or

PO Box 189
7101C - 120th Street
Delta, BC V4E 2A9
Canada

Tel: 604-572-9457
Fax: 604-599-9949

Email:
creation@amazingdiscoveries.org

Website:
www.amazingdiscoveries.org